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## Farmingbury Women's Club News



We would like to thank everyone who attended our Psychic Fundraiser on June 10th and a special thank you to Kate at the Wolcott Public Library who helped organize the event. It was very successful.

Over the summer, we will be hard at work planning our events for next year so stay tuned for future announcements.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement. Together, we make a difference!

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.

## Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



Our Little Free library is booming. We noticed a huge uptick in the recent usage of books coming and going in and out of our library. We love that we have this community spot for books lovers to trade books and read new titles. We regularly visit to swap out books that are not in great condition and add new titles from our current stock. It is our way of welcoming Wolcott to stop by and visit our Grange.

As always, we are collecting donations in the amount of monetary donations, clothing donations to our shed, and even bottle and can donations can be left against the side of our building.

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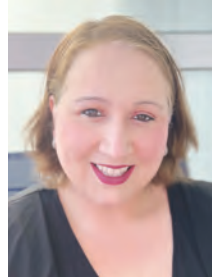
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## A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



Our annual rabies clinic was a huge success (although freezing and windy this year). We licensed 41 dogs in 2 hours and met some great people.

New for 2026 - Online Dog Licenses

We encourage our residents to come in person or to mail in for their dog licenses but starting this year, we have a new option to register your dog/dogs online.

You must know last years' tag number which is on the paper slip or on the dogs' metal tag.

The rabies information must be up to date.

There is a \$3.50 processing fee that is collected by the company providing the service and \$1.00 for postage. These fees do not change based on the number of dogs you license.

The price for the dog licenses remains the same at \$8.00 for Spay/Neuter and \$19.00 for Unaltered.

An automatic \$1.00 per month late fee on each dog that is licensed after June.

The online portal closes at the end of August and at that point all transactions must be in person or through the mail: <https://searchiqs.com/iqsdog-renewal/?CC=CTWOL>

Our Animal Control Officer has put together an amazing raffle basket. There is one entry for each dog licensed in the month of June. If you pay online or mail in, we are adding your names to the basket raffle so everyone has a fair chance.

If you have any questions, please reach out at 203-879-8100.

You can also visit [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org) for a direct link.

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<b>SUN 12</b>	<b>Timeless Groove Band</b> 6:00 pm   Town Green
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<b>SUN 26</b>	<b>Rockin Heartbeats</b> 6:00 pm   Town Green

**Note: For weather cancellations visit [wolcottct.org](http://wolcottct.org)**

### August 1st & 22nd - Saturdays

**Asbury United Methodist Church**  
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# MAYOR'S CORNER

July 2026

Summer is finally here!! Congratulations to all the Graduates! Best wishes as you begin your next chapter. I wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July. This year is especially meaningful as our nation marks its 250th Anniversary, a time to reflect on our history, celebrate our freedoms and look forward to the future.



Our Summer Concert Series began in June and will continue through the summer. Please visit our website [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org) for the Summer Concert Series schedule.

We are asking all of 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, regarding town events, and other important notifications. To sign up text the keyword "Wolcott" to 91896. You will receive a confirmation message, reply YES and you will be opted in to the system.

Please visit our website for updated information and town events [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org) and if you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 203-879-8100 ext. 102.

Sincerely,

Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Town of Wolcott

In accordance with the Wolcott Town Charter, the Wolcott Town Council adopted the following town revenue and expenditure budget for the 2026 - 2027 fiscal year at a Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, hereby causes to be published said town budget. A detail of the adopted budget and information supporting the budget actions taken by the Council is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Wolcott Town Hall, 10 Kenea Avenue, Wolcott, Mon. 8:00 A.M. until 5:30 P.M., Tues., Wed, and Thurs. 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.; and on Fridays 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. The adopted budget can also be viewed on the Town of Wolcott website, wolcottct.org. – Mr. Sean Hughes, Chairperson, Wolcott Town Council.

### TOWN OF WOLCOTT BUDGET SUMMARY

	Adopted FY 2026-27
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	
Property Taxes	56,299,358
Intergovernmental Revenues	14,146,846
Licenses, Fees and Permits	735,600
Charges for Services	54,000
Investment Income	500,000
Transfers from Other Funds	202,525
Other Income	173,700
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>72,112,029</b>
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>	
General Government	9,676,691
Public Safety	10,022,996
Public Works	2,508,345
Culture and Recreation	1,256,104
Education	44,589,296
Debt Service	3,773,271
Capital Outlays and Leases	285,326
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>72,112,029</b>

### ADOPTED FY 2026-27 BUDGET SUMMARY & MILL RATES

Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	72,112,029
Less:	
Revenue & Other Financing Sources Other Than Current Property Taxes	(16,769,171)
Amount to be Raised from Current Property Taxes	55,342,858
<b>Real Estate &amp; Personal Property</b>	
Mill Rate 2026-27	28.90
Current Mill Rate 2025-26	35.93
Mill Rate Decrease	(7.03)
<b>Motor Vehicle Mill Rate 2026-27</b>	<b>28.90</b>
Motor Vehicle Mill Rate at State Cap 2025-26	32.46
Mill Rate Decrease	(3.56)

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

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

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

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

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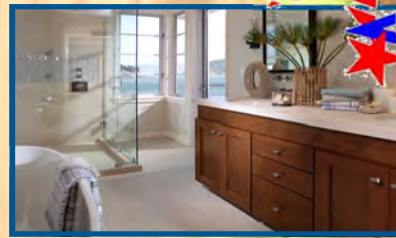
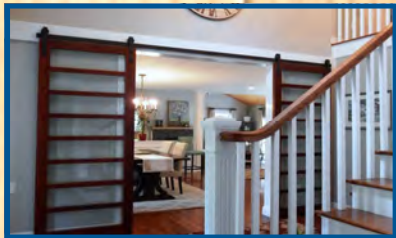
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This year's recipient of the Michael C. Perrone Memorial Scholarship. Gabriel Brady Ziomek was awarded on May 21st at Wolcott High School a \$1000 scholarship as he pursues a degree in Business Analytics at Quinnipiac University.



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# Junior Women's Club News



Welcome to Summer! Even though summertime is a time for vacations and picnics we are extremely busy preparing for our upcoming volunteer year. June 3rd, we hosted the Roseanne Barratt, Teen and Youth awards ceremony. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott presented the 43rd Annual Roseanne Barratt Community Service Award to Ashley Kochan, The Teen Award was awarded to Samantha Smith, and the Youth Award recipient was Ethan Rodriuez. An impartial panel of judges from outside of our community selected the recipient of these awards. We feel that our volunteers are well deserving of recognition for their hard work and dedication. This award exemplifies outstanding commitment to community service and the spirit of volunteerism.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott recently awarded a total of \$6000.00 scholarships to Wolcott's high school seniors. The Arts Scholarship winner was awarded to Ava Santulli. The Community Service Scholarship was awarded to Lexann Szyzycki, and our Excellence in Effort Scholarship was awarded to Julia Perigini. The Linda Mennillo scholarship was established in memory of a beloved Club member. We honor the spirit and values that Linda brought to every aspect of her life—kindness, dedication, teamwork, and a genuine love of community. The winners were Cameron Cleary, and Giana Ciarlo.

We will be sponsoring our major fundraiser for this year; the Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott Contest to be held at the Lions Club Wolcott Country 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 four and seven. You can download the application on our web site, [www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org](http://www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org). This fundraiser supports our donations and all of our endeavors to our town of Wolcott.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September - June. Our meetings are open to all women age of 18 or older, who are interested in doing volunteer work in our community. Please contact us via email for more information at [wolcottjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:wolcottjuniors@gmail.com)



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# Boy Scouts Troop 230 News

As the school year draws to a close, BSA Troop 230 is busier than ever. Scouts are currently in the final push to complete their rank advancements, ensuring everyone is ready for the upcoming end-of-the-year Court of Honor. This celebration will be a wonderful opportunity for scouts and their families to come together, reflect on their hard work, and enjoy a delicious dinner in recognition of their achievements.

