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Our photographer captured this image of a red shouldered hawk perched high in a tree searching for food below. Recent sightings of various birds of prey are becoming more common in the region including the American bald eagle. *Photography by Picard*



The new Petro Pat gas station and convenience store located at 685 Wolcott Road is officially open for business. The construction of a new building and state of the art gas pumps with a canopy has finally been completed. An official grand opening is being planned in the spring. *Photography by Picard*



Major league baseball has already begun spring training in Florida and Arizona in preparation of the upcoming baseball season. Judging by this image of the Wolcott BAW fields it looks like spring training won't begin here till the end of March or April. *Photography by Picard*



The Exchange Club of Wolcott invited Brett Muccino of the Veterans Advocacy Commission to a recent meeting to talk about the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall coming to Wolcott on May 29 to June 2, 2025. Brett gave a detailed itinerary of the walls' arrival and setting it up at the Woodtick Recreation field. His organization is also looking for volunteers to assist with security, activities and sponsorships. Interested persons can email the commission at [VETERANSADVOCACY@WOLCOTTCT.ORG](mailto:VETERANSADVOCACY@WOLCOTTCT.ORG). *Photography by Picard*



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**BIRTHDAYS**

**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.

**March 7th - AJ Mastrofrancesco**  
**March 7th - Joe Macary**  
**March 20th - Michael Macary**

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**Aries, March 21st - April 19th**  
"The Flying Ram"

As the first sign in the zodiac, the presence of Aries always marks the beginning of something energetic and turbulent. They are continuously looking for dynamic, speed and competition, always being the first in everything - from work to social gatherings. Aries is one of the most active zodiac signs. It is in their nature to take action, sometimes before they think about it well. Aries rules the head and leads with the head, often literally walking head first, leaning forwards for speed and focus. Its representatives are naturally brave and rarely afraid of trial and risk. They possess youthful strength and energy, regardless of their age and quickly perform any given tasks.

**March 31st - Danielle Mastrofrancesco**

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A recent visit to the Wolcott Public Works garage revealed that the supply of salt and sand to treat our roads has taken a hit with the recent snow storms that fell on the area. Given the prediction of six more weeks of winter, looks like the town will have to purchase a little bit more sand and salt to handle any future storms. — Photography by Picard

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**Info:** Appointments are needed. Schedule online at redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

**April 4th - Friday  
April 5th - Saturday**

**Tyrrell Middle School Drama Club presents  
Disney's "Finding Nemo, JR."**

**Location:** Tyrrell Middle School  
500 Todd Rd., Wolcott

**Time:** Friday 7pm | Saturday 2pm & 7pm

**Cost:** \$7 adults, \$5 students/seniors, children under 3 free if sitting in adults lap.

**Info:** Tickets available to purchase starting March 17th by emailing Mrs. Kerri Baker at kbaker@wolcottps.org

**April 11th - Friday**

**Designer Purse Bingo Fundraiser  
The Exchange Club of Wolcott**

**Location:** The American Legion  
1253 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott

**Time:** 6pm Doors Open | Games Start 7pm

**Cost:** \$45 Presale, \$50 at the door

**Info:** To purchase tickets please email your name and phone number to ExchangeClubofWolcott@gmail.com and someone will contact you.

**April 14th - Monday**

**Exchange Club of Wolcott  
Public Service Awards**

**Location:** Aqua Turf Club  
556 Mulberry St., Plantsville

**Time:** 6pm

**Cost:** \$50 per person

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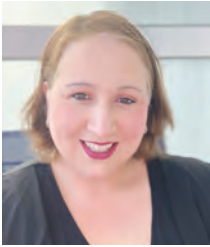
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**A Minute with the Clerk**

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



**Vital Record  
and Election Updates**

**To Get Married:** To obtain a marriage license you must apply in the town you are getting married in. Please call ahead to see if that town requires an appointment or if you can just walk in. Due to the overwhelming number of out-of-state

marriages being performed in Connecticut, many of the larger cities have a waiting period when you apply. All Connecticut municipalities follow the same state law, but each office has their own policies.

**Getting a Marriage License Certified Copy:** You can obtain a certified copy of your marriage license from the town you were married in and the town you and your partner lived in at the time. There are options to mail in for your records if the town hall hours do not work with your schedule. If you move, the records do not follow.

**Getting a Birth Certificate:** You can obtain a certified birth certificate from the town you were born in or the town your mom was living in at the time. However, ALL births starting in 2003 to present can be obtained from any town as they are available through our online portal. You won't be able to print from home because there is special paper, and a raised seal required.

**Getting a Death Certificate:** For death records same rules apply. In 2020 a new system rolled out which now allows death records to be purchased from any town in Connecticut.

**Elections:** It seems that every month there is a new change to the election process. As Town Clerks, it is our sworn duty to learn the new laws, actively keep our offices modernized, and do whatever it takes to ensure voter privacy and accuracy. While most election duties are handled by the Registrar of Voters, we have many responsibilities in preparing the ballots, ordering the ballots, updating the online voting system, and issuing absentee ballots.

In May, my staff and I will be heading to Hartford for training on the new election machines. This way we can be prepared and ready for the November election. It will be new, and change is never easy, but please bear with us and our election officials as we navigate together. When a little overwhelmed, I remind myself what a privilege it is to vote, what a great nation we live in, and how honored I am to be your Town Clerk and serve our amazing little town.

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March 2025 — Happy St. Patrick's Day

After an unusually mild winter, we are hoping spring is right around the corner. Looking forward to getting our Parks and Fields ready for the warm weather activities.



Looking forward to The Vietnam Traveling Wall coming to town in May, as well as many other activities.

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 check our website at www.wolcottct.org for upcoming events and activities as always, know that you can contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Stop by my office or give me a call at 203-879-8100 Ext. 102.

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# Boy Scout Troop 230

Winter weather doesn't stop the scouts in BSA Troop 230! The boys meal prepped, shopped and planned for a winter campout at June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT. The troop was able to practice campfire skills and head out on a hike. Additionally, after preparing their own Klondike sled, they headed to Mattatuck Scout Reservation in Plymouth, CT, to participate in the annual Klondike Derby. Troops from all over Connecticut headed to camp to compete in various skill and task stations in this friendly, fun event. Some popular races included knot tying, cold water rescue, and fire building. Despite the icy conditions, the troop was successful.

Upcoming events for the remaining winter months include hosting the Arrow of Light Cub Scout den on a campout, visiting a local forge to learn the art of knife making and swimming at a local, indoor pool to practice for their Swimming Merit Badge.

The Troop will be hosting a Bottle and Can Drive on Saturday, March 22 (rain/snow date 3/23) at the American Legion on Wolcott Road. Please consider dropping off your cans and bottles to help fund activities and events that help our scouts learn and grow.

As always, the Troop continues to collect cans and bottles. 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](mailto:trop230committee@gmail.com).



## Wolcott Education Foundation



Applications for our numerous named scholarships need to be returned to the School Counseling Dept. at Wolcott High no later than noon on Friday, March 7, 2025. Please note that we have added three additional memorial scholarships: Inez Hartigan, Louise Buzzelli and Rosemary Flynn. We thank their families for once again supporting the Foundation with scholarship money.

We are presently in the midst of our fund raising campaign and the Directors would like to thank National Die Company for their recent donation. Bob Gerace became a silver sponsor in memory of his wife, Marilyn along with Eleanor and Richard Renkun, Jr. Bronze sponsors are Gaudiosi Hauling, Judy Ball and the Buzzelli, Thies, Tynan, Tansley, Gugliotti and Macary Families. Thomas Jokubaitis, who founded the organization in 1996, has given us a very generous donation this year as he has done in the past. We appreciate all our supporters as well as the families who continue to donate to their memorials. We recently received a donation from the Ackerman Family to add to the Phil Cordeau Memorial.

