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Happy 10th Birthday Ella!
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Robert and Catherine Cullen celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on 1/1/2026. They are pictured with their 7 sons and are blessed with 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



Happy Valentines Day to Aubree & Hailee Mordino
Dominic, Char & Will Lombardi
We love you all to the moon and back!!
Love, Grandma & Grandpa Mordino



To our beautiful Christa Happy Valentines Day in Heaven. We all love you so much we miss our American, UConn, Giants, girl. Love you, Mom & Dad Al, Jenn, Meg, Tommy, Kait Aubree, Hailee, Dominic, Char and Will



A retirement party was held recently for retiring Wolcott Police officer Bryan Spiotti, after serving the Town of Wolcott for nearly thirty years. A large turnout of family, friends and co-workers attended the event at Johnny B's Roadside Saloon. — *Photography by Picard*



Our Angel Valentine: We love you so much and miss you every day. To our beautiful country American, UConn, and Giants girl: Happy second Valentine's Day in heaven. We have hearts all over the house for you.

Love, Mom & Dad Mordin, Jenn, Tommy, Your Char girl Dominic, Will, Your best friend Kait, Al & Meg, Aubree, Hailee, & Jack



Wreaths Across America visited Edgewood and Woodtick Cemeteries in December of 2025. In this photo, a large turnout of Veterans and towns people turned out at Edgewood for the ceremony and placement of wreaths on veteran's graves. The wreaths will remain in place till January 17, 2026. — *Photography by Picard*





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Veterans Advocacy Commission

The Veterans Advocacy Commission will be starting a scholarship in memory and honor of Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney a 1964 graduate of Wolcott High School, 1968 of the Naval Academy and received his gold flight wings in Aug, 1969. Adm Delaney then served in Vietnam with the Famed "Seawolves" of Helicopter Attack Squadron Three where he flew 686 combat missions in support of Seal Teams and Riverine forces in the Mekong Delta. Of the 98 awards and decorations he received during his career 64 were for Combat action. These include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, 11 Single Action Air Medals, 26 Strike/Flight Air Medals and 6 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses.

Upon his retirement he was the most decorated officer in the U.S. Navy.

Rear Admiral Delaney earned a Master's degree in Business from George Washington University and graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College. He completed advanced post graduate studies at MIT and Harvard. He also served on the board of 19 area non-profit organizations in Northeast Florida.

Rear Admiral Delaney died of lung cancer in April, 2015 caused by Agent Orange from his service in Vietnam 1969-1970. He was a Wolcott native who served his country and defended the Constitution for over 30 years in the U.S. Navy.



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The Wolcott Fire Marshal's office held their annual Fire Prevention poster contest awards ceremony recently at the Wolcott Senior Center. In this photo, fifth grade winners were selected and received gift cards for their prizes. Honorable mention winners were, from left to right, Kaylee Schaeffer, Elena Santos, Chloe Porter and Vivienne Driscoll. Fourth place winner and unable to attend the event was Mia Retamoza; Third Place winner, Noah Nasiri; Second Place winner, Sadie Lacombe; and First Place Winner, Trevor Krause. — Photography by Picard



The Wolcott Fire Marshal's office held their annual Fire Prevention poster contest awards ceremony recently at the Wolcott Senior Center. In this photo fourth grade winners were selected and received gift cards for their prizes. Nonorable mention winners were, from left to right, Valia Spak, Carter Mulville, Paige LaBarge and Abigail Finke. Fourth Place winner was, Lara DeOliveira; Third Place winner was Everly Schinkel; Second Place winner was Maisyn Stevenson and First Place winner was Oaklynn Coakley. — Photography by Picard

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Individuals With Special Needs

The commission would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Wolcott Landowners Association for hosting our holiday luncheon!

We would also like to thank the Wolcott High School Community Service Club for putting together and donating such wonderful goodie bags for our holiday party.



BOWLING is BACK! Saturdays 10a at Wolcott Lanes

Upcoming Events:
 2/20/26 Valentines Dance at the Wolcott Youth Center

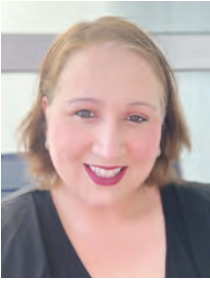
If you're interested in joining these events please contact us at 203-232-4978. Your RSVP is important for us to plan accordingly.



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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



Since the start of our free land record fraud detection service, we have been receiving many calls, emails, and inquiries in person from our residents. Many people are taking advantage of this important feature and people have been calling to say that it has been working. Once you register, when anything is recorded in your name, an email will alert you. So that means people who have taken mortgages, paid off loans, or transferred property are receiving alerts and they have inquired about their emails. That is how we know it is working.

Valentines Day is right around the corner. While appointments for marriage licenses are not mandatory at this time, it is recommended that you call to let us know when you are coming in and make sure you have all the documents you will need for a smoother transaction.

As of January, "short" death certificates are available in the State of Connecticut for deaths occurring 2021 to present. The fee is still \$20 and limited information will be typed onto a standard size paper. We were notified in late December, so it was too late to get into the January edition. I would still recommend that residents obtain full certified death records unless for personal reasons you need a limited version.



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February 2026



I hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day! Winter has certainly made its presence known this year. For our winter sports enthusiasts, enjoy every moment! For the rest of us, brighter days are just around the corner. The first day of spring is coming soon. As we count down to warmer weather, please continue to drive carefully and take a moment to check in on housebound or elderly neighbors. Spring is on the way, and with it comes fresh starts and sunnier days ahead!

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 or you can follow us on Facebook – Town of Wolcott. Visit our website @ www.wolcottct.org

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Wolcott Education Foundation



Applications for our scholarships will be available in the month of February in the School Counseling Department of Wolcott High School and on line. They must be returned no later than noon on Friday, March 6, 2026. This year we plan on awarding memorial scholarships for Jerry Albino, Phil Cordeau, Nicholas and Gloria D'Agostino, Fran Masi, David Pape and Inez Hartigan. Two scholarships will be given from the Alcott Elementary School PTO Fund. The newly established Pelegano Family Scholarship will also be awarded. Additional scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the Directors. For any questions, please contact Janet Tynan, Treasurer at 203 233-6407 or Tynan_janet@comcast.net.



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Application deadline is on or before Wednesday, April 15, 2026 before 2 PM



Wolcott Lions Scholarship 2026



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 2026 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 24,2026

You may deliver the completed application by email to wolcottlions.scholarship@yahoo.com or mail to: Wolcott Lions Club PO box 6063 Wolcott CT 06716 or hand deliver to any Wolcott Lion's Club member. Late applications will not be considered.

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Dr. Ezra Friedman
Wolcott, CT

I occasionally hear, though they are more similar upon further evaluation. The two questions are:

- 1) "I don't need x-rays. I'm not in any pain."
- 2) "Are you sure I have cavities? Nothing hurts."

These are both valid questions. Oftentimes patients are concerned with the necessity of what we do at a dental office. We definitely work to avoid unnecessary discomfort and cost. If nothing is hurting, what are dentists looking for when they take x-rays? Why go through the "pleasure" of fillings or a dental crown / cap if we are not experiencing discomfort?

So, with regard to taking x-rays, it is important to understand the two reasons we take them.

The more obvious one is for help in diagnosing a specific problem. If someone comes into the office with a toothache, the dentist will have an x-ray taken to help locate and confirm the source of the pain.

Sounds reasonable. But why take x-rays when nothing hurts? So, our teeth, unfortunately, are often times like men (or men like me) where we might have an issue but decide not to tell anyone about it.

The issue will continue to get worse and worse until we finally snap and get really upset.

Routine x-rays, which we take at cleaning appointments, are there to find the little issues that are there but that the teeth are not talking about yet. Our goal is to find these small issues and deal with them before they turn into painful raging problems.

This idea of our teeth usually keeping its feelings inside instead of expressing them, answers the second question noted above: "Are you sure I have cavities? Nothing hurts." To elaborate; our teeth and decay is odd. When teeth have decay, typically there is no discomfort or pain. It's not until the decay has progressed so deep into the tooth that it is knocking on the nerve's door that the tooth with register discomfort. I have had instances where even that didn't shake the tooth from its blissful slumber. The decay progressed to the nerve, into the nerve, killed the nerve and started an abscess before the owner that hapless tooth finally felt discomfort and came to see me. We dentists would prefer to treat a small painless cavity then waits until things get worse and we are treating a much bigger, painful cavity.

If the dentist is able to find these small problems, we can avoid the bigger problems. A small cavity being treated is better than a big cavity getting treated... and much better than a root canal or an extraction.