The excitement doesn't end there! The Troop is planning its traditional week at summer camp at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. Scouts are looking forward to mastering scout craft, selecting personal merit badges, and making the most of everything camp has to offer. From swimming and boating to archery and building fellowship with fellow scouts from across the region, the Troop is ready for a meaningful week.

The Troop continues its commitment to service and community. Scouts recently marched in the Wolcott Memorial Day Parade, honoring those who fought for our freedom. Furthermore, scouts did an incredible job at Wolcott's Special Games where they had the privilege of interacting with amazing athletes and helping run various activities.

Looking ahead, the Troop is preparing for its annual summer planning meeting. This is a vital time for scouts to take the lead, brainstorm, and map out an exciting calendar for the fall.

As always, the Troop continues to collect redeemable cans and bottles. Please email [troop230committee@gmail.com](mailto:troop230committee@gmail.com) for pickup and drop off information.

Troop 230 is officially a family troop and welcomes both boys and girls ages 11-17. 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 Scouts Pack 230 News

Cub Scout Pack 230 kicked off the summer season with a splash! The Pack recently gathered at Peterson Park for its very first Recyclable Regatta. This creative event had scouts putting their engineering skills to the test. They designed and built unique, seaworthy boats using recyclable materials. Afterwards, they raced their creations across the water using nothing but the power of a straw.

As the summer continues to heat up, Pack 230 is showing no signs of slowing down. Our scouts have an action-packed calendar ahead as they continue to explore, learn, and serve the community. We are honored to be participating in an upcoming ceremony on the Town Green to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Additionally, in July, we will participate in a safety-focused Bike Rodeo and a local fishing event. Finally, in August, the Pack will host its annual family picnic.

To help fund our upcoming scouting year, we invite the entire Wolcott community to join us for a sweet treat fundraiser on August 19 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Crazy Cow in Wolcott. Please make sure to mention that you are supporting Cub Scout Pack 230 when you place your order. 10% of the proceeds will be donated directly back to our pack to help fund our programs and outdoor adventures. We look forward to seeing everyone!

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).



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.

- September 11, 2026      March 5, 2027
- November 6, 2026      May 7, 2027
- January 8, 2027

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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# America at 250: Let Us Be Exceptional Again

by Rob Sampson  
State Senator, 16th District



This year, we will celebrate the United States of America's 250th birthday. For me, it will be far more than an anniversary on a calendar, and I believe millions of Americans feel the same. It should mark a season of celebration, reflection, gratitude, and national renewal: a chance to remember what

made America different, honor those who built and defended her, and recommit ourselves to keeping this extraordinary experiment in liberty alive.

I love this country without apology.

America is exceptional.

Consider the extraordinary Americans who have shaped our history: patriots and pioneers, soldiers and statesmen, inventors and entrepreneurs, parents, teachers, farmers, tradesmen, and countless citizens who built communities, defended liberty, raised generations, and changed the world. They were shaped by a national creed unlike any other. Our rights are natural rights, bestowed by our Creator, not privileges granted by government. Government's legitimate power exists only because free people establish it and consent to be governed. From that understanding grew a nation dedicated to the sovereignty of every person: the freedom to speak, worship, work, own property, govern ourselves, and pursue our own destiny. That inheritance has made Americans independent, resourceful, generous, courageous, and instinctively unwilling to surrender their freedom.

America rejected the ancient arrangement in which rulers possessed power and granted privileges to their subjects. Our founders turned that relationship upside down. Here, the people would be citizens, not subjects, and government would answer to them.

That distinction changed the world.

America became a beacon for those seeking freedom and opportunity. We built the strongest economy, the most powerful military, the greatest engine of innovation, and the most generous nation in human history. When tyranny threatened the world, Americans answered. When disaster struck abroad, Americans helped. When people dreamed of building a better life, it was America they dreamed of reaching.

We should be proud of that record.

None of it happened by accident. America was built by generations of people who worked, sacrificed, raised families, strengthened their communities, defended our nation, and passed its values to those who followed.

That includes our seniors, who built the neighborhoods we call home, and our veterans, who defended the freedoms too many take for granted. They deserve more than ceremonial praise. They deserve a country and a state that respect their work, protect their independence, and ensure they are not driven away from the families and communities they helped create.

Sadly, Connecticut has been drifting away from the principles that made America great.

Government grows larger, more expensive, and less accountable. One-party rule increasingly treats disagreement as an inconvenience rather than an essential part of representative government. State officials attempt to control local communities, family decisions, education, energy, housing, employment, and even personal beliefs.

The premise behind these policies is always the same: government knows best.

The American premise is the opposite. Free people know best how to run their own lives.

Freedom requires personal responsibility, but it also produces achievement, prosperity, stronger families, and stronger communities. Centralized government control produces dependency, conformity, and a political class that believes every problem can be solved by taking more money and authority from the people.

That is not the America our founders envisioned.

I have never served in uniform, and I would never compare my work to the sacrifice of those who have taken up arms in defense of our country. I honor them with all my heart.

My battlefield is different.

I fight in committee rooms and on the Senate floor. I fight through the night when necessary. I fight against government overreach, attacks on constitutional rights, reckless spending, election vulnerabilities, and policies that make Connecticut less free, less affordable, and less recognizable.

Some of the threats to American liberty come from abroad. Others come from within, from those who have lost faith in freedom and believe greater government control is the answer to every challenge.

I know that standing against them can bring criticism, political retaliation, and even hatred. So be it. I did not seek public office to be comfortable or accepted by the political establishment. I am there to defend the people I represent and the principles that made this country great.

I will never back down from that responsibility.

As America approaches her 250th birthday, we should not merely look backward with nostalgia. We should look forward with confidence.

Our nation has endured wars, depressions, division, corruption, and government excess before. Each time, the American people ultimately pushed back. My faith has never been in politicians or government institutions. My faith is in the American people.

Let this anniversary rekindle our patriotism. Let us teach our children why America is worth loving.

Let us honor those who built and defended her. Let us once again embrace freedom, courage, responsibility, and self-government.

Let us be bold enough to demand American exceptionalism.

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# Speed Cameras May Be Coming to Wolcott Residents Should Be Paying Attention



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

More than 114,000 warnings in just 18 days.

You read that number right, and it is not a typo.

That is how many drivers were flagged by Fairfield’s new school-zone speed camera program in less than three weeks. If that statistic does not raise red flags, I do not know what will.

Supporters of these cameras want you to believe this is all about safety. But when a program is “catching” more than 100,000 drivers in a matter of days, and local officials are already talking about the millions of dollars it could generate, it is fair to ask whether this is really a public safety program or just another way for government to reach into your wallet.

Now this same type of program is being considered for our town,

There will be a public meeting in Wolcott on July 21 on this system, and I strongly encourage residents to attend and ask questions. Once these cameras go up, they will not just disappear. Like every other government program, they tend to grow.

I understand why some people support them. Everyone wants safer roads, especially around schools, and keeping children safe is something we all agree on.

But there is a difference between enforcing traffic laws and creating an automated ticket machine that also is a money grab.

Before Wolcott installs even one camera, residents deserve straight answers. Where exactly would the cameras be located? What speed would trigger a warning or fine? Would the cameras operate only during school arrival and dismissal times, or would they be active all day? Who reviews each violation before it is mailed? How much of the money collected would stay with the town, and how much would go to a private vendor? Will the town have to hire more staff? Who will be hearing and deciding the appeals process?

Those questions go to the heart of whether this is truly about safety or simply another source of revenue.

The Fairfield numbers are astonishing. Are we really supposed to believe that more than 114,000 drivers suddenly became speed demons in just 18 days? Or is the system designed to maximize violations?

Those are questions residents deserve answers to before a single camera is installed. The installation of these cameras was authorized by the “Vision Zero”

transportation legislation that was proposed by majority Democrats in 2023 as part of an “aircraft carrier” bill that was packed with multiple bills. As you can imagine, I voted NO.

Government has a long history of introducing fees, fines, and new enforcement programs under the banner of public safety, only to become dependent on the money they bring in. That is why so many taxpayers and drivers are skeptical when they hear officials discussing projected revenue alongside safety benefits.

