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CORRECTION ~ Last week we incorrectly listed Whitby as being in New Canaan. Of course it is located in Greenwich. Here is the corrected news brief: Whitby School in Greenwich has named Jay Briar as its new Head of School, beginning his tenure in July 2024 after the retirement of Dr. Jack Creeden. The selection process, spanning seven months, included input from trustees and community leaders. Hannah Granade, Chair of the Board of Trustees, praised Briar for his dedication to PK-8 education and alignment with Whitby's teaching methods. Jay Briar, currently leading Powhatan School in Virginia, brings extensive educational leadership experience and a commitment to nurturing children's growth and character development in close-knit communities. Founded in 1958, Whitby School serves students from 18 months to eighth grade.

Ada's Kitchen in Riverside Closing
Ada's Kitchen + Coffee in Riverside, Connecticut, will close its doors in mid-February 2024 due to a significant rent increase from the landlord. Ada's, known for its scratch-made seasonal food and candy offerings, has been a local staple for nearly eight years. The restaurant, located at 112 Riverside Ave., served breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a menu featuring sandwiches, wraps, salads, pastries, coffee, tea, smoothies, and candy, often using locally sourced ingredients. The establishment's history includes its location as the former Riverside Post Office and Ada Cantavero's Variety Shop, a long-standing penny candy store. Pietrafesa expressed gratitude to his customers and encouraged them to visit his sister store, Roost Kitchen + Coffee, in the future.

Greenwich Extends Office Hours for Election
The Greenwich Town Clerk's Office in Connecticut is extending its hours leading up to Election Day on November 7. They will be open until 7 p.m. on November 1st and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on November 4th to accommodate those wishing to submit absentee ballots or seek assistance. First Selectman Fred Camillo encourages residents to utilize these extra hours to ensure that their ballots are handled correctly and on time, emphasizing the importance of everyone's voice being heard in the upcoming election in Greenwich.

**POLICE & FIRE
Local Heroes Honored for Service**
Greenwich Professional Firefighters Lt. Jerry Romaniello and Deputy Fire Marshal Chris Moynahan have retired this year, which became effective this past Wednesday, November 1. Both of these dedicated individuals have faithfully served the Town of Greenwich and Local 1042 for over 26 years.

Burglary Stopped by Greenwich Police
On Sunday, October 29, 2023, at approximately 5:00 AM, the Greenwich Police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle that had backed up to the rear doors of 205 Greenwich Avenue. Further, it was reported that a subject was attempting to pull open the rear doors of the establishment in an attempt to gain entry. Upon arrival, a Greenwich Police Officer observed a vehicle matching the described suspicious vehicle attempting to flee the area. The vehicle was driving in an erratic manner, including travelling on the wrong side of the roadway. The suspect vehicle then collided head-on with the marked police vehicle, causing disabling damage to both vehicles. He had

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

"What would be a majestic, gloriously shaped canopy has been humbled in the service of domestic and public safety and power lines, but its huge trunk lovingly stood watch over the children who played in its shade and carved their initials in its bark." Mary Henderson of Riverside, CT describing her Copper Beech tree that won Third place in the Greenwich Tree Conservancy 2023 Treasured Tree contest.

UPDATE: RTM Almost Unanimously Approves \$112 Million for CMS Building

By BETH BARHYDT

In the final step forward for financing, the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) has approved the \$112 million price tag for the construction of Central Middle School (CMS). The vote was held on Monday at a special meeting, marking a pivotal moment for the project which began less than two years ago after the emergency closure of the school due to structural problems.

The RTM vote was overwhelmingly in favor, with 179 members supporting the funding request, four opposing, and two abstaining. Alongside the CMS construction budget, the RTM also approved a separate \$750,000 appropriation and bonding for soil remediation at Greenwich High School.

With the RTM's green light, the town has cleared a critical hurdle. Tony Turner, Chair of the Building Committee for Central Middle School (CMSBC) told us that, "Getting to the landslide vote in the RTM was quite a challenge as well as the BET before that."

Voices from multiple town representatives hailed the decision as a testament to collaborative efforts and a commitment to the

community's educational future.

Fred Camillo, lauding the collective efforts of the community, expressed, "Hats off to the CMS Building Committee, the Board of Education, BET, and RTM as well as everyone who advocated for the project, attended the meetings, and contributed in different ways to the approval of the various boards, commissions, and legislative bodies. Your collective efforts will be a testament to you and benefit all who enter the new school's doors in the years and decades ahead. The Town is proud of you all and eagerly awaits the next phase of what will be a state of the art middle school."

Joe Kelly, reflecting on his term with the Board of Education (BOE), expressed, "Overwhelming YES for CMS. I am so happy I could be a part of the team that brought us to this point. This will be a school the entire town will be proud of for years to come. As my BOE term ends, I am relegated from the sidelines to the bleachers and will continue to cheer on the great work of our many volunteers until the students are sitting in their desks in the new CMS."

Dan Ozizmir, Chair of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET), emphasized the project's rapid progression and fiscal responsibility. "Two weeks from getting municipal improvement status, this project has been fully funded. While it has been challenging, a \$112 million project is bound to have disagreements along the way when taxpayer money is involved. We can all be proud of the speed with which this project was funded as well as the rigor it was subjected to so that we can move forward with confidence."

The project's endorsement and funding come swiftly after the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) showed support by convening a special meeting to push the project forward. The funding of approximately \$340 million of capital over a three-year period is, in itself, a record, doubling any prior capital budget.

Turner outlined the project's roadmap. "Next steps are to finish with construction documents in the spring and bid the project in the summer of 2024. The full funding vote will now enable us to keep the building timeline on track with student occupation targeted for August 2026."

GCDS Soccer Edges Brunswick



Photo by Whit Hawkins: Greenwich Country Day's soccer team, above in a huddle during the game, edged Brunswick, 1-0.

By DAVID FIERRO

Asher Goldstein's first varsity goal for the Greenwich Country Day School soccer team certainly came in dramatic fashion.

Goldstein's goal off a corner kick in the 89th minute gave host Greenwich Country Day School a hard-fought 1-0 win over Brunswick School on Oct. 25. The well-earned victory marked the Tigers' first varsity soccer win against the Bruins.

With the Bruins and Tigers scoreless, GCDS earned a corner

kick in the last minute of the game. Devin Kellen took the corner kick for Greenwich Country Day School and directed it inside their 6-yard box. Christian Pizzimbono, who challenged Brunswick goalie Phil Stabinsky.

The ball floated past the edge of the 6-yard box and Goldstein, a captain, placed the ball in the left side of the goal for his first goal as a member of the Tigers' squad.

"It was amazing to score my first goal for the school," Goldstein said of his game-winning goal. "Devin played a great ball in and

I waited for the scraps, just like coach told me."

In the first half, Dylan Ever and Mateo Sierra created several scoring chances for Greenwich Country Day, but Brunswick's athletic backline kept the game scoreless. Stabinsky made several key saves in goal for the Bruins, who were led defensively by Johnny Saunders and Ollie Leonard.

"Alan Marsh, our coach, had a strong team talk," Goldstein noted. "He had encouraging words for us to work as a team and not individuals."

Greenwich Country Day drew nine corner kicks for the game and capitalized on their final set piece for the win, courtesy of Goldstein. Stabinsky made eight saves for the Bruins, who were paced on offense by Kieran Raker, Will Higgs, Tyler Quake and Theo Perkins in the second half.

Jasper Brokaw, a captain, Goldstein and goalie Matias Hood were among those who helped lead the Tigers' defensive effort in the spirited win.



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Treasured Tree Tales Told by Winners



Grand prize winning Japanese Split Leaf Maple entry by Susan Bevan. Photo by Bob Capazzo.



Co-sponsoring Marguerite Vauclair’s Third place winning rare Chinese Chestnut. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

On a moonlit evening last Thursday night some 70 tree lovers filled the greenhouses at the Sam Bridge Nursery to see what Treasured Trees were chosen by the Greenwich Tree Conservancy (GTC) as prize winners in this fifth year of the GTC contest.

“This year we had more submissions than ever,” shared Sam Bridge III who heads up his Nursery and serves as a judge, “So it was a little harder to pick the winners.” Judging with Bridge from those 30 submissions was John Conte, local horticulturist but not present. But not difficult, surely, was their grand prize winner choice. “It’s an absolutely stunning Split Leaf Maple,” said Bridge. “It’s just beautiful, sitting in front of their house [“Easterly”] on Field Point Cricle. It’s huge. It’s really old. It’s one of the largest of its type I’ve seen and probably the largest in Greenwich if not Connecticut.”

Owner Susan Bevan was not present, but she described its branching as “very sculptural” in her entry essay, adding, “It’s beautiful in every season,” and in winter, “the morning sunrises coming through it are spectacular.”

A great White Oak came in second. “It’s the Connecticut state tree,” said Bridge. “And usually you see them in forests, so you don’t get to see the full size of them. But this one is out on its own and it’s an absolutely gorgeous tree.” And owner Karen Gregory was there to tell the tree tale. “I’ve had people tell me it’s over 600 years old,” she shared, with its trunk circumference measuring 19-feet, five inches. “And we’ve lived in our home [in back country] 43 and a half plus years and so it’s our family tree, where we raised our children with strong values and watched them grow and branch out...three kids and seven grandkids.”

And Gregory added, “because I’m so sentimental,” she’d sent a small fallen branch of the tree to an artist friend with a hobby of making things out of wood. “He made pens out of the wood with the initials of each of our children, white oak, and the year. So, it’s very special to us.”

So, there were two third place winners in a difficult choosing (followed by a 5th, 6th, and two honorable mentions!). A Horse Chestnut tree took center stage as a third-place winner. “It has survived a lot of the power company’s pruning,” introduced Bridge, “but it’s still doing pretty well.” It grows in front of Mary Henderson’s house on Riverside Avenue. And Henderson told its story starting in 2001 when she and her family were moving back from Zimbabwe where her husband Mark was with the United Nations, and their search for a house.

“And so, we drove around Riverside,” with their realtor, seeing “all sorts of cute little Cape Cods and houses that had just been renovated.” But then came that house that was an “utter wreck” on the corner of Meyer and Riverside. “But in the front yard was this magnificent Copper Beech.” And Henderson declared, “That’s the house I want.”

“It was our first house,” she continued, “So, the tree was very dear to me and that was what made me want this house. It was a long process of bringing that house back to life, but the tree has always been there standing right above my study window and we love it dearly.” But “What would be a majestic, gloriously shaped canopy,” she wrote in her entry essay, “has been humbled in the service of domestic and public safety and power lines, but its huge trunk lovingly stood watch over the children who played in its shade and carved their initials in its bark. We are now nurturing

three of its offspring that we hope to transplant someday to our last-chapter home and the homes of our two sons.”

Another Chestnut tree was the tied third place winner, but a rarer variety. “This beautiful Chinese Chestnut,” introduced Bridge, “is a really unique tree.” Its co-proposer, Marguerite Vauclair had shared, “There’s only three of them in town according to the GTC.” And its location is in Putnam Park, told Bridge, “That has some very mature and really interesting trees in it.” And that is where realtor Vauclair lives, as does co-proposer Kurt Spelling.

The two both have treasured the Chinese Chestnut and wished to honor and commemorate this tree for the historical record, “because of its magnificence,” wrote Vauclair in the entry essay, “its fanfare of captivating blooms and chestnuts, notable size (height), notable age and notable history, having graced the expansive [former] Tweed/Milbank estate and now gracing what became in 1950 a residential courtyard in the Putnam Park complex on Milbank Avenue.” And Vauclair just happens to be listing realtor for an apartment for sale that overlooks that Pennsylvania building courtyard setting of the Chinese Chestnut Tree.

What was also remarkable with this year’s Treasured Trees were the numerous magnolia trees proposed with three winning placements of a fifth, a sixth and an Honorable Mention. The species included two Southern Magnolia and a Saucer Magnolia, bringing this remark from the present Dr. Gregory Kramer, Town Tree Warden and Superintendent of Parks and Trees. “I happen to be a lover of magnolia trees, all types and kinds of magnolia trees. I’ve never met a magnolia tree I didn’t like.”

“My wife [Reba] is a southern lady who grew up in North

Carolina and has never forgotten about magnolia trees,” told Dave Williams, addressing their Honorable Mention for their Southern Magnolia. “So, she proceeded to plant magnolia trees where there was a little bit of spare ground and some of them really grew into impressive trees for which we thank [garden designer] Matt McMillan.” “And she has this one chair that she likes to sit in,” added McMillan, “and it looks out at a pond. And on the other side of the pond is this [magnolia] tree with a fountain in front of it. And she spends almost all of her time now sitting in that chair looking at this tree. It makes me happy.”

And happy should be Greenwich citizenry knowing that over the last 16 years GTC has planted over 5,600 trees across town, shared Urling Searle GTC board chair. “And we have labeled over 1,000 trees in our town wide arboretum.” And finally, with help



L to R Greenwich Tree Conservancy Executive Director JoAnn Messina and Sam Bridge III presenting a photo to Mary and Mark Henderson of their Third Place winning Copper Beech tree. Photo by Bob Capazzo.



Karen Gregory standing before her Second place winning White Oak tree. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

from the Department of Public Works, reported Searle, “the city has pulled up pavement, and we have planted trees [on Mill Street] in downtown Byram. And that is a small but mighty accomplishment.”

“We also hope to begin the first phase of planting a much larger planting along Route One,” added Searle. “So, keep your fingers crossed and look out for new trees there because that’ll make a big difference. Basically, we’re

always trying to find great places to plant for the future health of the community.”

Lastly, JoAnn Messina, GTC executive director announced an upcoming Veteran’s Day Tree Walk in Byram’s Eugene Morlot Memorial Park on Saturday November 11 at 1 p.m., with Tree Warden Greg Kramer leading the walk. To register visit <https://greenwichtreeconservancy.org/upcoming-events/>



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A Community Message from
FRED

I grew up in Greenwich and have been active in public service my whole adult life. Not that long ago, Greenwich politics was a civil affair. Neighbors advocated for neighbors; ideas were debated vigorously, but respectfully, and when the campaigns were over, Democrats and Republicans got back to working together.

