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The Exchange Club of Wolcott held their annual Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon at the Wolcott Senior Center on February 23rd. Over one hundred seniors were treated to a free luncheon and dessert. In this photo Exchange Club members Robin DiNicola and Tom Gianni are seen waiting on seniors during the luncheon. The event was originally scheduled for February 16th but inclement weather postponed it to February 23rd. *Photography by Picard*



Our photographer captured this male cardinal at a bird feeder recently. Some believe seeing a male cardinal can have many meanings, including hope, renewal and new beginnings. They are also believed to be sent from heaven as spiritual messengers from the soul. *Photography by Picard*



The Wolcott Congregational Church Youth Group participated in a homeless awareness event on the Wolcott Town green on February 15, 2025. A large group of high school age students participated in this year's event and braved overnight cold temperatures in tents and sleeping bags. *Photography by Picard*



The process of putting a foot bridge over the lower dam at the Scovill Reservoir has begun. Construction workers were busy setting up concrete forms for piers that will support the new foot bridge. Once this part of the project is complete the new foot bridge will be delivered in sections and put into place on top of the piers. This bridge will eliminate the need of Mill Pond Way Trail users from having to cross Nichols Road in this area of the trail. *Photography by Picard*

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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.

April 4th - Carolyn Nadeau  
April 7th - Zachary Fasano  
April 13th - Meika Fasano

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**Taurus, April 20th - May 20th**  
"The Wandering Bull"

Practical and well-grounded, Taurus is the sign that harvests the fruits of labor. They feel the need to always be surrounded by love and beauty, turned to the material world, hedonism, and physical pleasures. People born with their Sun in Taurus are sensual and tactile, considering touch and taste the most important of all senses. Stable and conservative, this is one of the most reliable signs of the zodiac, ready to endure and stick to their choices until they reach the point of personal satisfaction.

Anniversary: April 20th - Al & Nancy Laporta

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**You Gotta' Have Heart**

The Wolcott Congregational Church sponsored a "Ya Gotta Have Heart" question and answer evening with dinner on February 28th at their church hall. Saint Mary's Hospital Cardiac Specialists were the guest speakers for the evening. Topics of discussion included heart health and diet, stroke risks with AFIB, medications and CPR techniques. The event was well attended by parishioners and general public.  
*Photography by Picard*

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April 10th - Thursday

**Wolcott Knights of Columbus 4th Annual Beverage Tasting Event**

**Location:** Aqua Turf Club  
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**Time:** 6:00pm - 10:00pm  
**Cost:** \$55 pp - \$500 for table of ten, no tickets sold at the door  
**Info:** Beverages supplied by locally owned distilleries, vineyards and breweries. Family style sit down dinner, live auction, silent auction and raffle. Proceeds will benefit the Global Wheelchair Mission and local charitable giving. Contact Al Podzunas at alpodz@aol.com for tickets.

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 25th - Friday

**Set Back Tournament Sponsored by The Ladies Guild of St. Basil the Great Parish**

**Location:** Father Shea Hall of St. Pius X Church | 525 Woodtick Rd, Wolcott.  
**Time:** 6:30pm registration - 7:00pm game start  
**Tickets:** \$20 per person  
**Info:** Snacks & Beverages included during play and a dessert table at the conclusion of the tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 scorers. For more information contact Janet Tynan at tynan\_janet@comcast.net or call 203-233-6407

May 10th - Saturday

**Wolcott Special Games Come Support our Wolcott Special Athletes**

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June 7th - Saturday

**3rd Annual "Waves for Wishes" Community Event for Make a Wish CT hosted by the Lumia family.**

**Location:** Long View Cider House  
336 Long Bottom Rd., Southington, CT.  
**Time:** 12:00pm - 4:00pm (rain or shine)  
**Cost:** Event is free and open to the public  
**Info:** There will be food trucks & baked goods, games, prizes, raffles, and entertainment. "Our family's goal is to raise awareness and support Make-A-Wish CT within our community. With your support we can create life changing wishes for children with critical illnesses."

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April 2025 — Welcome Spring

I look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying the spring weather in our community, whether along the Mill Pond Way or Peterson Park. Spring sports will be starting this month. It will be great to see everyone out and enjoy all that Wolcott has to offer.



Please be aware that Woodtick Recreation Beach Area will be closed for the 2025 season due to many different challenges, this decision was not made lightly, and I thank you for your understanding.

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, upcoming 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.

Please check our website at www.wolcottct.org for upcoming community events and activities.

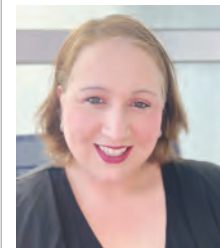
As always, know that you can contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Stop by my office or give me a call at 203-879-8100 ext. 102.

Sincerely,

Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

**A Minute with the Clerk**

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



Maryland, Virginia, Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Arizona, Wyoming, Washington, California. These are the States that were represented at our Futures Committee Meeting in Rancho Cucamonga, California. Out of many applicants nationwide, I was one of

twelve committee members selected to travel for a two-day weekend meeting. (It did not hurt that the weather was 75 degrees and the destination was beautiful.) I met a dynamic group of leaders that were there to discuss the future of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (I.I.M.C.) We met staff members and were taken for a tour of their offices. We dissected the bylaws, talked about how to train the next generation of clerks, the incorporation of Artificial Intelligence, and all the things we do that are great and all the things we do that are ready for a change. Being an effective Town Clerk involves modernizing your office to comply with technology, change in culture, and providing services that people in your town need, while keeping the importance of tradition, historic preservation, and small-town value.

I was voted back onto the committee for Education and Professional Development, and I was asked to be the Vice President. I gladly accepted. Education is a huge part of who we are as Town Clerks and vital to the role we play.

When I started, I did not fully understand the importance of an international committee as it applied to little Wolcott. Once I became more involved with our Connecticut Town Clerks Association, I saw what a vital role I.I.M.C. played. Many times, clerks will say, "Why are they doing that", "That doesn't make any sense", or "This law is really outdated." I plan to continue to work to the best of my ability on all committees for the betterment of Connecticut and all clerks around the world while never being too busy to help the most important people of all, our Town of Wolcott residents.



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For nearly 65 years, All Saints' has been a vital part of the Wolcott community. Often recognized as the “red building behind the Town Hall,” the church's Andrew's Hall serves as a hub for numerous local groups, hosting at least nine different community organizations weekly, including AA, Al-Anon, Girl Scouts, and a women's community service group.

The church's dedication to Wolcott extends beyond its facilities. On the first Sunday of each month, All Saints' collects non-perishable food and essential items for the Wolcott Food Pantry. For the past 25 years, they have also awarded scholarships to graduating seniors, investing in the future of the community. Additionally, proceeds from their annual golf tournaments support the Wolcott school system, assisting students with field trip costs, yearbooks, and other needs as determined by school social workers. The church has also provided holiday donations to a local group home and contributed to Wreaths Across America, ensuring wreaths are placed on over 500 Wolcott veterans' graves each December.

All Saints' impact reaches beyond Wolcott as well. They have donated to Episcopal Relief & Development funds, providing aid to communities affected by natural disasters worldwide. They've supported Father Sullivan's Ride, benefiting Waterbury Catholic Academy and St. Peter and Paul's Waterbury Food Bank. Currently, they are providing hay for horses cared for by a member of an indigenous community in Harwinton, demonstrating their commitment to diverse needs.

Despite being a small congregation, All Saints' Episcopal Church demonstrates a powerful dedication to sharing God's love with all creation, making a significant difference both locally and globally.



