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On February 10, 2026, Wolcott resident and Army Veteran John Lupkas was laid to rest at Edgewood Cemetery with full military honors. John served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and attained the rank of Sergeant as an artillery specialist. After his service to his country, John attended college and upon graduation began a 41 year career with Truelove and Maclean. Rest in peace John, and thank you for your service.

Photography by Picard



The local TD Bank branch located at 826 Wolcott Road closed its doors on January 29th, ending decades of operation in the Town of Wolcott. Employees of the branch accepted positions in other branch locations while some left employment with the bank all together.

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The Exchange Club of Wolcott inducted another new member into the club recently. Jason McNeil of Wolcott was sworn in by club president Robin DiNicola and CT District Exchange Club Volunteer Field Representative Roger Picard. Jason who recently retired, wanted to become involved in an organization that gave back to the community and helped make it a better place to live.

Photo by: Kim Corbett



Our photographer captured this image of a male cardinal visiting a bird feeding cylinder during the frigid cold snap we endured recently. Finding food sources during these cold wintery months can become a challenge for some of these creatures.

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The Wolcott Congregational Church Youth Group held their Homeless and Hunger awareness event on the town green recently. Approximately twelve high school aged students participate by pitching tents on the town green and collecting donations and nonperishable food items from passing motorists.

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Nearly a full house of Wolcott Senior citizens enjoyed a three course chicken dinner courtesy of the Exchange Club of Wolcott at the Wolcott Senior Center. Seniors were also treated to free raffle prizes supplied by CC's Chocolates and 110 Baked Café.

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Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



I think I can say that most of us are glad the winter is on its way out. I'm already thinking of spring. Thank you to everyone who was patient while we shoveled out the driveway to create a path to the clothing shed. We made a good decision to shut down and winterize the pipes due to the extreme cold that was predicted. We appreciate our volunteer Dominic who has helped us with snow and groundskeeping.

I am ready to clean out the closets because the kids never stop growing. We are fortunate enough to have a safe, clean location to donate clothing, footwear, purses, accessories, stuffed toys, and jewelry. I try to live the "Marie Kondo way" where you live with items that give you joy. That means gifting, throwing out or donating clothing you will probably never wear again or clothing you keep just because it is new with tags even though it's not really your style. All you need to do is throw tied bags into the opening of our clothing shed. You can use garbage bags, shopping bags, grocery bags, book bags, old luggage, or even taped paper bags. Our volunteers carefully sort and stack each donation to allow plenty of open space and to make it easier for the workers to load their trucks.



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April 17th - Friday

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The Exchange Club of Wolcott**

Location: The American Legion
1253 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott
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Cost: \$45 Presale, \$50 at the door
Info: To purchase tickets please email your name and phone number to ExchangeClubofWolcott@gmail.com and someone will contact you.

April 20th - Monday

**Exchange Club of Wolcott
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Location: Aqua Turf Club
556 Mulberry St., Plantsville
Time: 6pm
Cost: \$50 per person
Info: Honoring Wolcott's Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, Teacher of the Year and Book of Golden Deeds Award. Cash bar cocktail hour, dinner and awards ceremony. Tables of 10 available. For tickets contact Roger Picard at 203-910-6829 or r.picard911@gmail.com

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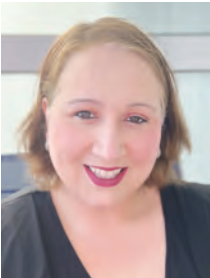
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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



A referendum is happening on March 28, 2026. Absentee ballots will be available starting on March 9, 2026.

Everyday residents call or come into the office to ask about our free land record fraud alert. I am very excited so many people are interested in learning more about this program. If you would like to sign up please visit <https://www.searchiqs.com/fraudalert/>

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Thank you all for bearing with us while our land record program was switched over from Cott Systems to IQS. There was a very short learning curve, and the system has proven itself to be very valuable, easy to use, and time saving. June will be our first experience with dog licenses, but we are not expecting any disruptions as we have been practicing.

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After a brutally cold and snowy winter, I think we are all ready for some spring weather. Thank you for your patience as this season tested us all. We are all looking forward to some warmer days.



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. Follow us on Facebook as well.

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Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Dentistry

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming health-care, and dentistry is no exception. From diagnostics to patient management, AI-driven technologies are beginning to reshape how dental professionals deliver care. While these tools are not intended to replace dentists, they are poised to enhance clinical decision-making, improve efficiency, and elevate patient outcomes.



Dr. Ezra Friedman
Wolcott, CT

One of the most significant impacts of AI in dentistry is in diagnostics and treatment planning. AI algorithms can analyze dental radiographs, cone-beam CT scans, and intraoral images with remarkable accuracy. These systems can assist in detecting caries, periodontal disease, periapical lesions, and even early signs of oral pathology that may be subtle or overlooked. By serving as a second set of “digital eyes,” AI can help reduce diagnostic variability and support earlier, more precise interventions.

AI is also playing a growing role in personalized treatment planning. By integrating patient-specific data—such as medical history, imaging, occlusion, and prior treatment outcomes—AI systems can help dentists predict disease progression and recommend tailored treatment options. In orthodontics and prosthodontics, for example, AI can simulate tooth movement, design restorations, and optimize aligner or implant placement, improving both functional and esthetic results.

Another important area of impact is workflow efficiency and practice management. AI-powered scheduling systems can predict appointment lengths, reduce no-shows, and optimize chair utilization. Automated charting, voice-to-text clinical notes, and intelligent billing tools can significantly decrease administrative burden, allowing clinicians to focus more on patient care. Over time, this efficiency may also help reduce burnout among dental professionals.

Patient engagement and education are also being transformed by AI. Virtual assistants and chatbots can answer common questions, provide post-operative instructions, and guide patients through treatment options using visual simulations. AI-driven imaging enhancements can help patients better understand their diagnoses, increasing trust and treatment acceptance by making dental conditions more tangible and easier to grasp.

Finally, AI has the potential to advance preventive dentistry and public health. By analyzing large datasets, AI can identify population-level trends, risk factors, and gaps in care. This insight can support earlier interventions, targeted prevention strategies, and more equitable access to dental services.

