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DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE IN AUGUST PRIMARIES

August 9, 2022 is Primary Day. Register with a party to participate.

Check your voter registration status at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/1191/Voter-Information-Lookup>.

To change your party affiliation, your address, or to register to vote, click on the "How to Register to Vote" link. May 9, 2022 is the deadline for an elector to change from one party to another and be eligible to vote in their new party's Primary.

The in-person deadline is August 8, 2022, by 12pm noon for unaffiliated voters to affiliate with a party to be eligible to vote in their new party's Primary.

Online voter registration is available at <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do> for new voters.

GET YOUR TICKETS TO THE SENTINEL AWARD EVENT HONORING BOB CAPAZZO

On Thursday evening, June 30, co-chairs Stephanie Dunn Ashley and Pamela Pagnani invite you to kick-off your Independence Day holiday weekend at the Audubon honoring the 2022 Sentinel Award recipient, Bob Capazzo. Tickets are available at this link:

www.greenwichsentinel.com/sentinel-award/

COVID HOSPITALIZATION UPDATE

The number of patients currently hospitalized with COVID in Connecticut is up to 165 as of Wednesday. Of the 165 patients currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID, 111 patients (67%) were fully vaccinated.

NEW MEMBER OF COS COB FIRE POLICE PATROL

Sebastian Franks joined the Cos COB Fire Police Patrol this past Saturday. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter contact Brian Kelly at bkelly@ccfpp.org

GREENWICH POLICE ONCE AGAIN ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO LOCK CARS

On Tuesday April 19th, two vehicles were stolen from Greenwich at sunrise. The vehicles were then quickly recovered in Bronx, NY. The Greenwich Police Department is reminding residents that the best way to avoid having your car stolen is to always lock your car and take your keys, even when parking in your driveway or running a quick errand.

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Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

I did a short story on Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day, in 1996. What he said to me about kids is so profound!

"When kids bug their parents, when they say, 'Don't throw that away - recycle it' - that's when the learning starts in the home." Senator Gaylord Nelson, Founder of Earth Day, 1970, as told to this reporter in 1996.

The Push is on to Secure the Care of the Great Green Secret of Greenwich - the Nichols Preserve

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

There is a magical place found in the most northwestern corner of Greenwich, a 94-acre property called the Nichols Nature Preserve. "You can come out of the woods and there are some very large, beautiful fields. You can go riding through the woods, and go around some ponds, and then go through the fields - and there's an apple orchard. It's got a little bit of everything." So shares Jennifer "Jenni" Freedman, a horseback rider and chairman of that Preserve that is owned by the Greenwich Riding and Trails Association (GRTA).

So, if one doesn't ride horses how well known in Greenwich is this Preserve? "It's a secret, really," tells Freedman. "The neighbors know about it and the equestrian community knows about it. But it's off the beaten path." Yes, one enters it from a little-known path called West Lane off Bedford Road, where only 10 of those 94 acres are in Greenwich, the other 84 are in North Castle, NY.

Hikers have found it and those who go there to fish or to bird watch or walk their dogs. But fair warning, horses have right of way.

Megan Murphy has grown up horseback riding with her family in the Preserve. "It's so wonderful as a nature lover and especially as an equestrian to have such a beautiful, open space in Greenwich," shares Murphy. "I can go out there for a conditioning gallop as I prepare for a horse event or out for a relaxing morning trail ride with my mom to start the day. We're so lucky to have a large Preserve in the area to go jumping and riding around without having to cross any roads."

And John Nelson certainly knows of it. "Several of us who like to cross country ski in and around Greenwich love the GRTA Nichols Preserve. It has lots of flat trails both in the woods (which minimizes snow drifts and wind scouring), and those mowed by the GRTA in the beautiful nearly 30-acre west-facing meadow. The trails are free of scrub-growth and downed



Nichols Preserve in spring. "It's a unique place in Greenwich to enjoy the outdoors and always feels private," tells Megan Murphy. Contributed photo.

branches; truly a cross country skier's and equestrian delight." And all of that "lovingly maintained by the GRTA," Nelson notes.

It's that critical maintenance by the GRTA that is on Jenni Freedman's mind. So, there's expenses related to that maintaining of trails and meadows, says Freedman. "Not huge expenses because it's a nature preserve." Expenses she tells of "about \$6,000 a year just to maintain it - assuming there's no big capital

project." Having set up earlier an endowment fund following an initial fundraiser there was \$30,000 in that endowment fund. "But If we put \$100,000 in the endowment," says Freedman, "we could take five to six percent a year and it would basically be self-sufficient in perpetuity."

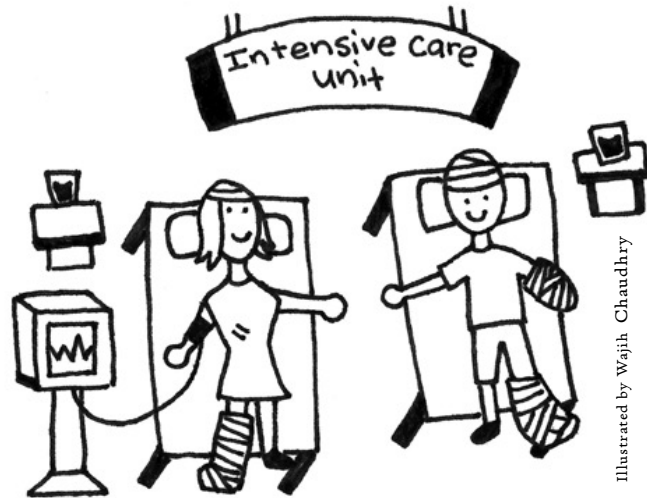
So, ever the inventive activist for the Preserve, Freedman shared her idea with a supporter of GRTA, a "local conservation minded philanthropist" that \$100,000 was

needed. "I will do a match," he responded, "Whatever donations you get, I will match dollar to dollar up to \$100,000."

That new fundraising drive having kicked off the beginning of March, running to the end of April, Freedman reports, "We've gotten about \$20,000 so far, so that's very exciting." But she adds, "There's more work to be done. I've contacted people

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From Land Mines to the I.C.U.



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

No one intentionally trips a land mine, but we frequently do so by accident in relationships. Partner A does or says something that trips a land mine and blows up Partner B. Outraged, Partner B lobs back a verbal grenade and blows up Partner A. Grenades

fly back and forth. Both lie bleeding on the ground, expecting the other to provide care: an apology, a hand up, a glass of water. We continue to bleed as we argue about who started it.

A marital fight is like walking into a field of land mines. Imagine that we could be immediately transported to

a hospital's I.C.U. as we would hope to be if we were hit by grenades. No one would be yelling. A medical team would be caring for us. We'd ask each other gently, "How are you doing?" We'd be grateful to be alive.

Jeff and Anita learned to go straight to the Intensive Care Unit with minimal damage when an argument started. They took turns saying, "I think I just tripped a land mine" or "Did I just trip a land mine?" Their teens adopted the same language to work things out with their parents and with each other.

Excerpted from Greenwich resident, Jill Woolworth's, book, The Waterwheel, available at Diane's Books, Dogwood Bookstore, Amazon, and barnesandnoble.com. Jill is a therapist at the Greenwich Center for Hope & Renewal.

Call to Action



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:

Thursday, April 28

12 p.m.

Greenwich United Way's Sole Sisters Luncheon. Greenwich Country Club. greenwichunitedway.org

4 p.m.

Swim Across America Fairfield County's Sip & Shop. Safavieh, Stamford. swimacrossamerica.org

Friday, April 29

6 p.m.

River House Adult Day Center's Rolling on the River Annual Benefit. 125 River Road Ext. theriverhouse.org

Saturday, April 30

6 p.m.

An Evening with Laurel House. Delamar Greenwich Harbor. rtor.org

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For more information, **contact:** Dr. Liya Petrides, music.director@stc-sta.org

Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony presents A Tale Through Time

The Chambers Players of the Greenwich Symphony conclude their 50th anniversary season with a single concert titled "A Tale Through Time" on Sunday, April 24 at Christ Church, 254 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich.

Three jazzy movements from David Baker's *Hommage à l'Histoire* serve as an overture for the performance of Igor Stravinsky's *A Soldier's Tale*, featuring Edward Pleasant as Narrator, Olga Suarez-Paz as choreographer and dancer. David Gilbert, Conductor Emeritus of the Greenwich Symphony will join to conduct this semi-staged performance of this tale.

Olga Suarez Paz is a choreographer, dancer and director working across the genres of traditional tango, contemporary dance, and dance theater. Edward Pleasant, baritone, is recognized as one of the most versatile performers of his generation. Critically acclaimed in opera, stage, narration, recording, and musical theater, he has distinguished himself as an expressive singer and a gifted actor with brilliant comic timing and a luscious baritone voice. David Gilbert became

Conductor Emeritus of the Greenwich Symphony in 2020 after serving as its music director and conductor since 1975.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$5 for students, can be purchased via the Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony website, www.chamberplayersofthegso.com, by phone 203-637-4725, or at the door. The audience is invited to a post-concert reception with the artists in the Christ Church Parish Hall.

This performance is co-sponsored by Community Concerts of Greenwich

The Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony is an independently managed ensemble of highly accomplished professional musicians, drawn primarily from the principals of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra, and often joined by guest artists. Celebrating its 50th season, The Chamber Players present four pairs of subscription concerts each season, performed on Sunday afternoons at Round Hill Community Church or Christ Church, and Monday evenings at Greenwich Arts Council or Greenwich Historical Society.

The Greenwich Daffodil Society's Sixty-Second Annual Connecticut Daffodil Show

The Greenwich Daffodil Society is hosting its Sixty Second Annual Connecticut Daffodil Show at Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Avenue, April 20-21, 2022. In addition to daffodil entries in the Horticulture Division, the show features an artistic section which includes Flower Arranging and Photography. There are special sections for youth entries in both Horticulture and Photography. Anyone may enter the show. Entries to the show will be accepted Tuesday April 19, 1-5 p.m. and Wednesday April 20, 7-10 a.m. We are honored to announce that Fred Camillo,

First Selectman of Greenwich, will host this year's Award Ceremony. For more information on entering any division please contact the Society at greenwichdaffodilsociety@gmail.com

The show is open to the public Wednesday April 20, 2-7 pm & Thursday April 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission to the show is free. The Daffodil Society will host a Tea and Award Ceremony on Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m.

For more information on entering an exhibit, or visiting the show please email us at greenwichdaffodilsociety@gmail.com

Impact Fairfield County Announces Ashforth, Indeed, and UBS as Inaugural 2022 Corporate Partners

Impact Fairfield County (Impact FCC) is pleased to announce The Ashforth Company, Indeed, and UBS as Corporate Partners for the 2022 Grant year.

In 2021, Impact FCC developed its Corporate Partnership Program, offering a select number of Fairfield County businesses the opportunity to invest in their female workforces by sponsoring employees to become members of Impact FCC, a diverse group of women making impactful change in the local community through transformative philanthropy.

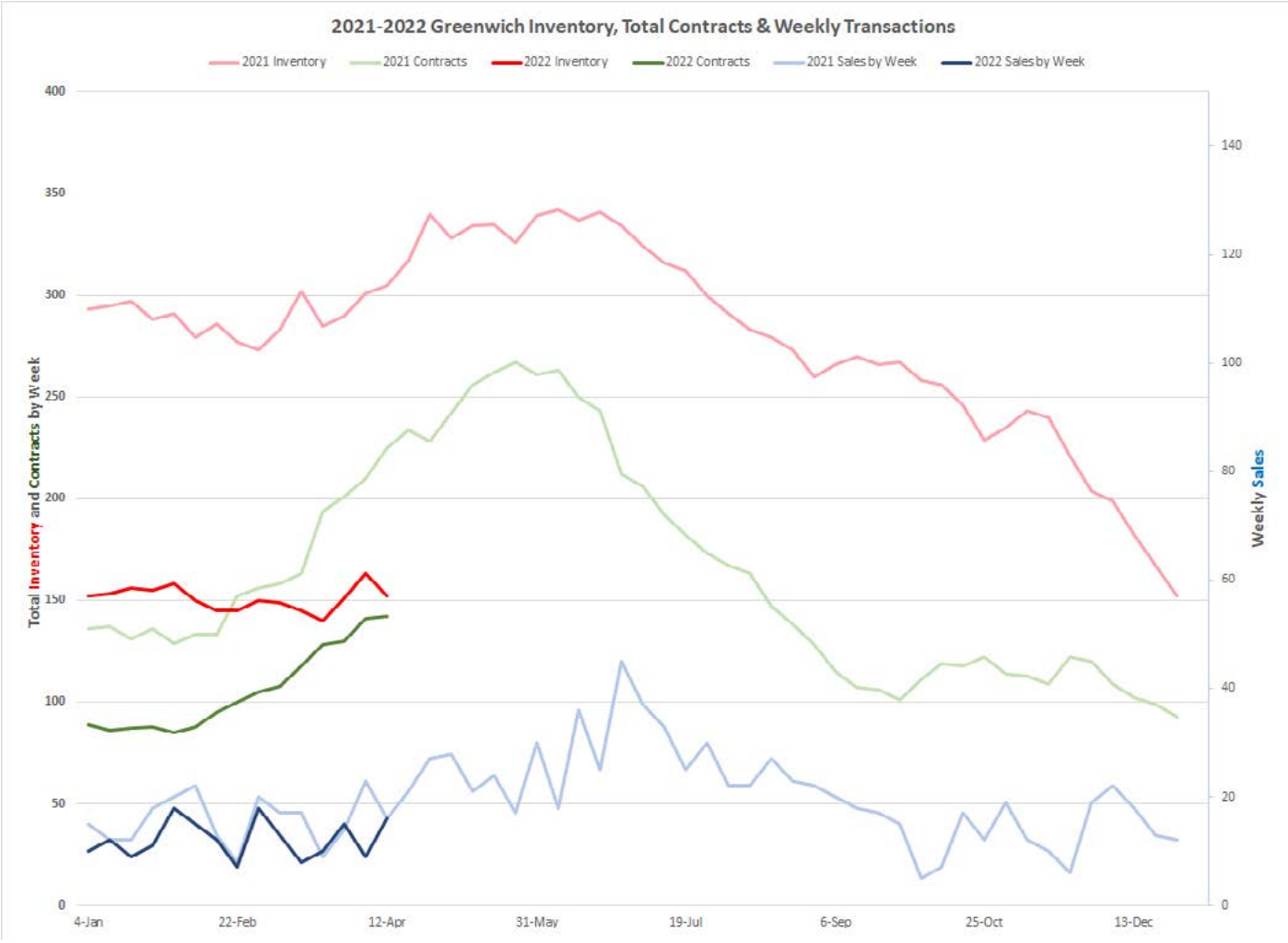
Corporate Partners have the ability to sponsor

up to 8 female employees to join Impact FCC for one year. These employees become full members of Impact FCC, and as such are invited to learn about social issues in the local community at a deeper level, give back at volunteer events, network with 250+ other members, and develop skills in project assessment, financial analysis, and social impact strategy.

In addition, Corporate Partnership members have access to a mentorship group specifically designed for corporate-sponsored members. Time commitment is flexible, and the average time spent is 10 hours over the membership year.



We can finally celebrate! Call Sharon at 203-921-7172



Inventory Is Hanging On, But Not Up Significantly From Historically Low Levels

By MARK PRUNER

Our inventory of single family homes was up for the last two weeks, which was very promising. Our inventory had been drifting down each week in March, which was a bad sign as inventory is supposed to go up in the spring market. It didn't because sales were so brisk and because the number of new listings is down from last year despite prices being up. You would think that increased sales prices would result in more people being willing to list their houses, but we've sold over 2,150 homes since the beginning of 2020. The question is just how many more people want to sell this year after 2,152 people have listed and sold.

As to the latest, our market

took a pause last week with new listings and contracts backing off as this is the time of school vacations for sellers. We are still way below our traditional inventory levels, but in a hot market, what's more important is the number of new listings. In a slower market, most listings make their one month anniversary and are counted in monthly inventory at some point. In a hot market, listings often aren't counted in inventory as they are off by the end of the month in which they were listed.. Of our 149 contracts, 67 went to pending contract; i.e. non-contingent, in 30 days or less and weren't counted as inventory.

As long as we keep our inventory gas tank at a quarter full, we can still have a good sales year.

CONSERVATION SPOTLIGHT

Get Outside and Enjoy The Best of Spring

By WILL KIES

April 22 is Earth Day. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day was created during the beginning of the modern-day environmental movement as a way to highlight the concerns about the deteriorating natural world in the United States. As planning began for the nation-wide event, which was to occur on many college campuses, the date was chosen because it was a weekday falling between Spring Break and Final Exams, with the hope of maximizing the greatest student participation. Secretly, I

think it was to celebrate the beauty of Spring on the Connecticut coastline! Jokes aside, Earth Day and the fact that it comes every year during one of the prettiest and most exciting times of the year to be outside may be just a coincidence, but it is a special gift to acknowledge and celebrate.

As nature awakens from its winter slumber, so much comes back to life so quickly. It can be overwhelming to take it all in and you sure don't want to miss even the slightest change from day to day. That little new shoot that begins to poke through the soil will

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soon be inches tall, all in a matter of days - rain and warm temperatures can often accelerate this.

Beside the phenology (the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena) of our natural world throughout this community, there is also an astatic beauty that is Spring. One of the great parts of working at

Greenwich Land Trust is getting to drive the backroads, visiting GLT properties from Old Greenwich to Glenville to Banksville and everywhere in between. As I drive around this beautiful town at this time of year, I am always struck by its beauty. The mass planting of daffodils, the many, many shades

of green, and all the flowing shrubs and trees are just a few examples of why spring in Greenwich is special.

Earth Day may be a date on the calendar, but this time of year may be the best time to honor and celebrate the beauty of our Town and the nature that surrounds us. Maybe it's just a stroll through

your yard with a morning cup of coffee (my dad calls it his coffee cruise) or it could be a trip to one of our numerous public parks or conservation areas - we all have our favorites! The important piece is to get outside, let the sunshine on your face, and be grateful for the beauty and natural wonderment that surrounds us.

Visit www.GLTrust.org/to_learn_about_our_Earth_Day_celebration_a_day_of_service_on_Saturday_April_23.

Will Kies is the Executive Director of the Greenwich Land Trust.

The Conservation Commission, Earth Month, and You!

By ANJALI KISHORE

Earth Month in Greenwich is quickly coming to an end, even as it feels like the world is finally beginning to wake up from its winter slump. It's hard not to feel an appreciation for Mother Nature no matter where you may be in town - from Tod's Point's softly rollicking shoreline, to the lush greenness of Backcountry, there's a lot to love, and in some ways it feels like celebrating the earth is an everyday thing.

That said, this occasion is a perfect time for locals to rethink our commitment to the environment and sustainability; it can sometimes feel overwhelming to square up, as an individual or even a family, against the daunting threat of climate change. However, each and every one of us has the ability to make an impact in a myriad of small ways, from reconsidering how you grocery shop to taking an hour or two out of your weekend to take part in in town activities, especially during April. We sat down with Sarah Coccaro, Town of Greenwich

Resource Manager and member of the town's Conservation Commission, to discuss the Commission's work, as well as changes that we as citizens could make in order to further improve our community's environmental impact.

With a background in marine biology and maritime archaeology, Coccaro is used to balancing the worlds of culture and science, something that she's found helpful in her work as resource manager. One of the major issues that the climate movement has run into is being able to incorporate scientific understandings of what must be done in order to curb climate change and other drastic environmental threats that we're facing into the cultural framework we've already put in place which supports our global economy and society. In order to do so, local organizations such as the town's Conservation Commission are critically important: being able to make incremental changes in local economies and communities, such as the town offering such as placing restrictions on single-use plastic

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bags, or the Solarize Greenwich initiative, in which the town aims to incentivize clean energy usage by offering highly discounted solar panels, we as a town are able to contribute to the larger collective goal of furthering sustainability in an extremely accessible way.

