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Love always,

Mom, Dad, Jenn, Al, Tommy, Megan, Aubree, Hailee, Dominic, Charlotte, Will, Kait, & Jack



Exchange Club of Wolcott members pose for a picture at their 60th anniversary celebration on May 18th at the VFW Post. Family, friends and local dignitaries attended the event. *Photo by Nancy Picard*



The honorees at the Exchange Club of Wolcott Public Service Awards line up waiting to be introduced at the start of the event at the Aqua Turf Club. From left to right are Officer of the Year Mike Relva, Firefighter of the Year Mick Schmalz, Chief Bill Barratt of the WVAA, standing in for Paramedic Peter Kaminski, Teacher of the Year Briana Daniele and Book of Golden Deeds recipient Connie Gleiford. *Photography by Picard*



The Patriots' Day Initiative and the Wolcott Historical Society partnered together and held their second history scavenger hunt on April 18th. Participants of the scavenger hunt began at the Historical Society's museum on Center Street where they picked up their "road map" to several locations in town where they would then pick up clues that would lead them to the final destination. Participants also got to learn more about some Wolcott patriots who participated in the American Revolution. *Photography by Picard*



The Central CT Chamber of Commerce hosted a Business After Hours event for Wolcott businesses at East Street Eatery on May 13th. Central CT President Katie D'Agostino was on hand to promote the benefits of being a member of the Central CT Chambers and outlined programs and services offered by the Chamber. The Central CT Chamber services the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plainville, Thomaston, Wolcott and Beyond. *Photography by Picard*





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## Farmingbury Women's Club News



We still have some seats available for our Spring Fundraiser featuring an evening with psychic medium **Julia Jette**. It will be held on June 10th, 6:00 at the library. If interested, please email Sue Mulcahy at emeraldsm13@yahoo.com.

The fundraiser is an important event for the club each year, helping raise funds that allow members to continue their service work and support organizations within the community. The Farmingbury Women's Club welcomes members, friends, and community residents to attend and support this special event. The club appreciates the continued support of the community and looks forward to a successful fundraiser.

The end of our 2025-2026 year was celebrated at our end of year banquet at the Manor Inn.

**Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.**

For more information about the club and its events, interested individuals are encouraged to reach out to a club member or attend an upcoming meeting. The Farmingbury Women's Club meets monthly and welcomes women of all ages. 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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## Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



**GARDNER WANTED**

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**Exchange Club of Wolcott 28th Annual "Kelly" Possidento Golf Tournament**

**Location:** Chippanee Country Club Bristol, CT

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**Contact:** Brian Gokey or Artie George @exchangeclubofwolcott@gmail.com

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**June 19th - Friday**

**Wolcott Commission for Individuals with Special Needs Sock Hop Dance**

**Location:** Wolcott Youth Center 48 Todd Rd., Wolcott

**Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Info:** RSVP 203-232-4978

**June 21st -Sunday (Rain Date June 28)**

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**August 1st & 22nd - Saturdays**

**Asbury United Methodist Church Blueberry Pancake Breakfast and Blueberry Baked Goods**

**Location:** Asbury United Methodist Church 90 Church Ave. Forestville section of Bristol

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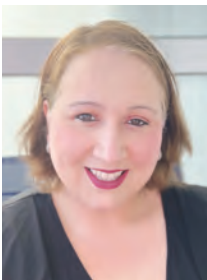
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**A Minute with the Clerk**

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



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addition to the regular fee, there will be a \$1.00 fee for postage and a \$3.50 fee that goes directly to the owners of the program. Please keep an eye out as there will be a town wide text and information on our website. We still encourage you to come in person, bring your friendly puppies, and say hello. No online system can replace in person connection, but we feel we must be as accommodating as possible for those who are working during business hours or are unable to come in person.

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**MAYOR'S CORNER**

June 2026

Happy Father's Day

Welcome Summer! Hope to see all of you out enjoying the warm weather, enjoying the Mill Pond Way Walking Trail, The Dog Park, Peterson Park & Woodtick Recreation Area.



Congratulations to all the Middle School and High School Graduates!!! I wish you all the best of luck in your future journeys and endeavors.

Join us as we celebrate America 250 with history, music, food, and fun on the Wolcott Town Green.

**Saturday, June 20th**  
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As I have stated before, please visit our website for updated information and town events [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org) and if you have any questions, problems, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 203-879-8100 ext. 102.

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On May 16, 2026, U. S. Airforce veteran Alfred Morrone Jr. was laid to rest in Edgewood Cemetery. Alfred lived and raised a family in Wolcott and later in life moved to Florida and then upstate New York where he spent the rest of his years living with one of his sons. Full military honors were given Alfred and a large turnout of family and friends turned out for his service. Thank you for your service Alfred. *Photography by Picard*



Former Army Veteran, businessman and Town of Wolcott Treasurer, Roger Levesque was laid to rest in Edgewood Cemetery with full military honors. His wife Emily and two children along with several relatives and friends were on hand to participate and observe his services. Rest in peace Roger and thank you for your military service and public service. *Photography by Picard*



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## Boy Scouts Troop 230 News

It has been a busy month for Scouts in Troop 230 as they continue to make steady progress on rank advancements and merit badges. The Scouts recently sharpened their life-saving skills by completing a first aid course at the Wolcott Ambulance headquarters. Further, they spent meeting time learning and practicing orienteering and navigation. As a culminating event, the scouts headed out on a 10-mile hike on the Quinnipiac Trail in Cheshire.

Service remains a priority for the Troop. Scouts recently assisted the Friends of the Library with their annual spring cleanup, and the community will see them again soon as they march in the Wolcott Memorial Day parade. Looking ahead to June 6, the Troop is proud to be volunteering at Wolcott's Special Games.

As the school year concludes, the Scouts are looking forward to celebrating their achievements at the upcoming Court of Honor. The excitement is also building for a week of adventure and tradition during summer camp at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth.

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](mailto:troop230committee@gmail.com).



## Cub Scout Pack 230 News

Cub Scout Pack 230 recently celebrated a milestone, officially wrapping up the scouting year with the Blue and Gold ceremony at the Wolcott Congregational Church. It was an afternoon of food, fellowship and pride as Scouts across all dens advanced in rank and the Arrow of Light held its crossover ceremony. During this special bridge ceremony, our oldest Scouts officially transitioned from the Pack into the Scout Troop, marking the beginning of their next great scouting adventure.

The summer fun is just beginning as the Pack heads to Camp Mattatuck for the CT Rivers Council fishing derby this month. Scouts will have the chance to cast their lines and compete for exciting prizes, including awards for the biggest catch, the smallest fish, and more. Further, the community can spot our Scouts marching in the Wolcott Memorial Day parade and participating in the town's America 250 celebration. With a straw-powered regatta, a bike rodeo, and several other outdoor events on the calendar, our Scouts are ready to make the most of the warm days ahead!

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](mailto:wolcott230@gmail.com).

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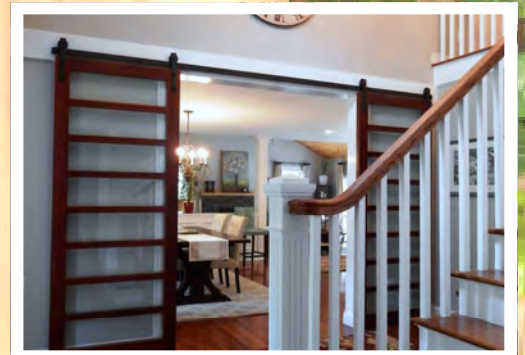
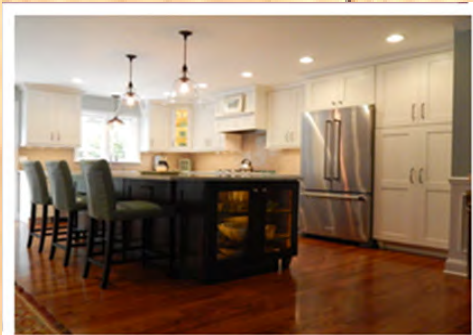


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The earliest dental anesthetics were far from ideal. In the mid-1800s, cocaine was first used as a local anesthetic because of its numbing properties. While effective, it had obvious dangers and side effects. Over time, safer synthetic anesthetics were developed. Novocaine became popular in the early 20th century, and eventually newer anesthetics such as lidocaine, articaine, and mepivacaine replaced it. These modern medications are safer, more predictable, and longer lasting than their predecessors.