Though the future is never known, the glimpses of possibilities have the potential for great processes and outcomes. I, for one, am optimistic...😊

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Cub Scout Pack 230 News

It has been a truly terrific month for Cub Scout Pack 230. The highlight was our first-ever camp-in held at the Wolcott Library. The library transformed into a hub of activity as families gathered for an evening of connection. Scouts and parents stayed busy with board games and Lego building, while a Scout Craft station allowed everyone to master age-appropriate knots.

As the evening wound down, we gathered for our campfire program. It was a joy to see Scouts take the stage, performing skits, laughing at scout jokes and singing spirited songs. Amidst the laughter, we took a meaningful pause to reflect on the heart of Scouting and the importance of helping others. In the morning, it was great to wake up to scouts helping one another break down camp.

Additionally, the past month found our dens busy diligently working on advancement skills. The Lion Den completed their first ever service project - a peanut butter and jelly drive to benefit neighbors facing food insecurity. Our Tiger Den focused on safety, covering personal safety, simple first aid, and bike safety. Meanwhile, our Arrow of Light Den is steadfastly preparing for its Crossover into the Troop by fine-tuning knot skills and leadership abilities.

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.

CASA Meetings



CASA is a community coalition that aims to reduce substance misuse and promote wellness in Wolcott through collaboration, education, awareness and community action.

Our coalition meetings are open to all members of the Wolcott community. We invite you to join us and learn more about our ongoing efforts to support a healthier Wolcott; together we can make a meaningful difference

Meetings are held at the library starting at noon and lunch is provided: 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>

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St. Luke's Scholarships

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Farmingbury Women's Club 2026 High School Senior Scholarship Application



The Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott will be offering two (2) \$500 scholarships to the Class of 2026 graduating high school seniors. Graduating senior must be a U.S. Citizen, resident of Wolcott and planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Graduating students who do not attend Wolcott High School (WHS) are eligible for a scholarship and should contact their schools Guidance Office. WHS students will find the scholarship application on the WHS Naviance database. Any questions please contact Carleen VanBlarcom at cvanbl@yahoo.com.

Application deadline is on or before Wednesday, April 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 planning to attend accredited institutions of higher learning including trade schools. Applications can be downloaded from 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.

2026 Exchange Club of Wolcott Scholarships

The Exchange Club of Wolcott continues to support our high school seniors. This year, four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to qualified graduating seniors. Our goal is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarship awards to high school students residing in Wolcott. Recipients must meet the criteria established for such purposes and who are pursuing a degree in an accredited institution of higher learning, regardless of the high school they currently attend.

Application forms are available in the Wolcott High School's Guidance Office, Wolcott Public Library, and online at the Exchange Club's website: <https://exchangeclubofwolcott.com/>

Applications must be completed and postmarked by March 13, 2026, mailed to The Exchange Club of Wolcott, P.O. Box 6072, Wolcott, CT 06716, or handed to any Exchange Club member.



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Sarah Hyman, DMD joins Dental Health Associates of Wolcott



Dental Health Associates of Wolcott, Ct is delighted to announce the addition of Dr. Sarah Hyman

Dr. Hyman received her Doctorate in Dental Medicine from the University of Connecticut. She then completed her general practice residency at Hartford Hospital. During her time there, she gained broad experience in comprehensive dentistry, emergency care, and caring for patients with complex medical conditions.

Dr. Hyman is a member of the American Dental Association, Connecticut State Dental Association, and Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Hyman is passionate about building trusting relationships, making patients feel comfortable, and helping them achieve their healthiest, most confident smiles. She also looks forward to seeing our younger patients, making every dental visit a positive and stress-free experience from a very first visit to their teenage years.

Outside of the office Dr. Hyman enjoys crafting, spending time outdoors, and being with her family and friends.

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Veterans Advocacy News

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Connecticut Wartime Service Medal

Calling all Connecticut veterans with qualifying wartime service, you may be eligible to receive the Connecticut Wartime Service Medal, if you have not already done so. Qualifying wartime service is defined as a minimum of 90 days active service during a period of war (does not include training time); honorable or under honorable conditions discharge status; and a current resident of Connecticut, or a resident at the time of the qualifying wartime service. If you are a veteran or the surviving spouse/family member of a veteran that meets those requirements, please contact Veterans Strong Community Center or the Wolcott Veterans Advocacy Commission. We are looking to host an event this summer to recognize and honor those veterans who have not yet received the medal.

Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial Bricks

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Junior Women's Club News



The Education committee will be busy voting on one essay from the elementary schools (Alcott, Frisbie and Wakelee) for the Creative Writing Contest, "What's Best about Wolcott". Based on previous years, we understand that the judges will find it challenging to choose the best essay. The winners from the 2026 Creative Writing Contest will have their articles printed in an upcoming issue of the Wolcott Community News.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is sponsoring four \$1000.00 and one \$2000.00 scholarship opportunities for Wolcott residents who will be graduating from High Schools in June 2026. All applications are in the Wolcott High School's Guidance Department and the Wolcott High school web site. The JWC Arts Scholarship is for any student who furthers his or her education (major or minor) in some field of the ARTS or has a genuine interest in the ARTS through participation and or education. The JWC Community Service Scholarship is for any student who is furthering his or her education and has played an active role in community service and/or volunteerism. It is important that volunteer activities are listed in the students' application. The Patricia Najarian Scholarship is for an average student who is achieving his or her full scholastic potential and needs financial assistance. There are 2 new Scholarships in Memory of Linda Mennillo being offered this year. Linda was a valuable member of our club; she started our Golf Tournaments and it is one of our very important projects for our Ways and Means. Applications must be mailed to our P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716.

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

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is a nonprofit organization dedicated to volunteering in our community, promoting the Arts, Conservation, Current Affairs, Education, Health and Homelife. Meetings are held 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday from September to June. Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. We are a small but active club! Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all of these projects or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com.

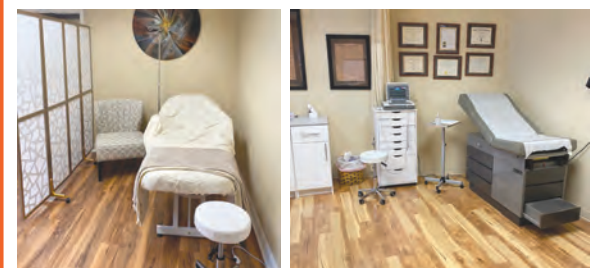
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Farmingbury Women's Club News

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!



