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Happy Birthday Penelope Koco!
Love Papa and Gramma



The Wolcott High Excel Club held a meeting recently and invited members of the Exchange Club of Wolcott to attend. The Excel Club outlined plans for making sandwiches for homeless individuals who are currently residing in shelters during the winter months and they discussed future fundraising plans to benefit the community.
Photo by: Mary McCarthy



The Wolcott Circle of Sports handed out three scholarships recently to some worthy high school student athletes. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship. Pictured from left to right are Todd Burton of Circle of Sports, students Megan Iasevoli, Sebastian Polkowski, Juliana Beloin and Kristen Hickey of Circle of Sports. Photo by: Jen DiNunzio



The Exchange Club of Wolcott treasurer, George Stankus, recently presented Gaspar Perez, owner of Bill and Sam's Diner with an appreciation plaque for his assistance and donation of bacon for their annual Clam Jam which is held every year in September. Gaspar's business is located at 713 Wolcott Road and has been a landmark establishment for decades in the town of Wolcott. Photography by Picard



Officer Darrell Clark Dublin, Jr., son of Barbara Ann and Darrell, received the prestigious 2024 Samuel J. Luciano Award, as he achieved the highest academic average in Basic Recruit Training. He is now a West Hartford Police Officer. His Dad, Officer Darrell Clark Dublin, Sr. retired 01/2025, from UCONN Waterbury Campus after 21 years of service. Congratulations!



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Birthdays

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.

Anthony LaPorta — February 4th
Tiffany Fasano — February 7th

Pisces, Feb 19th - March 20th
"The Fish"

Pisces are very friendly, so they often find themselves in a company of very different people. Pisces are selfless, they are always willing to help others, without hoping to get anything back.

Pisces is a Water sign and as such this zodiac sign is characterized by empathy and expressed emotional capacity. Their ruling planet is Neptune, so Pisces are more intuitive than others and have an artistic talent. Neptune is connected to music, so Pisces reveal music preferences in the earliest stages of life. They are generous, compassionate and extremely faithful and caring. People born under the Pisces sign have an intuitive understanding of the life cycle and thus achieve the best emotional relationship with other beings.

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Wolcott Youth Services

Wolcott Youth Services will be a host site for the Girls on the Run: Heart and Sole program. This program is for 6-8th grade girls. For more information, please visit WYS' link tree and click on the Girls on the Run link. Scholarships are available from Girls on the Run, and from WYS thanks to a grant from Main Street Community Foundation. <https://linktr.ee/wolcottyouthservices>.

Happy 18th Birthday JULIA!

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Farmingbury Women's Club

Happy Valentines Day. January was a quiet month for our club. We did meet to discuss upcoming events which we will share with you in the future.

If any woman 18 or older is interested in joining our club, we meet the second Thursday of each month at All Saint's Church at 6:30 pm.

Stay warm. Only two more months until Spring begins.



**There's Always Something Good Going On
SPREAD THE WORD!**

February 11th - Tuesday

Maloney Magnet School Tour for Prospective Families (Snow date: Feb 13th)
Location: Maloney Magnet School
233 South Elm St., Waterbury
Time: 9:30 am Open House
Info: Grades Pre-K through Grade 5
Applications will be available online for the 2025-2026 school year starting Feb 1st
<https://rotellamaloney.novuschoice.com>

February 12th - Wednesday

Rotell Magnet School Tour for Prospective Families (Snow date: Feb 13th)
Location: Rotella Magnet School
380 Pierpont Rd., Waterbury
Time: 10:00 am
Info: Grades Pre-K through Grade 5
Applications will be available online for the 2025-2026 school year starting Feb 1st
<https://rotellamaloney.novuschoice.com>

February 28th Friday

Wolcott Congregational Church Ya Gotta Have Heart Forum with St. Mary's Hospital Cardiology Specialist
Location: Wolcott Congregational Church
185 Center Street, Wolcott
Time: 5:45pm doors open | Dinner 6:15pm
Cost: \$20 pp Buffet Dinner
Info: An Informative & Educational Q & A evening about your heart health. Call the Church for Reservations 203-879-1293

March 8th - Saturday

American Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored by Junior Women's Club
Location: St. Basil Community Parish Hall
525 Woodtick Rd., Wolcott, CT
Time: 7:30 am - 12:30 pm
Info: Appointments are needed. Schedule on-line at redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)



Commission for Individuals with Special Needs

Upcoming events for Individuals with Special Needs
2/21 Valentines Dance at the Youth Center 6-8PM
3/10 March Madness at Wolcott High School Gym 5-7PM
3/23 Bingo at the American Legion 1-3PM
If you'd like to join our mailing list contact Gloria Clair at (203)558-0514

Boy Scout Troop 230

The Scouts in BSA Troop 230 are eager for the New Year. As monthly meetings reconvene after a holiday break, the boys are working hard. Their first meeting back had them cleaning and preparing their Klondike sleds for the annual Klondike Derby at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. Troops from all over Connecticut head to camp to compete in various skill and task stations in this friendly, fun event. Some popular races include knot tying, cold water rescue, fire building and more. The boys will also be planning for upcoming meetings and outings. All are looking forward to swimming at a local gym to practice merit badge skills, a few winter camping trips and hosting the Arrow of Light Scouts from Pack 230.

In December, the Troop participated in Wreaths Across America here in Wolcott. This national program has volunteers all over the country laying wreaths on graves of military members. The Troop also held its annual Christmas party. In addition to a silly gift exchange, Scouts participated in a slew of Minute to Win It activities such as shimmying Oreos from their foreheads and candy moving with straws. Every Scout had a jolly time.

As always, the Troop continues to collect cans and bottle. Drop off is at 200 Chase River Road in Waterbury. Hours are Wednesday-Thursday 1:00pm-4:00pm and Saturdays 11:00am-2:00pm. Just say it is for Wolcott Boy Scout Troop 230.

If you are interested in Scouting or would like the Troop to assist at an event, email trop230committee@gmail.com.



Wolcott Lions Club



The Wolcott Lion's Club held its Winter Wonderland on December 8, 2024. The event had taken a several year hiatus but will be back on annually. This event provided for a family friendly free gathering. There were tractor drawn hayrides, a petting zoo, a carousel, Christmas music, bonfire, hot dogs, cookies, hot chocolate, popcorn and, of course, a visit from Santa for the children. Several hundred Wolcott residents attended and many brought food donations for the Wolcott Food Pantry and Toys for Tots. For the first time in several years, there were several inches of snow for the event. The Wolcott Lion's would like to thank the following people, businesses and organizations which donated food, money, equipment and volunteered time to make the event a success: WFD Company 3, Tim Pabst of TRP Farms, Steve Bianchi of NCL Services, Hillside Equestrian Meadows, Farmingbury Women's Club and Junior Women's Club, Cocchiola Landscaping, AMC Theater of Southington, Wolcott High School volunteers, Kulmann Automotive, Skills USA, Centinaro Family, Town of Wolcott Park & Rec Department and the Wolcott Leo's Club.

MAYOR'S CORNER
February 2025

With winter still in full swing, I hope everyone can get out and enjoy some winter activities. Spring will be here before we know it. Looking forward to the warmer weather.



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

We are currently in the process of putting together the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. It is my goal to maintain the current level of services to our residents and continue to move Wolcott forward.

Please know that you can contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Stop by my office or give me a call at 203-879-8100 in Mayor's Office.

