



WILTON GO GREEN

ANNUAL REPORT
2025

**Engaging, Educating &
Inspiring Green Living**



PRESIDENTS LETTER



In the fall of 2009 a committee of the Wilton Energy Commission was charged with putting on the first Wilton Go Green Festival. The goal was to create a fun, informative day for people to learn about the simple steps they can take to make better use of energy, money, and our scarce resources. After the success of this event and the interest shown from residents and other organizations, volunteers spun-off from the Wilton Energy Commission to establish Wilton Go Green, Inc in 2010.

BOARD

Tammy Thornton - President
Tina Duncan - Vice-President
Denise Reznik - Secretary
Debra Eggleston - Treasurer
Dana Gips - Board Member
Surbhi Madhvani - Board Member
David Havens - Board Member
Cynthia Keating - Board Member
Marlen Clark - Board Member

15 YEARS LATER WE ARE STILL HERE. Our numbers and activities have ebbed and flowed but our mission and commitments have remained steadfast. Over the years we've grown our community partners in order to reach a wider audience to educate more residents on energy efficient, reducing waste, making sustainable swaps and appreciating our local and global environments. In 2025, we were able to continue some of our tried and true traditions but also expand some of our programming such as the Wild & Scenic Film Festival and a second Shred Day thanks to these vital community partners.

As we move into a new year, we are looking to engage more residents through volunteer opportunities that cultivate new partnerships and create engaging programming. **WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!**

With sincere gratitude,

Tammy Thornton
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President

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501(C)3 NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION

WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Wilton Go Green joined together with six other local non-profits to bring the first Wild & Scenic Film Festival to Wilton.

The event was designed as a fundraiser for each organization that brought together our community, professionals and advocates to support our shared missions.

We welcomed over 200 guests, sponsors and community partners to the Wilton High School Little Theatre on a Saturday in March to watch a showcase of powerful films that aligned with our shared values.

The event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors: ASML, Kimberly Burke/Berkshire Hathaway, Boxed Water, Athletic Brewing Co., Lesser Evil, Village Market, Caraluzzi's and Dean and Liz Keister.



Pictured: Back row - Gerald Berrafati, Kelly Donahoe, David McCarthy, Andrea Gartner, Donna Merrill, Elise Allum. Front row - Louise Washer, Jackie Algon, Tammy Thornton



ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



Our 3rd Annual Community Celebration was held in April at Wilton Library. Wilton Go Green Board members were joined by honorees and community members for an evening celebration to acknowledge sustainable practices in our town including our 2nd Annual Green Neighbor Award.

The Green Neighbor Award asks Wilton residents to nominate a fellow “neighbor” whom they felt deserved to be recognized for their green efforts big or small.

Green Neighbors

Madeleine Bordeaux
Anne and Wayne Gura
Ashley Lionetti
Alison Smith

Environmental Stewards

Laurie Musilli & Pam Nobumoto
&
Polly Metz, Lynn Schuster,
Avery Starr, Celia Queiros

Green Town Official

Wilton Police Department

Green Businesses

Loop de Loop
Wilton Auto & Tire

Green Community Partners

Ambler Farm
Trinity Solar - Lori Scala
Wilton Land Trust

Green Student

Danny Babashak

ELIZABETH CRAIG AWARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

HILLSIDE CEMETERY for their commitment to a diverse and sustainable urban forest
thereby receiving Level I Arboretum Accreditation from ArbNet