So far this year the WEF has funded the "Positive Older People: Mentoring Program at Tyrrell" proposed by Vice-Principal Sara Tedesco as well as the "Read Across Wolcott" held last month in all three elementary schools. Students from the middle and high schools visited with the younger students as guest readers sharing the book "Each Kindness" by Jacqueline Woodson. Taylor Palmieri and Tara Jackson applied for this special event. We also became a silver sponsor for the Wolcott Robotics Foundation. For any questions concerning our scholarship or teacher grant program, please call Janet Tynan, Treasurer at 203 233-6407 or [Tynan\\_janet@comcast.net](mailto:Tynan_janet@comcast.net).



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CASA Coalition aims to reduce substance misuse and promote wellness in Wolcott through collaboration, education, awareness and community action. Our coalition meetings are open to the entire Wolcott community, we'd love for you to join us!

The meetings are a great opportunity for you to learn what CASA is up to, and for you to see how together, we can build a healthy Wolcott.

Meetings are held at the library, starting at noon; lunch is provided. March 14, 2025 & May 9, 2025

Check out CASA's website: <https://www.wolcottcasa.org>  
Contact us with any questions: CASA's Project Director: Dawn Cronin, [dronin@wolcottps.org](mailto:dronin@wolcottps.org). CASA's Program Coordinator: Leigha Klem, [lklem@wolcottps.org](mailto:lklem@wolcottps.org)



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**The 2025 Honorees**

			
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## Junior Women's Club News



Are you eligible for a blood donation? This is a reminder to call the Red Cross or go online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to reserve your spot to donate blood for our annual Blood Drive; the location is the St. Pius X Church Hall, March 8th 7:30 AM through 1:30 PM. Come down and donate, remember that the American Red Cross needs your help to stop winter weather from giving hospital patients the cold shoulder. Those who are eligible to donate are urged to cozy up to giving blood, platelets or plasma to help hospital patients during their time of need.

The Education committee will be busy voting on one essay from the elementary schools (Alcott, Frisbie and Wakelee) for the Creative Writing Contest, "What's Best about Wolcott". Taking into consideration from past years, we know the judges will have a difficult time selecting the top essay. The winners from the 2025 Creative Writing Contest will have their articles printed in an upcoming issue of the Wolcott Community News.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is sponsoring three \$1000.00 scholarship opportunities for Wolcott residents who will be graduating from High Schools in June 2025. The applications are in the Wolcott High School's Guidance Department and the Wolcott High school web site. The Arts Scholarship is for any student who furthers his or her education (major or minor) in some field of the ARTS or has a genuine interest in the ARTS through participation and or education. The Lucille Jablonski Community Service Scholarship is for any student who is furthering his or her education and has played an active role in community service and/or volunteerism. It is important that volunteer activities are listed in the students' application. The Patricia Najarian Scholarship is for an average student who is achieving his or her full scholastic potential and needs financial assistance. The deadline for all applications is March 15th. Applications must be mailed to our P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716.

We will be donating a child's bicycle and helmet to the town wide Easter Egg Hunt. This is one of our favorite events. Every year our Little Miss & Little Mr. Wolcott assist the Easter Bunny during the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are attending, please stop by and ask Little Miss & Mr. Wolcott how they enjoyed their year being ambassadors for Wolcott. A few highlights of their year so far are lighting the Wolcott Christmas Tree and greeting Santa, attending the Mayor's Christmas Party, and more to come as well as riding in the upcoming Wolcott Memorial Day Parade.

Arriving in Wolcott, CT on May 29, 2025, the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial located in Washington DC. It stands six feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end. This Traveling Memorial stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people the opportunity to visit loved ones in their hometown who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to Washington. The Town of Wolcott's Veterans Advocacy Commission is coordinating with various organizations to bring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to our town. It will be located at the Woodtick Recreation lower by the pavilion.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is a nonprofit organization dedicated to volunteering in our community, promoting the Arts, Conservation, Current Affairs, Education, Health and Homelife. Meetings are held 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday from September to June. Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. We are a small but active club!

Please check out our website [www.juniorwomensclubof-wolcott.org](http://www.juniorwomensclubof-wolcott.org) for more information on all of these projects or email us at [wolcottjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:wolcottjuniors@gmail.com).

# Wolcott Historical Society - March 2025



by Florence Goodman

It's almost 200 years since our library had its humble beginnings in the Congregational Church. This year some major changes are planned for the structure that opened its doors on Bound Line Road in 1970. Change for our library has been slow, but steady and dates back to the early 1800s.

In 1828 Dr. William Andrus Alcott was the Sunday School Superintendent at the Congregational Church. Dr. Alcott was an educator, medical doctor as well as cousin to Amos Bronson Alcott. He graduated from Yale with a medical degree, but his love for education and books was also important to him. As Sunday School Superintendent, he wanted books for his pupils to read so he made a gift of twenty books to the church and established the first town library. The library was housed in and supported by the church for almost one hundred years.



Sketch of the First Congregational Church 1773

December 12, 1839. The night before this meeting, someone placed gunpowder with a slow wick in the stove. Shortly after 9:00 p.m. an explosion was heard, but it wasn't until after midnight that someone saw the church in flames. By morning the church was reduced to ashes; there was no library from 1839-1843. The Church dissolved its relationship with Reverend Chapman and began plans for a new church. The new church was completed in 1843, and the library was once more up and running with a \$100 donation from Preserve Carter. The new library was housed at the entrance of the new church.

Stephen Rogers served as pastor of the church from 1859-1863. He was a strong supporter of the church library, but poor health caused him to give up his pastorate. Before he retired, he donated 133 volumes to the church library. In September of 1873 the Congregational Church Parish celebrated its Centennial. The library was expanded when town leaders, including Amos Bronson Alcott donated books as part of this celebration. Alcott's donation included works by the Concord authors: Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau.



Dr. William Andrus Alcott

The library continued to grow while housed in the church. From 1912 to 1917 Reverend Furness served as pastor. During his pastorate he expanded the number of books in the library and built a container in which to store the books. Beecher Memorial Parish Hall was presented to the townspeople in 1915 and given into the custody of the church. It became the new home of the library, which continued to grow for ten more years.

In 1924 the library was moved into our newly built Town Hall. It was housed in a room off the entryway where it remained until 1957 when renovations required it to move once again. The Center School was being used for town offices, so the library was moved into the basement of the Center School. Sixteen months later, when Town Hall renovations were completed, the town offices were moved back to Town Hall leaving the



Sketch of newly built Congregational Church 1843

entire Center School building available. In 1959 the library was moved from the basement of the Center School to its new home upstairs, taking over the entire building. This served as our public library until the present library was opened on Bound Line Road.

The Center School Library continued to rapidly grow; records showed that in 1966 book circulations climbed to a new high of 18,601 and 369 new borrowers were enrolled. Library hours were increased to 32 hours per week. Space was at a premium at the Center School library so First Selectman, Edward Bagley had the old vault emptied to add floor space, but this was only a temporary fix. A meeting was held with the State Librarian to discuss inadequate space issues and availability of State and Federal grants.

Soon a Library Study Committee was established with Nicholas D'Agostino as Chairman, John H. Washburne as Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Florence Marino as Secretary. The other members were Reverend Sherman Andrews (Episcopal Church), David Herbst, Mrs. Ann Donahue, Alexander Nole, Robert Ducham, Richard Opper and Dr. Charles C. Sasso, Jr. They discussed the need for a new public library and made recommendations on location and size of the library.