Today, sadly, politics in Greenwich looks more and more like the national template. Neighbors tearing down neighbors on social media, unwarranted personal attacks on candidates, and childish pranks. It is disturbing. As a candidate, I have stayed positive and spoke about my vision, goals and achievements.

During the last few months, you have received messages on my positions including **Capital Budgets, our Vibrant Downtown, Zoning and Affordable Housing, Public Safety, Successful Public Private Partnerships and Government Transparency.** These are issues we all care about.

My hope is that by showing leadership, we can send a message that here in Greenwich, we reject the angry politics of personal attacks.

Greenwich is a leader on so many fronts. Let us endeavor together to lead on civility.

I respectfully ask for your vote, and I pledge to continue to lead Greenwich forward, to a new era of civility and hope for one and all.

— Fred

A Perfect Score for Fazio from the CBIA

By Anne White

State Senator Ryan Fazio, who represents Greenwich, Stamford and New Canaan, has made a distinguished mark this legislative season.

He has been awarded a 100% pro-economic growth rating by the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) in its annual legislative scorecard. This distinction underscores Fazio’s commitment to Connecticut’s economic prosperity, as measured by CBIA’s assessment of votes on ten key bills.

In an interview, Senator Fazio shared his perspective on the significance of the rating. “Our state’s economy is fundamentally anchored

by the resilience and drive of our small businesses,” he remarked. “These entities are not just economic units but also pillars of our communities. We owe it to them to cultivate an environment where they can thrive and expand.”

The CBIA scorecard serves as a tangible measure for assessing state legislators’ support for the business sector. Chosen bills on the scorecard reflect their possible influence on the state’s economic trajectory and its commercial atmosphere.

Chris DiPentima, CBIA president and CEO, was forthcoming in his gratitude towards the lawmakers who, in his words, “went to significant lengths to endorse

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crucial small business tax relief and healthcare initiatives.” DiPentima added, “Those legislators truly exceeded in their advocacy for the small business ecosystem, and we deeply value their dedication. Yet, it remains evident that we need an even greater representation of small business champions in the legislature.”

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bipartisan cooperation. “Supporting the backbone of our economy, our small businesses, and our diligent workers transcends party lines,” he explained. “It is about mutual respect, collaborative effort, and giving precedence to the genuine needs of these businesses and the hardworking people behind them. This collaboration ensures their concerns aren’t merely noted but actively addressed in

the legislature.”

This year’s scorecard sheds light on the standpoints of various legislators and offers a comprehensive view of where each stands in terms of economic advocacy. The CBIA encourages residents, business owners, and stakeholders to review the scorecard to understand their representatives’ stances on crucial economic matters.

For those keen on delving deeper into the voting patterns of all State Senate members, the complete CBIA scorecard can be accessed at the link provided in the press release. Additionally, a more exhaustive understanding of CBIA’s mission, initiatives, and efforts in Connecticut can be found on their official website.

Senator Fazio’s perfect score on this year’s CBIA legislative scorecard not only reflects his consistent advocacy for a thriving business environment but also highlights a collective need for focused attention on economic growth. It serves as a call for Connecticut’s legislature to unite in their support for the state’s businesses, regardless of party affiliations.

Impact Fairfield County Hosts Impactful Conversations

Impact Fairfield County (“Impact FFC”) recently held its first Impactful Conversation of the 2023-2024 grant year on the topic of “No Place Like Home,” addressing the urgent and increasing needs of housing-insecure residents of Fairfield County. The dynamic panel discussion at the Darien Library featured Impact FFC Grantees Building One Community, New Reach and The Housing Collective.

Moderated by Maryellen Frank, Co-Chair of Events for Impact FFC, Anka Badurina, Executive Director of Building One Community (“BIC”), Kellyann Day, CEO of New Reach, and David Rich, CEO of The Housing Collective, shared how they are dealing with the challenges of the housing system and how Impact FFC Grants are helping to meet their goals.

With its 2022 Impact FFC Grant, New Reach was able to expand its eviction prevention services in the City of Bridgeport

by hiring an additional case worker to assist more families each year. Combining high-quality social work with legal services, families served by New Reach will avert eviction, obtain legal representation, gain access to entitled benefits, and receive necessary healthcare. “As New Reach continues its mission to make homelessness rare, brief and one-time, Impact’s grant came at just the right time as we have seen demand for our services skyrocket post-Covid,” said Day.

BIC is seeing changes in its constituents, as more immigrants without a direct connection to the community are moving to the area and need more assistance establishing housing, work and legal support. With their Impact FFC Grant in 2020, near the onset of Covid, BIC was able to focus on its capacity development and establish a leadership academy, providing training and development at all levels of their organization. “We’re training the

future leaders of philanthropy,” said Badurina, “while also building out our ability to serve the increasing number of people in need of our services.”

The Housing Collective has a different model, working with committed partners to align community resources so that no one is without a place to live for more than 30 days. With their 2018 Impact FFC Grant, The Housing Collective acquired and retrofitted a mobile van to address youth homelessness, removing barriers to services such as transportation, limited phone access and navigating a complex system. As a result, The Housing Collective has been able to identify more at-risk youth in Fairfield County and apply for federal grants to support this initiative. “We can end homelessness for youth and families,” said Rich. “There are a lot of headwinds in front of us, but we can do this.”

While all three organizations are forging ahead to support those most at risk, they noted

some key challenges presenting in their work:

Faster Shift to Homelessness: “The time it takes for families to move from eviction to emergency homeless shelters has dropped from 18-24 months to just a couple of months over the past few years” said Day.

Low Vacancy: “There is a trickle down effect, with the lowest of the low income being pushed out of the housing system as even those in the middle income, including our teachers and police officers, are finding themselves constrained by rising mortgage rates and low vacancy,” said Day.

Minors in Trouble: Both The Housing Collective and BIC have seen a sharp increase in the need for youth services. For BIC, “the rise in unaccompanied minors migrating means more legal support for these youth”, said Badurina. “Beyond that, we need support for these youth that come to us with a lot of trauma such as gang violence

and human trafficking.”

Increasing Resource Demand: Each organization noted the increased demand for their services across the board and that they are all focused on helping families avoid getting into distress. “Prevention work is the holy grail of homelessness and work that New Reach and Building One do to support this mission is tremendous,” said Rich. “Together, we are making big strides.”

“Collectively, our panelists are working so hard to meet the needs of our underserved community. While there is so much more to be done, Impact FFC Grants have provided these amazing non-profits with resources to take the next step towards ending homelessness in Fairfield County,” said Impact FFC Co-President, Jenny San Jose.

The overarching theme of the discussion centered around the impact local communities can make with everyday decisions. “Through education,

conversation and advocacy, we can make a real difference,” said Frank.

The 2023-2024 grant year has begun, with nonprofit applications due by November 13th, 2023. The Fall Kickoff for members and those interested in learning more about Impact FFC will be held on November 8th, 2023 at the Stamford Nature Center.

Impact FFC is a collective giving organization whose mission is to empower women to engage in local philanthropy through deeper knowledge and active participation in grantmaking. It unites women by pooling membership funds to provide large, transformational grants to nonprofit organizations across Fairfield County. Since its inception in 2016, Impact FFC has provided over \$1.8 million in grant funding to local nonprofits.

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Greenwich Shops Holiday Style at McArdle’s

What Greenwich Provides its Aging Population

By Anne W. Semmes

Last Friday morning a week ago at the Greenwich Water Club, I attended a talk addressing “The Changing Longevity Landscape: Vibrant Living and Purposeful Aging” in our town of Greenwich. The fact is that the population of Greenwich is approximately 63,500 individuals of which 14,000 are aged 60 and older – slightly over 20 percent of our population. So, as I am in that 20 percent, I was keen to attend, especially as the two presenters are impressive, Lori Contadino, who heads the Town’s Commission on Aging, and Steve Katz, who chairs the Commission while also heading up Sterling Care that he founded.

I owe a thank you note to Steve for sending me those extra-special Sterling Care nurses when I came home from my hip replacement. And now after hearing Lori’s spell-binding sharing of what this town is capable of providing that 20 percent, I owe her thanks as well. It is astonishing just how much the Town of Greenwich provides for its senior population. And news to me was that recent gift of nearly five million dollars from the late and retired schoolteacher Mary Louise Wallace that has brought the renaming of the Greenwich Senior Center to the Wallace Center for Vibrant Living and Purposeful Aging.

So, look to a physical renovation of the Senior Center facility and to “infused Wallace Center programming” told Lori, “Centered around what we envision to be the six domains of wellness: communication and information, community support and health services, outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation and dementia...We want the town of Greenwich to be the community not only that we grow up in, but that we grow old in.”

That talk first centered on how those of us over 60 can live purposefully. Steve introduced how to adopt a “proactive approach to successful aging.” How do we deal with the stressors in our lives, “long-term financial issues, long-term health problems.” Might you need that grab bar in the shower, or need more comfortable shoes for those walks needed every day. And yes, thanks to my daughter I’m now counting my steps every day. (And I’m amazed how many I make on a dull day!)

Then there’s that “proactive illness management. Are you going to see your doctor regularly,” asked Steve, “or are you skipping those doctor’s appointments? Are you taking your medication or are you skipping your medication? ...Men are used to being the person that everything is the center of their world... And now if you’re retired, do you find a new center?

Do you find your new kind of role? Maybe it’s volunteering, maybe it’s joining more social groups. Maybe you’re going to the great Senior Center.”

Steve spoke to the need “to live harder, not smarter. How do you stay cognitively reactive? You read, you take courses, you do games, you engage in physical activities. These are all evidence-based things that keep you cognitively reactive, socially engaged.” And here he hit my button, “Make peace with negative items from the past. We all have negative items in the past. How do you make peace with those in your life and respect differences, and have rich satisfying relationships with adult children...And did you do your estate planning? Do you have your financial power of attorney.”

Then it was Lori’s turn to describe what the Wallace Senior Center can provide. “And

here are just the sampling of those programs to have physical fitness and physical opportunities. And these don’t have to be aerobic, they can be arthritis mobility, strength, and balance training... For emotional wellness, we have a meditation group...we do memoir writing. We have opportunities to dialogue with folks. And this has never been more important than now coming out of Covid. Think about the older adults that lived alone that didn’t have family. They were reliant on not only the Commission on Aging, but



L to R Steve Katz, board chair of Commission on Aging, Lori Contadino, executive director of the Commission on Aging, and Marcia O’Kane, president and CEO of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, at the Greenwich Water Club. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

“So, we always want to have opportunities that we can find that connects to our core sense of meaning.” Lori Contadino.

the supportive resources throughout our community to stay active and engaged.”

“So, we always want to have opportunities,” Lori shared, “that we can find that connects to our core sense of meaning. And again, these are themes throughout the life course. We look for that sense of purpose, a spiritual wellness, connecting to a higher power, whatever that is for each of us. And social wellness, just engaging in conversation. And believe it or not, there are people that go days and weeks without really connecting with anyone else. Maybe it’s the cashier in the grocery store. And for us at the Wallace Center, we want to be that welcoming environment. We are happy to see you each and every time you come, and let’s try to make the lives of those that we encounter a little lighter and a little brighter.”

“And also,” she continued, “our range of services include health and direct services, health insurance counseling, caregiver counseling, and assistance with navigating some of the complex resources of the care landscape that exists. We offer subsidized transportation for Greenwich residents. The Greenwich Department of Health, through their family health program, has a nurse that goes out into the community that assists with health maintenance. They focus on adults, seniors, giving vaccines, doing blood pressure screenings at the Senior Center.”

Lori included the extraordinary outreach her Commission provides. “When we look at our community resources, and many of these resources exist right here in our not-for-profit agencies. At Home in Greenwich enables individuals to successfully age in place with a safety net. And they also provide social support. All of these agencies that I’m going to mention work cooperatively with the Commission on Aging and the cornerstone of our success, collective success is that we’re not territorial.”

“We often client share, and that’s to the benefit of the residents of the town. We have Call-A-Ride and also Transportation Association of Greenwich to help individuals with transportation. And we have River House Adult Day Center, which provides support for caregivers and care for the individual that needs that type of care during the day. So, caregivers and care partners can work and know that their loved ones are being cared for by a terrific, not-for-profit agency in town.”

But Lori and Steve in their age-friendly work about town have also had their surprises when they discovered the Department of Parks and Recreation’s age-friendly work. “We learned how age-friendly the Byram Park pool is with its zero-grade entry...the installation of the beach map that enabled wheelchair bound individuals to access the waterline and many other diverse recreational offerings...and the multitude of benches that exist throughout town.”

And then there’s Nathaniel Witherell. “We are the last remaining community in the state of Connecticut,” said Lori, “that actually still owns a long-term care facility that also provides short-term rehabilitation.”

Believe it or not, this is just the tip of the iceberg of what these two speakers shared of what Greenwich is providing to its 20-percent of population. Having age-friendly professionals in the driving seat like Lori Contadino and Steve Katz surely makes a considerable difference. And add Marcia O’Kane who heads the Chamber of Commerce that co-sponsored the talk, who introduced the presenters. She shared a fitting last word. “Our town has an incredible number of resources that our senior population can and should take advantage of in order to live engaged and purposeful lives.”



2023 Annual Awards Celebration

Monday, November 13th
McArdle's Floral & Garden Design
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Please join us to honor those members of our community who have gone beyond our expectations in delivering The Chamber's philosophy of bringing together commerce and community.

Enjoy food stations from local caterers, beverages, music and networking. Celebrate our Town Heroes!