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WARNING

TOWN OF WOLCOTT REFERENDUM

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026



The electors and persons qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Wolcott are hereby warned that a Referendum vote will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2026, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** (Eastern Time) at **Wolcott High School Gymnasium**, 457 Boundline Road, Wolcott, Connecticut, on the appropriation and bonding resolution approved by the Town Council on January 20, 2026, which resolution shall be placed upon the voting tabulators under the following heading:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT APPROPRIATE \$10,000,000 FOR VARIOUS TOWN IMPROVEMENTS, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND THE RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND PAVING OF VARIOUS TOWN ROADS AND ROADSIDE ELEMENTS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?

YES

NO”

Voters approving the appropriation and bond resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing the appropriation and bond resolution shall vote "No".

The text of the Town Council resolution is on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

This Referendum is being held under the authority of Section 309(b) of the Charter of the Town of Wolcott.

EXPLANATORY TEXT OF March 28, 2026 REFERENDUM VOTE

If approved, the resolution presented under the ballot heading would authorize the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for costs related to the renovation of Town Hall, including the installation of a new elevator ("Town Hall Improvements"); the reconstruction, repair and paving of various Town roads, roadside elements, associated drainage facilities, parking lots, and pedestrian and roadway bridges (collectively, the "Town Roads"); purchase and installation of a new generator at the Senior Center ("Senior Center Generator"); upgrades to the fire alarm panels at Frisbie Elementary School and Tyrrell Middle School ("School Fire Alarm Upgrades"); upgrades to the elevator at Alcott Elementary School ("Alcott School Elevator Upgrades"); a new roof for Tyrrell Middle School ("Tyrrell School Roof Replacement"), replacement of HVAC units at Tyrrell Middle School ("Tyrrell School HVAC"), the replacement of water pumps at Wolcott High School and Alcott Elementary School ("School Water Pumps", and collectively with the Town Hall Improvements, Town Roads, Senior Center Generator, School Fire Alarm Upgrades, Alcott School Elevator Upgrades, and Tyrrell School Roof Replacement and Tyrrell School HVAC, the Projects"). The appropriation may be expended for site improvements, design, renovation, construction, reconstruction, repair, excavation, inspection, evaluation and surveying costs, equipment, furnishings and materials, professional fees, and for administrative, financing and bond issuance costs, interest expense for temporary borrowings and other costs related to the Projects.

Dated at Wolcott, Connecticut this 1st Day of February 2026
February Issue Wolcott Community News
Sean Hughes, Chairman
Wolcott Town Council

Boy Scouts Troop 230

It has been a month of growth and camaraderie for the Scouts of BSA Troop 230 for Boys. Scouts have been working diligently on their merit badges, diving into diverse subjects to challenge their skills. This dedication was celebrated during the Court of Honor at the American Legion. Scouts and their families gathered to share a meal and recognize those members who ranked up and earned badges. Further, the Troop was honored to assist with Wolcott's Wreaths Across America event. Scouts placed wreaths on the gravesites of veterans in both our local ceremonies.



Additionally, the Troop made sure to carve out time for fellowship and fun. Scouts held a holiday Yankee Swap gift exchange filled with laughter and a healthy dose of scout spirit. It was a fun way to strengthen bonds that make the troop a community.

Looking ahead, the winter calendar is packed with adventure. Scouts will spend a weekend cabin camping at June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford. They will balance outdoor exploration with fireside teamwork. To keep energy high, Scouts are also headed to an indoor rope climbing night to test their strength and agility. Finally, the excitement is building for the Klondike Derby at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. Patrols are gearing up to sharpen their skills and prepare their sleds for this ultimate test of winter scout craft and teamwork.

As always, the Troop continues to collect redeemable cans and bottles. Donations may be dropped off at 200 Chase River Road, Waterbury. Hours are Wednesday and Thursday 1:00pm-4:00pm and Saturdays 11:00am-2:00pm. Just mention it's for Wolcott Boy Scout Troop 230.

For more information about joining Scouting or to have the Troop assist with your event, please email troop230committee@gmail.com.



A HUGE thank you to the community for supporting our FIRST Town Night Under the Lights! And another GIANT thank you to our VOLUNTEERS who made this fundraiser a success.

A special thank you to our sponsors and contributors and many residents who donated decorations and lights: Gaudiosi Hauling, Inc., USA Waste and Recycling, McBrides Restaurant and Apizza, CC Chocolates, LaFortuna Restaurant, Rescue Dog Food Trucks, LLC, PR3 Electric, Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department, Lowe's Southington, Bounce Party Express, Kelly's Kids, and, of course, to the Town of Wolcott for their support and the many family and friends who contributed their time. We can't wait to bring it back next year bigger and better!!

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Junior Women's Club News



The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott will celebrate our 60th Anniversary in March. The Junior Women's Club wish to thank the town of Wolcott for your generosity in supporting our club and projects throughout our 60 years. On March 24, 1966, the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott was organized with 16 women. Dues were \$5.00. We have witnessed and created many changes; however, for 60 years our purpose has remained constant; volunteer service to our community. We achieve and promote education, public health and welfare, social, civic interests, and the arts. We are non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-political. We are a 501 (c) (3) organization recognized by the IRS.

We are affiliated with the Connecticut Junior Women's Inc., CJW. Many of our members have served as CJW Directors and other leadership positions at a state level. Wolcott Juniors supported state projects sponsored on a state level, for example the UCONN Children's Hospital Craniofacial Center, Juvenal Arthritis, Diabetes Pediatric Pulmonary Program, Time for Life, Special Wishes, Homes for the Brave (home for Women Veterans) and the Manes in Motion. We have received several awards from our state CJW including Outstanding Club, Leadership, Mental Health Bell, and the Veterans Key. Locally we have been recognized by the Circle of Sports for our prestigious Community Service. The Exchange Club presented us the prestigious Book of Golden Deeds in 2009.

Our greatest satisfaction comes with the support to our town through financial, non-monetary donations and gifts of time and hands-on activities to the Wolcott Ambulance, the Fire, Police, Library, Food Pantry and Resource Center, Crossroads, Boy & Girl Scouts, Rainbow Day Camp, Special Games, Juniorettes, VFW and the American Legion. In the past we have partnered and participated with other service organizations: Lions Club Fair, and their Winter Wonderland, the Exchange Club, Miss Wolcott Scholarship Program. We continue to make health donations to Breast Cancer, Crohn's, American Red Cross Disaster Relief. In the past we have purchased playground equipment for Peterson Park, the Veterans Monument on the Green, Lighting around the Green, assisted in the renovation of the Old Stone School House and the Children's Room in the Library. Juniors commissioned artist, Tracy Sugarman to complete a set of historical buildings in watercolors. This work is displayed in the Chamber Town Hall.

Junior Women continue to manage projects throughout every year including but never limited to Wolcott Fuel Bank, 5th Grade Creative Writing Contest, Red Cross Blood mobiles, Town wide Easter Egg Hunt Bike and Helmet donation, Caldecott Books for the library and Elementary Schools, Roseann Barratt Youth and Teen Community Service Awards, High School Scholarships, Memorial Day Parade, Salute to Veterans, Lions Club Fair and the Clean Day of Fun booths, UNICEF, Safe Haven, Halloween and Christmas gifts, Meet the Candidates, Vote Against Hunger, Veteran's day on the Green reception, Annual Tree lighting on the Green and our largest project every year – Toys for Tots & Teens. We sponsor the Little Miss & Little Mr. Wolcott who attend select town events as our very own youth ambassadors. During 2020 COVID year we added new projects, joining car parades, providing treats for three hospital departments. All were recognized for their continued work against COVID.

We work hard and have fun at the same time. Our meetings are held monthly September through June. Our dues are \$35.00 a year. Our membership is currently at 15 members. Small but mighty club! We are always open to membership, Women 18 years and above may contact us via our email wolcottjuniors@gmail.com or by mail P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716 Come Grow, Share, Give & Care with us.

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Cub Scouts in Pack 230

Cub Scouts in Pack 230 had a busy December marked by skill-building and holiday fun. The Pack gathered for a festive pack meeting where scouts enjoyed hot chocolate while crafting wooden ornament keepsakes. In individual den meetings, the focus was on essential rank advancements. Scouts worked diligently on core requirements, including building projects and knot skills. The Pack also assisted with Wolcott's Wreath Across America event. Scouts honorably helped place wreaths on the gravesites of our veterans and one of our Arrow of Light Scouts played Taps on his trumpet.

Looking into January, in addition to regular meetings, Pack 230 has two exciting events. First, the scouts will participate in an indoor rope climbing night, providing a great opportunity for scouts to challenge themselves, build physical strength, and practice safety protocols. Following that is a Camp-In at the Wolcott Library. This fun overnight event will feature engaging activities, including board games and traditional campfire skits.

The Cub Scouts program and Pack 230 are open to boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade. For more information, email wolcott230@gmail.com.

Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



Thank you to everyone who donated winter clothing throughout these very cold months. The clothing was given to people who could not afford to purchase the necessities that a Connecticut winter requires. We donated thousands of pounds of clothing in 2025, and we are proud to be a very active, community resource of donated clothing, shoes, and soft goods. We hope to break records in 2026 due to the generosity of our community. We have received a lot of positive feedback from our residents as well as from the company who hosts our collection shed. We are proud Wolcott is on the map as a town who cares about helping others.

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Connecticut Deserves Focus, Not Distraction

by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District



As we head into a new legislative session, Connecticut residents deserve an honest assessment of where we are — and where we are headed.

Last year, Senate Republicans did more than challenge bad ideas and slow the legislative process. We successfully stopped several damaging policies advanced by the Democratic majority that would have made life even more expensive for Connecticut families. We blocked proposals that

threatened property owners, undermined local control, expanded government dependency, and worsened affordability at a time when residents are being squeezed from every direction.

Those victories protected taxpayers and exposed a hard truth about one-party rule: when legislative Democrats are forced to defend these ideas on the merits, many simply do not hold up.

This year, the Democratic majority is determined to revive many of the policies we stopped. They have the votes, and they intend to use them. The real question is whether they are willing to confront the consequences of their own governance or whether they will continue to avoid accountability by shifting the conversation elsewhere.

Instead of focusing on affordability, electric rates, housing costs, crime, fraud, and waste, too many legislative Democrats would rather litigate national headlines. They spend far more time reacting to Washington politics and international flashpoints than explaining why Connecticut remains one of the most expensive, overregulated, and out-migrated states in the nation.

We hear commentary about events far removed from Connecticut from Venezuela to Minnesota, offered not to solve problems here, but to score ideological points. In Venezuela, some on the American left reflexively defend or minimize the actions of an authoritarian, narco-terrorist regime that has crushed dissent, destroyed a once-prosperous nation, and driven millions to flee. That moral inversion should trouble anyone who values freedom.

Closer to home, we've heard endless discussion about a tragic, still-unresolved incident involving a federal ICE agent in Minnesota. The case remains under investigation; everyone should want the facts and justice wherever they lead. But legislative Democrats have used it to inflame hostility toward law enforcement, smear Republicans broadly, and distract from Connecticut's very real failures.

I had nothing to do with that incident. Neither did the Connecticut families struggling to pay their electric bills or afford groceries. Relitigating national political fights will not fix what has been broken here.

To be clear, I draw a sharp distinction between elected Democrats and the many Connecticut residents who identify as Democrats. My constituents of all political stripes are trying to raise families, build careers, and stay afloat in an increasingly unaffordable state. They deserve solutions, not slogans.

Connecticut's problems are not abstract. They show up when residents open their utility bills, when young families realize they cannot afford to stay, and when fraud and abuse drain taxpayer dollars while state government expands programs without adequate oversight.

We do not lack examples. Large-scale fraud schemes have siphoned millions of public dollars nationwide and here in Connecticut. Yet instead of tightening controls and demanding accountability, the legislative majority often responds by growing government and lowering standards.

That is not compassion. It is negligence.

The policies Senate Republicans advance are rooted in everyday reality. We believe individuals and families are more capable than bureaucracies. We believe prosperity grows from freedom, not control. We believe decisions are best made locally, not dictated from Hartford. And we believe government power must be restrained precisely because history shows how often it is abused.

That stands in stark contrast to the agenda openly promoted by figures like Zohran Mamdani in New York City and publicly praised and defended by several prominent Connecticut legislative Democrats. They romanticize the so-called "warmth of collectivism" while ignoring its real-world consequences: concentrated power, less individual choice, and higher costs for everything. Unfortunately, the policy goals being advanced here in Connecticut increasingly resemble that same failed model.

This session, the Democratic majority will attempt to further override local zoning, impose costly mandates, grow state government, and regulate Connecticut deeper into economic stagnation, all while families struggle with affordability. They will rely on their numbers rather than persuasion and treat dissent as an inconvenience instead of a vital part of representative government.

I reject that approach.

Good ideas should stand on their merits. They should withstand scrutiny. They should make life better for the people who live and work here not simply satisfy ideological ambitions or generate headlines.

The majority may have the numbers, but it does not own the truth. History has never been kind to movements that confuse control with compassion or power with wisdom.

Connecticut still has a choice. I will continue fighting to make sure that choice includes affordability, accountability, freedom, and opportunity for the people who pay the bills not the politicians who spend the money.

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We thank each member for their integrity, dedication, and commitment to working for the betterment of all citizens of Wolcott. We look forward to your continued leadership of the Wolcott Republican Party.

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WOLCOTT \$349,900 — Very nice 3 bedroom, 1.1 bath Colonial home on level lot. Windows were replaced in 2015, roof was replaced 2010. Full Bath updated 2018. Large Rooms. Home heated via propane stoves in living room. Electric baseboards are still in place. Work Shop off kitchen could be in-law apartment with separate entrance. Nice fenced level back yard with garden area and shed.



WATERBURY \$239,000 — Beautiful end unit townhouse, fully renovated and ready for its new owners. Kitchen offers custom cabinetry, granite countertops and new appliances. Two generously sized bedrooms upstairs with spacious closets. Beautifully updated, full size bathroom offers a fresh modern feel. One car garage with extra bonus room attached. Finish this space and use as partial basement, storage or office.



WATERBURY \$279,900 — This spacious 7 room Colonial offers a kitchen, living room, dining room, family room and half bath all on the main floor. Primary bedroom has a large walk in closet with a second spacious closet. 2nd Bedroom can also be a primary bedroom as it is spacious with a walk in closet. 3rd Bedroom also nicely carpeted. Full bath rounds out 2nd level. Partially fenced in backyard.



WATERBURY \$295,000 — Charming 7-room, 1.5 bath Colonial featuring generously sized rooms and hardwood floors throughout. This well-maintained home offers peace of mind with numerous recent updates, including a newer roof, siding, windows, furnace, oil tank, and hot water heater. Enjoy a level, usable yard perfect for outdoor activities.



WATERBURY \$339,900 — Bunker Hill ranch, one level living, refinished hardwood flooring. Home freshly painted, new stainless steel appliances, new luxury vinyl floor in kitchen. The huge basement is ready to be finished. Stone fireplace. Make this a desirable place to call home.



WATERBURY \$349,000 — This home is on a corner lot and fully renovated both inside and out. Main level features an open concept living room/kitchen/dining area, 2 bedrooms and bathroom and access to the deck. On the second level you will find an additional room, full bath and a room that can be used as an office space or entertainment room.



WATERBURY \$449,900 — This spacious Colonial home features 7 rooms. The kitchen has quartz countertops, a stylish new backsplash, and recessed lighting. All bedrooms are spacious and feature brand-new hardwood flooring. The partially finished walk-out basement offers endless possibilities. Step outside to a large deck overlooking a generous backyard.



BRISTOL \$259,900 — Beautiful and modern 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse with garage! Main level is bright and airy, with a fireplace and laminate flooring. Cozy deck off of the living room through sliders. Upper level has 2 large bedrooms with good closet space and the full bathroom. Laundry, storage and more located in the room behind the garage.



PLYMOUTH \$289,500 — Spacious ranch style condo in a peaceful 55+ community. Offering an open floor concept with plenty of natural light streaming in includes a living/dining room combination, front bedroom with pocket doors, main full bath, kitchen with granite countertops, breakfast bar and a built in buffet/hutch. Primary suite with full bath for privacy. Laundry housed in its own closet with hook up available. Gas heat, central air, public water & sewer, small pets allowed. What's not to love?



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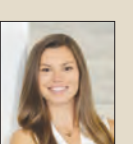
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The Village at East Farms Assisted Living Community Offering Monthly Groups & Classes to Help Support Local Seniors

Parkinson's Disease Fitness Classes, Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group and Bereavement Support Offered at Waterbury Senior Assisted Living Community

The Village at East Farms, a Benchmark assisted living and Mind & Memory Care community, is offering several complimentary, in-person classes and community support groups this winter and all year long to help support seniors and their loved ones with common challenges.

Starting in January, in partnership with the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) and Powerback Rehab, on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 1PM Parkinson's Power Up Fitness Classes are offered by certified personal trainer, Kristen Frank. The goal is to help participants strengthen their balance and mobility, and enhance overall well-being with evidence-based techniques and tailored exercises that address the unique needs of those with Parkinson's.

On the first Wednesday of each month at 11AM, there is an Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group for those who are in the early stages, as well as caregivers. Featuring both peer and professional-led groups, the purpose is to provide vital emotional support, advice and resources.

On the third Thursday of each month at 4PM, a Bereavement Support Group is also offered, providing a safe space for people grieving a loss, share experiences and learn coping strategies. Peers and professional facilitators help participants feel less alone and help them navigate the grief process by providing tools and empathy.

All support groups and classes take place at The Village at East Farms in Waterbury, which is located at 180 Scott Road off I-84. To RSVP, call Randi Bellemare at 203.841.8607 or email rbellemare@benchmarkquality.com.