Today's local anesthetics work by temporarily blocking nerve signals. This prevents pain while still allowing patients to remain awake and aware during treatment. In most routine dental procedures — from fillings to root canals — local anesthetic is the foundation of patient comfort.

Many dental anesthetics also contain a small amount of epinephrine. Epinephrine, sometimes called adrenaline, serves several important purposes. First, it constricts blood vessels in the area where the anesthetic is placed. This slows the body's absorption of the medication, allowing the numbness to last longer. It also reduces bleeding during procedures and helps the anesthetic work more effectively.

Some patients become concerned when they hear the word "epinephrine," especially if they have experienced a racing heartbeat after a dental injection. This sensation can occur because epinephrine is naturally associated with the body's "fight or flight" response. However, the amount used in dental anesthetic is extremely small and is considered very safe for the vast majority of patients.

True allergic reactions to epinephrine itself are extraordinarily rare. In fact, because epinephrine is a hormone naturally produced by the human body, an actual allergy is almost unheard of. More commonly, patients who believe they are allergic may actually be experiencing temporary side effects such as shakiness, anxiety, or an increased heart rate.

True allergies to modern local anesthetics are also uncommon. In many cases, reactions attributed to anesthetics are instead related to preservatives, anxiety, or other unrelated medical issues.

Dentistry has come a long way from the painful procedures of the past. Modern local anesthetics, carefully selected and administered, allow patients to receive treatment comfortably and safely. For most people, the brief pinch of an injection remains a very small price to pay for painless dental care.



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

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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# Citizens or Subjects? This Is What One-Party Rule Looks Like

by Rob Sampson  
State Senator, 16th District



Connecticut's 2026 legislative session was a "short session," beginning in January and ending in early May.

But there was nothing small about what happened.

This session exposed the same disturbing pattern I have been warning about for years: rushed legislation, late-night debates, hostility toward public dissent,

and a majority party increasingly determined to treat Connecticut residents less like citizens and more like subjects.

The issue is not simply that Republicans and Democrats disagree on policy. That is expected. The deeper problem is that the majority increasingly behaves as if disagreement itself is the problem.

Public input is tolerated, but rarely respected. Hearings are held, but minds often seem made up before the first person testifies. Residents show up, wait for hours, and then watch the same bill move forward anyway.

Different issues. Same pattern.

Government expands. The public objects. The majority ignores them.

One day this session captured the worldview divide perfectly. Public hearings targeted lawful gun owners, homeschool families, and parents fighting to preserve medical freedom.

That was not a coincidence. It was a preview.

The message from Hartford Democrats was clear: if you cherish individual liberty, parental authority, medical choice, or the right to defend yourself, your freedom is negotiable.

Take H.B. 5468, the so-called homeschooling bill. The label misses the point. This is about who decides: parents or the state.

In America, and in Connecticut until now, the understanding has been simple: parents oversee their children's education. The state exists to serve families, not replace them.

H.B. 5468 reframes that relationship. It treats parents less as the primary decision-makers and more as managers operating under state supervision. Families who educate their children according to their values are treated with suspicion, as if choosing a different educational path makes them a problem to be monitored.

Then came H.B. 5044, the so-called vaccine bill. Again, the label misses the point. This was about medical freedom and parental rights: who makes deeply personal medical decisions, families, or the state.

Informed medical decisions should be made with doctors, conscience, and family. That used to be a normal American position. In today's Hartford, it is treated like a threat.

Then came H.B. 5043, this year's annual gun control bill, which bans the commercial sale of one of the most commonly owned handguns.

This bill is pure political theater. Criminals who illegally modify firearms are already breaking the law. Instead of focusing on them, the majority targeted lawful gun owners, manufacturers, retailers, and the Second Amendment.

Again, the message was unmistakable: law-abiding citizens who believe in self-defense and individual sovereignty are viewed with suspicion.

The final day of session only made things worse. What began the day before continued straight through the night. Around 3:25 a.m., one of the most controversial bills of the year was taken up, and I led the debate until nearly 8:00

that morning. Only after negotiation did we break for a few hours before returning to take up the massive elections bill, where I again led the debate. That is not transparency or responsible governing. That is how controversial legislation gets pushed through when fewer people are watching.

The elections bill, H.B. 5001, was over one hundred pages long with over seventy sections. Only the first dealt directly with no-excuse absentee voting. The rest contained election policy changes that deserved far more public scrutiny.

I offered commonsense amendments: requiring voter photo identification, stronger penalties for election fraud, and safeguards against absentee ballot abuse.

Every amendment was rejected along party lines. Not negotiated. Not improved. Rejected.

After Bridgeport, video evidence, criminal charges, and public outrage, Connecticut should be tightening election safeguards, not weakening them. Voters deserve access, of course. But access without security is an invitation to distrust.

People notice when hearings are cut short, debate is limited, and hundred-page bills are dropped late and rushed through. They notice when lawmakers who raise concerns are mocked, dismissed, or personally attacked instead of answered.

They also notice when the majority mixes good ideas with terrible ones in giant omnibus bills, then dares Republicans to vote no and be falsely accused of opposing the good parts.

That is not honest lawmaking. It is pressure politics.

That is why process matters. Bad process produces bad law. When bills are rushed and debate is treated as an obstacle, the people lose.

This session revealed the real choice facing Connecticut.

One side believes government should have more power over your children, your medical decisions, your elections, your property, your rights, and your wallet.

The other side believes citizens are sovereign, parents are the primary decision-makers, constitutional rights matter,

elections must be secure, and government works for the people.

Those are not small differences. They are diametrically opposed worldviews.

Representative government only works when people trust the process. That trust erodes when legislation is rushed, dissent is dismissed, debate is limited, and outcomes appear predetermined before the public ever enters the room.

Hartford works best when people are watching. This session proved why they need to be.



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- Saturday, June 20 – Lost Rebel (12-2pm) – 250th Anniversary Town Green
- Sunday, July 12 – Timeless Groove Band – Town Green
- Sunday, July 19 – Stay Tuned Band (4-7pm) – Town Green
- Sunday, July 26 – ROCKIN HEARTBEATS – Town Green
- Sunday, August 2 – RedZone – Peterson Park
- Sunday, August 9 – Radio Rewind – Town Green
- Sunday, August 16 – JC Keys Band – Town Green
- Sunday, August 23 – Brass City Connection – Town Green
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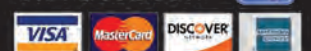
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**PLYMOUTH \$449,900** — Charming ranch offers 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Inside, you'll find beautiful hardwood floors and large bay windows in both the living and dining rooms. All 3 bedrooms also have hardwood floors. The eat-in kitchen offers plenty of space and flows into a mudroom with access to the garage. Outside, there's a large open yard just under an acre, and a two bay garage. Great space, great layout and plenty of potential, don't miss this one!



**WATERBURY \$259,000** — Affordable 2 story home located close to all shopping areas. The main level features an eat-in kitchen, large living room and dining room with hardwood flooring, 1/2 bath. Upstairs offers 2 bedrooms with hardwood floors and a full bath. Enclosed heated front entry and small enclosed back porch area. One car detached garage. Level landscaped yard with patio. Subject to probate court approval.



**OLD LYME \$735,000** — Completely renovated turnkey beach home, owned by the same family since it was built. This is a year-round home with a bright, open layout, vaulted ceilings and clean, modern finishes throughout. This home offers three bedrooms, new flooring, kitchen, and bathroom, plus a newer roof, exterior doors, select windows, and siding. Fully insulated with central air. The large level yard has a new outdoor shower. As a Miami Beach homeowner, you'll enjoy private roads, beach parking, summer security, and a true neighborhood feel. Nothing to do but move in and enjoy the summer! Agent/owner related.



**THOMASTON \$525,000** — Updated 3-bedroom, 3 full bath split-level home offers refined living. The main level features a family room, propane stove, and full bath. Just a few steps up, the second level offers an open-concept design with a grand chef's kitchen. Hardwood flooring enhances the kitchen and dining room, while the living room features a propane fireplace, and bay window. The upper level hosts a primary suite with full bath, along with two generously sized bedrooms and bath. An expansive, fully fenced backyard features an above ground pool.



