

Wolcott, Connecticut

ECONOMIC PROFILE & DEVELOPMENT



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Why Wolcott?

Our community meets the needs of both corporations and small businesses' with an active local chamber of commerce, www.wolcottchamber.com. Wolcott is a residential community located in northern New Haven County with a land area of 21.6 square miles and a population of 16,696. There are about 6,050 total housing units with a median sales price of \$251,900. The median household income in Wolcott is \$87,045.

Wolcott has a mayor and town council form of government. The town has great business tax incentives, a low mill rate (33.14 in 2019), and an AA+/Stable municipal long term bond rating by Standard & Poor (2019).

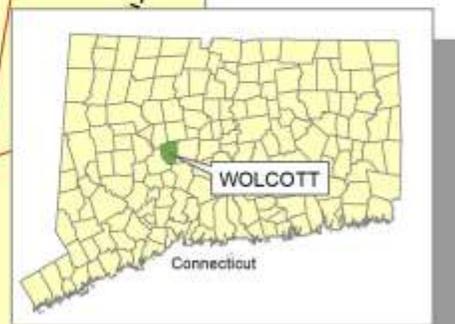


Wolcott Chamber of Commerce



Distance: To/From Town Centers in miles

Beacon Falls	15.8
Berlin	18.6
Bethany	15.2
Boston	125
Bristol	6
Cheshire	9.7
Farmington	18.6
Hartford	23.4
Meriden	13
Naugatuck	12.4
New Haven	34.3
New York	98.6
Oxford	19.3
Plainville	10.1
Plymouth	7.5
Prospect	8.6
Southington	8.3
Stamford	58.9
Wallingford	21.8
Waterbury	6.6
Watertown	10.3



Economic Development

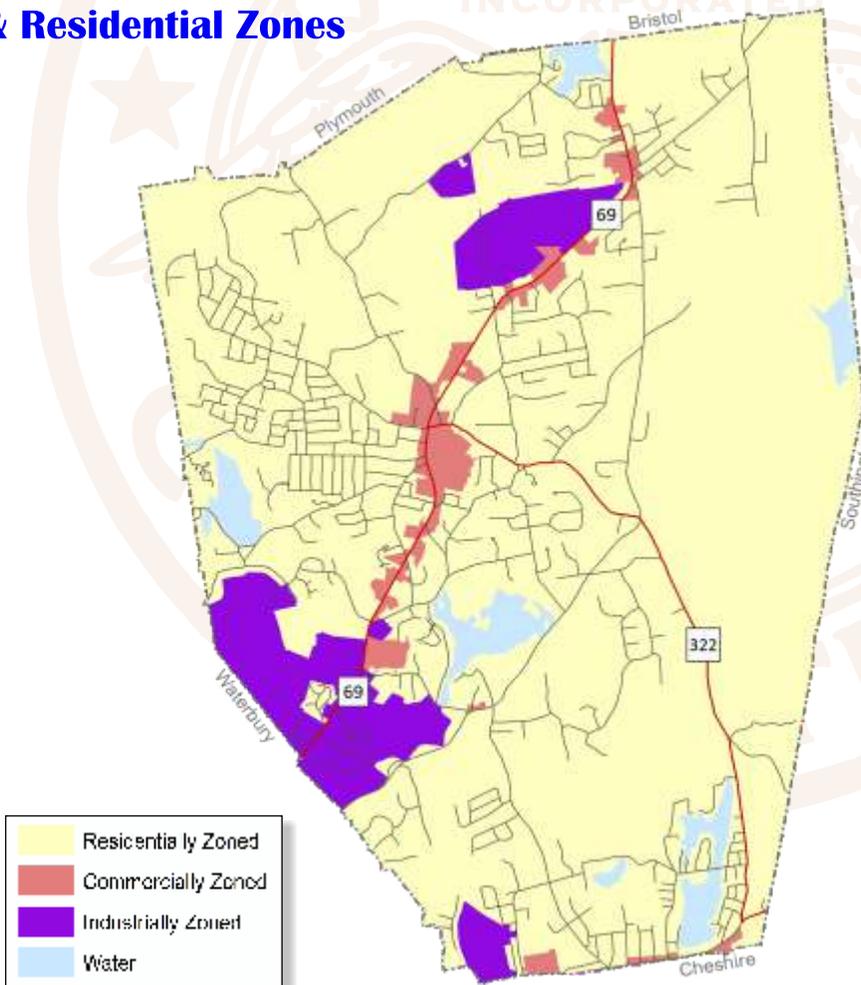
Mission: The purpose of the Economic Development Department is to attract, retain, and assist business growth throughout the Town in order to make Wolcott a better place to live, work, and play.