The Conservation Commission works to incorporate heavy-hitting environmental impact into our daily lives by partnering with scientifically-oriented organizations such as Princeton Hydro Team, an ecological engineering consultancy, as well as engaging in community-based initiatives such as outreach and education opportunities. With Princeton Hydro, the Commission is conducting a thorough evaluation of "public properties and infrastructure vulnerability from Coastal Flooding and Sea Level Rise scenarios", explains Coccaro. A particularly important

issue in coastal areas such as ours, the storm- and damage-resistant infrastructure audit that the Town is undertaking in partnership with Princeton Hydro Team represents an aspect of sustainability that most of us probably don't consider on a regular basis. However, two meetings concerning the initiative are open to the public - those with questions should reach out to Patricia Sesto, the Town's environmental affairs director. The Conservation Commission's goal with this project is not only to get the evaluation done, but offer citizens a chance to glimpse behind-the-scenes to our local government's sustainability efforts, and make use of a public forum to address questions that may arise.

Another important part of the Commission's work is outreach and education, especially prevalent during Earth Month, when they hold daily events and Webinars

that seek to educate Greenwich citizens on things like food system equity, while also hosting light-hearted nature walks and guest authors. Additionally, many resources for environmental education are available on the Town's website. While, says Coccaro, "our goals vary year to year, season to season" to keep up with new ideas and innovations that are always emerging in the sustainability space, education remains perennially important. "Sustainability takes on many forms, not just environmental sustainability," explains Coccaro, and it's critical that we stay informed on the different facets of the sustainability movement.

A movement which has, undoubtedly, been making massive headway in Greenwich; twice in a row, we've been awarded Sustainable CT's highest certification level, Silver. "While

the Conservation Commission spearheaded the application," says Coccaro, "the certification is a reflection on the entire Greenwich community." Even beyond the Commission, whose members are chosen by the First Selectman, there are dozens of citizen environmental groups around town who regularly meet with the Commission and other arms of our local government. She urges citizens to get out and involved in town-wide initiatives: "We're trying to make sure the things we love about our community are not just around for future generations, but better."

So April may be over soon, but that doesn't mean our renewed focus on environmental issues needs to, as well. It's as easy as a Sunday stroll on the Sound, or rethinking small things like yard equipment and plastic bag usage. This month and beyond, consider little ways that you could renew your appreciation for the incredible natural presence we're lucky enough to have- you won't regret it!

The Cross Seen Round the World Created by McArdle's for Christ Church Greenwich



The spectacular Christ Church cross of flowers created for Easter Sunday was built by Head Sexton Chuck Morrell and decorated by McArdle's. The flowers, chosen by the Alter Guild at Christ Church are in support of Ukraine. The sunflower, Ukraine's national flower, is becoming a symbol of resistance against the country's invasion by Russian forces and blue and yellow are the Ukrainian flag colors. Photos of the cross have *gone viral* - shared all over the world.



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Africa Cries Out



Dr. Xu and team providing medical care to impoverished communities in Senegal

By FRANK SCARPA

At the April 13 meeting of the Retired Men’s Association, Charlie Adams introduced Dr. Jun Xu, who has been practicing acupuncture and rehabilitation medicine in Riverside since 2000, and is the founder and president of Africa Cries Out, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted to providing medical and humanitarian aid to Senegal in West Africa. Dr. Xu first became interested in the needs of Senegal, where the average life expectancy is 50, during a photography trip in 2013. Xu and his team have returned there almost every year since then as “medical missionaries” and providers of educational and humanitarian aid. His annual group of volunteers has grown to 40 people. Since 2019, Dr. Xu has made a point of including American teenagers (including his own children) in order to expose them to this sort of volunteer work. This effort has morphed into ACO’s Youth Leadership Program.

Dr. Xu’s work in Africa was inspired by many of the “heroes” that he encountered there. Through a vivid slide presentation, the RMA audience learned about Ana Paul, a woman who saved a whole village of women from genital mutilation. They heard the story of a Brazilian fashion model who visited a Senegalese village and remained there to serve others. One couple adopted twin children and started an orphanage. A French-trained physician devoted his career to the people of Senegal from 1995 until his recent death.

Africa Cries Out purchased 11 acres of land and built a 10,000 square foot school and a 12,000 square foot dormitory. Students are taught skills such as carpentry, organic farming, sewing, baking, and gas cooking, as well as the French language. ACO now has two hospitals (one of them in a leprosy village) staffed by local physicians. Basic subsistence aid is provided to the leprosy village.

ACO’s motto is “Helping others is an affirmation of one’s existence in this world.”

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According to the organization’s website: 1. We serve students and patients, including those with leprosy in the poorest area in Africa. 2. We don’t have any administrative cost, we have no paid secretary, or any paid staff. All donations will go directly to African people. 3. We focus on the principle of “Teaching them fishing, instead of giving them a fish.” We teach our students the skills to be useful workers.

Financial aid is obtained from individual contributions and organizations such as Americares (in Stamford) and Direct Relief (in California). Contact information for ACO:

Website: www.africacriesout.net

Phone 203 637 7720

Whatsapp: 19174343767

Address: Jun Xu, M.D., 1171 E. Putnam Ave., Riverside, CT 06878

To watch Dr. Xu’s presentation, visit <https://vimeo.com/699926750> online.

The RMA’s upcoming presentation “Stalin’s War: A New History of WW II” by Sean McMeekin, Ph.D. is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, April 27. For the western allies World War II has always been Hitler’s war. But in the view of Dr. McMeekin, the international conflicts that eventually erupted into WW II began before Hitler came to power. Furthermore, Hitler’s armies did not fight in multiple theaters and he did not inherit any of the spoils of war. Rather that central role belonged to Joseph Stalin. In this sense, the Second World War was really Stalin’s War.

Sean McMeekin, prize winning historian, drew upon recently opened Russian archives and materials in

Poland and the Balkans seldom examined by Western historians, and argues that the war’s true epicenter was in the east. While Hitler’s genocidal ambition may have unleashed the Armageddon, Professor McMeekin shows that the war which emerged in Europe in September 1939 was one that Stalin wanted, not Hitler.

Sean McMeekin is a professor of European History and Culture at Bard College. He has an A.B. from Stanford University, an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley and studied at the University of Paris, Moscow State University and Mezhdunarodny Universitet, Moscow. Among his other publications are The Russian Revolution, The Ottoman Endgame: War, Revolution, and the Making of the Modern Middle East, The Russian Origins of the First World War, and History’s Greatest Heist: The Looting of Russia by the Bolsheviks.

To stream Dr. McMeekin’s presentation at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 27, click here (<https://bit.ly/30IBj21>). This presentation will also be available on local public access TV Channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

RMA speaker presentations are presented as a community service at no cost to in-person or Zoom attendees. The RMA urges all eligible individuals to consider becoming a member of our great organization, and thereby enjoy all the available fellowship, volunteer, and community service opportunities which the RMA offers to its members. For further information, go to www.greenwichrma.org, or contact our membership chairman (<mailto:members@greenwichrma.org>).

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Spring Has Sprung At Breast Cancer Alliance



By YONNI WATTENMAKER

Spring has finally sprung and it feels so bright and full of hope! It has been a busy few months since my last article. Things at Breast Cancer Alliance have been bustling but exciting: we announced in March that we would be able to fund \$1.5mm in grants this year for underserved patient education and support, breast surgical fellowships and innovative, impactful research. What a meaningful way for our organization to come fighting back from the challenging days of the pandemic.

We held a series of events, from a virtual poker tournament and hybrid master wine course and tasting, to our exceptional webinar about male breast cancer with highly esteemed doctors and both survivors and a brother of a survivor sharing their stories of shock, challenges and perseverance. If you did not attend, the recording is on our website, and I encourage you to watch (there's even a special celebrity guest...) We also had the pleasure of hosting long-missed events like our Annual Dinner and Junior Fashion show in person, enjoying the chances to mingle, laugh, reconnect and dare I say, hug!

At the core of BCA, both when it was founded as a Greenwich charity in 1996 and now as a national one, is community. We are so grateful to have large national corporate partners and individual donors across the US, but we are still committed to engaging with our friends and neighbors here at home. As was shared in my last piece, volunteerism is essential to the success we have achieved, and your support will only further our impact.

On May 1, thanks to the encouragement of our Advisory Council, Breast



Things at Breast Cancer Alliance have been bustling but exciting: we announced in March that we would be able to fund \$1.5mm in grants this year for underserved patient education and support, breast surgical fellowships and innovative, impactful research.

Cancer Alliance's 5K Run/Walk for Hope will be back for the first time since 2019. Participants will be hosted and fed by Greenwich favorites Richards and Z Hospitality Group and we have a terrific team of sponsors supporting the morning. Whether you're a survivor, patient or caregiver, family, friend or neighbor, grandparent, teen or parent of young children, this event is for you. We can't wait to welcome you and stay fit with you! Exercise plays such an important role in prevention and recovery, so we are privileged to not only bring this fitness event back, but will be rounding it out with a weekend of fitness, wellness and beauty May 13-15 with events both live and

virtual. I hope you will visit breastcanceralliance.org/ events to register and see all we have in store.

As always, I welcome new ideas and new involvement. Whether you are new to town, or a longtime resident unfamiliar with our work, please reach out and see how you can find your place at BCA. If events are not your thing, maybe you have a personal story you'd like to share? Perhaps you'd like to join one of BCA's grant committees to help determine how our annual funding should be spent? Would you be interested in joining one of our many zoom site visits to learn about the cutting-edge research BCA is funding, the doctors for whom it is

affording a fellowship, or the patients whose lives are being impacted for the better with our education and outreach grants. Whatever you choose, I hope to see you soon.

Yonni Wattenmaker has been Executive Director of Breast Cancer Alliance (Instagram @breastcanceralliance) since June 2011. She was named one of 40 Fascinating Women by WAG Magazine in 2019 and one of the 2021 Women Who Inspire by the YWCA in Greenwich. She is also the founder of Yon Appetit (Instagram @yonappetit_healthcoach) for health and nutritional coaching.

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Rev’d Marek Zabriskie Launches New Book with A Green Initiative to Address Climate Change

By ANNE W. SEMMES

The Rev’d Marek Zabriskie has served three and a half years as rector of Christ Church Greenwich that has shown growth under his leadership during a difficult time of COVID. But that leadership is now expanding to address an even greater challenge - climate change that he sees as “the number one issue in our world today.” “But if we don’t get the climate issue right,” he says. “it’s possible that none of us will be alive on the planet in say 100 years - we might create an intolerable climate for human life.”

Thus, on Earth Day Zabriskie is launching his new book, “The Creation Care Bible Challenge - A 50-Day Bible Challenge “ wherein individuals he has chosen reflect on that critical need for care of the earth as related to a passage from the Bible. His book he says, “is timed to go well during the Easter season, which is 50 days.”

Zabriskie had reached out to “people around the globe” for their suggestions on leaders in “creation care.” “I’m not a leader in the field,” he tells, “I’m just a concerned clergyman. And these are people who’ve dedicated the last 20-30 years or more of their lives to this huge issue.”

Zabriskie states in his Preface, “Christianity demands that we critically rethink our lifestyles, our use of resources, our attachment to creation, and our theology and mission.” He addresses how Christianity has historically been accused of “supporting environmental degradation,” viewing “humans as dominant over nature.” But plain to see in his book, is how those chosen 50 Biblical passages are shown to state otherwise, with additional “Biblical Texts About Creation Care” listed at the back of the book. “The key thing here,” Zabriskie

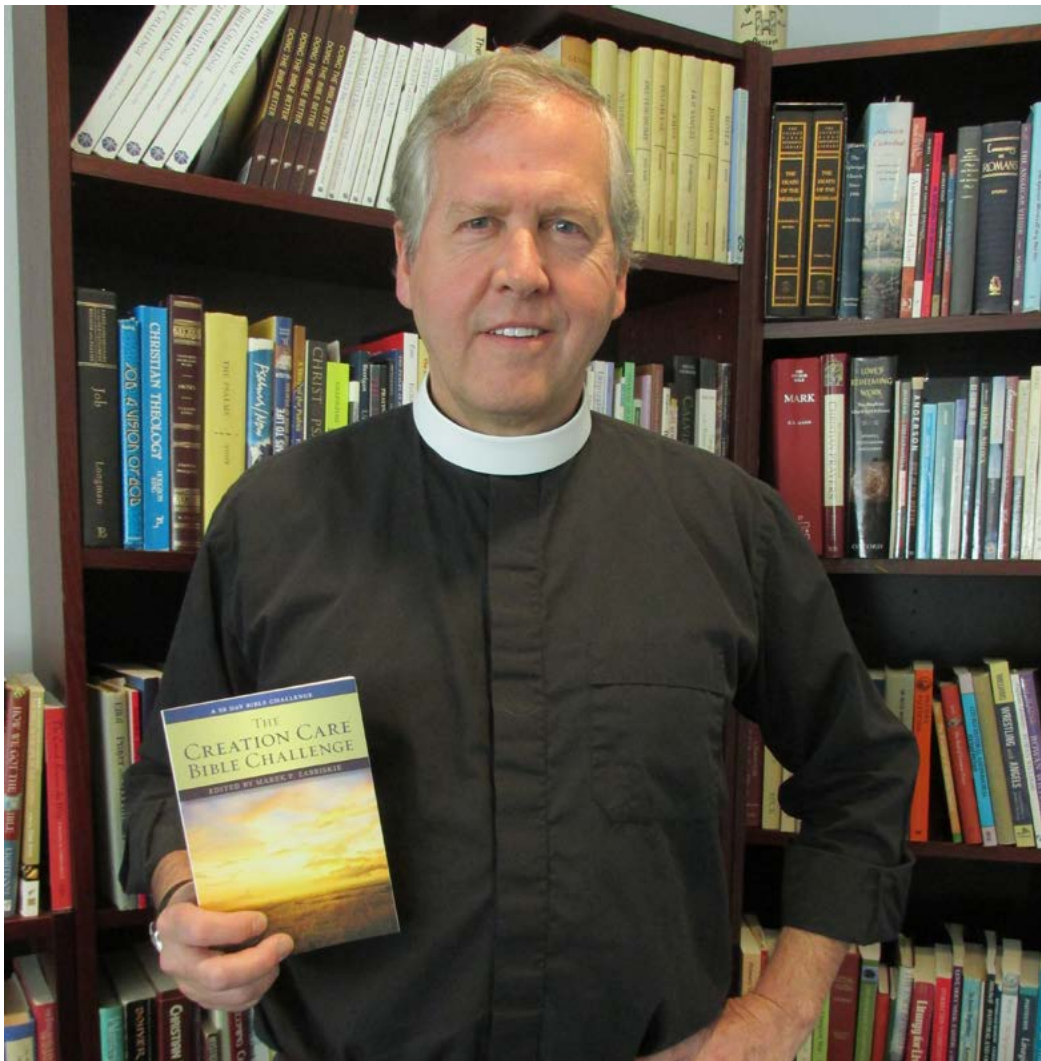
tells, “ is that throughout most of Christianity, the focus has always been on the individual - my personal salvation, your salvation, helping one individual sinner get his or her life right with God, and everything else was kind of an afterthought. And what we, if you may call us, green theologians are introducing is the idea that all of life is sacred. A little bit like how Native Americans view creation. And there’s really nothing in the Bible that lifts up humans as being better than anything else in creation.”

His “Creation Care Bible Challenge” offers, he says, “A new way of beginning to look at scripture and seeing what was there all along. And the overall thrust is that we are called to be stewards of creation, not to dominate and use it as we please.”

The eclectic mix of contributors in his book includes artist-writer-naturalist James Prosek. “He’s someone,” notes Zabriskie, “who has enormous care and love for creation. He’s known as the Audubon of Trout. He’s written maybe a dozen books on fly fishing and given talks all over the world.” Others come from the UK, South Africa, and New Zealand, and from his own congregation. “Jane Snowden is a scientist for IBM, who was on the small team that did all the scientific work to determine how IBM could safely reopen following COVID.”

And starting this Sunday, April 24, will be a “Creation Care Series,” the first of six Sunday Forums emphasizing the Christian responsibility to “take care of God’s great earth.” “It will finalize on Memorial Day with Bill McKibben,” says Zabriskie. “He wrote the very first book on climate change in the world. And he’s a very, very significant figure, He teaches at Middlebury College, and he runs

“If we don’t get the climate issue right, it’s possible that none of us will be alive on the planet in say 100 years - we might create an intolerable climate for human life.” Rev’d Marek Zabriskie.



The Rev’d Marek Zabriskie of Christ Church Greenwich displays his new book “The Creation Care Bible Challenge,” launched on Earth Day. Photo by Anne W. Semmes

hope to look at things as, perhaps banning all use of plastic or at least plastic bottles on our campus; that we might ensure we use LED lights throughout all of our buildings; that we may eventually put solar panels on some of our buildings.” He cites the new Neighbor to Neighbor facility on his church campus as having installed solar panels.

Zabriskie looks beyond his church campus as well. “If we are able to interest and impact some of the leadership in Greenwich who run firms on Wall Street, etc., our impact may be much wider than we anticipate.” He tells of such an impacting incident in his last parish outside Philadelphia. “The head of a college who was a member of our church was so taken by the amount of plastic water bottles that are used every year as mentioned in one of our talks that he made sure his college stopped using plastic water bottles effective immediately.”

Even the Christ Church Preschool figures in Zabriskie’s green initiative that has been aided by the effects of the pandemic. “So, during COVID,” he tells, “We moved as much as possible of our curriculum and programming for the Preschool outdoors. On the side of the school, we built a garden for the children to care for and learn about plants and creation.” That exposure to the soil and touching nature, they found strengthened children’s immune systems, he says. “They tend to be healthier, growing up.” He’s hoping that Creation Care Committee “will have an impact on our preschool, Sunday school, and youth group - to educate people of all ages about the need for creation care.”

See page 10 for Marek’s own column on his climate change initiative.

an organization called “360.”

To engage his congregation, Zabriskie has formed a Creation Care Committee. “It will not only look at what we can do as a parish, but it will educate for what we can do in our own homes to be more

environmentally friendly with what we purchase.” And how they can take that creative care outside to their back yards.

To head up that Committee he named, “Karen Royce, a longtime member of the congregation

with a passion for environmental care, and Stewart Lindsay who has worked for The Nature Conservancy for years and is now the vice president for Corporate Responsibility & Sustainability for Campbell’s Soup. We



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BET Sends \$465 Million Budget to RTM for Approval

By Anne White

The \$465,105,871 proposed budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year, which begins July 1, represents an increase of \$16,560,637 over the previous year. The final budget passed after a 13 hour long meeting of the all volunteer Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) on Tuesday. The budget now goes to the Representative Town Meeting for consideration with a final vote on May 9.

This budget, according to BET Chair Dan Ozizmir, should be viewed in light of what it has achieved, which, he said, is a lot.

“A successful budget,” he explained, “should fund our operating budgets, invest in our community, respond to changing circumstances and opportunities, and assure that our taxes continue to be affordable, and our debt burdens remain prudent. We feel that our FY23 achieved all these goals.”

The budget invests \$65,333,000 in General Fund Capital for a total \$91,087,000 including all funds and the ARP Grant Fund. This is the highest amount in Greenwich History.

The budget also includes major school projects which prioritizes the rebuild of Central Middle School as the top priority, moves ahead on a renovation of Old Greenwich School, invests significant funds for project needs at Julian Curtiss and continues the school maintenance program with an emphasis on HVAC.

In addition to \$12 million for Remediation of Greenwich High School, the budget also includes \$8 million for the remediation of Western Middle School Fields.

“The Western Middle School community has waited too long to get their fields back,” said Ozizmir. “Taken together this

is a significant capital commitment to our schools.”

BET member and clerk, Nisha Arora, noted that all members of the BET appeared to recognize that initiating three school capital projects in one year would be tough. “Strategically,” she said, “the BET felt it was imperative that critical renovations at Julian Curtiss be addressed immediately while taking a step back to re-evaluate the expansion of the school in light of its 33% enrollment decline over the last decade.”

Flooding from storm IDA caused catastrophic damage to some parts of town highlighting the need to fund infrastructure and drainage projects. This budget includes sewer projects and funds four new drainage projects in Pemberwick, Byram, Harding Road and Valley Road.

The budget funds Shore Road Sidewalks,

Byram Safety Improvements, the Glenville Corridor, the Greenwich Point Chimes building, and Pickle-Ball courts. Ozizmir also reports that key projects such as the Wesskum Wood Bridge, Route 1 traffic light optimization and Route 1 sidewalk connectivity got the go-ahead.

The BET also approved increasing the budget for the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company by roughly \$30,000. “The small 0.2% increase,” said Arora, “was a vote of confidence and gratitude for the tremendous volunteer force in our town.”