The Farmingbury Women's Club is busy preparing for an exciting spring season, highlighted by our **Spring Fundraiser** that will feature Julia Jette, a well-known psychic medium, who will offer an evening of insight and entertainment. Additional details, including the date and ticket information, will be announced soon.

In addition to the fundraiser, members will also be lending their time to support the Bowling Banquet by providing food and drinks for the Bowling Banquet at the end of March. This annual banquet celebrates the bowling season and brings together participants and families for an enjoyable day.

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 6:30 p.m.**, 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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Distraction and Power: A Troubling Start to the 2026 Session

by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District



The 2026 legislative session is underway, and Connecticut residents are already seeing a familiar pattern: distraction at the microphone and consolidation of power in the fine print.

Opening day made that clear. Instead of using his State of the State Address to confront affordability, electric bills, crime, fraud,

and the daily pressures facing Connecticut families, Governor Ned Lamont chose to inflame national political divisions inside a chamber that should be focused on our state.

That decision was deliberate, and it served a purpose. In the same speech where he praised Connecticut law enforcement as "perhaps the best trained police force in the world," he accused federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers of being "barely trained at all," said they "see the world as us versus them," and claimed they were arresting people "often based upon the color of their skin." He declared, "Everywhere you go, uninvited, violence follows. Go home."

Those are extraordinary accusations to level from the podium of the Connecticut House chamber. A Governor should not use a State of the State address to create hostility and division.

At some point I simply got up and walked out. Not as a stunt, but because a Connecticut State of the State speech had turned into a national political performance. Predictably, some in the media treated that as the story.

It was not. Because while attention was fixed on partisan theatrics, Democratic leaders were granting themselves hundreds of millions of your taxpayer dollars to spend with virtually no oversight.

On that same opening day, they advanced legislation authorizing up to 330 million dollars in discretionary spend-

ing under the label of an "emergency" response to potential federal "policy impacts." It is a blank check for the Governor in an election year.

We have seen this before. In November, under the excuse of a possible federal shutdown that ended before the Senate even voted, the legislature rushed through a 500 million dollar "Federal Cuts Response Fund." No public hearings. No meaningful debate. Of that 500 million dollars, about 187 million was spent before the authority expired.

Even that sweeping language was not broad enough. So, they returned on opening day and widened it dramatically.

The new bill allows spending based on virtually any federal "action or inaction." If Washington acts, they can spend. If Washington fails to act, they can spend. If guidance changes or courts rule, they can spend.

That is not emergency governance. That is convenience government. I did not stay quiet. I exposed it on the Senate floor, walking through the language line by line and explaining how it concentrates power and weakens representative government. But when headlines are dominated by national political outrage, the half billion dollars quietly being handed over in Hartford becomes background noise.

That is not coincidence. It is strategy. Meanwhile, Connecticut families are being crushed.

Constituents contact my office every day describing impossible choices between electric bills and groceries, heating oil and prescriptions, staying in Connecticut or leaving the state they love.

After decades of one-party Democratic control of state government, Connecticut ranks among the highest taxed states in America, among the highest electric rates, and among the most expensive places to live. Businesses struggle. Seniors are squeezed. Young families question whether they can build a future here.

And now we are hearing about rebate checks going out right before an election. Let us be honest about what that is. The state collects too much from you, holds it, and then returns a portion at the most politically convenient moment.

Those inadequate rebate checks may well be the Governor's last act in office. The next act should be electing a Republican governor who will help enact real structural reform instead of temporary political relief.

Senate Republicans have already put forward a serious affordability plan that delivers more than one billion dollars in permanent, structural tax relief. Not one-time payments. Not short-term gimmicks. Real income tax reductions. Real car tax relief. Real efforts to lower electric costs by addressing the policies that created the public benefits charges in the first place.

Our plan is about restoring affordability for the long term. It is about trusting families with their own money. It is about reversing decades of decisions that have made Connecticut less competitive and less affordable.

The people of Connecticut deserve leadership focused on lowering costs and protecting representative government, not distracting from power grabs and campaigning with taxpayer dollars.

Connecticut still has a choice. We can continue down the path of bigger government, higher costs, and election year theatrics, or we can demand structural reform, accountability, and real relief.

That choice is coming. And I intend to make sure the people of this state understand exactly what is at stake.

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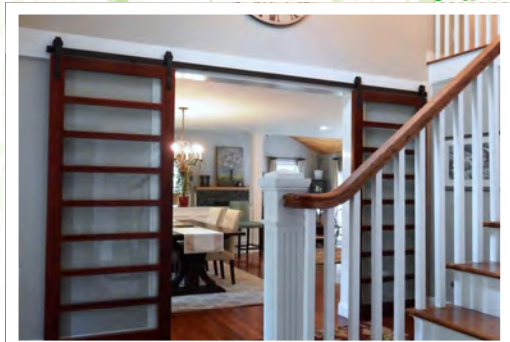
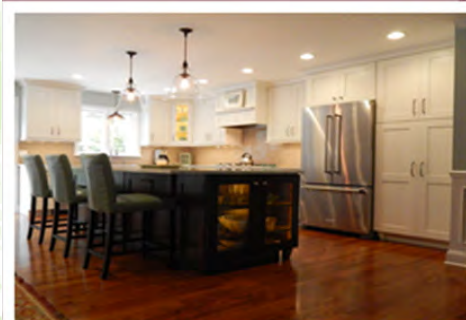
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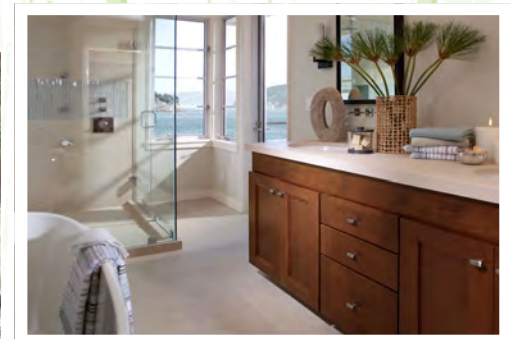


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Wolcott Historical Society - March 2026



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.

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 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.

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...



The Josiah Atkins House at 49 Center Street. Built for Josiah Atkins in 1777.

"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."



David Frisbie or Berkley Frisbie House at 435 Woodtick Road built in 1837 by Judah's great grandson.