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**April 13th** Palm Sunday: Blessing of the palms and reading of "The Passion" | 10:00am  
**April 17th** Maundy Thursday: Soup & Bread supper 6pm, Maundy Thursday service | 7:00pm  
**April 18th** Good Friday: | 12:00pm  
**April 20th** Easter Day Celebration | 10:00am  
**April 27th** Morning Prayer Service | 10:00am

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## Boy Scout Troop 230

Scouts BSA Troop 230 for Boys are busy and focused. The Troop is eagerly working on building connections with the Cub Scout Pack 230 Arrow of Light Den. The troop hosted a few meetings for the younger scouts showing them things like proper fire building skills and patrol work. They also mentored the Cubs in meal planning for a campout they took together at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. During the overnight, the boys participated in fun activities like a cooking competition and a hike. They also were involved in Mattatuck's Yeti Olympics, where scouts competed in a variety of winter challenges.



On March 22, the troop will be hosting a can and bottle drive from 9-2 at the American Legion to help raise money to fund future activities and events. Other upcoming events will have Scouts helping the Wolcott Library. They will assist with the Book Sale, as well as be spreading mulch and completing other spring clean up tasks with the Friends of the Library. The troop will also be supporting local businesses by making candy with CC's Chocolates, forging hooks at Faith and Fire Forge and taking a First Aid/CPR course at the Wolcott Ambulance.

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).

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## “Waves for Wishes”



The Lumia Family invites you to the 3rd Annual “Waves for Wishes” community event on Saturday June 7th from 12p-4p (rain or shine) at the Long View Cider House, 336 Long Bottom Road, Southington, CT 06489. Bring your family and friends – all are welcome!

There will be food trucks & baked goods, games, prizes, raffles, and entertainment (Balloon Artist, Face Painter & Music). If you own a jeep, please consider registering your jeep via the link below (cost \$20/jeep donated to Make-A-Wish CT). Please also consider stopping by Roger’s Orchard Farms at both locations on the day of the event and grab a pie or two on your way to or from the event 25% of pie sales will benefit Make-A-Wish CT at both Roger’s Orchard Farms Shuttle Meadow & Sunnymount locations.

### Waves for Wishes 2025

Make-A-Wish traces its inspiration to Christopher James Greicius, an energetic 7-year-old boy battling leukemia who wishes to be a police officer. In 1980, his Phoenix community came together to make his wish come true. Little did Chris know that his wish would create a movement that would transform millions of lives. Today, Make-A-Wish has granted hundreds of thousands of life-changing wishes to children battling critical illnesses. Wishes that give families hope through dark times, strength to persevere and experiences that forever change their lives. Thank you to his mother, Linda Pauling, the Greicius family and the founders for their tireless dedication to our mission. The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in the United States that helps fulfill the wishes of children with a critical illness between the ages of 2.5 and 18 years old.

Make-A-Wish grants thousands of unique wishes each year. A wish begins with hope. And hope begins with you. Wishes are more than just a wonderful thing and they are far more than gifts or singular events in time. Nine out of ten parents shared that their child’s emotional wellbeing improved through receiving a wish. Wishes impact everyone involved—wish kids, volunteers, donors, sponsors, medical professionals, and communities. For wish kids, a wish gives them the strength to fight. Parents might finally feel optimistic. And still others may see all they have to offer the world through volunteer work or philanthropy. Our family’s goal is to raise awareness and support of Make-A-Wish CT within our community. With your support we can make wishes happen. It is amazing what wishes can do. A wish renews hope, uplifts spirit and encourages the belief in the impossible. There are currently three hundred critically ill children in CT waiting for their wishes.

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“Together we create life changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.” Thank you! The Lumia Family:  
Kim, Jeff, Jeffrey & Isabella

## Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



The Wolcott Grange will be hosting a Spring cleanup event on April 13, 2025 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at 313 Boundline Road. We are looking for volunteers. We welcome boy scout troops, girl scout troops, community groups, and individuals or families. We can also provide a letter of community service if you are in need of hours.

We will be hosting another Sea Glass Art Class at the Grange on May 4, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The last class was a huge success and a complete sell out. Please keep an eye out for the flyer in the community or visit our Wolcott Grange Facebook page. If you have any questions or would like to donate you can email wolcott@ctstategrange.org

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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.

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



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# Connecticut's Budget Priorities: Fiscal Responsibility or Political Convenience?



by **Rob Sampson**  
State Senator, 16th District

Special education funding is a critical necessity for Connecticut's municipalities, ensuring that towns can support students without overburdening local taxpayers. Unfortunately, instead of properly funding towns, the Democratic majority has once again

relied on budgetary gimmicks — not to improve education, but to circumvent their own fiscal rules.

For years, Democratic leadership has put Connecticut's municipalities at the bottom of the priority list. Their spending formula is clear: state employees and their benefits come first, then the massive entitlement bureaucracy that supports them., Only after that do they consider municipal aid. The result is skyrocketing property taxes as towns are forced to make up for the state's shortfalls.

I have always prioritized municipal aid because funding towns properly reduces the pressure to raise property taxes, something Connecticut desperately needs. That's why I supported the original \$40 million special-education funding bill when it passed unanimously earlier this year. Then, Governor Lamont inexplicably vetoed it. Normally, this would lead to an easy override vote. Instead, Democrats saw an opportunity to sidestep their own spending caps and funneled the same \$40 million into an off-the-books account using "emergency certification" — a process that bypasses public hearings and committee review, leaving taxpayers in the dark.

There was no reason to avoid a transparent process other than to evade Connecticut's bipartisan fiscal guardrails—rules designed to protect taxpayers from reckless spending. These same Democrats had unanimously supported these budget guardrails (also known as spending caps) in early 2023 at the urging of legislative Republicans. Governor Lamont himself recently called them "sacrosanct." However, when following them became inconvenient, they chose to ignore them.

If their goal had been to truly help students, they would have had a better option. Republicans responded to this maneuver by proposing an amendment to more than double the funding — offering \$92.2 million for special education within the budget guardrails. Every Democrat voted that amendment down — making it less about funding schools and more about bending financial rules to fit their agenda.

At the same time, Democrats approved another bill that funnels \$3 million to politically connected advocacy groups, including organizations focused on illegal immigration and gender-affirming care. Among the recipients were: Planned Parenthood, which received \$800,000 despite having over \$2.5 billion in assets; Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective, which received \$387,500; New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, which received \$225,000; Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, which received \$225,000; Junta for Progressive Action, which received \$62,500; and Anchor Health Initiative, which received \$62,500. These organizations were hand-picked with no public vetting and there will be nearly zero oversight on how these taxpayer dollars are spent.

Meanwhile, Connecticut families struggle with affordability. Electric rates remain artificially high due to the public benefits charge, which Republicans are fighting to remove. Property taxes are among the highest in the nation, yet towns are forced to beg for funding while millions go to well-connected special interest groups.

To put this in perspective, I offered an amendment redirecting this \$3 million toward Meals on Wheels for seniors and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program—funding that would help those most in need. Democrats voted it down on party lines.

What happened in the legislature weeks ago wasn't just fiscal irresponsibility; it was a blatant display of misplaced priorities.

Special education funding should be managed transparently and responsibly. Instead, Democrats exploited it to undermine Connecticut's hard-fought budget stability while simultaneously directing taxpayer money to ideological groups with no accountability.

If we want a government that serves the people, we must hold lawmakers accountable for following the budget rules they themselves voted into law. We need to properly fund municipal aid to reduce property tax burdens. We must stop politically motivated spending and focus on real affordability solutions.

I will continue fighting for responsible budgeting, protecting taxpayers, and demanding transparency. If the majority refuses to put Connecticut residents first, then it is up to the public to demand better.

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### Spring Weather

The days are getting longer, the grass is getting greener, and the flowers are starting to bloom. It is that wonderful time of year when people are excited about spending time outdoors. With warmer weather, watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists as you are driving. While working in your gardens, watch for bees & other pollinators that are also at work!

### Scholarships

We are proud to offer three scholarships to Wolcott High School seniors in memory of three of our past officers. The first one is in memory of Charter Member and long-time treasurer Ronald H. Bruneau who died in 2007 from a "line of duty" illness. The second is in memory of Charter Member and Captain Mary Ostrander who died in 2017, and the third scholarship is in memory of Life Member and Lieutenant James Marcelynas. Jim was a Registered Nurse Paramedic tragically killed in an auto accident in 2017.