Ozizmir explains that the BET was able to do all of this and still reduce the Mill Rate (Tax Rate) by 2.65% by using prudent budgeting and because of a higher grand list from the 2021 revaluation. Without the revaluation he says the mill rate would have been up 2.11%.

TOWN OF GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

(Compared with the 2021-2022 Budget and 2020-2021 Expenditures and Encumbrances)

	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Budget	% Change over 2021- 2022		2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Budget	% Change over 2021- 2022			
General Government					Fixed Charges							
101	Representative Town Meeting	21,699	23,145	23,600	1.97	901	Town Contributions for Empl Benefits	90,517,704	96,231,980	100,916,787	4.87	
102	Ethics	1,469	17,000	17,000	0.00	902	Unemployment Comp & Workers Comp.	2,097,578	2,550,000	2,310,000	(9.41)	
103	Historical District Commission	1,445	10,000	10,000	0.00	908	Payments for Insurance Coverage	4,498,239	5,872,100	5,302,000	(9.71)	
104	Emergency Operations	134,102	130,400	156,369	19.91	911	Sewer Taxes for Town-Owned Prop	605,738	710,000	405,000	(42.96)	
105	Office of the First Selectman	965,043	983,123	1,101,816	12.07	950	Repayment of Debt, Principal & Interest	41,178,370	35,965,710	36,563,549	1.66	
106	Purchasing Department	434,698	476,541	497,463	4.39	999	Transf To Other Funds (ex Capital Projects)	10,090,000	4,440,000	6,474,000	45.81	
107	Administrative Services Center	323,807	397,273	384,967	(3.10)			148,987,629	145,769,790	151,971,336	4.25	
109	Human Resources	2,942,084	3,168,901	3,214,167	1.43							
111	Probate Court	26,735	43,600	43,600	0.00		Total General Fund	425,978,597	439,947,233	456,520,871	3.77	
120	Registrars of Voters	488,930	503,484	523,930	4.06							
130	Finance-Administration	2,093,051	2,342,878	2,445,632	4.39							
134	Information Technology	4,091,347	5,011,754	4,925,837	(1.71)	Capital						
135	Assessor	972,011	1,148,321	1,418,007	23.49		General Government	2,544,000	220,000	245,000	11.36	
136	Board of Assessment Appeals	37,670	43,600	43,600	0.00		Fire	264,000	329,000	320,000	(2.74)	
139	Tax Collector	437,782	465,819	479,306	2.90		Police	106,000	399,000	99,000	(75.19)	
140	Law Department	2,980,336	2,919,242	3,169,838	8.58		Public Works	14,425,000	41,357,000	29,995,000	(27.47)	
150	Town Clerk's Office	875,741	678,711	703,056	3.59		Fleet	639,000	1,292,000	3,349,000	159.21	
161	P & Z Board of Appeals / Zoning Enforcement	502,839	582,682	560,523	(3.80)		External Entities	125,000	1,461,000	201,000	(86.24)	
170	Condemnation Commission	0	2,000	2,000	0.00		Schools	16,397,000	15,495,000	28,305,000	82.67	
171	Planning & Zoning Commission	916,391	1,103,753	1,229,331	11.38		Libraries	950,000	970,000	415,000	(57.22)	
172	Conservation Commission	299,679	335,705	344,719	2.69		Parks and Recreation	2,508,000	1,400,000	1,681,000	20.07	
173	Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Agency	426,487	470,235	484,582	3.05		Bond / BAN Acquisition and Interest	1,025,000	841,000	723,000	(14.03)	
174	Land Use Administration	311,737	332,592	342,979	3.12		Total Capital Fund	38,983,000	63,764,000	65,333,000	2.46	
195	Commission on Aging	200,320	235,322	243,331	3.40							
196	Senior Center	482,203	751,971	766,732	1.96	To Be Financed						
		19,967,604	22,178,052	23,132,385	4.30			464,961,597	503,711,234	521,853,871	3.60	
Fire Department					Means of Financing							
201	Administration	1,765,270	2,013,838	2,056,008	2.09		Property Tax Receipts					
202	Fire Training	477,897	487,114	582,512	19.58		Grand List	33,720,764,892	35,630,360,646		5.66	
204	Office of the Fire Marshall	684,521	722,929	767,424	6.15		Tax Rate	11.590	11.283		(2.65)	
205	Fire Fighting Force	12,188,694	11,992,103	12,390,520	3.32		Tax Levy	390,810,000	402,034,000		2.87	
206	Fire Apparatus & Equipment	23,787	28,500	38,500	35.09		Less Adjustments	(5,179,568)	(5,253,780)		1.43	
207	Fire Department Buildings	100,542	136,350	155,850	14.30		Total Property Taxes	385,630,432	396,780,220		2.89	
208	Fire Department Volunteers	471,762	500,912	516,612	3.13							
		15,712,472	15,881,746	16,507,426	3.94		Other Revenues					
Police Department							State and Federal Aid	2,574,645	4,023,064		56.26	
211	Administration	904,614	945,339	954,776	1.00		Transfers from Other Funds	9,837,000	9,821,000		(0.16)	
212	Dispatch - Town Wide Communication	1,693,459	1,972,480	2,349,492	19.11		All Other	30,033,157	30,797,587		2.55	
213	General Services	2,517,485	2,651,825	3,001,431	13.18		Total Revenues	42,444,802	44,641,651		5.18	
216	Criminal Investigation	3,684,771	3,880,292	3,868,537	(0.30)							
217	Uniformed Patrol	12,783,406	13,438,430	13,859,297	3.13		Borrowings	55,166,000	48,748,000		(11.63)	
		21,583,735	22,888,366	24,033,533	5.00		Use of General Fund Balance	18,950,000	19,150,000		1.06	
Public Works							Transfer from Capital Non Recurring		8,000,000			
301	Administration	655,227	723,797	739,599	2.18		Use of Fund Bal for prior year Nathaniel Witherell Losses	1,000,000	3,700,000		270.00	
302	Engineering Division	975,864	1,424,723	1,604,953	12.65		Use of Fund Bal for prior year School Lunch losses	520,000	834,000		60.38	
312	Highway - Streets & Bridges	6,239,301	6,637,432	7,137,112	7.53		Total General Fund Financing	503,711,234	521,853,871		3.60	
315	Highway - BOE Maintenance	271,483	296,700	300,700	1.35							
321	Waste Disposal Division	5,998,551	6,442,329	6,476,532	0.53		Sewer Maintenance Fund	7,072,166	11,630,165		64.45	
345	Building Construction & Maintenance	4,254,721	4,583,963	4,940,595	7.78		361	Sewer Maintenance Fund	2,826,000	2,408,000		(14.79)
351	Building Inspection Division	1,652,333	1,786,594	1,817,530	1.73		PAYG Prior Years	(772,000)	(4,200,000)		444.04	
		20,047,480	21,895,538	23,017,021	5.12		Less Funded in future years	9,126,166	9,838,165		7.80	
Vehicle Maintenance							To Be Financed					
380	Fleet Department	2,539,658	2,787,794	3,221,429	15.55							
Health							Grand List	22,473,492,410	22,995,771,730		2.32	
401	Administration	466,879	512,586	523,169	2.06		Tax Rate	0.398	0.203		(48.99)	
405	Environmental Health	663,869	741,760	760,962	2.59		Tax Levy	8,944,728	4,673,437		(47.75)	
410	Special Clinical Services	293,857	310,680	316,893	2.00		Less Adjustments	(90,562)	(48,272)		(46.70)	
415	Family Health	535,790	617,063	630,389	2.16		Total Property Taxes	8,854,166	4,625,165		(47.76)	
425	Laboratory	277,539	367,630	373,028	1.47							
		2,237,934	2,549,719	2,604,441	2.15		Use of Fund Balance		5,000,000		N/A	
External Entities							Other Revenues	272,000	213,000		(21.69)	
440	GEMS, TAG, GADC, Musm, Chnl 79, SWRCC & CCM	6,091,332	6,116,342	6,141,605	0.41			272,000	5,213,000		1816.54	
Human Services												
501	Administration	1,422,481	1,433,398	1,454,338	1.46			9,126,166	9,838,165		7.80	
502	Adult and Family Services	1,733,270	1,983,840	2,024,481	2.05		Sewer Improvement Fund					
509	Aging Services-Homemaker Services	551,997	595,935	605,994	1.69		361	Sewer Improvement to be Financed	4,331,000	4,247,000		(1.94)
		3,707,747	4,013,173	4,084,813	1.79							
Board Of Education							Grand List	22,473,492,410	22,995,771,730		2.32	
600	Administration	5,346,879	5,682,809	6,856,784	20.66		Tax Rate	0.052	0.047		(9.62)	
620	Instruction	135,607,655	141,315,277	144,140,021	2.00		Tax Levy	1,162,510	1,125,140		(3.21)	
640	Operation of Plants	7,339,443	7,323,518	7,415,953	1.26		Estimated Loss	(11,510)	(11,140)		(3.21)	
650	Maintenance of Plants	4,641,915	5,466,528	5,409,350	(1.05)		Tax	1,151,000	1,114,000		(3.21)	
660	Pupil Transportation	8,389,049	9,697,298	10,737,236	10.72		Other Revenues	3,180,000	3,133,000		(1.48)	
675	Student Body Activities	1,818,727	2,357,167	2,396,396	1.66		Borrowings	0	0			
		163,143,668	171,842,597	176,955,740	2.98		Total Financing	4,331,000	4,247,000		(1.94)	
Libraries												
701	Greenwich Library	8,275,554	8,728,587	8,937,232	2.39		Nathaniel Witherell					
702	Peterson Foundation	1,045,127	1,170,770	1,190,977	1.73		450		32,548,453	31,490,814		(3.25)
710	Perrot Memorial Library	1,708,877	1,781,382	1,824,998	2.45							
		11,029,558	11,680,739	11,953,207	2.33		School Lunch Fund					
Parks & Recreation							670		4,281,200	4,354,000		1.70
801	Administration	1,116,500	1,165,986	1,193,172	2.33		Parking Fund					
811	Recreation Division-Recreation Supervision	134,193	136,727	139,499	2.03		219	Parking Service	2,954,840	2,661,811		(9.92)
812	Recreation Division-Organized Recreation	800,647	1,044,963	1,044,863	(0.01)		318	Traffic Engineering	1,324,675	1,346,170		1.62
814	Recreation Division-Eastern Civic Center	359,838	415,677	327,503	(21.21)				4,279,515	4,007,981		(6.34)
815	Recreation Division-Community Centers	16,624	20,045	18,252	(8.94)							
816	Recreation Division-Skating Rink	227,403	224,681	231,686	3.12		Parking Fund - State Portion:					
817	Recreation Division-Western Civic Center	254,548	293,167	298,029	1.66		219	Parking Service	0	316,104		
821	Parks & Trees Division-Administration	124,362	132,865	139,691	5.14		318	Traffic Engineering	361,400	419,900		16.19
822	Parks & Trees Parks Areas, Playground	3,497,045	4,327,118	4,519,574	4.45				361,400	736,004		103.65
825	Parks &											

Turn on the television, tune into any of the national news channels, sit back and be prepared to be assaulted by a continuous stream of uncivil discourse. It is not just politics, although it is readily apparent there at the moment. Our standards for debate and even some discussions have lowered to a crass he said-she said without the opportunity of moving the discussion or debate forward.

President George Washington once said, “Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present.” When did it become the norm that in order to build someone up, we have to knock someone down? We have even seen it here at the Sentinel in the form letters to the editor that we have chosen not to run because they attacked a person and did not further the discussion.

We do not look at the world or our community through rose-colored glasses. We recognize that disagreement is natural, and indeed vital to the health of a community and nation. However, you can have debate without rancor and vitriol. You can allow for differing opinions to be aired without concern that someone will try to knock you down because of it. You can respect the messenger while disagreeing with message.

Indeed, we have witnessed this in Hartford recently. In a rare display of bipartisanship, Republicans and Democrats came together to vote overwhelmingly in support of temporarily suspending

There seems to be a prevailing attitude of “if they go low, we go lower” regardless of which side of a discussion or debate you are on. This is never a good idea.

the state gas tax. This was the \$.25 per gallon the state collects. The gas tax holiday is in effect until June 1.

Award winning author and professor Pier Massimo Forni has written extensively on civility. He writes “Civility means a great deal more than just being nice to one another. It is complex, encompasses learning how to connect successfully and live well with others, while developing thoughtfulness and fostering effective self-expression and communication. Civility includes courtesy, politeness, mutual respect, fairness, good manners, as well as a matter of good health.” He is right, of course. The word “civil” actually comes from the Latin word “civilis” meaning citizen.

Fast forward to modern times. In 1981, President Reagan was in a fierce battle over the federal budget with Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill. The democratic-controlled House did not agree with the President. The debate was heated, contentious, and hard fought, but it was respectful. Reagan famously said "After 6:00 p.m. we are all friends," and he meant it. He and the Speaker would often share a cocktail at the end of the day, putting partisanship away until the next debate.

We are missing that type of civil discourse desperately. There seems to be a prevailing attitude of “if they go low, we go lower” regardless of which side of a discussion or debate you are on. This is never a good idea. It is most prevalent in Washington but seems to be emerging more and more in Hartford and even here in Greenwich. What happened to taking the high road?

What can we do about this issue here in Greenwich? Well, for starters we can treat others with respect, even if we do not agree with them. We can be a little more patient, even when the car in front of you is slow to move through the green light. We can smile and say hello. It is little steps that can help us return to civility.

English writer Samuel Johnson said back in the 1700's, "When once the forms of civility are violated, there remains little hope of return to kindness and decency." We hope he is wrong, and that we can turn the current uncivil discourse around for the sake of our nation and our community. Being civil costs us nothing. Take the high road, the view is much better.



"Maybe there's a good reason why no one else has broken into this market."

Protect Our Coastal Communities from Over-development

Dear Editor:

Earth Day is a worldwide event that occurs annually in April, when we affirm our commitment to environmental protection and encourage environmental awareness. Most of us are conscious of everyday ways of doing good for our Earth by recycling, car-pooling, composting and more. But we should also be aware of the unintended consequences of legislative initiatives that are well-intended but could have adverse impacts on our environmental health. This is especially a concern where proposed laws omit environmental stakeholders and remove the ability of local control over land use decision making. Land is uniquely local and decisions concerning land development are best left to local officials, accountable to the local residents who know best what the neighboring environment can accommodate.

In Connecticut, there have been a number of bills advanced the past two years to expand housing development across the State. Unfortunately, most of the bills also remove or restrict local control over land use decisions, or place a large mandate on development without regard to environmental concerns. These bills include HB 5429 and HB 5204 which are proposals before our General Assembly right now. These bills, if passed, could impose almost exponential development in our communities. While well-intended to promote affordability, these bills ignore the devastating impact of extreme development mandates and incentives on local environmental and historical protection.

HB 5429, a transit-oriented

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development bill (TOD), would remove the public hearing process, silencing the public and local P&Z officials like myself. Zoning commissions are the first lines of defense when it comes to protecting our natural resources. But this bill would allow 'as of right', dense development within a half mile around our transit centers, creating thousands more housing units. HB5204, known as the 'fair share' bill, would force an arbitrary allocation of affordable housing units to every municipality, using a formula to be devised by housing development advocates. Some towns would have to build thousands of more units.

As we are aware, climate change, including rising sea levels, is a reality, and our coastal communities will first see the devastating effects. The TOD bill would call for an intensive increase in residential development surrounding our train stations, which are primarily situated on our coastlines, including Metro North's New Haven line and the Shore Line East. According to the World Economic Forum, while scientists are unsure how fast or how high sea levels will rise, it could ultimately destroy acres of land and generate billions of dollars in losses. We should not mandate extreme increases in population density

along the coastal towns, which may ultimately become disaster areas requiring more need for infrastructure to support and protect the new development and may require the removal of population in coming decades.

We also should not pass laws that inhibit State residents' ability to promote good stewardship of our natural resources. However, by banning public hearings this is what would happen: residents would be severely restricted in any ability to intervene to raise environmental and historic preservation issues using the 22a-19 intervention law. Public hearings and environmental interventions enable local officials to become fully informed of adverse impacts that may not otherwise become known. It is imperative that local officials retain the ability to hold hearings on development projects where decisions can be made with due regard for the local ecology, topography, wildlife habitat needs, the built environment, and the location of land and water resources in need of protection. Local residents are often fact witnesses as to the need to protect parcels of land that contain resources or wildlife habitat. The TOD bill flat out blocks public hearings on individual development projects, while the 'fair share' bill would impose such a high

mandate for development that Town's would have to de-prioritize open space preservation in order to comply with the new housing quotas.

I urge all State residents to observe not just what you can do in your own household or business to help protect our environmental health, but also to be aware of, and question proposed laws that would silence your voice or omit environmental stakeholders and experts from the process. These bills as well as others were not drafted with adequate consideration of our ecological needs and must not be enacted into law. Once land is gone, it is gone forever, along with all the ecological benefits the land provides. Protecting environmental health and expanding our housing diversity are not mutually exclusive objectives. We can and should be better at achieving one without harming the other.

On this Earth Day, please urge your legislators to vote against these bills and ask them when drafting new laws, to afford equal protection for our open space, our coastal communities, our wildlife habitat, our local ecologies, and all of our environmental and historical resources.

Alexis Harrison

Earth Day Reminds Us That Our Actions Impact the Environment

To the editor:

Earth Day on April 22nd is here once again to remind us to consider how our actions impact our environment. It is incumbent upon each of us to make a concerted effort to minimize the amount of waste we produce, even if it is recyclable. We need to be ever vigilant about what we buy in the first place and how much of it will need to be

discarded.

Initiated almost two years ago, in the height of the pandemic, were two waste reduction programs embraced by the Town: Food scrap recycling, in coordination with Waste Free Greenwich, and textile/clothing recycling.

Food scraps make up almost a quarter of the waste stream, are heavy and wet to

incinerate and can be turned into nutrient rich compost, a valuable resource. Residents who participate are truly amazed by the resulting reduction in their trash.

Through collection bins located around town, we have already diverted 53 tons of clothing, linens, towels and other cloth materials from the waste stream for reuse.

We must continue our

stewardship of the planet we call home. So, this Earth Day, let's take up the challenge to reduce what we throw out. And remember, there is no place called "away".

*Sally Davies, Chair,
Greenwich Recycling Advisory
Board*

BET Should Focus on Responsible Capital Planning

By Janet Stone McGuigan

To the Editor:
The Board of Estimate and Taxation voted on the Town budget on April 19, I'd like to share a few thoughts.
First and foremost, the twelve members of this board contribute their time and talent to our Town without compensation. As someone following the budget process closely, I note the collective number of hours devoted to this

exercise is staggering. Let's not wait until National Volunteer Week later this month to show our appreciation to them.
That said, one of the reasons for the lengthy budget discussions was there were over 30 motions to delete, reduce or defer millions of capital budget line items from a proposed capital budget of \$86 million. For context, the combined capital expenses projected over the next five fiscal years are estimated to be \$600 million,

over twice those of the past five-year period.
How did Greenwich get to this state of affairs? By deferring much needed capital projects, in particular - but not only - our schools.
Clearly these escalating capital needs would challenge any town, but instead of trying to address them, the BET leadership's response has been to continue to defer projects to future years. This approach is not sustainable, and won't be

enough given our critical capital needs. The only way to adhere to the Town's current modified pay-as-you-go approach would be to give up on some of our largest and most critical capital projects – our schools.
Instead, the BET should be developing a long-term plan to finance the Town's most critical school renovation and remediation projects. The BET should still pursue pay-as-you-go to finance annual maintenance capital projects.

Once Greenwich catches up on deferred capital spending over the next five years, spending levels will drop.
So let me bring this back to the proposed budget awaiting approval. Some of the proposed capital projects have large budgets and are critical to our Town. Others have relatively tiny budgets and will go far in building social capital. In my view I do not serve the Town by championing one capital line item over another. Greenwich

is lovely, but to keep it vibrant it needs investment.
Where I can serve the Town is asking the members of the BET to please focus their efforts on responsible capital planning. And I'll end where I began, in thanking the BET members for their services.

Janet Stone McGuigan is a Greenwich Selectperson.

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WORKS TRUCK

At around 11:45am this past Wednesday, April 20th, Greenwich Police received a call for service regarding a collision between a truck and a bicyclist on Shore Road. Police reported that the bicyclists sustained serious injuries after being hit. The truck was a Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works truck. The Greenwich Police Traffic Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating the incident.