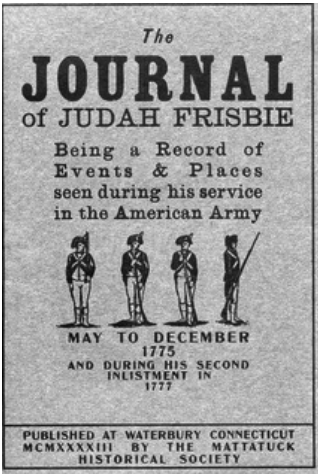
In Nathaniel's eyes, this was just another way to serve his country. The present Meriden Road together with Pierpont Road was part of an important military highway extending from the Hudson Valley to Hartford and Newport. The mountainside referred to in this story is Southington Mountain. These 6000 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)



Journal of Josiah Atkins reprinted by the Mattatuck Historical Society. Copy of the original Atkins's journal page.



Cover of Judah Frisbie's journal reprinted in 1943.

Boy Scouts Troop 230 News

BSA Troop 230 is braving the winter chill with a renewed focus on tradition and teamwork. During weekly meetings, scouts across all levels are prioritizing rank advancement, eagerly checking off requirements that range from fire building to leadership.

The energy at the American Legion has been particularly high as the Troop shifts into gear preparing for the Klondike Derby. Held at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, the Klondike Derby is a signature Scouting event inspired by the heritage of the Alaskan Gold Rush. During the competition, patrols act as dog-sled teams hauling a homemade wooden sled loaded with survival gear through the woods to various stations, called towns. At each stop, scouts must work together to solve specific scout challenges like ice rescues, fire-starting, and orienteering to earn gold nuggets for their performance.

Moreover, this month marks an exciting new chapter for the Troop. Troop 230 has officially transitioned into a family troop. By opening our doors to both boys and girls, we foster a more inclusive environment where girls and boys can participate together so all young people in our community have the chance to benefit from the mission of Scouting America. This change brings a fresh energy to meetings, strengthening the scouting family and ensuring our adventures at weekly meetings, Camp Mattatuck and beyond are shared by all.

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.

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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



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This year, the first day of spring begins on Friday March 20, 2026. That means the Northern & Southern hemispheres will receive approximately the same amount of light as the days get longer in the Northern hemisphere (the United States) and shorter in the Southern hemisphere (most of South America).

Daylight Saving Time

The concept for Daylight Saving Time was first suggested in an essay written by Benjamin Franklin in 1784. The United States first began utilizing Daylight Saving Time during World War I to conserve fuel by allowing for more natural light by shifting the time ahead an hour. This year, we begin Daylight Saving Time on Sunday March 8, 2026. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on that date. It is also suggested you change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks each spring and fall!

Weather Tips!

Spring is on the way, but Connecticut weather can be so unpredictable! We could see mild, sunny days one day followed by several inches of snow the next day! Please be careful out there when walking, running, or driving. Watch out for slippery spots that can lead to injuries from falling. Watch for icy patches and utilize proper body mechanics if you shovel snow. We want all of you to be able to enjoy springtime injury free.

Emergency Medical Technician Class

Our EMT class began February 23, 2026, and the students are quickly learning what they need to know to take care of people in their time of need. If you missed this program and 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, 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 January, WVAA responded to 153 calls for assistance.

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Stay Safe!

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



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A Dangerous Shift Toward Government Control in Hartford, Connecticut Families will Pay the Price

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



It is still early in the legislative session, but one thing has already become clear: the majority party in Hartford is doubling down on top-down control at the expense of parents, teachers, and the rule of law.

First, the majority has introduced H.B. 5044, "An Act Establishing Connecticut Vaccine Standards," a proposal that would give the Governor's Public Health Commissioner Manish Juthani unchecked authority to mandate vaccines, bypassing legislative oversight entirely.

Under current law, any new vaccine requirements for schoolchildren are subject to review and approval by the legislature's Regulations Review Committee. That process provides a critical check on executive authority and ensures transparency, public input, and accountability. This bill would remove that safeguard.

But what is even more troubling is a subtle yet profound change in the bill's language. Here's the language directly from the bill (the strike thru represents the language they want to delete from existing law, the bold is what they want to add): "The Commissioner of Public Health shall establish the standard of care for immunization for the residents of this state. The standard of care for immunization shall (1) be based on a consideration of the recommended schedules for active immunization for normal adults, infants and children..."

That single change dramatically expands the scope of government authority from school vaccine requirements for minors to the potential for mandates affecting every adult in Connecticut.

That language is not limited to school settings. It applies broadly to the entire population. Once that authority is granted, the Commissioner could unilaterally add flu shots, COVID boosters, or other vaccines to a state-mandated schedule without legislative approval.

In practical terms, this opens the door to mandates that could affect employment, public access, and everyday life for adults across Connecticut.

Here is what is at stake under H.B. 5044:

- New barriers that could keep children out of classrooms
- Potential vaccine mandates tied to adult employment or public activities
- Parents, workers, and legislators shut out of the decision-making process

This represents a radical departure from Connecticut law. It concentrates enormous power in the hands of a single unelected official and removes the checks and balances that protect the public over your family's health decisions.

We have already seen what happens when sweeping public health decisions are made without proper legislative oversight.

During the COVID era, many residents felt their voices were ignored and their livelihoods placed at risk by unilateral executive actions. This bill moves us further down that same path.

Decisions about vaccines whether for children or adults should never rest primarily in the hands of one bureaucrat. These are deeply personal medical decisions that affect families, workers, and communities across the state. Government officials should not be the primary decision-makers when it comes to your personal health choices.

Whether you are pro-vaccine or simply believe in medical choice, this proposal sets a troubling precedent. It is not just about one shot or one schedule. It is about who has the authority to make those decisions and whether the public has any say at all.

At the same time, some in the majority are advancing what I consider an extreme proposal to effectively eliminate suspensions and expulsions for non-violent behavior in Connecticut schools. In practice, this would strip teachers and administrators of one of the few remaining tools they have to maintain order.

Let us be honest: not all harmful behavior is classified as "violent." Chronic disruption, repeated defiance, bullying, and serious classroom misconduct can derail learning for dozens of students. Removing meaningful consequences does not create safer schools, it just creates a more chaotic environment for students. And if a student knows there will be no consequences for bad behavior, how do you think they will act? It sends a message that maintaining order is secondary to political ideology pushed by many on the extreme left. Teachers are already stretched thin. Instead of supporting them, Hartford is once again tying their hands.

