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Rachel Hubeny and Patrick Meier were married on Sept. 21 at Flamig Farm in Simsbury CT. The bride is the daughter of Dave and Lori Hubeny of Wolcott. The groom is the son of Glen and Paula Meier of Wolcott.



Dr. Jennie Leonard graduated from The New England College of Optometry in May and is currently practicing at New Insight Family Eye Care in their Waterbury and Prospect Offices



Wolcott Firefighter John DalNegro III was honored at the annual Salute To CT's Bravest at the Aqua Turf Club on October 17th. The CT District Exchange Club hosted the event where sixteen other firefighters were also recognized from around the state. *Photography by Picard*



Laurel Crest Liquors, located at 534 Wolcott Road, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 1st, with new owner Chris Frois and his family cutting the ribbon. To the right of Chris is Central CT Chamber of Commerce president Katie D'Agostino, who assisted with the ribbon cutting, along with Mayor Tom Dunn. *Photography by Picard*



Our photographer captured this image of some "Trick or Treaters" who were visiting homes in the Cedar Lane area on Halloween night. The warm temperatures allowed kids to go out without having to wear jackets and covering up their costumes. *Photography by Picard*



The Wolcott Lions Club has been conducting their annual Eye Health Screening Program for preschoolers at local daycare facilities and grammar schools. This image was taken at Alcott School. *Photography by Picard*



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Farmingbury Women's Club



Oh, this wonderful month of December, we are all getting ready for the holiday season. Several of our members attended the Veteran's Day celebration on the Green.

Our speaker for the month of November was Marine Corp veteran Keith Adams who spoke about the Toys for Tots campaign.

Our members brought canned goods to donate to the Wolcott Food Pantry and we will be helping a local family for the holidays.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas party that will be held at East Street Eatery this year.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



Jennifer Battaglia Chairperson of Veterans Affairs, Retired Marine Keith Aden, and Farmingbury Women's Club President Sue Mulcathy

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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.

December 7th & 8th (Sat-Sun)

**Wolcott Congregational Church
Gifts and Green Fair**

Location: Wolcott Congregational Church
185 Center St., Wolcott

Time: Saturday 10am-4pm | Sunday 11am-4pm

Info: Great selection of raffle items, vendors, delicious lunch, picture with Santa and more..

December 8th- Sunday

Wolcott Lions Winter Wonderland

Time: 11am-3pm

Location: Wolcott Lions Fairgrounds
245 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott

Info: Winter Wonderland promises a day full of Christmas cheer, with a variety of activities and attractions for people of all ages including Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate, Hayrides through the fairgrounds, Petting Zoo, Amusement Ride, and a special visit with Santa Claus!

December 13th - Friday

**Park Central 8th Annual
Winter Wonderland**

Location: 35 park Place,
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MAYOR'S CORNER

December 2024

As we come to the end of another very busy year, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace, Good Health, and Prosperity. I look forward to the New Year with its new challenges and new beginnings.



As we approach the holiday, please be conscious of those who are less fortunate and help them in any way we can. Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers our men and women who currently serve our country in the Armed Forces; that they stay safe and return home to their families soon.

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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



I know that many of you like to buy hunting and fishing licenses as gifts or stocking stuffers. If you would like to purchase 2023 licenses now, you can stop in to our office, and we will be happy to issue them to you. You can also purchase them on line by visiting the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection websites: www.ct.gov/deep/hunting or www.ct.gov/deep/fishing. The fees for 2023 hunting and fishing licenses are as follows:

- Hunting License \$19.00
- Inland Fishing License \$28.00
- Marine Fishing License \$10.00
- All Waters Fishing License \$32.00
- Combination - Hunting/All Waters Fishing License \$38.00

If you are 65 or older, you must renew your free hunting and/or fishing license every year. Please stop in the office and we will be happy to assist you.

Hunting and fishing books will be available online. It is unclear at this point if the State of Connecticut will be printing physical books as they have done in the past. (Prices are subject to change at any time by the State.)



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Birthdays

Sagittarius, Nov 22 - Dec 21st
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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.

Nancy Fasano Laporta - December 19th

Capricorn, Dec 22 - Jan 1st
"The Archer"



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.

Alma Fasano - December 25th

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 <p>Wolcott \$307,500 – 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>Cheshire \$449,900 – Welcome to this spacious 8-room, multifunctional ranch, featuring 3 bedrooms and perfectly designed for a home-based office or business. The inviting living room, complete with a wet bar and fireplace, is ideal for entertaining. A doorway leads to the business wing, consisting of three rooms, a kitchen nook, and a half bath. This area also has a separate entrance that opens to a cement patio. The attached two-car garage is a convenience. Situated on a corner lot along Route 10, this property features easy access to highways 691 and 84. The quiet backyard provides a peaceful retreat, creating the best of both worlds. Additionally, there's client parking near the office entrance, along with a driveway in front of the garage. This is truly a MUST-SEE property to appreciate its full potential! Call Colleen schedule a showing 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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The Ladies' Guild Set Back

The Ladies' Guild of St. Basil the Great held their Fall Set Back Card Tournament last month with 23 men and 26 women vying for the top prizes. A first time player, Jenn Deeley, walked away with first place. Brett Muccino and Paul Varlese tied for second and each won that award. Third place was awarded to Linda Fercodini who has been a loyal player for many years. The anchor prize, which is the return of the cost of your ticket, went to Bruce Wazarko another first time player. Co-chairpersons Rachel Wisler and Janet Tynan would like to thank all who helped with this event and all who donated raffle tickets and door prizes.

Wolcott Youth Services

Wolcott Youth Services will be hosting a ceramic ornament painting event for kids on 12/12 from 4-6pm. The cost per child is \$10. Registration is required in advance and can be found here: <https://linktr.ee/wolcottyouthservices>

Our playgroup is also running 4 days a week, with new sessions starting every 5-6 weeks. Email youthservices@wolcottct.org for more information.

Junior Women's Club News



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott. We would like to thank everyone who supported our projects in November especially the "Vote Against Hunger" Collection on Election Day benefitting the Wolcott Food Pantry. A special thank you to all our Veterans' and everyone who came out to honor them on 11/11 on the Town Green. Santa's appearance at the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 1st will be a great town event for all ages!

Any family seeking our assistance this holiday season with gifts for Toys for Tots and Teens is asked to fill out an application and email it to wolcottjuniors@gmail.com. The application was published in the November Community News and is also available on our web page for downloading, www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org. An application must be submitted every year. We are grateful to assist our Wolcott community throughout our 37 years supporting the Toys for Tots & Teens. This is a rewarding project for our club and one that is made possible only by the generous toys and monetary donations we receive from residents, local businesses and organizations. The collection boxes are in the following locations: The 3 Wolcott elementary Schools, Tyrell and Wolcott High School, Wolcott Library, Michael's Hair Salon, Pat's IGA & Walsh's Grocery stores, Thomaston Bank, Webster Bank, Wolcott Bowling and the Dollar General Stores. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are requested.