ATTORNEY GENERAL SEEKS STATE CUSTODY OF RESCUED ANIMALS

Attorney General William Tong seeks state custody of 33 dogs, 28 cats, 5 ducks, 3 goats, and 1 pony rescued from “CT Pregnant Dog and Cat Rescue” on March 25. On March 23, a Dept of Children and Families investigator visited the house, the DCF investigator knew there were animals on the property and requested the presence of both animal control officers. The animals recovered were in varying conditions. The animals are currently being held at various animal control facilities where they are receiving proper care.

TREE WARDEN RULES ON HONEY LOCUSTS AT GHS

This past Monday, Greenwich Tree Warden Dr. Greg Kramer announced he had approved the chopping of two 16 Honey Locust trees at GHS to clear contaminated soil. After having heard concerns from residents and the Greenwich Tree Conservancy regarding loss of trees, the Tree Warden is requiring that four new Willow Oak trees be planted on the Greenwich High School campus.

ELIGIBILITY FOR RENT ASSISTANCE TEMPORARILY INCREASED

The Greenwich Dept of Human Services temporarily increased eligibility requirements for rent assistance for Greenwich residents impacted by COVID-19. Rent assistance annual income eligibility is now \$91,300 for a family of four, with no more than \$3,000 in assets. Assistance is also available for smaller and larger households. A range of assistance is available spanning \$500 to \$4,200 per household. Families impacted by COVID-19 through illness, loss of job or income, or who need to care for family members, can apply for assistance by contacting the Greenwich Department of Human Services at 203-622-3800 or by email at GDHS@greenwichct.org.

62ND ANNUAL CT DAFFODIL SHOW

The Greenwich Daffodil Society held its 62nd Annual Connecticut Daffodil Show at Christ Church Greenwich this past Wednesday and Thursday, April 20th and 21st. In addition to daffodil entries in the Horticulture Division, the show also featured an artistic section including Flower Arranging and Photography. The Daffodil Society hosted its Tea and Award ceremony on Thursday afternoon.

HOLIFEST AT ROGER SHERMAN BALDWIN PARK

The India Cultural Center has invited Greenwich to HoliFest at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park on Saturday, May 14 3pm-6pm. This celebration of Holi will feature music, dancing, kids' activities, food vendors, and a color throw. Participants will receive several bags of color. The first 1,000 people to register receive a white t-shirt for the color throw.

BRUCE MUSEUM TO RECEIVE GIFT OF MAJOR COLLECTION OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN ART

The Bruce Museum has announced a promised gift of a major collection of European and American art. This gift will be coming to the Bruce Museum as a bequest from two anonymous Greenwich residents. The collection includes 70 works of paintings, sculptures, watercolors, drawings, prints, and photographs. This will be the largest gift of art in the Bruce Museum's history.

PLANNING & ZONING WORKSHOP ON DRAFT ENERGY REGULATIONS

Greenwich's Energy Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) in collaboration with the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission hosted a presentation and discussion of draft energy regulations this past Monday, April 18th. The regulations discussed will be to increase P&Z's visibility regarding energy efficiency and renewable practices in future proposed buildings, as well as to encourage future applicants to focus on opportunities for energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy systems.

PLANNING & ZONING WORKSHOP ON GREENWICH SIGNAGE

Last Thursday, P&Z held a workshop regarding proper signage in Greenwich and heavily featured talk about rule breakers. Many misunderstandings were cleared up; however, some residents were still upset about Abigail Fox's floral display receiving a violation. P&Z chair Margarita Alban informed residents of the Town's RFP to research updates to regulations. P&Z director Katie DeLuca informed residents that many storefronts with artificial flower displays had also received violations. Currently the only acceptable displays for businesses are for either a 7-day period throughout the year, such as for a big sale or a new store opening, or for a 40-day period during the holiday season. The rules and regulations for signage are currently being updated.

CAR COLLISION AT INDIAN FIELD ROAD AND EAST PUTNAM AVENUE INTERSECTION

This past Saturday, April 16 at about 5pm, there was a two car collision at the Indian Field Road and East Putnam Avenue intersection. A car crossing through the intersection towards Indian Field Road was reported by witnesses to have traveled through a red light. The drivers received minor injuries.

NEW RESTAURANT TO OPEN IN COS COB

Island Fin Poke plans to open its first Connecticut location at 136 East Putnam Ave, formerly home to Cos Cob Hardware. The restaurant is expected to open at the end of April and will serve poké bowls, a popular Hawaiian dish made of proteins accompanied by a variety of toppings and served over lettuce or rice.

JULIAN CURTIS FOOD DRIVE AND PIN-MAKING FOR UKRAINE

Fourth grader at Julian Curtiss School Eliza Cooper worked with the school's administration and student council to hold a food drive and sell hand-made pins for Ukraine. JC student's pin making has raised \$220 for the organization Help Ukraine.

CT ATTORNEY GENERAL WARNS OF SCAM TEXTS

This past Tuesday, Attorney General William Tong warned CT residents to be careful of text message scams pretending to sell merchandise benefiting local fire departments. If you receive an unsolicited text message or phone call with a link, do not click the link.

GREENWICH NATIVE SIGNS NHL CONTRACT

After his first Olympics this past winter, Greenwich native Strauss Mann signed with National Hockey League's San Jose Sharks earlier this week. As per team policy, the terms of his deal have not been disclosed. Congratulations!

GREENWICH CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

Greenwich celebrated Earth Day 2022 today with a proclamation and ceremony held at 3:30pm at Town Hall. First Selectman Fred Camillo was joined by other town officials and members from the Sustainability Committee for this proclamation reading.

RACHEL KHANNA TO RUN FOR 149TH HOUSE SEAT

Greenwich resident Democrat Rachel Khanna has filed to run for state representative in the 149th House District. The 149th House District covers North Greenwich, the western

portion of North Stamford and Stamford's Westover/Roxbury neighborhoods.

CARDINAL LOGO INSTALLED AT CARDINAL STADIUM

This past Monday, a very large version of the Cardinal logo was installed at Cardinal Stadium above the bleachers.

LOCAL HISTORIAN FULLY TRANSCRIBED GREENWICH'S TOWN RECORDS

Local Historian Missy Wolfe has taken the last decade to review and transcribe Greenwich's town records from 1640 to 1742 into a two volume set now available: “The Great Ledger Records of the Town of Greenwich.”

LEAF BLOWER REMINDER

Under Section 6B-6 of Greenwich's municipal code residents are not permitted to operate any gasoline-powered leaf blower between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

DEATHS

Paolo Pennella
Paolo Pennella, of Greenwich, passed away April 15 at age 85.
John Callahan
John Callahan, 96, of Cos Cob, passed away peacefully at home on April 14.
Joyce Ginise
Joyce Ann Ginise, 81, passed away peacefully on April 12.
Joan Vitanza
Joan (Gaul) Vitanza, 88, formerly of Greenwich, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 11.
David Gray
David Caulkins Gray passed away peacefully on April 11.
Michael Flynn
Michael J. Flynn of Rye, NY, passed away April 11 surrounded by his family.
Amelia Busch
Amelia M. Busch passed away peacefully at her home in Riverside on Friday, April 8.
Wayne Jostrand
Wayne S. Jostrand, 83, of Vero Beach, FL died peacefully on March 28.

State of Connecticut ♦Department of Consumer Protection

LIQUOR PERMIT REQUESTED FOR THESE PREMISES

Posting Date: 04/14/2022

Type of Permit: PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR

Permittee: ROHIT MODI

Backer-Owner: COS COB BEVERAGES INC

Entertainment, If Any:

Objections must be received to DCP – Liquor Control Division by: 05-26-2022

Mail: 450 Columbus Blvd. Suite 901 Hartford, CT 06103

E-mail: DCP.LiquorRemonstrance@ct.gov

Local Public Company Market Watch

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COMPANY	SYMBOL	52 HIGH	52 LOW	PRICE*
AmBase Corporation	ABCP	\$0.43	\$0.26	\$0.34
Ellington Financial LLC	EFC	\$19.60	\$15.68	\$16.82
Hudson Global	HSO	\$42.09	\$15.46	\$38.40
Interactive Brokers Group, Inc.	IBKR	\$82.83	\$56.95	\$66.42
Oxford Lane Capital Corp.	OXLC	\$8.53	\$6.40	\$7.18
Oxford Square Capital Corp.	OXSQ	\$5.22	\$3.68	\$4.03
Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.	ROIC	\$20.09	\$16.41	\$19.75
Starwood Property Trust Inc.	STWD	\$27.00	\$22.37	\$24.57
Townsquare Media Inc.	TSQ	\$15.33	\$9.39	\$12.19
Urstadt Biddle Properties Inc.	UBA	\$21.66	\$17.57	\$18.51
W.R. Berkley Corp.	WRB	\$71.27	\$46.53	\$71.05
XPO Logistics Inc.	XPO	\$90.78	\$54.76	\$57.19
* as of close of business 4/20/22				

WORSHIP

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Harvest Time Church
 1338 King St., 203-531-7778
www.htchurch.com

In-Person Worship Services: Sun, 8:30, 10 & 11:30am (meeting on a limited basis in accordance with CDC guidelines and Connecticut’s executive orders). All services are streamed on the church’s website and social media outlets. Bible Study: The Glory of Christ, Wed, 7pm. Read The Bible 2021: join here facebook.com/groups/bible2021.

BAPTIST
First Baptist Church
 10 Northfield St.; 203-869-7988
www.firstbaptistgreenwich.com

Sunday Servings: 11:30am, Facebook Live or for Devotion: 11-11:25am (Dial in 701- 802-5355, Access code 360922).

Greenwich Baptist Church
 10 Indian Rock Ln; 203-869-2807
www.greenwichbaptist.org

Worship: Sun, 11am (in person and online through Facebook & YouTube). Children Sunday School: 9:30am, ages 9-14y. Adult Bible Study: Sun, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall. Prayer Gathering: Wed, 7pm, Pastor’s Office or virtual on Google Meets.

CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Church
 95 Henry St.; 203-531-8730
www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am, in the Chapel. Sat, 4pm. Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3:20-3:50pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4:30pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, all are welcome. Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. First Holy Communion: April 30, 10am. Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730.

St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes
 St. Agnes: 247 Stanwich Rd; St. Catherine: 4 Riverside Ave; 203-637-3661
www.stc-sta.org

* All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church only are livestreamed.

Masses: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri: 7am, St. Catherine’s Church (livestream); 5:15pm, St. Catherine’s Chapel. Wed: Adoration of

the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine’s Church. Sat (Specific dates confirmed in bulletin): Confessions, 3-4pm, St. Catherine’s Church; Vigil Mass, 5pm, St. Catherine’s Church (livestreamed). Sun: Mass, 7:30am, St. Catherine’s Church (livestream); Mass, 8:30am, St. Agne’s Church; Family Mass, 9am, St. Catherine’s Church, (livestreamed); Mass, 10am, St. Agne’s Church; Traditional Mass, 10:30am, St. Catherine’s Church, (livestreamed); Teen Mass, 5pm, St. Catherine’s Church, (livestreamed). Language Masses: St. Catherine’s Chapel: Korean Mass (every Sun), 9am. French Mass (2nd Sun of the month), Italian Mass (3rd Sun of the month), Spanish Mass (4th Sun of the month [not in September]), 11am. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine’s church on Tuesdays, 9-11am for drop-off donations. Donations can also be dropped at the Sign-in table at Sat, Sun or Daily Mass at St. Agnes). Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Easter Season Concert: April 24, 2pm. St. Catherine’s Support Circle Meeting: A presentation... How to Ensure Recruiters Find You on LinkedIn: April 28, 7pm, via Zoom, RSVPs by April 25, sandracmarr@gmail.com.

St. Mary Church
 178 Greenwich Ave.; 203-869-9393
www.stmarygreenwich.org

Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm.

St. Michael the Archangel
 469 North St.; 203-869-5421
www.stmichaelgreenwich.com

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: Thursdays through May 19, 7-8:30pm, 203-869-5421. Emmaus Women’s Retreat: April 29-May 1, Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point, NY.

St. Timothy Chapel
 1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am.

St. Paul Church
 84 Sherwood Ave.; 203-531-8741

www.stpaulgreenwich.org
 Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Ongoing: Bishop Barron’s Study Program on the Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues: March 28, April 4 & 11, 7-8:30pm, mack42741@gmail.com. Mass each Friday during Lent Season, 9am, followed by The Stations of the Cross. Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24: Vigil Mass – Sat, April 23, 4pm; Sunday Masses - 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am; Confessions, 2-2:45pm; Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3pm followed by the Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Roch Church
 10 St. Roch Ave; 203-869-4176
www.strochchurch.com

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
First Church of Christ, Scientist
 11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencet.org/greenwich

Sundays: 10:30am. April 24: “ Probation After Death.” May 3 “Everlasting Punishment.” Sunday School: for students up to 20yrs, 10:30am, Wed. 7:30, testimonies of healing - call in for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520*. Reading Room, 333 Greenwich Ave. 203-869-2503, M-F, 11-3, some Saturdays. Bibles and children’s books for sale.

COMMUNITY
First Church of Round Hill
 464 Round Hill Rd; 203-629-3876
www.firstchurchofroundhill.com

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

Round Hill Community Church
 395 Round Hill Rd; 203-869-1091
www.roundhillcommunitychurch.org

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children’s Worship for grades K-5 is now available; nursery care is not yet being

offered. Please call the church office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules, which are subject to change based on current local health and safety protocols.

CONGREGATIONAL
The First Congregational Church
 108 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-1791
www.fccog.org

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs.

North Greenwich Congregational
 606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
www.northgreenwichchurch.org

Online Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, via Zoom (email Rev. Halac at Pastor@northgreenwichchurch.org or call the church).

Second Congregational Church
 139 E Putnam Ave; 203-869-9311
www.2cc.org

Traditional Worship: Sun, 8:30 & 10:30am. Performing Arts Camp: June 27-July 1.

EPISCOPAL
Anglican Church of the Advent
 606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432
www.churchoftheadvent.org

Service: Sun, 9am, Holy Eucharist. Sunday School during academic year.

Christ Church Greenwich
 254 E. Putnam Ave; 203-869-6600
www.christchurchgreenwich.org

Worship: Sun: Eucharist, 8am (in-person); 10am (in-person & livestream/ondemand); Choral Evensong (in-person & livestream/on-demand), 5pm; Compline, 8pm (livestream/on-demand). Mon-Fri: Morning Prayer, 8am (via Zoom). Tue: Eucharist, 10am (in-person). Thu: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm (in-person & livestream/on-demand). “Something Different” Summer Outdoor Worship: Sundays through August, behind the Tomes-Higgins House (rain location: Parish Hall), bring a chair or blanket. Ongoing: Coat Drive for Families in Recovery Coats at Liberation Programs. The Rev. Marek Zabriskie’s Bible Study: Why Bad Things Happen to Good People:

A Study of the Book of Job: Feb. 28, 7:30pm, in the Rectory. Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairings: April 22, 6pm, in the Tomes-Higgins House. Christian Men’s Gathering: April 26, 7:30pm, Rectory. Fire & Wine Women’s Gathering: April 28, 7-8pm, behind the Tomes-Higgins House.

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
 954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526
www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

Sunday Worship: Spoken Eucharist, 8am, Church; Holy Eucharist with music, 10am, Church and Livestream; Family Eucharist, 10am, Parish Hall. (sign up for in-person service: signupgenius.com/go/4090e4aadac2ea3ff2-sunday1). Coffee and Morning Prayers Podcast: Mon-Fri.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
 200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447
www.stpaulsriveraside.org

Worship: Sundays: Rite 1, 8am (in-person in the sanctuary & streamed). 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month: 10:15am, in the Sanctuary. 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month: in the Meadow, 10:30am (weather permitting). Sunday School continues in Selleck Hall. Yoga on the Meadow: Fridays, 10am (Spring & Summer). Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Drive: Every Thu, 10-11:30am, in the parking lot (volunteers needed). Coffee Hour has resumed - following the 10:15am worship service.

St. Saviour’s Episcopal Church
 350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262
www.saintsaviours.org

In-person Outdoor Service: Sun, 11am. Online Worship Services available on Youtube.

JEWISH
Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich
 75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059
www.chabadgreenwich.org

Outdoor Services: Shabbat Services: Sat, 9-11:30am, (Children’s Services: 10:15am). Torah Study: Sun, 9:30-11:30am, on Zoom. Weekly Torah Portion: Thu, 10-11am, In-person & on Zoom. Kabbalah Class: Fri, 10-11am, on Zoom. For class Zoom links and full class schedule, visit chabadgreenwich.org/torahclasses.

Congregation Shir Ami
 One W. Putnam Ave; 203-274-5376
www.congregationshirami.org

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. Essential Jewish Conversation Class - Judaism and the New

Earth Day and Creation Care



BY MAREK ZABRISKIE

As we celebrate Earth Day, it is good to recall that peak religious moments are not confined to churches. Many such experiences occur in nature. This detracts nothing from the vital role that churches play, but it reminds us that in the beauty of creation we encounter God’s cathedral in its widest sense.

The philosopher, scientist, and advocate for the scientific method, Sir Francis Bacon, noted, “God has, in fact, written two books, not just one. Of course, we are all familiar with the first book he wrote, namely Scripture. But he has written a second book called creation.”

Scripture offers hundreds of citations about nature and creation. Psalm 24 begins, “The Earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” This understanding of the earth is echoed in Psalms 50:12, 89:11, 98:7 and Deuteronomy 33:16 and Exodus 16:33.

Climate change and global warming, however, are now affecting all of creation. They are the most pressing issues of our day. Concerns about racism, gender, economic inequality, access to education, and penal reform are vital, but they will

not matter if the planet becomes unsustainable for human life.

Today, hardly a day passes where we do not read or hear about environmental concerns. A recent United Nations report claims that the global average temperature will rise 2.7 degrees Celsius by century’s end and notes that even if all countries meet their promised emissions cuts, a rise that is likely to worsen extreme wildfires, droughts and floods.

Despite the COVID-19 slowing the economy, shutting down businesses and drastically reducing air travel and other transportation, 2020 was the hottest year ever reported on the planet. The temperature in Death Valley reached 130 degrees. The most recorded wildfires in history burned over five million acres – a land mass equal to Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island.

David Pogue, who frequently hosts PBS Nova science specials, discusses climate change and the greenhouse effect by showing a photograph of two dogs in a car. “If we want to reach people, we should call it the dog-in-the-car-effect. You come back to your car in the summer and it’s boiling inside. Same exact thing – trapped infrared energy reflected from the sun. In the climate analog, we are the dog,” says Pogue.

He shows a graph that starkly depicts the dramatic rise in levels of CO2. “And if we zoom in on the last 150 years, we’ll see that it really began about the time we began burning coal and oil with

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the Industrial Revolution,” he notes.

Pogue sometimes exchanges the words “global warming” with “global weirding.” “It’s heat waves, freak snowstorms, flooding, water shortages, historic rains, droughts. We had the most hurricanes last season,” he notes. “Nature is a network of interconnected systems. You can’t turn one knob without affecting a bunch of other things.”

Indeed, “all of the world feels at risk, and most of it is,” notes The Economist, adding that “even if everyone manages to honor today’s firm pledges – large parts of the tropics risk becoming too hot for outdoor work. Coral reefs and livelihoods that depend on them will vanish and the Amazon rainforest will become a ghost of itself. Severe harvest failures will be commonplace.

Ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland will shrink past the point of no return, promising sea rises measures not in millimeters, as today’s are, but in meters.” The Economist notes that progress towards reaching the goals of the Paris Agreement remain woefully

inadequate.

Water has become more precious than oil in many parts of the world, leading to massive displacements of people. Young people wonder what the future holds for them. Leaders in corporations, government, and investment funds must take action to avoid reaching a point of no return.

In 1966, historian Lynn White, Jr. delivered an address to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in which he bluntly stated that Christianity “bears a huge burden of guilt for the devastation of nature in which the West has been engaged for centuries.” His address generated a huge amount of debate.

White’s premise was that the Judeo-Christian tradition “made it possible to exploit all nature in a mood of indifference to the feelings of natural objects.” He cited the biblical command “to fill the earth and subdue it” (Gen. 1:28) as the ultimate proof that the Judeo-Christian tradition puts humans above the rest of creation and regards all other forms of life as subordinate. This gave a green light for humans to dominate the

earth.