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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



Nineteen years ago today, I walked into the Wolcott Town Hall and never looked back. My boss took a chance on me, and I took a chance at a new experience. Never would I have imagined being as happy to come to work each morning now as I was when I first started. With laws constantly changing, new residents coming in to say hi, constant questions, and dog license season (my favorite) and we are greeted each day with new challenges and new opportunities.

By January many people make lists of their new year's resolutions. They think about the year ahead and what they wish to accomplish personally and professionally. While weight loss, good health, saving money, and spending more time with family always tops my list, here are my professional goals for the year:

- Organize and Clean Vault for maximum storage
- Look into Mortgage protection for our residents
- Explore Land Record Companies for speed and accuracy
- Research Dog Licensing Systems
- Take classes and stay up to date with the latest technologies and laws
- Continue to be your Town Clerk for many years to come

As always, please be well and I will see you here next month!

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Junior Women's Club News



Welcome to February! The Junior Womens' Club of Wolcott is continuing to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel assistance fund. Wolcott residents can apply by sending an email to wolcottjuniors@gmail.com. 100% of all donations for the Fuel Fund are distributed for just that – "Fuel". We are committed to giving the gift of heat when our neighbors need a helping hand. Our club is grateful that we have the opportunity to play a small part in making a difference in our Wolcott Community. This month our Arts Chair, Terri Baltera will be creating Valentine cards to thank our first responders, local groups or persons who have supported our organization in the past. A small thank you from our club!

Reminder to all Wolcott residents to clean out their old prescriptions. You can drop off your old, unused or unwanted medications for safe disposal at our Wolcott Police department. So easy; you can enter the Police Department through the first door and there is a drug take back bin for you to dispose of your old prescriptions.

Our Red Cross Blood Mobile will be held Saturday March 8th at the St. Basil Community Parrish Hall. You can schedule your blood donation on the web site: www.redcrossblood.org The donation process from the time you arrive until the time you leave is approximately one hour. The donation itself is only about 8-10 minutes on average. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

This upcoming month we will be busy building our slate of officers for our 2025 – 2026 fiscal year. This is a busy time for our Leadership Chairman, Judy Bellemare! We are a small but mighty club of 18 dedicated volunteers, and 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 community. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets in a general meeting the 1st Wednesday of every month from September-June at 7 pm. Our meetings are open to all women over the age of 18, who are interested in doing volunteer work in our community.

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

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Instructor: Shana Major
Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00PM
Location: Alcott Elementary Gym
Registration Fee: \$120
Begins March 10th for 20 sessions
(March 10th - May 28th: *No classes on March 24th, April 21 & 23, May 26*)



ZUMBA

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

Instructor: Emperatriz Ochoa
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30PM
Location: Wolcott High School Cafeteria
Registration Fee: \$120
Begins February 25th for 20 sessions
(February 25th - May 8th: *No classes on April 22nd & 24th*)



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Instructors: Joanne Riback & Lisa Belfiore Davis
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:45 – 7:45PM
Location: Wakelee Elementary Cafeteria
Registration Fee: \$120
Begins March 11th for 20 sessions
(March 12th - May 22nd: *No classes on April 22nd & 24th*)

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The CT Prevention Network Announces \$570,000 in Grants to Support Youth Cannabis Prevention

Connecticut - The CT Prevention Network is excited to announce the recipients of the Youth Cannabis Prevention-Cannabis Coalition Grant, a new initiative aimed at bolstering efforts to reduce cannabis use among youth and young adults in Connecticut. A total of \$570,000 in funding will be awarded to two local coalitions in each region, with each receiving a grant of \$57,000 to support their cannabis prevention programs from January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

The grant, provided by the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), is part of a broader, statewide effort to curb cannabis use among individuals under 21 and enhance community-level responses to cannabis-related challenges. "This funding will enable coalitions to make a substantial, lasting impact on reducing youth cannabis use while strengthening community infrastructure to address these critical issues for years to come," said Sarju Shah, Director of the Prevention & Health Promotion Division at DMHAS.

The following organizations have been selected to receive funding:

- Region 5 Western RBHAO: Western CT Coalition, Inc.
- Naugatuck Youth Services, Step Up Naugy Coalition
- Wolcott CASA

"We are proud to support these coalitions in their vital work to protect Connecticut's youth," said Pamela Mautte, President of CT Prevention Network "Through this grant, we are investing in evidence-based programs that will equip communities with the tools they need to educate young people, families, schools, and local organizations about the risks of cannabis use and offer proactive solutions."

The Youth Cannabis Prevention-Cannabis Coalition Grant initiative is managed by the Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations (RBHAOs), which provide regional prevention infrastructure to support youth cannabis prevention efforts and promote responsible adult-use cannabis. This collaborative framework ensures that funded coalitions have the necessary support to implement evidence-based programs and foster long-term prevention strategies. Grantees will implement comprehensive youth cannabis prevention programs, including community engagement efforts and educational campaigns aimed at youth, parents, schools, and other key stakeholders. These initiatives will build on proven strategies to reduce youth cannabis use, empower local communities, and foster long-term prevention efforts that prioritize the health and well-being of Connecticut's young people.



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Proposals for the 2025 Legislative Session



**State Representative
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The new legislative session has begun, which means that the majority will be flooding the Capitol with new (and likely bad) bills. I will of course stand up to legislation that I disagree with, but I have also proposed common sense bills that I believe will benefit our communities and students, strengthen the integrity of our elections and enhance public safety.

I wanted to share with you several of those bills below. I have included summaries of some of the legislation, but in some cases the title of the legislation is self-explanatory.

Our Schools:

SB 40 - To study the feasibility of allowing parents to visit their child's classroom during the school day.

Parents should have the right to know what is going on in the lives of their children, and having the opportunity to visit a class to view what is being taught is crucial to their development.

HB 5314 - An Act Permitting School Districts to Opt Out of The Common Core State Standards

When local school districts implement successful programs that work, why should they be required to use Common Core (a confusing educational program that has failed to produce better outcomes for our students)? We need to support districts that are getting it right and allow them the flexibility to implement their own curriculum.

HB 5313 - An Act Concerning Freedom of Expression and of the Press for Students

Protection of student expression and student publications, including political and religious views, is important, and this bill protects the expression or publications except when they are obscene, libelous, slanderous or disrupt school activities.

Your Rights:

HB 5340 - An Act Prohibiting the State from Mandating a Covid-19 Vaccination

HB 5341 - An Act Prohibiting Employers and Public Officials from Requiring Proof of a Covid-19 Vaccination

HB 5344 - An Act Permitting a Moral or Philosophical Objection as an Exemption to the School Immunization Requirements

The decision to take a vaccine should be left up to individuals, not mandated by the government, and I will continue to support your freedom to make the choices that you feel are best for you, and your family.

Protecting Women and Girls:

My Republican colleagues have introduced legislation that would protect our children by prohibiting the prescription of puberty blocking drugs for minors, stop the prescription of artificial cross-sex hormones for minors, and prevent the practice of surgical intervention for minors for the purpose of sex reassignment or treatment of gender dysphoria.

Another of our proposals would prohibit biological males from participating in girls' sports and from accessing girls' locker rooms and bathrooms. These are commonsense solutions that would help prevent injuries in girls' sports and stop the irreversible, live-changing medical treatments on children.

Safeguarding the Community:

SB 345 - An Act Ensuring that Local and State Government Officials Fully Cooperate with Law Enforcement Personnel in the Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law

Connecticut has become a sanctuary state for illegal immigration (which needs to be reversed), and this bill would require the state to abide by federal law and ensure that local and state officials cooperate with law enforcement agents while they enforce immigration laws. We have seen many cases where violent criminals entered the United States illegally and were released from custody after committing new crimes while in the country. That practice needs to end.