Attention 5th Grade Students of Wolcott. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, Inc. is sponsoring a creative writing contest during the month of January 2025. The theme is "What is Best about Wolcott". The length of the essay should be 100 words or more. Entries may be hand written neatly or typed. Entries should be submitted to your teacher and the teacher submits them to the office. There will be one winner from each elementary school. Winners will receive a \$25.00 gift card from Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Essays will be published in a future issue of Wolcott Community News. Winners also will be invited to read their essay at a Junior Women's Club event.

We want to thank the town of Wolcott for the support that you have given us since our inception in 1966. 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 neighbors and our community. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September-June. 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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Wolcott Lions to Host "Winter Wonderland" on Sunday, December 8th

The Wolcott Lions Club is excited to announce its upcoming "Winter Wonderland" celebration, a cherished tradition that brings the joy and spirit of Christmas to the entire town. This Free, family-friendly event will take place on Sunday, December 8th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Wolcott Lions Fairgrounds, located at 245 Wolcott Road. All residents of Wolcott and their families are invited to join in the festivities.

Winter Wonderland promises a day full of Christmas cheer, with a variety of activities and attractions for people of all ages, including:

- Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate
- Hayrides through the Fairgrounds
- Petting Zoo
- Amusement Ride
- And, of course, a special visit with Santa Claus!

In the true spirit of Christmas, the Wolcott Lions Club is encouraging attendees to bring unwrapped toys for the Wolcott Jr. Women's Club's Toys for Tots Campaign, as well as non-perishable food items for the Wolcott Food Pantry. These donations will help brighten the season for local families in need, ensuring that no one is forgotten during the holidays.

The Winter Wonderland event was started nearly 25 years ago by Lion Tommy Centinaro, a man who had a deep love for Christmas and a strong desire to share that feeling with the children of Wolcott. "Tommy's dedication to the town of Wolcott and his love for Christmas continue to live on through this event," said Lion Steve Tutolo from the Wolcott Lions Club. "He wanted every child to have a chance to experience the joy of the season, and we're proud to carry on his legacy."

Since its inception, Winter Wonderland has provided thousands of children with wonderful memories. In addition to spreading Christmas cheer, the event has helped collect thousands of toys for children in need and provided much-needed donations for the Wolcott Food Pantry.

"We're thrilled to continue this wonderful tradition and bring the community together for another day of Christmas fun and giving," Steve added.

Parking is located at the Sunrise Road entrance and don't forget to bring along an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item.



Halloween night was a busy night for local pizza shops in town. A visit to Five Guys Flippin Pies on Wolcott Road revealed a booming business with cooked pies stacked on top of the ovens and Goliath pizzas getting ready to be put into the ovens. Owner Bill Acousti had two girls working the phones and four people making pies. Photography by Picard

Thank You! There is more work to be done



State Representative
Gale Mastrofrancesco
Representing Wolcott
& Southington

I wanted you to know it has been a tremendous honor serving as your State Representative. I have been humbled by, and grateful for, being re-elected and for the trust you have placed in me. Thank you for your continued support. I also wanted to extend my congratulations to President-elect Donald Trump on his hard-fought campaign and a successful election that is so important to the future of our country. This election will truly be remembered as the day the American people regained control of their country. I want to wish the President-elect all the best as he leads our great nation forward on a path of prosperity for all Americans.

I also wanted to provide you with an update on a few items:

Suspected Marriage Fraud:

Recently, two reports revealed what appeared to be an egregious misuse of Connecticut's marriage and election processes, orchestrated by Wanda Geter-Pataky (Yes, the same Geter-Pataky who was charged with abusing the absentee ballot system in Bridgeport).

The New Haven Independent published a lengthy report on Geter-Pataky's activities at New Haven City Hall, which have all the signs of fraudulently facilitating marriages between U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, possibly for immigration benefits. Dozens of people were lining up in the hallways and in one month alone, she was responsible for 114 marriages, mostly between people from another state, according to that report. And in Southington, a report by the Hartford Courant showed that there was an increase in similar activity at town hall, and both incidents demand immediate investigation.

We cannot ignore that the same individual facing these serious allegations of marriage misconduct is also charged with ballot fraud — a dual betrayal of the public's trust. The story also stated that she was accused of helping an illegal

immigrant illegally cast an absentee ballot, which calls into question what else she was up to when it comes to our elections.

As ranking member of the Government, Administration and Elections, I am committed to ensuring our state laws are followed and respected. It is troubling to see our marriage license system, a straightforward process for couples to begin their lives together, becoming a vehicle for potential abuse. Connecticut municipalities, already stretched thin, should not be burdened by fraudulent marriage activities that strain their vital records offices, while denying services needed by local residents.

Our communities deserve to know that laws are enforced and that public resources are protected. Fraud and manipulation of our civic processes erode faith in our institutions, and I call on both local and state authorities to investigate and prevent further abuse of Connecticut's marriage and election systems.

Illegal Immigration

Abuse of immigrations laws is not limited to border states. Every indicator shows that it is becoming a growing and expensive situation in Connecticut. By most estimates, the population of illegal immigrants in our state is more than 113,000 and increasing. For context, that is nearly the population of nearby Waterbury, which is the fifth largest city in the state! Due to the policies of extreme Democrats, Connecticut is a "sanctuary" state. That means the state limits the cooperation our law enforcement officers provide to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement to aid them in tracking down people who have entered the country illegally.

When the legislative majority turns a blind eye to our immigration laws, it attracts more and more illegal immigrants to our state, and you, the taxpayer, are left footing the bill for health care, utility bills, public safety services, schooling, you name it. And in Connecticut's case, it is like funding an entire extra city, on your dime.

Taxpayer-funded healthcare (approved by the Democrat majority) for undocumented immigrants blew past its budget by \$10 million last fiscal year and is on track to exceed the budget by \$20 million this current year, which is seriously impacting our resources for core government services that legal residents rely on. While majority Democrats ignored our warnings about this problem last year, families across Connecticut are now paying the price.

With state agencies now forced to make cuts, it's time for action. We must immediately suspend unsustainable programs that provide free services to those who are here illegally and commit to eliminating them in the next budget cycle coming up this legislative session. Connecticut taxpayers deserve fiscal discipline and real financial relief — not policies that deepen our debt and ignore the needs of our legal citizens.

Happy Holidays!

Life isn't all about politics. As we approach the holidays, it reminds us that despite the ongoing political debate the bonds of family, community and country are still deep and lasting. This is the season for sharing goodwill, helping those in need, and celebrations with friends, family, and co-workers. It is a special time for our children and a time to remember our own childhoods. I hope all your gatherings are safe, warm, and filled with joy. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all!

As always, if you have questions our state government, please contact me by phone 1- (800) 842-1423 or email Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov.



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Wolcott Congregational Church

This is our 59th year of the Gifts and Greens Fair at the Wolcott Congregational Church. You can find that special gift and visit Santa on both days all in the same place. We have returned to our Saturday, 10 to 4 and Sunday 11 to 4 hours, with these expanded hours we hope to have even more visitors and shoppers to the Fair. It is a great day to come and make a cookie with your child just as you did when you were little. With homemade soups and sandwiches you are sure to leave with a full tummy and lots of unique items.

On November 17 of this year, the Wolcott Congregational is 251 Years Young. We have been praying and worshipping in the same place for 251 Years. God Bless Our Church and Community that surrounds us.