White was a devout Christian. He did not intend his essay to be a general attack on the Judeo-Christian tradition, but rather as a criticism to a particular strain of theology that he saw as supporting environmental degradation. Whereas animistic paganism viewed humans as part of nature, Christianity, said White, viewed humans as dominant over nature. This dualism desacralized nature and paved the way for its destruction.

Since White’s controversial article in 1966, theologians have been taking environmental issues , every seriously, developing eco-theology, environmental ethics, and creation care theology.

Christians and Jews are now playing a critical role in helping to reshape our relationship to the earth, demanding that we rethink our lifestyles, use of resources, and attachment to creation.

Christ Church Greenwich begins a six-week focus on Creation Care this Sunday in our Sunday Forum from 11:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Featured speakers include:

April 24 – Stewart Lindsay, the

VP of Sustainability at Campbells Soup and Rev. Marek Zabriskie

May 1 – The Rev. Jim Antal “How People of Faith Can Help with a Climate Revival”

May 8 – Karena Gore, Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Earth Ethics “Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America.”

May 15 – The Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of Green Faith “Entrepreneur Showcase: Innovative Ways Religion, Ecology, and Economics can be Combined to Forge Creative Environmental Solutions.”

May 22 – The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullet-Jonas “Spiritual Resilience and Leadership in a Climate Emergency”

May 29 – Professor Bill McKibben, Founder of 350.org and author of the first book on Climate Change “What Might We Owe?”

Christ Church has created a Creation Care Committee to examine what we can do at home, in our church, in Greenwich and beyond to care for creation. We are also hosting a five-week Bible study open to all using “The Creation Care Bible Challenge” book available at the Dogwood Books and Gifts located at Christ Church or through Amazon. Registration available on the Christ Church website.

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie is Rector of Christ Church Greenwich and the editor of a new book entitled The Creation Care Bible Challenge, which is available at Dogwood Books and Gifts and at Amazon.



The Second Congregational Church of Greenwich held its First Ever-Good Friday Vacation Bible School at The Greenwich YMCA.

It was an opportunity for children to engage in fun and creative experiences rooted in God’s love and to help dig deeper in their faith formation on a very sacred time in the Christian calendar. Doing so at the Greenwich YMCA helped the children be invigorated not only in spirit, but also mind and body. Additionally, by hosting VBS at the YMCA our church community learned what a wonderful community resource we have in the Greenwich Family YMCA to help build strong kids and strong communities.

Pictured above is Charles Gibbons, the YMCA Youth and Family Program Manager and Jenny Byxbee Second Congregational Church Minister of Care and Connection serving up pancakes. Photos submitted.



Testament: April 25, 10am, via Zoom.

Greenwich Reform Synagogue
92 Orchard St.; 203-629-0018
www.grs.org

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom.

Temple Sholom
300 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-7191
www.templesholom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. Passover Services: April 22, 10:30am-12pm.

LUTHERAN
First Lutheran Church
38 Field Point Rd.; 203-869-0032
www.flcgreenwich.org

Indoor Service: Sun, 10:30am. Bible Study: Sun, 11:45am.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466

Indoor Service: Sun, 9am. Bible Study:

Sun, 10:15am. Wednesday After-School program: Snacks & Crafts, 3-4pm; Bible Stories & Catechesis, 4-5pm; Community Dinner, 5:30pm (all are welcome); Bible Study on Romans (adults), 6:30pm.

METHODIST
Diamond Hill United Methodist
521 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-2395
www.diamondhillumc.com

Sunday Worship Services: via Zoom, 10am. Wednesdays: Virtual Noonday Prayer & Evening Bible Study. (Details at diamondhill.com).

First United Methodist Church
59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584
www.fumcgreenwich.com

Virtual Sunday Worship, 9:30am, via Zoom (203 629 9584). Virtual Daily Gathering: Mon-Fri, 3pm, Zoom. Talking with Your Hands: Mon, 3pm. Reading this World as a Christian: Tue, 3pm. Back to Rock – music with Mr. Bruce: Tue, 3pm, via Zoom. Reading the Shape of Scripture: Wed, 3pm, via Zoom. Spring Bible Study: Thu, 3pm, via Zoom. Tea & Talk: Fri 3pm, via Zoom.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal
42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

Worship via teleconference: Sun, 11am and until further notice (Dial-in number: 425-436-6380, Access code: 612220).

NONDENOMINATIONAL
Dineetown Community Church
376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

Sunday Service: 10:30am. Philip Antinone – Chaplain.

Revive Church
90 Harding Rd., Old Greenwich (Old Greenwich Civic Center)
www.myrevive.org

Worship Service: Sun, 10am, Holiday Inn 980 Hope St, Stamford. Online Sermons available on Facebook (facebook.com/myrevivechurchgreenwich) and on Youtube. All groups are online. Direct any prayer needs to the prayer chain at 203-536-2686 or revivecfm@gmail.com.

Stanwich Church
202 Taconic Rd.; 203-661-4420
www.stanwichchurch.org

Events marked with an * require registration at stanwichchurch.org/events

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am (live-streamed). *Sky Kids Summer Program:

June 27-July 1, registration open now. *How To Share Your Faith: April 23, 8am. *World Vision Global 6K: May 21, 9am.

The Albertson Memorial Church
293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615
www.albertsonchurch.org

Sunday Service: 7pm, via Zoom. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links).

Trinity Church
5 River Rd.; 203-618-0808
www.trinitychurch.life

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E Putnam Ave.; 10am, Radisson Hotel, New Rochelle, 1 Radisson Plaza; 11am, The Chapel at NPC, 2011 Post Rd, Darien. Online Service: Sun., 9:45am, youtube.com/c/TrinityChurchLife/live. Parent Seminar: May 1, 6-8pm, Ministry Center, 5 River Rd.

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church
1 W. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-8686
www.fpcg.org

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Sanctuary Worship: Sun, 10am (Traditional Service); 5pm (Contemporary Service). Online Worship: Sun, 10-11am at fpcg.org/live. Sunday School online, 10:15-11am. The Prayer Room: 2nd Thu of each month, 8-8:30pm, via Zoom.

Grace Church of Greenwich
89 Maple Ave. 203-861-7555
www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sun, 10am, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. (Outside - seats available inside). Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

Living Hope Community Church
38 West End Ave; 203-637-3669
www.LivingHopect.org

In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/ livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Alpha: Is there more to life than this? Beginning Feb. 7, 7pm, on Zoom (The class is 11 weeks, feel free to try it out, no obligation). Register and more information: livinghopect.org/resources/alpha. Spring Presbytery Gathering: April 29, 7-9pm & April 30, 9am-3pm, in Church.

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Paolo Pennella
Paolo Pennella, of Greenwich, passed away April 15 at age 85. He was born April 28, 1936 in Morra De Sanctis, Avellino, Italy, to Giovanni & Gerarda Pennella. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings, Amato, Giuseppe, Pasquale, Antonio, Rosaria, Maria & Grazia. Paolo is survived by the love of his life for 67 years, Mariarosa DiPaola-Pennella, his daughters, Gerarda (John), Maria (Sonny), grandchildren. Anna, John (Jenna) and Paul, and great-grandchildren, Jackson & Noah, who referred to him as “Big Nonno.” He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Paolo migrated to America in 1974 and settled in Greenwich. Prior to moving to the US he lived in Morra De Sanctis and then Zurich, Switzerland where he worked as a crane operator. While in the US he held various jobs including construction, Arnold’s Bakery and lastly, became the owner and operator of Paolo Pennella Landscaping. Paolo was an avid gardener. He loved making birdhouses and enjoyed hunting, walking in the woods, and truly enjoyed playing the accordion. He also loved to make and drink his wine, listen to Kenny Rogers, polka music, watching The Godfather movies and Yellowstone. Paolo's biggest love above all was that for his wife, family and friends.

To honor his life, family and friends gathered on Tuesday. A Funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Roch's Church followed by entombment at St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be sent to The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, pulmonaryfibrosis.org/

John Callahan

John Callahan, 96, passed away peacefully at home on April 14. He was born in Cos Cob, CT on Oct. 27, 1925, son of Katie and Daniel Callahan.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 73 years, Ann Callahan; and his brothers, Daniel and James Callahan; and sisters, Margaret Cronkright and Isabel Ingraham.

He is survived by his sons, Jim (Cathy) of Durango, CO, Dave (Nicki) of Fairfield, CT; his daughters, Jeanne Miller of Cos Cob, CT, and Kerry Callahan of Washington, DC. He also leaves his grandchildren, Paula (Rod) Burr of Atlanta, GA, Mike Callahan of Venice, CA, Courtney Callahan of Durango, CO, Ashley (Zino) Carr of Cos Cob, CT, Emily Callahan currently serving with Doctors Without Borders, Kevin Callahan of Chicago, IL and Dan Callahan of Fairfield, CT, Savannah Belle Miller of Cos Cob, CT; and also his great-grandchildren, Nuala and Cullen Carr of Cos Cob, CT and Tyler (Kylee) Gabor of Dallas, TX.

During World War II, upon graduation in 1943 from Greenwich High School, John joined the Army Air Corps. and was sent to North Carolina State College as an Aviation Cadet and then to flight training, graduating as a fighter pilot and retired as

a First Lieutenant. In 1947, he founded Callahan Bros. Moving and Storage and served as President until retiring in 2007. In addition to local services, the company grew and expanded into national and international operations. John was a longtime member of Tamarack Country Club. He was an active golfer, playing at every opportunity at the place that gave him treasured friendships and much happiness. John was an avid fisherman and spent many hours on his boat, “Hambone,” including trips to Shea Stadium to watch Jets football and Mets baseball and visits to the Statue of Liberty. He was a member of the Harpoon Club and Mianus River Boat and Yacht Club, and was one of the original 39 Greenwich Boat and Yacht Club members who developed the marina there. The joy of his life was his family and his hometown. There will be no calling hours and the service is private. In memory of John, remember to work hard, play hard, love thy neighbor, keep your family close and always stay hopeful.

Joyce Ginise

Joyce Ann Ginise, age 81, passed away peacefully on April 12 due to a brief illness. She was born on July 27, 1940 in Port Chester, NY to Joseph and Mary Metrusky. Joyce was raised in Byram, CT and was a graduate from Greenwich High School. In October 1960, she married her husband, Anthony M. Ginise, who preceded her in death in 2013.

Joyce was fiercely dedicated to her children and grandchildren. She was always on the sidelines, cheering on their passions and successes. Her support and love will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

Joyce had five children, Anthony (deceased), Joyce Marzulla (Michael), Jenny Kleber (Steven), Dale Ginise, and Mary Ann Ginise. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Michael Marzulla, Joseph Marzulla, Matthew Marzulla, Stephanie Kleber, Ryan Kleber, and Jason Kleber; and sisters, Judith St. Amore and Patricia Castle; and many nieces and nephews. All of them, she loved and touched deeply.

Joyce was a passionate animal lover; and her pets, Ajax and Mr. G, will miss her greatly.

A celebration of her life will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Stamford Animal Hospital.

Job 35:11 – Who teaches us more than the beasts of the Earth and makes us wiser than the birds oh Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stamford Animal Control, in the form of a check mailed to 65 High Ridge Road #655, Stamford, CT 06905.

Joan Vitanza

Joan (Gaul) Vitanza, age 88, formerly of Greenwich, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, on Monday, April 11, at her home. She was the devoted wife of the late Basilio A. Vitanza.

Born in Bronx, NY on June 5, 1933, Joan was the daughter of the late Andrew and Rose (Packer) Gaul. She was a graduate of Greenwich High School and later acquired her Real Estate License. She was a bookkeeper for American Cyanamid for over 20 years until her retirement. She was a volunteer for Stamford Hospital and later the Cheshire Senior Center. Joan was a longtime parishioner of St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Riverside, Connecticut and later St. Patrick’s Church in Waterbury. Joan met her husband, Basilio, when they were teenagers in the Bronx. They were married in a simple ceremony in town hall and shortly after, moved to Greenwich where she lived for over 40 years. Together they raised four children and successfully invested in real estate. Joan was a smart investor and believed in hard work. She often worked two jobs in order to provide for her family. Joan instilled that dedicated work ethic into her children.

Throughout her years, Joan was an avid reader who regularly traded books with family and friends. She enjoyed going to the theater and her favorite musicals were West Side Story and Jersey Boys. She loved music and singalongs of classic tunes with her sisters on special occasions. Joan played poker with a passion in games with her friends and during trips to the casino. She was a New York Yankees fan, who rooted for her team through her final days. Traveling was one of her favorite pastimes, especially her many vacations in Aruba. Most of all, Joan was devoted to her family and spending time with her children and grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

Joan is survived by her sons, Scott Vitanza and his wife Kelsey of Cheshire, and Michael Vitanza and his wife Krista of Fairfield. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Summer, Bailey, Leo, Zoë and Rocco Vitanza; her sisters, Grace Bottino of New Mexico, and Dorothy Vitiello of Naugatuck; as well as her nephew, Louis Bottino; her nieces, Rosemary Scully and Lynn Wicht; and several cousins and friends. In addition to Basilio, the love of her life and her husband of 36 years, she was predeceased by her son, Robert Vitanza; her daughter, Carol Vitanza; her sister, Marilyn Wicht; her nephew, William Wicht; and her longtime companion, Francis Calka.

Joan’s visitation was on Tuesday, April 19 at Maiorano Funeral Home, Waterbury. Her funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, April 20 at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Riverside. Burial followed in St. Mary’s Putnam Cemetery in Greenwich.

Memorial contributions in Joan’s name may be made to a charity created in honor of her son Robert, benefiting research for Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, Rock4RV. Checks can be made payable to CJD Foundation, Inc. (denote “Rock4RV” in the memo), 3634 W. Market St, Ste. 110, Akron, OH 44333 or online at Rock4RV.com

For more information and online condolences, please visit, maioranofuneralhome.com

David Gray

David Caulkins Gray passed away peacefully on April 11. He was surrounded by family in his home in Stamford. He was 85 years old.

Poppy, as he was fondly called by his immediate family, was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He was born on Aug. 31, 1936 in New Rochelle, NY, to Julius and Betty Gray, the youngest of 3 boys. As a youth, David attended Choate preparatory school and then went on to attend Williams College, graduating in 1958.

David met Susie Mountain in New York City, and they married on May 14 in Georgetown, CT, 1966. Soon thereafter

they moved to Riverside, CT, living on Verona Drive for over 40 years. There they raised their 4 children, David, Lizzy, Robby and Gardner. David was predeceased by his wife, Susie, in 2007; and is survived by their 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

David was employed at Frank L. Savage Inc. as a textile salesman in Manhattan. He rose to lead and own the company, building relationships worldwide from the UK to Hong Kong as a knitwear designer and importer, later known as Greenwich International. His affinity for creativity and design was also realized through his love and passion for gardening, photography and painting.

David and Susie Gray were active in the community, raising a family. As members of Riverside Yacht Club, they loved playing tennis and spending weekends boating with their kids on Long Island Sound. They could easily be recognized driving around town in their Ford station wagon with their ‘DASU’ license plate. David was a kind, fun-loving and generous man who bestowed his warm personality on all he met and knew. He loved his children fiercely and was incredibly proud of all his grandchildren. His children are blessed and grateful for the amazing upbringing and life foundations that both parents bestowed on them. David-Poppy was a wonderful person who made a major impact on many and will be greatly missed.

A private memorial with his immediate family is planned later this year in Cape Cod, a place where he fondly enjoyed spending time.

We would like to thank Home Care Connectors for the tremendous care over the past year, and especially in his final days. The family would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Dr. James A. Brunetti for his phenomenal care and compassion toward our father.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Road, Greenwich, CT 06830, to honor Dr. Brunetti.

Michael Flynn

Michael J. Flynn of Rye, NY, passed away April 11 surrounded by his family.

He was born in Kilmactranny, Boyle, County Sligo, Ireland, to Shamus and Bridget (nee O’Shea) Flynn, one of seven children. Growing up on a farm, he had a tremendous love of nature and you could always find him tinkering in his garden.

He came to America 29 years ago, and after a few years, started his own company - Mike’s Home Improvement. He made numerous contacts, of whom many became lifelong friends. He was a ferocious friend and loved family above all else, never hesitating to help anyone. He enjoyed a good time with friends and family, always shining the spotlight on others. He loved playing golf and traveling, especially with his extended family. He was a keen fisherman and excelled at several sports, and made a point of making everyone feel welcome and happy.

He is survived by his mother, Bridie, and stepfather, Patrick Tierney; his adoring wife, Peggy; his loving sisters, Ann Devitt (Michael) from Croydon, England, Teresa Flynn from Croydon, England, Mary Fisher (Matthew) from Rye, NY, Catherine Katsigris (John) from Greenwich, CT; brothers, Patrick Flynn (Noreen) from Sligo, Kevin Flynn from Sligo; and his nieces and nephews: Anna, Kelly and Michaela Katsigris, Brendan Fisher, Shamus, Eilish, Gerard and Thomas Flynn, Steven, Liam, Sarah and Georgina Devitt, Rebecca Devitt, and Scarlett Ferguson.

His unexpected passing leaves a hole in the hearts of all who loved him that will

never be filled. Calling hours were Thursday, April 14 at the Graham Funeral Home.

Amelia Busch

Amelia M. Busch passed away peacefully at her home in Riverside on Friday, April 8. She was 97 years old.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1924 to Joseph and Emilia Koshina Matula of Byram. She attended New Lebanon School and graduated from Greenwich High School in 1942. On April 19, 1947, she married Gustav A. Busch of Greenwich. For many years, she was an employee of Fawcett Publications on Greenwich Avenue. In her retirement, she enjoyed the activities of the Greenwich Senior Center and singing with the Silvertones.

She is survived by her three daughters, Elaine Andersen of Greenwich, Maureen Busch-Terman of Southport, NC, and Kathleen Jarombek of Riverside, sons-in-law Timothy Terman and Jerry Jarombek, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, her five siblings, and her son-in-law, William C. Andersen, Sr.

The family is grateful to the staff and residents of Hill House in Riverside for their many kindnesses to mom and to her aides from Angelic Elderly Care in Stamford for all their care and support.

A wake was held on Wednesday, April 13 at Fred D. Knapp and Son funeral home, Greenwich. The funeral was on Thursday, April 14 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Riverside. Burial followed at St. Mary Cemetery on North Street.

Gifts may be made in her memory to Hill House, 10 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878.

Wayne Jostrand

Wayne S. Jostrand, 83, of Vero Beach, FL died peacefully on March 28. Born Sept. 26, 1938 in Springfield, MA, Wayne attended Williston Northampton School before graduating from Yale University in 1960. He subsequently earned a doctorate degree in engineering from Yale’s graduate school. In 1965, he married Emily Henry in Riverside, CT where they raised their family and lived for over 30 years. After a long successful career at IBM, Wayne continued working with several smaller technologies companies. Upon retirement, they moved to Chatham, MA where they lived for 21 years before moving full-time to Vero Beach, FL.

Always active in his community, Wayne generously gave his time to the First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich, CT, The Atwood House Historical Museum in Chatham, MA, and the Community Church of Vero Beach, FL.

He was an avid sports enthusiast and lifelong fan of the NY Giants and Boston Red Sox. He enjoyed sailing, tennis, running, and skiing. Wayne will always be remembered for his brilliant mind, quick wit and great sense of humor.

He is predeceased by his parents Alphild and Emil Jostrand, and by his son, William Henry Jostrand. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, their children Sten Jostrand (Kay) and Katherine Angell (Jake) and five grandchildren.

A memorial will be held for the family in Old Greenwich in July.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his name to Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery, 57 West 57th Street, Suite 904, New York, NY 10019.

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SPORTS

Justin Zych’s Two-Run Seventh Inning Single Leads Greenwich Past Baseball Rival Staples

By DAVID FIERRO

Already on the losing end of two, tough, one-run games to FCIAC opponents this season, Greenwich’s baseball team was on the verge of dropping another tight matchup today, with Staples right-hander Alex Oppenheimer taking a perfect game into the seventh inning.

That’s right, the Wreckers’ strike-throwing senior was absolutely perfect, retiring the first 18 batters he faced and Greenwich coach Adrian Arango and the Cardinals were hoping the baseball gods would bring good fortune for them this time.

“I’m standing there in the last inning – I think I was part of some perfect games in Little League as a player or something – and I’m thinking to myself, the way the first two FCIAC games have gone, losing by one run, the way we lost to McMahon (a walk-off on an extra inning home run), something has to give here,” Arango said.

Well, it certainly was a challenge, but the Cardinals got a close game to go in their favor against a league foe, courtesy of Justin Zych.