**WOLCOTT \$284,900** — Wonderful townhouse in a well maintained community. The first floor offers a kitchen with imported tile back splash and deck, living room/dining room and 1/2 bath. Upper level has 2 large bedrooms, each with a full bath. Convenient laundry located in hallway. Lower-level garage entrance with a room that can be used in many ways. Recent updates include a new heat pump unit and C/A unit, new dishwasher and laminate flooring in LR/DR. Included in sale are 2 chairlifts from garage level to bedroom level.



**WOLCOTT \$415,000** — This colonial home is set on a beautiful oversized lot with a spacious and inviting layout. The living room with fireplace creates a stunning focal point, while the kitchen opens seamlessly to the dining area. A bright sunroom provides the perfect place to enjoy morning coffee. Upstairs, the bedrooms are generously sized. The unfinished walkout lower level adds exceptional flexibility. The property has beautifully maintained grounds, multiple entertaining areas, a covered patio, expansive decking, and a gunite inground saltwater pool.



**WOLCOTT \$415,000** — This beautifully remodeled Cape offers approximately 1,600 square feet, 3 bedrooms, and 1.5 baths. The open-concept main level features a living room with hardwood floors, flowing seamlessly into the updated kitchen with a breakfast bar. The dining area offers sliders to a patio. Also on the main level are two bedrooms, a full bathroom and a convenient first-floor laundry closet. Upstairs, you'll find an oversized primary suite complete with a half bath. Outside, enjoy an oversized detached two-car garage and a level, tree-lined backyard. Schedule your showing today!



**WOLCOTT \$485,000** — This meticulously maintained Colonial offers almost 2,700 square feet of living space and 1+ acre of land! The kitchen showcases beautiful wood cabinetry and granite counters with a breakfast bar that opens up to the dining room. The expansive first-floor primary suite has a spa-like full bath. Rounding off the main level is a living room with a fireplace and a convenient half bath for guests. Upstairs offers additional bedrooms and another full bath. The lower level is heated and cooled with great potential. Outside is a patio and oversized deck. Nothing to do but move in!



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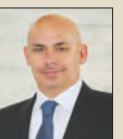
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The Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Honor Guard escorts the honorees into the Wagon Room at the recent Public Service Awards at the Aqua Turf Club, host by the Exchange Club of Wolcott. One hundred and forty-five people attended the event.



On April 20th, a one car accident at the corner of Wolcott Road and Pottuccos Ring Road caused extensive damage to a utility pole that carried multiple public utility providers power, cables, transformers and lines. The repair work took two days to repair. No serious injuries were reported as a result of the accident.



An oil spill from Route 322, south on Woodtick Road to Frisbie School was caused by a CT Department of Transportation payloader that was traveling south on Woodtick Road. Once the driver was made aware of the spillage, he pulled over across the street from Frisbie School. The State DOT dispatched sand trucks to help absorb the oil and an environmental company was called in to remove the contaminated sand. Our local public works department, also assisted in the cleanup.



A new access driveway to the Wolcott Food Pantry from behind Frisbie School and the Public Works entrance driveway has been constructed recently to help eliminate traffic congestion on Woodtick Road during food distribution days. Clients of the Food Pantry will access the food pantry by this new route instead of entering from Woodtick Road. *Photography by Picard*



The annual Battle of the Food Trucks Festival was in full swing on May 16th at the Woodtick Recreation field. Bright sunny skies were included with all the food truck menus and live music bands were also on hand. Parking for the event was at a premium with several parking lots manned by various organizations members who reaped the benefits of the parking fees.





# Wolcott Public Library



Wolcott Public Library has a lot of exciting events happening to start off Summer 2026! Keep reading to learn more about our Adult and Children's Summer Reading programs, as well as our Summer Kick-Off Art & Literature Fest on Saturday, June 27th. Attention local crafters and artists of all skill levels: We want you to join us! Are you unsure if your artwork would be a good fit? Reach out to Adult Program Coordinator Kate at [wplbooktok@biblio.org](mailto:wplbooktok@biblio.org) with any specific questions!

Visit our website at [wolcottlibrary.org](http://wolcottlibrary.org) or call the library at 203-879-8110 for more information about the events in our June newsletter.



## Special Events

**Adult Summer Reading 2026 - Begins Wednesday, June 24** This year's theme is Plant a Seed, Read! A new Bingo sheet will be released each Monday. Bingo sheets can be submitted by Saturday that week at the Circulation Desk or via email to [wplbooktok@biblio.org](mailto:wplbooktok@biblio.org). Show up at any event to earn an extra ticket for our weekly raffle. Prize drawings are every Monday starting July 6. Check out our website for more information!

**Blood Drive with American Red Cross - Thursday June 4 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Give blood. It really matters. Registration required. Call the library to schedule your time or register online via <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> with the keyword: Wolcott.

**Nature's Nightlife: The Secret World of Fireflies & Moths - Thursday, June 18, 6 p.m.** Join Ken Elkins from The Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary to discover the magic and science of lightning bug bioluminescence and explore the crucial role nocturnal moths play as pollinators. Registration encouraged.

**Engrave Pet ID Tags - Friday, June 19, 2:30 p.m.** Use the Cricut to engrave your own Pet ID Tag with our Makerspace. Registration required.

**Book Bedazzling - Monday, June 22, 6:00 p.m.** Join us for an evening of book bedazzling. You bring your favorite novel; we'll bring the sparkles! Choose an existing beautiful cover and turn it into a work of art. Registration required.

**Bumblebee Ceramic Gnome Statues - Thursday, June 25 6:00 p.m.** Join Library Assistant Elaine to paint a bumblebee ceramic gnome statue! Registration required.

**Summer Kick-Off Art & Literature Fest - Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m.** Join us for a celebration of creativity. Display your own art, socialize, and meet some local authors. Bring your family, too - there will be a children's storytime with Award-winning educator and best-selling author Douglas Haddad! Pre-registration is now open to display your art work. Call or check our website for more information.

## Events for All Ages

**Chess with Matt - Mondays at 4 p.m. Ages 8+.** We meet in the reading room for an hour and play chess or solve chess puzzles. This is not a place to learn how to play, this is a place to play.

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

**Makerspace Open Hours - Every Tuesday, 2-5 p.m.** Stop in during Makerspace Open Hours to use our equipment. Register to make a Kumihimo Bracelet. Outside of open hours, makerspace resources are available by appointment.

**Art with Amber - Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m.** Tissue-Paper Goldfish

**Junk Journaling - Wednesday, June 10, 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, June 29, 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.own! No registration necessary.

## Children's Events

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Summer Reading starts as soon as you get out of school! Get your welcome packet at the WPL or on our website.**

**Baby Bucket List** (children under 5)- learn a new activity every day of the week. Complete 3 packets to win a bucket of prizes!

**Plant a Seed, Read!** (Grades K-5)- Earn beads as you read and do activities throughout the summer to build your own personal necklace. Earn raffle tickets & try to win prizes (on display soon!) As you read, we will add leaves to a vine in the Children's Room- there will be one plant for every Wolcott school- which school will read the most this summer? We can't wait to find out!

**Teens vs. Plants (Grades 6-12)** - Read this summer to defeat botanical mini-bosses and earn prizes. Who will win?

**Summer Art & Lit Fest - Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m.** Experience art from our community & local authors who write for both kids and adults. Featuring a children's storytime with Award-winning educator and best-selling author Douglas Haddad and drop-in craft activities all day long.

**Artists needed!** Display your art at the Art & Literature Fest. Drop-off on Thur 6/25 4 p.m.-8. Artists of all ages are encouraged to display art and crafts! Pre-registration is now open on our online event calendar.

**Tie Dye - Tuesday, June 30 at 3:30 p.m.** Bring your own cotton t-shirt and dye it at the WPL. Registration encouraged.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

**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.

**Coding Club - Thursdays at 3:30p.m.** Kids entering grades 3-6 learn the basics of coding this summer. Registration Required. Begins June 25.

**Twinkle Toes Dance - Fridays at 11 a.m.** Learn to dance with Miss Laura. Ages 2-4, registration required.

**More great programs coming this summer!** Check our website or visit the library for more info.

## Teen Events - Grades 6-12

### GRADES 6-12

**Middle School Madness- Thursdays 4-5 p.m.** Activities are planned for middle schoolers (grade 6-8) every Thursday. Stay at TMS for a club and catch the late bus to the library.

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

## 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: June 4, Pipe Cleaner Lotus Flower Lights; June 11, Pond Waterwall; June 18, Pipe Cleaner Octopus Keychains; June 25, Painted Shell Lighthouses. Registration required.