And then there was the Governor's State of the State address, where he chose to criticize ICE, the federal agency tasked with enforcing our nation's immigration laws. He told them to "go home" and questioned their training. That rhetoric crossed a line. Law enforcement officers, including federal agents, deserve respect for doing the jobs they are sworn to do. That is why I joined my Republican colleagues in walking out of the House chamber. It was not a decision made lightly. But when the rule of law is publicly undermined from the podium of the Governor's office, silence is not an option.

These issues may seem separate, but they are connected by a common theme: centralizing power, weakening accountability, and disregarding the voices of parents, educators, workers, and law-abiding citizens.

Connecticut deserves better. We should be empowering families, supporting teachers, and standing firmly for law and order, not expanding bureaucratic authority and advancing policies that make our state less secure.

I will continue to speak out and stand firm for common sense, accountability, and the rights of the people I represent.

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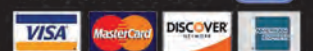
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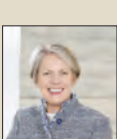
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WATERBURY \$249,000 — Recently remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 and a half bath condo with nothing to do but move in! The kitchen has new cabinets and quartz countertops. Living room has new laminate flooring. Lower level has new laminate flooring and sliders to side entrance. Upper level offers 2 large bedrooms with new flooring and remodeled bath. The whole unit has been professionally painted.



WATERBURY \$324,900 — Great split level home in move in condition! This home offers an updated kitchen and bathroom and living room and dining room with fireplace plus 3 bedrooms. There is a newer roof, siding, windows and a one car garage and nice yard. Don't miss this one!



WATERBURY \$345,000 — Colonial style home offers three generously sized bedrooms. The home features a half bath on the main level and a full bath on the second floor. The spacious kitchen provides ample cabinetry and counter space and includes a dining area leading to the deck. The living room offers plenty of space for gatherings. Level yard perfect for outdoor activities.



WATERBURY \$373,000 — Welcome home to this inviting & well maintained split level home. Inside you will find beautiful hardwood floors in many of the rooms and central air. Upstairs features 3 generously sized bedrooms including a primary with its own private bath. Downstairs, enjoy a larger lower-level family room. City water/sewer & a 2 car garage.



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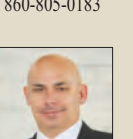
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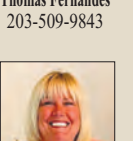
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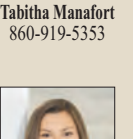
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Looking forward to our Memorial Day distribution and would ask that if you are looking to donate, we would appreciate the inclusion of condiments. We would like to suggest small size products, not family size.

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.

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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!

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'Thank You' to the members of the Wolcott Land Owners Protective Association. The organization runs a yearly 'Food Drive' on our behalf and the members always come through. We met with June Vitello to accept the donation a couple of months ago.



'Thank You' Girl Scout Troop 64222. They organized a 'Pet Food' drive to help our clients that have dog & cat pets. They collected 50 lbs. of food and delivered it to our pantry.

Classifieds

Electric Contractors

RAC Electric: Licensed and Insured, Employs graduates from CT technical high school. Have newly graduated students work under supervision of RAC electric at reduced rate. Generators • Solar • New or Upgraded Services • Security Lighting • Security Cameras
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For Rent

Commercial Office Space for Rent Located at 366 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott 18ft by 10 ft room for rent. \$750 a month, utilities included. Small Room \$300/month, utilities included

Salon Chair Rental: \$50/day - minimum \$150 per/wk
Manicure Room w/Equipment: 1st Floor, \$800 per month Call Image Makers 203-597-9079.

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Help Wanted

Part-Time Drivers wanted. P/T Drivers wanted: To drive special needs students."V" Endorsement a MUST. Excellent pay! Start immediately! Sign on bonus! Call Cardinal Driving Services at 203-879-6221

Remodeling Contractors

Bathroom Remodeling: Custom tiled showers, handicap accessible showers, tub-to-shower conversions. Licensed & Insured. Call Jarrod's Home Repair at 203-704-6454 or email: jarrodsrobbins@gmail.com

Stump Removal

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

Travel

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

Wanted

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

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Wolcott Public Library



Dear Reader,

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



Special Events

Book March Madness! Participate in the library's Book March Madness program. Each week, books will compete for votes until the ultimate winner is crowned. Official brackets will be available at the library and on our website March 2nd. Submit your brackets by Sunday, March 8th in person or via email to wplbooktok@biblio.org for a chance to win a prize. Come to the library each week to vote for your favorites!

Booktok Book Talk - Monday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden. A fun book club where we chat about a book that's gone viral! Registration encouraged but drop-ins welcome. Copies available at the library. Join us later in the month to watch the film on March 27th!

The Kerry Boys - Thursday, March 5, 6 p.m. Join us for a St. Patrick's Day musical celebration. Read more about The Kerry Boys on our website event page <https://wolcottlibrary.org/eventcalendar/>. Registration is strongly encouraged.

Repair Cafe & Teddy Bear Hospital - Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m. Bring your broken item to the library and our fixers will try and get that item working again! Alongside our fixers, we will have the Teddy Bear Hospital available for stuffed animal repair. Registration encouraged.

WPL's Propagation Station - Monday, March 23, 6 p.m. Learn about plant propagation and give it a try firsthand. Bring a cutting from home or grab one of ours! Pots as well as a variety of plants will be provided. Registration required.

DIY Website Design with Kinda Weird Creative Studio - Thursday, March 26, 6 p.m. Feeling overwhelmed with putting your website together, but not ready to hire a designer? Come learn about essential components of a functional, accessible, AND aesthetically pleasing website (because you CAN have all 3!). This session will focus on: layout, colors, typography, SEO, brand messaging, and more! Registration encouraged.

Events for All Ages

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

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. "Bird Bookmarks": Making birds to hold our pages in our favorite books. Family and friends invited!

Junk Journaling - Wednesday, March 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, March 30, 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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Teddy Bear Hospital at the Repair Cafe- Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m. Bring your plushie for a simple check-up or a repair. No registration required.