Applications for these scholarships are due as soon as possible. If you would like more information or to obtain an application, stop by our new headquarters at 1300 Woodtick Road or give us a call.

### Emergency Medical Technician Class

Our spring class is in session, but there is still 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

We are excited to partner with Chesprocott Health District to provide free CPR Training! Studies have shown that performing CPR while waiting for medical assistance to arrive can greatly increase a person's chance of survival from cardiac arrest. That is why we are working with our Health District to provide this free lifesaving program to our community on the last Friday of each month. The first two classes were very well attended. The next class scheduled will be held on April 25, 2025, at the new Wolcott Ambulance Headquarters 1300 Woodtick Road. If you would like to register for this valuable training, please call (203) 879-4122 extension 400.

### Ambulance Statistics

During the month of February, WVAA responded to 139 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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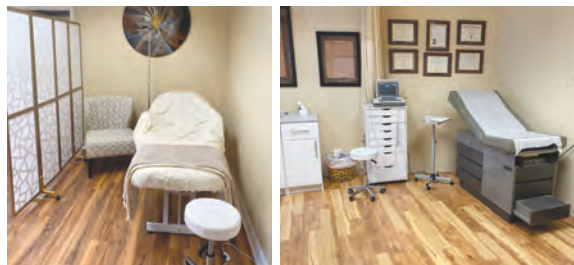
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## Junior Women's Club News



The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott elected new officers during their March monthly meeting for the 2025-2026 year: President – Colette Bowes, Vice President – Robin DiNicola and Teri Baltera, Recording Secretary – Jeanne Thomas, Treasurer – Joanne Pajak & Corresponding Secretary – Laurie Glasser. The new officers will be installed at the club's Banquet, on May 21st. Congratulations to all and thank you for volunteering!

We would like to thank the people who took the time to volunteer by giving blood during our Red Cross Blood Mobile held March 8th at the St Basil the Great Parish Hall located on Woodtick Rd. Our event ran smoothly without a hitch! Thank you to all the volunteers for making it a success.

We are continuing to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel Fund. 100% of all donations for the Fuel Fund are distributed for just that – "Fuel". The need is great due to rising costs! We are committed to giving the gift of heat when our neighbors need a helping hand. Reach out to us via our email if you need a helping hand through the gift of heat.

Our two major fundraisers are in the process of being finalized. The club is working hard to sponsor our Annual Golf Tournament. Please check out our website [www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org](http://www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org) for more information on the Golf Tournament. The Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott fundraiser will be held during the Wolcott Fair held this year August 8th through the 10th. It is a great experience for any child to be selected as our young ambassadors as they make appearances at many of the town functions. Applicants must reside in Wolcott and must be between the ages of 4 to 7 by August 1st 2025. If you are interested contact us at our email address. Look for more upcoming information on these two fundraisers.

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. Opportunities for friendships, personal growth and leadership abound. 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, all our welcome!

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



Little Mr. & Miss of Wolcott presented the school administration staff handmade valentine cards as a thank you for everything they do for Wolcott. Back row left to right: Administrative assistant to Superintendent Jessica Kenny, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Norcross, Superintendent Mr. Simpson, front row Little Miss Wolcott Hannah Kacani, and Little Mr. Wolcott Kaisyn DelPrado.



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# Wolcott Historical Society - April 2025



by Florence Goodman

Patriots' Day is celebrated on the 3rd Monday in April, and marks the historic Battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775. It was known as "The Shot Heard Round the World." As poet Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "...it was the first battle that started the American Revolutionary War, paving our path to freedom." On July 10, 2017, Patriots' Day became an official (unpaid) holiday in the state of Connecticut. We join five other states Maine, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Florida and North Dakota that celebrate this day with pride.

Prior to that 2017 date, Stacy Perrone-Petta worked closely with Senator Joe Markley (16th District), Rep. Rob Sampson (80th District) and Historian Alex Bugaeff (Ellington, CT) to initiate the day as an official holiday in Connecticut. Her passion for our veterans and American Heritage runs deep. A forever Miss CT America 1996 and USO performer, she has been entertaining and honoring servicemen and service women for over 30 years. In 2016, along with the support of the town of Wolcott and the honorable Mayor Thomas Dunn, she started a local Patriots' Day Celebration. It has been a wonderful way to honor our local veterans and share stories of our American History. It serves as a day of remembrance to all those that fought for our freedoms as well as the birth of our nation.



An old post card showing Center Street as a dirt road. Edgewood Cemetery is on the left.

I recently met with Stacy to discuss a different way to celebrate Patriots' Day this year. We have developed a history scavenger hunt that can be completed as a family adventure while learning about some of our patriots from the American Revolution and our local history. This event will take place on April 12th starting at noon at the Center School History Museum at 154 Center Street. At that time, you can pick up a brochure, a map and an envelope to hold the clues to begin your adventure.

Participants must visit all 9 historic sites listed below. At each site you will see a container with a clue. You will take the clue and move onto the next site. Once you have collected all 9 clues and put them together, they will direct you to your final site. At that last location someone will hand out the last bit of history and your prize. We are hoping that you will learn a little local history while celebrating some of our patriots from the past and having fun. The sites are listed below.



Early photo of the Mattatuck Drum Band in front of our first Town Hall circa 1922.



Updated tombstone for Nathaniel Lane at Edgewood Cemetery - Soldier of the Revolution.

The Congregational Church was established on November 18, 1773, it was known as "The Meeting House on Benson's Hill." Across from the church on the town green is where the first militia practiced. It later became known as the Mattatuck Drum Band. You will find a clue at the church.

The statue of the "Soldier on the Green" was erected in 1916 and dedicated on July 4th of that year. Leverette Dwight Kenea of Thomaston presented the statue to the town in memory of his grandfather, John Jordon Kenea who fought in the Revolutionary War as a soldier from Wolcott. He is buried in Edgewood Cemetery. You will find a clue here.

The Ordinary or the Great Gray Rock is located on Bound Line Road south of the Episcopal Church. It dates to 1678 and served as the northeast corner boundary of ancient Waterbury. It dates to when the original settlers purchased the land from the Tunxis Tribe. You will find a clue here.



The Ordinary or Great Gray Rock is located on Bound Line Road cross from Brooks Hill Road.

Nathaniel Lane was a soldier of the Revolution who is buried in Edgewood Cemetery. Find his tombstone. He served in the Militia Regiment and died in 1840 at age 76. Edgewood cemetery is located on Bound Line Road. You will find a clue here.

The Constitutional Oak tree is located on Spindle Hill Road just past the intersection of Mad River Road. It was planted by Evelyn Upson in 1902. Upson was Wolcott's delegate to Connecticut's 1901 Constitutional Convention. Although no changes were made to our Constitution at that time, each delegate was sent home with a small pin oak tree to plant in a prominent place in the town. Upson planted his tree in his yard hoping to transplant it later but never did. The house where Upson lived is the James (Alcox) Alcott House circa 1774. James Alcott fought in the

Revolution in the 13th Co. Trainband 15th Regt. You will find a clue here at the tree which has been standing for 123 years.

The Old Thomas House is located at 36 Peterson Lane. This house was built in 1775 for James Thomas who fought in the Revolution and is buried in Edgewood Cemetery. James was the father of Seth Thomas, a famous clockmaker who made his first clocks in Wolcott on Spindle Hill. Seth was born in this house in 1785 and lived there until 1810. He wanted to build his clock factory in Wolcott, but the town would not improve the roads for his clocks to be transported to the Southington/Cheshire area. He left the area for Plymouth Hollow and established his clock factory there. Today that town is named Thomaston. You will find a clue at the James Thomas House.



Bronze maker placed at the birthplace of Amos Bronson Alcott found at the corner of Beach and Spindle Hill Roads.