**BINGO Night - Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.** Lucky numbers, friendly competition, and exciting prizes! Ages 14+, registration required.

**Crafts, at Night - Monday, June 8, 6 p.m.** Felt Bee Bookmarks. Registration required.

**Painting Party -Thursday, June 11, 6 p.m.** Follow along to create artwork with acrylics. Beginners welcome. Registration required.

**Library Design Focus Group - Monday, June 15, 6 p.m.** Share your input for our library renovations and additions.

**Book Club - Wednesday, June 17, 6 p.m.** The Stolen Queen by Fiona Davis. Copies available at the library.

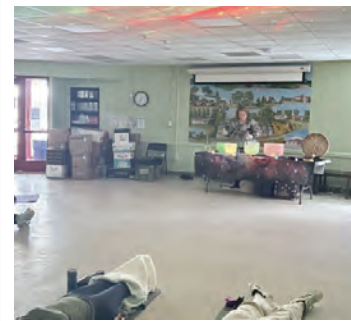
**Friday Films - Friday, June 26, 1 p.m.** You, Me & Tuscan (2026) d. Kat Coiro. A struggling American house-sitter steals away to Italy, where she has an adventure filled with lies and romance at a Tuscan villa.

## 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.

## Seed Library

Come to WPL to get seeds for your garden and grow your own tomatoes, pumpkins, green beans, and more. Call the library at 203-879-8110 or email us at [library@wolcottct.org](mailto:library@wolcottct.org) for more information.



*The Sound Healing Librarian visited WPL in April to provide a Sound Bath Experience, sponsored by CASA. After the event, Chesprocott provided very useful Narcan training to attendees.*



*Join us for A-B-C, Read with Me on Tuesdays at 10:30a.m.*

## Friends of the Library

Another successful book sale was held in April. We would like to thank all who participated in our very well organized sale of books of all kinds, CD's, DVD's, games, puzzles, records and collectible magazines. We hope you took advantage of the bargains but if you weren't able to make the 3 day sale, please note that the shelves at the main entrance have been loaded with all new volumes for your summer reading with a limited number of DVD's and CD's. Even though school is almost over, keep your children reading every day by either taking out books or purchasing new ones from our stock. Going to the beach or on vacation? Grab a few paperbacks and don't worry about the sea and sand or pack a small one in your carry-on for your next trip.

We would also like to thank TD Bank who came for 2 days to explain the Affinity Program that we share with them. Even though the Wolcott branch is no longer with us, you can still participate. There is a small facility in the parking lot of Price Rite on Wolcott Street in Waterbury. The former manager Katie of the Wolcott site is now in Plantsville and can be reached at 860-620-6608. By opening up a new account, the Friends will get a one-time donation and you can also find out if any of your existing accounts can be coded to reflect our organization as your charity of choice. This helps us out and is no cost to the customer. Troop 64541 of the Girl Scouts were also able to participate at our book sale for a few hours with their cookie sales and Eversource was also giving away seedling and some other items for Arbor Day. So our book sale became a community event and we appreciate all who were able to support us.



# Wolcott High School NEWS



## Wolcott High School Graduation Class of 2026

Wolcott High School will hold the Sixty-Fifth Annual Commencement ceremony on June 23, 2026 at 6:00pm on the WHS Athletic Field

**Gresa Ajro**

*Valedictorian,  
Wolcott High School  
Class of 2026*



**Medina Cirikovic**

*Salutatorian,  
Wolcott High School  
Class of 2026*

The Class of 2026 Valedictorian is Gresa Ajro.  
The Salutatorian of the Class of 2026 is Medina Cirikovic.

**Wolcott High School Administration and Faculty**  
extend their sincere congratulations on these exceptional achievements

### Student Government Spring Craft Workshop

The Student Government hosted our annual Spring Craft Workshop during the Discovery period. Students had the opportunity to make tissue paper flowers (thanks to Ms. Soccodato for the inspiration and instruction!) and relieve some stress.



### EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



*Fifteen Wolcott High School student leaders attended the Excellence in Leadership Conference at Cheshire High School on May 1st. Throughout the day, our students participated in a variety of leadership activities alongside peers from across Connecticut and had the opportunity to hear from community leaders who shared their experiences and insights. This was a valuable and worthwhile experience for our students, and we are hopeful they will take what they learned and apply it within our WHS community.*



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

- Grade 9 Sebastian Fontalvo
- Grade 10 Charlotte Lynch
- Grade 11 Ryan Hatush
- Grade 12 Lisa Sanzone
- Staff: Mr. Richter

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

# Wolcott Historical Society - June 2026



by Florence Goodman

We are halfway through the year, and there are still many more Farmingbury soldiers who volunteered to serve in the fight for our country's freedom.

This month I will share information about the Alcott men who served our town and country well.

In 1731, John Alcock II the first of the Alcott family, in this area, purchased a 117-acre tract of land. Over time he continued to add to his land and after 47 years he had acquired over 1200 acres. John gave each of his children 100-acre tracts of land in and around his Spindle Hill farm thus the Alcott name is found throughout our town. The spelling of the name has changed throughout history from Alcock(e), Alcocks, Alcox and eventually to Alcott sometime between 1820 and 1825.



Postcard of the Solomon Alcott House and barn. This house was built in 1790 and is still standing at the corner of Beach and Spindle Hill Roads. This house was built on the land where the original Alcott log cabin stood.

When John and his wife Deborah (Blakeslee) made residence on that farm on Spindle Hill the land was covered by a thick forest filled with wild animals. The rocky soil required great strength to till and farm, but it offered a new life for these early settlers, and especially the ideals of freedom. On April 19, 1775, when those ideals of freedom were slipping away, the Alcott men left their farms and families to fight for a cause in which they believed.

Captain John Alcox III born December 23, 1731 was the eldest son of John and Deborah Alcock and the first child born on Spindle Hill. He married Mary Chatfield in 1755, and they settled on a farm east of his parents' farm. They had nine children. John and Mary were among the 41 persons who united in the formation of the first church in Farmingbury parish. John was a man of stability and honor, but he was best fit for military service, so he was chosen Ensign of the new Trainband in Farmingbury Winter Parish. In 1774 he became Captain of the Thirteenth Company or Trainband in the 15th Regiment in the Colony of Connecticut. Captain Alcox, it has been said, fought for his country in the Revolutionary War with much spirit and



Solomon Alcott House and barn today. This house is still standing at the corner of Beach and Spindle Hill Roads.

energy. It was said that when he heard the war had begun, he buckled on his sword and walked twenty-five miles to New Haven to see if his services as a soldier were needed. Three of his sons, Solomon, Samuel and John B. also served in the war. Captain John Alcott III died on September 27, 1808, one day shy of 77. He is buried in Edgewood Cemetery.



The James Alcott House built in 1774 is found at the corner of Spindle Hill and Mad River Roads.

Solomon Alcox was the first son of Captain John and Mary Chatfield Alcox born May 8, 1759. He married Premela Roberts in 1777. They had five children. He served in the Militia regiment in 1781. After Premela's death in 1810 he married widow Abigail Goodyear. Solomon died May 21, 1818, at the age of 59 and is buried in Edgewood Cemetery.

Samuel Alcox was the second son of Captain John and Mary Chatfield Alcox born November 29, 1761. He married Lydia Warner in 1783. They had two daughters, Mary and Cleora. He was a private in Captain Beechen's 15th Regiment Militia. He died in Wolcott on June 9, 1810, at the age of 49 and is buried in Edgewood Cemetery.

John Blakeslee Alcott IV was the third son of Captain John and Mary Chatfield Alcox born June 4, 1764. He married Lois Gaylord in 1785, and they had three children. They lived on Clinton Hill not far from his parents' home. He died September 17, 1837, at the age of 73, and is buried in Edgewood Cemetery. Revolutionary War Pensioners listing indicates that his wife applied for a pension for the time he served, but records do not show where or when he served.

The last of the Alcott's to serve in the Revolution was James Alcox. He was a brother to Captain John Alcott III. His parents were John and Deborah Alcock. James was born June 1, 1735. He married Hannah Barnes and they



The Obed Alcott House built in 1802 is located on Spindle Hill Road not far from the intersection of Andrews and Clinton Hill Roads.

settled a mile east of the family homestead. The James Alcox house was built in the fall of 1774. On December 5th their son, James was born there. Three weeks after the birth of their son a fire started in the house and James tried to extinguish it while Hannah broke a window to hand her baby to a relative outside and then she climbed out the window. The family was safe, but the house was destroyed. In the next nine days, the frame of the new house was raised, and the rest of the house was completed in that same year. The house is still standing today at the corner of Spindle Hill and Mad River Roads. Hannah and James had seven children. James served in the Militia in 1781. He died August 9, 1806, at the age of 72. He is buried in Edgewood Cemetery.