WOLCOTT ADULT EDUCATION - SPRING 2026

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Instructor: Shana Major
 Mon & Wed 6 – 7pm; **Alcott Elementary School Gym**
 Registration Fee: \$120
 Begins March 23rd for 20 sessions
 March 23rd – June 8th: (No classes on 4/6, 4/8, 5/25)



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Instructor: Emperatriz Ochoa
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Instructors: Joanne Riback & Lisa Belfiore Davis
 Tues. & Thurs. 6:45 – 7:45pm; **Wakelee Elementary School Cafeteria**
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Instructors: Jen Wollman
 Thurs. 6 – 8pm; **Wakelee Elementary School Room 26**
 Registration Fee: \$75
 Begins March 12th for 3 sessions

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Instructors: Anna Light
 Thurs. 6:00 – 7:30pm; **Wakelee Elementary School Library**
 Registration Fee: \$90
 Begins March 12th for 8 sessions



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Meetings are held at the library starting at noon and lunch is provided: March 6, 2026 & May 1, 2026

Want to learn more about how CASA is working to support a healthier Wolcott? Visit our website to explore upcoming events, community initiatives, and resources for prevention and wellness. It's a great way to stay informed and get involved: <https://www.wolcottcasa.org>

Have questions? CASA's Project Director is just a message away and is happy to assist. Dawn Cronin, dcronin@wolcottps.org

Farmingbury Women's Club News



Members of the Farmingbury Women's Club gathered in December to help a local teen assemble Emergency Car Kits.

We met in January for another enjoyable and productive meeting. We discussed upcoming events and ongoing projects. The club also discussed plans for future meetings and community outreach efforts. Refreshments were served, giving members time to socialize and catch up.

Scholarship Money is available. We are offering two \$500.00 scholarships to the Class of 2026. For more information, contact Carleen VanBlarcom at cvanbl@yahoo.com.

The Farmingbury Women's Club meets monthly and welcomes women of all ages. New members are always invited to attend and see what the club is all about. We'd love to meet you! Our monthly meetings are held on the **second Thursday at 6:30pm**, currently at **All Saints Church** or you can reach out to Karen Mowad, our Membership Chair or Deb Barnes our Vice President.



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Wolcott Historical Society - February 2026



by Florence Goodman

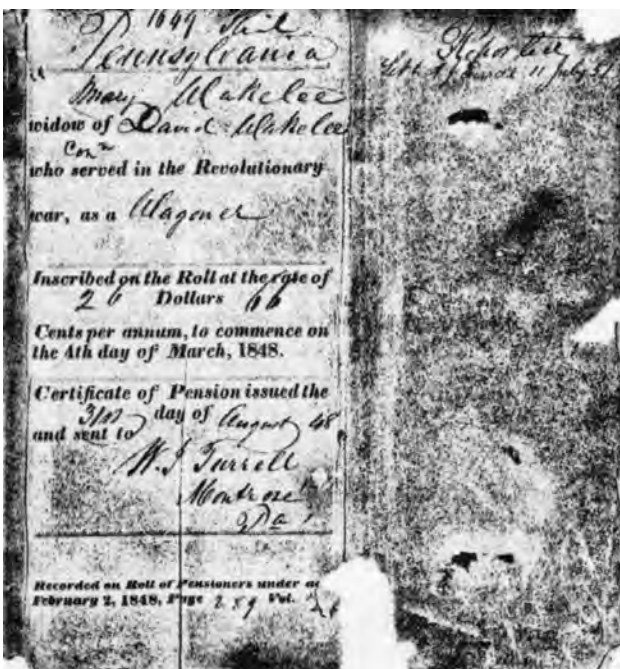
Last month's article referenced this year marking 250 years since our country declared its independence. Although Wolcott was not incorporated until 1796, the parish of Farmingbury contributed 102 militiamen between the ages of 15 to 50 serving in the American Revolution. Throughout this year, I will introduce you to many of these local patriots who helped in the fight for our country's freedom.

David Wakelee was born in Farmingbury in 1750 to Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Nichols) Wakelee. They owned a large tract of land called the "Big Plains" area located near the Waterbury line where Wakelee, Sharon and Grilley Roads are found today. David and his wife Mary lived on his father's property and farmed the lands.



David Wakelee's tombstone at Montrose Cemetery in Susquehanna County, PA

In the fall of 1781, rather than enlisting as a soldier, David Wakelee joined the Continental Army, as a Wagoner in Captain Roswell Ransom's company. These wagon trains were the lifelines of the infantry bringing them much-needed supplies as they fought the Redcoats in the south. On numerous occasions the Wagoner's were harassed and attacked by British soldiers. The following story about Wakelee was substantiated by John J. Kenea, a Revolutionary soldier from our town. He stated that David Wakelee, a Yankee farmer was moving his supply wagon south when an enemy horseman with his saber flashing attacked him.



David Wakelee's pension notification.



Almus Wakelee House on Wakelee Road built between 1822-1835. It is the last of the Wakelee Houses still standing.

David stood his ground and was enraged when the blade crossed his chin. He raised his bayoneted flintlock and fatally thrust it into the enemy. When David finally returned home from the war a deep scare ran across his chin, and he walked with a limp caused by a musket ball that was still embedded in his leg. Wakelee also possessed a horse, a British saddle and a dragoon's Saber. This was yet another indication to document the truth of this story. David Wakelee died in 1821 in Wolcott, but is buried in Montrose Cemetery in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania where two of his children lived. In 1840 when Mary Parker Wakelee, widow of David made application for a pension it included John J. Kenea's affidavit confirming her husband's service record and his encounter with that British soldier.

Another interesting story has to do with Nathaniel Lewis. In the small historic Southeast Cemetery hidden on the Southington Reservoir property, stands a repaired tombstone with the inscription, "NATHANIEL LEWIS... died Feb. 24, 1839, aged 90 years. He was one of the first Settlers of this Town. An Honest Man." This is how Nathaniel Lewis chose to be remembered.



Captain Nathaniel Lewis Homestead was located on the property where Farmingbury Golf Course on East Street and County Road is located today. The house, cow and horse barns were built circa 1760-1765 and remained in the possession of the Lewis family until after his death in 1839.

Nathaniel was born in 1747 in Southington, which Farmingbury was a part of at that time. He was a farmer and one of the founders of the Farmingbury Society. He married Sarah Gridley in 1769. During wartime he did what he thought necessary to fight for freedom. He served in Hooker's Regiment, Connecticut Militia during the war from 1775-1783. His enlistment in the Continental Army spanned for three terms and he served in the rank of Lieutenant although all referred him to as "Captain." During that time, he participated in quick expeditions, which set out to thwart the British from ravaging New Haven, Fairfield and Norwalk. An excerpt from an article written by Katherine Washburne in 1989 paints a true picture of the kind of man he was. It states ...

"It was in June 1781 that opportunity was offered to Captain Lewis to render an outstanding service to his country and its French allies. Rochambeau and his 6000 troops, camped in the valley below the mountain were independent on the countryside for their sustenance. Stripping his farm of all edibles and livestock, he hauled it down the mountainside to the thankful French. When they departed, after a two-day stay, Nathaniel Lewis loaded a huge cart - drawn by four yokes of oxen- with provisions

and he accompanied the visitors to their destination on the Hudson River. Well rewarded for his service and oxen, he returned home on foot."

In Nathaniel's eyes, this was just another way to serve his country. The present Meriden Road together with Pierpont Road was part of an important military highway extending from the Hudson Valley to Hartford and Newport. The mountainside referred to in this story is Southington



Tombstone of Nathaniel Lewis located in the Southeast Cemetery.

Mountain. These 6000 French troops camped from Pierpont Road in Waterbury along Tame Buck Road in Wolcott and all the way down the mountain into Marion.

These two Patriots, David Wakelee and Nathaniel Lewis were a perfect example of the strong-minded men from Farmingbury Parish who served their town and country without hesitation.

(Information from this article was taken from: two brochures: one from the Wolcott Historical Society titled,

"WOLCOTT In The French and Indian Wars, The Revolutionary War and The War Of The Rebellion," and an article by Katherine Washburne, "They Loved Our Town"; the "1986 Historic Resources Inventory," by J.P.Loether Associates;" History of the Town of Wolcott (Connecticut) from 1731 to 1874," by Samuel Orcutt; and hours of research by Deb DuBois on Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com and other online research sites; a talk given by Florence Goodman, 2010 for Patriots' Day 2019; DAR research from Ellie Packer's Ancestry page)

BIRTHDAYS

Aquarius, Jan 20th - Feb 18th

"The Water Carrier"

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

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

Pisces, Feb 19th - March 20th

"The Fish"

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

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

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



Take Care of your Heart!

Lyndon B. Johnson used a presidential proclamation to recognize February as American Heart month beginning in 1964.