Town Hero Award Recipients

R. Michael Dunne Quality of Life Award:
Greenwich Community Projects- Let There Be Light
Jack Moffly Non-Profit Leadership Award: Coffee for Good

Harry Keleshian Small Business Award: Garden Catering
Malcolm S. Pray Excellence in Business Award: Beth & Peter Barhydt/Greenwich Sentinel
Public Safety Award: Officer Siuyan Su Ah Sor, Greenwich Police

BRUCE VISIONARY AWARDS

Monday, November 20, 2023
6:00 to 9:00 pm
at the Bruce Museum

Visionary Keynote Speaker
Albert Bourla,
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Pfizer

in conversation with
Patricia Chadwick

Bruce Visionary Awards Honorees
Lynne and Richard Pasculano
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Martha and Charles Zoubek

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Recent Multi-State Actions by Attorneys General

By CHARLIE SHAPIRO

At the October 25 meeting of the Greenwich Retired Men's Association, Hollister Sturges introduced this week's speaker, William Tong, the 25th Attorney General of the State of Connecticut. Mr. Tong is in his second term as Attorney General (AG), and a returning speaker for RMA; his prior speaking engagements were very well received as he is a dynamic and engaging speaker.

Mr. Tong began by discussing how Meta and other social media platforms "addict" young people using algorithms to lure them to spend as much time as possible on the platform. Meta and other social platforms rely on advertising revenue which yields hundreds of millions revenue dollars each year. In other words, Meta addiction monetizes products. Among other tools that social media companies use are self-appointed "social influencers," who define what's cool in terms of products one can buy. This technique is analogous to the way Big Tobacco's goal was to expose as many people as possible, especially young people, to the notion that smoking was cool. Mr. Tong cited Big Tobacco's use of the character "Joe Camel," and contests where gifts were awarded for collecting cigarette box tops. Today vaping is especially targeted to young teens, to get them addicted. Juul, one of the largest makers of vaping equipment, is partly owned by Altria, a Big Tobacco company. As a result of prior litigation, the tobacco settlement funds give 120 million dollars annually to Connecticut in perpetuity; the settlement nationally was for billions of dollars.

Mr. Tong has now joined with other state Attorneys General in a new suit against Meta and other social media companies. A similar



Connecticut Attorney General William Tong spoke about his collaboration with other state Attorneys General to sue the social media company Meta (Facebook).

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consortium of Attorneys General initiated the suits against Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family for the marketing of OxyContin which was represented to be a "non-addictive" pain medication. The suit contended that the pharmaceutical producers and

the companies that filled the prescriptions knew that the drug was in fact very addictive, resulting in the nationwide opioid crisis. In Connecticut alone opioids kill 1,500 people per year. In Tong's opinion states have been forced to use their Consumer Protection

Laws and Unfair Trade Practices Acts because our Congress is polarized and non-functioning. Fortunately, Connecticut's Unfair Trade Practices Act has no statute of limitations.

AG Tong then discussed monopolies and the safeguarding

of individual privacy, noting that Connecticut has robust privacy laws.

Mr. Tong then responded to audience questions about communication, gun control, and the smoking settlement funds.

To see the full presentation, go to <https://greenwichrma.org>, cursor to "Speakers"

and click on "Speaker Videos."

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "Sinatra! The Song Is You: A Singer's Art," by Will Friedwald, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, November 15th. Frank Sinatra was the greatest entertainer of his age, invigorating American popular song with innovative phrasing and a mastery of drama and emotion. Unlike many biographers who dwell on the singer's personal life, marriages, alleged mob ties, etc., Will Friedwald focuses on the music—how it was created, how it innovated, how it changed so dramatically from decade to decade, from his days with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey in the 1940s, to the swinging 1950s, to the "My Way" of the 1970s. Drawing upon interviews with hundreds of Sinatra's collaborators as well as with "The Voice" himself, Friedwald, in his book "Sinatra! The Song Is You," chronicles, critiques, and celebrates the singer's five-decade career, illustrating with video examples from his vast library. He examines and evaluates classic and less familiar songs with the same astute, witty perceptions that earned him acclaim for his other books about jazz and pop singing.

Will Friedwald writes about music and popular culture for The Wall Street Journal, The New York Sun, The New York Stage Review, Vanity Fair, Playboy magazine, and other publications. He is also the host of the radio show "Sing!

Sing! Sing!" on San Diego KSDS on Saturday mornings. He is the author of ten books including the award-winning "A Biographical Guide To The Great Jazz And Pop Singers," "Stardust Melodies," "Tony Bennett: The Good Life," "Looney Tunes & Merrie Melodies," and "Jazz Singing." He has written over 600 liner notes for compact discs, received eleven Grammy nominations, and appears frequently on television and in documentaries. He last appeared on the RMA speaker's program in 2022 recounting the life and music of Nat "King" Cole, the subject of another of his acclaimed biographies.

To stream the presentation by Mr. Friedwald at 11 AM on Wednesday, November 15th, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

Note: The views expressed in these presentations are those of the speakers. They are not intended to represent the views of the RMA or its members.

RMA speaker presentations are presented as a community service at no cost to in-person or Zoom attendees, regardless of gender. Any member of the public who would like to receive a weekly email announcement of future speakers should send a request to members@greenwichrma.org. 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 <https://greenwichrma.org/>, or contact members@greenwichrma.org.

COLUMN

Stopping the High-Rises

What is the menace of 8-30g? State law 8-30g allows builders to bypass local zoning and build high rises in neighborhoods if they rent a small percentage of the units in that building at below-market rates. Builders, with support from Democrats, are using this law to build oversize developments in Greenwich neighborhoods with total disregard for any local rules and ordinances. Under this law, even if one lived in a 2-acre single-family zoning, a builder could construct a 50-unit apartment complex next door. This is the menace of 8-30g.

We need affordable housing, but not through 8-30g: Our state and town need more affordable housing. Teachers, policemen, firemen who work here and protect our town should be able to live in our town. However, affordable housing still needs to conform to our local laws. Greenwich Communities is our local public housing agency (PHA), which is authorized by the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and leases over 1200 housing units at affordable market rates in Greenwich to eligible tenants.

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Greenwich Communities has several anticipated projects to increase affordable housing in Greenwich. Unlike some of the proposed high-rise projects, 100% of housing built/repurposed by

Greenwich Communities counts as affordable.

Applying for a moratorium (put 8-30g on hold): Under existing statute, towns can apply to the state Department of

Housing for a moratorium if they put forward a plan to increase affordable housing in the next four years by 2%. BET Republicans plan to support Greenwich Communities to develop a plan in conjunction with the state Department of Housing (DOH) to make Greenwich eligible for a moratorium. This would put a pause to 8-30g, hopefully, one that was permanent, and ensure no high-rises were built in our neighborhoods.

Republican BET members are committed to STOPPING THE HIGH-RISES IN GREENWICH.

We must stop 8-30g and support a plan that would make Greenwich eligible for a moratorium.

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COLUMN

Abilis Launches Third Project SEARCH

Abilis, the nonprofit organization providing services and support to more than 800 individuals with special needs and their families throughout Fairfield County, is pleased to announce the launch of its third internship program with Project SEARCH for young adults with disabilities, which recently started in partnership with Stamford Health. The nine-month long internship program teaches new job skills and is part of the national Project SEARCH program, which traditionally partners with hospitals around the country. Stamford Health is Abilis' third Project SEARCH location in Fairfield County, with other programs running at Greenwich Hospital and the Darien YMCA.

"Our team has been working for the past eight months to be able to offer Project SEARCH at Stamford Health and we are so thrilled that our first class of interns officially started a few weeks ago," said Amy Montimurro, CEO and president of Abilis. "The Stamford Health teams have been exceptionally welcoming to Abilis and those we support, and we are very excited about this new partnership."

Project SEARCH is a successful national program that offers total immersion in the workplace by facilitating the teaching and learning processes, as well as the acquisition of employability and marketable work skills. Students participate in three unpaid internships throughout the program and explore a variety of career paths.

Abilis is a certified and licensed Project SEARCH program provider and is excited to be able to offer this beneficial program at more Fairfield County locations, including Stamford Health.

"It is important for us to

have job training opportunities in the communities where those we support reside," noted Amy Montimurro. "Having Project SEARCH programs in Greenwich, Darien and now Stamford, really helps expand the reach of these programs and helps young adults obtain the much-needed job skills right in their own community."

The Project SEARCH program at Stamford Health includes rotation of jobs in three different departments throughout the hospital, including materials management, environmental sciences, food services and the operating room.

"We are thrilled to partner with Abilis to bring Project SEARCH to Stamford Health and the communities we serve," noted Sal Mancino, Stamford Health vice president of Human Resources. "At Stamford Health, we are committed to being a 'Great Place to Work' for all and providing a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment. Our four interns from Abilis are making immense contributions and leave a lasting impression on everyone they encounter. I would like to thank the teams across our organization who are mentoring our interns and helping them learn meaningful employment skills for the future."

The hallmark of Project SEARCH is total workplace immersion, which facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training. Project SEARCH's primary objective is to secure competitive employment for every program participant. Along the way, the interns increase their independence, self-confidence and self-esteem, preparing them for future employment. Abilis is a certified and licensed Project SEARCH program provider and

is excited to extend this beneficial program at more Fairfield County locations.

Abilis and its Project SEARCH programs also collaborate with local school districts and the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services to place interns in the program. To be eligible for Project SEARCH, applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 30 and have a developmental disability and want to work competitively. If the young adult is currently a high school student, a recommendation is required by their school district. For other young adults, tuition is paid by the Department of Developmental Services (for those

eligible) or a family may choose to pay privately.

Abilis is a 501c3 non-profit organization that supports more than 800 individuals and their families from birth throughout their lives. Founded in 1951, Abilis is a leader in providing meaningful supports to the community in Fairfield County, Connecticut, in towns including Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Ridgefield, Stamford, Westport and Wilton. The organization has a long-standing reputation for individualized, high-quality care. For more information, visit www.abilis.us online.

Stamford Health is a non-profit independent health care system

with more than 3,800 employees committed to caring for the community through a wide range of high-quality health and wellness services. Patients and their families receive expert, compassionate care through the system's 305-bed Stamford Hospital; Stamford Health Medical Group, with more than 40 offices in lower Fairfield County offering primary and specialty care; a growing number of ambulatory locations across the region; and support through the Stamford Hospital Foundation.

Stamford Health is a major teaching affiliate of the Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and offers treatment and expertise from

Columbia University Irving Medical Center's nationally recognized heart surgeons. Stamford Health and Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) have created a premier center for specialty orthopedic care right in Stamford, Connecticut. Stamford Health's Carl & Dorothy Bennett Cancer Center has a robust collaboration with Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center.

Dedicated to being the community's most trusted health care partner, Stamford Health puts patients first to build long-lasting relationships. For more information, visit StamfordHealth.org. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

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COLUMN

Camillo and Rabin’s Leadership Has Earned Your Vote



By Edward D. Dadakis

Our local campaign season is winding down. Democrats have aggressively tried to muddy up Republicans in an attempt to sway voters against their successful track record. Despite Democrats using harsh, angry words, they are pushing a significant amount of misinformation. It’s time for some truth and facts.

The fact is, Greenwich is one of the best towns in America with extensive town services, expansive amenities, an extraordinary educational system, a well-thought-out infrastructure, and stunningly high property values. None of these achievements happened by chance. It was Republican leadership, over decades, with their careful fiscal stewardship and willingness to make tough decisions, that has made Greenwich the envy of towns across America. Republicans continue to follow a well-thought-out plan to this day. Why tinker with success?

First Selectman Fred Camillo has

shown genuine bipartisan leadership, earning your vote for re-election. He skillfully guided us through the challenges of COVID; he delivered on promises of public-private partnerships as anyone driving by the former Old Greenwich Civic Center can attest. More is to come. He is also battling Democrats to preserve local zoning and prevent the high rises which Democrats covet but won’t admit to. Furthermore, he has advocated for responsible spending so taxes remain reasonable while property values stay high.

Just last week, Camillo collaborated with Republicans on the BET to successfully secure funding for Central Middle School. This was despite Democrats voting against CMS funding at the April budget vote. Republicans have consistently promised full funding for CMS, and they fulfilled that promise after municipal improvement status was granted, per the Town Charter.

Camillo always conducts himself in a civil fashion, without rancor or vitriol, standing in stark contrast to repeated Democrat attacks. I think that is why he is so widely liked and appreciated.

Selectwoman Lauren Rabin, running with Camillo, is one of the nicest people I’ve met in politics. More importantly, she works quietly yet effectively to deliver for Greenwich residents. Well respected as a

former BOE member and PTA leader, she epitomizes the role of a Selectwoman—an ombudsman for our town.

Town Clerk Jackie Budkins entered office two years ago with an agenda to advance technology so residents have better access to her office. She succeeded beyond expectations. One of her notable achievements was implementing a free fraud alert system if there is tampering with your home ownership records, a crucial step in preventing that kind of fraud, which is rapidly rising. So, if you haven’t signed up for the alert, do it now and don’t forget to vote to re-elect Jackie Budkins.

The loudest and nastiest Democrat voices are vying for control of the Board of Estimate and Taxation. BET member David Weisbrod, who wants to be re-elected, is the shrillest voice.

Readers should recall that Weisbrod, Democrat BET member Leslie Moriarty, and four other Democrat BET colleagues were caught cheating during the 2017 BET election. An investigation by the State Elections Enforcement Commission uncovered significant election law misconduct, resulting in the largest cumulative fine ever against a local campaign in Connecticut history. Such independent adjudication raises serious questions about Weisbrod’s and Moriarty’s judgment.

One of the Democrats’ favorite pieces of misinformation is blaming Republicans for a raw sewage leak at Old Greenwich School. The fact is that once it was brought to the attention of BET Republicans, they declared it disgusting and immediately allocated \$500,000 to fix it. However, Democrats, including First Selectman candidate Erickson, Weisbrod, and Moriarty, voted against it, preferring to have Old Greenwich students continue dealing with the sewage leak on rainy days. Shameful? Yes, but refusing to take responsibility for their own inaction and blaming others is reprehensible.

But there’s more. In another diatribe, Weisbrod bemoans Republicans undermining the police because they failed to upgrade their audiovisual equipment. Really, how critical is AV equipment?