SB 352 - An Act Restricting Early Release for Persons Convicted of Crimes Involving Sexual Assault or Firearms

As we have seen in recent headlines, felons who have committed horrific crimes continue to be released early from prison due to faulty criminal justice policies put in place by the Democrat majority. Too often the focus at the

Capitol has been on making laws that benefit offenders, not legislation that considers victims, and it is about time the most dangerous in our communities serve the sentences they are given so society can be protected.

And we will again introduce legislation that reduces electric energy costs and removes Public Benefits Charges from electric bills. As ranking member of the Government Administration & Election Committee I have proposed legislation that strengthens our election laws, including adding a requirement that voters present a photo ID before they cast a ballot, that signatures on absentee ballots be verified and that mandatory minimum sentences for elections crimes be instituted.

I have submitted several other bills that I believe will improve our communities and you can view the entire list at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/My-2025-Bills>

As the session progresses, please contact me about any issue related to legislation or state government that you feel is important.

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/rep_gale.

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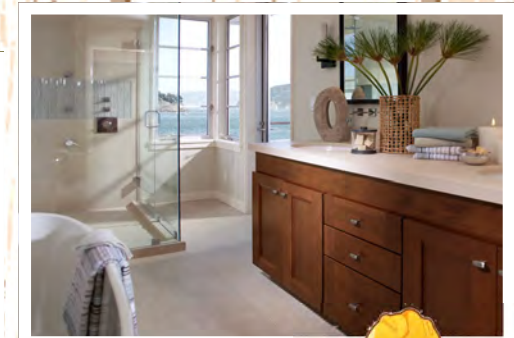
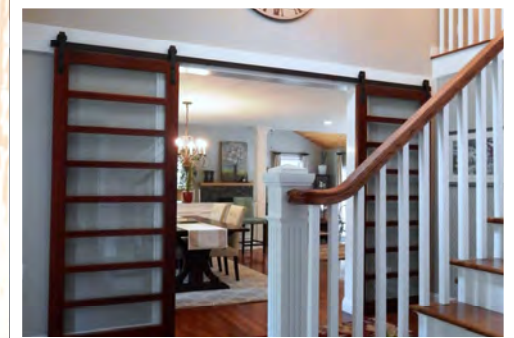
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Wolcott Lions Scholarship 2025

The Wolcott Lions Club Encourage all Wolcott graduating seniors to Apply

The wolcott Lions will again be offering seven (7) \$2,000 Scholarships to the Class of 2025 graduating High School seniors, who reside in Wolcott, and are planing to attend accredited institutions of higher learning including trade schools. Applications can be downloaded from <http://wolcottlions.com/wolcottlionsscholarship.html>

Applications must be fully completed and submitted by April 25,2025. Late applications will not be considered

You may deliver the completed application by email to wolcottlions.scholarship@yahoo.com or mail to: Wolcott Lions Club PO box 6063 Wolcott CT 06716 or hand deliver to any Wolcott Lion's Club member.

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Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



ATTENTION:

If you are in need of clothing, please reach out and we would be happy to help with items we collect in our clothing shed. Please do not remove any items or enter without permission. In the last few weeks, several dozen bags have been removed without permission. You will notice in the next few weeks that a security camera will be installed by the company that owns the shed. The clothing shed will now be locked. Some of our elderly residents who wish to donate have a hard time lifting heavy bags. If the bags are too heavy, please leave them right in front of the shed and our volunteers will handle the heavy lifting. We do not want to blame or embarrass anyone who may need help but leaving the shed a disaster and removing our property is not the right way to obtain clothing. Our volunteers spend hours each week sorting, bagging, organizing and stacking. Thank you so much for your assistance. We appreciate each donation as the funds we receive help to keep our organization operational.



Dan DiVirgilio Founder of Veterans Are Heroes Forever with members and volunteers getting the Mobile Food Pantry ready to serve residents from the Waterbury area at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Waterbury.

The Mature Mouth - part 2

Since the topic ran too long for last month's column, here is the second installment of the information on mature mouths; the issues that can arise and some helpful tips to mitigate those problems.



Dr. Ezra Friedman
Wolcott, CT

Physical limitations: As we get older, our bodies abilities start to meet their limitations more frequently. The athletic endeavors, like a jog or tennis match, become a greater challenge. Similarly, the manual dexterity needed to effectively care for our mouths can become compromised. Generally, I recommend three things to help overcome this challenge. 1) larger handles for your toothbrushes. Often times electric toothbrushes come with larger handles. These larger grips are easier to hold and manipulate. Further, electric toothbrushes do a more efficient job at removing plaque. This leads to my second recommendation, 2) spending an extra minute or two for your oral care routine. Don't rush. If dexterity limits are slowing down your brushing and flossing, then just take your time. Electric toothbrushes can help with this as well, because they do a large portion of the movements needed to remove the plaque and debris. Lastly, 3) switch to floss with a handle. String floss can be a real challenge to even the most dexterous of fingers. There are a couple of varieties of these, so find the one that works best for you.

Aging Dentistry: Everything in our lives has a functional lifespan. Shoes, cars, televisions, etc. Dentistry is no exception. Fillings and crowns are no exception. Though we might not be aware of it, our mouths are a really tough environment. Hot soup to cold seltzer. Chewy taffy to hard nuts (and the accidental popcorn kernel). We subject our mouths to a lot of wear and tear. As we age, this wear and tear adds up and even the most meticulously performed dentistry will eventually reach the end of its functional life and need replacement.

As the treadmill speeds up, we have to walk quicker just to stay in place. The habits that we formed through our lives might no longer be enough to get the job done as elements of bodies and lives change. But, being aware of these potential pitfalls and compensating for them will allow us to spend more time enjoying life and less time in the dentist's chair.



This photo depicts the fifth grade winners in the fire prevention poster contest, sponsored by the Wolcott Fire Marshal's Office. On the far left is first prize winner Graydon Gould of Alcott School followed to the right, the second, third and fourth place winners and then students who received honorable mention awards. — Photography by Picard



The Wolcott Fire Marshal's office held their annual fire prevention poster awards night at the Wolcott Senior Center on January 8th. Fourth and fifth grade students are invited to create and submit fire prevention posters for judging with the anticipation of winning a cash gift card for the top four selected. This photo shows the winners of the fourth grade category, with Trevor Krouse shown on the far left of Alcott School, as the first place winner. — Photography by Picard

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elementary school, and he joined and founded several bands throughout high school and college. An a cappella enthusiast, Michael also music directed his collegiate all-male cappella group, the Conn Men, as well as the Vineyard Sound, a professional seasonal a cappella group based out of Martha's Vineyard. Michael is also a recording artist, and he released his debut album, Chaotic Neutral, in September 2023. You can look up his music on streaming platforms by searching his stage name, "Patsy;" he has a new single, 'Forevermore,' coming out on 1/24. Michael is looking forward to continuing teaching voice, piano, and guitar at AmaSing in the coming year!



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The Legislative Road Ahead in 2025



by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District

As we begin the 2025 legislative session, my focus remains unwavering: representing your interests and fighting for the values that make Connecticut a better place to live, work, raise a family, and retire. Despite being in a legislature dominated by progressive Democrats, I remain committed to

delivering results for you, my neighbors.