Heart disease is still the number one cause of death in the world. Although we cannot control certain things such as heredity, there are things that we are able to do. We should work to keep our blood pressure within a healthy range. Hypertension (high blood pressure) is a major contributor to heart disease. We should also eat healthily, exercise regularly and manage stress levels. Remember to spread the word about American Heart month and let's work together to combat heart disease!

Weather Tips!

Here we are in the second month of 2026 already! Will we see an early spring or six more weeks of winter? Either way, please be careful out there when walking, running, or driving. Large ice patches are easily identified; it is the black ice you must watch out for. This is the time of year when we sometimes see an increase in sprains, strains and fractures. Whether from slipping on ice or not lifting properly when shoveling heavy wet snow, these injuries can change your life forever. The best thing you can do is prevent them from happening in the first place. Watch for icy patches and utilize proper body mechanics if you must shovel snow. We want all of you well and injury free when spring arrives!

Emergency Medical Technician Class

Our next EMT class begins February 23, 2026. This five-month program will run from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays. Class will also be taught on a few select Saturdays from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Slots for this course are filling up quickly, but we still have room! If you would like to take an accelerated EMT Course, then our summer program is right for you! This fast paced nine-week program will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM beginning June 29, 2026. This course will teach you what you need to know to take care of someone involved in an emergency. Upon successful completion of the EMT course, our students will be eligible to take the National Registry Examination and apply for Connecticut certification. Do you have what it takes to answer this call? Visit us at www.wolcottambulance.com (EMT courses tab), call us at (203) 879-4122 or email us at training@wolcottambulance.com for additional information.

Ambulance Statistics

During the month of December, WVAA responded to 181 calls for assistance.

Membership

Are you certified as an EMT or licensed as a Paramedic? We are always looking for people to become part of our team. We have a diverse group of EMTs and Paramedics with experience levels ranging from a few months to over 40 years! Please contact us or download an application located on the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab of our website.

Stay Safe!

We appreciate the opportunity to serve this wonderful community. Enjoy your activities & stay safe!

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Fairness Should Not Depend on Politics



by State Representative
Gale Mastrofrancesco
80th District —
Wolcott & Southington

Two recent developments involving Connecticut raise a troubling but familiar question: **are the rules applied evenly, or only when it is politically convenient?**

First, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against Connecticut in recent weeks over the state's refusal to provide voter registration information tied to Social Security data, as required under federal law. This information was requested to help verify voter eligibility and to stop voter fraud - a basic component of election integrity.

Instead of complying, state officials, including Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas and Attorney General William Tong resisted, forcing the issue into federal court. And their responses to the request from the federal government were laughable. Their claim is that their refusal to comply with a lawful federal order was to protect the private information of voters, but the fact is that they, and others in the majority, have been using that data for their own political purposes on campaigns for years.

I said it then, and it bears repeating: **if Democrats were in power at the federal level and had made this same request, that information from Connecticut would have been on a FedEx truck within the hour.** The refusal was not about privacy or process, it was about politics. That kind of selective transparency undermines public confidence and fuels the perception that accountability depends on who is asking the question. And really, what are they afraid of? That fraud on the scale of Minnesota will be discovered? You can draw your own conclusions as to why they would not want to comply.

Election integrity should never be partisan. Accurate voter rolls protect lawful voters, safeguard personal data, and ensure trust in outcomes. When the state drags its feet or hides behind excuses, it invites skepticism and suspicion and now, federal action. Connecticut should be setting the standard, not defending itself in court for failing to follow the law.

At the same time, Connecticut is again connected to a national debate over fairness, this time in women's sports. I was proud to join my colleagues in supporting an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold protections for female athletes and preserve the intent of women's sports.

This issue is often clouded by rhetoric, but the reality is straightforward. **Girls deserve a fair playing field.** They deserve the opportunity to compete, succeed, and earn scholarships without being disadvantaged by policies that ignore biological differences. Allowing biological males to compete in girls' sports

erases those protections and undermines decades of progress made under Title IX.

Protecting women's sports is not radical. It is common sense. It is about fairness, safety, and opportunity, values that should transcend politics. As lawmakers, parents (and yes, MOTHERS), and grandparents, we have a responsibility to speak up when those values are at risk.

What unites these two issues is a deeper problem: **a lack of trust created by selective accountability by the majority.** Whether it is transparency in elections or fairness in athletics, Connecticut residents are tired of double standards and ideological decision-making, instead of looking at the facts. They want laws applied evenly and policies rooted in reality, not political convenience.

Asking questions, demanding compliance with the law, and standing up for fairness should never be controversial. Connecticut can protect the right to vote while enforcing election laws. We can respect everyone's dignity while defending women's sports. But that requires leadership willing to say what others will not and to apply the rules equally, no matter who is in power.

That is the standard I will continue to fight for, because fairness, whether it is in school sports or voting integrity, should never depend on which party is asking the question.

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

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Wolcott Food Pantry

Distribution Date Reminders

Feb 11th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:00AM
 Feb 25th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:00AM

Happy Valentine's Day! Thank You

One of our 'box truck' vehicles has been retired due to road worthiness issues. The 'box truck' was originally donated to us by Walter Sherman (former owner of Barlow Pump). It served us well for many years and we will miss it. Through our partnership with the mayor's office, we were able to acquire a slightly used cargo van from a local dealer (Hitchcock Motor Car LLC on Meridan Rd.). We are very excited to have something that will serve us for years to come. Thank you, Mayor Dunn!

We have great support from our local grocers. Both Pat's and Walsh's allow us to have 'donation' areas in their stores. They regularly donate excess bakery items that we in turn distribute. They allow us to station donation tables in their parking lots for our annual 'Fill the Gazebo' event. The management of Pat's and Walsh's are always very accommodating if we ask for something. Great supporters of the pantry!

Help Us Out

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

Our Winter Storm Closing Policy

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

Donation Options at our Facility

Our 24/7 outdoor drop-off box does not allow for someone to donate perishable food items. If you are interested in helping us stock up on those types of items (fruits, vegetables, eggs, meat, chicken cheese, butter, etc.) we would suggest the following: Purchase some of the items yourselves -or- purchase a gift-card from one of our local grocers (which would allow us to purchase what we may need). You can stop by any Monday or Tuesday between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM to drop the items off and we can refrigerate or freeze immediately.

We accept non-perishable food donations at our drop-off box located at our front door (24 / 7). **Please check the dates** on any food donations & eliminate the expired ones

Of course, feel free to stop in on Monday & Tuesday between 8:30 and 10:30 AM and say hello!

Monetary donations can be mailed to:
 Wolcott Resource Center - Food Pantry
 PO Box 6172, Wolcott, CT. 06716



'Thank You' Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Service. The volunteers, employees, family members, and friends of the Ambulance service organized a food drive on our behalf. These personal donations totaled to 522 lbs. of food.



'Thank You' Bob Druan. During the Thanksgiving season he stopped by the pantry to donate 30 turkey breasts and a Pat's gift card. He made the donation in the name of 'The Douglas S. Druan Memorial Foundation'. Douglas was Bob's brother. Here he is with our volunteer Nicki.



'Thank You' leaders and scouts of Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 230 230 & The American Legion of Wolcott. The troop ran a food drive and raised 250 lbs. of food and \$1600 in monetary donations. Elda Wolcheski also delivered a \$1,000 check that the American Legion had donated on our behalf.



'Thank You' Knights of Columbus, Armor Dei 3961 of St. Basil the Great Parish. They came to donate 342 lbs. of food for our pantry. We had the pleasure of meeting John Catalina (Grand Knight), Mark McDonald (Asst Grand Knight) and Jim Harkin (Secretary).



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Wolcott Public Library



Dear Reader,

Wolcott Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 16th for President's Day. In case of inclement weather, please call to check for closures.

Visit our website at wolcottlibrary.org or call the library at 203-879-8110 for more information about the events in our February newsletter.



Special Events

Falling Snowflakes Book Reviews - Write on a Fallen Snowflake Book Review Sheet from the circulation desk and paste it on our Winter Wonderland Poster!

The Art of Chocolate-Making - Thursday, February 5, 6 p.m. Travel back to the 18th century to discover the art of chocolate-making, a program led by The Pewter Pot. Registration is strongly encouraged.

The Un-Book Club - Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m. An unstructured book club where there is no reading requirement or prepared questions. Join a group of book lovers to share your thoughts on recent reads, compare TBR lists, and chat about new releases. Coffee, tea, and snacks provided! Registration encouraged but drop-ins welcome.

A Step into Coloring Fantasy: Part 2 - Thursday, February 26, 6 p.m. Practice new techniques blending alcohol-based markers & colored pencils to color unique fantasy designs. Registration required.

Events for All Ages

Knitting with Ginny - Every Monday, 5 p.m. Ages 12 + Learn to knit in a workshop for novices or get our expert's advice.