If the purpose is truly safety, then the town should be able to show the safety data that justifies each proposed location. How many accidents have occurred there? How many involved children, pedestrians, or school traffic? What other safety options were considered first? Better signage? Flashing school-zone lights? Improved road design? Public awareness? More police patrols? Hiring another officer who can issue real tickets and use real judgment?

Those options cost money. Cameras generate money. That distinction matters.

A driver caught by a camera faces a \$50 fine plus a \$15 processing fee for a first offense and \$75 plus the same fee for every violation after that. Miss the payment deadline and another \$25 late fee is added. If the fine remains unpaid, it can be sent to collections and even result in a lien that prevents renewal of your vehicle registration.

That sounds less like a safety reminder and more like another tax on residents.

The state is already unaffordable because of the taxes and policies put in place by the Democrat majority. Families are being squeezed by electric bills, insurance costs, grocery prices, property taxes, and endless fees. Now government wants another way to squeeze drivers by mail.

If a town can issue more than 100,000 warnings in less than three weeks, it suggests the problem may not be reckless driving. It may suggest the program is casting far too wide a net. Of course we want people to be safe on the roads. That is important. But that sheer number of warnings is an indicator that the technology may be calibrated to make everyone, even folks just trying to get to work or traveling at normal speeds on roads with artificially low posted limits, into a criminal.

And let’s be honest about another argument we hear from supporters. They often say residents will simply learn where the cameras are and slow down when they approach them. Others suggest that local people will know where the cameras are, while out-of-town drivers will be the ones getting caught.

Does that sound like a serious public safety strategy?

If safety is the goal, we should want safer roads everywhere, not just drivers slowing down where they know a camera is waiting. We should focus on sensible speed limits, clear signs, and visible enforcement, not a system that depends on people making mistakes to generate revenue.

While these violations do not appear on your driving record, at least not yet, they still create a growing system of automated enforcement that allows governments to issue fines by mail rather than having law enforcement officers interact directly with drivers.

I also worry about where this leads. Today it is school zones. Tomorrow it will be busy intersections. Next year it is another location deemed worthy of automated enforcement. Step by step, decisions that once involved a police officer’s judgment are handed over to cameras and computers.

That is the Big Brother concern, and it is real.

Once government becomes comfortable using cameras to monitor and fine citizens automatically, it rarely stops there. The real question is how much surveillance and automated enforcement residents are willing to accept in the name of safety.

There are better ways to improve safety. Increased police patrols, improved signage, flashing school-zone lights, road design improvements, public awareness campaigns, and sensible speed limits can all help slow traffic without creating a system that automatically generates violations by the tens of thousands.

The meeting later this month is an opportunity for Wolcott residents to hear the details and make their voices heard. Whether you support the cameras or oppose them, this decision deserves serious public discussion.

Residents should ask: What is the projected annual revenue? What happens to the money collected? Will there be a sunset provision or mandatory review after one year? And if the program does not reduce accidents or improve safety, will the town shut it down?

As for me, I remain unconvinced.

When a program issues more than 114,000 warnings in 18 days, my first thought is not that government found the perfect solution. My first thought is that government found a new source of revenue.

That is why I will continue asking questions.

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## Chesprocott Health District, Wolcott Fire Marshal's Office, and American Red Cross Partner to Offer Free Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Residents



The Chesprocott Health District, in partnership with the Wolcott Fire Marshal's Office and the American Red Cross, invites community members to attend a free Steps to Safety™ Fire and Fall Prevention Program on Tuesday, July 29, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Wolcott Public Library.

The educational program is being presented through a collaboration between the Chesprocott Health District, the Wolcott Fire Marshal's Office, and the American Red Cross. The presentation is designed to help community members better understand fire prevention, fall prevention, and the practical steps families can take to stay safe at home.

This educational program is designed to help residents reduce two of the most common causes of injury and emergency situations in the home: fires and falls. Participants will learn practical, easy-to-implement strategies to improve home safety, prevent injuries, and better prepare themselves and their families for emergencies.

The NFPA's Steps to Safety™ program teaches participants how to identify fire hazards, create and practice home escape plans, understand the importance of working smoke alarms, and prepare for emergencies before they occur. Attendees will receive valuable safety information and resources that can help protect themselves from fires and falls in their homes.

"Prevention starts with education," said Kathryn Glendon, MPH, Director of Health for the Chesprocott Health District. "Many fires and falls can be prevented through simple safety measures and planning. This program empowers residents with practical knowledge they can immediately apply in their homes to protect themselves, their families, and their loved ones. We encourage community members of all ages to attend and take advantage of this valuable opportunity."

According to national safety data, falls remain a leading cause of injury among older adults, while residential fires continue to pose significant risks to families and households. By learning proactive prevention strategies, residents can help reduce the likelihood of emergencies and improve overall household safety.

Attendees will receive educational materials, safety resources, and information on local programs available through community partners.

Event Details When: Tuesday, July 29, 2026, | 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Where: Wolcott Public Library, Wolcott, Connecticut Cost: Free and open to the public Registration: No registration required

For additional information, please contact:

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About the NFPA Steps to Safety™ Program

The National Fire Protection Association's Steps to Safety™ program provides educational resources focused on fire prevention, fall prevention, and emergency preparedness. Through interactive learning and practical guidance, the program helps individuals and families build safer homes and develop skills that can help prevent injuries and save lives.

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**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 \$429,900** — Upgraded 3 bedroom raised ranch on a 0.82-acre. The beautifully updated kitchen has granite countertops, newer appliances and sliding doors to the oversized deck. Open floor plan living room with an efficient mini-split air conditioner. On the lower level you will find a cozy family room complete with a half bath and wood stove. This house features a newer heated garage plus a separate shed equipped with electricity. Move right in and enjoy all this home has to offer.



**WOLCOTT \$839,900** — Custom built one owner home offers so many possibilities for multigenerational living, in-law or a home business. A welcoming wrap around front porch draws you through the front door into this 3-bedroom 3.1 bath Cape featuring a sun filled two story great room with fireplace and a slider to the back deck overlooking the yard. The master suite is on the main level and the 2nd and 3rd bedroom upstairs overlooking family room.



**WOLCOTT \$1,399,000** — LAKEFRONT PROPERTY! This home features 10 rooms with lake views from every room. The main house has 8 rooms, all carefully remodeled with an open floor plan. The home features a detached 2 car garage with a studio apartment above, fully remodeled. The property is a .7-acre double lot with a large parking area. There are 2 docks on 60' of frontage on Hitchcock Lake. The kitchen features an island with quartzite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Also on the main floor is a dining room, living room, main floor bedroom and a full bath. Upstairs is the primary bedroom suite, 2 other bedrooms and another large bath. Lake views abound!



**OLD LYME \$699,900** — 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.



**PLYMOUTH \$665,000** — This split level home offers 3 bedrooms & 2 full baths. The kitchen features quartz countertops and newer appliances. The finished lower level, with separate entrance, provides additional living space to suit a variety of needs, along with the addition of the converted garage to office space. Outside, enjoy the newly installed patio, and private backyard perfect for entertaining. Every inch of this home has been thoughtfully updated and is move in ready.



**THOMASTON \$695,000** — Impressive Colonial home features four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. The main level offers a formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, living room with dual sided wood-burning fireplace which opens to a stone patio, and an additional flex room currently used as an office and a half bath. The upper level features hardwood hallway flooring, a generous primary suite with private bath, plus three additional bedrooms and full bath. The fully finished lower level includes a bonus flex room. Heated 3-car garage. Outdoors is a heated in ground pool, hot tub and dedicated garden area.



**WATERBURY \$321,000** — Colonial home features 7 rooms with 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, and approximately 1,460 square feet of living space. The main level offers a spacious living room with built-ins, sunroom filled with natural light, remodeled kitchen and rear porch. The fully fenced backyard has an in-ground pool, patio, and deck. Upstairs, are three bedrooms with hardwood flooring and a full bath. This home also features a one-car garage with access to the full basement where there is ample room for storage.