The fact is, and much more critically, Weisbrod, Ericksson, and Moriarty all voted against pay raises for our police this year. They also voted against pay raises for the teachers. However, neither the police nor the teachers have anything to worry about. Fortunately, Republicans ensured that funding was available for those raises.

Republicans also delivered additional police officers who will be stationed in the schools, keeping our town’s children safe. So important in the crazy times we

live in.

The fact is, if Democrats gain BET control, they’ve promised a spending spree of \$1.5 billion, much of it funded by long-term debt. That would throw Greenwich’s successful pay-as-you-go policy on the trash heap. Given the existing debt burdens at the federal and state levels, why is it so important to Democrats to burden future Greenwich generations with even more debt due to their overspending?

In light of these considerations and because I love Greenwich, I’m casting my vote for Republicans across the board. I urge you to do the same. Please make sure to vote for all six BET Republicans. While the charter calls for all BET candidates to be elected, it’s the party’s candidates who get the most votes in the aggregate that gain the chairmanship and with that the authority to set policy.

Despite Democrat misinformation, the fact is it’s Republicans from the First Selectman to the Board of Estimate and Taxation, who have made Greenwich the exceptional town that we all take pride in. It’s Republicans who have the commitment, vision, and love of Greenwich to ensure its continued success.

Edward Dadakis has served more than 40 years in local Greenwich government.

LETTER

I would like to share with you some insights on how a **city, taken over by false narratives and residents who kept quiet, has been eviscerated** from being a thriving business and residential city. Recently, a diverse group of residents consisting of Republicans, Democrats and members of the Stamford community came together to try and take back our city. We need a miracle.

Stamford, a Democrat run city, is an example of how a community can be divided by a party that doesn’t run on policy but runs by demeaning anyone that opposes their direction or does not comply with their narrative. This issue extends well beyond the border lines that separate our cities and towns. This is an overreach of mandates being handed down to our communities through a Democrat stronghold in Hartford and implemented by a Democrat stronghold in Stamford.

Powerful Democrats in Stamford are sidelining even other Democrats who have a different opinion

and filling positions with compliant officials. **Stamford residents failed to stand up to this for decades and are paying a hefty price to save our community from Hartford and from being silenced.**

Currently, Stamford struggles with retaining large and small retail establishments along with desperately needed corporate headquarters that were once a staple of our thriving community. Empty retail space that continues to grow at an alarming pace is being filled with Stamford’s new venture of smoke shops and marijuana dispensaries. This new brand of retail is creating fewer jobs, increasing crime and making our streets and communities unsafe.

Greenwich, you still have a chance. Stand for your children’s education. Continue to be engaged and hold your Superintendent accountable. Make sure that your Board of Education

(BOE) is doing the same. **Your BOE is the Superintendent’s oversight not their facilitator.** Demand transparency. Expect a rigorous curriculum that is based on meritocracy. Engage in your child’s education because **quality education determines their successful future.**

Stand for your families. Some Democrat legislators believe that your children are the state’s responsibility and not yours. Your elected officials, bureaucrats, and school districts can enact policies that undermine your rights as parents and make life-changing decisions for your child. This misguided belief needs to be met with strong push back. Demand schools get back to education and put an end to indoctrination. This blatant disregard of parents, deceitfully separating parents from children, is sheer madness. **Protect your family.**

Stand for your community. You built your community. **People coming in have a responsibility to strengthen your community,**

not take over. When you are afraid to be who you are, say what you want and share your beliefs for fear of being silenced, you know your community has been breached. **A weak community has no choice but to push back on a continual basis or relent. Give up and you will become like Stamford.**

You don’t have to look any further than 1 exit and a 10-minute drive to see firsthand how a powerful Democrat run city becomes eviscerated with declining education, struggling retail, housing complexes, divided communities, silenced residents and increasing taxes.

Greenwich residents, I am seeing this firsthand and watching it creep into your community. I am an outsider looking in **Greenwich, and you still have a chance. Make it count.**

I am Paul Arvoy, a registered Stamford Democrat, who has been silenced by Democrats in power for going against their narrative. Thank you for reading.

Paul Arvoy

Greenwich, Protect Your Town

LETTER

Thank you for your consideration in publishing the below as a letter to the editor. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

I write in support of the candidacy of Janet Stone McGuigan for the Greenwich Board of Selectmen and Laura Erickson for First Selectman. I have known both of them for many years in their capacities as PTA leaders and through their work at other community organizations. I served with Laura on the Health and Human Services Committee of the Representative

Town Meeting (RTM) and was impressed by her compassion in caring for all residents of Greenwich. She prepared rigorously for committee meetings and was knowledgeable and insightful in her contributions. I have observed these traits as well as a talent for leadership in her tenure on the Boards of Education (BOE) and Estimate and Taxation (BET). Janet and I have been friends through twenty years of raising children in Greenwich. She is incredibly upbeat, dedicated, and detail-oriented. I have witnessed firsthand the hard work she has put into her role on

the Board of Selectmen, devoting a wealth of time and effort to meeting the needs of our town’s citizenry. Both Janet and Laura strive to be collegial and positive, prioritizing what is right for Greenwich above political considerations. Their intelligence, enthusiasm, integrity, and concern for others, combined with their commitment to good government in Greenwich, make them immensely valuable to this community, as individuals and as a team.

Adam J. Savitz, MD PhD, Greenwich

Support of McGuigan and Erickson

LETTER

As part of my campaign preparation, I read the oral history of Ruth Sims, a Democrat, and the first woman elected First Selectman in 1977. The interviewer asks Ruth Sims if she prefers to be called First Selectwoman or First Selectperson. Sims replies, “Well, the Charter calls it the office of the First Selectman so that’s what I used.” It’s 2023 and there has been a total of three women elected to this office. Ruth Sims served two terms and was succeeded by Rebecca Breed, a Republican, who served one term.* In 2001, Lolly Prince, also a Republican, was elected and served one term.

I’m on the ballot as First Selectman because that’s what the Town Charter still says. Ruth Sims won as a Democrat in 1977 when the town’s voter affiliation was overwhelming Republican per her NYT obituary. Today the voters have shifted: 39% are Unaffiliated, 30% are Democrats, 29% are Republican and 2% are other. Republicans should not be handed this election. Voters need to educate themselves and vote for leadership that represents the values of the community up and down the ballot, including the RTM.

Campaigning is hard, but immensely rewarding. Residents have a lot on their minds and there are many concerns. Republicans have been in control of the Town of Greenwich for the last century,

with only a couple of exceptions and they are not delivering in this administration. There’s been a complete breakdown in the local Republican party town committee which is domineered by extremists and candidates spreading misinformation. I’ve been in town government for over twenty years, and am currently serving in my fourth year on the Board of Estimate and Taxation. I am seeing first hand a lot of issues that aren’t being addressed proactively or in a fiscally responsible manner. It’s time to be forward thinking and to plan for our future. Greenwich needs a reset.

Ruth Sims was a remarkable woman. Recently, I attended a campaign gathering and chatted with a woman who knew Ruth personally. She remarked that Ruth was a deep thinker and a woman of action. I surely got a sense of that from reading the oral history, and also the oral history of Peter Bloch, which detailed the close election of 1977, the recounts that resulted in an ultimate declaration of a tie and the special election held on December 29th which Ruth Sims won handily. It’s a gripping story.

Ruth was the first full time First Selectman and she oversaw the move to the current Town Hall. She implemented a 5 year capital plan. She got Governor Ella Grasso down for a visit to see firsthand the

pollution emanating from the Cos Cob power plant which was later closed down. She oversaw the Commission on Aging’s plan to convert the Town Hall Annex to elderly housing and repurpose the old Town Hall into a Senior Center and Arts Center. She addressed affirmative action in the town’s work force. She created the fire training center and our own police shooting range so our first responders didn’t have to travel out of town. Some of the issues she faced are ones we are still talking about almost 50 years later such as increasing rents, overdevelopment, congestion, parking and open space.

I am asking for your vote because I believe I am the most qualified candidate for the position, not because I’m a woman. It’s time to fix our schools, fund public safety measures and focus on the real concerns that residents care about.

Vote Row A on November 7th for a better Greenwich. It’s been 46 years, and it’s time for a change.

Laura Erickson, candidate for First Selectman

*Rebecca Breed also served a second term as Selectman.

LETTER

As Your Neighbors, We Ask For Your Vote

Angry rhetoric coming from our Democrat opponents may try to convince you otherwise, but the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) Republican candidates are your neighbors, and we care about Greenwich, just like you. We understand the priorities that you have as residents of our beautiful town.

Row B BET Republicans are the best team to continue to support a vibrant town that offers the best place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

On November 7th, it is important to vote for all six BET Republicans on Row B. As you may or may not know, six members from each party are elected to the BET, so we will all be seated on the BET this coming January. Your vote, however, is extremely important because the party that gets the most votes (sum of all six candidates) leads the BET and ultimately decides the taxes you will pay.

Greenwich has thrived under Republican BET leadership and your vote for all six BET Republicans on Row B will assure that will continue.

A Republican-led BET will ensure our town’s budget will be planned carefully and prudently, and we will ask the tough questions before funding our Town’s capital needs! We will aim to maintain our mill rate, the lowest amongst major municipalities in CT, without sacrificing

the services and facilities that you have come to expect.

As Republicans, we are committed to the legacy of protecting and supporting all our residents, from the youngest to the oldest. The Republican-led BET historically has provided the Board of Ed with what they ask for (\$1.7 billion asked for, \$1.7 billion funded in the last 7 years) to fund our teachers and students. We have made funds available for ADA concerns at our schools. Republican BET leadership has ensured that funds are available for our police and fire departments, and has also ensured that our Seniors continue to live in an age-friendly town.

We have enjoyed meeting many of you on the campaign trail. We are committed to continue to support our beautiful facilities, our beaches, parks and libraries, all of which are second to none, and will advocate for preventing the development of high-rise buildings due to state Democratic policies.

It is a privilege for each of us, as volunteers in the Town we love, to continue to serve Greenwich. As your neighbors, we know how special our Town is. We ask that you vote for all six of us this November 7th so that Greenwich will continue to have the fiscal leadership and discipline that has made our Town the best place to live, work, raise a family, and stay.

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Local Public Company Market Watch

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COMPANY	SYMBOL	52 HIGH	52 LOW	PRICE*
AmBase Corporation	ABCP	\$0.19	\$0.06	\$0.12
Ellington Financial LLC	EFC	\$14.62	\$10.81	\$12.24
Hudson Global	HSN	\$38.00	\$14.66	\$15.39
Interactive Brokers Group, Inc.	IBKR	\$95.59	\$68.23	\$78.56
Oxford Lane Capital Corp.	OXLC	\$6.27	\$4.41	\$4.98
Oxford Square Capital Corp.	OXSQ	\$3.56	\$2.50	\$2.92
Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.	ROIC	\$16.37	\$10.98	\$11.87
Starwood Property Trust Inc.	STWD	\$21.73	\$16.06	\$17.99
Townsquare Media Inc.	TSQ	\$12.65	\$7.05	\$8.48
W.R. Berkley Corp.	WRB	\$75.88	\$55.07	\$67.93
XPO Logistics Inc.	XPO	\$80.42	\$29.02	\$77.97
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LETTER

How low can you go!

While driving across town Monday morning it was shocking to see history repeating itself. From one end of town to the other sprinkled among other political signs were signs that read “DeSantis/Camillo”. To the average citizen this gives the impression that Fred Camillo supports DeSantis and is running in alignment with his policies. This is eerily similar to the municipal campaign in 2020 when Mark Kordick, who did not support Camillo, put up “Trump/Camillo signs” all over town to give a similar impression. While the previous issue resulted

in a lawsuit causing much angst, expensive legal fees for the town and a payout to the perpetrator who was able to hide behind the First Amendment to defend and get away with his abhorrent behavior. One of the “DeSantis/Camillo signs was boldly placed in front of the Republican Headquarters. I went in to inquire and confirmed that neither Fred’s campaign nor the Republican Town Party had anything to do with these signs. Before the day was out, Mark Kordick, the person who placed the “Trump/Camillo” signs

was proudly boasting that he was responsible for the new signs paid for with his stunning “sign-gate” settlement. Many Republicans and Democrats alike can agree that DeSantis and Trump can be polarizing figures. To tie them to our First Selectman in this fashion was done for that reason: a cowardly bully’s feeble attempt to somehow discredit Fred Camillo. It is interesting to note that Fred committed not to place his signs on public property, rather he asked his supporters to just place them on private property for environmental and

aesthetic reasons. All of these personal opinion signs of Mark Kordick’s are on public property. The fair minded voters of District 9 are in the unique position to send a message to Mr. Kordick. He is running for re-election for a seat on the RTM in our District. Let’s send him a strong message, loud and clear that this type of dirty politics is not appreciated in Greenwich regardless of party affiliation. *Rose Repaci*

LETTER

Heather Smeriglio ~ Certified and Qualified as Tax Collector

Experience, Experience, Experience - absolutely necessary in our town’s Taxpayer Collector’s Office and boy will we have it by reelecting Heather Smeriglio for her third term in office. Perhaps one of the most significant aspects of her background is that Heather achieved the status of a Certified Tax Collector prior to her first campaign. Her intention was to fully understand the process involved and subsequently took the necessary courses to become

a Tax Collector. This was a key piece of her first campaign along with believing she could humanly collect “back taxes” owed to the town. These efforts are always done with courtesy, empathy and respect - exceptional qualities to have in our Greenwich Tax Collector. In addition to more thoughtfully respond to our Greenwich Citizens, she extended her office hours through the last day taxes were due.