The Economic Development Department seeks to:

- Provide and create jobs for local and area residents by attracting new businesses.
- Create long-term tax base growth through the construction, replacement, expansion and remodeling of existing business and industrial facilities where appropriate and environmentally sound.
- Assist businesses with Federal and State financing programs as well as other business assistance and consulting services.
- Work with Commercial Brokers on all available properties for sale or lease.

The Town of Wolcott also offers a generous tax abatement program. For information please contact the Tax Assessors office.

Map of Commercial, Industrial, & Residential Zones



Promote YOUR Business

The Wolcott Economic Development Commission has developed a website that is designed to highlight all of the businesses located in Wolcott. Its purpose is to provide more exposure to local business in our town. All Wolcott based businesses are invited to add their company profile to this online directory. There is no cost for this service and it is very simple.

To add your company profile please visit: www.whywolcott.com. Next click on the "Submit Business Profile" link. Complete your information and hit submit. After it has been verified, it will be posted live to the site.

Opportunity

The town of Wolcott offers many sites for the development of businesses. For more detailed information you may go to [wolcottct.org / departments / economic development / available properties](http://wolcottct.org/departments/economic-development/available-properties). For all Economic Development opportunities please contact:

Patrick J. McKinney

Director of Economic Development

Town of Wolcott

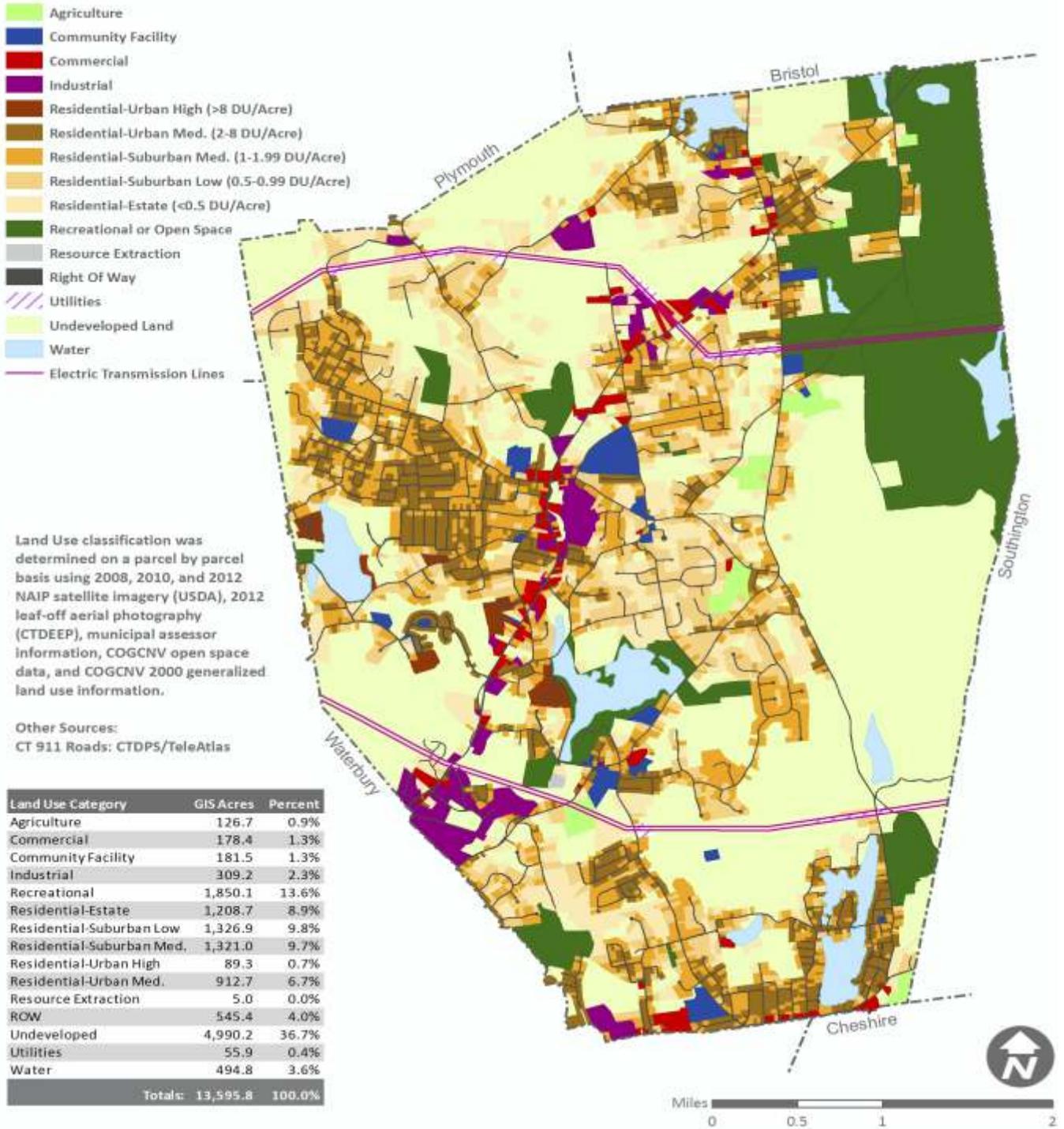
10 Kenea Ave.

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Wolcott Land Use



Wolcott Profile



General Population

Population			Age	Number	Percent
Population	16,696		< 5 Years	722	4.3%
Land Area	21.1 Sq. Mi.		5-17 Years	2,705	16.2%
Population Density	791 Sq. Mi.		18-24 Years	1,459	8.7%
Population (2025)	18,352 (projected)		25-34 Years	1,576	9.4%
			35-44 Years	1,835	11.0%
			45-64 Years	5,640	33.8%
			65 and over	2,759	16.5%
			Median Age		45.2 years
Race	Number	Percent	Income		
White	15,873	95.1%	Median Household Income	\$87,045	
Black	387	2.3%	Median Family Income	\$98,048	
Asian/Pacific Islander	226	1.4%	Poverty Rate	5.2%	State 10.1%
Native American	0	0.0%			
Other/Multi-Race	210	1.2%			



Labor Force & Employment

Labor Force Status			Commuters			
Residents in Labor Force	9,725		Residents Commuting to:	Workers Commuting From:		
Employed Residents	9,231		Waterbury	1,739	Wolcott	787
Unemployed Residents	494		Wolcott	787	Waterbury	613
Unemployment Rate	3.6%		Bristol	476	Bristol	156
			Southington	448	Watertown	99
Educational Attainment			Cheshire	437	Plymouth	92
(Persons Age 25+)		Percent	Hartford	257	Naugatuck	74
High School Graduate	35.9%		Farmington	251	Southington	62
Some College (no degree)	17.8%					
Associates Degree	10.0%		Jobs in Wolcott			
Bachelor or More	28.9%		Total Employment	3,166		