While passing new laws to improve your lives is always a priority, serving in the minority often means that one of my most critical roles is to stop bad laws and harmful policies from being enacted. In many cases, preventing destructive legislation is just as important as advancing positive reforms, and I take this responsibility seriously.

Let me start with a simple truth: while Republicans may be an extreme numerical minority in Hartford, our policies and principles align far more closely with the values and priorities of Connecticut residents than those of the Democrats in power. On the most pressing issues — affordability, energy prices, crime, and illegal immigration — elected Democrats have failed, while Republicans offer real solutions grounded in common sense and shared values.

Affordable Energy: A Realistic Path Forward

Connecticut residents are struggling under the weight of skyrocketing energy costs. Progressive Democrats' energy policies have failed you, prioritizing ideological experiments over practical solutions. Programs that subsidize delinquent accounts and impose hidden fees for ineffective "green energy" initiatives have turned Eversource into a de facto tax collector for the state.

Since 2023, I have championed measures to reduce your energy bills, starting with the permanent removal of "Public Benefits Charges" and expanding access to affordable, reliable energy sources like nuclear and hydropower. Unlike elected Democrats, who obsess over costly electric vehicle subsidies, Republicans understand that lowering energy costs requires real competition and practical solutions. Let's restore sanity to Connecticut's energy policies.

Making Connecticut Affordable for Everyone

Connecticut's cost of living is among the highest in the nation, driven by bloated government and reckless spending. My mission is to reduce these burdens by capping excessive licensing fees, cutting income tax rates, and creating a property tax levy cap. By eliminating nonessential unfunded mandates, we can reduce costs

for towns and businesses, creating a ripple effect of savings for everyone.

Elected Democrats, on the other hand, continue to seek ways to spend more and tax more, hiding behind terms like "revenue enhancements" to disguise their true intentions. Let me be clear: the more government grows, the more you pay. Republicans stand for fiscal responsibility and policies that empower you, not the bureaucracy.

Confronting the Consequences of Illegal Immigration

Illegal immigration is not just a national issue — it's impacting Connecticut directly. For years, I've warned about the dangers of elected Democrats' "Super Sanctuary State" policies, which protect criminal illegal aliens while ignoring the safety and financial concerns of law-abiding residents. The 2019 expansion of the "TRUST Act" not only shielded undocumented immigrants from ICE but also removed exceptions that allowed communication with ICE in cases involving dangerous criminals, known gang members, and even terrorists. Effectively, in 2019, legislative Democrats chose to protect criminal aliens as well.

This year, my Republican colleagues will join onto my perennial proposals to address the issue of illegal immigration. These proposals include revising the TRUST Act to allow law enforcement to collaborate with ICE, restoring misdemeanor offenses as triggers for deportation, and ending state-funded healthcare for illegal immigrants. While we want to welcome hardworking immigrants who contribute to our society, we must do so within the bounds of the law. Anything less is a disservice to Connecticut residents who play by the rules.

Elected Democrats Are Out of Step with Connecticut Residents

Poll after poll shows that Republicans are on the right side of the issues that matter most to Connecticut families. Yet, legislative Democrats, emboldened by their supermajority and an overly compliant media, dismiss these priorities as "radical" or "far-right". This couldn't be further from the truth. Common-sense solutions to energy costs, crime, and affordability reflect the will of the majority — not some fringe ideology.

Consider their approach to public safety. Instead of supporting law enforcement and ensuring accountability, they've doubled down on policies that make our communities less safe. Their defiance of federal laws, including their open hostility to efforts to secure the southern border, is not just misguided—it's dangerous.

A Call to Action

While I'll continue to advocate for policies that put Connecticut residents first, I also need your help. The reality is that Democrats are running out of excuses. Without one-time COVID-era federal funds to mask their fiscal mismanagement, their true priorities will be exposed.

Watch closely as they attempt to unravel the financial guardrails Republicans fought to establish.

To that end, I have submitted a broad spectrum of proposals this session that I believe should garner overwhelming and universal support. These include measures to improve government accountability, restore election integrity, improve our currently unaffordable healthcare system, and make Connecticut safe and affordable again. I encourage you to explore the full list of bills on my legislative webpage to see how these proposals can make a positive difference in your life.

Closing Thoughts

Despite the challenges of being in the minority, I am optimistic about the future. Connecticut residents are smart, hardworking, and resilient. I believe that as more people recognize the failures of one-party rule, they will demand change. It's not about party affiliation; it's about policies that work for everyone.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with your questions, concerns, or ideas. I'm here to listen and to fight for what matters to you. Together, we will turn the tide and make Connecticut a state where opportunity, freedom, and prosperity thrive once again.

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Congratulations to Frisbie's Golden Ticket winners for December 2024!



Frisbie's ABC Team started the year off on a positive note!



Mrs. Klemenz's 4th grade ELA class draws a rickshaw and designs it, after reading "Rickshaw Girl".



5th Grade Student Council members attended a Leadership Conference at WCTU where they learned how to be an "upstander" to bullies, how to be an effective communicator and how to work collaboratively!



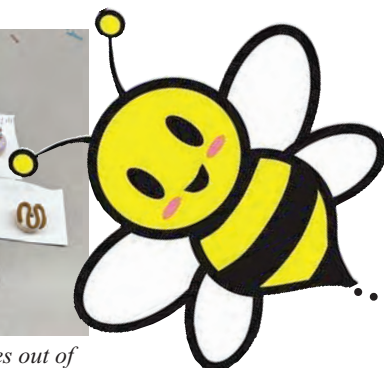
Second graders completed a project-based inquiry about tree bark.



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



In Art, Mrs. Pepin's 4th grade class created food sculptures out of model magic clay for their Rainbow Reward Project!



The first grade students invited the Wolcott Police Department to Frisbie to honor them on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.



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THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL & THE 9/11 REMEMBERED TRAVELING MEMORIAL



Wolcott Man Dies, 37 Others Killed In Viet Air Crash
'He Was a Good Boy,' A Sad Mother Says

Another GI On Plane Also Lost

By MAUREEN WELSH
DANIEL J. BROWN

It was a routine flight, a C-119 transport plane carrying 40 soldiers and crew members from the 1st Cavalry Division to a base in South Vietnam. The plane was en route to a landing zone near the town of Binh Hoa when disaster struck. On December 28, 1964, the plane crashed into a dense forest, minutes before its scheduled landing. The crash resulted in the deaths of 37 soldiers and crew members, including Wolcott resident Derrick Sansone, 23.

Sansone, 23, was a private first class in the Army. He was the son of Mrs. Mildred W. Sansone, 51, of 1000 Main St., Wolcott. Mrs. Sansone said she learned of her son's death from a letter from the Army. She said she was devastated by the news and that she had never seen her son since the crash.

The plane was carrying 40 soldiers and crew members. The crash site was located in a dense forest near the town of Binh Hoa. The plane was carrying 40 soldiers and crew members. The crash site was located in a dense forest near the town of Binh Hoa.

The pictures shown are a variety of what will be shown when the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and the 9/11 Memorial are here May 29th thru June 2nd this year. Helmets and fire gear show the 9/11 Memorial. The rest are of the Wall, two pictures show it being installed in Cheshire and the rest show The Wall in various locations around the country. There is a 1964 article from the Repub/American of Wolcotts only man on the Wall, Derrick Sansone. We are 4 months from The Wall arriving and being set up at the lower Woodtick Recreation. I can only thank all who visit for your willingness to be an important part of the healing process for many veterans.