The Alcott family left their mark on our town in various ways. Amos Bronson through his love for education and books and for giving us Louisa May Alcott, although she did not live in our town. Obed Alcott for the building of the West Schoolhouse and his son, Dr. William Andrus for

education and helping to begin a town library. Lastly, for the sons who served in the Revolution to help give us our freedom.

Interested in visiting our Center School History Museum or the Stone Schoolhouse Museum? Call me at 203-879-9818 to make an appointment or go to our website to email me there.

Our Annual Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 11th. If you are interested in having your gardens in the tour, please contact Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818.

(Information for 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 the second "The Journal of Josiah Atkins of Waterbury Farming-

bury Society In Ye State of Connecticut N. England 1781" printed by the Mattatuck Historical Society, Waterbury, Number 21. October 1954; the "1986 Historic Resources Inventory," by J.P. Loether Associates;" History of the Town of Wolcott (Connecticut) from 1731 to 1874," by Samuel



Tombstone of John Blakeslee Alcox who is buried in Edgewood Cemetery. This photo was taken from Find a Grave.

Orcutt; and hours of research by Deb DuBois on Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com and other online research sites; a talk given by Florence Goodman, for Patriots' Day 2017; ; "The Journal of Judah Frisbie, A Soldier of the Revolution" by Judah Frisbie and compiled by The Mattatuck Historical Society, 1943; Woodtick Cemetery records)

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# Junior Women's Club News



Wednesday, June 3rd the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott will host their Roseann Barratt Community Service Awards in the St. Basil the Great Parish Hall. This is our 43rd annual Roseanne Barratt Community Service Award presented to a Wolcott woman that exemplifies outstanding commitment to community service and the spirit of volunteerism. We feel that our women volunteers are well deserving of recognition for their hard work and dedication. That evening we will proudly be presenting our 34th annual Teen Volunteer Award and our Youth Volunteer Award. These prestigious awards are presented to a high school student who has shown outstanding service to their school, classmates and/or community, and to an elementary school student who has shown outstanding service to their school, classmates, church and/or community.

This past heating season we had 6 deliveries of fuel (oil/gas/electric) for our Wolcott neighbors. Our fuel fund helps our neighbors in times of struggle. 100% Of donations are used to purchase oil, gas or electric for our Wolcott residents. Thank you for your donations to this worthy fund, to help our neighbors with the gift of heat.

Would your child like to be the Ambassador of the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott? As Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott they will represent us at our many events during the year, the highlights of which are riding in the Wolcott Memorial Day Parade, lighting the Wolcott Christmas Tree and greeting Santa, attending the Mayor's Christmas Party, assisting the Easter Bunny at the Town's Easter Egg Hunt and more! We will be sponsoring our Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott Contest to be held at the Lions Club Fair in August. The event is open for the first 20 girls and 20 boys who submit their completed application. Applicants must reside in Wolcott and must be between the ages of 4 & 7. Applications can be downloaded on our website or contact us at our email address listed below.

Last month we made an error, and the result was that the wrong essay was printed in the Community news. Victoria Henriques's essay is printed in this month's Community News, please take some time to enjoy why she likes Wolcott. Look for us in the Wolcott Memorial Day Parade! We will be marching and looking at you! The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is a nonprofit organization dedicated to volunteering in our community, promoting the Arts, Conservation, Current Affairs, Education, Health and Homelife. Opportunities for friendships, personal growth and leadership abound. Meetings are held 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday from September to June. Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. Please check out our website [www.juniorwomensclubof-wolcott.org](http://www.juniorwomensclubof-wolcott.org) for more information on all of these projects or email us at [wolcottjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:wolcottjuniors@gmail.com)

## VETERANS ADVOCACY COMMISSION

The VFW, American Legion and the Veterans Advocacy Commission will be joining forces to sell lawn signs (see below)

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS and the 3 organizations whose mission statements assist our town Veterans



### What I Like About Wolcott

By Victoria Henriques

Wolcott is a small town but it does have some good restaurants and there are a lot of fun things to do and Wolcott is safe too.

A restaurant that I enjoy is Mad River. I picked Mad River because it has ice cream and the ice cream is good at Mad River. My favorite ice cream is cookie dough. Some of the food choices at Mad River are burgers, paninis and salads. Mad River also has a dock outside and they also have a river by the restaurant.

An outdoor activity that I enjoy is riding bikes. If you ride bikes then you can ride bikes at Wakelee. You can ride your bike around the town. You can also ride your bike to your friends house instead of your parents driving you to their home. But if you do not live near your friend's house then your parents are going to have to drive you there.

My last reason that I enjoy living in Wolcott is the community. I picked the community because the community is very safe. The mayor is very nice. The people in the community are very nice and caring. There is also the Wolcott library. They have many books to choose from and I remember when I was in preschool, I went to the library and the librarian read a book out loud to my class. It was so much fun. Also, they have a drop box to put old glasses you have.

As you can see, Wolcott has a lot to offer like the restaurants and the fun things you can do. I hope you can visit our town one day.

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## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Project No. 0171-0496

- Removal of Retaining Wall No. RW-033-099-001 on Route 99 in Cromwell
- Removal of Retaining Wall No. RW-053-017-003 on Route 17 in Glastonbury
- Replacement of Retaining Walls Nos. RW-053-017-002 & 004 on Route 17 in Glastonbury
- Replacement of Retaining Wall No. RW-166-069-001 on Route 69 in Wolcott

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Register and Learn More: [portal.ct.gov/DOTProject0171-0496](http://portal.ct.gov/DOTProject0171-0496)

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the proposed project, gather feedback, and answer any questions. A Question and Answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of the project is to address the deficiencies of the retaining walls and to accommodate safe travel for all roadway users.

Right-of-way impacts are expected to include slope easements and temporary construction easements.

Construction is anticipated to begin spring 2028 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$13 million. The project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal funds and 20 percent State funds.

The public can submit comments and questions during two-week public comment period following meeting. Direct comments and questions by Wednesday, June 24, 2026, to [DOTProject0171-0496@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject0171-0496@ct.gov), 860-594-2020, or Francisco Fadul at [Francisco.Fadul@ct.gov](mailto:Francisco.Fadul@ct.gov) or 860-594-2078. Please reference the respective town and Project No. 0171-0496 in the email or voicemail.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Non-English language closed captioning will be available on Zoom. The recording will also be posted following the meeting in CTDOT's public meeting playlist at [portal.ct.gov/ctdotVPIMarchive](http://portal.ct.gov/ctdotVPIMarchive).

For audio access, call 877-853-5257 with Meeting ID 859 2871 8808. Project information can be mailed within one week by contacting Francisco Fadul at [Francisco.Fadul@ct.gov](mailto:Francisco.Fadul@ct.gov) or 860-594-2078.

For hearing/speech disabilities, dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). Request language assistance from CTDOT's Language Assistance at 860-594-2109 at least five business days before meeting.

# Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



## Summer is Coming!

Wow, it is hard to believe that we are already to the halfway point of 2026! It seems like yesterday we were digging out from eighteen inches of snow and now we are enjoying warm, beautiful days. Prom season is here and the eighth graders at Tyrell Middle School are getting ready for their formal dance. We will then be celebrating the end of the school year with graduations and social gatherings!

The month of June also marks the official start of the summer season with the Summer Solstice which will occur on Sunday June 21st this year. In the Northern Hemisphere, this date marks the longest day (and shortest night) of the year.

For many of us, the summer season brings vacation time, outdoor activities such as swimming, hiking, biking & running.

If you are out on the road, please watch out for runners & cyclists. If you are hiking in the woods, be aware of wildlife. Some animals are easy to spot in the wild, but there are dangers out there that are not as easy to see such as snakes, ticks and underground hives (many pollinators, including bumble bees, build their nests in the ground). When you are out in the sun, make sure you protect yourself with sunscreen and be sure to drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration.