Let's Make Stuff with Team Max- Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Make LED flowers with Wolcott robotics Team Max 1071. Grades 2+ Registration required.

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.

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

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.

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

Teen Events - Grades 6-12

Grades 6-12

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

TLC - Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. Help make to-go craft kits for the library! Earn 1 volunteer hour. Registration required.

Lucky Duck - Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m. Use paint and clay to create your own duck.

Adult Events

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

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: Mar. 5, Book Hedgehogs; Mar. 12, Wooden Leprechaun Faces; Mar. 19, Yarn Birds; Mar. 26, Bunny Wreaths. Registration required.

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

Crafts, at Night - Monday, March 9, 6 p.m. Paper Plant Shelves – Houseplants that will never wilt! Registration required.

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

Library Design Focus Group - Monday, March 16, 6 p.m. Share your input for our library renovations and additions.

Book Club - Wednesday, March 18, 6 p.m. *I Hope This Finds You Well* by Natalie Sue.

Friday Films - Friday, March 27, 1 p.m. *The Housemaid (2025)* d. Paul Feig. Based on the 2022 novel by Freida McFadden, a struggling young woman is forced into a twisted game of survival as she uncovers her wealthy employers' dark secrets. Join us earlier in the month to discuss the book on March 2nd!

Tech Assistance

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



Just in time for Valentine's Day, The Pewter Pot Chocolate Company visited WPL to give patrons a lesson in The Art of Chocolate-Making, demonstrating how chocolate was once made and enjoyed in the 18th century.



On Take Your Child to the Library Day 2026, Riverside Reptiles visited WPL to teach patrons about wildlife and even see some reptiles up close!

Friends of the Wolcott Library, Inc.

We are taking a look at our museum pass program and may discontinue some if attendance does not pick up. Two in particular are up for renewal soon - Mattatuck Museum and Mystic Seaport. If you were planning on visiting soon, please take advantage of our discounts presently available. Another fun place is the Pez Visitor Center in Orange. Details of each can be found on our website www.wolcottlibrary.org. If anyone has any suggestions on other places for us to add to our program, please contact Janet Tynan at wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com or call 203 233-6407.

Two of our Friends take care of the display cases in the Reading Room. We would like to thank Ginny Way and Cyndi Testa for decorating for various seasons that showcase the wonderful donation of items from the late Michael and Olga Krasnovsky. Next time you are at the Library, take a look and enjoy the beauty.

At our last meeting, we decided not to renew Tumble Books on our website, however, we did vote to support another screen free way to enjoy reading that will soon be coming to our Library. Details will follow once the purchases are made.

Another of our loyal former employees recently passed. Fran Kramarz will be remembered with a memorial book that will be added to our collection.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th at 12:30pm in the downstairs meeting room. And please keep the dates of our next sale in your calendar. The special collection day is Saturday, April 11th from 10 am to noon and the sale begins, Thursday, April 23 from noon to 6pm. We continue on Friday, April 24th with the hours of noon to 6pm and end the sale on Saturday, April 25 from 10 am to 2 pm. Anyone wishing to help with pre-sorting, please contact Janet at the information listed above.

We have noticed a surge in our sales of books of all kinds, DVDs, CDs and puzzles that are for sale at the main entrance of the Library. We will continue to add new items to our sale racks on a weekly basis. We thank you for your support.



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

Donna Belval

Senior Center Director

Monday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

9:00-9:30 "Pound Class" using weighted Drumsticks w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation-Donations accepted

9:45-10:30 "Monday Motown Madness"—includes Cardio & Strengthening w/ a "Funk Twist" by Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation-Donations accepted

1:30-3:00 Line Dancing

Tuesday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

1:00 PO-KE-NO — 20 games at .25/game, Total \$5.00 (Nickels)

Wednesday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

12:30-3:00 Bingo

Thursday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games

12:30-3:00 Pinochle

Friday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

8:30-9:15 Cardio, Strength & Balance — "LEVEL-UP" includes Weight Strengthening Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief/Seated Bicycle Exercises w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation Donations accepted

9:30-11:30 Knitting/Crocheting — LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS! COME JOIN OUR GROUP!

Tuesday, March 3

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Scrambled Eggs, 2 Sausage Links, Home Fries, \$3.00pp — Sign up 48 hrs in advance

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

11:00 Bus leaves for Fuoco Apizza in Cheshire — Sign up at the Senior Center

12:00 BP's sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare — 1st & 3rd Tues. each month

Wednesday, March 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.

Charles Rietdyke (Wolcott) Senior Center

211 Nichols Road, Wolcott, CT 06716 | 203 879-8133 | FAX 203 879-7605

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

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

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

***We are on the website: www.wolcottct.org under "senior center"

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

11:30 Lunch Special—Tuna Salad w/ Lettuce on a Fresh Hard Roll, Home-made Vegetable Beef Soup, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp — Sign up by Mon. Mar 2

Thursday, March 5

7:30 Bus leaves for Foxwoods Casino—Departs casino 3:30 PM, Sign up at the Senior Center

Monday, March 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.

Tuesday, March 10

9:00-9:45 NO CHAIR YOGA

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The White Horse Restaurant — Sign up at the Senior Center

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make an Easter Bunny Craft--\$10.00pp, Sign up & Pay

Wednesday, March 11

11:30 St. Patrick's Day luncheon — Corned Beef & Swiss on Rye Bread, Cole Slaw, Chips & Dessert — \$7.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mon. Mar 9 — Take-Outs must be picked up between 10:00-11:00 AM or 12:30-1:30 PM. Frisbie Student Council members will serve our seniors.

