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## THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT WILTON

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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 the 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, 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 with three U.S. Presidential Scholars in 7 years, an award winning music and theatre 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.



# 6 CANNONDALE TRAIN STATION

Located in the heart of Cannondale Village, this historic train station is one of two Metro North train stations in town. Residents enjoy free parking at both Wilton and Cannondale stations.

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# 7 MINKS TO SINKS

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

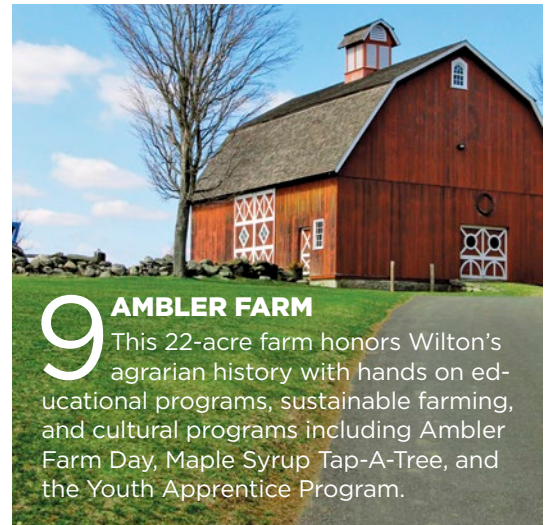
Wilton has an abundance of free concerts during the summer, including weekday concerts in the acclaimed Brubeck room at Wilton Library and weekend outdoor concerts at Merwin Meadows and Schenck's Island.



GOOD MORNING WILTON

# 9 AMBLER FARM

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



COURTESY OF AMBLER FARM

# 10 JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

Grab a blanket, chair, and a 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.

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# 12 BOW TIE CINEMA

Grab some popcorn and enjoy the latest movie releases at this four-screen theatre in the heart of Wilton Center.

# 13 WILTON SUPPORTS SENIORS

Wilton provides a diverse housing stock from condos to assisted living to skilled nursing enabling residents to age in place. Resources such as **Stay at Home Wilton** and the **Senior Center** provide activities and support that ensure enriched lives.



# 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, and civic organizations from around 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, and walking trails.



# 16 WILTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS/ CITIZEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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.



TURNER CONSTRUCTION

# 17 COMSTOCK COMMUNITY CENTER

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



# 18 HALLOWEEN WALK

Children jam Wilton Center for this Saturday 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 two refugee families.

# 20 WILTON RIVERBROOK YMCA

Home to the nationally-recognized Wilton Y Wahoo swim team, the Wilton Y offers swimming pools, a sandy beach and pond, paddle tennis courts, a gymnastics center, a fitness center, 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 youth 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 functionality.



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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.

## 26 WILTON RESTAURANTS

From the gourmet dishes found at The Schoolhouse at Cannondale or Bianco Rosso to the classic American diner fare at Orem's or the Village Luncheonette (kids love the twirling stools!), Wilton has a wide range of options for any palate or pocketbook.



## 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.

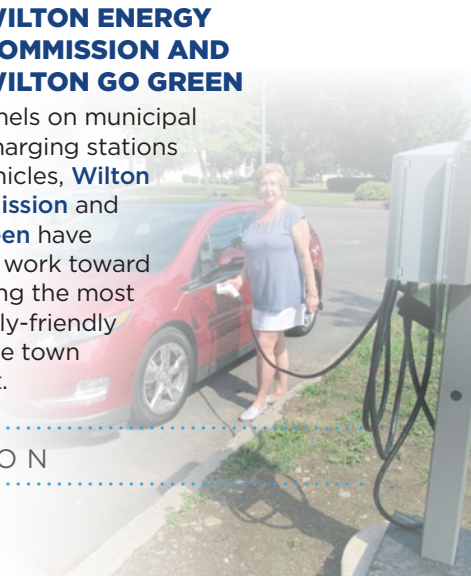


## 29 WILTON GARDEN CLUB

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 ENERGY COMMISSION AND WILTON GO GREEN

From solar panels on municipal buildings to charging stations for electric vehicles, **Wilton Energy Commission** and **Wilton Go Green** have helped Wilton work toward a vision of being the most environmentally-friendly and sustainable town in Connecticut.



## 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**, dancing performances by **The Walter Schalk School of Dance**, or a children's production staged by **Wilton Children's Theatre**.



## 32 COCONUT HUSK TURF FIELD

The first of its kind in the State, this environmentally-friendly field with concussion padding, provides a safer playing field for high school athletes and youth sports participants.



GOOD MORNING WILTON

## 33 A WALKER'S GUIDE TO WILTON

The Conservation Commission developed this informative guidebook to selected open space lands and trails in Wilton. It is full of information including a history of each property, directions and trail maps.



## 34 HOLIDAY STROLL

Come for a festive evening in Wilton Center on the first Friday of December and stroll through the shops, hear festive music from the Wilton High School band, enjoy roasted marshmallows by a bonfire at Schenck's Island, and visit with Santa Claus on the Town Green.

## 36 WILTON ROCKS FOR FOOD

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

## 37 ALLEN'S MEADOWS COMMUNITY GARDENS

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



## 38 FARMERS MARKETS

Farmers markets thrive all around Wilton during the summer months. Visit Wilton Farmers Market at the Wilton Historical Society, 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.

## 40 WILTON'S STONE WALLS

Wilton's roads 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 meet their daily needs.

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