## Community Classes

Are you interested in learning CPR or First Aid? We offer community classes upon request. If you or your organization are interested in one of these important lifesaving classes, contact us at (203) 879-4122 or email us at [training@wolcottambulance.com](mailto:training@wolcottambulance.com) for more information.

## Emergency Medical Technician class

Are you looking to become an EMT? If so, there is still time to sign up for our summer course! This fast-paced 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 and prepare you for the National Registry test and State certification. We still have a few seats left, visit us at [www.wolcottambulance.com](http://www.wolcottambulance.com) (EMT courses tab), call us at (203) 879-4122 or email us at [training@wolcottambulance.com](mailto:training@wolcottambulance.com) for additional information.

## Ambulance Statistics

During the month of April, WVAA responded to 140 calls for assistance.

## Membership

Are you certified as an EMT or licensed as a Paramedic in the State of Connecticut? Would you like to serve the Wolcott community in a challenging, rewarding way? We are looking for people to become part of our team. We have a tight-knit, diverse group of providers with experience levels ranging from a few months to over 40 years! Would you like to join our organization? If so, contact us or download an application located on the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab of our website.

## Stay Safe!

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve the citizens & visitors of this wonderful community. Enjoy your summer activities & stay safe!



## Wolcott Education Foundation

The Directors of the WEF would like to thank Carol and Jack Costello for their bronze sponsorship and the Pelegano family for naming us their charity of choice on the passing of Dr. James Pelegano of New York City. For additional information on our named scholarships, please contact Treasurer Janet Tynan at [Tynan\\_janet@comcast.net](mailto:Tynan_janet@comcast.net) or call 203 233-6407.

# Standing Up for Working Families and Taxpayers



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

As the legislative session came to a close, Connecticut residents once again saw a troubling pattern play out at the Capitol: more state spending, ignoring the voices of residents, rushed negotiations, and missed opportunities to provide real relief for the taxpayers of our state.

On a Saturday evening just a few weeks ago, we were called into session to vote on a more than 700-page budget adjustment document that legislators only received that morning. Once again, major financial decisions affecting millions of residents were pushed through at the last minute with little time for proper review or public scrutiny. That is not transparency, and it is certainly not responsible governing.

Some lawmakers want to celebrate this budget because it avoids large tax increases and includes temporary funding boosts for municipalities (some cities will get far more than others). But Connecticut families should not be expected to applaud simply because government chose not to raise taxes even higher. Residents are already struggling under some of the highest costs - including electricity and taxes - of living in the country. We should have been LOWERING taxes, not increasing state spending.

This budget adjustment provides no meaningful direct tax relief for working families, seniors, or small businesses. It continues a pattern of overspending while projecting major deficits in the years ahead. It also includes a troubling \$22 million "various municipal grants" line item with unnamed recipients, which is exactly the kind of murky spending that has led to a federal investigation of a Senator in Hartford.

I voted no on this budget because Connecticut can do better, and because taxpayers DESERVE better. Meanwhile, House Republicans spent this session offering practical, common-sense alternatives focused on affordability, accountability, and public safety.

We were the only caucus to produce a balanced budget adjustment that adhered to sound fiscal principles while still funding education and municipal aid. We proposed expanding the property tax credit to the highest level in Connecticut history because we understand that rising property taxes are crushing middle-class families and seniors on fixed incomes.

We also proposed eliminating the income tax on tips and overtime pay, providing relief for hardworking residents who are already stretched thin by inflation. I also personally co-sponsored legislation that would have removed the public benefits charge from our utility bills. House Republicans additionally pushed to eliminate taxes on Social Security income and reduce taxes on children's clothing - targeted relief measures that would have directly helped Connecticut families keep more of what they earn.

Unfortunately, many of those ideas were ignored by the majority that sets the agenda.

But Republicans were successful in stopping the imposition of new taxes on sweetened beverages, which would have increased grocery costs for families already struggling to make ends meet.

We also championed legislation ensuring qualified retired police officers can serve as armed school security personnel to help protect our children. We supported restrictions on gambling advertisements targeting college campuses and children's programming.

House Republicans also successfully pushed for reforms to Connecticut's unrealistic 100% electric school bus mandate, which would have cost municipalities, school districts, and transportation providers millions of dollars just to support feel-good environmental policies.

And we led the effort to reform the state's earmark process after serious public concerns were raised about how taxpayer funds were being distributed. In fact, our proposal pushed the Governor and legislative Democrats to finally support reforms that mirrored what House Republicans had advocated all along.

We may have been physically exhausted, but our caucus spent hours on the House floor debating a harmful election bill, HB 5001, forcing the majority to agree to several important fixes. Those included stopping a section regarding permanent absentee voting status, which would have allowed a path for the mass mailing of automatically mailed absentee ballots. We also argued for the removal of more than \$1 million for a taxpayer-funded mailing campaign by the Secretary of the State's office.

That is proof that our opposition, long nights, and standing up for taxpayers, truly matters.

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



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**Donna Belval**  
Senior Center Director

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\*\*\*Parking for bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot.

**Monday**

\*\* 9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

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

\*\* 1:30-3:00 Line Dancing

**Tuesday**

\*\* 9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

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

**Wednesday**

\*\* 9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

\*\* 12:30-3:00 Bingo

**Thursday**

\*\* 9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

\*\* 12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games

\*\* 12:30-3:00 Pinochle

**Friday**

\*\* 9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

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

**Monday, June 1**

10:30 Bus leaves for MGM Casino, Springfield, MA—Departs casino 5:30 PM, Sign up for bus trip

**Tuesday, June 2**

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

9:45-10:30 Tai Chi w/ Matt--\$5.00 per person per class — Pay Matt

12:00-1:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

6:30 Bus leaves for Palace Theater—“Music Man” \$45.00 pp Pay by Tues. May 19

“We follow fast-talking salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys’ band that he vows to organize-this, despite the fact that he doesn’t know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain’s fall.”

**Wednesday, June 3**

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at the Brookside Inn-Oxford — Rich’s Farm for Ice Cream to follow after lunch, Sign up for bus trip

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 large slices Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. Jun 10

**Friday, June 5**

9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscov’s — Lunch to follow at Fiore’s, Sign up for bus

**Monday, June 8**

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 hairdressing and barbering experience. She is offering these reduced prices for seniors every 2nd Monday of each month. No Walk-Ins Please.

**Tuesday, June 9**

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

9:45-10:30 Tai Chi w/ Matt--\$5.00 per person per class — Pay Matt

11:00 Presentation on “How to Lower Your Electric Bills” with Art Marcelynas-a former State Regulator at the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)—Art can review your bill, explain how to choose a supplier & answer questions about the Standard Service Generation Supply & rates, licensed electric suppliers, the redesigned electric bill, discounts for Hardship customers & any questions you have about Connecticut’s electric rates & policies. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A RECENT COPY OF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL—OPEN TO THE PUBLIC — WE CAN HELP YOU SWITCH!

**Wednesday, June 10**

11:30 Lunch Special — Ham & Cheese w/ Lettuce & Tomato on a fresh hard roll, Chips, Dessert — \$5.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mon. Jun 8

5:30 Bus leaves for Southington music on the green featuring “Little Lies: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac” — MUST BRING A LAWN CHAIR — Food Trucks on site, Sign up for bus trip

**Thursday, June 11**

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

11:00 Ridge Home Care representative on site for information on Understanding Medicaid and Home Care options — They help seniors, families and caregivers understand Medicaid benefits and connect with the care and support they need. They will help to navigate the process for Medicaid.