In the 1967-68 fiscal year a Library Building Committee was established with Alexander Nole serving as chairman. The members were: Francis Byrnes, John Keating, Joseph Ciarlo, Mrs. Gloria Lanosa, Mrs. Geraldine



Alex Nole, Mary Hunt and Margie Smith, 1980

D. Cullen, Martin McCallum, Gloria D'Agostino, Dr. Charles C. Sasso, Jr., Robert Ducham, Edson Seymour, Lucian Helaire, Mrs. Isabelle Way, David Herbst and Earl L. Wooster, Jr. The unique look of the new library was the brainchild of landscape architect Leslie Searle who believed that a building must fit into the topography of the land.

Our library became a reality in 1970. Volunteers agreed to help move the books from the Center Street location to the new Bound Line Road location starting on October 17, 1970. The Center Street library closed on October 16th and the new structure opened on its formal dedication of October 25, 1970, with over 1000 people in attendance. Alexander Nole, stated it was, "a dream come true." First Selectman, Edward Bagley, said, "a momentous step forward in the life of the town of Wolcott." He also remarked that there had been controversy over the design of the building, but he believed it turned out to be a "forward looking structure" that reflected the attitudes of the townspeople. The building budget was \$375,000, but Wolcott only paid \$275,000 because of a \$100,000 state grant.

In 1994 the Library's Youth Room was named for Alexander Nole whose 30 plus years of hard work and dedication helped to make the library a reality. The Junior Women's Club chose the library youth room as its special project raising funds for furniture, books, and cassettes for this new room.



Beecher Memorial Parish House 1915

They also donated \$5000 towards the development of the room by selling signed prints, note cards and post cards of the town Green by artist Tracy Sugarman.

Today the Library has morphed into a bustling community center offering residents a variety of books, technology and programs. These changes were gradual, but very significant. Sue Ouelette, who served as the Children's librarian for many years added a variety of programs for children. In 2018 Sue became the new library director and the programs continued to grow. She retired in August 2024 and the new library director, Matt Earls took over with the same continued enthusiasm.

There are now programs offered for almost any age level and interest group. You can find programs offered at all hours of operation as well. The library has also become a meeting place for those students enrolled in home-school programs.

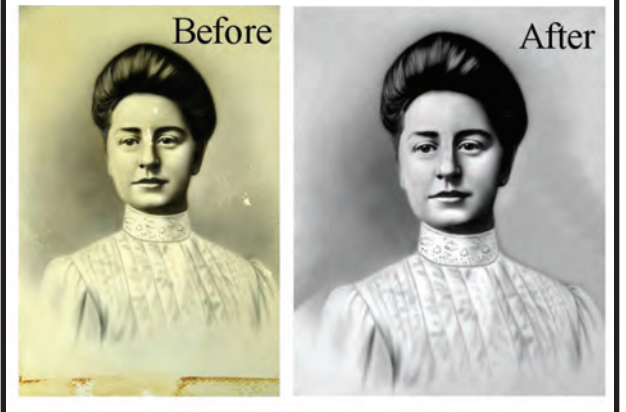
If you have not stopped recently by the library, give it a try, you will be pleasantly surprised. The Wolcott Public Library has come a long way from those early years in the Congregational Church when the first 20 books were donated back in 1828. Now it's exciting to see what the new addition holds for the future of our library. I will be giving a PowerPoint presentation on the library history on March 13th at 2:00pm.



New Town Hall 1923

(Information for this article was taken from "The Town of Wolcott Annual Reports from 1966, 1969, 1971", Waterbury Republican American articles October, February 1968, 1970, August 1989, December 1989, 1992, June 1994, August 6, 1995, 2005, "The Wolcott Congregational Church 1773-1948" by Rose E. Wakelee, 1948, "The 175th Anniversary 1796-1971" by John Washburne, "The Meeting House Atop of Benson's Hill" by John Washburne; an article written by Arlene Archambault, "A Sculpture in the Woods."; and an interview with Matt Earls, February 2025).

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## Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



### Springtime is Coming!

This year, the first day of Spring falls on Thursday March 20th! As the temperatures increase and the days get longer, we prepare for the exciting transition to this wonderful season of new growth. As we close out the long winter, be prepared to see more activity on the roads as the bicycles, motorcycles and runners are back out and about. This is the time of year when we also see an increase in the amount of pedestrian traffic in the streets. Remember to pay close attention as you are driving; it only takes a moment of distraction to change someone's life forever.

If you are out running, cycling or taking your motorcycle for a ride, watch out for loose gravel and sand on the roads. We have had a long winter of slippery weather, so there is plenty of sand on the roads that our busy highway department has not yet been by to sweep up.

As we enthusiastically approach spring, remember that in Connecticut we can have periods of freezing temperatures, snow and ice throughout March and even into April! Don't let your guard down, we still need to remain alert for icy roads and slippery conditions, especially in the morning and into the evening hours.

### Daylight Saving Time

It's that time of year again! Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour as we enter Daylight Saving Time. This year, it officially begins at 2:00 in the morning on Sunday March 9th.

### Emergency Medical Technician Class

Have you ever considered embarking on a career in the field of Emergency Medical Services? Our spring class is already up and running, 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](http://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 March 4, 2025, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training - learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6pm – 7:30pm (free of charge)

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

### Ambulance Statistics

During the month of January, WVAA responded to 174 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!

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## Wolcott Education Foundation



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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](mailto: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.

## Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott 2025 High School Senior Scholarship Application



The Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott will be offering two (2) \$500 scholarships to the Class of 2025 graduating high school seniors. Graduating senior must be a U.S. Citizen, resident of Wolcott and planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Graduating students who do not attend Wolcott High School (WHS) are eligible for a scholarship and should contact their schools Guidance Office. WHS students will find the scholarship application on the WHS Naviance database. Any questions please contact Carleen VanBlarcom at [cvanbl@yahoo.com](mailto:cvanbl@yahoo.com).

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



## Dennis Antonacci Jr. Scholarship

Dennis is a former Wolcott student who was lost to suicide. We honor his memory each year by awarding this scholarship to one graduating Wolcott High School student. Candidate must be pursuing a career in social work, counseling or psychology. For further requirements and to download an application, please visit us at: [www.dennisjrscholarship.org](http://www.dennisjrscholarship.org)

## Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



Our members have been working hard throughout these winter months to come up with fun activities and great fundraisers for 2025. Right now, we are meeting offsite as our building has been winterized. Our shed is always open to collect usable clothing, and our little free library has been booming with a constant turnover of books.

We will be electing new officers soon, but as always, we will be holding on to our Grange traditions and mission. Once we install a new heating system we are hoping to serve our residents all year long. We welcome new members and volunteers who really want to make a difference in our community. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation please contact us at

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# The Fall of DEI is a Victory for America



by Rob Sampson  
State Senator, 16th District

Despite its name, “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)” policies are not about fairness, opportunity, or unity. They are a thinly veiled system of race and gender-based discrimination designed to divide Americans for political gain. Rather than fostering meritocracy, DEI reduces people to identity categories,

rewarding or punishing them for traits beyond their control. It is not a mistake or a misunderstanding — it is a deliberate tool of power that undermines the principles of equal opportunity and individual liberty.

There is only one race: the human race. Yet DEI reduces people to nothing more than their skin color and gender, treating these superficial traits as determinants of worth and capability. But, skin color, like eye color or shoe size, is completely irrelevant when it comes to intelligence, character, work ethic, or competence. It is an external trait that tells us nothing about an individual’s ability to contribute to society. Any policy that prioritizes skin color in decision-making is, by definition, racist.