A senior third baseman/captain, Zych hit a two-run single to left field off Staples reliever Hiro Wyatt in the bottom of the seventh inning, lifting Greenwich to a 2-1 comeback win over the visiting Wreckers.

The dramatic victory snapped a three-game losing streak to Greenwich (4-3), with two of those losses coming by one run.

“It’s definitely huge,” Zych said of the victory. “Three in a row, we couldn’t make it four, especially starting 0-2 in the FCIAC.”

Oppenheimer was brilliant on the mound for Staples (3-1). He took a perfect game into the seventh inning and wound up pitching six hitless innings. He lost his bid for a perfect game when he issued a walk

to Cardinals senior left fielder Javier Serra to start the seventh inning. Senior right fielder Ryan Perez followed by reaching base safely on an infield error, which also resulted in Serra advancing to third with no one out. Staples coach Jack McFarland then made a pitching change, inserting Wyatt into the game.

“He was at 75 pitches, so that’s as far as he was going to go today,” McFarland said of Oppenheimer. “He was throwing the ball real well, he was at 70 pitches going into the seventh.”

With Wyatt on the mound, Perez stole second base, setting up a second-and-third situation with Zych at the plate. Getting a curve ball after fouling off several tough pitches, Zych lined it into left field for a base hit, scoring Serra and Perez and giving the Cards the win.

“I had runners on second and third no outs, I knew I had to put the ball in play, ideally to the outfield for a sac fly,” Zych said. “He’s (Wyatt) a really good pitcher, committed to Duke, he throws hard, so I had to start early and be ready for all his pitches. I fought off his off-speed and was ready for the pitch at the end to take advantage of it.”

Pitching from ahead in the count throughout, Oppenheimer struck out eight batters, walked just one, but was charged with both runs.

“He was obviously fantastic, we couldn’t do anything off him the whole day, but we were able to make a push for those two runs and had a lot of energy at the end,” Zych said.

Perez, also one of the Cardinals’ captains, also had a key at-bat in the final inning, putting the ball in play against Oppenheimer, who mixed his pitches effectively throughout.

“I think we did good today, unfortunately he had a perfect game through six innings,” Perez

said. “I think that shows how tough our team is. He was good, he shut us down. In that situation you have to put the ball in play and anything can happen.”

While the Wreckers received outstanding pitching, the Cardinals also got solid performances on the mound from their three hurlers. Senior captain Tyler Cusimano received the start and the right-hander allowed one run on three hits in four innings, striking out five. Vinny Pavonetti, also a senior, pitched one scoreless inning and Perez threw two innings for his first varsity win on the mound in his first appearance.

“Tyler Cusimano – second outing of the year, first start, gives us four great innings,” Arango said. “Vinny Pavonetti, a senior, gives us an inning and Ryan got the win in his first varsity appearance on the mound. Everyone who contributed to this win was a senior, or senior captain.”

Staples took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning. Senior Finn Popken drew walk against Cusimano with one out, junior second baseman Justin Kline singled, then junior right fielder Mike Porzio lined a single up the middle, scoring Popken and putting the Wreckers on top, 1-0. The visitors had a chance to score more runs in the inning, but Cusimano worked out of a bases loaded, one-out jam.

“When you don’t score runs and leave the door open, that’s what happens,” McFarland said of the loss. “We had opportunities to tack on earlier in the game and we didn’t do it and that’s what happens in high school baseball, because we don’t have that bottom of the seventh.”

Oppenheimer struck out two batters in the second inning, had a strikeout in the third, one in the fourth and fanned two more batters in the fifth.



Greenwich snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory against visiting Staples on April 20, 2022.

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Greenwich Academy Tennis Team Tops Rye Country Day School To Remain Undefeated

By DAVID FIERRO

Greenwich Academy’s tennis team has jumped out to a record of 3-0 to start the season, one of its most recent wins coming Tuesday against Rye Country Day School.

Winning three of the four singles matches and

two of the three doubles matchups, Greenwich Academy registered a 5-2 victory against Rye Country Day.

GA received victories from Charlotte Pastel, Elsa Burgess and Karin Lund at second, third and fourth singles. Grace Genereux of the Gators lost at first singles to Sriya Krishnan, 6-4, 6-2.

At second singles, Pastel posted a 6-1, 6-0 win for GA. Burgess was a 6-2, 6-0 winner at No. 3 against Rye Country Day’s Maddie Leslie. Lund came back to win her match at fourth singles over Ana Willmer, 1-6, 6-2, 11-6.

In doubles action, Kate Boer and Sarah Powis were victorious at the No. 1 spot, 6-4, 6-4. Greenwich

Academy’s Margaret Foley and Lianna Seeley were edged at second singles, 7-5, 6-3.

At the No. 3 doubles position Lily Kruse and Juliet Winegardner of GA teamed up to notch a 7-5, 4-6, 10-7 triumph.

Sacred Heart Greenwich Golf Team Tops Holy Child To Continue Its Strong Season

By DAVID FIERRO

Sacred Heart Greenwich’s golf team added another convincing win to its ledger, topping School

of the Holy Child, 5-0 in an FAA match held at Tamarack Country Club.

At the No. 1 spot, senior co-captain Kate Hong was victorious for Sacred Heart, 3 and 1. Emmy Marlatt was a 4 and 3 winner for the Tigers at No. 2.

Co-captain Lydia Fullerton won her match at the No. 3 position for Sacred Heart, 5 and 4.

Lindsay Benza (No. 4) posted a 4 and 3 win for Sacred Heart, while Sam Mecane (No. 5) and Finley Newman (No. 6) each won their matchups, 5 and 4

for the Tigers.

With the win, Sacred Heart’s record stands at 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the FAA. Sacred Heart plays St. Luke’s School on Monday.

Greenwich Lacrosse Team Pulls Away From Visiting Westhill, Improves Record To 3-0

Relentless on both ends of the field, Greenwich High School’s girls lacrosse team made sure it got back into the win column today against Westhill, after experiencing its first loss of its season in its previous game against Staples.

The high-scoring trio of Emma Abbazia, Noey Johnson and Cece Tauber provided the majority of the points, while MK Savio, Kaitlin Kelly, Sophie Roth and Keira Young anchored the defense for Greenwich in its third convincing win in as many games at Cardinal Stadium so far this season.

Abbazia, a sophomore, continued her scoring surge, totaling a game-high six goals, Johnson had another big offensive game, tallying five times and Tauber, a junior, recorded four goals and four assists in Greenwich’s 18-4 victory over visiting Westhill.

The Cardinals, who were coming off a 10-6 loss to Staples, raised their record to 3-1 with the triumph and are 3-0 at home.

“We definitely picked it up,”

Tauber said of the Cardinals’ overall performance. “After losing to Staples we came out hungry. Something that we worked on in practice is how consistent our offense was. I think that we definitely picked it up as opposed to Staples and our prior games.”

Sophia Neitzell, a sophomore midfielder, tallied two goals and one assist, while Grace O’Connor added one goal for the Cards, who entered halftime with a comfortable 10-3 halftime lead. A much-improved Westhill squad went into the game with a record of 3-0. The Vikings hung tough for most of the first half, before Greenwich pulled away, capitalizing on its possession advantage, impressive passing and ball movement and ability to cause several turnovers and scoop up ground balls. Greenwich’s defensive play was also strong in front of junior goalie Daryl Furno.

“They’re a very athletic team as we are too,” Kelly said. “But we pressured out on defense and took away their athleticism and just pressured on them and we worked



Greenwich’s Emma Abbazia looks to pass the ball against Westhill at Cardinal Stadium on April 19, 2022.

together as a team to stop them from pushing through us.”

Johnson, a senior, midfielder opened the game’s scoring, then Abbazia followed with a goal, giving GHS a 2-0 edge. Senior midfielder Audra Hansen cut Greenwich’s lead to 2-1 with a goal at the 17:48 mark of the first half.

On the ensuing draw, Abbazia took the ball right down the field and scored, making it 3-1 18 seconds later.

Johnson converted a free position shot and Tauber finished a shot off a feed from Johnson bringing the score to 4-1 with 13:53 to go in the opening half. Hansen

tallied in transition, bringing the Vikings to within 4-2, but the Cards went on a 5-0 run to break the game open, at 9-2. The elusive Johnson scored twice during the spurt, with Abbazia and Tauber each added goals. Greenwich exhibited solid passing throughout.

“That’s been one of our issues – looking for two girls,” Tauber said. “Obviously, we have a lot of talent and we’re just incredibly deep with our offensive end and middies. I think today we showed we are not just two girls.”

In the second half, Greenwich continued to play with intensity on both ends of the field.

“I liked the composure we showed,” GHS coach Tara Clough said. “A lot of our players stepped up and we did a good job of gaining possession off the draw.”

Johnson posted five draw controls, sophomore midfielder Cate Adorney had four draw controls and Abbazia had three for the Cardinals (3-1).

The home team limited the Vikings to just one second half goal.

“We really wanted to come out strong coming off of our loss and I think we did, we had a lot of contributors,” Sophie Roth said. “We really had to adapt they had one really strong driver, so we had to double and cut off adjacents and make sure our slides were there.”

The Cardinals’ defensive unit has shown good chemistry over the first four matchups.

“We’ve played with each other for a while so we are definitely really close and we know each other’s strengths,” Roth noted.

Greenwich junior Kaitlin Kelly helped anchor the team’s defensive play.

Said Kelly: “I think we have the best defense in the FCIAC. I think all of us work so well out there, we’re like a brick wall. We are definitely very strong defensively.”

Westhill goalie Erin Casey turned in a stellar effort, making 21 saves, while facing shots from all angles and direction. Up next for Greenwich was a game against Brien McMahon on Thursday in Norwalk.

It’s the Great Lake State or Bust for Glickman

By PAUL SILVERFARB

Connor Glickman is proof that if you put in the work, good things will happen. With an outstanding performance at the New York Regional Championship meet held earlier this month, the Greenwich High School sophomore gymnast will be taking on some of the best gymnasts in the country to end his whirlwind month of April.

After a year in which competitions for gymnastics were halted due to COVID-19, Glickman has returned to the scene in grand fashion, starting on March 19 when he took the bronze medal in the Level 9 all-around at the New York State Gymnastics championships in Rochester, N.Y. With that third-place performance, Glickman advanced to the Region 7 gymnastics championships.

The best from Virginia, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania got together on April 9 for competition in the N.Y. Regional championship meet, which was held April 9 at West Point.

In that competition, Glickman posted a silver medal performance in both the rings and pommel.

On pommel, the GHS sophomore focused on holding perfect form and he added an element on high bar that gave him major points.

“Our focus for regionals was to land clean routines,” he said. “We didn’t think I needed to throw my most difficult skills and risk falling or breaking form. On high bar, I perform a skill called a Tkatchev. That is a release skill where you launch your body over the high bar in a straddle position and then catch the bar on the other side and swing back into the rest of your routine. While I was one of

only three to throw this skill at Regionals, I was the only one to catch it. I am keeping the crazy stuff for Nationals.”

Those two second-place events helped propel Glickman to an eighth-place finish overall and qualified him for the National Championships held on April 30 at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Michigan.

“Qualifying for nationals is the pinnacle for a high school age gymnast,” Glickman said. “I’ve trained and competed in gymnastics since I was eight years old. Getting to this point has been a dream of mine since I started in gymnastics.”

And while the physical performance was impressive, it was his mental toughness that he said was a key contributor to his success.

“A gymnastics meet takes about four hours but you are competing on each apparatus for only thirty seconds to a minute,” Glickman said. “You get one shot. Any mistake on a single event can be the reason to not qualify for the next competition. It is very stressful to have all your training for the months leading up to a competition to come down to one 30-second routine. Despite that stress, when you stick your routine, the feeling is like nothing else I’ve ever known.”

The nerves that Glickman experienced certainly weren’t because of his lack of training. The 16-year-old has been working on his gymnastics since he was seven years old, training at Chelsea Piers in Stamford. He moved to World Cup Gymnastics in Chappaqua, N.Y. in 2017 and has been there ever since. Glickman trains with his team and coaches four days a week for over 12 hours of

combined practices.

“I train four days a week for three hours at a time all year round,” he said. “While there are three months when we compete, there is no real off-season in gymnastics. When getting close to State or Regional championships, we work on podium training, which means practicing our routines to ensure they are clean and consistent. During the off season we learn new skills to prepare for the next season.”

Although Glickman has high hopes for Nationals, he knows that this will be an experience of a lifetime and knows the importance of soaking it all in.

“I am thrilled just to be competing at Nationals,” he said. “I’ve never qualified for Nationals before. I’m not sure how I will place given I will be competing against the top high school age gymnasts in the nation. While I was a bit more conservative at Regionals to give me the best shot at making Nationals, there is no reason to hold back at Nationals. I will throw the toughest skills I have and give it my best shot.”

Although Glickman says that gymnastics is a tough sport to compete in, he wouldn’t change a thing.

“Few boys take up the sport and even fewer continue to this level,” he said. “I have to train in Chappaqua because there is no gym closer that can coach at my level. Our team is small and the hours are long. The rewards, however, are great. Gymnastics makes you strong, flexible and keeps you in great shape. It is also very cool to compete in a sport that few other take up. I do miss the larger team aspect of other sports. But I wouldn’t change a thing.”



Connor Glickman, 16 and a sophomore at Greenwich High, takes to the pommel during a recent competition.

Sacred Heart Greenwich lacrosse team makes Nike/USA Lacrosse High School Girls National Top 25 rankings

By DAVID FIERRO

The latest Nike/USA Lacrosse High School Girls National Top 25 rankings were released on Tuesday and Sacred Heart Greenwich’s Varsity A team was listed among the premier teams in the nation.

Sacred Heart, which has a record of 3-0 on the season, is ranked No. 21 in this week’s Nike/USA Lacrosse High School Girls National Top 25.

“The girls are so excited and we could not be more proud of them,” Sacred Heart co-head coach Jackie Pierce Goldmann “Taking it game by game but an amazing accomplishment for the program. We had an awesome win over Summit (NJ) on Saturday which we won 12-11.”

The Tigers’ triumph against Summit was their most significant win of the season to date. Today, the Tigers travel to Lawrenceville School in New Jersey for what should be a good test for them. The game is scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart is one of four Connecticut teams on the national list. New Canaan, Darien and Wilton are also among the top 25.

Sacred Heart’s Varsity A roster includes: Charlotte Bacigalupo, Margaret Bacigalupo, Abigail Bartnett, Isabelle Berkery, Corbin Callaway, Mackenzie Coleman, Lauren Drummey, Dylan Drury, Daphne Fallon, Lauren Giuriceo, Kelly Haggerty, Maddy Hartnett, Grace Heffernan, Olivia Leahy, Ava Lillis, Franny O’Brien, Annie O’Connor, Laura O’Connor, Kaitlin Robinson, Karina Sethi, Payton Sfreddo, Maggie Sullivan and Wowie Walker.



Aquarion Seeks Nominations for Environmental Champion Awards

Awards program celebrates Connecticut’s environmental volunteers

The Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards recognizes individuals, businesses, and organizations across Connecticut dedicated to environmental protection and sustainability. Now in its 12th year, the Environmental Champion Awards are an opportunity for environmental advocates to earn statewide honors for their work.

Winners in the Adult, Non-Profit Organization, and Business categories will have the opportunity to select an environmental non-profit to receive a \$5,000 grant.

The winner of the Student category (grades 9-12) will receive a \$1,000 award.

“Individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout Connecticut work tirelessly to preserve our state’s natural resources,” said Donald J. Morrissey, President of Aquarion Water Company. “As Stewards of the Environment, Aquarion Water Company is excited to salute their efforts and celebrate their achievements through the 12th annual Environmental Champion Awards.”

The deadline for submissions is May 6, 2022 and winners will be announced on June 4, 2022 at an awards ceremony to be held at Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo.

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“Old man Nichols was an expert on excavation and road building - so he laid out not only a variety of beautiful flat trails but also big ponds,” tells John Nelson. Contributed photo.

NATURE PRESERVE
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who have given to the Preserve before, people who live in the area and use the Preserve. These green spaces benefit everybody.”

Freedman cites her “biggest contribution to GRTA is that I’ve worked on this property since we didn’t own it...and since we’ve owned it.” But Freedman has done more for this Preserve and the GRTA dating back to the years the Nature Conservancy owned the Preserve. It’s all there in her Greenwich Library 2004 oral history on “Riding in Greenwich.”

So, Freedman was on her horse riding in the then Nature Conservancy-owned Preserve when she encountered a lady with not too friendly dogs. The lady told her, “No horses allowed in here.” Freedman responded, “I was shown by somebody who actually knew the Mr. Herbert Nichols, Jr. I was assured that we were allowed to go in.”

To investigate, Freedman first contacted the Nature Conservancy and learned a lawsuit filed against them elsewhere from an incident related to a horse had caused them to not allow horses in their preserves. Then, searching out the deeds from both Greenwich and North Castle when Mr. Nichols had deeded the Preserve property to the Nature Conservancy, Freedman finds horseback riding not mentioned but “recreational activities were part of the deal.”

But didn’t Mr. Nichols and family ride horses with carriages along those “wonderful bridle trails” of packed dirt. And wasn’t Mr. Nichols still alive to question? Yes indeed, the elderly Mr. Nichols told Freedman, “Horseback riding was to be allowed.” Freedman took that line back to the Nature Conservancy.

So,” Freedman tells, “I had approached the Nature Conservancy and said you know this is not in the agreement you made with your donor, and we would like to see horses there again. And then they asked us if we would be interested in being a steward and taking care of it - and owning it.” The price?

“One dollar for 94 acres in Greenwich and New Castle. It was a win-win for everybody.” Including donor Herbert Nichols Jr. when

Ladies out for a ride across a Nichols Preserve meadow. Contributed photo.

he was told of this development. He was described as “moved to tears at the prospect of his beloved property being able to be enjoyed in perpetuity by future generations of horseback riders, dog walkers and nature lovers,” writes Ellen Brennan-Galvin in her history of the former Herbert Nichols house she lives in on Maple Avenue.

So, coming up on this Saturday is an ideal opportunity to learn more about the Nichols Preserve and get some outdoor exercise at the GRTA’s annual spring “Trail Clean-up & Picnic, from 9:30 to noon. Bring gloves, small tools such as clippers or hand saws. And those interested in contributing to the GRTA endowment fund can do so online at <https://thegрта.org/give/>



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REAL ESTATE DASHBOARD

High-Tech Real Estate Marketing in the 21st Century



By Mark Pruner

If you are reading this, then you already know the power of great local paper to inform people about the local market and sell real estate. There are many more tools out there that are incredibly effective when working in conjunction with this one.

The world of marketing homes is becoming more complicated, but if you know what you are doing that is for the best. Realtors can now reach out to potential buyers that they were not able to reach before and do so quicker, but necessarily cheaper.

REAL ESTATE BCE

Not that long ago, realtors had the “book”, and you could get fined for losing it or giving it to a buyer. In the book was one small, grainy B/W picture of the front of each house listed and maybe a dozen items of info on the house. Now everyone with an internet connection has 10 times that amount of information. That information doesn’t just appear, it was crafted by realtors and other professionals to put the house in the best light without violating NAR regulations, Connecticut laws and the federal Fair Housing Act.

While Realtor.com, Trulia, Compass.com and hundreds of other websites have made lots of information available. Most of it is boring. What makes listing jump off the screen are photos, aerials, and video. A traditional photographer is great, but lots more gets done to the photo before it’s gets to your computer or cell phone screen.

GRAPHICS ARE NOT JUST PHOTOS

To begin with the Realtor needs to go over with the photographer the important things on the interior, the outside and the neighborhood that need to be emphasized and pick a time when weather, sun and tide are helping. Once captured, the photos have to be polished. Grass is greened up; skies are brightened, and photos are cropped to emphasize the property’s good features. What is not done, or shouldn’t be done, are removing telephone poles and lines to improve the view. Also, you can’t change the earth’s axis as one L.A. did by photoshopping in a sun setting on the southern horizon. Virtual staging of furniture in rooms and photos from prior listings that are no longer representative should be identified.

Drones have added some major impact to photos and are now de rigueur for high-end properties. The other thing, which has become common are floorplans. If you don’t put them up, prospective buyers

will call you up and ask for them. Floorplans cut both ways as some buyers who might otherwise come see the house, won’t come if the present floorplan doesn’t work for them. The Realtor never gets to explain how the floorplan can be improved. The question is for lots of these prospects is whether they might be persuaded to make an offer, i.e., were these buyers really buyers. Floorplans can save a lot of time for everyone.