12:00-1:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Chesprocott

**Saturday, June 13**

2:00 Bus leaves for Dinner at Captain’s Cove Marina & Restaurant in Bridgeport

Entertainment “Herman & Co.” begins at 4:00 PM — Sign up for bus trip

**Monday, June 15**

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Clinton Crossings — Lunch to follow at Lenny & Joe’s Fish Tales — Sign up for bus trip

**Tuesday, June 16**

12:00-1:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

**Wednesday, June 17**

11:30 Lunch Special — American Goulash (Pasta & Meat Sauce), Fresh Green Beans, Garlic Bread, & Dessert — \$5.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mon. Jun 15

5:30 Bus leaves for Southington Music on the Green— “Blondie & Beyond” Food Trucks on site- MUST BRING A LAWN CHAIR — Sign up for bus trip

**Thursday, June 18**

8:30-9:30 FREE FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST SANDWICH — Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Fresh Hard Roll — NO TAKE OUTS — Mom’s Pay \$3.00, Sign up by Tues. Jun 16

**Friday, June 19**

8:15 Bus leaves for Thimble Island Boast Cruise--\$17.00 per senior — Pay by Fri. June 12

**Monday, June 22**

10:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Abbotts Lobster in the Rough & Costello’s Clam Shack, Sign up for bus trip

**Tuesday, June 23**

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

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

**Wednesday, June 24**

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at the Market Place-Litchfield — Poppy’s Ice Cream-Morris following lunch — Sign up for bus trip

11:30 Lunch Special — Egg Salad w/ Lettuce & Tomato on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert--\$5.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. Jun 22

**Thursday, June 25**

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

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make a Sun Catcher — \$12.00 pp, Pay when you sign up

**Tuesday, June 30** 11:00 Bus leaves for Cross Sound Ferry Light House Cruise — \$35.00 pp

Pay by Tues. Jun 16 Sign up for the bus — Enjoy a 2-hour cruise of light houses, historic forts, General Dynamics Electric Boat division & New London’s historic waterfront. This catamaran holds 200 passengers with a cruising speed of 35 mph and is equipped w/ modern air-line seating on 2 enclosed passenger decks w/ a spacious out door deck for viewing the scenery as you listen to an expert narrator. Snacks & beverages are available on board.

# Target on Tyrrell

## WCN TMS Pearl Interdisciplinary Holocaust Remembrance Project

**A**t Tyrrell Middle School, the eighth-grade Pearl team has been working hard on their Holocaust unit in both ELA and Social Studies. This unit is important in its historical scope, and also in its literary and artistic legacy. In order to help students engage, they have been working across disciplines on multimodal projects. Through reading Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, students not only learned about the historical origins and consequences of antisemitism, but also about the importance of rhetoric and diction: they learned how and why words matter. As they transitioned into the study of the Holocaust, students read and discussed various informational and photographic resources; each student then had to come up with one word that reflected or symbolized something learned or felt about the effects of that exposure, and then create that word artistically on a "Graffiti Remembrance Wall". Mr. Kelsey was integral in this execution, as he shared various styles of graffiti writing and helped students design the wall and place their words.

In Social Studies, students simultaneously completed research on the Holocaust, the Resistance, and the powerful effect of standing against hate and injustice. Butterflies often represent hope and resilience, and students used that research to create a "Butterfly Project of Resistance and Remembrance," where they created butterflies decorated with symbols to represent the various aspects of the specific groups they researched.

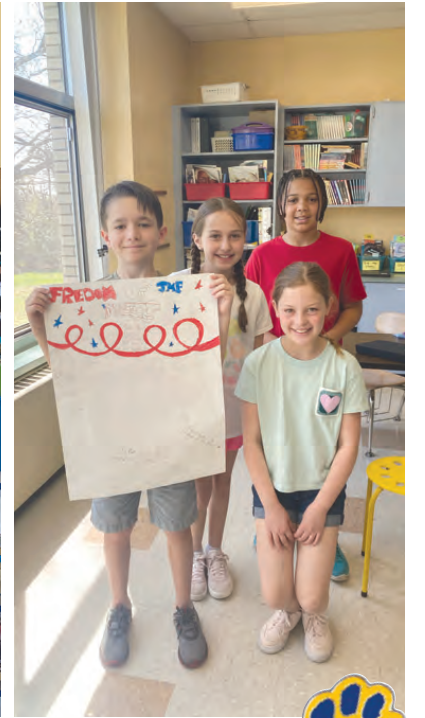
This interdisciplinary approach has helped students develop a broader understanding of the capability of human beings to inflict injustice and hate, the ways in which hate can multiply and manifest, the potential each person has to stand against injustice, and the human capacity for hope and resilience. These projects are hanging together in the Pearl hallway so students are immersed in the powerful effects of art, and can also see and reflect upon the knowledge and emotions reflected in the creations of their peers.



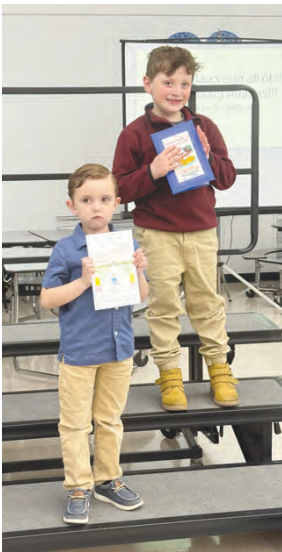
WCN Students celebrated Cinco de Mayo by getting creative and learning something new! Students decorated colorful maracas and researched facts about the holiday to share their learning. Great job combining art, culture, and creativity!



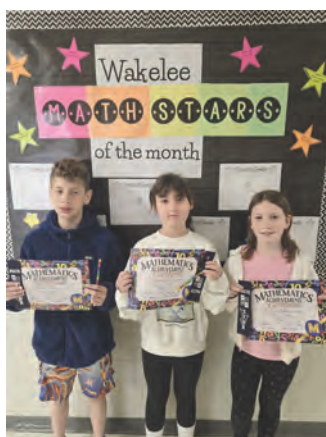
# Wakelee School News!



Our 5th graders are using reading to explore the freedoms protected by the First Amendment and what those rights mean in their everyday lives. These students in Mrs. Calabro's class made posters about them to help teach others!



The young author program has been a tradition at Wakelee for over 25 years, students in Kindergarten thru 5th grade are able to plan, write, and illustrate their own books! Great job to these students who participated!



Our Wakelee Math Stars of the Month! Math stars are students who have shown risk taking, growth, responsibility, or perseverance in math.



# Focus On Frisbie



*Congratulations to 4th Grade Math Enrichment students, Emma and Alijah, and to 5th grade student, Robert, for receiving an Honorable Mention from the Noetic Math Challenge!*



*Miss Taylor's class at the Frisbie Fun Run!!!*



*Congratulations to all of the 4th and 5th grade winners of the Elk's Club competitions: Creating an anti-drug poster and writing an Americanism essay!*



*These winners were honored with a special dinner and awards ceremony at the Waterbury Elks Club!*



*A Great Big Congratulations to Project Explore student, Noah Nasiri, for winning the Essay contest for the Waterbury Elks club, and for also being selected as the winner for the State of Connecticut!*



*Mrs. Sullivan's class at the FUN RUN*



# Wolcott Food Pantry

## Distribution Date Reminders

June 3rd (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30am to 11:00am  
 June 17th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30am to 11:00am

## Thank You

Thank you, Mayor Dunn, for providing a new traffic flow for our clients to use during our bi-weekly food distribution events. The old entry point was via Woodtick Rd. and it had become a traffic hazard for the clients, residents on Woodtick Rd. and non-pantry traffic during our distribution events. The mayor decided to reroute traffic to the facility by grading and paving a short section of property in the back of our location. Our new entry point (for food distribution only every other Wednesday) begins at 48 Todd Rd. This is a much better traffic flow and we thank the mayor's office for taking this action.

## 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.

## 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!

## About Us

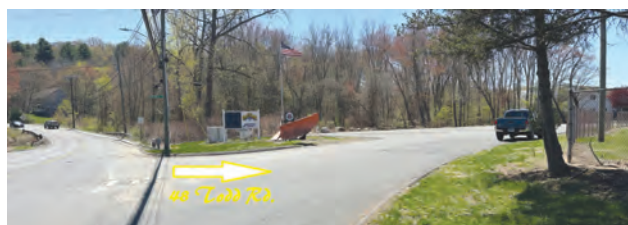
If you or someone you know needs food and is a Wolcott resident, please contact the Wolcott Food Pantry at 203-704-7402. We are located at 358 Woodtick Road, Wolcott, CT. We operate as a drive-through service with pre-packed bags of food placed in the client's vehicle.

Local organizations (Pat's, Walsh's, Post Office, & Library provide locations to leave a food donation for the Pantry. We thank the management of those locations for their on-going support.

Look for our NEW Facebook page for regular posts. Search for 'Food Pantry Wolcott, CT.' and 'follow-us'!

Monetary donations can be made using any of the following methods:

- Mail a check to: Wolcott Resource Center – Food Pantry - PO Box 6172 - Wolcott, CT. 06716.
- Use PayPal by visiting our web page at <https://wolcottresourcecenter.com>
- Use our Venmo address: @wolcottfoodpantry-358.