Documentary Deep Dive - Every Monday, 6 p.m. Weekly engaging documentaries: Feb 2, Diana, Princess of Wales: Everlasting; Feb 9, The Luckiest Man; Feb 23, The Kennedy Legacy.

Makerspace Open Hours - Every Tuesday, 2-5:30 p.m. Stop in during Makerspace Open Hours to use our equipment. Outside of open hours, makerspace resources are available by appointment.

3D Printing Club - Wednesday, February 4, 6 p.m. Chat about your 3D printing experience and bounce ideas around! Open to teens & adults.

Art with Amber - Saturday, February 7, 11 a.m. "Love Bugs": Making adorable little pom-pom creatures. Family and friends invited!

Junk Journaling - Wednesday, February 11, 6 p.m. Bring an old journal you have laying around, and our Makerspace will be open to fill your pages. Open to teens & adults.

PokéMonday - Monday, February 23, 6 p.m. Ages 14+ Pokémon club to talk about and play the TCG. Beginners welcome, starter decks available, but feel free to bring your own! No registration necessary.

Children's Events

Please note that in case of weather, Children's programs follow the Wolcott Public Schools. When Wolcott schools are closed, programs are cancelled. When afterschool activities are cancelled, evening programs are also cancelled.

Special Events

Riverside Reptiles- Saturday, February 7 at 1 p.m. What do animals do in the winter? This Take Your Child to the Library Day, learn about how reptiles and amphibians survive cold weather.

Learn Pokemon!- Saturday, February 28 at 11 a.m. Learn the Pokemon Trading Card Game. For ages 7-13.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Minecraft Club - Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Play Minecraft at the library and learn to code. Geared to kids in grades 2-5. Bring your own device or register to reserve a library computer/ Minecraft account.

A-B-C, Read With Me! - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. A storytime designed for ages 3-5.

Books & Babies - Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Songs, stories & bounces for baby bookworms. Birth - 2 years.

Tots and Tunes - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Active sing and dance-along for kids under 5.

Family Game Time - Thursdays at 7 p.m. Meet in the Children's Room to play boardgames.

Lego Club - Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Drop in and build a Lego Creation to be displayed all week!

Homeschool Meetup - Fridays at 1 p.m. Enrichment activities for homeschoolers ages 6-12 and their families. Please register.

Teen Events - Grades 6-12

Magic the Gathering - Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. Bring your own cards or use the library's! All levels.

Pal-entine's Day Saturday, February 14 at 1 p.m. Who needs a Valentine when you have a pal! Come to the library with your BFF and create a Pal-entine's day craft and enjoy some treats.

Adult Events

Chair Yoga with Soul N Body - Every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. Gentle Chair Yoga with Rosie from Soul n Body.

A Good Yarn Knitting Club - Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. Knitting club! We crochet too.

Crafternoons - Every Thursday, 2 p.m. Seasonal art: Feb. 5, Popsicle Stick Kissing Booths; Feb. 12, Puzzle Heart Wreaths; Feb. 19, Scrabble Name Keychains; Feb. 26, Button Cardinals. Registration required.

Beginner Weaving - Every Monday, 2:30 p.m. Learn the basics of weaving. Registration required.

BINGO Night - Wednesday, February 4, 5:30 p.m. Lucky numbers, friendly competition, and exciting prizes! Ages 14+, registration required.

Crafts, at Night - Monday, February 9, 6 p.m. Paper heart air balloons and baskets. Registration required.

Painting Party - Thursday, February 12, 6 p.m. Follow along to create artwork with acrylics. Beginners welcome. Registration required.

Book Club - Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m. Circe by Madeline Miller.

Friday Films - Friday, February 27, 1 p.m. Wicked: For Good (2025) d. Jon M. Chu. When an angry mob rises against the Wicked Witch, she'll need to reunite with Glinda to transform herself, and all of Oz, for good.

Tech Assistance

Individual technology assistance is available by appointment. Call the library at 203-879-8110 and speak with Carigan, our Digital Navigator, for more information.



In December, The Shoreline Ringers visited WPL to play seasonal music. They even answered questions from the audience and allowed patrons to try ringing a handbell!



Children celebrate Noon Years Eve at the library!

Friends of the Wolcott Library, Inc.

We renewed our membership to the New Britain Museum of American Art and will add 2 passes for Beardsley Zoo this year. Please take advantage of these wonderful offers or either reduced for free admission to a variety of local attractions. The Friends continue to support the Library pet "BookMark". If you haven't visited, stop by this winter and check out the cozy home we have created for it. Some of the Friends took on the task of taking down the holiday decorations. We would like to thank Pat Montgomery, Diane Meyer, Sandy Normand, Cyndi Testa and Lynda Gelineau for helping with this task and then staying to sort the large donation we recently received of musical CD's and DVD's. Please note, we cannot sell your homemade DVD's and they must be discarded so we would appreciate it if you would take care of that yourself. We will gladly accept the empty cases. We have set the dates for our next sale. The special collection day will be Saturday, April 11th from 10 am to noon. The sale will take place Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24 from noon to 6pm and Saturday April 25 from 10 am to 2 pm. Many hours go into the sorting process so if you are interested in getting involved, please let us know by contacting Janet Tynan at 203 233-6407 or wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com.



Our photographer came across this unusual sight recently and decided to take a closer look at it. It's a pine tree growing out of a stone wall. The first assumption is an acorn or some similar seedling sparked a growth without the need of soil, or a Christmas miracle took place in the little town of Wolcott this past holiday season. — *Photography by Picard*



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Donna Belval

Senior Center Director

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A BUS TRIP, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE

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

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!

Monday, Feb 2

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Stonebridge Restaurant in Milford — Sign up at the center

Tuesday, Feb 3

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

9:00-9:45 Chair Yoga w/ Matt — \$2.00 pp per class

12:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

Wednesday, Feb 4

9:00-3:00 PM "FREE TABLE" — The 1st Wednesday of each month our senior center will host a "free table" in the Yoga room where seniors can bring CLEAN items for other seniors to look through and take home at no cost to

them. At the end of the day, if your items have not been taken, you MUST bring them back home. Please do not bring any clothes or bedding.

11:30 Lunch Special — BBQ Boneless Chicken Thighs, Vegetable, Oven Potatoes & Dessert, \$5.00pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon. Feb 2

Thursday, Feb 5

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

Sunday, Feb 8

12:30 Bus leaves for The Hartford Stage — "The Cottage" — \$44.00 pp Sign up & pay by Fri. Feb 23 Dinner to follow — TBD

If 6 people are involved in a love triangle — does that make it a love hexagon? A witty farce about romance, sex, marriage, betrayal and, well — love. The Cottage will keep you laughing as a hilarious web of secrets is revealed. It is 1923 in a charming cottage in the English countryside. Sylvia is certain that she married the wrong man and has sent telegrams to that effect to both her husband and her lover's wife. That brazen decision sets off a cavalcade of arrivals, surprises, and laughs. What follows is a fast-moving, unpredictable, and potentially murderous romp.

Monday, Feb 9

10:00-1:00 Senior Haircuts for \$15.00 pp by Andrienna — Cash Only. Sign up in 20 minutes slots. Andrienna is a hairdresser who grew up in Wolcott and has been licensed in cosmetology for 20+ years. She has both hair-dressing and barbering experience. She is offering these reduced prices for seniors every 2nd Monday of each month. No Walk-Ins Please.

10:30 Bus leaves for lunch at the Log House in Barkhamstead—Sign up for the bus

Tuesday, Feb 10

9:00-9:45 Chair Yoga w/ Matt — \$2.00 per class per person

Wednesday, Feb 11

11:30 Valentine's Day Fund Raiser for the Wolcott Food Pantry — \$8.00 pp. Fresh Turkey w/ Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert & Sherbet Punch — Sign up & Pay by Fri. Feb 6

Thursday, Feb 12

11:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Chesprocott Health District includes a Presentation on "Heart Health" — Sign up at the Senior Center

Friday, Feb 13

8:30-9:30 Blueberry or Plain Pancakes w/ Bacon — \$3.00 pp, Sign up at the Senior Center

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Bella Gio — Sign up for the bus

Monday, Feb 16

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, Feb 17

9:00-9:45 Chair Yoga w/ Matt — \$2.00 per person per class

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

12:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

Wednesday, Feb 18

11:30 Lunch Special — Grilled Cheese on Texan Toast w/ Cup of Tomato Bisque Soup, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon. Feb 16

Thursday, Feb 19

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

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

Tuesday, Feb 24

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Home Goods Store — Lunch to follow at The Rein Deli, Sign up for the bus

9:00 Chair Yoga w/ Matt--\$2.00 per person per class

11:30-3:00 Foot Reflexology w/ Kim — \$20.00 for 20 Minutes of Relaxation, Sign up at the center

Wednesday, Feb 25

11:30 Lunch Special — Home-made Meatballs w/Mozz Cheese on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. Feb 23

Thursday, Feb 26

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

11:30 Bus leaves for lunch at J. Timothy's Tavern — Sign up for the bus



A full house at the Senior Center Christmas Party Picture



The Moonlit Witches entertained the seniors at the Senior Center Christmas party



Our seniors getting their "Zumba" on with Naida from Fitness Fury Picture

Alcott School News



Alcott 5th grade student council students learn about teamwork, public speaking, and being a leader at the CAS Leadership Conference!