**WATERBURY \$379,000** — Inviting Raised Ranch with major updates already completed. The living room offers a pellet insert set within the focal-point fireplace. The kitchen features a dedicated dining area with large bay/garden window. The main level also offers three bedrooms and a full bath. The lower level is fully finished with separate living and bonus rooms, full bath, laundry area, and access to the two-car garage. Central air and .44-acre lot provides plenty of parking. This home is not to be missed.



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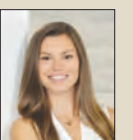
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Around Town Photography  
by Roger Picard



On June 3rd the Wolcott Junior Women's Club awarded the Roseanne Barratt Community Service Award to Ashley Kochan, in center of photo, who was nominated by the Wolcott Congregational Church. Second place for the award was Cathy Piona, on the left, who was nominated by Wakelee School. Judy Bellmare of the Junior Women's Club announced the winner of the award.

The Wolcott Junior Women's Club installed new club leadership recently at a dinner meeting at the Zuppa Italian restaurant on Wolcott Road. New officers for the upcoming year are, from left to right, Colette Bowes, co-Treasurer; Joanne Pajak, co-Treasurer; Robin DiNicola, President; Jeanne Thomas, Recording Secretary; Teri Baltera, Vice President and Laurie Glasser, Corresponding Secretary.

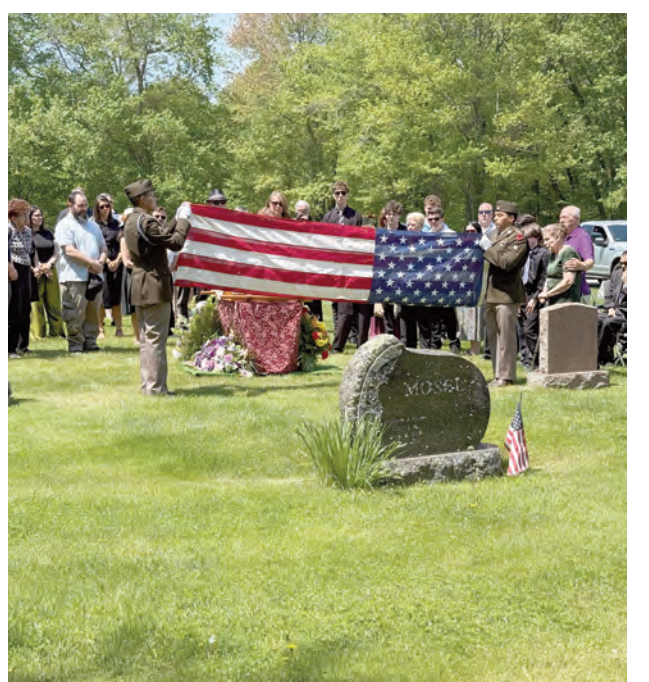
Veterans Brett Muccino and Tony Marino visited all three grammar schools recently to read to the students and share their personal experiences while serving in the Army and Navy respectively during the Vietnam War. Their visits were in conjunction with the upcoming Memorial Day weekend and making student aware of our veterans and the sacrifices they faced.



The Wolcott Lions Club invited their 2026 scholarship winners and their families to their meeting on June 10th at the Lion's Den on Wolcott Road for dinner and to receive their scholarship prizes. From left to right are, Mckenna Huber, Lexann Czyzycki, Steven Butler, Madison Kelly, Samantha Smith, Michelle Amankwa-Sarpong and Peter DalNegro. Each received a \$2,000 scholarship to be used toward their tuition at the college they have chosen to attend in the fall.



The VFW Post 1979 were out placing new flags in a gentle rain on the graves of military veterans in Edgewood Cemetery during the Memorial Day weekend. In this photo veteran Tom Griffin, with a fist full of American flags, was among a group of veterans replacing flags. Over 500 flags were distributed to veteran's graves.



Martin Fahy of M. J. Fahy and Sons was laid to rest with full military honors on May 18th at Edgewood Cemetery. Martin served in the U.S. Army Reserves and retired from the family business in 2016. A large gathering of family, friends and neighbors attended his services, which were handled by Woodtick Memorial of Wolcott.



The Mattatuck Fife and Drum band is always a crowd pleaser at the annual Wolcott Memorial Day parade and they didn't disappoint again this year. The band was formed back in the late 1700's in the parish of Farmingbury, now known as the Town of Wolcott.



Wakelee School celebrated Flag Day recently with all the students surrounding the school flag pole in front of the school. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who attend Wakelee School had the honor of raising the American Flag at the beginning of the Flag Day ceremony. Town and State government officials, along with veterans were on hand to witness the ceremony which included reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of patriotic songs by the school chorus.



# Wolcott Public Library



Wolcott Public Library will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th for Independence Day.

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## Special Events

**Adult Summer Reading 2026 - Continuing Throughout July.** 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 our website for more information!

**BookTok Book Talk - Monday, July 6, 6:30 p.m.** *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang. 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.

**Customize Your Own Keychain - Friday, July 17, 2 p.m.** Use the Cricut to customize your own keychain. Registration Required.

**Steps to Safety: Fire & Fall Prevention - Thursday, July 29, 2 p.m.** Learn about fire safety and preventing falls at home with this program from Chesprocott and the Wolcott Fire Marshal's Office. The program will cover the speed with which fire spreads, the importance of smoke alarms, and preventing fall-related injuries. Registration encouraged.

**250th Anniversary of American Beer - Thursday, July 30, 6 p.m.** To mark America's 250th Anniversary, illustrator, author and Advanced Cicerone (beer expert) Em Sauter will give an illustrated presentation discussing the role of beer and brewing in American history, featuring a donation from Fox Farm Brewery. Registration required, seating is limited.

## 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-tastic Summer Crafts - Every Friday, 1 p.m.** Add to the summer fun and come craft every Friday at 1pm July through August! July 3rd, Salt-Painted Fireworks; July 10th, Clay Shell Pets; July 17th, Wiggly Caterpillar; July 24th, Shell 3D Painting; July 31st, Fish Kites. Registration encouraged.

**PokéMonday - Monday, July 27, 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

**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!

### SUMMER SPECTACULAR!

Special events every Tuesday at 3:30. Registration encouraged.

**Family Tie Dye - Tuesday, June 30 at 3:30** - bring your own cotton shirt.

**Blue Moon Raptors - Tuesday, July 7 at 3:30** - See real birds of prey

**Bring the Hoopla - Tuesday, July 14 at 3:30** - Get moving and learn to hula-hoop!

**Creature Feature - Tuesday, July 21 at 3:30** - Live animal show with White Memorial Conservation

**Father Goose - Tuesday, July 28 at 3:30** - Shadow puppet show with Nappy's Puppets

**Splatter Paint - Tuesday, August 4 at 3:30** - Make messy art with Ms. Meghan.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Rube Goldberg Domino Challenge! Saturday, July 11 at 1 p.m.** Experiment with chain reactions & complete the challenge. Grades 3+

**Bike Rodeo - Wednesday, July 22 at 6 p.m.** Bring your child & their bike. Learn about safety, practice riding with fun mini games, and enter a bicycle raffle. In collaboration with Wolcott Park & Rec and Cub Scout Pack 230!

**Dinosaur Passport** - Visit five participating CT libraries to get your passport stamped to contain the dinos.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

**Luscious Literature- Mondays at 11 a.m.** Listen to a delicious story and create a yummy craft! Children entering grades K-2.

**Drop-in Dominos- Mondays, 1-3:30** Drop-in to the Children's Room to create chain reactions with dominos & more. Grade 3+

**Secret Garden- Mondays at 5:30** Shh... we're making fairy houses, pollinator hotels & more. Grades 1+, space limited- please register.

**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.

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

**Summer Art- Fridays at 1 p.m.** Make summer art with Ms. Amber

## Teen Events - Grades 6-12

### GRADES 6-12

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

**Glow Up Your Drink- Thursday, July 2, 6-7 p.m.** Create your own custom dirty soda. Hang out with friends and get the scoop on summer reading.