The Spindle Hill area was the birthplace of Amos Bronson Alcott, a famous educator. Amos Bronson Alcott was born on the corner of Beach and Spindle Hill Roads, but the house where he was born no longer stands. The Solomon (Alcox) Alcott house replaced that house circa 1790. Solomon Alcott fought in the Revolution in the Militia from 1781 - 1782. In front of that house is a bronze plaque that was dedicated to Amos Bronson Alcott and his daughter, famous author, Louisa May Alcott. She was a well-known author BUT not born in Wolcott. She was born in Germantown, PA. You will find a clue here.

The Stone Schoolhouse located at 155 Nichols Road was referred to as the Woodtick School. It was built in 1821 and was enlarged in 1898. It is the oldest stone school in Connecticut. The granite stone for this school was quarried from the Wakelee Quarry near the Waterbury border. This school was used for 109 years. You will find a clue here.

Judah Frisbie was a soldier of the Revolution who is buried in Woodtick Cemetery. This cemetery is located on Woodtick Road. Find the tall Frisbie tombstone. Judah's stone is not visible now. You will find a clue here.

At the end of your scavenger hunt you should have 9 clues. Once you put these words into a sentence you will know where to go to get your prize. We hope that you will enjoy the hunt with family and/or friends.



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The ancient Greeks and Romans advanced dental care further. Hippocrates, known as the father of medicine, wrote about dentistry in his medical texts, providing insights into tooth decay and dental surgery. The Greeks utilized gold, silver, and other metals to create dental appliances, setting the stage for prosthodontics. Meanwhile, the Romans emphasized oral hygiene, often using toothpicks and mouthwashes made from vinegar and salt.

As we moved into the Middle Ages, dentistry fell into the hands of barbers who performed extractions and other simple procedures. This period saw a lack of formal dental education, leading to many dangerous practices. However, in the 18th century, dentistry began to professionalize. Pierre Fauchard, often referred to as the "father of modern dentistry," published "Le Chirurgien Dentiste," which laid the foundation for contemporary dental practices. He introduced systematic approaches to oral health and described various dental procedures, significantly improving patient care.

The 19th century marked remarkable advancements with the introduction of anesthesia, which revolutionized dental surgeries. Dentists could perform complex procedures without the patient experiencing significant physical pain. Additionally, the development of the dental drill and the rise of dental fillings further enhanced the treatment of cavities.

Fast forward to the 21st century, modern dentistry incorporates cutting-edge technology that pushes the boundaries of traditional practices. Digital imaging and 3D printing have transformed diagnostics and treatment planning. Techniques with dental bonding, stronger esthetic ceramic materials, digital scanning, lasers and more, have contributed to better outcomes with less unpleasant experiences for the patient.

Moreover, dental health awareness has grown, leading to a deeper understanding of the connection between oral health and overall wellness. Research has linked poor dental hygiene and poor dental health to systemic conditions such as heart disease and diabetes, prompting a more holistic approach to patient care.

The field of dentistry has come a long way from its ancient origins. Today, it stands as a testament to human ingenuity, continually adapting to new technologies and findings in science. As we look to the future, one can only imagine how innovations will further reshape the landscape of dental care, promising happier and healthier smiles for generations to come.

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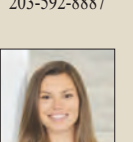
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**WATERBURY \$385,000** — Beautiful Bunker Hill raised ranch that has been totally updated. This home features beautiful hardwood flooring, tile in bathrooms, stunning kitchen with granite counters, stainless steel appliances and large dining area. 2 car garage with stamped, concrete driveway. Plus, partially finished lower level with full bath.

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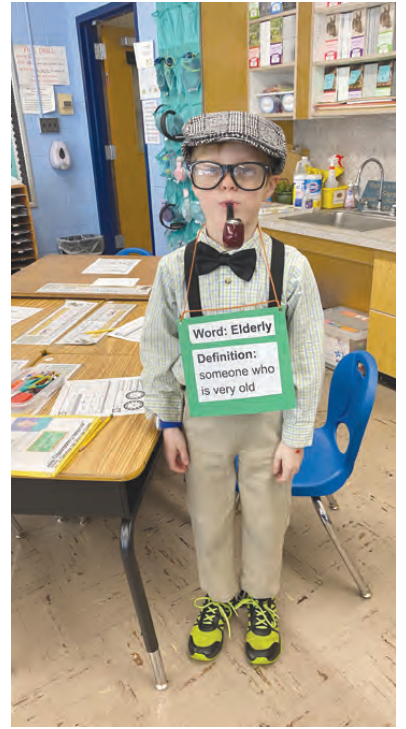
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# Wakelee School News!



Wakelee School staff and students celebrated Read Across America Week with daily activities. As a culminating activity students and staff showed off their love of words in a vocabulary parade!



Student council members encourage students to reflect on why they are lucky this year!



Big thanks to the PTO for this awesome light show the students got to view. The Black History Laser Tribute uses music and laser animations to celebrate African Americans' contributions to our nation's history. This show incorporates a mix of science, technology, art, and music!



This is a wonderful tradition we have for Read Across America week. Students from the middle and high school come to read a story to each class. This year the story was Each Kindness. Thank you to the reading teachers from Wakelee School, Tyrrell and Wolcott High for organizing this every year!



Students got a special visit from the Superintendent Mr. Simpson and State representative Gale Mastrofrancesco to end our Read Across America week!





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The Veterans Advocacy Commission and the Katherine Gaylord Chapter of the D.A.R. would like to thank all veterans, family members and guests that attended the luncheon, provided by Mission BBQ, at St Pius Church on March 29th, Vietnam War Veterans Day. A pinning ceremony was held prior to the luncheon where all Vietnam Veterans or spouse or child of a deceased Vietnam Veteran received a commemorative pin and a certificate.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Post University and its CFO Frank Monteiro for covering the cost of the luncheon to all veterans attending.

For almost two decades, Americans raised their right hands and committed to serve and defend our Constitution as uniformed members of the United States Armed Forces during a tumultuous period in our country's history. Throughout the years of the Vietnam War, 9 million Americans earned the title of United States veteran. Today and everyday, we honor their bravery and commitment and give thanks to a generation of Americans who valiantly fought in service of the country they

love. We will always remember those we lost and honor those who came home.

In 2012, our nation launched a 13-year long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War to ensure that every veteran impacted by the difficult years in Vietnam feels our gratitude for their sacrifice. To the families, caregivers and survivors of the 58,479 service members whose names are memorialized in the black granite, we pledge to never forget your loved ones.

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# Alcott School News



*Project Explore students from Alcott, Frisbie & Wakelee attended a live viewing of “Hero: The Boy from Troy” at the Bushnell. This trip concluded our unit about John Lewis’ life and his contribution to the Civil Rights Movement.*



*TMS and WHS students came to read to students during Read Across America Week.*



*To kick off Read Across America, Alcott School is participating in “March Madness” book style! Every child filled out a bracket and will read each of the Sweet 16 books. They will then vote for which book moves on as our school favorite! Stay tuned through the month of March!*



*Congratulations to fourth grader, Yousef, for his job well done representing Alcott School at the Connecticut Spelling Bee at the University of St. Joseph. He was one of 64 elementary and middle school students from around the state!*



## Wolcott Lion's Club PO Box 6063 Wolcott CT 06716



Procedes for the 2024 Tom Centinaro Memorial Dam Race were given out on Wednesday February 26, 2025 at the Wolcott Lions Club to help support the following:

Tom Centinaro Memorial Scholarship, Wreaths across America, Eagle's Nest Charity, Wolcott Food Pantry Wolcott special Needs Programs, Wolcott Fuel Bank, Crossroads, Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance and Wolcott volunteer Fire Department

The Wolcott Lions Club would like to thank all the Sponsors, Participants, and volunteers who helped make this a successful event.



