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## THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT WILTON

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WILTON'S STONE WALLS



There are so many reasons to love living or working in Wilton that it was difficult to narrow the list down to 40. Our selections, presented in no particular order, reflect a cross section of what Wilton is all about: community, family, education, respect for the environment, preservation of history, and service to others. We welcome you to visit and experience the things we love about Wilton.

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# 1 A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

The Norwalk River runs through Wilton Center and points north and south. Stocked with trout, residents enjoy fly fishing or watching anglers from the benches throughout the Center located alongside the river.

LAWRENCE FRANK PHOTOGRAPHY



# 2 WILTON LIBRARY

The true heart of the Wilton community located in Wilton Center, the library hosts author talks, book discussions, concerts, art shows, children's programs, and book sales for young and old all year long.

PAUL WARCHOL



# 3 WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Consistently ranked among the best in the state and the country, the schools' student centered curriculum is the pride of the community along with an award winning music and theater program and multiple FCIAC athletic championships.



# 4 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL

The Wilton section of this multi-purpose trail connects hikers, cyclists, and walkers to schools, businesses, and rail stations, all while enjoying the natural beauty of the Norwalk River and its environs.

ROB MCWILLIAMS



# 5 WEIR FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Weir Farm is Connecticut's only national park dedicated to American painting. The park includes Weir House, Weir and Young Studios, barns and gardens - all of which are host to numerous educational and cultural events throughout the year.

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# 6 TWO METRO NORTH TRAIN STATIONS

Wilton has two Metro North train stations with multiple daily trains to New York City and free parking. Wilton Station is centrally located just off Route 7 and Cannondale Station is a historic train station located in the heart of Cannondale Village.

# 7 MINKS TO SINKS

Held each spring and fall, the "biggest treasure hunt in town" was started in 1931 and sells items that are donated or consigned all to raise funds for the Family and Children's Agency of Fairfield County.

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# 8 SUMMER CONCERTS

Wilton has an abundance of free outdoor concerts during the summer at both Merwin Meadows and Schenck's Island where residents bring their own picnics and enjoy the talents of local musicians.

GOOD MORNING WILTON



# 9 AMBLER FARM

This 22-acre farm honors Wilton's agrarian history with hands on educational programs, summer camp programs, sustainable farming, a farmers market and cultural programs including Ambler Farm Day, Maple Syrup Tap-a-Tree, and the Youth Apprenticeship Program.

COURTESY OF AMBLER FARM



# 10 JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

Grab a blanket, chair and picnic and join your neighbors at the town's annual 4th of July celebration. Food trucks, games for the kids, and a DJ all rock this fun family event at the Wilton High School complex. The evening culminates in a fantastic fireworks display.



# 11 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

A wonderful Wilton tradition, all of Wilton comes out to enjoy a day's worth of events including the Kiwanis pancake breakfast, the Wilton Education Foundation's Get Smart for Wilton 5K, and the Memorial Day Parade through Wilton Center.

JOHN SAVARESE



# 12 ALLEN'S MEADOWS COMMUNITY GARDENS

The community gardens located at Allen's Meadows are a gardener's dream. Available to residents through Parks and Recreation, plots are plowed and ready for planting in early May.

# 13 WILTON SUPPORTS SENIORS

Wilton provides diverse housing options for our senior population from condos to assisted living to skilled nursing facilities, enabling residents and their loved ones to age in place. Resources such as Stay at Home Wilton, Dial-a-Ride, and the Senior Center provide activities and support that ensure enriched lives for our seniors.



# 14 TOWNWIDE CLEAN UP DAY

This annual Saturday morning event sponsored by the Conservation Commission has resulted in the collection of many tons of trash by participants representing families, schools, clubs and civic organizations from the town.

# 15 WOODCOCK NATURE CENTER

An unspoiled habitat of over 140 acres, Woodcock Nature Center offers year-round beauty with its nature center, animal habitats, summer camps, and walking trails.



# 16 WILTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (WVAC) AND CITIZEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

An example of Wilton's strong tradition of volunteerism, WVAC is an emergency medical service staffed by volunteers. CERT volunteers undergo special training to be able to assist in emergencies and with organizing town activities.



TURNER CONSTRUCTION

# 17 COMSTOCK COMMUNITY CENTER

Comstock Community Center keeps busy as home to Parks and Recreation programs and classes, afterschool activities, the Senior Center, Wilton Food Pantry, Wilton Youth Services, and the Wilton Garden Club's greenhouse.



# 18 HALLOWEEN WALK

Children jam Wilton Center for this event in late October where they trick or treat at shops and businesses and at booths set up along the way by local civic groups.

# 19 WILTON INTERFAITH ACTION COMMITTEE

Comprised of members from all of Wilton's faith organizations, this group organizes the annual Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event with over 700 volunteers and has sponsored the relocation of refugee families.

# 20 WILTON RIVERBROOK REGIONAL YMCA

Home to the nationally recognized Wilton Y Wahoo swim team, the Y offers two indoor swimming pools, a new Wellness Fitness Center, a sandy beach and pond for summer months, paddle tennis courts with organized leagues, a gymnastic center, summer camp programs, as well as extensive youth and adult programs.