**Add Some Sparkle to your Reading Life- Thursday, July 9, 6-7 p.m.** Bedazzle your favorite book cover with gems and sparkle. Bring your own book or choose one from our supply and create a dazzling design that's uniquely yours. Snacks included!

Visit our website to see more Teen Thursday events, every Thursday at 6 p.m.

**Library Lock-in: Nerf Night- Friday, July 10 at 4:30-6.** Registration required.

**Magic the Gathering - Every Wednesday, 6 p.m.** Registration required. 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: July 2nd, Pipe cleaner fireworks; July 9th, Summer markets; July 16th, Shell animals; July 23rd, Puzzle beach wreaths; July 30th, Sea animal stained glass painting. Registration required.

**BINGO Night - Wednesday, July 1, 5:30 p.m.** Lucky numbers, friendly competition, and exciting prizes! Ages 14+, registration required.

**Community Needs Assessment Focus Groups - Wednesday, July 8, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Schedule a time or drop in to make your voice heard for the library addition.

**Painting Party -Thursday, July 9, 6 p.m.** Follow along to create artwork with acrylics. Beginners welcome. Registration required.

**Crafts, at Night - Monday, July 13, 6 p.m.** Shell animals. Registration required.

**Book Club - Wednesday, July 15, 6 p.m.** *Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting* by Clare Pooley. Copies available at the library.

**Friday Films - Friday, July 31, 1 p.m.** *Michael* (2026) d. Antoine Fuqua. Following the life of pop superstar Michael Jackson, beginning with the early days of the Jackson 5 to his pursuit of an extraordinary career that gave him the title "The King of Pop."

## 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.

## 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.



## Friends of the Library

Margaret, Debbie and Candace have been busy keeping the front area of the library clean and looking beautiful. We all appreciate your continued efforts to keep up with the weeds and the flowers. Also, we must thank the Daisy Scouts for coming out and planting the Four O'Clocks in memory of Michaela Pettit. Even the youngest in our midst can help to contribute to the beautification of our Library.

This is the tenth year we have given Tyrrell School 8th grade graduates reading awards from the Olga Krasnovsky Fund. This year's recipients are Raquel Henriques, Emily Stack, Madena Ahmadjan and Addy Byrne who were selected by the Reading Specialists. We congratulate all the graduates this year and wish them the best of luck as they continue on to high school.

We traditionally take the summer off but we will continue to accept donations of books of all kinds (gently used) plus audio books, CD's, DVD's, jigsaw puzzles, games and record albums. We have reserved Saturday, October 10 for our special collection day and our next sale will take place October 22, 23, and 24. As usual we will continue to add new items to our racks at the main entrance for your summer reading.

Enjoy all the summer programs and fun rewards for both children and adults. The Friends are sponsors for many of them and we hope you take advantage of all the special events.

Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 9 at 12:30pm in the downstairs meeting room.



Patrons made beautiful springtime windows in April's Crafts, at Night session! WPL has so many craft programs to choose from, like Art-tastic Summer Crafts on Fridays at 1 p.m. July - August.



We had a blast May 30th at the Family Block Party sponsored by Wolcott Children and Family Engagement.



Citizens Against Substance Abuse (CASA) held their annual car show at the Wolcott High parking lot on June 14th. Over 70 show cars arrived at the event and event attendees got a large variety of cars to look at. Vendors and sixties music were all part of the experience. This aerial photo gives a perspective of area utilized for this event. — *Photography by Picard*

## \$10,000 Donation for New Handicap Access Ramp



The Wolcott Knights of Columbus Armor Dei Council No. 3961 presented St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury with a donation of \$10,000 in support of the construction of a handicap access ramp at the homeless shelter on Benedict Street. This project will help ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness can access our shelter safely and with dignity. This gift was made possible by proceeds from the Council's annual Beverage Tasting event.

From left to right: John Catalina, Grand Knight; Gary Beaulieu, Executive Director, St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury; Paul Healy, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the St. Vincent DePaul Mission and Executive Director, KofC Connecticut State Council, and Council member Al Podzunas.

# Wakelee School News!



First graders in Mrs. Polletta's room completed their final First Grade ELA unit all about the four seasons. To celebrate and showcase their learning, they wrapped up the unit with a Project-Based Inquiry (PBI) activity — a short play inspired by the book "Four Seasons Make a Year" by Ann Rockwell. The students worked very hard to prepare for this performance, and Mrs. Polletta is incredibly proud of their creativity, effort, and confidence.



So proud of our 4th and 5th grade chorus students for sharing their hard work, talent, and dedication with us. Great job!



Two Vietnam Veterans, Anthony Marino and Brett Muccino, came to visit the second graders at Wakelee School to share what it means to observe Memorial Day and a little bit of their personal stories about their service in the military. They shared photographs of their time in the military and gifted each student a poppy in memory of fallen soldiers. We thank you for your service and teaching our students about Memorial Day.



Project Explore students participated in the Plainville Relay for life event. Their team raised over \$1,300 for the American Cancer Society!



Our Kindergarten showcase this year was "Cookies The Musical!" Our students worked so hard for this performance and did a wonderful job!

# Wolcott Historical Society - July 2026



by Florence Goodman

In July of each year the Wolcott Historical Society holds its Annual Garden Tour. This event funds our yearly scholarship which is given to a graduating senior from Wolcott High School.

The July article shares information about the gardens in the tour and adds a bit of history of the land on which these gardens are found. This year information has been added about patriots that might have lived in the area where each garden is found.



The new walkway at the home of Sandy Fitzgerald on Todd Road

The Woodtick Road home of Deb DuBois is filled with glorious gardens throughout the property, indicating that gardening is not new to Deb. Her creative flare for designing floral arrangements for many years at Orchid Florists spills out into her own backyard. Her work with indoor and outdoor plant materials on a regular basis is obvious as you walk around her yard. She has an uncanny ability to arrange flowers and colors while placing them in just the right location while using beautiful statuaries to

accent each area. The back of Deb's property borders the "old Woodtick Road" before it was rerouted to its present location and if you look closely, you may still find remains of it back there. I love the way she has used the hundreds of various sized stones to build a stone wall around one of her gardens in the backyard and the height of the wall grows yearly!! You will enjoy meandering through this garden wonderland and viewing the variety of plants and colors found there! Deb's property is just down the road from where one of our patriots, Judah Frisbie settled. Judah journaled about his time in the Revolution where he served two short enlistments.

The gardens found at the home of Maureen and Jim Andrade are located on Spindle Hill Road. They have been developing their gardens for many years now and their hard work really shows. You will be in awe as you enter their beautiful backyard gardens of daisies, coneflowers, day



Water feature at Karen and Michele's Center Street home

lilies, liatris and so much more. They use various size containers to display colorful annuals which are placed in and around their perennial gardens. They also have a wonderful, covered patio area and deck. The land in the back of their home is bordered by Alcott Brook and that adds an interesting feature to their gardens. This property is historically significant because it was part of Peterson's Dairy farm which was originally owned by James Alcott and later Evelyn Upson. Their house is not far from the James Thomas house; James Thomas served in the Revolution. And just down the road from the house is

Wolcott's Constitutional Oak tree which was planted in 1902 by Representative Upson. These gardens and their history won't disappoint you.

The next garden on the tour is located on Center Street and is at the home of Michele Pinette and Karen. These gardens are on the remains of an old farm, so the land has many large rocks jutting out. It's great to see how they have built their gardens around these boulders or used them as borders. They have a variety of shade and sun plant materials, which include large Hosta, astilbe, a variety of shrubs and day lilies. There are also beautiful stonewalls bordering one side of the property and the backyard is fenced with a natural wood fence. Their patio area has a pergola that is adorned with wisteria and many hanging baskets. One end of the patio also includes a water feature. As you drive down the driveway you can't miss the fully enclosed raised bed vegetable garden, which is a great way to keep the creatures from eating your produce. This yard and these gardens are a pleasure to meander through, and you might want to ask Michele about all the plant material that she brought from Michigan. These gardens are probably on some of the property that was originally owned by the Harrison family. Deacon Aaron Harrison, Jabez, John, Daniel, David, Mark, Aaron (son) and Samuel all served in some capacity during the War of the Revolution.