In photo from Left to Right in front row are Race Chairman Paul Hebert, Wolcott Fire Chief Kyle Dunn, Chairman of Wreaths across America – Kevin Huber, From Wolcott Food pantry – Donna Lombardi and Connie Gleiford, from Eagle's Nest charity – Chris Olmstead, Lions race committee member Steve Tutolo, back row left is Wolcott Lion's President Paul Mazurek – Mayor Tom Dunn and from Crossroads – Joe Dunn

## Farmingbury Women's Club



Hoping Spring is right around the corner. Brett Muccino will be at our March meeting to talk about the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall that will be coming to Wolcott from May 29th through June 2nd. We have an upcoming Car Show and will share the details in the next issue of the Wolcott Community News.

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.

Hope you all have a fun and safe St. Patrick's Day.





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# The Cracks of Connecticut's Public Safety System



**State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco**  
Representing Wolcott & Southington

As a State Representative, one of my primary responsibilities is to ensure the safety and well-being of Connecticut's residents. But alarming incidents, including the recent release of a horrific murderer and a sex offender, have revealed deficiencies that need to be immediately reviewed.

Earlier this legislative session, my fellow House Republicans and I proposed crucial reforms to Connecticut's Trust Act. Currently, that act stops Connecticut Law Enforcement from cooperating with federal authorities who are attempting to enforce immigration laws except under very narrow circumstances such as if the person is convicted of a Class A or B felony.

Our reforms would empower law enforcement agencies to collaborate more effectively with federal immigration officials when illegal immigrants are charged with serious offenses such as Class A, B, or C felonies, crimes like manslaughter, assault, sexual assault, and arson. And there are recent examples where this reform would have done some good. Take the case of Sanjay Sivan Walsh.

Walsh was sentenced in 2023 to 10 years in Enfield's Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution after committing "unspeakable crimes against two children", of which he served 21 months, before the CT Department of Correction "declined to honor an ICE detainer against him and released him into the public," according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Had our reforms been in place, Walsh would not have been released back onto the streets (serving less than half his sentence), which is exactly what happened.

And incidents like those are not isolated but show systemic problems that need to be addressed.

Just recently, the family of a murdered Bridgeport man said there was no justice when they learned that a psychiatric review board had released Tyree Smith (also known the Bridgeport Cannibal Killer). Smith killed Angel Gonzalez, and after attacking him in a vacant apartment, he ate parts of his body. It was such a shocking crime, and after he was found not guilty due to insanity, he was supposed to spend 60 years in a psychiatric hospital.

Instead, the review board decided to release him back into the community (he's now in Waterbury) after serving 12 years, ordering him only to wear ankle monitor.

Rightfully so, this decision caused outrage from the community. But it served to expose how deeply flawed our criminal justice system is when it comes to early release of offenders. How on earth can we trust that a cannibal will take his medications and is not a threat to the public? It is absurd.

Darren Yu Huang, a former Ridgefield resident, escaped from court-ordered mental health treatment at Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan. Huang, previously accused of attempting to set fire to the same facility in February 2023, was arrested at JFK International Airport. Disturbingly, he was found carrying a hatchet, a sledgehammer, and a handwritten plan to shoot people. How did he escape?

This case is yet another example of the potential dangers when individuals with violent tendencies are not adequately monitored or restrained.

Equally troubling is the recent news in Waterbury, where a woman allegedly confined her stepson for two decades, failing to feed him and leaving him with no heat or air conditioning. The victim, now 32, weighed just 68 pounds after he escaped, which he achieved by setting fire to the residence.

Former educators say they had raised concerns about his well-being during his childhood, reporting signs of abuse and starvation to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) at least 20 times, according to NBC 30. Tragically, these reports did not result in intervention.

How does something like this happen? How is it that such serious allegations of neglect are not acted upon? And I do not always make serious incidents political, but I would be remiss if I did not point out that the Democrat majority continues to fund pet projects across Connecticut, and is more concerned about passing bills that would add a tax on paper grocery bags, rather than focusing on fixing the systems that allow people to fall through the cracks.

I can be reached by email at [Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov) or by phone at (800) 842-1423. You can also follow my legislative activity by visiting my website at [www.repastrofrancesco.com](http://www.repastrofrancesco.com) or my Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/repale](http://www.facebook.com/repale).

## Juvenile Review Board Announced

"Wolcott Youth Services would like to share that they have started a Juvenile Review Board. A Juvenile Review Board is a community-based program that helps young people avoid the juvenile justice system by offering alternatives for first time, minor offenses. If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Wolcott Youth Services at [youthservices@wolcottct.org](mailto:youthservices@wolcottct.org)."

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# Wolcott Christian Life Center Celebrates 70 Years

The Wolcott Christian Life Center (WCLC), on Wolcott Road across from the Dunkin Donuts, is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. While April 18 is the official incorporation date, the church will recognize the milestone as part of the service on April 6th. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 and all are welcome. "There's a place for you," is something the church leadership embodies.

WCLC traces its beginnings to the early 1950s. It was officially incorporated in 1955 and has been at its current location since then. It was originally known as The Pentecostal House of Prayer. Founding pastors were Warren and Jean Tatlock and they served at the church for 20 years. Minor updates to the buildings and grounds were made throughout the years, but the church remained largely unchanged since it was built.

In 1984 the church changed its name to the Wolcott Christian Life Center under the pastoral leadership of the Reverend Leo Chaput, who led the church until 2008. In November of 2009, Bob and Sandra Rulewicz accepted the call to pastor the church and worked to build up the church again - its membership, ministries, administration, as well as the property and facility. The church underwent a renovation - new roof, electrical and plumbing upgrades, installation of a new sound system, two new bathrooms, siding, windows, and doors. The culmination of the renovation included a new steeple and front facade, resulting in a modern, yet classic, New England look.

Timothy Loftus, current pastor, and his wife Jane, started attending in July of 2023. Tim was voted in formally in January 2024 (coinciding with Pastor Bob's retirement) and ordained in August. They have had the privilege of serving together in many ways for more than 25 years, but the desire of their hearts has always been to pastor together. They are grateful for the opportunity God has provided at WCLC. And, along with the rest of the congregation, look forward to many more years.

In addition to Sunday services, the church has active programs for children, youth, men, and women. "We are a small church with a family-like atmosphere," said Loftus. "We're committed to prayer, want to see all of us mature in our faith, and focus on grace and integrity with a sense of humor in the process."

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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. May 9, 2025

Check out CASA's website: <https://www.wolcottcasa.org>

Contact us with any questions:

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## Vegetable Planting Guide

What to plant and when: Connecticut has three different USDA Hardiness Zones, which means vegetables could be planted at different times during the calendar year depending on where the garden is located within the state. Since Connecticut has a shorter growing season, warm-weather crops are still an option but you may want to research newer varieties that can reach their harvest date within a shorter timeframe. Some of the best plants to grow in Connecticut include lettuce, Cole crops like broccoli and Brussels sprouts, greens like spinach and kale, beans, root crops and other cool-season varieties. Some perennial vegetables, like asparagus, do well in northern Connecticut and can provide a yearly harvest.

### Wolcott is Zone 6:

**April:** Plant beets, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, peas, and spinach outside. Begin these crops inside in March. Begin tomatoes, peppers, and onions inside now.

**May:** Begin beans, Brussels sprouts, cucumber, corn, squash, and cabbage inside. Plant tomatoes and onions outside.

**June:** Plant peppers outside.

**July:** Plant beans, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, corn, cucumber, and squash outside.

**August:** Plant beets and broccoli outside. Begin carrots, kale, lettuce, peas, and spinach.

**September:** Plant carrots, kale, lettuce, peas, and spinach outside







# Wolcott Public Library



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## April Events

We have new and returning library programs this April for all ages. Visit our website at [wolcottlibrary.org/eventcalendar/or](http://wolcottlibrary.org/eventcalendar/or) call the library at 203-879-8110 for more information. Registration may be required for some programs.

### The Friends of Wolcott Public Library Book Sale

This isn't a prank. The bi-annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is scheduled for Thursday, April 3rd through Sunday, April 5th!