99%+ of our taxes were collected by her office and Heather has received much appreciation from her constituents. All things considered, there really is a most qualified person to be elected Tax Collector - Heather Smeriglio! Please support her and be sure to vote on November 7th - Row B.t. *Cathy Hansen*

LETTER

JC Reilly’s Fifth Run for 1st Selectman

To the Editor, JAMES C REILLY Write in Candidate for First Selectman I am a Secretary of State Registered Write in Canidate for Greenwich First Selectman. I send the below to show my extensive background. As a lifelong “Creative contributor to Our Society”! When people see me they have no idea of the journey I’ve been on! From my life’s experience I developed knowledge like no other! To just view parts of my 58years worth of Art will reflect so much! My Art does more then reflect my extensive background! It proves my wisdom in dealing with people, situation & problem solving. Again, I state that my extensive background reflects much! Reflecting much that I can utilize in service to others! For my many years I wear many Coats as Soldier, Artist, Social Activist, part time Musician, Educator, Freelance Reporter, PR Man for a Hotel Management Company & more! Some highlights as a Educator, I was involved with the start of four Art Departments.

And had a Artist Guild “The Art Barn” with Art Cass. And I was briefly associated with Andy Warhol As reporter while covering Northern Irland’s worst year 1972. I saw strife with & after Blood Sunday, that culminated by being held by the IRA in Derry. I was Combat Artist in the Vietnam Era US Army Arts Program! Then a brief association with Gen Norman Schwarzkopf during the first Gulf War! That developed contacts with the US Army Historian. Causing Consult on the 2nd Guld War in 2003. Then the 2006 Canadian CF Program on Afghanistan. My Parents Social Activism inspired my efforts to contribute with Civil Projects, starting a Explore Post. And then I had a prominent part in the first Intergrated Boy Scout Troop in Fairfield County, Connecticut. Following Red Cross First Aid Instruction before Paramedics. With the early years of the Vietnam Era when anti war demonstrations starting I spent time with Soldier just out or with Medical Leaves. And as Soldiering started, after Grad

School. I was always there for younger just out of HS Troops. Music followed with the Band “Perth County Conspiracy”! We had two albums out. With a Coffee House as our base of operations & our basic mission being Humanity. We started a Drug Crises & Drop-in Center. We also counseled runaways trying to get them to go home! The War never ended for some as I’d meet Unemployed Veterans. Get many involved with Creative Projects! And as Ed Bilek the then head of the Greenwich Rec Board I started a Veterans Outreach Program. This was way before 9/11 when Vietnam Era Veterans were not general considered good guys! With already experiencing much, I started making proposals for programs to help our society & our citizens. As I proposed the first Boot Camp for First Time Offenders. And worked with Capital Office Staff & Ted Kennedy. Then in the 80s to 90s I was a volunteerred at Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Victims. Working with Veterans exposed to Agent Orange. And then with First Gulf War Veterans

we presented “Desert Storm Syndrome to the VA”! Along with Christopher Shay VV Agent Orange proved the First Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses were Service! There’s much more than I can detail, including in the course of Social Activism! “Hug Reilly Sums” used for expense to assist in “Projects & People”! Along with my Parents we covered so much, as I stated before Enviornmental wise & Human rights! With Preservation Projects Like saving Lever House on Park Ave.! Lever House was the second Glass Office Building designed in the style of the Bahu School of Creative Thought! With major contributor Jose Albers who I was associated with in my early years! Again, there’s more then I can detail including 58years of my Art. Stored in my house! Like over two hundred painting on the Vietnam Era. As well dozens of sketch books jammed with illustration from the US Army to Northern Irland to Music Concerts including George Harrison’s Bangladesh! I look forward to talking with you soon! *Regards, Mr. JC REILLY*

LETTER

Dialogue over Ideologies


Politics has become far too divisive. Debates have become confrontations with goals of converting rather than convincing and, in many cases, arguments take the form of name calling rather than logical or critical considerations. Moderates are criticized and members of an opposing party are mercilessly, and oftimes offensively, labeled. To run for a political position feels much like exposing yourself as an extremist simply because one must embrace the label of a party. All that said, I am running for the local position as a member of the RTM in Greenwich’s district 10. I am a democrat, indeed I have been a democrat since I first registered to vote as a

teen growing up here in Greenwich. But as I approached the idea of running, I realized how adverse I felt to being categorized because, now-a-days, being part of a party seems to promise one and only one way of thinking or voting. I have decided, therefore, to run alongside a truly non-partisan group of candidates among whom you can find, democrats, republicans, and independents and who share the underlying political principle of fiscal responsibility and bringing civility back to politics and common sense to governing. Surprisingly, I found myself, without my consent or knowledge, listed on an e-blasted email from the Greenwich Democrats as part of

their coalition of “RTM candidate(s) you know”, but the authors seemingly did not know that I am part of the very group they dismissed as a “MAGA faction”. Not understanding anything about me, and despite my inclusion in their own list of candidates, they wrote, with disdain, of my being a “neophyte” as if...only entrenched politicians should enter politics at this entry-level, volunteer role? I want to bring civil discussion back into our politics. The RTM is a non-partisan legislative body with a hyper local focus on expenditures and appropriations. There is no reason to assume that those with differing opinions on such matters are uniformly people of “hate” as

every decision made by the RTM must reflect the nuances of each consideration and not some broad-brush notion derived from a national agenda. I have placed myself on another list of bi-partisan candidates who are like-minded in wanting to serve with a smart, common sense approach while maintaining a keen sense of fiscal responsibility. I believe we will bring a fresh balance and civility to the RTM. We need people who have an ideology that can be the foundation of opinions, interpretations and discussions rather than ideologues who are uncompromising or emphatically and dogmatically imposing their view. *Pam Fontana*

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LETTER

Support Jackie Budkins for Town Clerk

I have been a lifelong Greenwich resident, local business owner, participated in town government , causes and charities and have had frequent interactions across town departments and personnel over my many year in several capacities. I’ve known Jackie as a successful local real estate agent and now as our esteemed Greenwich Town Clerk. Her

achievements in her first term are notable and impressive. To name a few:

- Real property Fraud Alert notification system free of charge to the public
- Implemented a more updated, user-friendly online land record search system
- Established Electronic recording of land records (e-Recording) as an additional source

for customers to file land records

- Oversaw installation of the new RTM EZ-Vote/remote iCloud voting system

Effectuating these initiatives in a single term represents a strong work ethic, impressive focus and commitment towards continuous optimization and transformation for success.

I urge you to join me in supporting Jackie

Budkins in her upcoming re-election and vote for Jackie on November 7th.

*Richard F. Kriskey
Past Chairman, Board of Estimate & Taxation
Past Member, Board of Education, Chairman of Facilities Committee
Past Chairman, Board of Assessment Appeals*

LETTER

Do you Want a Functioning Town, or Do You Want to Win?

Many may find this surprising, but as a Democrat, I believe that our elected representatives should not be limited to just one party. Why? Because that’s not how a well-functioning government or society operates. In a politically diverse town like Greenwich, where 30.3% of voters are Democrats, 28.6% are Republicans, and 39.4% are unaffiliated, it’s clear that no single

party should have complete control. It’s common sense that the purpose of elected bodies is to represent all constituents. So, my ardent request to the voters of Greenwich this November is this: don’t simply vote along party lines or for a particular color. Instead, take the time to become informed. Research your options, choose candidates who truly align with your values,

and ensure you know what they stand for and believe in. Let your vote be a reflection of your well-informed choice, not just a party preference.

Emma Woodhouse

LETTER

Hess Supports Budkins for Re-Election

I am writing to show my support and endorsement of Jackie Budkins for her second term as Greenwich Town Clerk in the upcoming election. I have had the pleasure and privilege of knowing Jackie for many years, getting to see firsthand her deep level of care

and commitment to our town. As a former elected member of the BET, I am well aware of the tenacity and temperament it takes to hold and be effective in elective office.

I have been extremely impressed with the great job she has done in her first term, leading

the clerk’s office with respect and a spirit of innovation, providing the town with many enhancements such as electronic recordings, free real property fraud alerts, a new land records search and an online vital records request and payment portal just to name a few.

Our town clerk’s office is an important resource to the community. Let’s keep leadership in place that working.

Please join me in voting to re-elect Jackie Budkins on November 7th.

Debra Hess

LETTER

Erickson and Stone McGuigan: Right for Greenwich

I write in support of the candidacy of Janet Stone McGuigan for the Greenwich Board of Selectmen and Laura Erickson for First Selectman. I have known both of them for many years in their capacities as PTA leaders and through their work at other community organizations. I served with Laura on the Health and Human Services Committee of the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) and

was impressed by her compassion in caring for all residents of Greenwich. She prepared rigorously for committee meetings and was knowledgeable and insightful in her contributions. I have observed these traits as well as a talent for leadership in her tenure on the Boards of Education (BOE) and Estimate and Taxation (BET). Janet and I have been friends through twenty years of raising

children in Greenwich. She is incredibly upbeat, dedicated, and detail-oriented. I have witnessed firsthand the hard work she has put into her role on the Board of Selectmen, devoting a wealth of time and effort to meeting the needs of our town’s citizenry. Both Janet and Laura strive to be collegial and positive, prioritizing what is right for Greenwich above political considerations. Their

intelligence, enthusiasm, integrity, and concern for others, combined with their commitment to good government in Greenwich, make them immensely valuable to this community, as individuals and as a team.

Adam Savitz

LETTER

Countering Hate with Love...Even in Politics

As Republicans, we counter hate with love.

The unending op-eds in the press about how Republicans are bad people and extreme child haters can get depressing. Everyone knows this is false and is being spread by a loud minority. What is disturbing is that some of these are current or past elected officials from the Democratic party. As Republicans,

our first reaction is anger.

But I believe that answering hate with more hate is not the answer. We can stop this hate by responding with empathy and compassion. We should focus on Republican values of goodness, faith, and community. We know this current hate against Republicans is only for electoral victory. I say to the

higher power, let the truth be known.

Republicans stand for a society where all individuals can enjoy freedom and opportunity. We stand for a government and laws which enable the individual to be their best. We are proud of these values, and we know that this hate is only from a few because of their narrow pursuit of electoral power.

*Respectfully,
Liz Tommasino
Greenwich Resident
RTM D8 Candidate.*

LETTER

Selectwoman Lauren Rabin Doing An Excellent Job

To the Editor:

Selectwoman Lauren Rabin Should be Re-Elected, Again!

Lauren Rabin is smart, well-informed, and somebody that can be depended on to get things done. Lauren has a mild manner that folks warm up to...and, she’s a good listener. Moreover, she is a terrific team player and has worked exceptionally well together with Fred Camillo in keeping Greenwich the exceptional Town that it is today.

They have continued to keep taxes low while

helping to change things for the better (e.g. the new Old Greenwich Civic Center, the construction of Gems Station Four and more), Fred and Lauren were also able to bring outdoor dining to our town during Covid – not an easy feat! We’ve got to re-elect this winning team!

It should be mentioned that our Police Department is second to none and our Town rated in the top 10 for safety. There’s an old saying that certainly applies here... “If it isn’t broken why fix it?”

Selectwoman Rabin currently participates

on many important committees. She is liaison to the Central Middle School Building Committee, Greenwich High School Vestibule Comm., the Glenville Beautification Comm., and many, many, more. It is very important, and, would be less disruptive, that this hard-working and considerate person be able to continue to lend her proven experience to keep Greenwich the “special” town that we are so fortunate to live in.

Not to be overlooked, Selectwoman Lauren has been a good mother and has put her children through

Greenwich’s public schools. Her two sons took part in Greenwich Youth Football, Cub Scouts, and more, not to mention her

As a veteran and member of both the Byram Vets and American Legion Post 29, I know Lauren has attended our ceremonies and supported our work. I’m amazed at how she finds the time to do so much.

Please help ensure that Lauren Rabin is re-elected for Selectwoman! Dean Gamanos, Division Street, Greenwich.

Dean Gamanos

LETTER

Running for RTM

Hello. My name is Andrea Dawn LoCascio and I’m running for the RTM in District I2. Before I even had an opportunity to express that, or write even one iota of a thought about it, I appear to have Democrats, through their campaign emails, implying that I’m a part of some “far-right, MAGA Group” because my name appeared on someone’s recommended list for the RTM which couldn’t be further from the truth so I’m reaching out to clarify a few things.

I think both parties are afraid. But hold that thought...

I’ve lived in Riverside for the past 2 decades and I love Greenwich...that’s why I’m running. I’ve proudly graduated from The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, New York (Westchester County) and I’m also an Alum of Iona University ... that’s why I’m running, to continue making a difference in my life and in the lives of others. I love civil service - and our Greenwich Police Department as well as our local Fire Department and there are three addt’l reasons why I’m running. I also love my neighbors and friends who I’ve made here.. that’s why I’m running. And I strive to make decisions for the benefit of everyone involved - which is precisely why I am running.

Not because I report to, or run with anyone

because I absolutely do not. And certainly not, if I were elected as a Member of the RTM.

Instead, my role, my essence, as a member of the RTM would be similar to that of our First Selectman, Fred Camillo, as it pertains to our entire town... in the way that he always tries his best to keep everyone happy, and remains as diplomatic as possible.

Some Republican’s feel that Fred Camillo is not “Republican enough.” To that, I say, “Ridiculous! Try being Fred Camillo and getting his job done.”

Not only do I admire Camillo’s approach, but if I get elected to the RTM.. I’ll mimic it! After all, in truth, who doesn’t strive to relate to as many people as possible? And much more importantly, to me, serving the public is all about the ability to possess a deeper understanding about the human condition . and allowing people of all walks of life to feel heard - along with all of the benefits which come once you accomplish that. It’s truly limitless. And is understanding the human condition something that either Republicans or Democrats do better than the other? Seems silly to ask, doesn’t it...?

Did I mention parties being “afraid?” Well, forget Democrats and Republicans!!! - which I truly think we should do more of. In other words, forgetting about our political affiliations or lack there of. That’s

why I am encouraging us all to work together, in harmony, to achieve the very best for Greenwich.

And for BOTH Republicans and Democrats to ask themselves, “Would I/we be more effective if I stepped out of this boxing ring?” Because the answer is “yes.”

I’ve worked as an equities trader for the majority of my life, and in retail, and I’m a proud employee of Stamford Health & Medical Group. I’m a member of the Greenwich Postvention Team, graduated from The Greenwich Citizen’s Police Academy and have worked and volunteered for those either seeking public office or in office.