On November 26 our community gathered at the All Saints Church to worship and give Thanks for the Blessings we have received. Thank you to all of the people of our community who were able to attend and all of the service organizations who participated to celebrate together. We are fortunate to have each other in the great town of Wolcott.

In December join us in Advent as we celebrate together. Things to look forward to Gifts and Greens December 7, 10 to 4 & 8, 11 to 4, Children's Program December 15, Christmas Cantata December 22, Longest Night Service December 21 at 7 pm, Christmas Eve 4 pm, 7 pm & 11 pm.

Wolcott Veterans Advocacy Commission



Our preview of the 614 posters of all the Connecticut military that

were KIA (Killed In Action) in Vietnam went very well on Sunday, Nov 10th The Vietnam Traveling

Memorial Wall Committee would like to

thank everyone that took time from their day and stopped by. The posters are dedicated to honoring and remembering a generation of young men from Connecticut that are a small part of the 58,479 that are inscribed on The Wall.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall stands as a symbol of America's honor and recognition of the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War. The Wall is dedicated to honor the courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty and country of all who answered the call to serve during one of the most divisive wars in U.S. History.

Again, thank you to all who visited our poster preview They will hang in their own tent and will be honored when The Wall is here May 29th thru June 2nd 2025.

Brett Mucci,
Chairman, Veterans Advocacy
Commission

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.



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The Wolcott Lions Club is excited to announce its upcoming "Winter Wonderland" celebration, a cherished tradition that brings the joy and spirit of Christmas to the entire town. All residents of Wolcott and their families are invited to join in the festivities.

In the true spirit of Christmas, the Wolcott Lions Club is encouraging attendees to bring **unwrapped toys for the Wolcott Jr. Women's Club's Toys-for-Tots Campaign**, as well as **non-perishable food items for the Wolcott Food Pantry**.

These donations will help brighten the season for local families in need, ensuring that no one is forgotten during the holidays.

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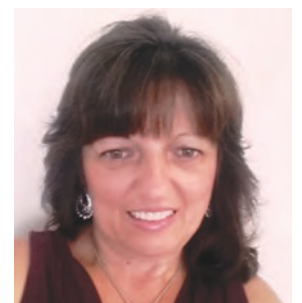
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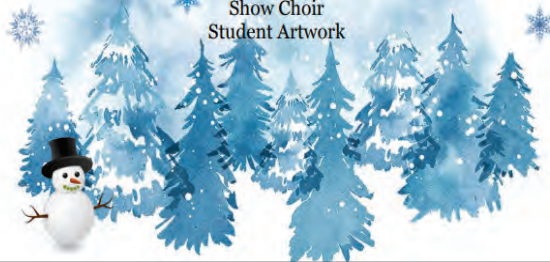
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Aerospace Component Manufacturers Opportunities Fair Field Trip



Wolcott Historical Society - December 2024



by Florence Goodman

This month I will revisit some quilting history. Quilts have been around for hundreds of years, but during the mid 19th century a particular type of quilt, the friendship quilt, became very popular for several reasons. First, as settlers began to move away from their hometowns a friendship quilt was given to them as a remembrance of their friends and family. Secondly, they were cherished gifts from friends and families during a nostalgic time in history. Friendship quilts came in two forms: the signature quilt and autograph quilt. Both were usually made of a single quilting pattern, which meant that each square was the same design and made up of different scrap materials. Usually, one person sewed each square together to form the large quilt. The difference between the signature quilt and autograph quilt was what was put on the squares. The squares of the signature quilt contained only the signature of the person who made that square while the square of the autograph quilt had a short verse as well as their signature. All of these signatures and verses were written in indelible ink. Judy Anne Breneman, a researcher of historical quilts, states, "Friendship quilts took time collecting fabric or blocks from each person, piecing them together and quilting the layers. Individual blocks on a quilt may have been made over several years and sometimes they were not put together into a quilt until years later. No matter how they were made they all had the same purpose, to record memories of cherished friends and family members."

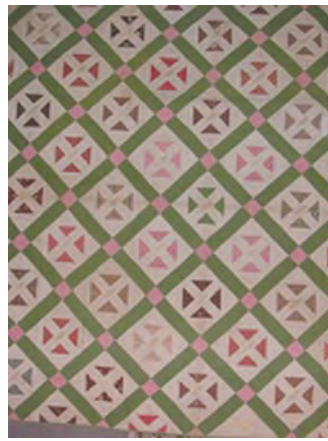


Augusta A. E. Miller square

On September 22, 2024, the Wolcott Historical Society received another historic quilt donation. The quilt is the Augusta Somers Miller quilt which dates back prior to 1864. It was owned by Augusta's daughter, Margaret Hall who was one of the founding members of the Society and at one time our town historian. This beautiful piece of our town's history was donated by Bonnie Fleming Richardson, Margaret's granddaughter and Lisle Fleming, her grandson. The quilt consists of six rows with seven squares in each row. Several of the squares have no names or the names are illegible. The rest of the squares have been signed or printed by someone associated with the Somers / Miller family. Some of the names found on the quilt are Miller, Hotchkiss, Frisbie, Kenea, Woolworth, Somers and Hayes. Considering its age, the quilt is in very good condition.

The following is a brief history of the Miller/Northrop/Hall family. Margaret's childhood was an interesting one. She was the third of six children born to Charles and Mary Ann (Pierpont) Miller on February 24, 1889, at East Farms and Oak Corner in Waterbury.

This property is located on the corner of East Main Street and Frost Road. Her mother's family also lived close by on Pierpont Road, which was near the Wolcott town line. The Miller children spent many hours working and playing on these beautiful farms. Margaret's father, Charles S. Miller was a blacksmith; he was mechanically inclined and could repair or build just about anything and farm too. He was also an active member of the Mattatuck Drum Corps serving as leader for over fifty years as well as playing the snare drum and teaching drumming. The band would meet at the Miller home and Margaret and her sister Ruth would fall asleep while the band practiced loudly downstairs. Charles also researched genealogy and shared that knowledge with residents all over the state, which meant much traveling around the state. On many of his travels Margaret accompanied him.



The Garrigus Pierpont Quilt circa 1885

Margaret married Clifford W. Northrop on November 17, 1910 and lived in Waterbury. They had had four children Marian A, Betty, Jean M and Nita P. Clifford who was eleven years older than Margaret passed away in October of 1936. Margaret's second husband was George Hall who was from West Hartford and Wolcott. They resided in the historic David Bailey House located at 335 Bound Line Road facing the Green. They referred to this property as Juniper Ledge and enjoyed many years there with their adult children and grandchildren. It was during these years that Margaret became very involved with the local history and the establishment of the Wolcott Historical Society and the renovation of the stone schoolhouse museum on Nichols Road. She also loved to lead Sunday school and Girl Scout groups to a large piece of bedrock, behind the Grange Hall in Wolcott, on the "Juniper Ledge" estate, to point out the glacier marks found on it. Also, in this area across from Brooks Hill Road there is a large boulder that glaciers dropped and is named the "Ordinary."