Studies show that kids with more books in their homes have higher literacy rates. The Friends Book Sale is a great time to stock your home library.

### 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 - Little Looms: Kits are available while supplies last—first come, first serve. Glue not included.

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 Tuesday, 2:00 - 5:30 Makerspace Open Hours - All makerspace material will be set up and ready to use in the Reading Room. Outside of open hours, makerspace resources are always available by appointment. Call the library at 203-879-8110 or email us at [library@wolcottct.org](mailto:library@wolcottct.org) for more information.

Every Friday, 12:00 Homeschool Family Meetup - Gardening (Apr. 4th), Balloon Powered Vehicles (Apr. 11th), and Music (Apr. 18th).

Thursday, Apr. 3, 5:30 Poetry Reading - Poets of Wolcott! Share your poetry with your neighbors. Poetry, lyrical prose, or spoken word—we welcome all formats.

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 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, Apr. 9, 6:00 Karaoke with Bella - Come sing at the library. What's your go-to karaoke song?

Saturday, Apr. 12, 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.

Saturday, Apr. 19, 12:00 Books and Barks - Come meet the newest member of your family! Dog Star Rescue is bringing pups to the library for adoption.

### Children's Events

Every Monday, 5:30 Checkmates (Grades 2+) - Learn how to play chess with friends.

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!

Thursday, Apr. 3, 5:00 Kids' Coding Club (Grades 4-8) - Join us for an Hour of Code. Bring-your-own laptop, Chromebook, or tablet.

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 4:00 Readin' with Teagan - Meet and read to Teagan - a golden retriever therapy dog who loves to read!

Saturday, Apr. 19, 11:00 Egg Coloring - Decorate eggs for the spring. Fun for the whole family.

Tuesday, Apr. 22, 4:00 Wiffle Ball (8+) - Play wiffle ball at the library. Get outside and enjoy the fresh air. It will be a hit.

### 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, Apr. 1, 4:30 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, Apr. 8th, 4:30 Chess @ WPL - Meet up at the booths near the YA section to play chess. No registration required.

Tuesday, Apr. 15, 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, Apr. 22, 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, 10:00 Chesprocott: Matter of Balance - A class for people to help their balance.

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, Apr. 7, 11:30 Social Media: Facebook - Let's talk about social media. We'll focus on Facebook - how to make an account, connect with your friends and family, and navigate the site.

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 6:30 Veterans are Heroes Forever - The mission of VAHF is to support veterans and the community. If you are a veteran or want to help veterans, membership is open.

Thursday, Apr. 10, 6:00 Spring/Easter Card Class - Welcome Spring with these fun Spring/Easter themed cards. We will be making 3 cards and you will leave class ready to send these to your loved ones. No card making experience needed. Registration required.

Monday, Apr. 14, 2:00 Coin Rolling - Bring in your containers of change and roll them at the library. Coin rollers will be provided while supplies last.

Tuesday, Apr. 15, 4:00 Tote Bag Tuesday - Design and print your own tote bag. Registration required.

Wednesday, Apr. 16, 6:00 Book Club - Join our monthly book club with this month's book, 100 Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin.

Thursday, Apr. 17, 5:00 Titanic: A Date with Destiny - Join John Cilio as he tells us stories from Titanic's construction, preparations for sailing, its crew and passengers.

Wednesday, Apr. 23, 5:30 Cookbook Club - Pick a recipe from America Farm to Table by Mario Batali and bring it to share. Registration required.

Thursday, Apr. 24, 6:00 Tai Chi with Mike Fuchs - Join Sifu Mike to learn some sequences and about this incredible art and healthy exercise style.

Friday, Apr. 25, 1:00 - The Final Friday movie will be A Complete Unknown (2024).

Wednesday, Apr. 30, 6:00 Non-Fiction Book Club - Join our monthly non-fiction book club with an unconventional memoir, The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien. Available in print and audio at the library or on Hoopla.



Entwyned Early Music brought the historical sounds of Ireland and Scotland to our patrons. Musician Eric Hansen is pictured with his archlute. Entwyned was welcomed as part of our Monthly Music series funded by the Friends of the Library and the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation.



This March, we had a ton of great children's programs! As the weather got warmer, we did an egg drop challenge with our Homeschool Family Meet-up group.

## Friends of the Wolcott Library, Inc.

ALERT! ALERT! It is time for our Spring Book Sale. Mark the dates - Thursday, April 3 and Friday, April 4 from noon to 6pm and Saturday, April 5 from 10 am to 2 pm. This event provides the income the Friends need to fund the many goods and services which supplement the Library's budgeted offerings. You will find books for all ages and interests. We also have a limited number of books on tape, CD's, DVD's, games and record albums. There is a good selection of jigsaw puzzles and some are brand new! We have an abundance of cookbooks, biographies, history and quilting books. Most items are priced at 25 cents to \$5.00 each for the most current novels. Our reputation for excellence is well known throughout the area. Please come and support this vital fundraiser. Invite friends and neighbors. This is a cash only event! For further information, please contact Janet Tynan at [wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com](mailto:wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com) or call 203 233-6407.

On another matter, the Friends have renewed 2 passes to the Mattatuck Museum. Enjoy free admission for 2 adults and their children with each pass. Special exhibits include Arthur Nager's photography of local sites on display until May 25th and Modern Women, a special look at the works of Georgia O'Keefe and Kay Sage running until June 8th. Other passes available are: Beardsley Zoo, CT Old State House, CT State Parks Pass (includes Gillette Castle, Dinosaur and Fort Trumbull State Parks), New Britain Museum of Modern Art, Pez Visitor's Center, The Wadsworth, Barker Animation and the Science Center in Hartford. The last two listed are discount coupons.

Further details can be found on our website [www.wolcottlibrary.org](http://www.wolcottlibrary.org) or call 203 879-8110.





# 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

**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, April 1**

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

**Wednesday, April 2**

9:00-1:00 Driver’s Safety Class sponsored by AARP —Refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules of the road. Check with your insurance company —Safer driving can save you money! \$20.00 for AARP Members — \$25.00 for non-members, Pay instructor day of class

11:30 Lunch Special — Italian Combo w/ Lettuce on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert, \$5.00pp — Sign up & Pay 48 hrs in advance

**Thursday, April 3**

7:30 Bus leaves for Foxwoods Casino —Departs casino 3:30PM — sign up for the bus

**Sunday, April 6**

1:00 Bus leaves for 7 Angels Theater — “The Wedding Binder” — When Cherie’s boyfriend pops the question, she has no doubts that the answer will be “YES”! After all, she’s been planning her Fairytale Dream Wedding Barbie. A hilarious new comedy from CT Playwright Jacques Lamarre, directed by Sasha Bratt. \$33.00 pp (if 10 paid participants). Sign up & pay by Fri. Mar 28. Dinner to follow at Johnny B’s Pub. \*\*If you are driving your own car and plan to join our

group for dinner, please write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet so we can give an accurate count for dinner reservations.

**Tuesday, April 8**

9:00-9:45 Chair Yoga w/ Matt — 5 week session from Apr 8 to May 6. Donations are appreciated for these classes.

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Tramonti’s Restaurant — Sign up at the senior center. \*\*If you are driving your own car and plan to join our group for lunch, please write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet so we can give an accurate count for lunch reservations.

**Wednesday, April 9**

11:30 Lunch Special — Homemade Meatloaf & Cheese on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp. Sign up & Pay by Mon. Apr 7.

**Thursday, April 10**

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at the Danbury Mall — Lunch at your choice of restaurants

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make a decoupage Easter decoration, \$6.00 pp — Pay when you sign up

**Friday, April 11**

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

**Monday, April 14**

10:00-1:00 Senior haircuts for \$15.00 pp by Andrienna — Cash only — Sign up in 20 minute time slots. Andrienna is a hairdresser who grew up in Wolcott and has been licensed in cosmetology for 20+ years. She has both hairdressing and barbering experience. She is offering these reduced prices for seniors every 2nd Monday of each month. No walk-ins please.