Thursday, March 12

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Senor Panchos in Southington — Sign up at the center

12:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Chesprocott Health District — 2nd Thurs. each month

Friday, March 13

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Fried Egg, 2 Bacon & Home Fries — \$3.00 pp, Sign up 48 hrs. in advance

Monday, March 16

8:00 Bus leaves for Breakfast at Grandpa's Restaurant in Naugatuck—Sign up for bus

Tuesday, March 17

9:00-9:45 NO CHAIR YOGA

12:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare — 1st & 3rd Tues each month

Wednesday, March 18

11:30 Lunch Special—Oven Baked Boneless Chicken Thighs, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables & Dessert — \$5.00pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. March 16

Thursday, March 19

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

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Western Omelet w/Cheese (Ham, Colored Peppers & Onions) & Home Fries — \$3.00pp, Sign up 48 hrs in advance

Friday, March 20

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at De Capa of Litchfield — Sign up for bus trip

Saturday, March 21

1:15 Bus leaves for 7 Angels Theater — "The One Good Thing or Are Ya Patrick Swayze". Takes place in a small cottage perched above the Irish Sea. Brothers Jamie and

Tommy live side by side, bound by routine, memory, and a lifetime of unspoken truths. But one morning, after a relentless night of wind and rain, Jaime makes a startling revelation—one that shakes the foundation of their relationship and casts their shared past in a strange new light. The play is a darkly funny and deeply moving exploration of brotherhood, grief, and the invisible forces that haunt us. With humor, pathos, and a touch of the supernatural, it asks what we carry, what we bury, and what, if anything, we're brave enough to leave behind. Ticket price-\$30.00 pp--Pay by Fri. Mar 13 Dinner after the show — TBD

Tuesday, March 24

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

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Joey Garlic's — shopping to follow at Stew Leonards, Sign up for trip

11:30-3:00 Foot Reflexology w/ Kim — \$25.00 for 20 Minutes of Relaxation, Sign up at the center

Wednesday, March 25

11:30 Lunch Special — Glazed Meatloaf w/ Oven Potatoes, Veg & Dessert — \$5.00pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. Mar 23

Thursday, March 26

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Fried Egg, 2 Bacon & Home Fries — \$3.00pp, Sign up 48 hrs in advance

Tuesday, March 31

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Country Corner Diner — Sign up for trip

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

Pisces is a Water sign and as such this zodiac sign is characterized by empathy and expressed emotional capacity.

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

A.J. Mastrofrancesco — March 7th
Joe Macary — March 7th

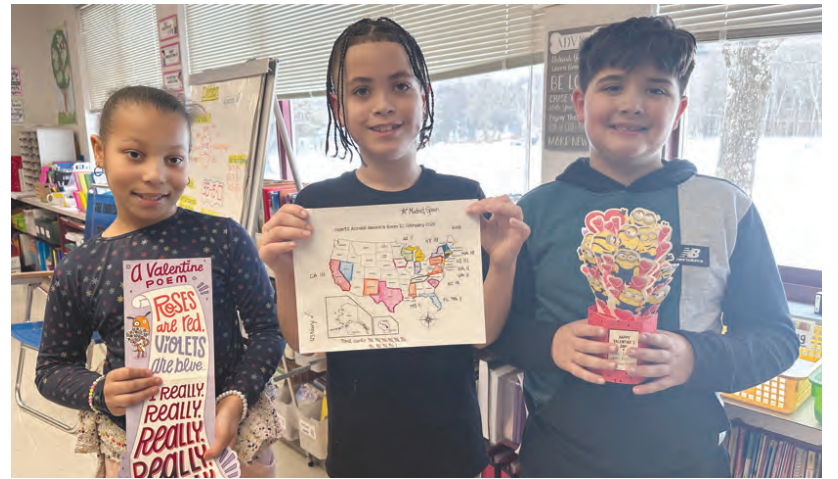
Aries, March 21st - April 19th
"The Flying Ram"

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

Danielle Mastrofrancesco — March 31st



Focus On Frisbie



"Miss Taylor's third graders are attempting to receive a Valentine card from all 50 states. So far we have received 25 and are keeping our fingers crossed for the other 25."



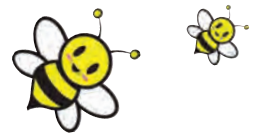
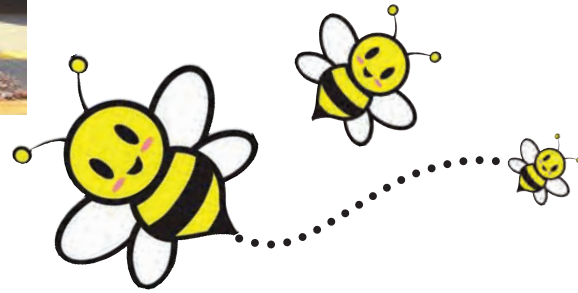
Frisbie Student Council leads in constructing "Hearts of Honesty!"



Frisbie kindergarten Cub Scouts Pack 230 took part in their first service project collecting PB&J for a local organization to make sandwiches for neighbors in need.



Ms. Frageau's class learning about Fire Safety with the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department



Frisbie School's Golden Ticket Winners!



Congratulations to Frisbie's Students of the Month for January 2026!



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



We had a blast celebrating our talented Art and Music students at Alcott and Frisbie at The CAS Awards Banquet on Monday February 2nd at the Aqua Turf! Congratulations to Atreo Kalana (Frisbie, Art)



Congratulations to Frisbie students Robert (music) and Atreo (art) who were recently honored at the annual CAS Elementary Arts Banquet.



Wakelee School News!



Book buddies in fifth grade and kindergarten making valentines for others!



Kindergarten students in Ms. Stec's class celebrating the 100th day of school! Wakelee students have spent 100 days learning, growing, reading, solving problems, showing kindness, and working together. That is 100 days of hard work and 100 days of being awesome!



1st Graders at Wakelee School have been reading fables. They learned that these types of stories have a moral or a lesson. As a culminating activity, students chose a character who learned a lesson in one of our stories and they made a puppet of that character. Students used their puppet to tell their classmates the lesson that the character learned!



Kindergarten students working hard in their classroom during center time!



Our fourth and fifth grade band students shined at the Winter Concert! From full band performances to impressive solos and duets, their dedication and talent were on full display. Bravo!

Alcott School News



Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school in style on February 11!



A Great big “Congratulations!” to Project Explore 4th grader, Colt Ricci! He won FIRST place for his submission in the CHET Dream Big Contest. Colt wants to serve in the US army when he grows up, just like his dad!

Alcott's third annual spelling bee was a huge success! Congratulations to each of our six classroom winners in grades 3-5. Congratulations to our grade level winners, Kristen Balla in third grade, Oliver Stephens in fourth grade, and Yousef Elahmad in fifth grade. Yousef was also crowned our school champion and will be representing Alcott at the state competition in March!



Target on Tyrrell



THE LITTLE MERMAID WILL BECOME A “PART OF YOUR WORLD”!