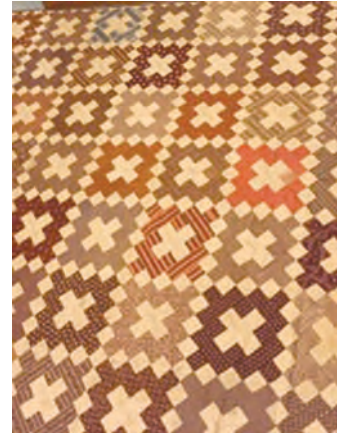
Margaret Hall Carpenter quilt circa 1848



Miller Quilt pre-1864

The new quilt has been added to our collection at the Center School History Museum. The Museum now

houses four autograph/friendship quilts. One is a 150-year-old signature quilt donated in 1985 by Hazel Pierpont. The quilt belonged to Beatrice Garrigus Pierpont of Maple Hill Farm on Pierpont Road in Waterbury. Her mother, Saphronia Elizabeth Upson Garrigus, gave the quilt to Beatrice. There are thirty-seven names signed on this quilt. The second quilt is an 1848 autograph quilt, which was a donated by Margaret Hall Carpenter, a longtime resident of our town, who was living at the Masonic Home in Wallingford in 2010 when she donated the quilt. Margaret's grand-



The Atwood quilt circa 1860s

father was Ransom Hall. The quilt is in excellent condition for its age, but more importantly it is like reading an old autograph book. It was made for Lucelia Merrill who was born and lived in Wolcott from March 30, 1831, to October 7, 1908. Each square on the quilt has a message for Lucelia from her friends. The fourth quilt is the Atwood quilt. In January of 2015, Walter Atwood invited me to accompany he and his wife, Sue to Washington, Connecticut. They were meeting with Sue Reich, a quilt appraiser, to have several of the family's antique quilts appraised, one of them being a friendship quilt with many well-known Wolcott residents' signatures on it. To my surprise, at the end of the appraisal, they informed me that the signature quilt was being donated to our Historical Society.



Iva A. Miller square

This 1860s signature quilt from the Atwood family measures approximately 7' by 6' and is in excellent condition. Sue Reich felt that it was probably made after the Civil War because the brown fabric colors and particular quilt pattern are typical of that time. The quilt block pattern is called Chimney Sweep, Album Block or Christian Cross, which is the most popular design used in signature quilts.

The Wolcott Historical Society is honored to preserve these treasures of our past and hope that you might want to enjoy them as well. All these quilts are available for your viewing at the Center School History Museum at 154 Center Street. To set up an appointment call me at 203-879-8918.

(All information for this article was taken from Samuel Orcutt's "The History of Wolcott, Connecticut from 1781 to 1874"; and the June 2011, May 2013, Feb. 2015 and Jan. 2020 articles in the Wolcott Community News by Florence Goodman; Access the Journals of Charles Miller at <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/rak/gen/miller/journals.htm>)

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WOLCOTT \$435,000 — Beautifully maintained Colonial home built in 2000 offering a spacious eat-in kitchen. Adjacent to the kitchen is a laundry room conveniently located off the half bath. Relax in the cozy living room, featuring a warm fireplace. The large deck, accessible through elegant French doors from the kitchen, offers a serene space for outdoor dining and enjoying semi-water views, particularly stunning in the fall/winter months. Upstairs offers 3 generously sized bedrooms, including a master suite that boasts a large walk in closet and en suite bath. A full size basement downstairs is ready for your own personal touch. Large two car garage! Don't miss the opportunity to make this charming Colonial your forever home.



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



WATERBURY \$269,900 — Contemporary Cape style home with over 1700 sq.ft. Spacious living room with fireplace, vaulted ceiling and newer windows. Formal dining room or main level family room with laundry room and half bath! There is plenty of room in the kitchen with appliances. Separate dining area with sliders to 38' x 12' plus deck! Remodeled upstairs has 3 bedrooms with newer carpeting and full bath with tile floor and tub/shower enclosure. Needs some TLC, but a little elbow grease will make this home into your treasure!



WATERBURY \$274,900 — 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!



SOUTHINGTON \$465,000 — Beautiful colonial situated on just under an acre of land. The main level features a large living room with a cozy fireplace, eat in kitchen, dining room, one bedroom and a full bathroom. Upstairs you will find 2 more bedrooms and another full bath. Mini splits have been installed to keep you cool during the warmer months. Newer patio in the very private backyard.



BRISTOL \$344,900 — 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.



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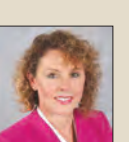
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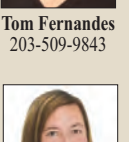
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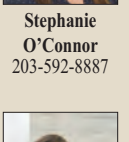
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Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



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Julia Jett certainly amazed and entertained our guests and left people with smiles, laughs and some with tears. We received a lot of positive feedback.

Please like our facebook page, Wolcott Grange No. 173 for updates and information. Please let us know what events you would like to see. We have a few ideas brewing but we want to hear from our community.

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Composite veneers are crafted from dental resin, the "white filling" material. It is directly bonded to the tooth and then shaped and polished to achieve the desired look. One of the primary benefits of composite veneers is their cost-effectiveness, making them a more affordable option compared to porcelain veneers. Additionally, the procedure for composite veneers is relatively quick and can often be completed in a single visit to the dentist. This makes them an attractive choice for individuals seeking immediate results.

In terms of aesthetics, composite veneers provide a natural-looking appearance; however, they may not match the natural teeth as closely as porcelain veneers. Composite material is also more prone to staining and chipping over time, which means that maintenance and occasional touch-ups may be required to keep them looking their best. Despite these drawbacks, composite veneers are less invasive, as they typically conserve more of the natural tooth structure during the application process.

On the other hand, porcelain veneers are known for their superior aesthetics and durability. Made from high-quality porcelain materials, these veneers closely mimic the natural enamel of teeth, offering a highly realistic and attractive result. Porcelain veneers are more resistant to staining and chipping compared to composite veneers, which contributes to their longevity. Typically, porcelain veneers can last between 15 to 20 years with proper care, while composite veneers will typically last a shorter time, about 8-10 years.

The process for obtaining porcelain veneers is more involved, usually requiring at least two visits to the dentist. During the first visit, a thin layer of the natural tooth is removed to make room for the veneer. A physical or digital impression of the teeth is taken and sent to a dental lab where the custom veneers are then created. This step ensures a precise fit and color match. On the second visit, the porcelain veneers are bonded to the teeth, resulting in a strong and aesthetically pleasing outcome.

However, this level of quality and longevity comes at a higher cost. Porcelain veneers are more expensive than composite veneers, and the procedure is more invasive due to the amount of tooth preparation required. This may be a consideration for individuals who are looking for a less invasive and more budget-friendly solution.

In short, both composite and porcelain veneers each have their unique benefits and limitations. Composite veneers offer a quicker, less expensive, and less invasive option, but may require more frequent maintenance and will not typically last as long. Porcelain veneers, while more costly and involving a more complex procedure, provide a highly realistic and longer lasting result. Individuals should carefully weigh these factors and consult with their dentist to determine the best option for their specific dental needs and aesthetic goals.