Thank you — Brett Muccino, Chairman, Veterans Advocacy Commission



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WOLCOTT \$390,000 — Beautifully updated home featuring an open floor plan. The kitchen offers brand-new soft-close cabinets, marble countertops, an island, and stainless steel appliances. The dining room opens up with elegant French doors. The home has a new roof, deck lighting, crown molding, and gleaming hardwood floors. The living room showcases an exquisite tray ceiling. The finished, carpeted family room includes a full bathroom. The yard is level with a new deck. A detached building with heat and electricity provides endless possibilities. Located near the picturesque Woodtick Reservoir.



WOLCOTT \$405,000 — Ranch style home offers three bedrooms and two full baths on the main level. The open concept living room and kitchen are filled with natural light and feature seamless access to a Trex deck that overlooks a beautiful yard. The lower level offers exciting possibilities with its potential in - law suite, complete with an additional bedroom, full bath and generously equipped kitchen. This home is a true gem! Come check it out for yourself!



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.



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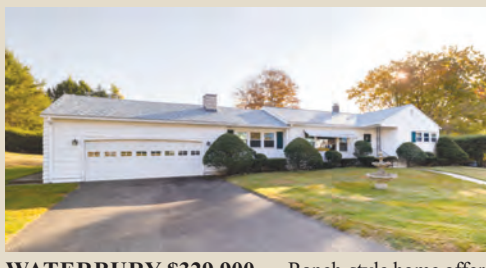
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WATERBURY \$289,900 — Ranch style home offers an attached garage. The main level has a nicely sized living room that opens to the kitchen with plenty of cabinetry, counter space, recessed lighting, and dining area. The kitchen has direct access to the attached garage and sliders to the newer rear deck. There are three generously sized bedrooms and a full bathroom. The lower level with walkout is partially finished. There is also a large area for storage, the washer/dryer and mechanicals. The large rear deck overlooks a private fenced yard.



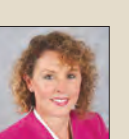
WATERBURY \$329,900 — Ranch-style home offers convenient one-level living with three comfortable bedrooms including 2 closets in the primary bedroom and a spacious family room and a separate living room. The office features a cozy fireplace and built in shelves. Uncover the beauty of the hardwood floors 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.



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!



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Alcott School News



Alcott students and staff got into the holiday spirit with holiday dress up days this season!



The Harlem Wizards visited Alcott to kick off the excitement surrounding the big game being put on by the Wakelee PTO!



The Student Council had a great time taking part in a leadership conference at Western Connecticut State University.

Wolcott Historical Society - February 2025



by Florence Goodman

Last month while driving on Central Avenue my navigation system showed a body of water there as "Therault's Ice Pond." I had never thought about the different names that body of water had been given throughout the years, Wilson's Pond, DellaBella's Pond, Lily Lake and Todd's Pond and it

made me start to think about the lakes and ponds in our town and how they came about. This month I will discuss some of that history and the winter use of these ponds.

Alan Russell, who grew up in Wolcott has researched a great amount of Wolcott history over the years. In September of 2015 he wrote an excellent description of "Lakes and Ponds" in his September blog that I would like to use as part of this article. "The topography of Wolcott does not lend itself to naturally occurring lakes or ponds. The terrain is quite hilly as the town is part of the "foothills of the Berkshires" which are themselves part of the Appalachian Mountains. This is a very old mountain range and the part in Connecticut was worn down not only by the passage of time, but by the last ice age. The highest elevations are in the NE part of town with a few spots topping 1000' (the high point being 1046'). In contrast, where the Mad River exits the town between Route 69 and Woodtick Road the elevation is only 450'. Thus, all the lakes and ponds in town are artificial ones that were created by building dams across the many streams/brooks/streams that flow through town. Most of these are earthen dams, but a few, such as the dam that creates Scovill Reservoir, are more substantial ones of masonry or concrete." Alan lists approximately nineteen named ponds or lakes in Wolcott. For his complete list google (Russell's Ramblings -Ponds and Lakes). Many of these ponds were used in the winter months as ice ponds and each had an icehouse that was found next to it.



By the 1930s the Therault Ice Company began an ice making business



Therault's Ice Pond was created by damming the Lily Brook. It was also called Wilson's Pond, DellaBella's Pond, Lily Lake and Todd's Pond

The Moroz Ice Pond was found along Wolcott Road across from Nichols Road and today is owned by the Wolcott Lion's Club. Sometime between 1900 and 1930 the pond was created by the damming of Old Tannery Brook. They used dynamite to create the 3.5-acre pond. In the 1930s it was owned by Mr. Frank Morozuk (the "uk" at the end of the name meant Ukraine) of 259 Wolcott Road, who used it as an ice pond. The pond is still there, but the icehouse, which was later renovated into a home, and became part of the Herbst family property was rented out for many years. Several years ago, the house was sold to CPE Electric who had the Fire Department burn it for practice, and then built the warehouse that is there now.



The Moroz Ice Pond was found along Wolcott Road across from Nichols Road

Another icehouse was located on Ransom Hall Road at Evers Pond. This 137-acre farm was purchased from Ransom Hall in 1904 by James and Mary Bergen and at that time had an icehouse on the property. The following is the recollection of it by Clarence Atwood. The icehouse with which I was more familiar was that of Mr. James Bergen at Sunny Hill Farm on Ransom Hall Road. When the ice became thick enough, he would use a plow-like piece of equipment, which a horse pulled across the ice, producing straight furrows clear across the pond. Then he marked right angle furrows, which produced ice cakes, about two feet by four feet. An old auto engine on runners with a two-foot buzz saw was then drawn along the lines to cut the ice cakes nearly to the bottom. A long chute led from the water's edge up the bank and into his icehouse. Beginning at the water's edge, a channel was opened across the pond and ice cakes, one by one beginning at the far side were pushed along the channel and up the ramp into the icehouse where they were bedded in sawdust. This ice was used as needed to keep his milk cool until it could be delivered to customers on his daily milk route. Some ice was chipped and spread on the milk bottles to keep them cool during delivery. Sawdust was used as an insulator to keep the ice from melting, and it did indeed, so the supply of ice lasted until the next harvest season. Sometimes someone helping with the ice harvest fell into



Mr. James Bergen at Sunny Hill Farm sold milk and ice to keep it from spoiling.

The ice industry or ice harvesting was started in 1806 by a New England businessman Frederic Tudor. Ice was sent by barge, railroad or ships to the South and Caribbean Islands and became a lucrative business. Most Americans didn't have refrigerators until the 1940s so, keeping food fresh was a hit or miss proposition. Many homes had "ice boxes or cold closets" which were usually made of wood and lined with tin or zinc. They were insulated with materials such as cork, sawdust or straw. These iceboxes needed large blocks of ice to keep them cold. Therefore, the ice business became a well-established and important industry during this period of our history and some Wolcott residents earned a living producing ice to fill them. I have found information on several ice ponds with ice houses and ice businesses.

Therault's Ice Pond was created by damming the Lily Brook and had several names depending on who owned the land around it. In 1848 the pond was used by Sreat Todd as part of his sawmill operation. By the 1930s the Therault Ice Company began using the pond for their ice making business. They had a commercial icehouse at this location on Central Avenue. Mr. Edward Therault serviced residents of Wolcott and surrounding towns until several years of mild winters forced him to close the icehouse and sell the land to DellaBella's Mushroom Company. The DellaBella family raised mushrooms on this farm for many years.