*Disney’s THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.
Playing at the Tyrrell Middle School in Wolcott, CT*

Wolcott, CT, February 2026 - Disney’s THE LITTLE MERMAID JR. is playing at Tyrrell Middle School Friday, March 27th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 28th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The 60-minute musical, designed for middle-school aged performers, is based on the 2008 Broadway production and the 1989 animated feature film. There are approximately 90 students involved led by Mrs. Heather Derynioski and Mrs. Marissa Dubrosky.

“This year’s group is very excited about the characters and about creating the world of ‘The Little Mermaid.’ Our cast, crew, and parent volunteers have been working tirelessly and I can’t wait to see it all come to fruition for our community!” said Mrs. Derynioski, who has been directing the program since 2017.

This classic Disney title contains all of the songs from the Academy Award® winning animated feature film as well as three new songs from the Broadway show. **THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.** takes place in a magical kingdom beneath the sea, where a beautiful young mermaid named Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. But first, she’ll have to defy her father, the king of the sea, escape the clutches of an evil sea witch and convince a prince that she’s the girl with the perfect voice.

A performance of Disney’s **THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.** is open to the public and tickets can be purchased from a Drama Club member (or their family) or by contacting Kerri Baker at kbaker@wolcottps.org. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, free for children under 3 who sit on an adult’s lap.



Wolcott High School NEWS



Join our team for another season of Freezin' for a Reason with a twist! This year we will be participating in the Penguin Plunge to support Special Olympics CT

When: March 2nd, 2:00 - 4:00

Where: Wolcott High School front parking lot (mobile pool)

We think everyone could benefit from a little community fun for a great cause! The Penguin Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Connecticut is where it's at! Get creative and join our colony! To join in on the frigid fun, just click the "JOIN TEAM" button, register yourself as a penguin on our team (by selecting our team name Wolcott Unified when you register) and then get ready for a plunge of a lifetime!

Here is the link to join: 2026 Wolcott High School Mobile Plunge - Campaign OR Make a Donation With your donation, you are providing athletes the opportunity to continue to participate in fitness initiatives and sports competitions, both in-person and virtually. Please support our colony as we huddle together and participate in the Penguin Plunge, by making a contribution to Special Olympics Connecticut.

MAKING A DONATION IS EASY TOO!

Donate Online: Just click the donate button, select our team "Wolcott Unified" and answer a few questions to use your credit card online.

Make an Offline Donation: Bring cash or check, made out to Wolcott High School and give to Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Giedra. Thank you all so much for your support and donations.

Wolcott Unified Link to join our team! 2026 Wolcott High School Mobile Plunge - Campaign If you have any questions...

Coach: Linda Brown lbrown@wolcottps.org 203-879-8164
 Asst Coach: Alyssa Giedra agiedra@wolcottps.org 203-879-8164
 Asst Coach: Charlie Guerrera cguerrera@wolcottps.org 203-879-8164

Congratulations Wolcott High School Track!

ALL NVL: Angel Dominguez, Ethan Aviz, Tyson Brenes, Joseph Brenes, Joseph Finke

NVL Championship Meet Medalers: Angel Dominguez, Ethan Aviz, Tyson Brenes, Joseph Brenes, Joseph Finke, Franco Lopez, Quadir Payne, Tia Byrne, Ava Dipietro, Lila Germano, Olivia Stewart, Michelle Amankwa Sarpong

NEW SCHOOL RECORD: 4x200: Angel Dominguez, Ethan Aviz, Tyson Brenes, Joseph Finke Pole Vault: Joseph Brenes 300 M: Angel Dominguez

STATE QUALIFIERS: Tia Byrne, Olivia Stewart, Ethan Aviz, JJ Brenes, Tyson Brenes, Angel Dominguez, Joe Finke, Franco Lopez, Andy ozuni, Quadir Payne, Nolan Ring

NATIONAL QUALIFIERS: Ethan Aviz, JJ Brenes, Tyson Brenes, Angel Dominguez, Joe Finke, Nolan Ring, Zachary Hawes, Ethan Brenes, Quadir Payne

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!

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://whs.wolcottps.org/	Tyrrell Middle School https://tms.wolcottps.org/	All Elementary Schools AES: https://aes.wolcottps.org FES: https://fres.wolcottps.org WES: https://wes.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

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District Compliance Officers

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

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

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

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

- e) **Americans with Disabilities (ADA)**- Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178

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

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Wolcott Public Schools

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**
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Preschool Screenings

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on March 27, 2026. 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
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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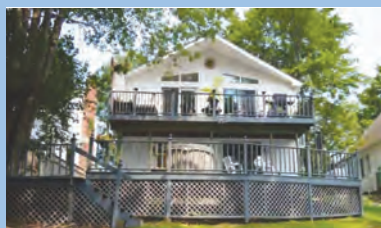
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Waterbury Condo \$199,900 - Well-maintained 2 bedroom end unit townhouse offering comfort, privacy and a functional layout. This unit features an open living room/dining room area with a cozy fireplace, 1.5 baths and great natural light from the end 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



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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.



Wolcott \$675,000 - Contemporary 3 story split-level home with Lakefront Lot on Hitchcock Lake. This striking home captures both light and scenery offering architectural character and refined finishes' thru-out. The living room features beamed ceiling, hardwood floors, a granite stone gas-fired fireplace and lake views as your backdrop. The spacious kitchen is thoughtfully designed with granite counter tops, hardwood floors, and a center island with a Viking six-burner range with grill. This home offers three bedrooms with hardwood floors, the primary bedroom includes a private full bath. In total, there are two full and one half baths. Other features include three levels of living space, central air, 2 car garage, and a separate Lakefront lot with its own dock providing direct water access. Ask for Gene Fercodini.



Southington Condo \$409,900 - New Listing: A beautifully upgraded townhouse in a highly desirable complex. This spacious home offers 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths with an open floor plan. 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. Includes central air, a propane furnace and a spacious walkout basement with plumbing roughed in for expansive potential. The numerous upgrades make this home move-in ready! Ask for Sandy Deschenes.



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.

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 & survey available.
\$275,000 - Unique 33.61 acre parcel; 13.3 acres and remaining back parcel of 20.1 acres along w/ another road frontage lot make this the property to develop for single family homes.
\$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.
\$1,250,000 - Reduced; 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 of Linda Fercodini



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