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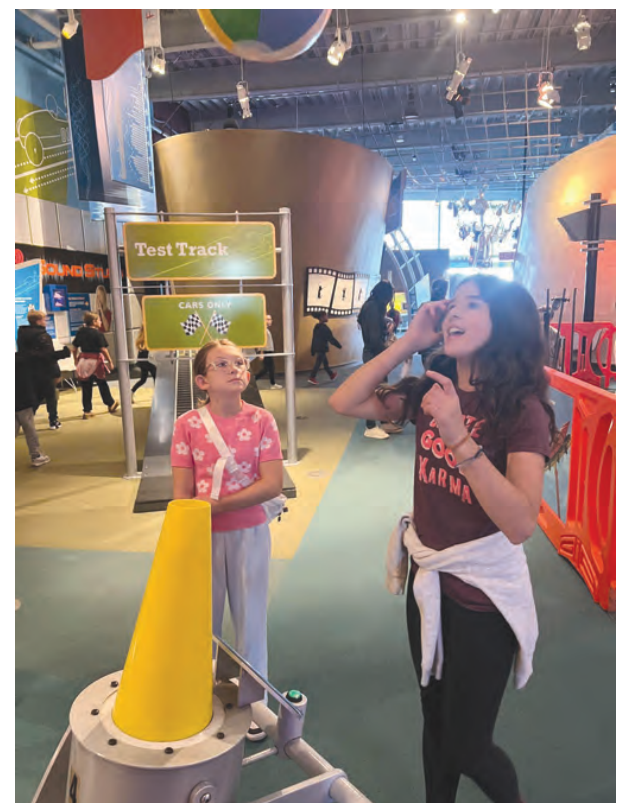
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The Way Forward: A Bold Republican Vision for Connecticut

by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District



What happened across the nation on November 5 should serve as a beacon of hope for every citizen in Connecticut. We witnessed what is possible when Republicans embrace and champion the principles that resonate with everyday Americans: smaller government, safe communities and borders, lower taxes, and opportunities for all. Whether you agree with him or not, President Trump's landslide victory was a testament to his unmatched ability to connect with voters of all backgrounds, delivering a clear message that he is working for them to clean up government, restore freedom and opportunity, and move away from the heavy hand of government programs and interference.

This election was not merely a victory for one man — it signaled a nationwide shift toward Republican policies and values. Even in entrenched blue states like California, Republican support surged, with several traditionally Democratic counties flipping red. Florida's Miami-Dade County, a longtime Democratic stronghold, also turned red.

Connecticut was not immune to this shift. Of our 169 towns, nearly all saw improved Republican vote totals compared to 2020. According to the New York Times, Connecticut was among the top five states to shift its margin toward President Trump by 7.3 percent. This result, though overshadowed by continued Democratic dominance in the state legislature, is cause for optimism and proof that the tide is turning here as well.

Yet, it's frustrating to see that this national Republican momentum did not translate into gains in our state government. Despite an energized electorate, Democrats expanded their majorities in the General Assembly, gaining four House seats and one Senate seat. With more than a two-to-one advantage in both chambers, the Democrats' grip on Hartford remains ironclad.

Why did this happen? The simplest explanation is often the right one. While Republican ideas resonate — both nationally and here in Connecticut — Connecticut Republicans have failed to define a strong, cohesive brand identity. Republican leaders in this state continued to distance themselves from the national party, narrowly focusing on economic issues while avoiding social topics and, at times, appearing timid in opposition to the Democratic majority. This approach has not provided voters with a clear message of what Connecticut Republicans truly stand for.

However, this election also demonstrated that when Republican candidates are fearless in defending American principles and traditional conservative values, they succeed. Candidates who champion fiscal responsibility, protect civil liberties, empower parents in education, support law enforcement, and push back against illegal immigration, inflation, rising utility rates, and the Democrats' woke agenda — like tampons in boys' restrooms, DEI mandates, and pronoun policies — performed exceptionally well.

I am living proof of this strategy. By unapologetically standing for these values and making my positions clear to my constituents, I have been able to earn their trust and deliver results. Connecticut Republicans should take note: This is the path to rebuilding our state and giving voters a voice with which they can identify.

As we enter the new legislative session, I am committed to working within Senate Republican leadership to unify our party around these values. We must establish a bold, distinct Republican identity that resonates with voters across all of Connecticut—one that stands firmly for opportunity, affordability, freedom, and common sense. When we show voters that we are willing to fight for these ideals, we can earn their trust and create the kind of change Connecticut desperately needs.

Our brightest days are ahead. I firmly believe that we will usher in a new era of prosperity for our state when we give Connecticut residents a voice that reflects their values and delivers on our promises. That is why I ran for re-election, and that is why I remain committed to being the loudest voice for rebuilding Connecticut and defending our great country.

God bless Connecticut, and God bless America.



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The birthstone of December is turquoise

The birth flower of December is the narcissus

December 3 - International Day of the Disabled Person

National Read a New Book Month

In December, Nobel Prizes are awarded

On December 4, 1791, The Observer newspaper (the first Sunday newspaper) was first published in Britain

December 12th is Poinsettia Day

December 27th is National Chocolate Day

On December 3, 1967, the first heart transplant was completed

On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made their first flight

On December 14, 1791, the Bill of Rights was passed

Around Town Photography by Roger Picard



The new construction of Petro Pat's gas station on Wolcott Road continues with the removal of the old building and the gas pump island. A new island will be erected soon with new gas pumps and canopy.



The Exchange Club of Wolcott donated a check and 1,000 glow necklaces to the Wolcott Police Department DARE Program's Halloween Dance. The donation was part of the club's National Day of Service. The glow necklaces will be given out at the dance and patrol officers will hand them out Halloween night to trick or treaters to help them be more visible to motorists while out Trick or Treating. Deputy Chief Sara Carrillo, Exchange Club President Roger Picard and Lt. Jeff Reichard pose for a photo at the presentation. Photo by: Wolcott PD



This aerial photo was taken above the Woodtick Recreation parking lot on Nichols Road on November 2nd just before a Trump motorcade rally was about to start. Approximately 175 cars, trucks and motorcycles participated in the event.



There was a huge turnout of citizens, civic organizations, youth groups and veterans at the annual Wolcott Veterans Day ceremony on the Wolcott Town Green on November 11th. The display of American flags in the background added to the feel of patriotism to the event.



Chris Nelson of Thy Eagles Nest Donation Center, was a guest speaker at a recent Exchange Club of Wolcott meeting. She gave a background on the development of the Donation Center and serving families in need with clothing, furniture, household items and much more. The Donation Center is located at 36 Town Line Road in Wolcott, and was established in 2012 as a 501c3 and has been serving Wolcott and surrounding towns such as Waterbury, Bristol, Plainville and New Britain.



The Wolcott Police Department DARE Program hosted a Halloween Dance on October 30th at Alcott School for Middle School aged students. Over 300 students participated in the event and enjoyed music, pizza and a crowd favorite, Kitty Litter Cake



The Wolcott VFW Post on Wolcott Road is undergoing some renovation work thanks to a grant they received from Home Depot. Home Depot volunteers and contractors will be remodeling the meeting room in the lower level of the VFW hall and upgrading light fixtures and flooring during the course of the project.