I’ve sung the National Anthem countless times for The New York Mets at Shea (10 years to be exact) as well as for The NY Knicks and NY Liberty at MSG. That’s what I’m about. And now, I want to be a voice for The RTM.

I’m a singer, and a music writer in my spare time - and I’ve made tons of friends all of who I’ve managed to maintain my entire life, since childhood and beyond. This is me.

As for my family, we’re all extremely close - and we spend a great deal of time together. Yet despite all this, and 1,000 other things about me, I still wish to dedicate the time necessary to serve on the RTM in

the public realm on even a minor level.

With this said, I care sometimes too much. Hence, this letter. But these qualities and characteristics are what I’m about. These qualities fuel me. These qualities make me a fantastic choice for the RTM.

And there’s no prancing around as part of any “MAGA” Group. That’s a fantasy. I assure you.

So, no matter WHO you choose on that ballot come November 7th, be sure you haven’t been misled before you cast your vote.

Avoid this by talking to people you respect who are already serving in the public realm... whoever they might be. If you like their policies, or even their demeanor - then ask them. Despite which way they lean.

The bottom line is, I have every confidence that there will be many fine people on the ballot Republicans and Dems alike. I guess, you just have to create ways to find out who the real ones are, the ones worth voting for, before Election Day.

Andrea D. LoCascio

LETTER

BET

All 6 BET Republicans approved \$70 million in this year’s capital budget to be allocated to the CMS project back in the spring. Add in the ADDITIONAL \$42 million allocated earlier this week and Greenwich tax dollars are now funding a \$112 million-dollar middle school for approximately 500 students. The most expensive school project on record.

Quality Schools, low taxes, safe neighborhoods, extensive town amenities all factor into property values. Taxes get too high and the middle-class tax base will move out. This would ruin the diversity of Greenwich. Rubber stamping school budgets and huge municipal projects without oversight and accountability have been the downfall of many great towns and cities. This dangerous precedent cannot find its way into Greenwich. The Democrat candidates along with their affiliates would like it to and MAKE NO MISTAKE YOUR TAXES WILL GO UP. The state is not coming to the rescue to fund these projects, that was a political talking point. It will almost all come out of Greenwich taxpayer pockets.

School projects became unnecessarily political in an election year. The building committee heads did a fantastic job “mobilizing and organizing” a segment of parents by way of the PTA and our Superintendent. False narratives that Republicans hate children and do not fund schools were plentiful. (We should all pray that this is not the new norm every time hundreds of millions in tax dollars are up for grabs.) Unfortunately, much like the Old Greenwich School Project (Asbestos Remediation), many logistical items (thousands of trees being removed, blasting, site plan, water issues) are not fully known. Also, much like the OG School Project, many parents are unaware of the plan for where students will be when the project begins its remediation (digging, dumping, blasting, demo).

The BoE now accounts for almost \$400 million (with capital) of this year’s over \$600 million town budget.

The Republican BET has allocated almost \$1 billion dollars (see charts) to maintaining and building schools dating back to 2006. I agree that

ANY maintenance issues are inexcusable at that price point.

I will also note that CMS was way down the project line until last winter and was moved up the priority list, thanks to Republican BET efforts.

The project had many internal issues including firings of outside agents and removal of a committee member for having a disgraceful social media presence.

The project finally got to the Planning and Zoning board last week. It passed MI (Municipal Improvements).

The building committee heads said they needed \$42 million more ASAP, and they now have it. Many Republicans still have their reservations and the Building Committee has a lot of questions to answer. The Republican BET chair voted to allocate the additional \$42 million, in good faith, along with another outgoing Republican BET member. The 4 Republican incumbents (who will be on the BET for another term overseeing this build), still searching for answers from the Building Committee heads,

voted 3 abstentions and 1 no vote. The project now (if it passes the RTM vote) has \$112 million in it.

All 6 Democrats voted for giving tax dollars to the Building Committee with little or no questions. Watch the hearing video (<https://youtu.be/9rszV7bqNJE>).

Who knows, maybe the Building Committee will get CMS done for less than \$112 million and it will not be one of most expensive school projects ever in the state. Although that is highly unlikely given the history of big-ticket municipal projects.

The Republican Party is the only party pushing for the accountability and transparency necessary to reverse these destructive trends.

Cast your vote for the full Republican BET Slate on November 7th, Vote Row B.

We are the Common Sense, Pro-Greenwich Team

*Joe Montanaro
Cos Cob*

Why I am seeking re-election as your Selectwoman



By LAUREN RABIN

I have the great honor of serving our community with my classmate (GHS 1980), running mate, and teammate, Fred Camillo, whom I refer to as Mr. 24/7. We love our Town. We grew up here, and since 2019, we’ve had the honor of

working together in Town Hall, serving the people of our beloved hometown. Greenwich neighbors are our neighbors. Four years ago, we ran on our vision. Now, we’re running on our record – a record of looking past what divides the Town and working to bring Greenwich residents – our friends and neighbors – together to work for the future. We humbly serve to ensure Greenwich continues to be the most desirable Town to live in, raise a family, work, play, and stay! Fred and I have the proven and trusted experience to help Greenwich successfully navigate future challenges and harvest opportunities that will make our Town work better for all

our residents. Below is a glimpse of my accomplishments and plans to continue my work and vision.

- Enabled Greenwich to become the first Town in CT designated Age-Friendly, ensuring all our residents can flourish in our community.
- Streamlined processes across departments to make Town Government more efficient and effective.
- Represented the BOS on the Affordable Housing Trust Board, helping to reduce development and provide more units deemed “affordable.”
- Worked closely with other municipalities to preserve local control

and learn best practices regarding Greenwich’s transportation needs.

- Advocated for our students and staff, ensuring they have access to top-rated building facilities.

Greenwich is a unique and special place to live. I was raised here, and my husband and I raised our two sons here. Our community is part of the fabric of who we all are, and it helps shape our value system. As your Selectwoman, alongside Fred as our First Selectman, I dedicate myself to making our Town work better for all of us. There are always challenges to meet, and the current economic and political environment will require leadership, experience,

hard work, and a commitment to civil discourse. I have demonstrated these qualities throughout my time serving our community in the Cub Scouts, all levels of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), the Greenwich Alliance for Education (GAE), the Greenwich Youth Football League (GYFL), the Representative Town Meeting (RTM), the Board of Human Services, Board of Education (BOE) and Board of Selectmen.

Fred and I look forward to earning your support and trust to extend our public service another two years.

Lauren Rabin

Why I’m seeking Re-Election for Town Clerk

To the Editor,

It’s been my honor serving our community as your Greenwich Town Clerk for the last two years. The Town Clerk’s office is the gateway to our town, it’s where life starts, works, and ends in a sense. It’s where you go when you get married, your child is born, you buy your first home, vote in local elections, get your dog license, file a trade name and much, much more. My priority is to make the big milestones in life just a tad bit easier by leading with empathy and effectiveness as Town Clerk.

During my first term as your town clerk, our office has accomplished a lot:

- We have introduced a Real Property Fraud Alert Notification Service – free to the public
- We’ve added a new more user-friendly online land record search system
- Implemented Electronic recording (e-Recording) as an additional source to submit land records

- Rolled out the new RTM remote and Ez-vote voting system

- We’ve added an additional platform for the public to request and pay for vital records

But I’m not done there; I’m running for a second term to build on those accomplishments to make our office the most welcoming and user-friendly place possible. I will continue to follow trends and best practices for town clerk offices to advance technology, continue to

streamline the RTM processes and put in place our new online portal that organizes and tracks all boards, commissions, and RTM members information.

I love interacting with our wonderful residents, attorneys, title searchers and the many visitors to our office during any given day.

A thank you note that I received recently from a woman named Emily is indicative of why I love this job and what I aim to provide for residents. She wrote, “Jackie, I wanted to write to you to express how grateful I am to have had

you help me last month and that you were so kind and understanding that day. Thank you for your professionalism and humanness.” This sums up what the role of Town Clerk truly encompasses.

I humbly ask for your vote on November 7th so I can continue serving and supporting the community we all love and call home.

Respectfully yours,
Jackie Budkins
Town Clerk

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in his possession a “Scream” movie mask, gloves, and a screwdriver. The vehicle, which was a rental. The suspect has a lengthy criminal history and was wearing an ankle monitor on his leg at the time of his arrest. He was acting alone in this incident.

Return to Main Page GPD Dispels False Robbery Rumors

The Greenwich Police Department (GPD) has addressed false information circulating on social media about a violent robbery near the Audubon Center, confirming that no such incident has occurred. The GPD Dispatch Center has not received any reports related to this incident, suggesting it may be a swatting attempt to disrupt public safety. They urge the public not to spread unverified rumors or call the Dispatch Center for information as the incident is untrue. The GPD emphasizes the importance of relying on reliable sources and official channels for accurate information to avoid causing unnecessary panic and harm in the community.

GREENWICH TAX-AIDE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Now is the time for anyone interested in volunteering to help low-income and elderly taxpayers prepare their 2023 returns to contact AARP Foundation volunteer trainers. Beginning in early February and continuing until April 15th, people come to Greenwich Town Hall for help in preparing their tax returns. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax-filing help to those who need it most. You'll receive training and continued support in a welcoming environment. You'll not only learn new skills, but also get a great feeling from helping others. Experience isn't necessary. To volunteer, send an email to greenwichtaxaid@gmail.com expressing your interest.

FROM TOWN HALL

Greenwich Seeks Input on Pomerance Park’s Future

The Town of Greenwich is actively seeking input from the community to help plan for the future management of the Pomerance and Tuchman parcels, which include Pomerance Park and the adjacent Tuchman parcel owned by the town. Over the years, the site has seen a significant increase in popularity, to address this, the town is currently in the process of developing a Master Plan for these parcels and has collaborated with the consulting firm GZA to create a survey aimed at gathering input from park users. Residents’ feedback is incredibly valuable in this Master Plan process and will play a pivotal role in shaping the park’s future vision. The survey will close on Friday, November 17. Find more information and the link to the survey here: <https://www.greenwichct.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2186>

Greenwich Contemplates Housing

Greenwich resident Peter Boldt has proposed acquiring five town properties for infill housing development. This initiative, discussed during a recent Board of Selectmen meeting, highlights the potential for affordable housing in Greenwich. Boldt’s vision stands in contrast to high-density developments, focusing on underutilized or vacant land with existing infrastructure and public transportation access. However, community sentiment and the preservation of open spaces, such as the Glen Avon property, remain central to the ongoing debate, prompting First Selectman Camillo to suggest the formation of a committee to explore affordable housing options on town-owned properties.

2023 Leaf Collection Program Schedule

The Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works will begin the annual Leaf Collection Program on November 6, 2023, in only Section 3, and all other sections to begin on November 13, 2023. Weather permitting, leaves will be collected Monday to Saturday, with two leaf collections per numeric section. Residents are asked to pile leaves near the street but off the road and sidewalks, as this can pose as a safety hazard for pedestrians and bicyclists and can negatively impact stormwater drainage. Residents can find out when their street is scheduled through the 24-hour leaf collection hotline at 203-618-7698 or by visiting www.greenwichct.gov/257/Leaf-Collection.

AROUND TOWN

School Bus Safety: Urgent Reminder

Drivers around town are being reported for reckless driving around stopped school buses, including ignoring stop signs and flashing lights. This dangerous behavior puts children’s lives at risk, as school buses stop to protect them. Those who disregard these signals will face significant tickets from GPD. State law mandates that drivers must stop at least 10 feet from a school bus displaying red signal lights and wait until they turn off unless directed otherwise by a traffic officer. First Selectman Camillo urges all drivers to obey the law, prioritize safety, and avoid tragic accidents.

Greenwich Revives Putnam Avenue Greenery

Greenwich is launching a bold reforestation project on Putnam Avenue, aiming to turn it into a green corridor stretching from New York to Stamford. The plan includes planting 300 trees over five years, with 158 trees to be planted initially. The town is collaborating with the state, and the project has gained approval, with work starting later this year. Various tree species like hackberry, northern catalpa, and crepe myrtle will be part of this transformation, with the first phase scheduled for fall and spring 2024, followed by another phase in 2024-2025, promising a more verdant future for Putnam Avenue.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Rand Insurance Joins Chubb Challenge

Rand Insurance, a prominent independent agency in southwest Connecticut, recently joined the 2023 Chubb Charity Challenge at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, CT. This charity golf event unites agents and clients across North America, raising nearly \$19 million since its 2000 inception for various causes. President Barbara Stevens led the Rand Insurance team, which donated their \$2,500 winnings to “Kids In Crisis,” a Greenwich non-profit supporting children in need. This reflects Rand Insurance’s ongoing commitment to community service and partnership with Cross Insurance in providing comprehensive insurance solutions and supporting local charities.

P2P’s Luncheon Raises Funds

The annual Transforming Lives Luncheon, hosted by Person to Person (P2P) at the Hyatt Regency in town, featured Pulitzer Prize-winning author Andrea Elliott as the keynote speaker. The event raised over \$200,000 to support P2P’s mission of aiding individuals and families on their path to economic stability. Elliott discussed her Pulitzer Prize-winning book, “Invisible Child,” which chronicles the struggles of a homeless young girl in New York City. The luncheon also highlighted the personal journey of Katherine Gonzalez, a P2P beneficiary, and emphasized the importance of addressing issues like education, income inequality, and housing in American society.

New Youth Ministry Director at FCCOG

Recently, Khaleigh Laicher joined the First Congregational Church of Greenwich (FCCOG) in Connecticut as the new head of FCCOG Church School and Regional Youth Ministry, a newly established role. She will oversee the Church School and concentrate on youth ministry, specifically for students in grades six to twelve, aiming to foster an inclusive and enjoyable environment for them to explore their faith. Originally from Texas, Khaleigh Laicher and her wife Julie recently moved from Massachusetts and bring seven years of experience in church leadership and youth group development across different religious traditions.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Carla Sherman to Cos Cob Library Branch

Carla Sherman, a former part-time librarian at Greenwich Library since 2017, has been named the new branch manager of the Cos Cob Branch Library. She gained recognition for her innovative programs, such as virtual events and technology exploration, while serving as Assistant Training Librarian starting in 2019. Carla also brings expertise in children’s services and has a background in entertainment, specifically in TV and movie post-production. Additionally, she played a crucial role in digitizing old film and video materials for digital preservation.