True fairness does not require racial or gender sorting. If discrimination is wrong in one direction, it remains wrong in all directions. Remarkably, DEI policies insist that discrimination is justified as long as it serves their ideological objectives. This is racism and gender discrimination repackaged as progress, and it must be rejected.

The only relevant factor in an employment decision should be the employee’s ability to fulfill the demands of the job at hand. Biological differences between men and women exist, particularly in physically demanding jobs. A 90-pound woman should

not be required to lift 100-pound boxes just to satisfy a diversity quota, nor should biological men be allowed to compete in women’s sports, where they hold an undeniable physical advantage. The erasure of biological distinctions under DEI is not only unfair — it is dangerous.

A core fallacy of DEI is the idea that individuals should be rewarded or punished based on historical injustices. No one inherits history, guilt, or virtue — these are not passed down through blood but shaped by individual choices. Assigning privilege or victimhood based solely on skin color or gender is a gross oversimplification that ignores personal history, struggle, and achievement.

Policies that grant advantages or disadvantages based on race or gender foster resentment. Those who lose out due to DEI feel wronged, and those who benefit may question whether they earned their success. This creates distrust, not unity.

DEI policies empower bureaucrats to decide who is privileged, who is oppressed, and who deserves special treatment. This is a direct violation of America’s founding principles of individual liberty and equal protection under the law. Government should not be in the business of racial and gender favoritism, doing so is unconstitutional, divisive, and morally indefensible.

Supporters of DEI frequently talk about “structural racism,” yet DEI itself is structural racism. It institutionalizes race-based decision-making, ensuring that identity, rather than ability, determines success. If the goal were genuine fairness, DEI policies would be unnecessary — individuals would be judged on merit alone.

The real path to opportunity is not race- or gender-based favoritism, but capitalism — a system that rewards talent, effort, and innovation. In a free market, businesses succeed by hiring the best people, regardless of race or gender. Discrimination is bad for business, and companies that engage in it lose to those that prioritize competence.

History proves this. The minimum wage, for example, was introduced in part by white labor unions in the early 20th century to prevent Black workers from competing for jobs at lower wages. (Source: Mises Institute) Like DEI today, it was framed as fairness but in reality, it limited opportunity and harmed those it claimed to help.

Despite the salesmanship of progressive Democrats, DEI is not a well-meaning attempt to correct injustice; it is a deliberate political strategy designed to divide, control, and erode the foundations of fairness and meritocracy. It replaces individual liberty with collective guilt, creates resentment, and institutionalizes discrimination under the guise of progress. Merely suggesting a color-blind society sends the political left into a frenzy because the idea directly threatens their agenda, which depends on keeping people categorized, resentful, and in perpetual conflict. But we must reject their divisive tactics and strive for a truly color-blind society — one that values individuals for their character and abilities, rather than allowing propagandists, con artists, and politicians to keep us divided for their own power and profit."

The nation must continue supporting the Trump Administration’s bold efforts to roll back DEI policies across the country — an essential step in restoring fairness and unity. By dismantling race- and gender-based hiring, training, and education policies, it reaffirms the American ideal that individuals should be judged by merit, not by identity. This is a significant victory in the fight against racism and bigotry — one that moves us toward a more just and truly equal society.

America was built on the idea that every person deserves the chance to succeed based on their own merit. The Trump Administration’s efforts to dismantle DEI policies represent a crucial step toward restoring that vision. If we want a future defined by opportunity rather than division, we must reject DEI in all its forms and reaffirm the principle of equal treatment under the law.



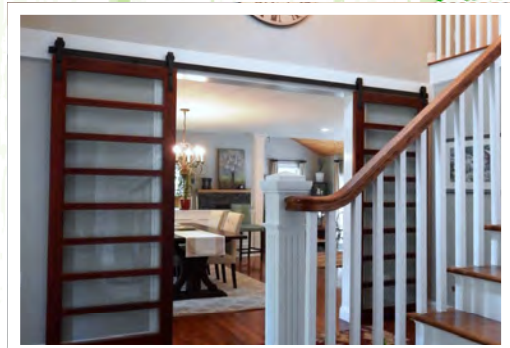
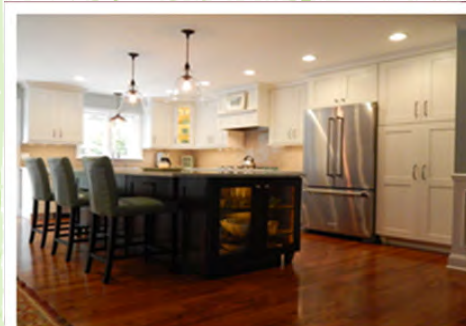
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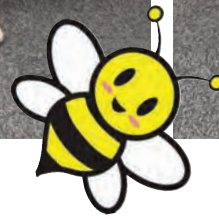
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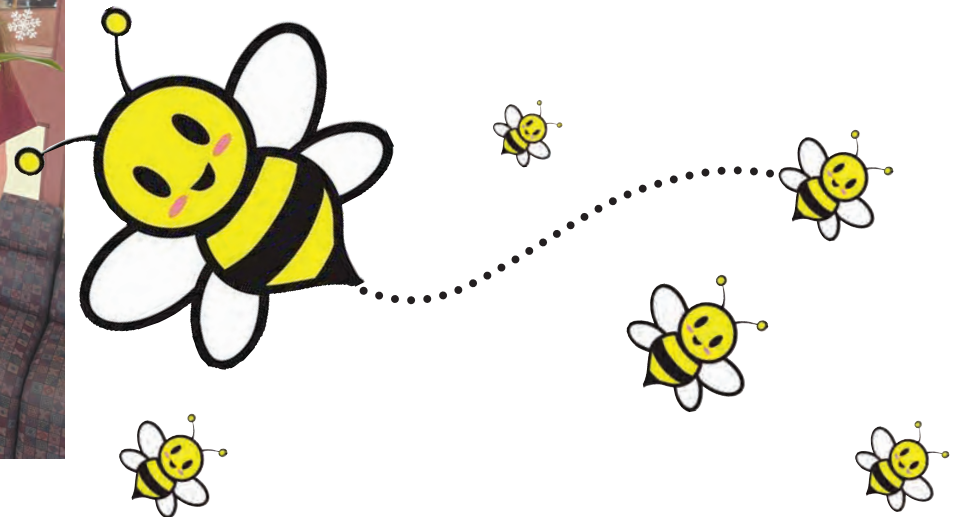
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*Special thanks to Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Hamel and Mrs. Hall for helping with the Frisbie Flowers Fundraiser.*





# WOLCOTT, CT Veterans Advocacy Commission

**MISSION:** *The Veterans Advocacy's mission is to provide for the advancement of, and assistance to, veterans and their dependents related to reemployment, education, rehabilitation and adjustment to peacetime living. To assist with securing services and benefits to which a veteran or their dependents may be entitled. To conduct celebratory and memorial events to commemorate national and state holidays to honor active military and veterans.*



**W**olcott's Veterans Advocacy Commission invites the public to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War with a catered lunch on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 11 AM at St. Pius X Church (525 Woodtick Road, Wolcott, CT).

Lunch will be provided free to any pre-registered veterans and a guest by Mission Barbeque. Luncheon tickets for all other attendees may be purchased for \$20 or reserved by table on or before March 20th.

To register for the luncheon, please reach out to either Kathy Sullivan at 203.910.2394, e-mail: [Ksullivan2012@comcast.net](mailto:Ksullivan2012@comcast.net), or Elaine Martinelli at 860.877.6466, e-mail: [elaine278@aol.com](mailto:elaine278@aol.com).