Welton's Ice Pond was found at the bottom of Spindle Hill Road

the water. The unlucky person was pulled out of the water and hustled up to the nearby house to get thawed and dried out. Often, he was offered a good stiff drink of hard cider or sometimes some good homemade brandy. Our own farm (Atwood farm on Woodtick Road) had an icehouse and a small pond nearby, but it fell into disuse before my time. The James Bergen, Sunny Hill Dairy Farm icehouse on Ransom Hall Road continued to be used by the Evers family when they purchased that property sometime in the late 1950s or early '60s.

Welton's Ice Pond was found on the right side of Spindle Hill Road at the bottom of the hill just south of Wakelee School before the Waterbury town line. It was called Icehouse Pond, but its proper name was Welton Pond. It was one of the earliest ponds in Wolcott. It received its name from the Welton brothers who lived on either side of it in the mid-1800s. It is on Col. Richards Brook, as is Chestnut Hill Reservoir. The lower part of Col. Richards Brook below Chestnut Hill Reservoir is now called Old Tannery Brook. (I also remember some people calling it Pritchard's Pond, but I'm not sure why.) The icehouse was located next to the pond and is still standing today, it is used as a storage garage. Back in 2013 I interviewed a couple, Jean and Tony Bosco and they had this to say about that ice pond and icehouse. "We would watch as the men cut the ice and haul it up to the icehouse using an elevator system to move the ice. They would put hay on the ice to keep it from melting. This worked well and the ice stayed frozen all summer long."



Souza Ice Service was located at 1149 Wolcott Road.

Over the years, I have researched and found the names of about thirty farms that were found in Wolcott, but I know there were many more and each farm, no matter the size had the same needs, water, land to plant crops, fields for the livestock and a way to preserve the food that they produced. I'm sure many of these farms had small ponds and ice houses or deep cold cellars to store their food through the summer, but if they did not, there was an ice business that supplied them with the ice they needed.

Back in the late 1950s and mid 1960s there was still an ice company located at 1149 Wolcott Road; it was Souza Ice Service. The Stone Schoolhouse Museum has two ice picks advertising this business. I remember when I was growing up in the 1950s, we would walk up Wolcott Road past the Souza Ice Service. Dan Souza and his wife still live at that location.

FYI: I will be presenting the History of the Wolcott Library on March 13th at 2:00 at the Wolcott Library.

(Information for this article was taken from: Memories of Wolcott in the 1930s written by Clarence Atwood of Woodtick Road; "Wednesday, September 2, 2015, By Alan Russell-Wolcott History-Lakes and Ponds" (<http://ramblinrussells.blogspot.com/>); Wolcott Community News articles, April 2014 and September 2013 by Florence Goodman; and an interview in 2013 with Jean and Tony Bosco)

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Wolcott Food Pantry

Distribution Date Reminders

Feb 12th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:00AM
Feb 26th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:00AM

Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for people that can help with food inventory management, shelf stockers, bag fillers, and freezer stockers. Additionally, we are looking for someone with the ability to potentially drive a box truck (no CDL required) -or- ride as an assistant to various Wolcott, Waterbury, Wallingford locations to pick up -or- drop-off food donations. Boxes of food can be between 10 to 40 lbs.

Availability Mon/Tues 8:00 AM-11:00 AM. Every other Wed 8 AM – 11:00 AM. Please call our number (203) 704-7402 and leave us a message. We will get back to you A.S.A.P.

Our Winter Storm Closing Policy

Our Winter ‘inclement weather’ rescheduling procedure is a s 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 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.

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 ongoing 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’ students/parents and staff of Alcott School for their recent food drive/donation. It was run by the Project Explorer members.



‘Thank You’ students/parents and staff at Frisbie school for their recent food drive/donation. This effort was run by the Frisbie Student Council.



‘Thank You’ to the 6th grade students and staff of Tyrrell Middle School for their recent collection/ donation efforts.



‘Thank You’ students/parents and staff of Wolcott High School for their recent food drive/ donation. The effort was coordinated by the Wolcott High School Community Service Club.

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



Winter Tips!

Here we are in the second month of 2025 already! Holiday celebrations and beautiful decorations have given way to preparations for spring and all the hope of new life it holds. Will we see an early spring or six more weeks of winter? Either way, please be careful out there when walking, running, or driving. Large ice patches are easily identified; it is the black ice you should watch out for. If the road looks wet and the temperature is below freezing, it could cause you to slip and slide. This is the time of year when we often see an increase in sprains, strains and fractures. Whether from slipping on the ice or not lifting properly when shoveling the heavy wet snow, these injuries can change your life forever. The best thing you can do is prevent them from happening in the first place. Watch for icy patches and utilize proper body mechanics if you shovel snow. We want all of you to feel well and injury free when springtime arrives!

Ambulance Facility Update

Construction is complete! After 50 wonderful years on Todd Road, we are in the process of moving to our beautiful new facility! We are so grateful for the patience and support we have been given by all of you during construction.

Emergency Medical Technician Class

Have you ever considered embarking on a career in the field of Emergency Medical Services? The first step in this process would be to take an EMT course. Join us at our new facility on Woodtick Road for this challenging and informative class. Registration for our spring program beginning on February 10th is closed, but there is still plenty of time to sign up for our summer class! This 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 February 4, 2025, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training - learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, February 11, 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 December, WVAA responded to 146 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. Enjoy your winter activities & stay safe!



Roses are red, Violets are blue, We come to the library every week, And you should too!

Repair Cafe – Calling all Handy People!

Wolcott Public Library is launching the first “Repair Cafe” in Wolcott. This community event unites broken household items and volunteer Fixers. This Repair Cafe is part of a global movement to reduce waste and bring people together. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 12-2 at the Wolcott Public Library. Can you fix lamps, furniture, appliances, or anything else? Can you darn holes? Call the library at 203-879-8110 or email us at library@wolcottct.org to volunteer.

January Events

We have new and returning library programs this February 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 Allison, our Digital Navigator, in person for more information.

Ongoing

Take and Make - Tugging Heartstrings String Art: Create heart-shaped decorations easily with twine, balloons, and glue. Kits are available while supplies last — first come, first serve. Liquid glue not included.

Events for All Ages

Every Monday, 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! Give us a heads-up if you need a lesson.

Every Monday, 6:30 Trivia Tonight - Challenging questions crafted for the audience. Choose a duck to represent your team. Only one duck can sit in the throne of honor.

Every Friday, 12:00 Homeschool Family Meetup - Magnetism (Feb. 7th), Hour of Code (Feb. 14th), Robotics (Feb. 21st), Comedy and Improv (Feb. 28th).

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 5:30 Betrayal of the House on the Hill - This game takes about an hour and is part strategy, part mystery, and deception. "Explore a haunted house as a team ...until one of you turns against the rest."

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2:00 This Business of Fighting History Talk from Arnie Pritchard - Arnie's father was a forward artillery observer who landed in Normandy and stayed with the UN after the war. Arnie reads his father's letters beautifully and brings us back to World War II.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10:30 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! Give us a heads-up if you need a lesson.

Monday, Feb. 10, 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.

Wednesday, Feb 12, 5:30 Ruthless Scrabble - 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. Calling all game lovers, no experience required.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2:00 Peter Benson - Listen to local guitarist Peter Benson playing Country and Folk music! He has a wide repertoire of covers and originals. See him here before he leaves for Nashville.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, Presidential Cookie Tasting - In honor of President's Day, pick up a recipe card for one of the cookies from Presidential Cookie Bake-offs and bring in two dozen cookies to exchange. Registration required.