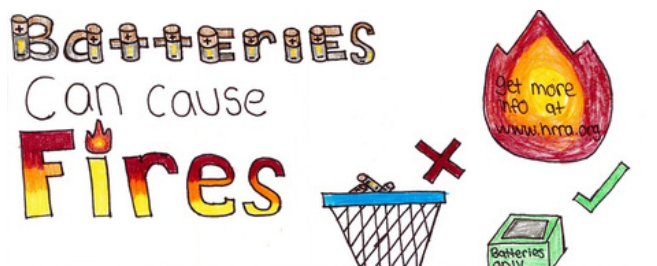
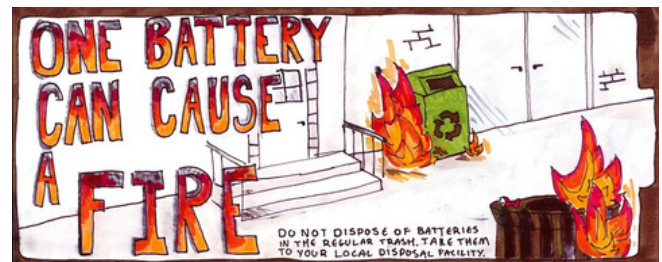
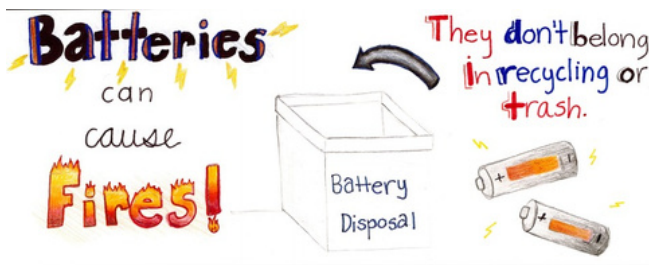
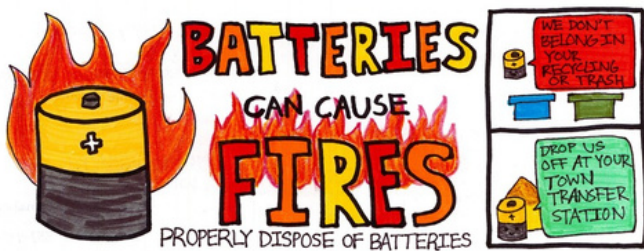
A green recycling bin and a black compost bin are shown outdoors. The compost bin in the foreground is filled with a white plastic liner and contains several pieces of food waste, including orange peels and a red apple. The recycling bin is in the background.

TOWN OF WILTON FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION PROGRAM

Since February 2023 Wilton who use the Wilton Transfer Station have diverted **104,400lbs or 52.20 tons** of food scraps from our waste stream.

HRRA BILLBOARD RECYCLING CONTEST

Wilton's Regional Winners



Scan to see all of Wilton's local winners



All local Wilton winners are hung up at Comstock Community Center.
All HRRA Regional winners can be found at www.HRRA.org.

WILTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

EACH AWARDED A \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP
FOR THEIR ACTIONS TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE WILTON



DANNY BABASHAK



For his commitment to reducing single-use plastics through a reusable utensil and dishwasher program at Wilton High School.



SAVONNA BOCCHINO



For her dedication and determination to educate students on sustainable fashion and creating the first WHS Thrift Store.

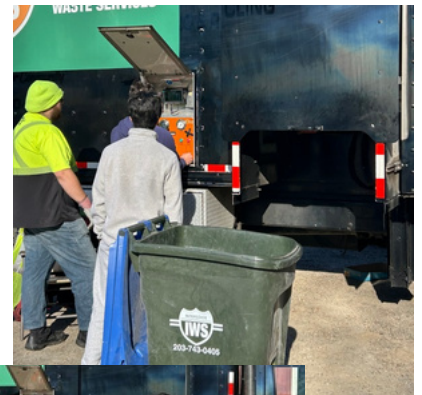
BOOKS & A BLANKET

Continuing our partnership with Wilton Land Trust and Wilton Library in order to allow families and children to immerse themselves in nature. Families joined us at the WLT Chestnut Meadows to hear stories from our town librarians, created an upcycled craft lead by Wilton Go Green and go on a short walk around the meadow with WLT.



COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Wilton Go Green hosted on our own in the spring and then joined forces with the Wilton Kiwanis Club to host a second successful event in the fall.



TABLING AT EVENTS & SPONSORING SORTING STATIONS*

When we table at events we share tips for swapping out single-use items for reusables, teach residents how to recycle right, while using our new conveyor belt game designed by Wilton High School student Brody Fusco, share tips on reducing food waste and more!

- Wilton Farmers' Market
- Woodcock Nature Center's Frothy Forage
- Miller-Driscoll PTA Carnival*
- Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale and Street Fair*
- Wilton Historical Society Food Truck Festival*
- Ambler Farm Day*



5TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXCHANGE

continues to be a much anticipated event! No guest left empty handed. We are so proud of how the community has continued to embrace this REDUCE and REUSE event.