A pinning ceremony will be conducted prior to the luncheon for any Vietnam Veteran who has not already received a commemorative pin and certificate. Vietnam Veterans, or a spouse or a child of a deceased Vietnam Veteran, are also eligible for this special recognition.

Anyone wanting to participate in the pinning ceremony should provide detailed service information when making their luncheon reservation.

The Commemoration honors all United States veterans who served on active duty between November 11, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of location. There is no distinction between veterans who served in-country, in theater, or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period.

The 2025 luncheon is presented by the Wolcott Veterans Advocacy Commission alongside our Commemorative Partner, the Katherine Gaylord Chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) for a third and final year as part of a national Vietnam War Commemoration conducting patriotic ceremonies and special events thru November 11, 2025.

This event will also serve to recognize all local veterans and bring awareness for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall scheduled for viewing from May 29th – June 2, 2025 in Wolcott, CT. (For more information: [WolcottCt.org](http://WolcottCt.org))



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**WATERBURY \$325,000** — Charming home with in-law apartment on a corner lot! This property offers both an attached and detached garage, giving you ample room for storage or vehicles. The main house features a spacious kitchen, a comfortable living room, and 2 bedrooms, all with beautiful hardwood flooring. The full bath and economical gas heating add to the home's appeal. The lower level boasts a full walkout and includes a 3-room in-law apartment complete with a full bath. Whether you're just starting out or looking to downsize, this is a fantastic opportunity!



**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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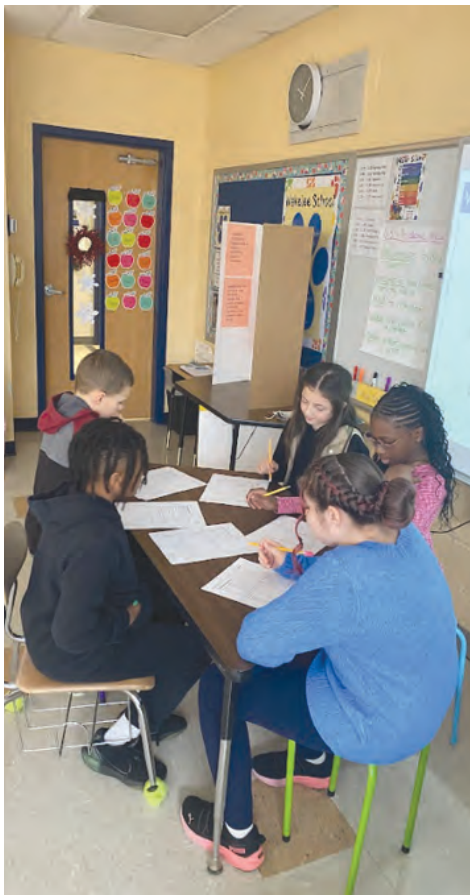
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# Wakelee School News!



Mrs. Colgate's class listening to a tape as part of a unit on learning how things change over time



Mrs. Calabro's fifth grade class working together in groups on Latin root words



Our 4th and 5th grade chorus and band put on their winter concert for the school.



Kindergarten students celebrating the 100th day of school!



The Wakelee PTO hosted The Harlem Wizards versus Staff game for the town. This event was such a fun way to bring the community together and even see some teachers play against the Wizards!



The following students were chosen as our math stars. These students were nominated for showing growth, responsibility, perseverance, or risk taking in math!

# Bills of the Wild, Wild Left



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*Representing Wolcott  
& Southington*

Connecticut is once again at a crossroads, and the legislative agenda being pushed by the majority party in Hartford is a roadmap to disaster. As a strong advocate for smaller government, lower taxes, and personal freedom, I cannot sit idly by while harmful bills threaten our state's economy, property owners, law-abiding citizens, and taxpayers. I wanted to share with you my 2025 edition of the Bills of the Wild, Wild Left. From forcing you to vote, to attacks on property owners, this list is just some of the outrageous proposals that have come up so far, this legislative session.

Let's start with housing and labor. The idea of allowing striking workers to collect unemployment benefits (SB 8 & HB 5760) is absurd. Unemployment benefits are for those who have lost their jobs, not for those who choose to walk off the job. This will force businesses to bear even more costs and could lead to job cuts or even closures. Meanwhile, the expansion of Fair Rent Commissions and additional funding for rental assistance (SB 1159) is nothing more than government overreach into the housing market, which will drive up costs for everyone.

Another attack on property owners comes with HB 6891, which prohibits security deposits greater than one month's rent, removing crucial protection for property owners. Add SB 996, which would prohibit the landlord from evicting a tenant because the lease agreement has expired and HB 6490, which would cap rent increases and allow tenants to file complaints, and you have a recipe for discouraging property investment in Connecticut. Instead of making it easier to build and rent housing, these bills will drive landlords out of the market, reducing housing supply and making the crisis worse.

The attack on election integrity is just as alarming. HB 5755 would force candidates into the Citizens' Election Program, taking away their right to choose how to finance their campaigns. HB 6473 would allow incarcerated individuals to vote, rewarding criminals with rights meant for law-abiding citizens. The most outrageous proposal, HB 6471, would force people to vote — turning a personal choice into a government mandate.

If that wasn't bad enough, the majority party is also trying to silence dissent in the Senate (SR 7) by restricting the length of debate and removing the ability for a filibuster (the last resort of the minority party to push back against legislation). Free and open debate is the bedrock of democracy. When legislators try to limit

discussion, they are trying to hide bad ideas from discussion and remove any possibility of compromise on legislation.

Then, we have government waste and mandates. HB 6754 weakens Connecticut's fiscal guardrails, setting us up for future financial disaster. SB 866 allocates \$500,000 in taxpayer dollars to fund West Hartford Pride, a special-interest event that should not be receiving public money. HB 5619 seeks to impose yet another tax on Connecticut residents — this time on paper checkout bags. HB 6500 would interfere with private property rights by forcing landlords to give tenants the first right of refusal when selling property.

Public safety is also under attack. HB 6385 and HB 5330 would raise the minimum arrest age from 10 to 14, removing a critical tool for law enforcement to deter youth crime. SB 492 seeks to establish overdose prevention centers (translation: government-sanctioned drug dens).

This session's legislative proposals are an all-out assault on businesses, property owners, taxpayers, and law-abiding citizens. We need to reject this dangerous agenda and fight for policies that promote economic growth, personal responsibility, and public safety. Connecticut deserves better and my fight in Hartford on your behalf will continue this session.

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## A Year of Service and Impact

In a year marked by challenges and opportunities, Veterans Are Heroes Forever (VAHF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization led by Founder and President Dan DiVirgilio, has made a profound difference in the lives of veterans and their families. Through unwavering dedication and a mission to honor those who have served, VAHF has brought hope, comfort, and support to countless individuals across our community. This year, the organization not only met but exceeded its goals, demonstrating the power of community and shared purpose.

**"Warmth for the Winter"**, one of VAHF's standout initiatives this year, has been our campaign to provide coats and warm-weather clothing to veterans in need. With the colder months posing a significant challenge for many, the organization stepped up, distributing over 700 coats and warm clothing items. This effort not only ensured physical warmth but also served as a heartfelt reminder to veterans that they are not forgotten. 500 coats to the VA Hospitals 200 to American Legions and VFW's and 50 to Homes for The Brave.