THE RISE OF VIDEO

Videos are also becoming much more common. You have what one videographer calls the Ken Burns videos and then you have the custom videos where the sky’s the limit in bells and whistles and cost. Ken Burns has done a masterful job of zooming in on photos and fading from one to another to give a static subject a sense of motion and presence. That’s what you get with a lot “virtual tours” and these virtual tours also usually come with generic, non-copyrighted music. These generic tours are generated automatically but have a surprising amount of viewing time online.

Once you have the photos, a careful selection in a precise order is uploaded to the MLS along with lots of text information, surveys, maps, deeds and other documentation. This information is then encoded with special codes identifying each datum type and distributed using an IDX (Internet Data Exchange) formatted fee. This feed goes to each MLS broker and to a company called Listhub in Arizona. Listhub then sends the IDX to hundreds of sites, including their sister News Corp company, Realtor.com.

MARKETING AUTOMATION

In today’s real estate market that is just the ante to get in the game. Next the Realtor needs to put it up on their Facebook page, their Instagram and Twitter feeds and craft a postcard and research a mailing list. Postcards look simple, but behind the scenes there is lot of technology. At Compass, we have a drag and drop media production system, which means we can do in minutes what used to take hours and needed the help of graphic artist. (Other brokers have this too, but ours is pretty slick. :)

What’s really changed is who those postcards go to. It used to be, and it is still common, that they go to the 100 nearest neighbors, whether they just moved in or are likely to live there for another 20 years. Now Big Data services can slice and dice 100’s of factors about someone to focus on those most likely to be interested in your particular listing.

ONLINE MARKETING ADS AND SEO AND PODCASTS

Realtors also have paid online advertising to market each property. Prior to 2018, online companies like Facebook would give a realtor a hundred or more parameters to narrow the focus. In 2018, the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development issued a set of regulations banning the use of any parameters that might be discriminatory, such as marital status, children, age, religious affiliation, etc. There are still lots of ways to slice and dice the data that makes it much more likely that the ad will reach a potential buyer.

Search engine optimization is also a great way to reach out to buyers. Russ and I both have blogs at GreenwichStreets.com and RussellPruner.com that rank highly in search engines often in the top ten depending on the search term. PR can also be highly effective, and we just started a radio show on WGCH at 10 am on Mondays. That show is distributed not only via the local airwaves, but also streaming live on WGCH.com and in on podcasts on Spotify, Amazon, Apple and Google that people can subscribe. Our local agents have a wide range of websites, some of which are pretty famous.

MAKE A PLAN AND WORK THE PLAN

Realtors have lots of tools that are only getting more features that let us market a house. However, without a carefully crafted campaign integrating all these options with a phased marketing approach, these tools lose a lot of their effectiveness. In a market as hot as this one, a properly priced house will sell but will it be for the best price and on the other terms that the seller wants.

Russ and I recently had a listing that went for the most dollars over list of any listing so far this year. The marketing plan for that property ran three pages and took weeks of work before the listing went live.

The Sentinel was a key part of the marketing budget. A full page ad in the Sentinel was one of our key purchases. Newspapers have gone online with a website, a digital eEdition version as well as the print version with the largest circulation in Greenwich. In addition, the online version has tabs so that articles can be shared on Facebook, Twitter, Reddit and three other social media platforms with just one click.

Once live, new parts of the plan kicked in every day. Some bidders saw the local marketing efforts while the ultimate buyer came from a hundred miles away.

We are not unique, every agent and brokerage firm bring their own way marketing plans and systems. There a wide variety of ways to create a marketing program that works as all these successful agents show, but each year the requirement to do a great marketing program get more complex.

But, if it was easy, it wouldn’t be fun.

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8 Chapel Lane	Riverside	\$4,495,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Berkshire Hathaway
77 Havemeyer Lane #304	Stamford	\$650,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Berkshire Hathaway
17 Marks Road	Riverside	\$2,770,000	Sat 4-6 PM	Coldwell Banker Realty
10 Boyd Lane	Riverside	\$2,495,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
19 Farley Street	Greenwich	\$1,395,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
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19 Farley Street	\$1,395,000	\$628	2,220	0.21	3	2	South Parkway
33 Old Stone Bridge Road	\$1,995,000	\$565	3,533	1.12	4	3	Cos Cob
4 Rainbow Drive	\$1,999,999	\$599	3,341	0.29	4	2	Riverside
20 Church Street A4	\$2,295,000	\$1,388	1,653	0	3	3	South Parkway
10 Boyd Lane	\$2,495,000	\$596	4,183	0.32	5	3	Riverside
9 Stallion Trail	\$2,495,000	\$335	7,450	2	5	5	North Parkway
9 Grimes Road	\$2,750,000	\$982	2,799	0.21	4	3	Old Greenwich
2 Grove Lane	\$2,950,000	\$852	3,461	1	4	3	South Parkway
25 Woodland Drive B	\$2,950,000	\$1,168	2,526	0.22	3	3	South of Post Road
3 Mountain Laurel Drive	\$3,000,000	\$332	9,029	2.89	5	5	North Parkway
249 Riverside Avenue	\$3,675,000	\$871	4,217	0.28	4	4	Riverside
3 Random Road	\$3,795,000	\$927	4,095	0.69	5	3	Old Greenwich
125 Cat Rock Road	\$4,150,000	\$569	7,297	2.01	5	6	Cos Cob
6 Greenwich Cove Drive	\$4,175,000	\$901	4,633	0.96	5	5	Old Greenwich
61 Winding Lane	\$4,400,000	\$604	7,287	3.2	6	6	South Parkway
8 Chapel Lane	\$4,495,000	\$684	6,574	0.35	6	7	Riverside
118 Havemeyer Place	\$4,995,000	\$894	5,588	0.15	5	5	South of Post Road
269 Riversville Road	\$6,495,000	\$737	8,809	2.39	9	5	South Parkway
26 Stoney Wylde Lane	\$7,195,000	\$771	9,333	2.18	6	6	South Parkway
32 Calhoun Drive	\$9,800,000	\$947	10,345	1.56	6	7	South Parkway
11 Island Lane	\$41,500,000	\$3,199	12,972	1.6	6	7	South of Post Road

NEW SALES

Data Compiled by Cesar Rabellino (203) 249-9866

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
98 Valley Road 15	\$539,000	\$539,000	\$510,000	121	2	1	0	1,008
8 Cary Road	\$649,000	\$649,000	\$640,000	28	2	1	0.15	640
15 Lafayette Court 5B	\$975,000	\$975,000	\$900,000	49	2	2	0	1,450
88 Indian Field Road	\$1,195,000	\$929,999	\$905,000	324	3	3	0.22	2,793
21 Brown House Road	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	49	2	1	0.18	1,020
102 River Road	\$1,240,000	\$1,240,000	\$1,240,000	0	4	2	0.15	2,296
32 Macarthur Drive	\$1,395,000	\$1,395,000	\$1,535,000	14	4	3	0.17	1,884
6 Ernel Drive	\$1,395,000	\$1,395,000	\$1,680,000	28	4	3	0.14	1,960
37 Davenport Avenue 2	\$2,350,000	\$2,150,000	\$2,060,000	124	2	2	0	3,421
10 Edgewater Drive	\$1,975,000	\$1,975,000	\$2,250,000	15	4	3		
49 Lockwood Lane	\$2,499,000	\$2,499,000	\$2,600,000	45	5	4	0.32	3,404
14 Indian Chase Drive	\$2,995,000	\$2,995,000	\$2,875,000	65	4	2	1	2,848
958 Lake Avenue	\$2,890,000	\$2,890,000	\$2,900,000	156	5	5	4	4,847
10 Sherwood Farm Lane	\$4,600,000	\$4,600,000	\$4,400,000	185	5	6	1.25	7,034
60 Round Hill Road	\$4,595,000	\$4,595,000	\$4,550,000	91	5	4	2.09	4,706
34 Cathlow Drive	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,700,000	15	6	6	2.09	5,058
547 North Street	\$5,495,000	\$5,195,000	\$5,255,000	179	8	6	3.46	7,994

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Isabella Maria Long Blazes Golden Trail In Ballet World



By LIZ LEAMY

Isabella Maria Long seems to be destined for the stars, as this talented 17 year-old Riverside resident has been on an extraordinary trajectory in which she is within striking range of achieving her lifelong dream of becoming a professional ballerina with those around her rooting for her more than ever.

An up-and-coming dancer in the ballet community, Long, who has been primarily residing in New York City since the age of 13 in order to train full time with Ellison Ballet, has always believed she was destined to be a ballerina.

When Long was a toddler, she was enrolled in movement classes at Dance Adventure in Greenwich with Ms. Nola Van Alstine. Long took to dance right away with its unique platform of physicality, timing, athleticism, fluidity and musicality.

As a kindergartener, Long began taking classes at the Connecticut Ballet Center in Stamford, where she trained and worked on foundational dance moves, elements and positions while practicing them in tandem with music. During this time, Long also danced in the company's popular rendition of 'The Nutcracker' at the Palace Theatre in Stamford, her first big-theatre foray dancing as a ballerina with small roles such as a 'candy carrier' and 'crown carrier' which put her on stage just briefly.

By the time she was seven, Long knew ballet was an endeavor she wanted to pursue more extensively... and now she had a goal to become a professional ballerina.

She began studying at the Greenwich Ballet Academy at its studios based in here town and in Port Chester.

Long enrolled in the studio's Vaganova program, which practiced a method that originated in St. Petersburg, Russia designed to develop premier ballerinas.

The depth of this program, coupled with the fact that the Greenwich Ballet Academy was within such close proximity of her home in Riverside, made this a particularly optimal situation for her.

Long would practice intensively, approximately five to six days a week, one to two hours daily, and work on her skills, strengthening, conditioning, technique, turns, leaps and routines.

This chapter of Long's ballet career was pivotal as she flourished in the Greenwich Ballet Academy's nurturing environment making all of the work and training a joy.

"Her love of ballet was fostered at a young age by Greenwich Ballet Academy," said Alessandra Messineo

Long, Isabella's mom who is an attorney who runs her own firm in Greenwich that specializes in estates, wills and trusts. "She loved performing with her friends and enjoyed the teachers throughout the years. She still returns each year in August to take a few weeks of Pas de Deux class with them and enjoys seeing her former classmates and teachers."

Long, the second of three children (she has an older brother, Declan Michael, who is 19 and younger sister, Sophia Antonina, who is 14) said she was also inspired by the dancers of the New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre and other world-renowned organizations, whose work she has been able to see quite frequently having been based in Manhattan.

"By living in New York City, she has also been inspired by the professional dancers that she enjoys going to watch at Lincoln Center, New York City Center and Kaatsbann," said Messineo Long. "[These dancers are] from both the American Ballet Theatre and New York City Ballet such as Lauren Post, Cassandra Trenary, Sarah Mearns, Isabella Boylston, Catherine Hurlin, Skylar Brandt, Tiler Peck and Lauren Lovette."

By age 13, Long made the decision to start training and living in Manhattan after being accepted at the prestigious Ellison Ballet Professional Training Program at Ellison Ballet, known for having many of its alumnae with major companies based in and around the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Long started to see tangible results from her efforts. In addition to performing in showcases and shows on a regular basis, Long has been competing in national and local competitions, events for which she has racked up many medals and top finishes over the years.

As part of Long's profound level of commitment, she will typically train from 10:30 am until 4:30pm five days a week focusing on barre training, step sequences, leaps and pirouettes and routines set to classical and modern music as well as character dance.

Long also trains intermittently on weekday nights and weekends for rehearsals, competitions or Ellison Ballet shows and showcases. She also regularly works out with a physical trainer to build her strength.

During her time at Ellison, Long has developed important relationships, including that with her teacher, Jolanta Valeikaite, someone she cites as a major influence in her ballet career.

"Isabella credits Mrs. V, as she is affectionately known, as the person who has inspired and encouraged her the most to pursue her professional career,"

Isabella Maria Long leaps through the air. Photo courtesy of Andrew Fassbender@Rachel Neville Studios

"Her love of ballet was fostered at a young age by Greenwich Ballet Academy," said Alessandra Messineo Long, Isabella's mom.



Isabella Maria Long. Photo courtesy of Andrew Fassbender@Rachel Neville Studios

said Messineo Long. "She is one of the most difficult instructors and extremely hard to please but she has a loving and gracious heart and a true love for her students."

Meanwhile, in addition to all of her training, Long studies with the Laurel Springs School, an online academy.

In this realm, Long said she especially enjoys studying French and English.

"She enjoys French, as she has been taking the language since a young age at the Stanwich School and then the Laurel Springs School," said Messineo Long. "She very much enjoys English [and] she loves writing."

Certainly, time management seems to be one of Long's most important skills as she works to balance ballet with her academic studies.

Along with having consistently participated in developmental training programs and classes at prestigious summer intensive programs throughout

the years, Long has also studied in master classes.

Moreover, she has also been invited to do company classes at major ballet companies. Meanwhile, Long is in the throes of considering an offer from a professional company, the Houston Ballet, in regard to being part of their HB II company. HB II is the second company of the esteemed Houston Ballet that is known for producing young, professional dancers and choreographers.

At HBII, Long would have the opportunity to work with such instructors and choreographers as Stanton Welch, the Houston Ballet Artistic Director; Steven Woodgate, the Houston Ballet Master; Claudio Munoz, the HBII Ballet Master; and other standout individuals in the ballet community including Johnny Eliassen and Yannick Boquin.

Most definitely, Long appears to be well on track with her journey toward becoming a top-grade ballerina, especially in looking at all

of her accomplishments as well as her incredible level of energy and time she has devoted to her dancing.

"Isabella would like to pursue a professional career in ballet as a ballerina with a top ballet company in the United States or Europe," said Messineo Long. "It is very important to her that she is at a company that values its dancers and has a classical yet diverse repertoire with a strong reputation and that the environment is a supportive one."

In addition to her goal of achieving professional dancer status, Long would like to pursue academic studies at a university level as her schedule might allow.

During her free time at present, however, Long, enjoys spending weekends and her few days off with her family and friends at home in Greenwich.

There, she enjoys doing things such as walking around Greenwich Point, going to restaurants, shopping in town or just resting and relaxing.

"She loves the beach and bike riding to Tod's Point," said Messineo Long. "She enjoys living close to the water, appreciates the restaurants, the shopping in Old Greenwich and Greenwich Avenue."

On the occasion when Long has more extensive breaks, she and her family like to spend time in Montauk, Long Island, a favorite warm-weather spot.

"I enjoy going to Montauk with the family and surfing with my brother and sister," said Long. "Although I have little time for vacations, I will jump on any opportunity to travel to any beach with my family or friends."

Long also loves spending time with her Nonna.

"Dinner at home or at her Nonna's house are her favorite," said Messineo Long.

Long, in her journey of forging a golden path as a ballerina, also seems to be championing her way through life as a teenager as well, designating this aspiring professional dancer as someone who represents a powerful and inspirational role model for many, that is for certain.

It will be an exciting to watch Long's pursuit with her ballet continue to unfold, as it is a story that is truly fulfilling in all regards.

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3:45 p.m.
World Music with Anitra. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: “Faces Places” with Film Critic Joseph Meyers” Berkeley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

Saturday, April 23

10:30 a.m.
Sing-a-Long Music Time with Tom Weber. Marx Family Black Box Theater. children@greenwichlibrary.org
10:30 a.m.
Cooking Demonstration: Welcome Spring!. Online. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.
Family Fun Saturday: Legos, Games, and Crafts. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. lmattthews@greenwichlibrary.org

11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org

1 p.m.
Drop-in Craft: Cherry Blossom Paintings for Earth Day! Children’s Constellation Room. children@greenwichlibrary.org

2 p.m.
Artist Talk with Jonathan Pozniak. Flinn Gallery. info@flinngallery.com

Monday, April 25

2 p.m.
Find Your Best Trip Photos. Online. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org

3 p.m.
Tech Help with Library Staff. Byram Shubert Library. 203-531-0426.

6 p.m.
Elements of Writing: Tenses & Time.

Online. 203-622-7915. mwalsh@greenwichlibrary.org

7 p.m.
The Cos Cob Town Meeting: The Current State of Local Zoning. Cos Cob Library. 203-622-6883.

Tuesday, April 26

10:30 a.m.
Spanish Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

11 a.m.
Preschool Storytime with Patty. Byram Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

1 p.m.
SCORE: LLCs - Compliance Considerations, Business Liability & Taxation. Online. 203-622-7924. ywang@greenwichlibrary.org

1 p.m.
Sit n’ Stitch Knitting Group. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

2 p.m.
Innovation Lab Open House: Epilog Helix Laser Cutter/Engraver. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

4 p.m.
Book Explorers Book Club: “Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen” by Debbi Michiko Florence. Grades 2-3. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

4 p.m.
LifeSkills Learning. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org

5 p.m.
Meditation & Breathing with Gail. Online. 203-531-0426.

Wednesday, April 27

10 a.m.
Tales for 2s and 3s. Marx Family Black Box Theater. children@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.
Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. lmattthews@greenwichlibrary.org

12 p.m.

Brown Bag Book Club: “Harlem Shuffle” by Colson Whitehead. Online. 203-622-6883.

1 p.m.
Financial Planning for Young Professionals 5: Investment Strategy and Asset Allocation. Online. 203-622-7924. ywang@greenwichlibrary.org

3:45 p.m.
Afternoon Story/Craft. Ages 2 1/2 & up. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

Thursday, April 28

11 a.m.
Fiesta de los Cuentos! Bilingual Storytime. Children’s Constellation Room. children@greenwichlibrary.org

11:30 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online. 203-531-0426.

3 p.m.
iPad Basics. Learning Lab. 203- 625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org

3:45 p.m.
Kids Lab with Dr. Emi Leung (Grades K-2). Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

4 p.m.
LifeSkills Learning. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org

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Friday, April 29

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Saturday, April 30

11 a.m.

Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560.

2 p.m.

Photography Talk: Now You Can Take My Picture by Mike Harris. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL:
greenwichhospital.org/events
888-305-9253

Monday, April 25

11 a.m.
Webinar: Healthy Eating for Weight Loss.

12:30 p.m.
Webinar: Hip Replacement Education.

Wednesday, April 27

1:30 p.m.
Parkinson’s Disease Support Group. 260 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford.

6 p.m.

CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Volunteer Ln. \$65. For discount information call 888-305-9253.

Wednesday, April 28

1 p.m.
Virtual Support Group: Chronic Physical Disability.

5:30 p.m.
Webinar: Tips for Cultivating Resilience.

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• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.

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Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Catherine of Siena’s parking area across the street from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave. (Non-perishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or store bought).

Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Food Drive at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

9:30 a.m.
Riverside Garden Club Earth Day event - volunteers needed to help clean up Riverside Train Station. Riverside Train Station, One Riverside Ave. RSVP. riversidectgardenclub@gmail.com. riversidectgardenclub.org

9:30 a.m.
Athena Books Old Greenwich Story Time. 228 Sound Beach Ave. All ages.

bookshop.org/shop/athenabooksog
10 a.m.

Artful Arrangements: Tulips and Larkspur. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Members, \$165; non-members, \$175. Register. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

10:30 a.m.
Greenwich Botanical Center: Sleepy Cat Farm - Earth Day Tour (Members Only). \$40. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Pen Women - Creating Art in the Daffodils at Music in the Woods. 359 Merriebrook Ln., Stamford. greenwichpenwomen.org

3:30 p.m.
Earth Day Proclamation. On the front steps of Town Hall (ceremony to be held inside in Meeting Room in case of inclement weather). greenwichct.gov

6:30 p.m.

The Greenwich Tree Conservancy’s annual Tree Party. McArdle’s Greenhouse, 48 Arch St. greenwichtreeconservancy.org/upcoming-events

7:30 p.m.
Karaoke Night. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 a.m.
Greenwich Riding & Trails Association Trail Clean-Up. Nichols Preserve (the end of West Lane). thegrtta.org

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Opening Work Day at Bible Street Community Garden. 129 Bible St., Cos Cob. greenwichcommunitygardens.org/events

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Earth Day - A Day of Service. Greenwich Land Trust, 370 Round Hill Rd. gltrust.org

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Pen Women - Creating Art in the Daffodils at Music in the Woods. 359 Merriebrook Ln., Stamford. greenwichpenwomen.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

1 p.m.
Science Solvers: Flower Dissections. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Ages 4 & up. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

4 p.m.

Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony’s “A Tale Through Time” concert. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Adults, \$30; students, \$5. chamberplayersofthegso.org

4 p.m.
Greenwich Choral Society webinar: Latin Music Concert Teaser: Cantabile - Lauri Aguirre, soprano, and Mariano Aguirre, guitar. Online. Free. gcs-ct.org

4:30 p.m.
India Cultural Center - ICC: South Asian American Time Capsule. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. \$15, includes light dinner. Register. iccgreenwich.org/upcomingevents

MONDAY, APRIL 25

10 a.m.
Greenwich Art Society’s Intermediate & Advanced Painting class begins. In person, 299 Greenwich Ave. Mondays through June 20. greenwichartsociety.org

1 p.m.
Spring Ephemeral Hike. Greenwich Land Trust’s Sacred Heart Preserve, intersection of Sherwood Avenue & Nutmeg Drive. Members, free; non-members, \$10. gltrust.org

4 p.m.
Greenwich Art Society’s Beginner & Advanced Beginner Drawing class (Teens and Adults). Via Zoom. Mondays through June 13. greenwichartsociety.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

9:30 a.m.
Riverside Garden Club Meeting with feature speaker Patricia Sesto. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. riversidectgardenclub@gmail.com. riversidectgardenclub.org

9:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Forest Days: Explore with Me begins – Tuesdays through May 31. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Silly Self Portraits. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Ages 2 1/2-5. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

6 p.m.
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Cocktails & Conversation with League of Women Voters. Private residence. RSVP. greenwichnewcomers.org

6:30 p.m.
Ladies Night with Dr. Shieva Ghofrany. OsteoStrong Greenwich, 10 Milbank Ave. Free. 203-900-1661. osteoct.com/greenwich

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

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11 a.m.
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Sean McMeekin, Ph.D., "Stalin's War: A New History of WW II." Via Zoom. Free. Open to all. greenwichrma.org

4 p.m.
Greenwich Art Society: How to Read & Interpret an Artwork (Teens and Adults). Via Zoom. Wednesdays through May 11. greenwichartsociety.org

5 p.m.
Abilis' Sibshops workshop - for individuals ages 9-14 who are siblings of someone who has a disability. Online. Register. schulte@abilis.us. abilis.us/sibshop-workshop.html

5 p.m.
Alliance Francaise of Greenwich: 'Worldwide Wednesdays' - join in for lively discussions on French films. Via Zoom. Open to all. afgreenwich.org

7 p.m.
Bill Lucey, Long Island Soundkeeper, in partnership with Garden Club of Old Greenwich. Via Zoom. Free. perrotlibrary.org/events

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

12 p.m.
Greenwich United Way's Sole Sisters Luncheon. Greenwich Country Club, 19 Doubling Rd. greenwichunitedway.org

6:30 p.m.
Paint & Sip. \$30. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com

7 p.m.
League of Women Voters of Greenwich: Greenwich Affordable Housing Update. Via Zoom. Register. bit.ly/LWVGAffordHousing

7 p.m.
Alliance Française of Greenwich: Focus on French Cinema Festival - Opening Night. Avon Theatre, 272 Bedford St, Stamford. focusonfrenchcinema.com

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

10 a.m.
Alliance Française of Greenwich: 'Café Franco-Américain' - Conversation in English and French. In person. sbenthal@aol.com

7 p.m.
Bob Capazzo and the Merlin Band Dance Party. Byram Veterans Association, 300 Delavan Ave. \$10 donation at the door. 203-531-9846. byramveteransassociation.com

7 p.m.
'Magic on the River' fundraiser. River House Adult Day Center, 125 River Road Ext. theriverhouse.org

7 p.m.
Live Music Night: Country Rebels. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

10 a.m.
Warblers & Neotropical Migrants Workshop. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Ages 12 & up. \$30. Registration required. 203-930-1353. ryan.maclean@audubon.org. greenwich.audubon.org/events

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
3rd Annual Live Like Luke Beach Clean Up. Tod's Point - Greenwich Point Park. Community Service Certificates will be available. 203-531-0006. greenwichgreenandclean.org

1 - 4 p.m.
Frolic In The Forest. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$10-\$20. Rain Date: May 1. greenwichbotanical-center.org/events

4 p.m.
Greenwich Choral Society's "Electrifying" - A Concert of Spanish, Brazilian and Afro-Caribbean Choral and Instrumental works. Christ Church, 254 E. Putman Ave. \$25-\$50. gcs-ct.org

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9, 9:30, 10 & 10:30 a.m.
Junior League of Greenwich: "Cycle Safety Academy" - an educational bike rodeo for kids and teens. 4 Horseneck Ln. Free. Register. jlgreenwich.org/cycle-safety-academy

THROUGH SAT. APRIL 30

10 a.m.
GHS Outreach Club Spring Clothing and Textile Drive - a ny and all used, torn or ripped clothes, sheets, towels, shoes or bags. Drop off at GHS back parking lot, Arch Street Teen Center, and Nathaniel Witherell.

TUESDAYS:

5 - 7 p.m.

Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse

WEDNESDAYS:

12 - 2 p.m.

Waste Free Greenwich's Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave., Old Greenwich.

wastefreegreenwich@gmail.com, wastefreegreenwich.org

12:15 p.m.

Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Greenwich Water Club, 49 River Rd. \$35/person. RSVP. sally.parris@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org

6:30 p.m.

NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support

THURSDAYS:

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration is required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experience-taichi.org

5 - 7 p.m.

Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse

EVERY FRI & SAT:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Book Exchange - choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4everyone.org

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Red-CrossBlood.org
Friday, April 22

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Road.
Monday, April 25

7:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Tuesday, April 26

7:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd, Greenwich.

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Friday, April 22

12:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Meeting. In Person at Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

3:30 p.m.

Earth Day Proclamation. On the front steps of Town Hall.

Monday, April 25

9:30 a.m.

Cancelled: Energy Management Advisory Committee and Planning & Zoning Team Meeting. Via Zoom.

1 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Briefing. Via Zoom.

5 p.m.

P&Z: Affordable Housing Plan Drafting Committee Meeting. Via Zoom.

5 p.m.

Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors Meeting.

7 p.m.

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency Meeting. Via Zoom.

8 p.m.

RTM Full Meeting. Central Middle School.

Tuesday, April 26

9:30 a.m.

Rink User Committee for Design and Planning Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

4 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting. Via Zoom.

6:30 p.m.

Board of Health Regular Meeting. Town Hall Evaristo Conference Room.

7 p.m.

First Selectman's Youth Commission Board Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

Thursday, April 28

10 a.m.

Board of Selectmen Meeting In Person at Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

5 p.m.

P&Z: Affordable Housing Plan Drafting Committee Meeting. Via Zoom.

7:30 p.m.

Budget Overview Committee Meeting.

UPCOMING BIG FUNDRAISERS

Friday, April 22

6:30 p.m.

The Tree Party - the 10th anniversary of the Tree Party and the 15th anniversary of the Tree Conservancy. McArdle's Florist. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

Saturday, April 23

6 p.m.

American Red Cross Red and White Ball. Riverside Yacht Club, Riverside. redcross.org

Thursday, April 28

12 p.m.

Greenwich United Way's Sole Sisters Luncheon. Greenwich Country Club. greenwichunitedway.org

4 p.m.

Swim Across America Fairfield County's Sip & Shop. Safavieh, Stamford. swimacrossamerica.org

Friday, April 29

6 p.m.

River House Adult Day Center's Rolling on the River Annual Benefit. 125 River Road Ext. theriverhouse.org

Saturday, April 30

6 p.m.

An Evening with Laurel House. Delamar Greenwich Harbor. rtor.org

6:30 p.m.

Abilis' Spring for Abilis Gala. Woodway Country Club. abilis.us

Thursday, May 5

6 p.m.

Children of Fallen Patriots NYC Gala. Cipriani 42nd St. fallenpatriots.org

Friday, May 6

6 p.m.

YMCA of Greenwich Annual Gala. Burning Tree Country Club. egrant@gwymca.org. e.givesmart.com/events/mcn

Wednesday, May 11

7 p.m.

UJA-JCC Greenwich Gala - Denim, Boots & Dinner. The Foundation House, Greenwich. ujajcc.org

Thursday, May 12

6 p.m.

Kids In Crisis Cards for Kids Poker Tournament. Private Club, 370 Park Ave., New York, NY. kidsincrisis.org

Saturday, May 14

6 p.m.

Bruce Museum's 35th Annual Gala. Greenwich Country Club. brucemuseum.org

Friday, May 20

Greenwich Hospital Annual Gala. Greenwich Country Club. events@greenwichhospital.org

6:30 p.m.

Have a Heart for Kids In Crisis. Silver Spring Country Club, Ridgefield. kidsincrisis.org

Saturday, May 28

Greenwich Town Party. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. \$85, general; \$25, Seniors; free, children ages 12 & under. greenwichtownparty.org

Friday, June 3

6:30 p.m.

Family Centers' 2022 Annual Benefit - The Love Boat. Private Greenwich home. familycenters.org/product/love-boat

7 p.m.

Emily's Chimes. The Village, Stamford. emsway.org

Monday, June 6

11:30 a.m.

REACH Prep's Swing for Our Scholars Golf & Tennis Outing. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/pYE

Friday, June 10

5:30 p.m.

Greenwich Land Trust's annual An Evening at the Farmstead. GLT's Mueller Preserve. will@gltrust.org. gltrust.org

Thursday, June 23

9 a.m.

Greenwich YMCA 28th Annual Golf Outing. The Stanwich Club. greenwichymca.org/annual-ymca-golf-outing

Thursday, June 30

6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Sentinel Foundation Award Honoring Bob Capazzo. Greenwich Audubon Center. www.greenwichsentinel.com/sentinel-award/

Saturday, July 9

Greenwich Point Conservancy's Beach Ball. Tod's Point. greenwichpoint.org

Saturday, Oct. 1

Greenwich Historical Society's 90th Gala Celebration. greenwichhistory.org

OUR NEIGHBORING TOWNS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9 a.m.

Hacking For Food Waste CT - virtual coding program for girls and boys (4-8th grade) with Code.org's App Lab and Zoom. \$20. rhokjr.org

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Party for the Planet: Earth Day Celebration. 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. beardsleyzoo.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

12 p.m.

See Dr. Fucigna



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

10 a.m.

'Homeschool Day' at The Maritime Aquarium - discounted admission and add-on programs. 10 North Water St., Norwalk. Registration deadline: April 25. maritimeaquarium.org/homeschool-students

2 - 4 p.m.

Notary Public Hours - get official documents notarized for free. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch Auditorium. Appointment & two forms of ID with signature. 203-351-8292. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.

Speaking Up for LGBTQ+ Youth in a World Walking Backwards. Online. fergusonlibrary.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

6 - 7:30 p.m.

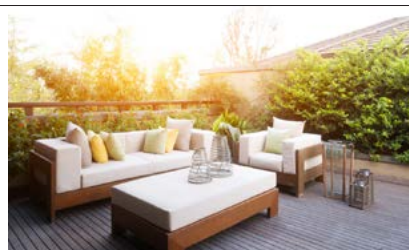
Lawyers in Libraries: meet with a volunteer attorney. Ferguson Library Main Library, 2nd Floor Study Room 1. Book an appointment: 203-351-8221. fergusonlibrary.org

THROUGH MAY

From April through May, the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum offers free admission to Connecticut children under 18+ one accompanying adult. 295 West Ave., Norwalk. Proof of residency required at check-in. lockwoodmathewsmansion.com

THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 3

The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum launches its 9th annual Young Writers' Competition - open to all middle school students 6th-8th grade in the Tristate area. Submissions deadline: June 3. 203-838-9799, ext. 6. education@lockwoodmathewsmansion.com



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Answers on page B8

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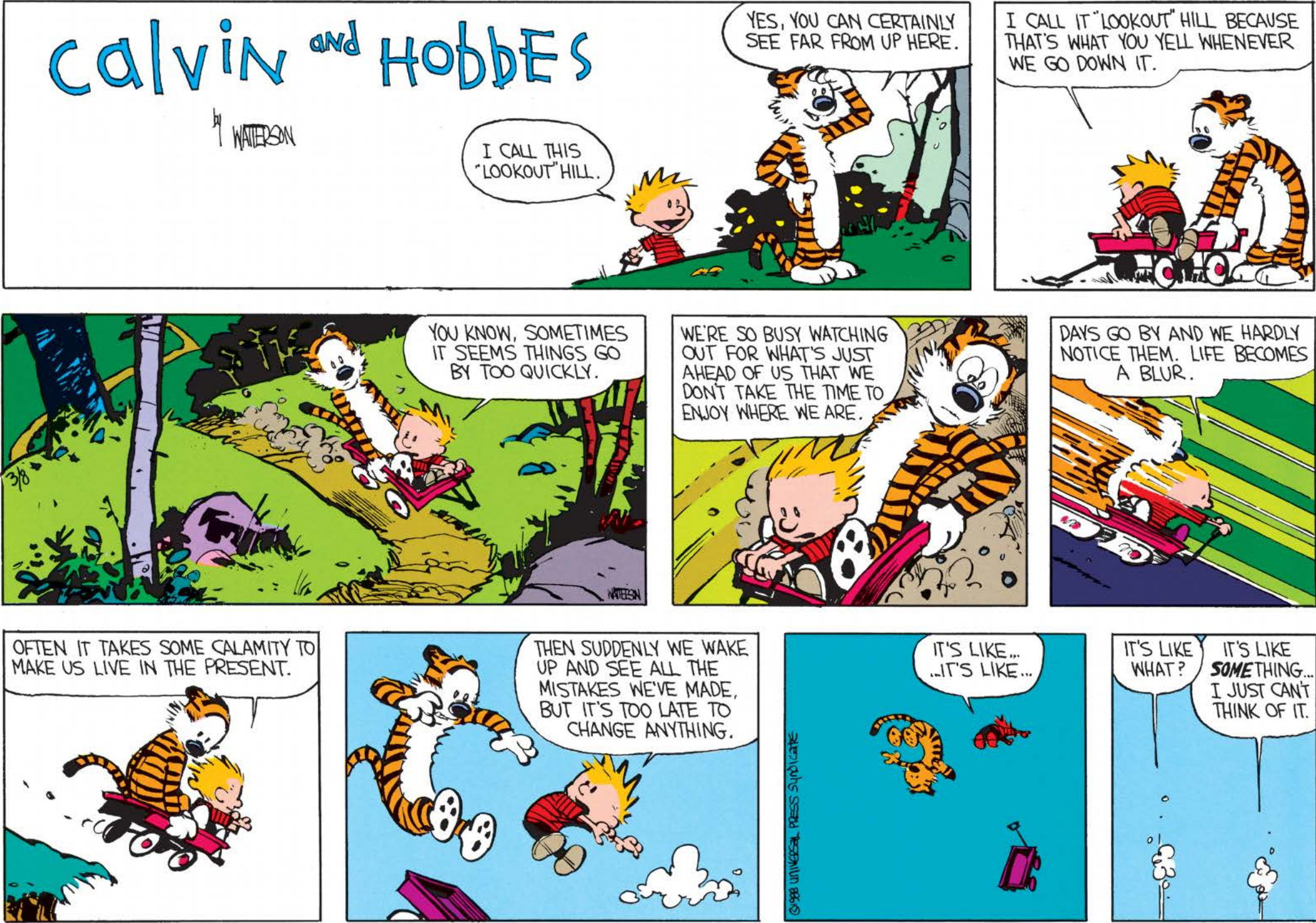
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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL

A Little Frog with Superhero Powers!



By JIM KNOX

As winter’s icy silence reluctantly yields to spring’s chorus in southern New England, we recognize the choir by voice, if not by sight. Before the Red-winged Blackbirds fill the marsh with song, before even the famous Spring Peepers fill the air with their bell-like symphony, there is another call. Neither melodic nor recognizable to most, the duck-like quack we hear before the final ice has left the swamp, is that of *Rana sylvatica*, also known as the Wood Frog.

Reaching body lengths of 1.5 to 3.25 inches, these stocky frogs blend in exquisitely with their surroundings. Sporting colors of muted green, gray, brown, red and even salmon, and adorned with their unmistakable mask of dark brown to black which drapes over their eyes and snout, there is no confusing this amphibian. Found from the lowlands of Alabama to the forests of Idaho, and from the woodlands of New England, to even the Alaskan tundra, Wood Frogs are the only frog species known to range north of the Arctic Circle! So how do they do it? How do these creatures—which cannot generate body heat—adapt to such a forbidding northern climate?

The answer seems more science fiction than science fact. The Wood Frog’s remarkable cold climate adaptations include the ability to enter an extreme hibernation state which enables it to suspend its respiration, heartbeat—in fact all bodily functions. Invariably, the little kid in us



The Wood Frog’s quick thaw and cold tolerance gives it a jump start on the competition.

has a favorite superhero. You know who they are. For me, animals are nature’s version of these greats and I would demand nothing more of my superheroes than the ability to enter such suspended animation.

Yet the Wood Frog goes beyond remarkable and leaps right into the realm of incredible with its next adaptation. They are the only vertebrates, or animals with a backbone, which are known to survive the freezing process. You read that right! They can actually withstand freezing which explodes the cells of all other vertebrates, leading to death. The key to their death-defying feat is in their ability to “Manage the freeze”. Wood Frog cells remain protected due to unique spacing properties

which accommodate ice crystals in the spaces in between the cells. What’s more, they can synthesize glucose and accumulated bodily wastes, which serve as cryoprotectants, protecting cells, sensitive tissues and organs from sub-freezing conditions. In this way, the frogs don’t require warmth, freeze for months on end, conserve energy, and emerge once their bodies literally thaw. “Wow!” I thought I’d write it because we were all thinking “Wow!”. The frog’s ability to freeze and thaw its blood, withstand glucose spikes 100 times normal levels and restart its circulatory processes without any damage, offers an intriguing path for research in medical science.

Unlike their long-legged kin who must gradually emerge

from their winter haunts below frost line in soil or mud, the Wood Frog’s quick thaw and cold tolerance gives it a jump start on the competition. This translates to access to vernal pools and wetlands before most predators are on the hunt and assures them first place in line for the all-you-can-eat buffet of insects and other invertebrates the moment their prey emerge from their winter sleep. Such timing is indeed everything and the Wood Frog benefits like no other amphibian, dominating the cold regions of North America from related species and holding an exclusive domain in the Great White North.

Such amazing adaptations are not the frog’s only contribution to science. As amphibians, and Fairfield County amphibians at

that, Wood Frogs help us by showing the way. As a biological bellwether species, their mere presence and abundance in a region indicates biodiversity levels as well as environmental health of the water, soil, air and the overall biological community.

This is precisely why we are studying them through the Peabody-Beardsley-Maritime Chapter of FrogWatch USA. This ongoing national citizen science initiative provides frog lovers of all ages with opportunities to learn from zoological professionals, conduct field conservation through trained study of frog calls and enter their data into a national database which helps generations of frogs and humans alike. If you or someone you know would like to get involved in helping our slimy friends—and have fun in

the process—I encourage you to visit the FrogWatch website: aza.org/frogwatch online.

Given the dynamic nature of our planet, the need to study its animal superheroes has never been greater or offered the promise of more fascinating discoveries.

In the Wood Frog, we have a humble creature in our midst who makes the seeming impossible—possible, and a marvel of the natural world who gives us pause to reflect on the true identity of the superhero behind the mask.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo and as a Science Adviser for The Bruce Museum. Jim enjoys sharing his passion for wildlife and wildlife conservation with audiences in Connecticut and beyond.

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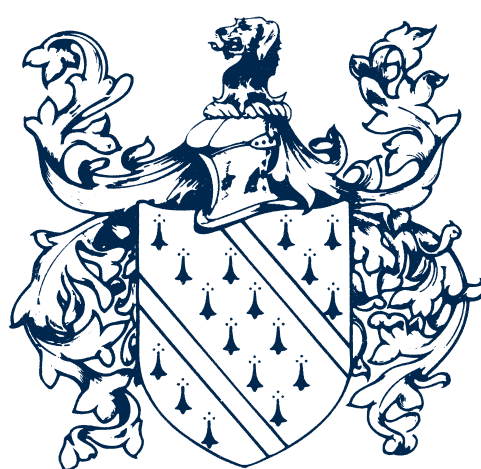
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