Economics

Sector (Business Profile)	Units	Employment	Mill Rate:	33.14 (2019)
Total - All Industries	394	3,166	S & P Bond Rating:	AA+ (2019)
23 Construction	61	301	Top Five Grand List	
31 Manufacturing	32	408	Connecticut Light & Power	\$10,935,550
44 Retail Trade	36	292	Beach Building	\$4,516,510
62 Health Care & Social Assist.	40	574	Nucap US Inc.	\$4,430,040
72 Accom. & Food Service	33	287	Buell Industries Inc.	\$2,794,710
Total Government	6	530	Vault Trust	\$2,289,860
Local/Municipal Government	5	529	Net Grand List	\$1,234,450,029
			Major Employers	
			Devon Precision Industries Inc. • Wolcott High School	
			Tyrrell School • Nucap US • Wolcott View Manor Health	



Housing

Housing Units	Number	Percent	Average Household Size	2.87
Total Units	6,050	100.0%	Housing Costs	
Vacant Units	292	3.5%	Median Home Value	\$251,900
Occupied Units	5,758	96.5%	Median Gross Rent	\$1,119

No representation or warranties, expressed or implied, are given regarding the accuracy of this information.

Wolcott Organizations



Chamber of Commerce

www.wolcottchamber.com



Exchange Club

www.exchangeclubofwolcott.com



Farmingbury Women's Club

farmingbury@gmail.com



Junior Women's Club

www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org



Lions' Club

secretary@wolcottlions.com



American Legion

www.legion.org



Veterans of Foreign Wars

www.wolcottct.vfw.org



Resource Center

www.wolcottresourcecenter.com



Crossroads

www.wolcottcrossroads.com



Historical Society

www.wolcotthistory.org



Grange No. 173

wolcott@ctstategrange.org



Circle of Sports

www.wolcottcircleofsports.com



Knights of Columbus

www.WolcottKofC.org



CASA

kghendon@wolcottps.org

Town of Wolcott Department Phone Directory

Town Hall	203-879-8100	10 Kenea Avenue
Library	203-879-8110	469 Boundline Road
Rietdyke Senior Center	203-879-8133	211 Nichols Road
Public Works	203-879-8140	48 Todd Road
Sewer & Water	203-879-8141	48 Todd Road
Police Department	203-879-1414	225 Nichols Road
Civil Preparedness	203-879-1414 x53	225 Nichols Road
Animal Control	203-879-1414 x151	225 Nichols Road
Fire Marshall	203-879-1414 x149	225 Nichols Road
Fire Department (volunteer)	203-879-1414	225 Nichols Road
Recycling Center	203-879-8142	48 Todd Road
Ambulance (volunteer)	203-879-4122	48 Todd Road



Public Library



Senior Center



Town Hall



Police Department



Volunteer Ambulance HQ



Fire Department, Company 1



Fire Department, Company 2



Fire Department, Company 3

School System

The Wolcott Public School District is a high performing district based on student performance, school accolades, and district achievements. Wolcott Public Schools offer an exceptional comprehensive education to approximately 2,186 students and employ approximately 209 certified teachers. The school district has three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. Some programs featured at these schools are gifted/talented programs; student services programs for special needs students; UCONN co-op and advanced placement courses; and vocational/technical training programs. The district also offers a host of extra-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics.

- Alcott Elementary School (Pre K-5)** . 203-879-8160 . 1490 Woodtick Rd.
- Frisbie Elementary School (K-5)** 203-879-8146 24 Todd Rd.
- Wakelee Elementary School (K-5)** . . . 203-879-8154 12 Hempel Dr.
- Tyrrell Middle School (6-8)** 203-879-8151 500 Todd Rd.
- Wolcott High School (9-12)** 203-879-8164 . . 457 Boundline Rd.