**Tuesday, April 15**

9:00-9:45 Chair Yoga w/ Matt — 5 week session from Apr 8 to May 6. Donations are appreciated for these classes.

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Joey Garlic’s — Shopping to follow at Stew Leonard’s. Sign up for the bus. \*\*If you are driving your own car and plan to join our group for lunch, please write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet so we can give an accurate count for lunch reservations.

11:15 “Wound Care” presentation — sponsored by Waterbury Hospital — presenter

Brianna Saucier RN, Program Director — “What is a wound and how do I know I need care for it”; “Why should I see a wound specialist”; “Making an appointment with Waterbury Wound Center”; “Hyperbaric Medicine”. Open to the Public

**Thursday, April 17**

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Bacon, Egg & Cheese — \$3.00 pp — Sign up & Pay 48 hrs in advance

11:00 Bus leaves for The White Horse Restaurant & Pub — Sign up at the senior center \*\*If you are driving your own car and plan to join our group for lunch, please write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet so we can give an accurate count for lunch reservations.

**Friday, April 18**

GOOD FRIDAY — SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

**Tuesday, April 22**

9:00-9:45 Chair Yoga w/ Matt — 5 week session from Apr 8 to May 6. Donations are appreciated for these classes.

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at De Cappello of Litchfield — Sign up at the senior center. \*\*If you are driving your own car and plan to join our group for lunch, please write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet so we can give an accurate count for lunch reservations.

11:30-3:00 Foot Reflexology w/ Kim — Enjoy 20 minutes of relaxation for \$25.00, Sign up in 20 minutes time slots

**Wednesday, April 23**

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 large Slices of Cheese

Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp, Sign up & pay by Mon. Apr 21.

**Thursday, April 24**

8:00 Bus leaves for Mohegan Sun Casino — Departs casino 3:30 — Sign up for the bus.

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

**Tuesday, April 29**

8:00 Bus leaves for Butterfly Museum in Deerfield, MA — Lunch at Wolfie’s Restaurant. Shopping at Richard’s (Home-Made) Candy Store & Yankee Candle, Sign up at the senior center

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

**Wednesday, April 30**

11:30 Lunch Special — Turkey Breast & Cheese w/ Lettuce on a Croissant, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp, Sign up & pay by Mon Apr 28

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

PARKING POLICY: PARKING AT THE SENIOR CENTER IS FOR SENIOR CENTER PARTICIPANTS ONLY. IF YOU ARE WALKING THE TRAIL, PLEASE USE WOODTICK RECREATION PARKING LOT AS WE HAVE LIMITED PARKING SPACES FOR OUR SENIORS. A SPACE THAT YOU TAKE IS ONE LESS SPACE FOR OUR SENIORS. THE GATE WILL REMAIN LOCKED BY THE SENIOR CENTER.



Set Back Tournament League begins at the senior center.



Jean in her St. Patrick’s Day attire



Frisbie School leprechauns serving our seniors at our St. Patrick’s Day lunch





# Focus On Frisbie



Tyrrell Middle School students and State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco read to students for Read Across America.



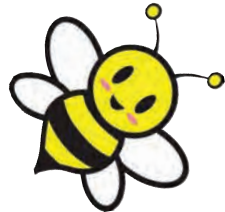
Congratulations to Frisbie's Golden Ticket winners for February 2025!



The Frisbie book and art club held a collaborative meeting where they discussed the book *Tumble*. Students then designed their own wrestling masks.



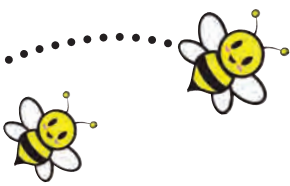
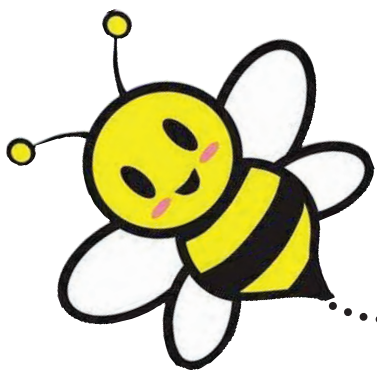
Frisbie kindergarten students had fun digging up fossils! Students are learning a lot about "Then and Now"!



Project Explore student, Aelianna, gives an informative lesson that she created about horses, followed by Q&A!

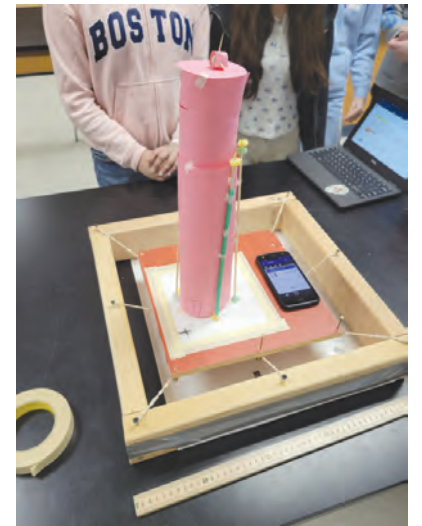


Congratulations to Frisbie's Students of the Month for February 2025!





# Target on Tyrrell



## SHEPAUG BALD EAGLE OBSERVATORY FIELD TRIP

On February 19th, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students from Tyrrell visited the Shepaug Bald Eagle Observatory. While there, students had the opportunity to hear from a representative of the Audubon Society who discussed a number of birds of prey that they were caring for, including Ruby the Broad Winged Hawk. While it was a cold day, the students and staff had a great time and were even able to spot a couple of active bald eagles through the available scopes.



## SEISMIC SHAKE-UP! 6TH GRADE PROJECT

The 6th grade science students learned about earthquakes and how they affect the Earth's surface and how structures can be designed to be earthquake resistant, to reduce damage, and loss of life. Students then applied their knowledge to create earthquake resistant structures to test during a simulated earthquake on a shake table in the science lab.



French students celebrated Mardi Gras by learning about the history and traditions surrounding this holiday in various parts of the French-speaking world. They enjoyed sampling King Cake and beignets, in addition to making masks, hats, and jester puppets.



## READ ACROSS WOLCOTT

On Friday, February 28th, in honor of Read Across America, 49 Tyrrell students, alongside some WHS student volunteers, traveled to Wakelee, Frisbie, and Alcott to read to the elementary students. Our book for this year's Read Across Wolcott event was *Each Kindness*. In this book, the main character Chloe learns that taking the time to show even just a little bit of kindness goes a long way. This tradition is one that continues to be enjoyed by both the readers and the students welcoming our readers into their classrooms. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of this event and look forward to it again next year!





# Wolcott High School NEWS



## WHS Student Government Hosts Student and Teachers Badminton Tournament



WHS Student Government hosted their third annual Students and Teachers Badminton Tournament. Thank you to everyone who participated in and came out to support the tournament as well.

Congratulations to the team of Joe Finke and Gabe Ziomek for winning the tournament. Go Eagles!



### National Honor Society

Congratulations to the following Wolcott High School students that will be inducted into the National Honor Society!