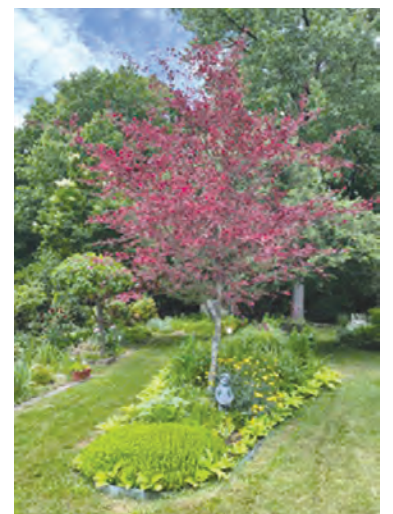
Gardens found at the home of Jan and Ed Trynieszewski on Long Swamp Road



One of the gardens at Ellen and Brett Muccino's Shelton Ave home

Ellen and Brett Muccino's gardens on Shelton Avenue have gone through some major changes over the past few years, especially the vegetable garden. These gardens are found in the southeast section of town better known as the Hitchcock Lake area. Their road received its name from Shelton Hitchcock who owned a large parcel of land here and whose home was located on Meriden Road near the head of the lakes. Ellen and Brett's gardens are always a joy to visit because of the many creative gardening ideas and unique plant materials that are found throughout their property. Entering Ellen and Brett's yard you quickly realize that these gardens were created around an abundance of sun and the slope of the land, which caused soil erosion, they have used this to their advantage by incorporating succulents with other perennials while utilizing river rock for drainage to solve the problem in a beautiful and unique way. They also have an amazing, fenced vegetable garden and a new greenhouse. You will not be disappointed when you view these wonderful gardens. These gardens are just a short distance from Meriden Road where French General le Comte de Rochambeau and 3000 French and German soldiers marched in 1781 enroute to victory at Yorktown, VA. Two French soldiers died here and are buried in a small cemetery in Waterbury.

The Todd Road home of Sandy Fitzgerald, which is not far from Tyrrell School and Garrigus Court have some interesting gardens. These gardens not only have beautiful plant materials, but some very creative garden features. You will find lilies, iris and some evergreens shrubs throughout the yard. Sandy's gardens also continue along her driveway to the front door with two large copper frogs climbing up the wall. A giant red hibiscus should be in full bloom, just in time for our tour. As you enter her backyard gardens you will follow a newly designed path made of various shaped slate stone. Here you will find Hosta, ferns, hydrangeas and daylilies. Her backyard patio is a welcoming and relaxing area, which includes a water feature and several large garden ornaments. Her use of raised beds in this area really adds to the beauty and is a great way to keep the weeds out. There's a lot to see in this backyard paradise so you must walk slowly to enjoy it all. Look for the gecko tree that is also found in the backyard. This region of town is filled with a wealth of history. The Todd and Garrigus homesteads are just around the corner. Both families played an important role in the development of early mills in this area.



One of the many gardens at the home of Deb DuBois on Woodtick Road

Lastly, we head north to Long Swamp Road which received its name from the swampland that surrounds it. Here we will visit the gardens of Jan and Ed Trynieszewski whose house is located on the corner of Seery and Long Swamp Roads. When you open their backyard gate, you are drawn into a walled garden filled with a variety of colorful perennials and a backdrop of trumpet vine along their fence. The triangular shaped garden pergola that is supported by a knee-high wall calls out to you to, "sit down, relax and enjoy the view." Several paths guide you to other gardens that are designed around antique artifacts, beautiful statuaries and a garden shed. Their yard includes shade and sun areas that blend into the natural landscape filled with many unique ideas and wonderful plant materials. What they have created in this beautiful corner-lot is truly amazing and ever so charming. Just up the road from these gardens is Beecher Road. Captain Joseph Beecher settled in this area before 1770. He was called Captain because he was probably one of the officers of the first Farmingbury military company and served in the Revolution under Lt. Col. Mead July 29, 1779, until March 1780.

You will not be disappointed with this year's gardens! For a \$10 donation you can meander through these six beautiful hidden treasures in our town. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 11th from noon to 4:00. Tickets will be sold the day of the tour at the Center School History Museum at 154 Center Street from 11:30-2:00 P.M. To purchase tickets ahead of time call Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818.



Gardens at Maureen and Jim Andrade's Spindle Hill home



The Wolcott Commission for Individuals with Special Needs was honored to participate in the Memorial Day parade this year.

The Commission would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the 2026 Wolcott Special Games a success. Billy Weymer led the Special Games parade as Mayor of the Day.



### 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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48 TODD ROAD  
WOLCOTT, CT 06716  
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## Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



### Independence Day and the Start of Summer!

*"In Congress, July 4, 1776, The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America"*

In 2026, we celebrate 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was ratified and ultimately signed by fifty-six representatives including the following from the State of Connecticut: Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams and the nineteenth governor of Connecticut, our namesake Oliver Wolcott!

As we celebrate our country's semi quincentennial, here are a few tips to stay healthy and safe! Fireworks are a favorite of many this time of year! Leave the firework displays to the licensed professionals and keep a safe distance. Don't forget to apply and reapply sunscreen while outdoors, drink plenty of water and stay well hydrated, use the appropriate safety and reflective gear while walking, running, or riding on the roads, and make sure you take the proper steps to stay safe while involved with activities in the water!

### 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 for more information.

### Emergency Medical Technician Class

Are you looking to become an EMT? 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 will announce the dates of our next class soon. Until then, 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 May, WVAA responded to 192 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 our 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 and visitors of this wonderful community. Enjoy your summer activities & stay safe!



The Exchange Club of Wolcott participated in the annual Memorial Day parade on May 25th. Club members marched in the First Division of the parade and handed out American Flags to children and adults as part of their GIVEAKIDAFLAG programs of service. One thousand flags are handed out annually. — Exchange Club Photo

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

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

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

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



**Donna Belval**

Senior Center Director

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

**Monday**

\*\* 9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games  
 \*\* 9:00-9:30 “Pound Class” using weighted Drumsticks w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation-Donations accepted

\*\* 9:45-10:30 “Monday Motown Madness”—includes Cardio & Strengthening w/ a “Funk Twist” by Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation-Donations accepted  
 \*\* 1:30-3:00 Line Dancing

**Tuesday**

\*\* 9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games  
 \*\*9:00 Chair Yoga w/ Matt--\$2.00 pp per class  
 \*\*9:45 Tai Chi w/ Matt--\$5.00 per person  
 \*\* 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

**Wednesday, July 1**

11:30 Lunch Special—Turkey Breast & Cheese w/ Lettuce & Tomato on a fresh hard roll w/ Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mon. Jun 29  
 5:00 Bus leaves for Southington Music on the Green — “John Melencamp” MUST BRING A LAWN CHAIR — Food Trucks on site — Sign up for bus trip

**Thursday, July 2**

7:30 Bus leaves for Ferry to Port Jeff — Departs Port Jeff at 3:15 Must board the bus at 2:45 to return to Bridgeport — \$25.00 pp — Sign up & Pay by Thurs. Jun 25  
 8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Fresh Hard Roll, \$3.00pp — Sign up 48 hrs in advance

**Friday, June 3**

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

**Monday, July 6**

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Mystik Village — Sign up for bus trip

**Tuesday, July 7**

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

**Wednesday, July 8**

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Brookside Inn—Stop at Rich’s Ice Cream, Sign up for bus trip  
 11:30 Lunch Special Chicken Salad w/ Lettuce & Tomato on a Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon Jul 6

**Thursday, July 9**

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast French Toast w/ Bacon — \$3.00 pp—Sign up 48 hrs in advance  
 12:00-1:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Chesprocott

**Sunday, July 12**

8:45 AM Bus leaves for Water’s Edge — Sunday Brunch — \$71.00 pp (includes tax & tip), Pay at the door Sign up for bus trip