Average Class Size (2019)

Grade K	23
Grade 2	21.6
Grade 5	20.7
Grade 7	18.2
High School	11.9

Wolcott Schools



Alcott School



Frisbie School



Wakelee School



Tyrrell Middle School



Wolcott High School

Vision

To guide long-range, strategic planning and implementation of programs, the Wolcott Board of Education has prepared and ratified the following list of skills, knowledge, and dispositions that define its aspirations for all students. It is important to note that this vision encompasses a child's thirteen-year journey through our school system. The word "graduate" should not be interpreted to pertain only to high school students. These are attributes to be developed in each classroom in each grade level.

Recreation

Wolcott is an active community with baseball, soccer, basketball, lacrosse and football programs available to community youth. The town has a newly constructed Youth Center and Sports Complex and has created a 3.5 mile walking trail which was completed in 2016.

Wolcott's four large bodies of water provide residents with great access to swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Woodtick Recreational Area is town-owned and open to the public. Private clubs include the Bristol Fish & Game and the Jacklin Rod & Gun Club.

Farmingbury Hills Golf Course

Farmingbury Hills is a 9-hole golf course situated on 85 acres atop Southington Mountain. This beautiful municipal facility is a professionally groomed competitive course with views of both Meriden and Avon mountains.



Peterson Park

Peterson Park has over 65 acres of open space and forests. There are tennis & basketball courts, picnic areas, and playgrounds. It boasts the beginning of the Mattatuck Trail, one of Connecticut's finest hiking trails. Peterson Park also features a dog park on the adjacent property.



Woodtick Recreation Area

The Woodtick Recreation Area features a public sandy beach with lifeguards, restroom facilities, playgrounds, basketball and volleyball courts, and a large picnic area. It is adjacent to a large man-made pond covering approximately 121 acres. It is home to a variety of fish and is stocked twice annually by the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP).



Mill Pond Way Walking Trail

The Town of Wolcott's Mill Pond Way is a 3.5-mile multi-use trail that winds around the 330-acre water body, known as Scovill Reservoir. Within an area steeped in history, the trail was designed to pass through a diversity of cultural, historical and natural landmarks that provide interesting observational opportunities.

It was intended that the design of the trail minimize impact on the environment. As one walks the trail and takes the time to observe the surroundings, he/she will have expansive vistas of the reservoir, experience the activities of the wildlife that abound, and find old stone walls, and foundations that have withstood time and tell of those who once worked this land. Having 6 access locations that are clearly marked, (look for the Mill Pond Way logo signs) one may take a short walk and return, or trek the full loop of the trail, through forests over streams, past high functioning wetlands, and near the reservoir's edge. ACCESS POINTS: Bound line Road parking area, Munson Road parking area, Wolf Hill Road Parking area, the Scovill Recreation Area parking lot, the parking area at the end of Scovill Road and the parking lot behind St. Pius X church. *Note: Much of the trail is ADA compliant.

Those who wish to use the trail may engage in a myriad of activities. One may walk, run, or bicycle. There are many benches strategically placed for comfort and views, or just take a relaxing stroll and take all of nature in. Motorized vehicles and horse riding are not permitted. Fishing is allowed outside of the conservation area in designated locations along the shore for licensed fishermen. Please remember that all users of the trail are expected to adhere to the rules that are posted at each entry point.



Local History

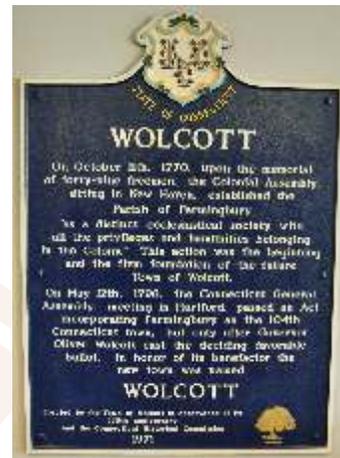
Wolcott's early history begins in the mid 1600s as a tale of two towns, Farmington and Waterbury. Prior to that time this region was a densely wooded area, which served as the hunting grounds for the Tunxis Indians.