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## 21 WILTON YOUTH SPORTS

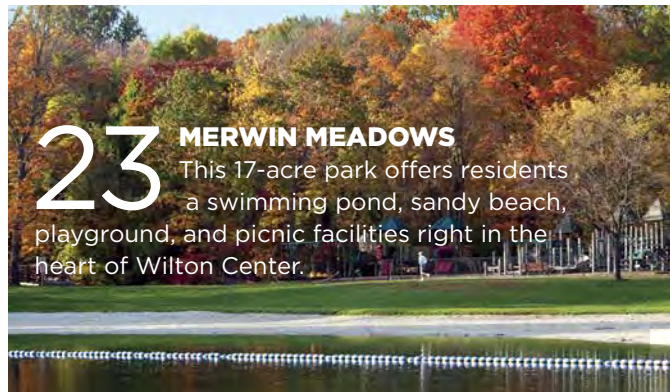
Many youth sports organizations – field hockey, basketball, lacrosse, football, soccer, baseball, softball, running and more – give children of all ages and abilities the opportunity to play organized sports in town.

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## 22 SCHENCK'S ISLAND

This 13.5-acre oasis in Wilton Center, located along the Norwalk River, provides walking trails and hosts community events such as moonlight hikes, marshmallow roasts, and summer concerts. Plans are underway to expand its offerings.



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## 23 MERWIN MEADOWS

This 17-acre park offers residents a swimming pond, sandy beach, playground, and picnic facilities right in the heart of Wilton Center.

## 24 VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS AND MORE VOLUNTEERS

Wiltonians love to participate. Whether with local non-profits and churches or sports organizations or on Town boards and commissions, residents are always raising their hands to help.

## 25 ADULT RECREATION

Tennis, pickle ball, soccer, basketball and softball are just a few of the sports available to keep adult residents active and healthy. Many also enjoy the many miles of hiking trails and parks in Wilton.



GOOD MORNING WILTON

## 26 ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE PLAYING FIELDS

Wilton is a leader in sports field safety with two environmentally-friendly coconut husk turf fields, with concussion padding, providing safer playing for high school athletes and youth sports participants. The High School Complex is complimented by state-of-the-art lighted tennis courts and a running track.

## 27 KENT POND SKATING

Lace up your skates and enjoy a day of ice-skating on a winter's day at one of Wilton's most popular ponds.

## 28 TRACKSIDE TEEN CENTER

With a performance stage, a café, and plenty of electronics, Trackside provides a safe and fun spot for Wilton's middle school and high school aged residents.



## 29 WILTON GARDEN CLUB

Members of the club keep Wilton beautiful by maintaining Wilton Center gardens. They also maintain and manage historic Old Town Hall and hold a very popular spring plant sale on Mother's Day weekend on the Town Green.

## 30 WILTON'S COMMITMENT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

In addition to an award winning Zero Waste Program in our schools, Wilton is able to meet 70% of municipal and school electricity needs by solar power. Vehicle charging stations are offered at the community center and in town.

Miller-Driscoll School



## 31 THE PERFORMING ARTS

The performing arts are alive and well in Wilton. Check out a Wilton Playshop production, a holiday concert by The Wilton Singers, dance performances by many local dance schools, or a children's production staged by the Wilton Children's Theatre.



## 32 WALKING TRAILS OF WILTON

Visit the Conservation Commission's webpage for trail maps and information on over 20 walking trails in Wilton.

## 36 WILTON ROCKS FOR FOOD

Wilton musicians and singers rock the house at this annual fundraiser for the Wilton Food Pantry and the Connecticut Food Bank.

## 37 THE BRUBECK COLLECTION

The Brubeck Collection, established by late jazz legend Dave Brubeck and his wife Iola, is one of the preeminent jazz archives in the world and serves as a "living archive" to Dave's long and illustrious career as a celebrated musician and composer. Future musicians, musicologists, researchers, historians, jazz aficionados, and the public are welcome.

## 33 HOLIDAY STROLL

On the first Friday of December, Wilton Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual

Holiday Stroll. Residents get into the holiday spirit with a bonfire and marshmallow roast at Schenck's Island, carolers, the arrival of Santa on Wilton Fire Department's Ladder Truck 5, and a menorah and tree lighting on the Town Green.



## 34 WILTON RESTAURANTS

From gourmet dishes to the classic American diner fare, Wilton has a wide range of options for any palate or pocketbook.



## 38 FARMERS MARKETS

Farmers markets thrive all around Wilton during the summer months. Visit Wilton Farmer's Market at the Town Green, the Farm Stand at Ambler Farm, or the Georgetown Farmers Market at Old Mill Road in Georgetown.

## 39 WILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Take a walk through history at the Society's museum complex where visitors can experience what domestic life was like in the 18th through 20th centuries, see a tool collection, watch a blacksmith at work, or visit the 1750 Colonial Herb Garden. During the holidays, the Society hosts a train exhibit and a "Visit with Santa" weekend.

## 40 WILTON'S STONE WALLS

Wilton's roads and properties are graced by miles of original stone walls. Originally built to identify property boundaries, the walls lend a true, country feel to town.

## 35 WILTON SHOPPING

A variety of family owned shops can be found along Route 7 and in Wilton Center. From sporting goods, clothing, hardware, grocery, pharmacy, and specialty stores, Wiltonians can easily meet their daily shopping needs.



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