Target on Tyrrell



The Diamond Team students are currently reading *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker. Recently, they were introduced to a mysterious wood carver in the story named Vola. To deepen their understanding, the students visited Mr. Mirto in his Tech Ed shop, where they explored woodworking tools. Additionally, Mrs. MJ's father, a talented wood carver, generously shared his beautiful carvings with the class, inspiring students in their narrative writing projects.



In Project Explore, students engaged in a creative challenge — designing and constructing mazes using limited supplies. Many of the mazes featured dead ends and tricky paths to prevent players from finishing in under 20 seconds. After completing their designs, both students and teachers tested the mazes, having fun along the way!



Several students had the unique opportunity to participate in virtual author visits. Jerry Craft shared how doodling inspired his writing, Sharon Draper discussed her creative process for *Out of My Mind*, and a panel of spooky middle school authors spoke with students about writing eerie tales.

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News

The Holiday Season is Upon Us!

As the temperatures drop and autumn fades to winter, we begin preparing for another Holiday Season! With blustery days and frigid nights, watch out for icy conditions when you are out on the road. Roads that look wet could be slippery with black ice, so leave plenty of space between you and the vehicle in front of you and allow for extra time to stop. We want to make sure you reach your destination safely! When the snow begins to pile up, please make sure you are careful when shoveling and ask for help when needed. If you are using a snowblower, keep away from the chute and auger areas! We hope you enjoy all the parties and dinners with your family and friends and would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe and joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year!



Ambulance Facility Update

The new home of Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance is almost complete! Carpet and other flooring have been laid and the ceiling tiles are being dropped into place. If we maintain this schedule, we should be moving to our new location sometime in January! 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 ready to become an emergency medical technician? If so, we are ready to teach you! 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 December 3, 2024, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training - learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 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 October, WVAA responded to 170 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. As you are out enjoying your Holiday Season, stay safe!

Wolcott Food Pantry

Distribution Date Reminders

- Dec 4th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM.
- Dec 18th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. (Christmas Distribution)
- Closed Christmas Week Starting Monday Dec 23rd

"Thank You"

We had another great Thanksgiving distribution and we would like to thank all the people that contributed their time, food, or money to help us provide the turkeys/chickens and fixings. We are fortunate to operate in a very generous and compassionate town.

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.
- If you are out shopping, and would like to drop-off some food, here is a short list of food products that would be helpful:

Shelf-Stable Milk	Jelly	Canned Pastas
Peanut Butter	Canned Chicken	Stews
Juices	Baked Beans	Condiments
Chili	Pudding	Oatmeal
Jell-O	Cereal	Soup
Canned Fruit	Jarred Pasta Sauce	Rice
Coffee/Tea		Salad Dressing

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



Mark is one of the owners of Marky's Relish Products (formerly known as Stan's Relish). He stopped by to donate some of his product to the Pantry so we can distribute during one of our Holiday distributions.



Say hello to our volunteers! We appreciate that they donate of their time to make the Pantry work. Thanks everyone!

Boy Scout Troop 230

Scouts in BSA Troop 230 are soaking up the beautiful days of fall. The Troop spent a glorious Saturday hiking up to Castle Craig in Meriden. The 10 mile hike was part of their hiking merit badge which includes four 10 mile hikes, along with a 20 miler. The Troop finalized important requirements such as Firem'n Chit and ax usage

The Troop was also active in the Wolcott community this month. Scouts helped the Friends of the Library at the book sale and will spend a Saturday cleaning the library grounds. The boys also participated in both of Wolcott's Veterans Day ceremonies.

The Troop is excited for its upcoming activities. There will be a Chopped-style Thanksgiving cooking competition where patrols will be given a variety of surprise ingredients and will be asked to use camping equipment to prepare a Thanksgiving feast. Further, scouts will celebrate their first Court of Honor of the year where individuals will be recognized for and receive rank advancements and merit badges.

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 11-2 p.m.. Just tell them the returns are for Wolcott Boy Scout Troop 230.

To have the Troop help out, attend a function, or for more information, email boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com.



Wolcott Public Library

Dear Reader,

'Twas 10AM on a workday, when all through the blizzard
Not a creature was stirring, not even Bookmark the lizard;
The books were shelved by their genre with care,
In hopes that the staff members soon would be there;
When out by the entrance there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the garden bench to see what was the matter.
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a full parking lot and tons of Wolcott readers.
More rapid than eagles, WPL programs, they came,
And we whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, knitting! now, book club! now crochet and yoga!
On, storytimes! on, legos! On, monthly movie and trivia!
To the top of our calendars! to the top of our to-do lists!
To the library! The library! The library, all!"
So to the front door, the staff, they flew
With carts full of books, and program planning too —
As I got up off the bench, and was turning around,
Down the parking lot, the Director came with a bound.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And unlocked the library; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, into the bookshelves, the crowd rose;
And I heard him exclaim, ere he ran out of sight —
"Happy Holidays to all, and to all, a good night!"
Come to the library every week.

December 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: Cinnamon Solstice Stars - Craft a cozy star ornament from cinnamon sticks and glitter for a snowy touch. Kits are available while supplies last—first come, first serve.

Monday

Weekly, 5:00 Knitting with Ginny (Ages 12+) - 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.

Tuesday

Weekly, 11:30 Yoga with Soul n Body - Gentle flow yoga with a local yoga studio! Learn about Vinyasa, a dynamic and flowing style of yoga that synchronizes movement and breath. Bring your own mat, blocks, and water.

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

Dec. 3rd, 4:00 Teen Makerspace (Ages 10+) - Make an OP present for your grandparents. Available activities will include jewelry and button-making, crochet, 3D Printer, and Lego. WPL Reading room.

Dec. 10th, by appointment beginning at 3:00 Resume Review (Adults) - Create resume and cover letter review at the library. Registration required.

December 11th, 4:00 Readin' with Teagan (Children) - Come meet Teagan - a golden retriever therapy dog who loves to read! (Second Wednesday of every month!)

Dec. 17th, 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.

Dec. 31st, 11:30 Noon Year's Eve Party (Families) - Join us for WPL's annual Noon Year's Eve celebration featuring Mr. Matt of Turtle Dance Music on the big screen. Join by Zoom or in-person at the WPL.

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! - We challenge you to a game of Banagrams (Dec. 4), Uno (Dec. 11), and Codenames (Dec. 18). Calling all game lovers, no experience required.

Dec. 11th, 6:30 Christmas Carol Karaoke (Families) - All we want for Christmas is you! Sing your heart out at the library.

Dec. 18th, 6:00 Book Club (Adults) - Join our monthly book club with this month's book, One Day in December by Josie Silver.

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!

Dec. 5th, 5:00 Homemade Holiday Cards with Jesse Bernier (Ages 12+) - Add a personal touch to your holiday greetings in this hands-on workshop with expert tools and materials.

Dec. 12th, 5:30 Holiday Sparkle: DIY Bracelets (Ages 12+) - Design a festive wrap bracelet with memory wire and seasonal beads chosen to represent a variety of upcoming holidays. All materials provided—just bring your creativity!