**Monday, July 13**

10:00 Bus leaves for Abbotts Lobster in the Rough or Costello’s Clam Shack, Sign up for bus trip  
 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, July 14**

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a fresh hard roll — \$3.00 pp, Sign up 48 hrs in advance  
 9:00-9:45 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  
 10:30 Bus leaves for lunch at The American Pie Company, Sherman, CT — Sign up for bus

**Wednesday, July 15**

11:30 Lunch Special — Italian Combo — Ham, Salami, Provolone Cheese w/ Lettuce & Tomato on a fresh hard roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon Jul 13  
 5:00 Bus leaves for Southington Music on the Green — “Jimmy Mazz” — MUST BRING A LAWN CHAIR — Food Trucks on site — Sign up for bus trip

**Thursday, July 16**

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

**Tuesday, July 21**

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 Bus leaves for lunch at Nonna Lucci’s — Stop at Carvell Ice Cream, Sign up for bus trip  
 12:00-1:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

**Wednesday, July 22**

11:30 Lunch Special — Roast Beef & Cheese w/ Lettuce & Tomato of a fresh hard roll, Chips & Dessert — \$6.00pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon. Jul 20  
 5:00 Bus leaves for Southington Music on the Green — “Primavera Band” (Italian Music), MUST BRING A LAWN CHAIR — Food Trucks on site — Sign up for bus trip

**Thursday, July 23**

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Blueberry Pancakes w/ Bacon — \$3.00 pp, Sign up 48 hrs in advance  
 9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Clinton Crossings — Lunch to follow at AQUA in Clinton, Sign up for bus trip

**Monday, July 27**

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

**Tuesday, July 28**

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

**Wednesday, July 29**

11:30 Lunch Special — Chicken Breast Parmesan w/ Mozz Cheese on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert — 5.00pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon. Jul 27  
 5:00 Bus leaves for Southington Music on the Green— “Raise Your Hands”-Bon Jovi

MUST BRING A LAWN CHAIR — Food Trucks on site — Sign up for bus trip

**Thursday, July 30**

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Bill’s Seafood — Cash Only — Sign up for bus trip

**Friday, July 31**

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a fresh hard roll, \$3.00pp — Sign up 48 hrs in advance

WE HAVE AN INCREASED NEED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, ROLLATORS & TRANSPORT CHAIRS. IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE ITEMS THAT YOU BORROWED FROM OUR SENIOR CENTER AND ARE NO LONGER USING, PLEASE RETURN SO WE MAY DISTRIBUTE TO OTHERS IN NEED. WE CURRENTLY HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF SHOWER CHAIRS, WALKERS, COMMODORES AND CANES IF ANYONE IS IN NEED. WE ALSO ACCEPT ALL THESE ITEMS IN CLEAN CONDITION AS DONATIONS.

PARKING POLICY: PARKING AT THE SENIOR CENTER IS FOR SENIOR CENTER PARTICIPANTS ONLY FROM 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. IF YOU ARE WALKING THE TRAIL, PLEASE USE WOODTICK RECREATION PARKING LOT AS WE HAVE LIMITED PARKING SPACES FOR OUR SENIORS. A SPACE THAT YOU TAKE IS ONE LESS SPACE FOR OUR SENIORS. THE GATE AT THE SENIOR CENTER WILL REMAIN LOCKED.



Free Mother’s Day Breakfast



Crafty Corner

# Alcott School News



*Project Explore students participated in the Plainville Relay for Life event. Our team raised over \$1,300 for the American Cancer Society!*



*The annual Fifth Grade Kickball Classic was a great success!*

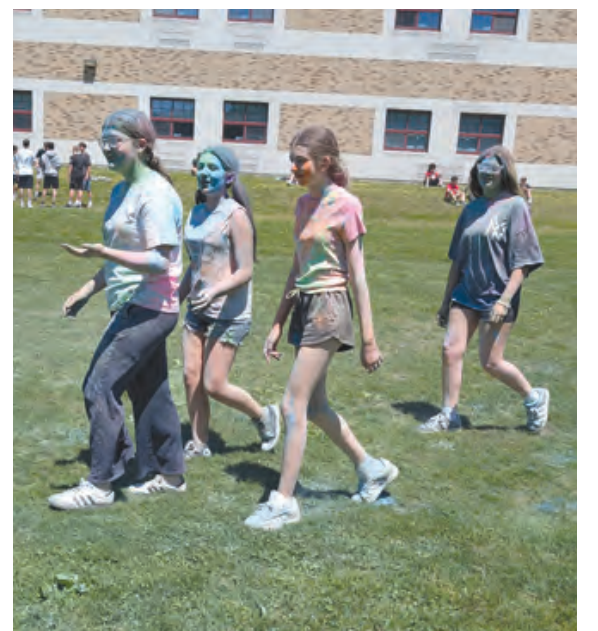
# Target on Tyrrell

## Tyrrell Students Dash Through Color at PTO-Sponsored Color Run

On June 3, Tyrrell Middle School students took part in an exciting **Color Run**, sponsored by the **Tyrrell PTO**. A Color Run is a fun, non-competitive event where participants run or walk a course while being showered with safe, colorful powder at different stations along the way. By the finish line, students are covered in bright colors and big smiles!

The event gave students an opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year, stay active, and enjoy time with friends outdoors. Laughter, school spirit, and bursts of color filled the air as students completed the course and enjoyed a memorable afternoon together.

A huge thank you goes out to the **Tyrrell PTO** for sponsoring this colorful experience and helping create a fun event our students will not soon forget!





# Focus On Frisbie



*Project Explore Students walked in the Plainville Relay for Life and raised funds to help the American Cancer Society at Norton Park this month!*



*Third Graders at the recorder concert*



*Frisbie student participate in the Walk-a-Thon*

# Wolcott Food Pantry

## Distribution Date Reminders

July 1st (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM  
 July 15th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM  
 July 29th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

## Happy 250th Birthday America!

As our nation celebrates its 250th birthday in 2026, the Wolcott Food Pantry extends warm wishes to all our friends and neighbors. This milestone reminds us of the enduring American spirit of generosity, resilience, and looking out for one another — values that have defined our country since its founding.

This year, we are especially grateful for the continued support that allows us to provide nutritious food and hope to families across Wolcott. Whether through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading the word, your kindness helps strengthen our community.

Thank you for helping us live out the ideals of liberty and compassion that make America truly special.

God bless the United States, and God bless Wolcott!

## 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, and/ 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 volunteers at the Wolcott Food Pantry would like to thank everyone that participated in the 'Stamp Out Hunger' campaign sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Our local carriers brought in over 3,000 lbs. of food. Here's a picture of Mark dropping off some of the donations.



The town is adding some finishing touches to the new access road leading to our distribution canopy. The road has eliminated a big traffic issue on Woodtick Rd. and we are relieved we are able to utilize it during food distributions.



Thank you to our volunteers, Tom and Nancy Urcinas, Jason McNeil and Steve Lamphere for representing the Food Pantry in Wolcott's Memorial Day Parade. Proud to be Americans!



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Our local Pat's Store is always helpful to the pantry. Whether it be the owner/management always on the look-out for great bargains or making outright donations to us, to the employees always offering a helping hand when we come to make pickups. Nick is one of those helpful employees!

## Classifieds

### 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

### 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**



# Wolcott High School NEWS



## Wolcott High School Career Day Thank You!

Thank you to the parents, alumni, and community members who volunteered their time to speak with our students during Career Day on May 14! Forty-two different career fields were represented across a wide variety of career pathways, giving students valuable exposure to future educational and professional opportunities. All students in grades 9–12 had the opportunity to attend three career sessions of their choice.