Wolcott Public Library



Children's Events

Every Monday, 5:30 StorySTEM - Stories and engineering challenges geared to Preschoolers - big kids, so the whole family can join in. Build a bridge for the three Billy Goats Gruff, construct a tower for Rapunzel. No registration required.

Every Tuesday, 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.

Every Tuesday, 10:45 Preschool Storytime (Ages 3+) - Stories, songs & a craft

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

Every Wednesday, 5:30 Crazy 8's (Grades K-2) - High energy math club - lots of fun!

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

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 4:00 Readin' with Teagan - Meet and read to Teagan - a golden retriever therapy dog who loves to read!

Teen Events

Every Thursday, 6:00 Dungeons & Dragons - Wolcott needs heroes! Travel to exotic lands, roll dice, and fight monsters! Join Dungeon Master Stumpy for an intro-level campaign.

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 4:00 Teen Makerspace - Make a craft or learn a new skill! Available activities include DIY mugs, jewelry, button-making, crochet, 3D Printer, Lego, and robots.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 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.

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 4:00 Magic the Gathering (Grades 6-12) - Bring your own cards or use the library's sets! All levels welcome.

Adult Events

Every Tuesday, 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.

Every Wednesday, 10:00 A Good Yarn - Come knit & crochet with us - beginners welcome!

Every Thursday, 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.

Monday, Feb. 3, 11:00 Navigating Email - Set up your email so that you can find what you need, and never see spam again! Bring-your-own laptop or computer - if you need to use a library computer, register by calling 203-879-8110 and inform library staff.

Thursday, Feb. 6, 5:30 Valentine Mug-Making - Design and print a mug for that special someone with the Cricut mug press!

Thursday, Feb. 13, 4:00 Minerals of CT With Al Peret of the Thames Valley Rockhounds - Do you like minerals? Of quartz you do! Come learn about the minerals found in our state and see a plethora of different mineral samples.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 11:00 Seed Library Launch - We are excited to unveil our new seed library! With this library, you can check out seeds for your garden and get ready for the springtime. Come to the launch to learn more and celebrate our newest edition to the library.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6:00 Book Club - Join our monthly book club with this month's book, Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 5:30 Gardening 101 - Learn the necessary basics to get started growing your own garden.

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 6:00 Non-Fiction Book Club - Join our NEW monthly non-fiction book club with this month's book, How to Know a Person by David Brooks. Available in print and audio at the library.

Friday, Feb. 28, 1:00 - The Final Friday movie will be Wicked (2024).



Wolcott Public Library's Tuesday Storytime crowd loves crafts!



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

Friends of the Wolcott Library, Inc.

We are happy to support the “Take Your Child to the Library” special event on February 1st. The Riverside Reptiles will be making a special appearance. This program has been brought to you by the generosity of the Michael and Olga Krasnovsky Fund. Over the years this couple, now deceased, donated many items to the Friends and we proudly display them in the Reading Room on a rotating basis. Nesting dolls, silver snowflakes, Russian eggs, wooden toys and beautifully decorated enamel boxes are all part of their collection. We also honor Olga Krasnovsky by awarding Barnes and Noble gift cards to 4 deserving Tyrrell School Graduates each June. This will be our ninth year of participation in the awards ceremony.

The Friends recently renewed Constant Contact for the Library. If you are not a member, you can give your e-mail to the staff and you will receive information concerning our programming. You can also register for Wowbrary. This service will send weekly emails to you concerning the newest releases purchased by the Library and easy ways to borrow materials.

We also renewed 2 passes for the Beardsley Zoo which is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm. Our other museum passes include the CT Old State House, CT State Parks (including Dinosaur, Ft. Trumbull and Gillette Castle State Parks), the Mattatuck, New Britain Museum of Modern Art, Pez Visitor Center and the Wadsworth. Each offers either free or reduced admission prices. Discount coupons are also available for the Barker Character Comic and Cartoon Museum as well as the CT Science Center. Take advantage of the savings while having a great time visiting these attractions.

Did you make a New Year's resolution to get more involved in your community? The Friends are always looking for new members to assist us with our book sales especially with pre-sorting and our landscaping projects. Check out the pictures on our updated website www.wolcottlibrary.org. If you can't join us at this time, there are other ways to help. If you are a TD Bank customer, you can select us as your charity of choice and we will receive an annual donation if you keep your accounts active. Or if not using them as your bank, consider opening up an account and the Friends will receive a one-time donation for your efforts. Also, if you are looking for a gift for that person who has everything or to remember a loved one, you can donate a book or other materials to the Library via the Commemorative Bookplate Program. A form can also be found on the website. This is a great way for us to stock our shelves with the newest releases. For any questions concerning the Friends, please contact Janet Tynan at wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com or call 203 233-6407.



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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

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!

Tuesday, February 4

12:00 Free Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

Wednesday, February 5

11:30 Lunch Special — Goulash (Fast Macaroni & Meat Sauce), Fresh Green Beans, Garlic Bread & Dessert — \$5.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mon. Feb 3

Thursday, February 6

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

11:15 "Heart Health" presentation sponsored by Chesprocott and Hartford Healthcare, Sign up at the senior center

11:30 Crafty Corner with Jeannie — Learn to make a Valentine's Hanging Flower Arrangement — \$8.00 pp Pay when you sign up

Wednesday, February 12

11:30 Lunch Special — Fund Raiser for Wolcott Food Pantry — Ham Dinner with Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable, Italian Bread & Butter & Dessert — \$8.00 pp Sign up & Pay by 2/10

Friday, February 14

8:30-9:30 Valentine's Day Breakfast Special — \$2.00 pp Pancakes w/ Strawberry Topping & Whipped Cream, Bacon, Pastries (EAT IN ONLY-NO TAKE OUTS), Sign up & Pay by Wed. Feb 12

Sunday, February 16

11:00 doors open — Wolcott Exchange Club is sponsoring a complimentary luncheon for PARTICIPANTS of the senior center. Wolcott residents can sign up now,

NON-RESIDENTS can sign up starting Jan 20 to Feb 10 — SIGN UP AT THE SENIOR CENTER ONLY

Tuesday, February 18

12:00 Free Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

Wednesday, February 19

Lunch Special — Turkey & Cheese w/ Lettuce on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert, \$5.00 pp Sign up & pay by Mon Feb 17

Thursday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

11:30 Lunch Special--2 large slices of Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. Feb 26

Friday, February 28

Senior Breakfast — French Toast w/ Bacon — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hrs in advance



Our crafty seniors made Old Man Winter door hanging at the senior center



Ellen Lumia and Mallard share a birthday at the senior center



Roz assisting Mallard eating his birthday cupcakes made by Auntie Kathy



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Target on Tyrrell



French students learned how Three Kings Day is celebrated in French speaking countries and enjoyed sampling King Cakes that their classmates made with a special trinket hidden inside. Those who find the trinket get to be king or queen for the day and will have good luck for the rest of the year. It also means they have to make the cake for next year's party.



French students learned about various Christmas customs and made a traditional Bûche de Noël, or Yule Log Cake, for their classmates to sample.



Students of Spanish at Tyrrell Middle School learned about Día de los Reyes. This holiday is observed on January 6th in Spanish speaking countries. Students made shoes and crowns which are two symbols of this celebration.



Sixth grade French classes made shoes for St. Nicolas Day, which takes place on December 6th. In some parts of France and other French speaking countries, children leave their shoes by the fireplace for him to fill. If they have been good, they will receive treats, but those who have been naughty will get sticks.



Wakelee School News!



Wakelee Super Readers- Congratulations to these students for reading each and every month!



Students in Mr. Cornelio's class created research posters on endangered animals.