Friday

Weekly, 1:00 Homeschool Family Meetup - Escape the Library Escape Room (Dec. 6th), Origami and paper airplane contest (Dec. 13th), On-the-Spot one act play (BYO Costumes, Dec. 20th), Nerf gun modifications (Dec. 27).

Dec. 20th, 1:00 - Please note that the date for the Final Friday movie is earlier for December in light of the holidays. The Final Friday movie will be The Preacher's Wife (1998).

Saturday

Dec. 7th, 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.

Dec. 21st, 11:00 Gingerbread House Construction (Families) - Build graham cracker gingerbread houses at the library!



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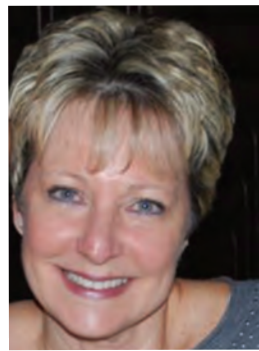
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Donna Belval
Senior Center Director

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

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

1:00 PO-KE-NO — 20 games at .25/game, Total \$5.00 (Nickels)
TAI CHI — is a light aerobic exercise that works on balance, lowering stress and creating a deeper connection with oneself — Donations accepted

Wednesday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

12:30-3:00 Bingo

Thursday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games

12:30-3:00 Pinochle

Friday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

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

COME JOIN OUR GROUP!

Monday, December 2

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Archie Moore’s — shopping to follow at Stew Leonard’s, Sign up for the bus

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 Bus leaves for Mohegan Sun Casino — Departs casino 3:30 PM, Sign up for 1 trip only

11:30 Lunch Special — Shephard’s Pie, Tossed Salad & Dessert — \$5.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. Dec 2

Thursday, December 5

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

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make a Christmas Grinch Craft — \$14.00pp, Pay when signing up

Sunday, December 8

1:00 Bus leaves for 7 Angel’s Theater — “Last Call For Christmas At Earlene’s Diner”, \$28.00pp — Dinner to follow show — TBD, Sign up & Pay by Thurs. Nov 21

Wednesday, December 11

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 large slices Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00pp, Sign up & pay by Mon. Dec 9

Friday, December 13

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

4:30 Bus leaves for Dinner at the Manor Inn — followed by trip to Hubbard Park for Christmas Lights — Sign up for bus trip

Tuesday, December 17

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at J. Timothy’s Tavern — Sign up for bus

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

Wednesday, December 18

11:30 Christmas Lunch Special — Stuffed Shells w/ (Home-Made) Meatballs, Tossed Salad & Dessert — \$5.00pp — Sign up & pay by Mon. Dec 16

Thursday, December 19

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

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

Friday, December 20

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

Monday, December 23

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

Tuesday, December 24

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Wednesday, December 25

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Friday, December 27

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

11:00 Bus leaves for shopping at “At Home Store” in New Haven — Lunch to follow, Sign up for bus trip



Friday’s stretching, strengthening & balance class



Charlene received the “Inspiration Award from Naida and Fitness Fury at our senior center



Our seniors dressed up in their Halloween attire for our annual Halloween party



Our Halloween Witches Dance

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- Food preparation work
- No previous restaurant experience required however recommended”

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Friends of the Wolcott Library, Inc.

We have much to be grateful for. Another very successful book sale was held last month and we thank all who donated and came in and purchased books and other materials. We are happy to report that some of our books will be making a special appearance in the Platt High School play “The Bookstore”. Props were needed for this Meriden, CT school play which will take place on December 5th, 6th and 7th. The director and her parents visited us and were able to get everything they needed for this production. We wish them much success on this event. This year we also contributed to the Veterans Home in Newington with some of our leftover puzzles and books. As usual the shelves at the main entrance have been totally replaced with new donations and holiday books will be out soon. If anyone is interested, as of this writing we have 166 record albums in various genres that did not sell. Please call Janet Tynan at 203 233-6407 or wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com to schedule a time to take a look.

Boy Scout Troop 230 was represented by Alex and Michael and we appreciate all their help. We had many large orders that went out the door so there was plenty of activity. The first day we had almost 50 people waiting in line and the next two days were steady with customers purchasing their bargains.

Also this is the second year the Friends have participated in the Affinity program in collaboration with TD Bank. We received over \$2,700 this year just by having patrons select the Friends as their charity of choice on any of their accounts with that bank. If you are looking for a local,

convenient bank in town, please consider TD Bank as we get a special bonus when you do open up a new account with them. This is a great way to support your local library while having the convenience of doing your banking right next door to Pat’s IGA.

For any questions you can give Katie a call at 203-879-4697.

Another interesting fact about the Wolcott Library concerns the Alex V. Nole Children's Room. Twenty-five years ago local artist Mark Kurtz approached us with a very creative idea of circling the room with storybook characters. Further details concerning the project can be found on our website www.wolcottlibrary.org. If you haven't visited us it is worth a trip to see it as well as other murals created by Friend of the Library, Debbie Weik. Our newest bookmarks were reproduced using scenes from the large mural in the Krasnovsky Room which is the anti room to the children's room.

The Friends would also like to thank Cassidy and Charlotte from Girl Scout Troop 64541 for planting the pollinator garden near the front entrance. They also provided decorated rocks to outline the area that were created at their last Camporee. Boy Scout Troop 230 will also be assisting us with a fall clean up of our outdoor area. We appreciate all the help we get and thank our landscaping committee for their special touches with the plants at the front entrance.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season.



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



Introducing Wolcott Public Library’s newest staff member... Bookmark the Bearded Dragon! Children are encouraged to stop in and read to Bookmark.



The Wolcott Junior Women’s Club sponsored and hosted a meet the candidate night at Town Hall recently. Only three candidates appeared at the event. State Senator Rob Sampson, State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco and republican candidate for U.S. Senate Mathew Corey. All other invited candidates did not attend. Photography by Picard

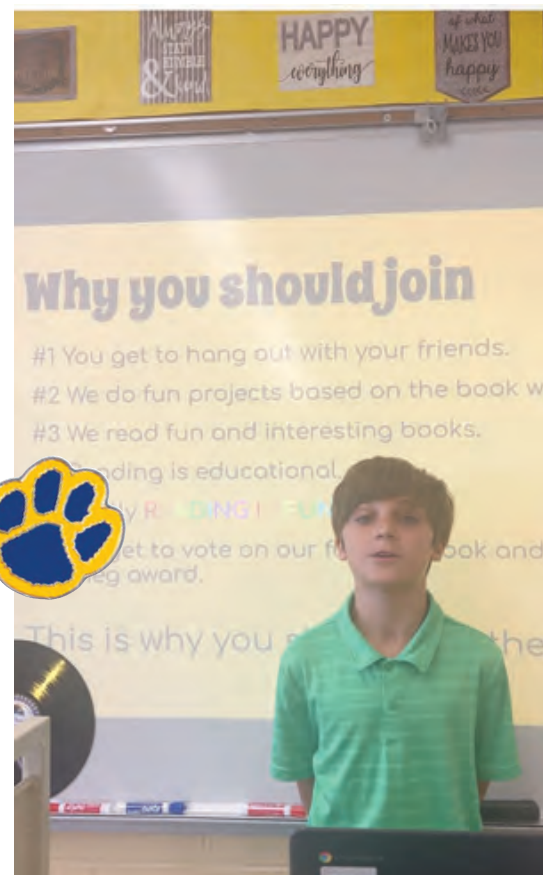


The Wolcott Lions Club came out in force and volunteered at the Halloween DARE Dance on October 30th. They provided assistance in parking and traffic safety for students arriving at the dance and departing after the dance. Wolcott Police officers were also on hand acting as chaperones and hosts for the dance. Photography by Picard

Wakelee School News!