SCHOOLS

Eugene Matejek has been appointed as the Greenwich Public Schools’ Special Education Coordinator. Mr. Matejek, previously the assistant principal at Riverside School, will continue to assist Principal Weiss during the transition. Matejek’s

responsibilities include supporting administrators and staff to improve curriculum access for students with disabilities, coordinating professional development, and evaluating special education staff. Mr. Matejek brings over two decades of experience in education in Greenwich.

GCDS 3rd Graders Learn from Falcons

Third-grade students at Greenwich Country Day School recently concluded their Birds of Prey unit with a visit from the Greenwich Audubon Center. During the visit, they had the opportunity to meet a falcon, a hawk, and an owl. The students were able to share their knowledge about birds of prey and had their questions answered by an Audubon expert.

Greenwich Educators Confront Hate Incidents

In Greenwich, educators like Ralph Mayo and Thomas Pereira confronted derogatory comments and symbols by promoting unity and urging students to report incidents. Rabbi Mitch called for a zero-tolerance policy against hate.

SPORTS

Goldstein’s Late Goal Seals GCDS Victory

Asher Goldstein scored his first varsity goal in a dramatic 1-0 win for Greenwich Country Day School against Brunswick School on October 25. Goldstein’s goal, coming in the 89th minute from a corner kick, secured the Tigers’ first varsity soccer victory over the Bruins. The game was hard-fought, with GCDS capitalizing on their final set piece to clinch the win.

Senior Night Victory for Brunswick

Brunswick School’s soccer team celebrated Senior Night with a win over Hopkins School at Cosby Field in New Canaan, CT. Kieran Raker stood out, scoring a hat trick, while Hopkins also scored a goal. Impressive goalkeeping by Phil Stabinsky ensured Brunswick’s victory.

GA Dominates Cross-Country

Greenwich Academy remained undefeated at a recent FAA cross-country meet at Sherwood Island Park, led by Lily Lyons and Maddy Lee. Lyons set a course record with an 18:30 time for first place, while Lee finished second in 19:38. The team went 5-0, beating Hopkins School, Sacred Heart Greenwich, Greens Farms Academy, School of the Holy Child, and Rye Country Day. Coach Jane Finch praised the team’s 14 personal records for their impressive performance.

Brunswick Crew Takes Second Place

Brunswick School’s crew team secured second place in the Men’s Youth Fours at the 58th annual Head of the Charles Regatta. The Bruins crew, comprising coxswain Lucas, stroke Henry Andren, Mark Kakoma, Reed Eddy, and bow George Kapp, continued their success at the event, marking the third consecutive year of winning medals and being the top school in their category. Despite a challenging race that included contact with another crew, Brunswick finished second with a time of 16:59.6, narrowly missing the top spot, which was taken by a strong club crew from California.

Greenwich Field Hockey Dominates FCIAC

Greenwich High School’s field hockey team had a slow start in the FCIAC Tournament quarterfinals but picked up the pace in the second quarter, scoring three goals. Clara Ojea Quintana stood out with four goals in their 7-0 win over Wilton. They advanced to the semifinals against top-seeded Darien, earning praise from Coach Megan Wax for their strong defense and precise offense. The Cardinals finished first in the FCIAC West Division regular season with an 11-2-0-2 record.

GHS Football Defense Shines

Greenwich High School’s football team had a strong defensive showing, forcing three turnovers, including a game-sealing interception for a touchdown by Jack Carroll in their 23-9 win over St. Joseph. The Cardinals’ defense consistently pressured the quarterback and stopped the running game, maintaining their perfect 7-0 record and top rank in the GameTimeCT Top-10 Football Poll. Their defense has allowed just 23 points in their last four games, playing a crucial role in their success.

GHS Girls Soccer Team Gears Up for CIAC Class LL State Tournament

Greenwich High School girls soccer team’s impressive unbeaten streak ended with a 2-0 loss to Darien in the FCIAC Tournament quarterfinals. Darien avenged a regular season loss and advanced to the semifinals against Staples. Despite the setback, Greenwich is staying positive, using the defeat as

motivation for the upcoming CIAC Class LL state tournament, where they aim to make a strong run.

GHS Boys Soccer Team Triumphs in Overtime

Greenwich High School’s boys soccer team won a hard-fought 2-1 victory against Danbury in the 2023 FCIAC Tournament quarterfinals. After a goalless regulation time, Andre Meier and Maximo Ferrario scored in overtime for Greenwich. Meier’s goal came from a deflected free kick, and Ferrario scored with a long-distance shot. Greenwich held on for the win despite Danbury’s late push, thanks to crucial saves from junior goalie Miguel Leon. This victory marks a promising start for Greenwich in the tournament, with high hopes for future success.

GHS Girls Volleyball Ends Regular Season

Greenwich High School’s volleyball team ended their regular season strongly with a 15-4 overall record and the No. 6 seed in the FCIAC Volleyball Tournament. They celebrated Senior Day with a 3-0 win over Norwalk, led by Cassidy Bonney’s 14 kills. Additionally, they achieved a notable 3-1 victory against Fairfield Warde, with Bonney contributing 20 kills. Their sole loss came against Westhill, where Dionis had 19 digs, and Bonney recorded 16 kills.

Sacred Heart Field Hockey Triumphs

The Sacred Heart field hockey team recently secured two impressive wins, extending their winning streak to 10 games and improving their overall record to 12-1. In the first game, they defeated Westminster School 3-2, with senior tri-captain registering two goals and one assist. The team came from behind to secure the victory, with the game-winner by Nemec in the final quarter. In the second game, they triumphed over Greens Farms Academy 4-0, with Skylar Stewart scoring twice and Teresa Harkins making four saves. Coach Alex Gheorghe commended the team’s performance and their near-perfect season.

FROM HARTFORD

Have You Seen a Gray Fox?

CT wildlife biologists are embarking on a mission to assess the population status of the elusive gray fox and are seeking public assistance in spotting live animals and reporting roadkill incidents. Despite being less common than their red fox counterparts, gray foxes are distinguished by their nocturnal behavior and unique markings. The public’s involvement is crucial in this conservation effort, with reported sightings and roadkill reports helping shape future research priorities. You can submit a sighting to CT DEEP via a survey <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/9944df6f490e4837acff51858369c115> or you can call 860-424-3211 to report a deceased gray fox.

Connecticut Expands Recreational Cannabis

Connecticut’s recreational cannabis users will soon have increased buying freedom. Starting December 1st, they can purchase up to half an ounce per transaction, thanks to State Department of Consumer Protection Commissioner Bryan Cafferelli’s initiative. Notably, this change only affects recreational users, with medical cannabis patient limits unchanged at 5 ounces per month. Residents over 21 can possess up to 1.5 ounces, making the legal cannabis experience more flexible.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Mystic Christmas

On October 27th, Mystic, Connecticut, embraced the holiday spirit with the premiere of “Mystic Christmas.” Iconic Mystic spots like Olde Mystic Village and Mango Pizza took center stage, alongside the charismatic Cork, a 10-year-old seal from Mystic Aquarium. If you missed the film’s premiere on the Hallmark Channel’s Countdown to Christmas last week you’ll have more opportunities to watch as it several times during the holiday season. Additionally, you can stream it on Hallmark TV.

Saugatuck Bridge Project’s Second Phase

Prepare for traffic disruptions this weekend as the Saugatuck Bridge project on Interstate 95 advances to its second phase, replacing the southbound bridge using the lateral slide method. Southbound traffic will be redirected to the northbound lanes from Friday evening to Monday morning while crews work to demolish and replace the aging bridge. Drivers are being encouraged to take alternate routes. The project has a target completion date of November 2024.

SPORTS

Brunswick defeats water polo rival Greenwich

By DAVID FIERRO

Two standout water polo programs competed against each other for the third time this fall, as Brunswick School and Greenwich High School renewed their rivalry yet again – this time at Brunswick’s Mehra Natatorium this past Friday.

The Bruins and Cardinals faced each other in the championship game of the Beast of the East Tournament in Pennsylvania last month, then dueled in the title game of the Cardinal Tournament earlier this month. Brunswick won the previous two meetings, resulting in titles for coach Ulmis Iordache’s team and Friday, before a big crowd at

Brunswick’s Mehra Natatorium, the Bruins earned their third win against the Cardinals.

Senior captain Ryan Ohl and junior Adam Blum scored six goals apiece to power Brunswick past Greenwich, 19-13. Junior Emil Sogaard-Srikrishnan added five goals in the winning effort.

Sophomore goaltender JR Lindberg registered four saves for the Bruins, who improved their record to 21-3-1 with their fourth straight victory. Brunswick defeated Greenwich, 16-11, in the championship game of the Beast of the East Tournament last month, then edged the Cardinals, 9-8, in the title game of the Cardinal Tournament on Oct. 7.

Senior Thomas Ewald and sophomore Callum Walker recorded one goal apiece for Brunswick, which will soon compete in the NEPSAC Championships, which begins on Nov. 11. at Phillip Andover Academy.

The Bruins have won eight straight NEPSAC titles, dating back to 2014 and most recently, in 2022. There was no NEPSAC champion in 2014 due to COVID-19 modifications and regulations.

Coached by James Ramaley, Greenwich recently had a successful stay in California, where it participated in the Steve Pal Memorial Tournament in Irvine, California.

The Cardinals went on to

earn an impressive third-place finish at the Steve Pal Memorial Tournament, registering a record of 3-1. On its Senior Night recently, Greenwich was victorious, defeating Greenwich Country Day School.

Greenwich’s record is 18-4 on the season. The Cardinals’ final game is Nov. 5 against CT Premier at Chelsea Piers Connecticut in Stamford.

In the Brunswick Game, junior goalie Leo DiLascia had five saves, for GHS. On offense, senior tri-captain Chris Killeen, senior tri-captain Csongor Bartuszek, junior Luke Mendelsohn and sophomore Robert Norell led the way with two goals apiece for the Cardinals.



Senior tri-captain Santi DiComo, senior Andrew Lowe, senior Felix Flakstad, junior Jake Melley and sophomore Charlie Koven each chipped in a goal apiece to complete the scoring for the Cardinals.

Prior to playing in the NEPSAC Championships, the Bruins will visit Suffield Academy on Saturday, where they will play Suffield and Choate Rosemary Hall.

Brunswick Earns Silver at Head of the Charles



Photo provided by Brunswick School: Members of the Brunswick School crew team gather with coach John Martin after excelling at the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta.

Brunswick finished in second place in the Men’s Youth Fours category at the 58th annual Head of the Charles Regatta, recently.

The Bruins crew was comprised of senior coxswain Lucas, senior stroke Henry Andren, senior Mark Kakoma, junior Reed Eddy and sophomore bow George Kapp.

Brunswick was the top placing school at the Head of the Charles Regatta, losing only to a strong club crew from California. This year marked the third consecutive year that Brunswick has medaled at the Head of the Charles Regatta. It also marked the third year in a row that Brunswick was the top placing school in its category.

After spending most of the fall training in single sculls, the Brunswick crew came together into a coxed four in the last couple weeks and put together a great race on the historic Charles River course. The regatta’s website describes the event as “the world’s largest 3-day rowing competition attracting 400,000 spectators, 11,000 competitors, and 2400 volunteers.”

Of special note, co-captain Henry Andren has now earned medals at this event three consecutive years, while co-captain Lucas Tan has steered Brunswick to two straight silver medals. Also of note, George Kapp was the youngest competitor to win a medal in

any of the Men’s Youth events.

Brunswick led the field of 90 crews by a slim margin at the first two time checks, at Riverside Boat Club and Weld Boathouse. However, Brunswick lost significant time to the eventual winners (Oakland Strokes) in the next section of the race, including a tense moment in which Brunswick’s stern came in contact with the bow of a crew who had been passed by the Bruins. In the final stretch of the course from Cambridge Boat Club to the Finish Line, Brunswick was able to race hard to the line and post a time of 16:59.6 for its second-place finish.

Defense Powers Greenwich Past St. Joseph

By DAVID FIERRO

They pressured the quarterback, slowed down the opposition’s running game and even put points on the scoreboard – indeed, Greenwich High School’s football team’s defense did it all against a tough St. Joseph squad yesterday.

Strong, productive defensive play was the theme of the game for the Cardinals, who needed their ‘D’ to be in top form on a day when their offense faced a stern challenge against St. Joseph.

Forcing three turnovers, one of which was returned for a touchdown, Greenwich’s defense was at its best in a hard-fought 23-9 win over St. Joseph in a key FCIAC matchup in Trumbull.

Ranked No. 1 in the GameTimeCT Top-10 Football Poll, the Cardinals raised their record to a perfect 7-0, heading into Saturday’s 1 p.m. game against FCIAC foe Westhill in Stamford.

While Greenwich continued its undefeated season, St. Joseph’s record stands at 4-3 following the loss in a game in which it trailed just 16-9, in the fourth quarter.

“That’s a team that’s playing for their playoff lives and we knew that,” Greenwich coach Anthony Morello said of St. Joseph. “Ultimately, I’m proud of our team for sticking it out. It’s very hard to go undefeated in FCIAC football.”

Holding a seven-point lead late in the fourth quarter, the Cardinals went two scores ahead, courtesy of defensive back Jack Carroll. With the ball on its own 42-yard line, St. Joseph put the ball in the air,

freshman quarterback Harry Jones throwing a pass over the middle. The ball deflected off the intended receiver and was snared in the air by Carroll at the 45-yard line. Carroll then sprinted 45 yards to the end zone, while being surrounded and followed by several of his defensive teammates, extending Greenwich’s advantage to 23-9 with 2:34 remaining in the fourth quarter.