The D.P.W. has graded and paved a short section of property that leads to our distribution canopy. The entry point for food distributions every other Wednesday is now at 48 Todd Rd. Regular donations and visitors continue to use the Woodtick Rd entry.



## Recovery Road SUPPORT GROUP

IS YOUR LOVED ONE ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS?  
 DO YOU FEEL HELPLESS?  
 DO YOU FEEL ALONE?  
 DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?  
 DO YOU WANT TO STOP THE INSANITY?

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 COME MEET WITH US, LET US HELP YOU  
 MONDAY EVENINGS 7:30 – 9 PM  
 WOLCOTT YOUTH CENTER (BEHIND FRISBIE SCHOOL)  
 48 TODD ROAD  
 WOLCOTT, CT 06716  
 ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL JOE 203-560-1665



Here is a view of our new traffic flow to our 'distribution canopy'. The final touches will be in place soon (early May). This is a much safer point of entry for our clients and we thank the mayor's office for implementing this new way of entry.



The volunteers at the Wolcott Food Pantry were proud to see our President, Connie Gleiford (left) being honored at the Exchange Club's '2026 Public Service Awards' dinner as the recipient of their 'Book of Golden Deeds' award.

## Classifieds

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### Landscape Materials

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### 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**



The volunteers at the Food Pantry would like to say 'Thank You' to the students, parents, teachers and administration of Frisbie Elementary School. The 5th graders organized a whole school effort to collect food on our behalf and we stopped by to pick-up the 677 lbs. of food.

# Alcott School News



**Congratulations to 4th and 5th grade NOETIC Math Challenge winners!**



*Congratulations to Olivia DeJoseph for representing Alcott as a winner of the Jr. Women's Club Essay Contest!*



*Students in grades 3-5 are working hard on their SBA Testing. Shoutout to the PTO for providing amazing prizes for the vend of test celebration!*



*Trevor Krause, Alex Balla, and Olivia DeJoseph represented Alcott as winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest in Haddam. A huge honor as winners of this statewide competition!*

# WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Congratulations Class of 2026!



Graduation for Tyrrell Middle School will be held Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Commencement Exercises for Wolcott High School will be held Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## Wolcott Board of Education 2025-26 Meeting Schedule

	FIRST	SECOND
JUNE	8 (Monday)	29 (Monday)
JULY	13 (Monday - BOE Offices)	
AUGUST	10 (Monday - BOE Offices)	24 (Monday - BOE Offices)

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.

## WPS Start & End Times

www.wolcottps.org

Schedule	Schools		
	Wolcott High School <a href="https://whs.wolcottps.org/">https://whs.wolcottps.org/</a>	Tyrrell Middle School <a href="https://tms.wolcottps.org/">https://tms.wolcottps.org/</a>	All Elementary Schools AES: <a href="https://aes.wolcottps.org/">https://aes.wolcottps.org/</a> FES: <a href="https://fres.wolcottps.org/">https://fres.wolcottps.org/</a> WES: <a href="https://wes.wolcottps.org/">https://wes.wolcottps.org/</a>
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

Schedule	Pre-Kindergarten Sessions	
	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

Schedule	Latchkey Sessions	
	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Regular Day	7:00 am - 8:30 am	3:15 pm - 6:00 pm
Planned Early Dismissal Day	7:00 am - 8:30 am	1:15 pm - 6:00 pm
2-Hour Delay Day	8:00 am - 10:30 am	3:15 pm - 6:00 pm
3-Hour Delay Day	8:00 am - 11:30 am	3:15 pm - 6:00 pm
WEATHER-RELATED Early Dismissal	7:00 am - 8:30 am	NO Afternoon Session

## Wolcott Public Schools Directors

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- ◆ 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 Pepoy

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

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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# Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2025-2026

Month	Days	Notes
July	28	
August	5/2	August 25, 2025: Convocation; August 26, 2025: PD Day; August 27, 2025: PD Day; August 28, 2025: First Day for Students
September	21/21	September 1, 2025: Labor Day
October	22/22	October 13, 2025: Columbus Day
November	16/16	November 4, 2025: Election Day; November 11, 2025: Veterans Day; November 27-28, 2025: Thanksgiving (half day 26th)
December	14/14	Dec 24, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026: Holiday Recess (half day 23rd)
January	18/17	January 2, 2026: PD Day - No School; January 19, 2026: Martin Luther King Day
February	15/14	February 13, 2026: PD Day - No School; February 16-17, 2026: February Recess
March	21/21	April 3, 2026: Good Friday; April 6-10, 2026: Spring Recess
April	16/16	May 25, 2026: Memorial Day
May	20/20	June 23, 2026: Last Day (tentative half day 22nd and 23rd)
June	18/17	June 24, 2026: Staff work Day
<b># of Student and Staff Days</b>		
August	5	2
September	21	21
October	22	22
November	16	16
December	14	14
January	18	17
February	15	14
March	21	21
April	16	16
May	20	20
June	18	17
<b>Total Days</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>180</b>

\*August 28th, 29th, and September 2nd will be transition days for Kindergarten, only Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days. If the school calendar is impacted by inclement weather, the first ten (10) days will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After ten (10) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 10, 2026 and moving back from there.

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**Wolcott \$305,000 - New Listing;** Enjoy the ease of one-level living in this lovingly maintained 3-bedroom Ranch, offering comfort and convenience. The home features a cozy, sun-filled living room with hard wood floor and an eat-in kitchen perfect for everyday living. Step outside to a beautiful screened-in deck overlooking a level, expansive backyard. Additional highlights include ample storage space in the basement along with a semi-finished bonus room, perfect for a home office, gym or playroom. Updates include a propane hot water heater, updated plumbing and electrical panel, newer oil tank, replacement windows, and roof. This home blends charm and practicality in a covenant location. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity! *Ask for J.R. Donorfio*



**Wolcott \$598,000 - New Price;** 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 \$255,000 - New Listing;** A Cozy Ranch offering the convenience of one-level living featuring 2 bedrooms, a kitchen with adjacent dining area and a comfortable living room. Prime location just minutes from shopping, medical facilities, schools, dining, and easy access to Route 8 and I-84. Property needs some TLC, perfect for investors, flippers, or buyers looking to add value and build equity. Great potential in a convenient location! *Ask for J.R. Donorfio.*



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



**Wolcott \$682,900 -** To-be-built, a 2,600 sq.ft. custom home in the well-established Arvida subdivision on a beautiful 1.22 acre lot with neighborhood living and spacious privacy. The main level features a two-story foyer, hardwood floors, a great room with gas fireplace, and a spacious kitchen with center island, granite counters, and your choice of cabinetry & finishes, a formal dining room and half bath. Upper level features a spacious primary suite with walk-in closet & private bath, along with three additional bedrooms, a full bath & laundry room. Enjoy the efficiency of natural gas heat, public sewer, and custom construction from a respected local builder. *Ask for Lynn or J.R.*



**Wolcott \$329,900 - New Listing;** This spacious 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Split level home offers plenty of room! The large living room features hardwood floors and a bright bay window. It flows into the eat-in kitchen with easy access to the deck. Just a few steps up are three generously sized bedrooms and a full bath. A few steps down is the family room along with the convenience of a 2-car garage. With a few updates this wonderful home has incredible potential and offers plenty of space. Tucked away on a cul-de-sac, the location is hard to beat; within walking distance to the high school and library, minutes from shopping, dining, and parks, and just a short drive to I-84 and Route 8. Don't miss this opportunity to make this your home your own! *Ask for JR Donorfio.*



**Waterbury \$215,000 -** A beautifully updated condo with the perfect blend of comfort and convenience! Located just minutes from Routes 8 & I-84, schools, medical facilities, shopping & restaurants. Inside, you'll find a stylish kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, and an inviting living area with fireplace. Includes a 1-car garage, adding extra storage. A move-in-ready gem in a prime location! *Ask for J.R. Donorfio.*



**Waterbury-Multi \$525,000 -** Conveniently located just minutes from the highway, shopping, schools and restaurants, this well-maintained 3 family property offers comfort, flexibility and strong investment potential. The first floor unit features 3 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, and a spacious living room with fireplace. The second unit offers a similar layout with 3 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, and a spacious living room with a fireplace. The third unit includes 2 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, living room, and a private deck. The basement provides storage space and laundry hookups. Private off-street parking and a 2-car garage, ideal for both investors and owner occupants. Don't miss your chance to own this versatile multi-family home. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio*

## 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 own amenities.

**\$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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