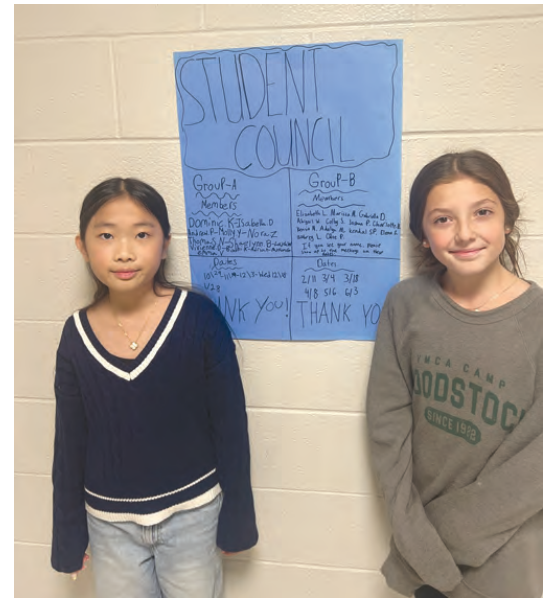
Wakelee math stars were nominated for showing growth, responsibility, perseverance, or risk taking in math. Students received an award ribbon and certificate for their achievement.



PEX student Ian explaining why Wakelee students should join our nutmeg nominee book club!



Kindergarten students presented their pumpkins that they turned into story book characters. Great job to all of the students!



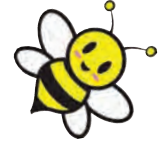
PEX students designing, planning and presenting Wakelee student council.



The Wolcott Fire department came to visit students in kindergarten, first, and second grade where they explained to them the importance of fire safety.



Focus On Frisbie



On November 8th, the Frisbie School community celebrated Veterans Day. The Frisbie School community came together to honor these heroes, and say thank you for all of the sacrifices they made.



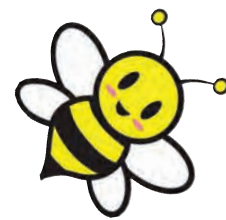
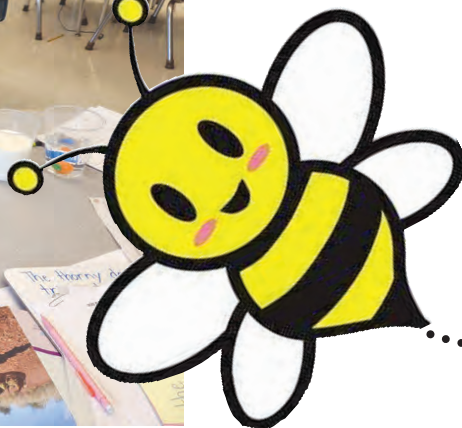
Congratulations to Frisbie's Golden Ticket winners for the month of October 2024!



Frisbie's Project Explore students visited the Science Museum where they explored the exhibits and played with their puzzles. Students watched a 3D movie called "Dream Big!" all about engineering!



Frisbie 2nd Grade scientists observed the changes to a candy pumpkin in different liquids.



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
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Phone: 203-879-8417

Wakelee: Ms. Robin Japs
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Phone: 203-879-8026

Frisbie: Ms. Lisa Calabretta
Email: lcalabretta@wolcottps.org
Phone: 203-879-8025

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

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- ◆ Principal: Mr. Joseph Morgan

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- ◆ Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

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- ◆ Director: Mrs. Sara Tedesco

District Compliance Officers

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

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

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

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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
DECEMBER	16 (Monday - Alcott)	
JANUARY	6 (Monday - Frisbie)	
FEBRUARY	10 (Monday - Wakelee)	
MARCH	3 (Monday - WHS)	24 (Monday)
APRIL	07 (Monday)	28 (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 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 to schedule and appointment.



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Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2024-2025

Month	Days	Notes
July	22/22	
August	5/2	Transition days for Kindergarten
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	

Date/Event or Holiday	Event
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

*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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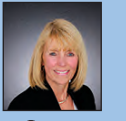
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Wolcott \$264,900 New Price - 3-bedroom Ranch conveniently located minutes from I-84, Route 8, bus lines, shopping, dining and schools. Includes city gas and sewer, gas heating system and h/w heater, updated electrical service, roof, vinyl siding and 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 \$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 \$479,900 - Spacious home with full in-law! 3 bedrooms, living room w/fireplace, den w/slider to one of 3 decks and 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 throughout the home. The yard is just over 1 acre w/trees, garden & many areas to enjoy picnics! *Ask for Lucienne Marsella.*



Wolcott \$550,000 - This Lovely 7 room, 3-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on a serene 2.8 acre lot close to the cul-de-sac includes spacious kitchen with stainless steel appliances, kitchen counter bar, a large breakfast area, formal dining room, & a main floor family room with gas fireplace. The 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 \$595,000 - 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.*



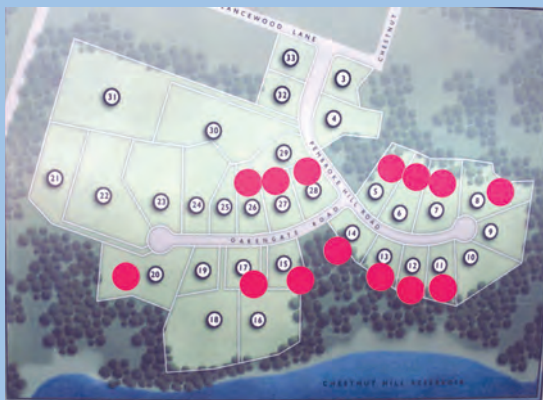
Wolcott \$625,000 - New Construction Colonial to be built in The Preserve subdivision w/access to Chestnut Hill Reservoir. A 4-bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial w/open floor plan, hardwood floors, kitchen with granite counters & island, formal dining room w/crown molding, great room w/propane fireplace, and 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.*



Watertown \$274,900 - Charming 4 Bedroom Cape in the heart of Oakville in need of TLC. Features eat-in kitchen, living room & full bath, central air & gas heat. 1-Bedroom is currently being used as a laundry area. The level yard with an invisible fence ensures pets can roam safely, and a large driveway fits several cars comfortably. Don't miss this opportunity to create your ideal home. *Ask for Sandy Deschenes.*



Wolcott Commercial \$275,000 - Multiple opportunities are possible on this 3.2 acre corner with 873' road frontage, right on Wolcott Rd (Rte 69). Located close to shopping, banks, post office and more. Commercial / Industrial zoned. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*



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\$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.*

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