Mrs. Kane's 3rd grade class played holiday-themed 'Minute to Win It' games during math, using their math skills to calculate scores.



Layla and Adrian (grade 4) were Wakelee's winners for the Fire Prevention Poster Contest! Congratulations!



5th Grade Student Council members, along with Mrs. Klemenz, Mrs. Fleming, and Mrs. Murray attended a Leadership Conference at Western CT State University this month, where they learned about how to be an "upstander" to bullies, how to be an effective communicator and how to work collaboratively!



Ms. Stec's kindergarten class working in centers and practicing their counting skills!



Wolcott High School NEWS



Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

- Grade 9 Jacob Rowe
- Grade 10 Daniel Polkowski
- Grade 11 Thalia Rosa
- Grade 12 Sara-Kate Lumia
- Staff: Mr. Guertin

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

The Medical Program at Wolcott High School, taught by Mrs. Lofgren RN, MSN had left many positive impacts in students' lives and their future to come. This CTE department offers a class to become a Certified Nursing Assistant, a class to learn Medical Terminology based on UCONN curriculum, a class to become First Aid and CPR certified, and finally a class that offers a view into the medical field through UCONN Exploring Medical Careers.

Nursing student Lisa Sanzone highlights how, "It's an amazing environment where everyone gets along and works together to promote learning". The CNA class in specific has brought many joys to the students at WHS as it, "is a wonderful stepping stone for anyone interested in the medical field to get hands-on experience", says Emis Poci. Many students who have felt very prepared taking all these classes as it provides them with background knowledge that can be used in the future as vital skills are learned. It is encouraged that everyone takes at least one of these classes even if you're not going into the medical field as it provides you with life long skills that may save a person's life around you.

National Honor Society Holiday Party



Thank You R & R Roofing!

A thank you to R&R Roofing for making many Wolcott High School families a very happy Christmas this year through their generous donations. We are truly fortunate to have their support in our community.

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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.

Integrated Preschool Lottery

The application process for the Alcott Elementary Preschool Lottery Program is now available for the 2025-2026 school year. Applications will be available online for all Wolcott Residents who have a child that will turn 3 years old by September 1, 2025. Completion of this form DOES NOT guarantee your child a spot in the Preschool Program. The Lottery Application Process will close on Friday, March 7, 2025. The lottery selection will be completed after March 7th and you will be notified of the results by email. Residency Requirements must be met in order to be enrolled in the Preschool Program.

Please visit the Wolcott Public Schools District website to apply for the Lottery and to view Residency Requirements at: wolcottps.org If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at 203-879-8178.

A Rewarding Career Awaits You

Driving a school bus is a rewarding job for anyone who loves children. Parents can bring their children on the bus with them to save on daycare expense while enjoying school holidays and vacations off with their children. It is a great job for retirees and anyone who likes to drive. Paid training classes are starting now! 25 to 35 hours per week once you are licensed. No experience is necessary. Clean driving record required. Paid holidays, dental, life insurance and 401K available.

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Wolcott Terminal, 515 Wolcott Road, 203-879-1334



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WPS Start & End Times

www.wolcottps.org

Schedule	Schools		
	Wolcott High School <small>https://www.wolcottps.org/</small>	Tyrrell Middle School <small>https://tms.wolcottps.org/</small>	All Elementary Schools <small>AS: https://www.wolcottps.org/ ES: https://www.wolcottps.org/ MS: https://www.wolcottps.org/</small>
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

Wolcott Public Schools Directors

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- ◆ Business Manager:
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- ◆ Assistant Superintendent:
Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
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Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
- ◆ Supervisor of Special Education:
Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
- ◆ Director of School Climate, Culture and HR:
Mrs. Deborah Osvald – 203-879-8183
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Mrs. Jennifer Zarrilli – 203-879-8145
- ◆ Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance –
203 879-8180
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Wolcott High School – 203 879-8164

- ◆ Principal: Mr. Walter Drewry
- ◆ Assistant Principal: Mr. Bryan MacKay
- ◆ Assistant Principal: Mrs. Michelle Thies

Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151

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

Alcott Elementary School – 203 879-8160

◆ Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese

Frisbie Elementary School – 203 879-8146

◆ Principal: Mr. Joseph Morgan

Wakelee Elementary School – 203 879-8154

◆ Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

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

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It is the policy of the Wolcott Board of Education that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, material status, sexual orientation, mental retardation, past or present history of mental disorder, learning disability or physical disability.

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BOE 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
FEBRUARY	10 (Monday - Wakelee)	
MARCH	3 (Monday - WHS)	24 (Monday - Frisbie)
APRIL	7 (Monday)	28 (Monday)

Preschool Screenings

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



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Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2024-2025

Month	Days	Notes
July	31	
August	5/2	August 29th, 30th, and September 3rd are transition days for Kindergarten.
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	

Date/Event or Holiday	Staff	Student
August 26, 2024	5	2
August 27, 2024	5	2
August 28, 2024	5	2
August 29, 2024	5	2
September 2, 2024	20	20
October 14, 2024	22	22
November 5, 2024	17	17
November 11, 2024	17	17
November 28-29, 2024	14	14
Dec 23, 2024 - Jan. 1, 2025	21	21
January 20, 2025	18	17
February 14, 2025	21	20
February 17-18, 2025	16	16
March 24, 2025	21	21
April 18, 2025	21	21
April 21-25, 2025	11	11
May 26, 2025	11	11
June 13, 2025	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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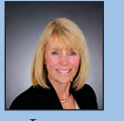
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Wolcott \$645,000 - New Construction Colonial to be built at The Preserve, a 2 cul-de-sac subdivision with seasonal views of Chestnut Hill Reservoir. This 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial features an open floor plan with hardwood floors throughout, kitchen with island and granite counters, formal dining room with crown molding, and great room with propane fireplace. Two story grand foyer. The second level features a spacious en-suite primary bedroom with a huge walk-in closet, 3 other bedrooms, and a full laundry room. Walk-out basement, central air, town sewers, underground utilities. Here's your chance to customize your dream home with a well known local builder. Ask for J.R. or Lynn.



Wolcott \$720,000 - A one of a kind 3 BR, 2.5 bath Contemporary home w/privacy on a beautiful cul-de-sac. Over 3000 square feet w/natural light flowing throughout. Large living room with cathedral ceiling, floor to ceiling windows & a fireplace, remodeled kitchen w/ wine chiller, large formal dining room & 5 sliding doors to sunroom; Main floor M/bedroom suite w/large walk-in closet, jacuzzi tub, skylight and separate tiled glass shower, main level laundry, pantry. The wide stairs and cat-walk to upper level with 2 large bedrooms w/lots of closet space & oversized windows. The partially finished lower level is perfect for rec/office; 2 car garage, new stucco surrounding the house, new deck; fenced-in yard with flower beds, fruit trees, raspberries, blackberries & vegetable garden. Minutes to highways, shops & parks. Ask for Sali Barolli.



Waterbury Condo \$139,900 - New Listing; Looking for the perfect place to call home? This 2 bedroom condo has it! Freshly painted with a neutral palette, new carpeting throughout and professionally cleaned this condo feels clean, cozy and inviting from the moment you step inside. Features include spacious living room perfect for relaxing or entertaining, eat-in kitchen to enjoy family meals, two comfortable bedrooms with plenty of natural light; one full and one half bath. Conveniently located near shopping, medical facilities, etc. 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.



LAND LOTS

WOLCOTT

\$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.

\$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.

\$1,300,000 - New Price - 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.

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