GREEN SPEAKER SERIES EVENTS


Wilton Go Green

HEAT PUMPS 101

WEBINAR

MATT CORONA
Abode Energy Management on behalf of the Sponsors of Energize Connecticut™

 **FEBRUARY 5TH**
6:30 - 7:30PM

REGISTER IN ADVANCE

WWW.WILTONGOGREEN.ORG

BACKYARD COMPOSTING 101

With Jennifer Heaton-Jones
HRRRA Executive Director & Certified Master Composter

Saturday, March 15th
10:30am - Noon Wilton Library

- 1 What type of bin is best for you and where to put your bin,
- 2 What to put into your bin (and what to avoid!)
- 3 How to manage your bin (troubleshooting)
- 4 Harvesting and using your compost



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Totally Obsessed with Kelp!

Watch "Kelp!" a 30-minute documentary and then hear from Leigh Shemitz, Ph.D., President of Soundwaters, about kelp in local waters and the environmental benefits of kelp farming:

MAY 29TH, 2025
6:30pm - 8:00pm
WILTON LIBRARY



REGISTRATION: online at www.wiltonlibrary.org
OR CALL 203-762-6334

WILTON LIBRARY



DIY MOTHER'S DAY LOTION

Wilton Go Green Board Member David Havens worked with the after-school program at Wilton Parks and Recreation to help the kids make their own lotion.





WILTON PRIDE “ADOPT A SHOP”

Wilton Pride and the Wilton Chamber of Commerce sponsored the town-wide program to celebrate Pride Month. Wilton Go Green was proud to adopt Marley's Bistro

TRACKSIDE TEEN CENTER COMMUNITY SCAVENGER HUNT

Wilton Go Green joined the fun of the town-wide scavenger hunt by placing our “Optomistic Octopus” at Nova Cafe for participants to find.



GLASS PICK UP

Continuing our Ogden House weekly glass recycling pick up by Wilton Go Green volunteers

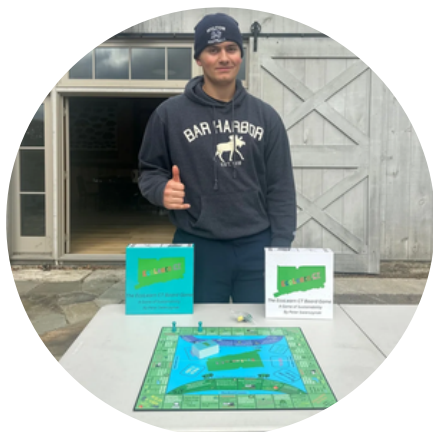
THE GREAT PUMPKIN DROP OFF AT AMBLER FARM

Our 3rd Annual collection with Ambler Farm collected two boxes of pumpkins and gourds that were delivered to local farms to feed animals instead of the incinerator!



ECOLEARN CONNECTICUT BOARD GAME

Wilton High School Green Team student Co-President Peter Swierczynski created the board game in order to empower Connecticut communities through environmental education, advocacy, and action. Peter donated copies of the board game to local libraries and organizations. A portion of the funds raised to make the game were donated to Wilton Go Green.



PARTNERSHIP WITH TRINITY SOLAR

Through our partnership with Trinity Solar we've helped many in our community find a way to explore solar and control their monthly utility bill.







Celebrate Earth Day

Making a Difference.

Trinity helps us raise money while providing our supporters, family and friends with a no-cost solar installation.

Call 800.655.2500 To Learn More

For terms and conditions visit www.trinity-solar.com/community-partners

Support Wilton Go Green And The Environment.

Wilton Go Green receives a financial contribution for every qualifying consultation and solar installation. We are grateful to have received \$8500 to date through this partnership.

WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ZERO WASTE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

IN THE NEWS:



Wilton High School Student helps secure funds for a dishwasher and reusable utensils.



Thanks to the passion and vision of Wilton High School Senior Danny Babashak, Wilton High School received funds to install a dishwasher and start a reusable utensil program in January 2025. This makes the third of the four Wilton schools using reusable utensils in their cafeterias.



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS, VOLUNTEERS AND DEDICATED BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE COULD NOT FULFILL OUR MISSION WITHOUT YOUR VISION, HELP AND SELFLESS PHILANTHROPIC PASSION.

OUR MISSION:

Wilton Go Green is committed to engaging, educating and inspiring Wilton residents to embrace a lifestyle of environmental sustainability. Our initiatives encourage residents, schools and businesses to be responsible stewards of air, land, wildlife and other natural resources advancing a collective culture of conservation. We believe every individual can make a positive difference in green living and fundamentally change the health and welfare of the Town of Wilton, our residents, and the surrounding communities.

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