**Ensuring Food Security.** Recognizing that food insecurity remains a critical issue, we are expanding our efforts in 2025. A Mobile Food Pantry will now be available twice a month throughout the entire year, providing a vital resource for veterans and their families. This initiative, which began on January 9, 2025, will continue every other Thursday at 2071 Baldwin Street, Waterbury, at Our Lady of Fatima Church (next to the VFW). No registration or ID is required — just show up! The truck arrives at 12:30PM, and individuals can begin lining up as early as 11:15AM. This is also open to the public, and we strongly encourage veterans and their families to take advantage of this great opportunity to receive fresh and nutritious food.

**Join the Mission.** Our success would not be possible without the generous support of donors, volunteers, and community partners. To join this vital mission or learn more, visit [www.vetahf.com](http://www.vetahf.com) or call 203-509-3994. The organization is accepting new memberships to expand its growth and services. To be part of VAHF, please visit the website and click the volunteer tab. Together we can make a lasting impact on the lives of our nation's heroes. Starting March 12, 2025, VAHF will begin new membership sign-ups on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM at the Wolcott Public Library. Everyone is welcome, and veterans are especially encouraged to attend to learn about the many benefits of membership.

One of the best parts? Membership is completely free — no dues, no fees. Our goal is to build a strong network of support for veterans, ensuring they have access to resources, assistance, and a community that truly understands their needs.

As we continue our mission in 2025, we invite veterans, their families, and the community to join us in making a difference.

## Homeless Awareness Project Wolcott Congregational Church

What a weekend! On President's Day weekend 46 youth and over a dozen volunteers gathered on the Green to experience what it is like to be homeless and living in a temporary tent city. Together they shared the experience of being out in the cold subject to the elements of snow, rain, and ice. The weather was terrible but in the face of every challenge these outstanding high school students put the needs of others forward collecting donations of food, warm coats, and cash. Together they collected 4 car loads of blankets and more that have already gone to people who can use them. We ended our time together making 200 bagged lunches of PB & J and cheese sandwiches. Together we are sharing the Love of God one meal, coat, and blanket at a time.

We are so thankful to each of the volunteer youth, our school district for helping to get the word out, and to our community for their generosity. To the Wolcott Food Pantry for their support, Mayor Dunn for visiting the students in the dark cold night, and to all of our guest speakers. Thank you for helping one dollar at a time, feed the hungry, help the homeless, see the beautiful people in need. Blessings, Rev. Tammy Torelli, Wolcott Congregational Church.

**WOLCOTT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**



**"A Little bit of Heaven by the Green"**

**Worship Services**  
**Saturdays 4:30pm | Sunday 9:30am**  
**Sunday School 10:15am**  
**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**March 5th - 7:00pm**

*The Rev. Tammy Torelli - Pastor*  
**185 Center St • Wolcott • (203) 879-1293**



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### For Sale

**Hair Salon for Sale or Lease** located in a single family house converted, parking, full basement. located at 366 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott. Call Image Makers 203-597-9079.

### Help Wanted

**“Now Hiring!! Open position at Vito’s Pizza!!**

Must be 18 years or older to apply!  
Weekends are REQUIRED!

Job Duties/Requirements include:

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

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

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

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### Music Lessons

**AmaSing Voice Performing Arts Studio** Singing, Piano & Guitar Lessons offered by master teachers, call 203.228.7305

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**BHI Tile and Grout Specialist-Installation and Repair.** No job too small. Licensed and insured. In business over 20 years. A+ rating with BBB. For FREE estimates call 860-578-8453

### Stump Removal

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

### Travel

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

### Tutoring

**Expert Tutoring - Excellence Towards Success** Specializing in English, Writing, MLA, APA, Research Papers, and Academic Coaching for secondary and post-secondary students. Contact excellencetowardsuccess@aol.com or visit [https://linktr.ee/excellence\\_towards\\_success](https://linktr.ee/excellence_towards_success)

### Wanted

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

# Wolcott Food Pantry

## Distribution Date Reminders

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

## Thank You

As a volunteer group, our success is dependent on the generosity of our residents and support from the mayor’s office.

Our day-to-day operation depends on a small group of volunteers giving of their time. We are grateful for their commitment and are excited to welcome a few new volunteers, Tom & Nancy Urcinas (recently retired) and Lauren Prior (of the Indian Rock Nature Preserve). Lauren stops in as often as she can during our bi-weekly food distributions to help.

Thank you to the staff of our Local Senior Center. They occasionally run luncheon specials and donate the money raised to the pantry.

## 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

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

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



*‘Thank You’ Farmingbury Woman’s Club. They are longtime supporters of the Pantry. Recently Loraine stopped by representing the Woman’s Club to drop off a donation.*



*The Wolcott PD sponsored their annual D.A.R.E. Middle School dance at Alcott School (Oct 24). They were assisted by members of the Wolcott Lion’s Club. The attendees, parents and sponsors dropped off food items on our behalf. Peter from the Lion’s Club stopped by to deliver the donations. Our Vice President Jackie Bracco was there to accept it. Thanks W.P.D., Alcott students, parents, and the Lion’s Club members for thinking of us while having a fun time!*



*The volunteers at the Wolcott Food Pantry would like to say ‘Thank You’ to Cub Scout Troop 230 & Boy Scout Troop 230. They often run food drives on our behalf. They recently collected 375 lbs. of non-perishable food items, and a financial donation of \$1,878. The scouts in Wolcott have been great friends to the pantry for many years!*



*We recently had a great opportunity to stop by Alcott School to meet some young students that were donating to the Pantry. Here is a photo of them handing a check to one of our volunteers Jim Mills. Thanks Alcott School!*

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

@ 11AM

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**HIGHPOINT** Baptist Church  
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We're shipping up to Wolcott Public Library, woah!

By the time this goes to print, the Library Building Committee will have chosen an architect and will be actively engaged in the design process for the library expansion for the next several months.

March is National Reading Month! Come celebrate with us by picking up the new Hunger Games novel, Propaganda Girls about the women of the OSS, and the movie Memoir of a Snail.

March programs to highlight include Wolcott's first ever Repair Cafe and Live Irish music with Entwyned, which will be the first in a series of monthly music programs! Don't forget to pick up some seeds from our new Seed Library and plan your garden - Spring is coming soon.

Come to the library every week!

### Repair Cafe – Calling all Handy People!

Wolcott Public Library is launching the first ever "Repair Cafe" in Wolcott. This community event unites broken household items and volunteer Fixers. Bring us your broken furniture, clothing, appliances, and more, and visit our Teddy Bear Hospital for a stuffed animal check-up!

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 11-2 at Wolcott Public Library.

### March Events

We have new and returning library programs this March for all ages. Visit our website at [wolcottlibrary.org/eventcalendar/](http://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 - Lucky Clover Bookmarks: Kits are available while supplies last—first come, first serve. Glue not included.

NEW Seed Library - We recently unveiled our new Seed Library! You can now come to WPL for seeds for your garden and grow your own tomatoes, pumpkins, green beans, and more. Call the library at 203-879-8110 or email us at [library@wolcottct.org](mailto:library@wolcottct.org) for more information.

#### 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 - Engineering (Mar. 7th), Strength and Fitness (Mar. 14th), Clay Sculptures (Mar. 21st), Cake Decorating (Mar. 28th).

Saturday, Mar. 1, 12:00 Give Me Your Hand: A Celtic Musical Celebration with Entwyned - Celebrate the rollicking historic music of Ireland and Scotland with enchanting selections from historic sources.

Saturday, Mar. 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.

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

Wednesday, Mar. 12, 6:00 Karaoke with Bella - Limericks and Lyrics

Thursday, Mar. 13, 2:00 Florence Goodman - History of the Wolcott Library - Discover the history of the library from its beginnings in the early 1800s.

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

#### Teen Events

Every Wednesday, 6:00 One Piece Card Game - Jump into the One Piece universe for an epic card game adventure! No experience required.