Grade 2 students completed a project based inquiry on trees. They researched the appearance of trees, the functions of the parts of a tree, and trees in Connecticut. Students took their research to create a poster complete with bark rubbings.



The Fourth and Fifth grade winners from the Fire Prevention poster contest event on 1/7/26 at the Senior Center!



Focus On Frisbie



Frisbie School's Golden Ticket Winners!



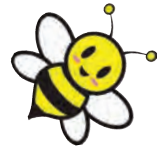
Frisbie Project Explore students visited the Wadsworth Museum to learn more about CT Native American art and to see our tree displayed in the Festival of Trees



The Frisbie Forum for December focused on Holiday fun! We had a students vs. teachers fun present stacking competition. Can you guess who won? Then, we sang a holiday song, where each grade had a part! Mr. Morgan led us on his guitar!



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



Second graders collected 155 toys for Toys for Tots & Teens!



Frisbie 5th Grade Student Council members attend the CAS Leadership conference at NVCC!!!



Second graders studied the patterns in tree bark and shared their projects with kindergarten students.



Target on Tyrrell

Tyrrell Middle School's Best Buddies Holiday Get Together for Cocoa and a Craft

Tyrrell Middle School Best Buddies working together to spread kindness and warmth this winter. They use their artistic ability and created boxes for the hats, mittens, and scarf collection for those in need.



8th Grade Social Studies: Students used inquiry-based learning to research and debate who was responsible for causing the American Revolution, strengthening their critical thinking and historical analysis skills.



Wakelee School News!



Mrs. Kane's class made a sock snowman to celebrate the season.



Wakelee 5th Grade Students attended the CAS Student Leadership Conference at NVCC and learned how they can become great leaders among their peers!



Fourth and fifth grade students were recognized for their creativity and safety awareness after winning a fire prevention poster contest, earning praise from the Fire Marshal's Office and a special performance from magician Mike Michaels. The school community is proud of the students for using their artistic talents to share such an important message and for representing their school so positively. Congratulations to all of the fourth and fifth graders involved on a job well done!



Mrs. Kane and Mrs. D'Alessandro's class won the Golden Fork Award for best cafeteria behavior in the lunchroom!



Grade 2 classes explored their nature unit through hands-on tree bark rubbings. Students carefully observed the bark and reflected on its texture, color, and other unique characteristics in their writing. They also learned how tree bark benefits people in many ways, including how it is used to make clothing, medicine, herbs, and spices such as cinnamon too!



Our 4th and 5th graders in chorus share their musical talents during their winter concert.



Wolcott High School NEWS



Wolcott High School Student Government

Student Government hosted their annual Winter Craft Workshop in December during the Discovery period. Students had the opportunity to make tissue winter-themed crafts and relieve some stress. Below are some pictures from that event.



Unified Sports Holiday Celebration

On Thursday December 18, 2025, members of the Unified Sports team joined forces with both Community Service and Art Club to paint the front windows of Wolcott High School. Members of the Art Club sketched a holiday/winter themed mural that was then painted in by athletes and partners of the Unified Team and Community Service Club members.



The mural included a snowman and penguin that allowed for students to put their faces in the window and take a picture with friends.



The purpose of this event was to promote inclusion and collaboration amongst clubs at Wolcott High School and spread holiday cheer.

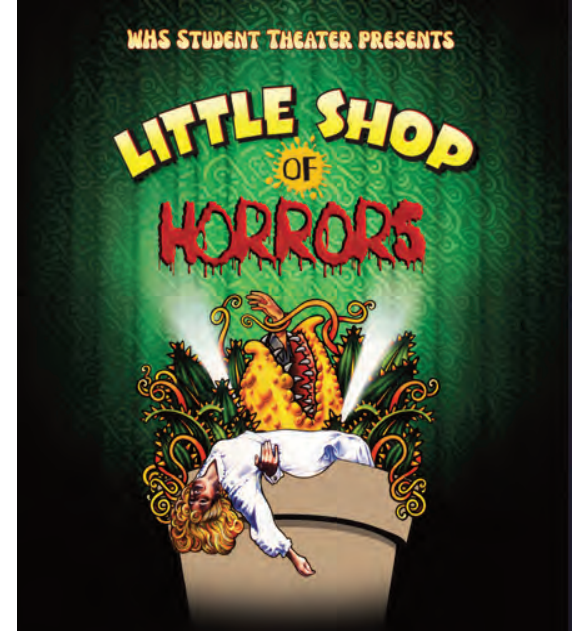
Military Information for Students

Members of the US Army were in the Career Center on Thursday, Dec. 18th during Discovery to discuss the officer route, career opportunities, benefits, ROTC and anything else pertaining to the Army with students. Several students participated.



WHS Student Theater

Something's growing at Wolcott High School! Come support WHS Student Theater's Production of Little Shop of Horrors this Spring. On May 1st through 3rd, experience the thrilling story of a talking plant with an endless hunger and a curious taste. Tickets will be on sale in March — stay tuned!



WHS National Honor Society Annual Unified Holiday Party

Wolcott High School's National Honors Society hosted their annual holiday party for our town's Unified programs in December. The party followed a "Polar Express" theme where everyone enjoyed the day in their pajamas! Wolcott's NHS prepared lots of different activity stations for each guest to partake in throughout the party. There were arts and crafts that the students could make and take home, holiday themed games, a quiet room where there was a movie playing, and a story reading of "The Polar Express" from Santa and his elves and there was even live entertainment of holiday music from our band and chorus. This year's party was filled with collaboration, making new friends and overall lots of cheer as we celebrated the holidays as a diverse and inclusive community!



Thank You R & R Roofing!

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

WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kindergarten Pre-Registration for 2026-2027 School Year

Per recent Connecticut Legislation, if your child will be 5 years old by September 1, 2026, please visit the District website at wolcottps.org and click the Registration Button to pre-register your child(ren) for kindergarten starting December 1st. Residency requirements must also be met upon registering. More information on kindergarten screening and the PowerSchool Parent Portal login information will be provided in late February/early March.

If your child's birthdate is between September 2, 2021 to December 31, 2021, but you believe they're ready for kindergarten, you can request a waiver via the 2026-2027 Kindergarten Registration Tab on the website and emailing one of the three elementary school principals.

For questions, contact Meagan Angelone at mangelone@wolcottps.org or 203.879.8183 ext.2. Early registration is appreciated and HIGHLY recommended to help with planning – please do NOT wait to register your kindergarten child.

Note: Pre-K students at Alcott Elementary must register for kindergarten — there is no automatic rollover.

WPS Start & End Times

www.wolcottps.org

Schools			
Schedule	Wolcott High School https://wchs.wolcottps.org/	Tyrrell Middle School https://tms.wolcottps.org/	All Elementary Schools AES: https://alcott.wolcottps.org/ FES: https://frisbie.wolcottps.org/ WES: https://wakelee.wolcottps.org/
Regular Day	7:30 am - 1:55 pm	7:45 am - 2:35 pm	8:55 am - 3:20 pm
Planned Early Dismissal Day	7:30 am - 12:00 pm	7:45 am - 12:25 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
WEATHER-RELATED Early Dismissal	7:30 am - 11:00 am	7:45 am - 11:35 am	8:55 am - 12:20 pm

Pre-Kindergarten Sessions		
Schedule	PK AM Session	PK PM Session
Regular Day	8:55 am - 11:40 am	12:35 pm - 3:15 pm
Planned Early Dismissal Day	8:55 am - 11:00 am	NO PM PK
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
WEATHER-RELATED Early Dismissal	8:55 am - 11:00 am	NO PM PK

Latchkey Sessions Latchkey Program information and contacts click HERE		
Schedule	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
WEATHER-RELATED Early Dismissal	7:00 am - 8:30 am	NO Afternoon Session

Wolcott Public Schools Directors

Central Office – 203 879-8183

- ◆ Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Shawn Simpson – 203 879-8183
- ◆ Business Manager: Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
- ◆ Assistant Superintendent: Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
- ◆ Director of Student Services & Alternative Programs: Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
- ◆ Supervisor of Special Education: Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
- ◆ Director of School Climate, Culture and HR: Mrs. Deborah Osvald – 203-879-8183
- ◆ 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

- 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

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

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER



Wolcott Public Schools

WE ARE

HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM



OPEN POSITIONS



NONCERTIFIED POSITIONS

- SPED Paraeducator
- CNA Clinical Assistant

COACHING POSITIONS

Available at Middle & High School Levels

203.879.8183

As of October 1, 2025

CERTIFIED POSITIONS

- Special Education Teachers

Work with YOUR own schedule

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

- **TEACHER**
 - \$125 per day
 - ONLY a Bachelor's Degree Required!
- **PARAEDUCATOR - Regular or SPED**
 - Associates' Degree preferred, but not required

APPLY NOW

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EMPOWER THE FUTURE. SHAPE YOUNG MINDS

<https://www.wolcottps.org/>

A Rewarding Career Awaits You

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

Please apply in person to get more information on this part time job and to be accepted into our professional driver training classes.