Representatives from a wide range of industries and organizations participated, including Accounting & More, AFSCME Council 4, Archuleta County Denver, the Berlin Police Department, Between Rounds Bagel, Bakery and Sandwich Shop, Bristol Adult Probation, Bristol Fire Department and WVFD Company 3, Chesprocott Health District, Cohen's Children's Medical Center, the FBI, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the Construction Education Center, Cornerstone Counseling, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Scientific Services–DNA Unit, Epic Games, Fax-Alert Weather Service, LLC, Gaylord Specialty Healthcare, Guild Mage Series, Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford, Innovative Electrical Services, Kinetic Engine Systems–Aerocision Division, Live Nation, Metrowest Pathology Associates and GastroHealth Massachusetts Pathology Laboratory, NASA, Northwestern Mutual Investment Services, LLC, Pieces That Fit, LLC, Pratt & Whitney, Prendergast Elementary School, Republic Airways, The Flood Law Firm, LLC, The Network Salon, the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, the U.S. Postal Service, the Veterans Aging Cohort Study (VACS), Waterbury Hospital, Wolcott Animal Control, Wolcott Veterinary Clinic, PC, and Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance.

Their willingness to share their knowledge and experiences helped students gain a better understanding of the education, skills, and opportunities associated with a wide range of careers. We are grateful for their support in helping our students explore possibilities for their futures and make meaningful connections between their education and career goals.



## Congratulations to the Wolcott High School CNA class of 2026!

We proudly recognize the students who have successfully completed the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program at WHS!



Miriam Ahmad, CNA  
Michelle Amankwa-Sarpong, CNA  
Malak Choubai, CNA  
Malak Elahmad, CNA  
Emma Elliott, CNA

Aya Husein, CNA  
Brianna Korcari, CNA  
Sarah Nasiri, CNA  
Keiley Penafiel, CNA  
Lilly Spina, CNA

Eddie Steele, CNA  
Natalia Terolli, CNA  
Juliana Veronneau, CNA  
Shania Watts, CNA

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program provides an excellent introduction to the healthcare field. Students gain valuable knowledge through classroom instruction and hands-on laboratory experiences before applying their skills in a clinical setting while working directly with residents at The Pines of Bristol.

Any junior or senior student, male or female, who is interested in pursuing a career in healthcare and joining this rewarding program is encouraged to contact Mrs. Najarian-Lofgren for more information at [clofgren@wolcottps.org](mailto:clofgren@wolcottps.org) for more information.

Take the first step toward a meaningful career in Healthcare!

**Wolcott High School Leaders Save Lives**

**Wolcott Public Library**  
Held in the Basement Meeting Room  
469 Bound Line Rd  
Wolcott, CT 06716

**Thursday, July 16, 2026**  
**12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: WolcottHigh to schedule an appointment.

Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward by email to see a movie on us! [rcblood.org/july](http://rcblood.org/july)

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

## WHS Student Government Cornhole Tournament

On May 28th the WHS Student Government held the annual cornhole tournament and cookout. It was a fun event attended by both students and teachers. We hope it helped to create some positivity and community as we look to the end of the year.



Congratulations to Charlie Guerrero and Nancy McCallum for taking home the championship!

## Thank You Next Street!

Thank you, Next Street, for donating a full Drivers Education Course to a Wolcott student.

# WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Wolcott Board of Education 2026-27 Meeting Schedule

	FIRST	SECOND
JULY	13 (Monday – BOE Offices)	
AUGUST	10 (Mon – BOE Offices)	24 (Mon – BOE Offices)
SEPT	08 (Tuesday)	21 (Monday)
OCT	05 (Monday)	19 (Monday)
NOV	09 (Monday)	23 (Monday)
DEC	14 (Monday - Alcott)	
JAN	11 (Monday-Frisbie)	
FEB	08 (Monday-Wakelee)	
MARCH	08 (Monday-WHS)	22 (Monday)
APRIL	05 (Monday)	26 (Monday)
MAY	10 (Monday)	24 (Monday)
JUNE	07 (Monday)	28 (Mon-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

Schools			
Schedule	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://alcott.wolcottps.org">https://alcott.wolcottps.org</a> FES: <a href="https://frisbie.wolcottps.org">https://frisbie.wolcottps.org</a> WES: <a href="https://wakelee.wolcottps.org">https://wakelee.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

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 <a href="#">HERE</a>		
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

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- ◆ Superintendent of Schools:  
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Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
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Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
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Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
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Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
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Mrs. Deborah Osvald – 203-879-8183
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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

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- ◆ 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 2026-2027

Month	Days	Date/Event or Holiday
July	1-31	
August	6/3	August 24, 2026: Convocation August 25, 2026: PD Day August 26, 2026: PD Day August 27, 2026: First Day for Students
September	21/21	September 7, 2026: Labor Day
October	21/21	October 12, 2026: Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
November	17/16	November 2, 2026: PD Day - No School November 3, 2026: Election Day November 11, 2026: Veterans Day November 19, 2026: Half Day - Parent Conferences November 26-27, 2026: Thanksgiving (half day 25th)
December	17/17	Dec 24, 2026 - Jan. 1, 2027: Holiday Recess (half day 23rd)
January	19/19	January 18, 2027: Martin Luther King Day
February	18/17	February 12, 2027: PD Day - No School February 15-16, 2027: February Recess
March	22/22	March 26, 2027: Good Friday
April	17/17	April 12-16, 2027: Spring Recess
May	20/20	May 31, 2027: Memorial Day
June	8/8	June 10, 2027: Last Day (tentative half day 9th and 10th)
<b># of Student and Staff Days</b>		
	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Student</b>
August	6	3
September	21	21
October	21	21
November	17	16
December	17	17
January	19	19
February	18	17
March	22	22
April	17	17
May	20	20
June	8	8
<b>Total Days</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>181</b>

\*August 27th, 28th, 31th 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 12, 2027 and moving forward from there.

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**Wolcott \$549,000 - 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 and 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 three story split-level home with lakefront lot on Hitchcock Lake. Enjoy elevated living in this striking home designed to capture both light and scenery. This home offers architectural character and refined finishes thru-out. The living room features beamed ceiling, gleaming hardwood floors, a granite stoned gas-fired fireplace creating a warm, inviting focal point with 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, the home features two full and one half bath. Enjoy summer nights on your 30ft. long deck overlooking both lakes or sit on your dock which is on a separate lakefront lot that provides direct access to the water. Additional highlights include three levels of living space, central air and a 2 car garage. Ask for Gene Fercodini.



**Wolcott \$1,200,000** - Escape to your own private retreat with this unique 7 room Contemporary Saltbox home set on an impressive 102.45 acres of picturesque land. Nature lovers, outdoor enthusiasts, and hobby farmers will appreciate the peaceful setting featuring a pond, stone walls, extensive walking and riding trails. The home offers an inviting living room with a cozy wood stove, a formal dining room, and a kitchen with a convenient breakfast bar. The stunning two-story sunroom fills the home with natural light and creates a beautiful gathering space. There are three bedrooms, including a spacious primary bedroom with a private balcony. Skylights throughout the home enhance the bright and airy atmosphere. Adding exceptional value is a massive 40'x60' garage with 2 12' wide overhead doors, one 14', the other 16' with 200 amp service, ideal for vehicles, equipment, hobbies or workshop space. This extraordinary property offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity in a breathtaking setting. Seller is leaving many items such as a back hoe, dump truck with plow, Yale Scale, generator, many tools, multiple safes, snow plow, etc. Most of the household furniture including custom pieces will be staying with the house as well as the contents of the garage. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



**Waterbury Multi \$749,000** - Historic Gem! Welcome to one of Waterbury's most distinctive multi-family opportunities. This stunning circa-1904 architectural treasure blends timeless character with modern convenience, offering the perfect opportunity for an owner-occupant seeking both lifestyle and investment. Each of the 3 beautiful units features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated kitchens with granite and stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, central air, a 1-car garage, and separate utilities. The home's striking stone facade, slate roof, and classic architectural details create an unforgettable first impression. Inside, are gorgeous well-maintained residences designed for comfortable living and strong rental appeal. A rare opportunity to purchase with owner financing to well-qualified buyers provides added flexibility and makes this exceptional property even more accessible. Own a piece of Waterbury history while enjoying the benefits of multi-family living. Ask for Lynn Lombardi

## 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.

**\$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 for Linda Fercodini

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