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, Mar. 4, 4:30 Posters and Buttons - Come by the library to make custom posters and buttons!

Tuesday, Mar. 11th, 4:30 Chess @ WPL - Meet up at the booths near the YA section to play chess. No registration required.

Tuesday, March. 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. Help choose books for the collection, plan library programs and events, and help make decisions about the library space. This qualifies as community service.

Tuesday, Mar. 25, 4:30 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.

Thursday, Mar. 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.

Thursday, Mar. 6, 5:30 Unical Irish Calligraphy with Debby Reelitz - Irish Calligraphy is a beautiful, historical hand and a great way to introduce yourself to the broad edge nib. Calligrapher, Debby Reelitz, will teach you the basics, provide you with guidelines and lettering samples you can trace and guide you through a project.

Thursday, Mar. 13th, 5:30 Crystal Chip Charms - Celebrate the coming spring with positive energy and a colorful crystal craft of mini bottles filled with crystal chips of your choice.

Friday, Mar. 14, 1:00 AI with Allison - Let's talk about AI! Do you think that it is exciting, scary, or both? With this program, we'll dive into how it works, what it can do, and current news in AI.

Wednesday, Mar. 19, 6:00 Book Club - Join our monthly book club with this month's book, The Winemaker's Wife by Kristin Harmel.

Thursday, Mar. 20, 2:00 Images of Spain with Kevin Sherwin - Experience 19th-century Spain through guitar pieces by masters like Isaac Albéniz, Enrique Granados, and Joaquín Turina.

Thursday, Mar. 20, 4:30 CT's Historical Gardens with Laurie Masciandro - Learn about CT's Historic Gardens, sixteen gardens throughout the state that offer the opportunity to explore a variety of garden styles and time periods.

Monday, Mar. 24, 11:00 Your Photos, Gallery, and Albums - Crash course in the photo app and Google photos.

Wednesday, Mar. 26, 6:00 Non-Fiction Book Club - Join our monthly non-fiction book club with this month's book, The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder by David Grann. Available in print and audio at the library or on Hoopla.

Thursday, Mar. 27, 6:30 Bill Lunn: On Nutrition, Fitness, and Health - Bill Lunn is a professor of exercise and the director of the Connecticut Health, Athletic & Mental Performance (CHAMP) Center. He will discuss science, nutrition, and exercise. If you have any questions on this subject, he's the guy to ask.

Friday, Mar. 28, 1:00 - The Final Friday movie will be Conclave (2024), a dramatic story of the selection of the new Pope.



At our Fire Cider for Wellness program, patrons sampled Fire Cider, hot honey, and elderberry syrup from Amie Paulo of Black Sheep Garlic



The Homeschool Meet-up group learned about artist Alma Thomas and created paintings inspired by her style!

## Friends of the Wolcott Library, Inc.

In the month of March we begin preparations for our Spring Book Sale which will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 3rd and 4th from noon to 6pm and Saturday, April 5th from 10 am to 2 pm. Our special collection day will be Saturday, March 22nd from 10 am to noon. Gently used books of all kinds including graphic novels as well as books on tape, CD's, DVD's, jigsaw puzzles and record albums will be accepted. Please park in the back of the building and we will have staff to assist you with your donations. Anyone wishing to help us with pre-sorting should call Janet Tynan at 203 233-6407 or email us at [wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com](mailto:wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com). It's a big job and now would be the time to see how we set up for the big event. Also note that we renewed our 2 passes to the Bearsley Zoo this year. Enjoy discount admission compliments of the Friends.

We would also like to thank the group or individual who anonymously donates \$40 each year. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Join us for our next meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 12th at 12:30pm in the downstairs meeting room. And the next day, Flo Goodman, our local historian will be presenting the History of the Wolcott Library at 2pm on March 13th. Hope to see you there.



# Charles Rietdyke (Wolcott) Senior Center

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

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

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

\*\*\*We are on the website: [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org) under “senior center”

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

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

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

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



**Donna Belval**  
Senior Center Director

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A BUS TRIP, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE OF CANCELLATION \*\*\*Parking for bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot.

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**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, March 4**

12:00 Free Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

**Wednesday, March 5**

11:30 Lunch Special—Tuna Salad w/ Lettuce on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon. Mar 3

**Thursday, March 6**

7:30 Bus leaves for Foxwoods Casino — departs casino-3:30 PM — Sign up for bus

11:30 Crafty Corner w/Jeannie — Learn to make a Leprechaun table decoration, \$8.00 pp — Pay when you sign up

**Tuesday, March 11**

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

9:00 Bus leaves for Home Goods Store followed by lunch at the Rein Deli — Sign up for bus

**Wednesday, March 12**

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 Large Slices of Cheese Pizza, Chips, & Dessert — \$5.00 pp, Pay by Mon Mar 10

**Thursday, March 13**

11:30 St. Patrick’s Day lunch — Sliced Corned Beef & Swiss Cheese on Rye Bread, Cole Slaw, Chips & Dessert — \$7.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mon Mar 10 — Frisbie School students will be on hand to distribute lunches to seniors. ALL TAKE-OUTS MUST BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 10:00-11:00 AM OR 12:30-1:30 ONLY

**Friday, March 14**

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at AJ’s Steakhouse — Sign up for bus

**Tuesday, March 18**

11:15 “Self-Care Essentials for Seniors” presentation sponsored by Chesprocott Health District is offering a class on self-care essentials and hygiene tips for seniors. The session will cover practical strategies for maintaining personal health and hygiene, helping seniors feel confident in their daily routines. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Wednesday, March 19**

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

11:30 Lunch Special — Chicken Salad w/ Lettuce on a Croissant, Chips, & Dessert, \$5.00pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon Mar 17

**Thursday, March 20**

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

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

**Tuesday, March 25**

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Great Taste of China — followed by The Roly Poly Bakery — Sign up at the senior center

11:30-3:00 Foot Reflexology with Kim — \$25.00 for 20 minutes of relaxation, Sign up at the senior center

**Wednesday, March 26**

11:30 Lunch Special — Macaroni & Meat Sauce, Fresh Green Beans, Garlic Bread & Dessert — \$5.00pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon Mar 24

**Thursday, March 27**

9:15 Bus leaves for shopping at Clinton Crossings — Lunch to follow at Bill’s Seafood, Cash Only — Sign up for bus trip

**Friday, March 28**

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

WE HAVE AN INCREASED NEED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, ROLLATORS & TRANSPORT WHEELCHAIRS. IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE ITEMS THAT YOU BORROWED FROM OUR SENIOR CENTER AND ARE NO LONGER USING PLEASE RETURN SO WE MAY DISTRIBUTE TO OTHERS IN NEED. WE CURRENTLY HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF SHOWER CHAIRS,

WALKERS, COMMODES AND CANES IF ANYONE IS IN NEED. WE ALSO ACCEPT ALL THESE ITEMS (CLEAN CONDITION) AS DONATIONS.

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Valentine’s Day exercise group, Crowned Valentine’s Day Queens, along with our volunteers from Frisbie School Student Council members



Frisbie School Student council members joining the Valentine’s Day exercise class with Naida from Fitness Fury



Members of Frisbie School Student Council serving Valentine’s Day breakfasts to our seniors



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# Wolcott High School NEWS



## Unified Champion School Banner Renewal

The Wolcott High School Unified Sports Team was honored on Friday January 31st as a Unified Champion School by the CIAC for the second time in the team's history. Representatives came to Wolcott High School to present this prestigious award to the 'Unified Team prior to the Boy's Basketball game. In order to be considered a Unified Champion School, the program must demonstrate a commitment to inclusion through three components: the Unified Sports Program for at least 2 seasons, inclusive youth leadership opportunities, and whole school engagement. The honor lasts for a four year stretch and then the team must reapply to demonstrate that they have displayed a commitment to inclusion. Our team was previously recognized and this new award honors our team from 2023-2027. Our Unified Sports team is currently in it's Basketball season.