In 1690 Thomas Judd, our earliest known settler built a log home on the corner of where Farview Avenue and Meriden Road are today. In 1724 Deacon Josiah Rogers traveled from North Branford and settled in the western side of town. In 1727 Ebenezer Wakelee acquired a large parcel of land in the "great plains" region on the Waterbury/Wolcott line. By 1729 Jacob Benson inhabited "the Hill" where Wolcott center is today. John Alcott of New Haven purchased 117.5 acres of land in the western section of town in the spring of 1731 and Isaac Hopkins settled in the valley just east of Chestnut Hill in 1732. The Frisbie family left Branford in 1759 to settle in the Woodtick area. These are just a few of the early pioneers that settled in what became the Town of Wolcott, Connecticut.

As more settlers moved into these two areas, disputes arose over town boundaries. In April of 1748 the General Court appointed three men from each town and a surveyor to establish the exact boundary between the towns; thus Bound Line Road was born in the settlement of Farmingbury. The name Farmingbury was derived from Waterbury and Farmington.

By the late 1750s the population of Farmingbury was approximately thirty-five families and their overall taxable worth was 2,000 pounds, sterling. These settlers were confident that they could support their own minister and schools so in 1760 they petitioned the General Court to establish themselves as a separate and distinct ecclesiastical society. They cited that traveling overland for substantial distances to attend public worship meetings on the Sabbath was a major hardship. The first and second petitions were denied because Waterbury and Farmington needed the financial support they received for their ministry and schools. However, the Court agreed to give Farmingbury the services of a minister, operating its own schools, and exemption of Waterbury parish taxes during the five winter months only. Farmingbury inhabitants petitioned again in 1767 and 1768 and were denied, but in 1770 the General Court in New Haven granted them permission to be a distinct and separate parish.

On November 13, 1770 the first meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society was held in the home of Joseph Atkins. At this time the Congregational parish officers were elected, a tax rate was set, and construction of a meetinghouse was agreed upon. The frame of the church was raised in April 1772 and by November the first meeting was held in the church.



By the mid 1770s Farmingbury was supporting Connecticut in the American Revolution. Over the course of that war Farmingbury sent 102 militiamen between the ages of fifteen to fifty. With the end of the War came a resurgence of population growth and by the mid 1780s the parish population was 600.

On December 7, 1787, a committee was established to petition the General Assembly to be freed entirely from its parent towns of Waterbury and now Southington (which had been divided out of Farmington in 1779). The process took over four years, but again they were turned down. Petitions failed again in 1792, 1793 and 1795 because of strong opposition from Southington.

In May of 1796 the town once again petitioned the General Assembly and was granted its freedom by a tie-breaking vote cast by the state's Lieutenant Governor, Oliver Wolcott. To show appreciation for the role Oliver Wolcott had played in securing separate town status, the town representatives voted to change the name from Farmingbury to Wolcott.

(By Florence Goodman)

(Information for this article was taken from "Wolcott, Connecticut 175th Anniversary 1796-1971 by John Washburne, "A Brief History of Wolcott," by M.M.N. Hall, 1962, and "The 1986 Historic Resources Inventory" by J.P. Loether)

Life in the Town of Wolcott



Patriots Day



First Responder Appreciation Day



Crossroads One Clean Day of Fun



Memorial Day Parade & Farmingbury Women's Club



Kids & Sports in Wolcott



Junior Women's Club supporting the Local Food Pantry



Wolcott Senior Center



Wolcott Lions Club Dam Race at the Mill Pond Walking Trail



Exchange Club of Wolcott



Citizens Against Substance Abuse



Veterans Day



Concerts at Peterson Park

Wolcott Economic Development Commission



Front Row, From Left:
Mary Kelly *Chairperson*
Judy Miceli *Vice Chairperson*
Linda Segal

Back Row, from Left:
Maggie Gugliotti
Denise Lagasse

Not Pictured
Robin DiNicola
Julie Santasiero