Wolcott Terminal
515 Wolcott Road, 203-879-1334



Wolcott Board of Education Contacts

1488 Woodtick Road | 203-879-8183



Top Left to Right: Mrs. Melissa Hughes; Mr. Matthew Napp; Chairman Mrs. Cynthia Mancini; Superintendent Mr. Shawn Simpson; Mrs. Nikoleta Kollchaku; Secretary Ms. Roberta Leonard Lower Left to Right: Mr. Anthony Gugliotti; Mr. Eugene Gasparri; Mrs. Bernadette Ouellette; Vice-Chairman Mrs. Kelly Mazza

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Preschool Screenings

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on January 23rd and February 27th. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, ages 3 and 4, who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child's development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178 to schedule an appointment.

Alcott Integrated Preschool Lottery

The application process for the Alcott Elementary Preschool Lottery Program is now available for the 2026-2027 school year. Applications will be available online for all Wolcott Residents who have a child that will turn 3 years old by September 1, 2026.

Completion of this form DOES NOT guarantee your child a spot in the Preschool Program. The Lottery Application Process will close on Friday, March 6, 2026. The lottery selection will be completed after March 6th and you will be notified of the results by email. Residency Requirements must be met in order to be enrolled in the Preschool Program.

Please visit the Wolcott Public Schools District website to apply for the Lottery and to view Residency Requirements at: wolcottps.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at 203-879-8178.

Wolcott Board of Education 2025-26 Meeting Schedule

	FIRST	SECOND
FEBRUARY	09 (Monday-Wakelee)	
MARCH	09 (Monday-WHS)	23 (Monday-Alcott)
APRIL	13 (Monday)	27 (Monday)
MAY	11 (Monday)	26 (Tuesday)
JUNE	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)

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.

Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2025-2026

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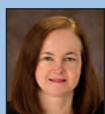
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Brand New Construction Condos

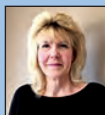
Modern Living at its Best at this Adult Community! Welcome to these newly constructed, thoughtfully designed condominiums offering comfort, efficiency and style. Each unit features two spacious bedrooms and an open concept layout ideal for today's lifestyle. The Modern kitchen is appointed with a center island, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, seamlessly flowing into the living area. Additional highlights include one full bath and one half bath, central air, gas heat and an attached one car garage. Enjoy the convenience of city water, city sewer, city gas, all in a low maintenance condo setting. Perfect for home owners seeking new construction, energy efficiency and modern finishes. Builders will custom interior to buyers' preferences. Many Upgrades Available.



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Wolcott \$535,000 - New Listing; Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial on 1.89 private acres. Spacious kitchen with granite counters, stainless steel appliances & breakfast bar, hardwood floors throughout the home, tile foyer, living room with granite surround fireplace, formal dining room, office, and den/extra bedroom. Spacious primary bedroom suite with walk-in closet & full bath, laundry room and a 2 car heated garage. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$219,000 - New Listing; Enjoy easy one-level living in this 2-bedroom Ranch. Spacious, cozy living room with wood stove, eat-in kitchen features updated cabinets and tile floor. Step outside to a private back yard with space to relax and unwind. Recent updates include a newer roof, furnace, and hot water heater in 2025 and septic system replace in 2009. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio.*



Wolcott \$479,900 - New Price; Wonderfully maintained 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Cape style home with a convenient layout from the dining room, through the eat-in kitchen & into the family room with a cozy fireplace. A four-season sunroom overlooks the spacious back yard with an in-ground pool. This home also offers extra living space in the partially finished lower level with updates throughout. Located in a sought-after neighborhood, it's conveniently within walking distance to the high school and public library, and just minutes from shopping, medical offices, and major highways. A must-see home that blends comfort, charm, and convenience. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio*



Wolcott \$269,900 - New Listing; Flippers! Contractors! Take Notice! Charming 3 bedroom, vinyl sided Ranch style home features living room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen, 2 full baths, one which has been remodeled. Hardwood floors, central air, unheated large breezeway, 1 car attached garage. Needs TLC. Being sold in "as is" condition. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$649,000 - To Be Built! A bright, open Ranch-style home. Features a spacious great room with fireplace, a kitchen with granite countertops, large center island and high-end finishes flowing into the living space. With three bedrooms, two full baths, and a generous primary suite, there's room for everyone to enjoy. Hardwood and tile flooring throughout. A two-car garage with plenty of storage, and the private setting makes this home a peaceful retreat from the everyday. It will be built to suit, giving you the opportunity to personalize every detail to match your vision. A Colonial Style is also available for \$685,000. *Ask for JR or Lynn.*



Wolcott \$335,000 - Lovely Ranch style home features large eat-in kitchen with built-ins in dining area, living room with hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms with wood floors, 1.5 baths, very spacious family room with bar, deck, gazebo, central air and city water. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$685,000 - Customize your dream home on this wooded 1.12 acre lot on Pembroke Hill, in The Preserve Sub-division w/seasonal water views. An open floor plan Colonial w/4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and hardwood floors throughout the main level. Large kitchen with island and choice of stone counters, formal dining room with crown molding, and great room with propane fireplace. Two story grand foyer. Upper level primary Suite with huge walk-in closet, 3 other large bedrooms and full laundry room. Walk-out basement to wooded backyard. Underground utilities, town sewers, convenient location. *Ask for JR or Lynn.*



Wolcott \$689,000 - Lovely Contemporary Ranch on Hitchcock Lake!! A nine room home with comfort and year round relaxation. Features living room with cathedral ceilings bathed in natural light, an updated kitchen with counter bar, all appliances, and a spacious dining area overlooking the lake. With three spacious bedrooms and three full baths there's room for everyone. The lower level features a family room, game room/bedroom, and kitchen, perfect for an in-law. Includes an upper deck and lower deck, each with water views. The private dock offers kayaking & fishing. All of this sits across from the public golf course giving you exceptional scenery and a lifestyle that feels like a getaway every day. A must see!! *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Waterbury Condo \$199,900 - New Listing; Well-maintained 2 bedroom end unit townhouse offering comfort, privacy and a functional layout. This unit features an open living room/dining room area with a cozy fireplace, 1.5 baths and great natural light from the end unit location; spacious bedrooms with ample closet space. Enjoy outdoor living on the private deck, perfect for relaxing or entertaining. Convenient low-maintenance condo living in a desirable community. Ideal for owner occupied or investors. Move in ready. *Ask for Sandy Deschenes*



Southington Condo \$415,000 - New Listing; Welcome to this beautifully upgraded townhouse located in a highly desirable complex. This spacious home offers 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths with an open floor plan ideal for today's lifestyle. The main level features hardwood floors, a bright living area and sliders to a private deck. The kitchen is equipped with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and ample cabinetry. Additional highlights include central air, a propane furnace and a spacious walkout basement with plumbing already roughed in for excellent expansive potential. The numerous upgrades make this home move-in ready. A must see property offering comfort, quality and value. *Ask for Sandy Deschenes.*



Wolcott Commercial Lease \$1,000/mo. - 1,554 square foot office space in high traffic area, suitable for doctors, accountants and attorneys, etc. *Ask for Marita Calabro.*

LAND LOTS

WOLCOTT
\$125,000 - 1.59 Wooded interior lot at the end of a cul-de-sac in The Preserve subdivision w/seasonal views of Chestnut Hill Reservoir. Custom built homes, town sewers, underground utilities ready access to shopping and town amenities.
\$200,000 - 2 separate lots being sold as one package. Maps and survey available.
\$275,000 - Unique 33.61 acre parcel; 13.3 acres and remaining back parcel of 20.1 acres along w/ another road road frontage lot make this the property to develop for single family homes.
\$397,000 - 52.05 acre site with close proximity to I-84, Route 322 and views of Lily Lake. City sewers available.

\$399,000 - 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 - 7.1 acres of land available on Wolcott Road (Route 69). 739 ft road frontage. Property backs up to Minor Rd. Sewer approximately 400 ft away on Center Street. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*

WATERBURY
\$49,900 - Builders, Investors! Two lots, each 50x100 at end of dead end-street being sold together. Subject to Probate Court Approval. *Ask for Linda Fercodini*

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