The year started with our Fall season of Soccer and will conclude with a season of Cornhole and Kickball in the Spring. At Wolcott High School we are lucky enough to offer Unified Sports as a PE class, to provide our students with leadership experience and inclusion.

In the upcoming months, our team has many things planned. This month we will be hosting a Penguin Plunge on February 22nd at Scovills, where we will be Freezin' for a Reason to raise money for Special Olympics CT and our team. In the Spring, we look forward to an inclusion tile project that will promote acceptance and inclusion throughout our school. Each year our team participates in different activities to promote inclusion throughout our High School. Be on the lookout for the upcoming fun!



## Wolcott High School Skills USA

On Tuesday February 4 and Wednesday February 5, Wolcott High School had an elective fair to showcase all the classes that students may choose to take. Mrs. Lofgren and her nursing students were able to present all the medical classes available to students, and it provoked interest in many. They were also able to promote the SkillsUSA club, hopefully gaining new members. Overall, the day was a success for SkillsUSA and Mrs. Lofgren's classes!

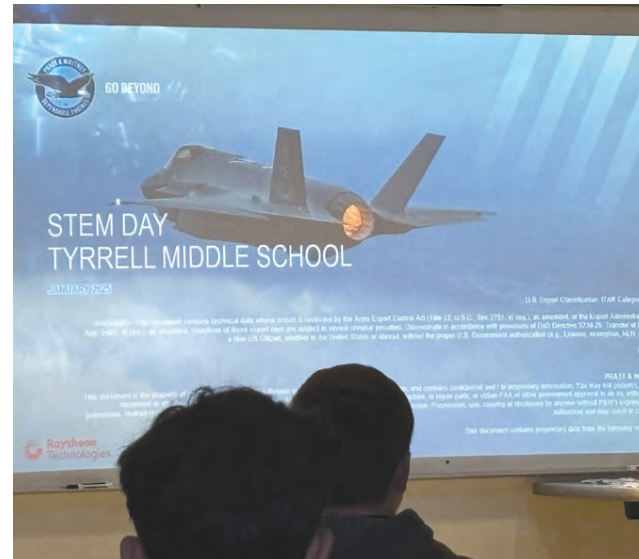


### Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

- Grade 9 Erik Jimmo
- Grade 10 Melissa Prescott
- Grade 11 Zachary Allotey
- Grade 12 Kylii Elizabeth Allotey
- Staff: Mrs. Bartlett

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

# Target on Tyrrell



*Last month several 8th grade students had the opportunity to attend a STEM class at Tyrrell Middle School. Students met with a Senior Mechanical Engineer from Pratt and Whitney. Mrs. Mennillo gave a presentation on the field of engineering; she discussed the types of engineers and possible career paths. Afterwards she gave the students an opportunity to practice some of their STEM skills by creating electrical circuits and elastic band powered airplanes. Thank you Kayla for coming in and sharing some of your experience and information with our students.*



*Last month 5th grade students visited with the middle school band. Last month the band also had a concert.*



*TMS Best Buddies got together to create Valentines for Veterans*

# Alcott School News



**Alcott All-Stars**

*The 100th Day of School is always a celebration in Kindergarten... check out the festivities!*



*Alcott's second Annual Scripps Spelling Bee was a huge success. Students in grades 3-5 competed. Congrats to our winners, and good luck to our school winner, Yousef Elahmad, who will be competing at the state competition in March!*



*Second graders enjoyed using finger flashlights to read in the library.*

# WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Pre-registration for Kindergarten 2025-2026

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

please visit the District website at [wolcottps.org](http://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](http://wolcottps.org) >> 2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration Tab.

Questions can be directed to Meagan Angelone at [mangelone@wolcottps.org](mailto: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](http://wolcottps.org) If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at 203-879-8178.

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## WPS Start & End Times

[www.wolcottps.org](http://www.wolcottps.org)

Schedule	Schools		
	Wolcott High School <small><a href="https://www.wolcottps.org/">https://www.wolcottps.org/</a></small>	Tyrrell Middle School <small><a href="https://tms.wolcottps.org/">https://tms.wolcottps.org/</a></small>	All Elementary Schools <small><a href="https://www.wolcottps.org/">https://www.wolcottps.org/</a></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

Central Office – 203 879-8183

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Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
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Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
- ◆ Supervisor of Special Education:  
Mrs. Rosa Ramallete – 203 879-8178
- ◆ Director of School Climate, Culture and HR:  
Mrs. Deborah Osvald – 203-879-8183
- ◆ Food Service Director:  
Mrs. Jennifer Zarrilli – 203-879-8145
- ◆ Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance –  
203 879-8180
- ◆ Facilities Director: Ms. Jessica Abbott

Wolcott High School – 203 879-8164

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

Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151

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

Alcott Elementary School – 203 879-8160

- ◆ Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese

Frisbie Elementary School – 203 879-8146

- ◆ Principal: Mr. Joseph Morgan

Wakelee Elementary School – 203 879-8154

- ◆ Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

WHS Athletics – 203 879-8173

- ◆ Director: Mr. Alex Sconziano

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8173

- ◆ Director: Mr. Alex Sconziano

District Compliance Officers

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

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

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

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

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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
MARCH	3 (Monday - WHS)	24 (Monday - Frisbie)
APRIL	7 (Monday)	28 (Monday)

## Preschool Screenings

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on March 28th and April 11th. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, ages 3 and 4, who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child's development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178.



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# Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2024-2025

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

August (5/2)				
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September (20/20)				
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October (22/22)				
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November (17/17)				
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December (14/14)				
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January (21/21)				
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February (17/16)				
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March (21/20)				
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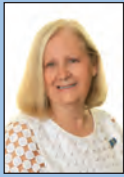
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28	29	30		

May (21/21)				
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19	20	21	22	23
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June (12/12)				
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2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
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23	24	25	26	27
30				

Date/Event or Holiday	
August 26, 2024	Convocation
August 27, 2024	PD Day
August 28, 2023	PD Day
<b>August 29, 2024</b>	<b>First Day for Students</b>
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 17, 2025	Last Day (tentative half day 16th and 17th)
# of Student and Staff Days	Staff      Student
August	5      2
September	20      20
October	22      22
November	17      17
December	14      14
January	21      21
February	17      16
March	21      20
April	16      16
May	21      21
June	12      12
<b>Total Days</b>	<b>186      181</b>

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



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**Wolcott \$535,000 - New Price:** Lovely 7 room, 3-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on a serene 2.8 acre lot close to the cul-de-sac; spacious kitchen with stainless steel appliances, kitchen counter bar, a large breakfast area, formal dining room, & main floor family room with gas fireplace. Primary bedroom includes a walk-in closet and full bath. You can sit on the back deck and enjoy the view or relax on the front porch. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



**Wolcott \$645,000 - New Construction** 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. Customize your dream home with a well known local builder. *Ask for J.R. or Lynn.*



**Wolcott \$720,000 - A3 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 and a fireplace, remodeled kitchen w/ wine chiller, large formal dining room and 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. Wide stairs and cat-walk to upper level with 2 large bedrooms w/lots of closet space & oversized windows. Partially finished lower level, 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.*



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**\$435,000** - Combined lot package of 55.37 acres. 39.34 acres of farmland, 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.

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