- Ajro, Gresa
- Amankwa-Sarpong, Michelle
- Anderson, Patricia
- Belden, Torri
- Brenes, Joseph
- Cajuste, Courtney
- Cianci, Madeline
- Ciarlo, Gianna
- Cirikovic, Medina
- Cleary, Cameron
- Cote, Katelyn
- Czyzycki, Lexann
- D'Addona, Angelina
- D'Angelo, Gabriella
- DalNegro, Peter
- DeLeo, Olive
- Denison, Kyle
- Dwyer, Elena
- Effrece, Carrigan
- Ehmer, Aaron
- Geddes, Kali
- Grenier, McKenzie
- Guerrera, Ashley
- Gugliotti, Ava
- Huber, McKenna
- Keith, Logan
- Kelly, Madison
- Korumi, Ema
- Kowynia, Noah
- Lin, Gilbert
- Lopez, Zara
- Lowden, Payton
- Mino, Besmir
- Nasiri, Nadia
- Ozuni, Andy
- Perugini, Julia
- Poci, Emis
- Puffer, Isabel
- Rabtoy, Aedan
- Sanzone, Lisa
- Schepis, Taylor
- Shea, Ava
- Surreira, Bradyn
- Uruchima-Sarmiento, Paulina
- Watson, Nicholas



### Unified Sports Penguin Plunge

On Saturday March 8th, 25 students and staff members from Wolcott High School plunged into the freezing cold waters of Scovill's Reservoir to raise money for the Special Olympics and the WHS Unified Sports team. Together as a team, over \$5,500 were raised for the cause. This money will be split evenly between WHS Unified and Special Olympics CT. The funds will be used to buy equipment, team gear, and to promote inclusion throughout the school through projects and activities. This is the second plunge organized by our Unified Sports team at Scovill's. In previous years, the team participated in plunges at various locations and also participated in an "ice bucket challenge". We look to continue this event annually to bring together our team with school officials and community members. We appreciate the continued support of our administration and town officials who have helped us in the coordination of this event.



WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT THEATER PRESENTS

## THE LIGHTNING THIEF

### THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

7:30PM APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> AND APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> 2PM APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> UNDERSTUDY SHOW

Visit our student theater website for ticket info!

Tickets:  
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# WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Wolcott Board of Education 2024-25 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
APRIL	7 (Monday)	28 (Monday)
MAY	12 (Monday)	27 (Tuesday)
JUNE	09 (Monday)	23 (Monday)

## Wolcott Board of Education 2025-26 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
JULY	14 (Monday - BOE Offices)	
AUGUST	11 (Monday - BOE Offices)	25 (Monday - BOE Offices)
SEPTEMBER	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
OCTOBER	06 (Monday)	20 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	10 (Monday)	24 (Monday)
DECEMBER	15 (Monday - Alcott)	
JANUARY	12 (Monday-Frisbie)	
FEBRUARY	09 (Monday-Wakelee)	
MARCH	09 (Monday-WHS)	23 (Monday)
APRIL	13 (Monday)	27 (Monday)
MAY	11 (Monday)	26 (Tuesday)
JUNE	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)

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- Value Community Collaboration
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## WPS Start & End Times

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

Schedule	Schools		
	Wolcott High School <a href="https://www.wolcottps.org/">https://www.wolcottps.org/</a>	Tyrrell Middle School <a href="https://tms.wolcottps.org/">https://tms.wolcottps.org/</a>	All Elementary Schools <a href="https://www.wolcottps.org/">https://www.wolcottps.org/</a>
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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- Facilities Director: Ms. Jessica Abbott

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- 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

e) **Americans with Disabilities (ADA)**-

Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178

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

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# Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2024-2025

July				
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August (5/2)				
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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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April (16/16)				
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May (21/21)				
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June (12/12)				
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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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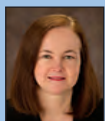
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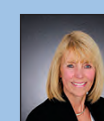
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**Wolcott \$248,000** - Fixer-Upper Opportunity!! This spacious handyman special is waiting for your personal touch. Featuring 6 rooms including 2 bedrooms, a large living room, dining room, eat-in kitchen and huge main floor family room, this home offers plenty of space for creativity and customization. With great bones and a great layout along with hardwood floors, one and a half baths, one car attached garage, and an extra-large tool/work shed this property is perfect for investors, flippers or anyone ready to bring their vision to life. House is being sold strictly in as is condition and subject to probate court approval. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



**Wolcott \$468,900** - Contemporary Gem with Serene Brook on Nearly an Acre!!! Discover this stunning Contemporary home set on .98 acres of natural beauty, featuring a beautiful running brook that adds to the peaceful ambiance. Inside, the spacious living room with cozy fireplace is perfect for relaxing or entertaining. The remodeled kitchen boasts granite counters and a breakfast bar and flows effortlessly into the formal dining room. With 3 bedrooms including a primary suite with a fully remodeled bath, this home offers both style and comfort. Need extra space? Enjoy a den and separate family room providing flexibility for work, play or relaxation. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



**Wolcott \$530,000** - 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** - A 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. Wide stairs and cat-walk to upper level w/2 large bedrooms w/lots of closet space. Partially finished lower level, 2 car garage, new stucco surrounding the house, new deck; fenced-in yard with flower beds, fruit trees & vegetable garden. Minutes to highways, shops & parks. *Ask for Sali Barolli.*



**Wolcott \$211,900** - Beautifully upgraded condo in the heart of Wolcott. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath gem features high-end finishes and thoughtful upgrades, including updated electrical panel. The living room features a woodburning fireplace, Tray ceiling and panel sliders enabling a beautiful view of Chestnut Hill Reservoir. The kitchen features newer white appliances, maple cabinetry, granite counter tops and tiled flooring. Added plus, a ventless washer/dryer. Enjoy a great view of the water from the primary bedroom, a 2nd bedroom could be used as a craft room, office or gym. A remodeled bath boasts a gorgeous marble countertop. Owners have access to private beach with ability to canoe or kayak, fish, swim or just relax on the beach. HOA includes heat and hot water. *Ask for Sandy Deschenes.*



**Prospect \$499,900** - Immaculate 4 bedroom Colonial on a 1.2 acre wooded lot at end of a cul-de-sac. Hardwood floors in formal living room, dining room, and family room. The spacious family room has a floor-to-ceiling brick fireplace, big bow window, and sliders to deck. The remodeled kitchen features granite counters & beautiful breakfast bar. The 2nd floor features a huge, en-suite primary bedroom with full bath, hardwood floors, and sizeable walk-in closet. Large 2nd full bath w/washer/dryer closet & 3 other bedrooms complete the upper level. Oil-forced air heat, central air, and central vacuum. *Ask for Lynn Lombardi*



**Commercial Lease \$1,200 per month** - 1554 Square foot office space in high traffic area, suitable for doctors, accountants, attorneys, etc. *Ask for Marita Calabro.*



## LAND LOTS

### WOLCOTT

**\$105,000** - Wooded 1+ acre lot in The Preserve Subdivision. Open space buffer to right of lot allows extra privacy. Subdivision includes underground utilities & town sewers.

**\$125,000** - Welcome to the Preserve, a 2 cul-de-sac subdivision with seasonal view of Chestnut Hill Reservoir. This 1.12 acre wooded lot is suitable for a walk-out lower level. A neighborhood of beautiful custom built homes; town sewers & underground utilities.

**\$125,000** - Welcome to The Preserve, a beautiful subdivision of custom homes, many featuring seasonal water views of Chestnut Hill Reservoir. This wooded .70 acre lot toward the end of the cul-se-sac awaits the next buyer in this gorgeous subdivision. Town sewers and underground utilities. Easy access to town amenities and shopping.

**\$124,00** - With beautiful seasonal views of Chestnut Hill Reservoir, this 1.39 acre lot at The Preserve is calling for the perfect home to be built upon it. Gorgeous neighborhood of custom homes. Subdivision features town sewers and underground utilities. Easy access to town amenities and shopping.

**\$200,000** - 2 separate lots being sold as one package. Maps & survey available.

**\$275,000** - Unique 33.61 acre parcel; 13.3 acres and 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, Route 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 sub-divided for single family homes.

**\$1,300,000** - Reduced; 7.1 acres of land available on Wolcott Rd (Rte 69). 739 ft road frontage. Property backs up to Minor Rd. Sewer approximately 400 ft away on Center Street. Ask for Gene Fercodini.

### WATERBURY

**\$195,000** - Builders! Developers! Take Notice!! 11.23 acres of land adjacent to a sub-division of beautiful homes built between 2005 & 2007. Possibility of a 41 lot sub-division.

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