“We were in man cover zero,” Carroll said of his interception for a touchdown. “The ball went off his head, I got it, made my move and got to the end zone.”

Indeed, it’s not often that a defensive player reaches the end zone, so Carroll relished the scenario.

“It felt great,” Carroll said. “I never got a pick six before, it felt great to get it today.”

Coached by Joe Dellavecchia, St. Joe threatened to score on the ensuing drive, behind a pair of completed passes by Jones, the Cards produced another key interception. This time, senior linebacker/captain Sebastian Parra rose to the occasion. Jones threw a pass from the Cardinals’ 20-yard line to the 1-yard line that was intercepted in spectacular fashion by Parra, who leaped and made caught the ball with one hand near the goal line, thwarting the home team’s drive.

“That was amazing, I saw the ball in the air, I didn’t think I could reach it, so I just put my one arm up and I got it,” Parra said of his one-handed interception that sealed the Cardinals’ triumph. “I thought we were amazing, it was good to come out here give it 100 percent and play well. They

played 100 percent, the crowd was pretty crazy.”

Morello appreciated his defensive unit’s overall performance. Over the past four games, Greenwich has allowed only 23 points.

“The tenacity and physicality of our defense was impressive,” Morello noted. “They were relentless on the quarterback all day long, forcing him to get rid of the football quickly. They weren’t able to run the football and when they passed, our secondary was there to break it up. I felt comfortable with the seven-point because of the way our defense was playing.”

The Cardinals scored the first points in this FCIAC matchup, reaching the end zone in the opening quarter. Senior quarterback Rocco Grillo completed a pass to senior wide receiver Gavyn Gennarelli in the flat on the left side and Gennarelli dashed into the end zone for a 10-yard TD. Erick Perino, a senior, converted the PAT, giving Greenwich a 7-0 lead.

St. Joe reached the Cardinals’ red zone in the second quarter after junior defensive back TJ Wright picked off a Grillo pass and returned it to the GHS 10-yard line. Yet the Hogs were unable to tie the score, as their drive ended at the 1-yard line. Parra and senior defensive back Nick Aravides combined for a key tackle on first down and goal and on fourth down, Parra and junior defensive back Noah Steele teamed up to make a Steeple 5:04 left in the second quarter.

Perino split the uprights for a 21-yard field goal, putting Greenwich on top, 10-0,



Photo by David Fierro: Greenwich quarterback Rocco Grillo scrambles for yards against host St. Joseph.

entering halftime. The field goal was set up by a punt return of more than 20 yards by senior Brandon Auguste and a pair of scrambles for significant yards by Grillo.

Grillo scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak up the middle with 35 seconds to go in the third quarter, increasing the Cardinals’ edge to 16-0. Senior wideout Jake Stefanowicz made an impressive leaping reception and senior running back George Vomvolakis made a pair of key runs to pace the scoring drive.

“The offense did a good job of not staying down,” said GHS senior linebacker/captain John Insinga, who once again, made his formidable presence felt throughout. “The offense put another touchdown on the board, which was key for us.”

St. Joseph closed to within 16-6 with 10:34 left in the fourth quarter when junior Jesse Covino bulled his way into the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown. The Hogs were

in prime position to score a second touchdown after taking over at the GHS 10-yard line on a muffed snap on a punt. Yet the Cardinals held St. Joe to a 27-yard field goal, kicked by Logan Spoelestra at the 6:01 mark of the fourth quarter. Insinga, Parra and senior linebacker Jaden Scott helped pace Greenwich’s goal line stand.

“Three times the defense went out there on short fields and they did a great job,” Morello said. “Overall, the defense refused to give up an inch.”

St. Joseph’s defense was also tough against a Cardinals’ offense, which has flourished this season. Greenwich scored 30 or more points in its previous four games.

“Credit to St. Joe’s defensive coordinator and all the defensive coaches over there,” Morello said. “They schemed us well and they made our quarterback have to make some tough decisions. St. Joe’s

is a great program, they have great traditions and I have great respect for coach (Joe) DellaVecchia.”

Greenwich defeated St. Joseph at Cardinal Stadium, but Saturday’s triumph marked its first win at St. Joseph since 2004.

“We knew that they were a good team,” Insinga said. “We haven’t beaten them in 19 years on their home turf. This is going to be a great mood-setter for the rest of the season. When a team is 6-0 close game like that it lets you know that it’s possible to lose and it’s possible for your streak to end, so it was a good game for us.”

Said Aravides: “We have a lot of respect for their coach. He’s been in the business in the while and has won a lot of state championships. We knew that schematically they were going to be a really good team. So, we tried to play complementary football and in the second half we had a lot of success.”

GA Goes Undefeated FAA Cross Country Meet

By DAVID FIERRO

Greenwich Academy went undefeated at a recent FAA cross country meet it competed in at Sherwood Island Park, behind outstanding finishes from Lily Lyons and Maddy Lee.

Lyons, a sophomore won

the race at Sherwood Island for Greenwich Academy, posting a time of 18:30 – a course record. Lee, a GA senior, finished second in the race, registering a time of 19:38.

For the meet, Greenwich Academy went 5-0, defeating Hopkins School, Sacred Heart

Greenwich, Greens Farms Academy, School of the Holy Child and Rye Country Day.

Sacred Heart Greenwich was paced by senior Ava Lillis, who placed third with a time of 20:26.

Tigers teammate Charlotte Bacigalupo, a junior, finished fourth in 20:31. Giselle Putka,

an eighth grader representing Greenwich Country Day School, was eighth (21:11).

Senior Grace Sullivan had GA’s next best finish behind Lyons and Lee, placing 12th in 21:41. Sophomore Isabel Pombo (17th, 22:43), freshman Aya Ragab (19th, 22:50), sophomore

Nadia Kowalski (22nd, 23:17) and junior Casey Duval (24th, 23:27) also paced Greenwich Academy.

Junior Maggie Finn finished 10th for Sacred Heart (21:38), which received a time of 23:25 from sophomore Chloe Coviello (23rd place). Senior Rima

Ferrer clocked in at 23:49 for Greenwich Country Day.

“Great race at Sherwood Island,” GA coach Jane Finch said. “Great effort by the whole team – 14 PRs.”

OBITUARIES

Patricia Callan



Patricia B. Callan, age 93, beloved wife of the late Thomas F. Callan, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at The Notre Dame Health and Rehab Center in Norwalk, CT.

Patricia was born on April 11, 1930 in New York City to her parents the late Thomas Augustus Broderick and Margaret Krush Broderick. She was raised in New Rochelle, NY and graduated from St Gabriel's High School and Berkeley Secretarial School. As a young woman she worked for her father's company, Transmarine Travel Co and was able to travel to various places in Europe. On September 20, 1952 Patricia married Thomas F. Callan. In 1965, they moved their five children from Larchmont, NY to Greenwich, CT to raise their family. Pat went back to work in Greenwich and was the executive secretary for Sinjon Inc, a Real Estate Development Company. She also was a member of the Greenwich Woman's Club and the St. Paul's Women's Guild.

Patricia is survived by her children, Mary E. Callan, Suzanne Callan (Ronald Bavero), Virginia Callan (Michael Kucera), Thomas P. Callan and Ann C. Callan. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Arthur, Claire, Christopher & Eugenie Coleman, Cailan O'Neil Piantek, Sarah Brodeur, Margaret Callan, four great-granddaughters, her dear sister, Julia Keane and sister-in-law, Vera Broderick, and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and husband of 63 years, she was predeceased by her brothers, John T. Broderick, and Timothy K. Broderick, and her grandson, James Patrick O'Neill.

A funeral mass was held

on Thursday, November 2, at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church in Greenwich. A graveside service followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery located in Valhalla, NY.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to The Notre Dame Health and Rehab Center located at 76 West Rocks Road, Norwalk, CT. 06851. Attn. Sister Lucie

Gloria Ferber

Gloria Richard Ferber, 99, of Greenwich, passed away peacefully at Danbury Regional Hospice on October 26, 2023. She was the wife of George Ferber.

She was born on July 6, 1924, in Mamaroneck, NY. She graduated from Rye High School and worked as a Secretary in New York City. In the 60's she was Secretary to the Principal of the old Greenwich High School and worked in the library of the new Greenwich High School where she enjoyed working with the teenagers for over 30 years.

George and Gloria traveled across the United States twice exploring its beauty in their Van. She traveled overseas to France, England, Ireland, Spain, and Greece.

Gloria was an avid golfer and won many trophies as a woman Archer. She loved reading a good book, was an expert seamstress and quilter, making creative Christmas items for the family! She adored all her cats over the years, especially her Siamese named "Spooky."

She loved going to the Greenwich Senior Center visiting her friends. She was an independent woman who was driving her Camry into her 90's.

Gloria enjoyed her summers in the Adirondacks, winters in Palmetto, Florida and spending time on the beaches of Greenwich. But most of all, enjoyed the comfort, peace and quiet of her home on Weaver Street for over 70 years.

She was of petite stature but wasn't afraid to voice her opinion. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her reminiscing about her wonderful stories of the past.

Gloria was predeceased by her parents, Lionel and Milvena Richard, her brother Donald and husband George.

The family is grateful for the care and compassion of all the staff at Danbury Regional Hospice.

Donations in Gloria's memory may be made to St. Jude's or Danbury Regional Hospice, 30 Milestone Road, Danbury, CT 06810.

A private funeral was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich on November 1. Arrangements conducted by Fred D. Knapp Funeral Home of Greenwich. To place an online condolence, greenwichfuneralhome.com

John Ricci



On October 25, 2023, John L Ricci (Risucci) died peacefully at his home in Stamford, CT. He was 74 years old.

John is survived by his wife Lisa Ricci, his children Damien Ricci, Elizabeth Kimber and Justin Anderson, his brothers Frank and Andrew Risucci, and his sister Camille Allensworth, as well as many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

John was born on February 4th, 1949, graduated from Greenwich High School, and after some time spent in Colorado and Florida, he came back to work in Greenwich for the remainder of his life. He was well-known throughout the town, often to be seen with containers in hand, sharing his homemade sauce (gravy for some of us), as well as his home grown vegetables. He was always known to be generous, kind and to have a big heart. John was active in both the 9th Districts Veterans Association and the Byram Veterans Association.

At John's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service, instead he asked that friends and

loved ones share and raise a glass in his name to toast the fond memories they all had with him.

Francis DeNicola

Francis "Frank" DeNicola passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, October 25, 2023. He was born on October 13, 1949 in Jersey City, NJ to Madeline and Martin DeNicola. Frank was raised in Bayonne, NJ until attending college in CT at Quinnipiac University, where he graduated in 1971. Frank spent many years as a private investigator in the city of New York.

He was an avid NY Yankees and Giants fan and spent many years dedicating his time to coaching youth football in NY, and founding his own softball league, the Lady Redbirds, in Greenwich, CT.

Frank leaves behind his children, Amy and her husband Dan Hickman, Matthew DeNicola, and Erica and her wife Jenna Cutler. "Pop Pop" will be most missed by his granddaughters, Mia, Isabella, and Lorelei. Frank is also survived by his mother, Madeline, and his brother, Philip, and his wife, Maura, along with his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Martin, as well as his spouse, Diane, and their faithful companion Bootsie.

Most recently, he resided in Hamden, CT, where he spent most of his time cheering on the Quinnipiac Bobcats hockey teams. When he was not on campus, he could be found spending time with his grandchildren, whom he adored and cherished every day.

Visitation was held Thursday, November 2 at Beecher and Bennett Funeral Home, Hamden.

Gifts in memory of Frank can be made to the Phi Sigma Kappa Fellowship at Quinnipiac University. Please visit qu.edu/give, or send donations to Quinnipiac University, Office of Development & Alumni Affairs, 275 Mt. Carmel Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518.

To send condolences to his family, please see obituary at beecherandbennett.com.

Ronald Dederick



Ronald O. Dederick, 88, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 23, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 26, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois to parents Clint and Isabelle Dederick.

Ronald graduated from the University of Virginia law school, was captain of the UVA swim team and went on to have a distinguished legal career first at Sullivan and Cromwell in New York City and then at Day Pitney in Stamford and Greenwich, Connecticut, before retiring to Virginia Beach, Virginia.

He was a retired Captain in the Naval Reserve, former President of Milbrook Club in Greenwich, CT, and a former Rotary President.

Ronald was preceded in death by his beloved wife. He leaves behind his two children, Cynthia Rae Edkins and her husband Claude Edkins of New Milford, Connecticut, and his son, Kenneth Scott Dederick and his wife Rosa Dederick, of Virginia Beach, Virginia. He also leaves behind his two cherished grandchildren, Caitlin Rae Byrne and Tyler Scott Dederick, and great-granddaughter Charlotte Rae Byrne.

A memorial service will be held on November 8 at First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ronald's memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, 330 36th Street, Virginia Beach, Va. 23451

Richard Watson

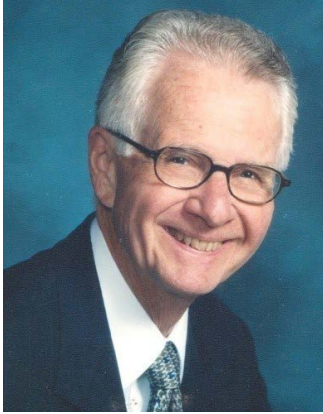
Mr. Richard W. Watson, (90) of Southbury, died on October 21, 2023. He was the husband of Priscilla (Pernal) Watson. Mr. Watson was born on April 30, 1933 in Plattsburgh, New York, son of the late Robert W. and Jessie (Fifield) Watson. Mr. Watson was retired from Pomperaug Woods where he worked as a receptionist.

Mr. Watson was a veteran of the Army, during the Korean War. He was a lifetime member and former Chaplin of VFW Post 1792 in Greenwich and a member and Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club #1150, formerly of Greenwich. He was a Communicant of the Church of the Epiphany in Southbury.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sisters, Margaret E. Watson and Enid Watson. He was predeceased by his brother Robert W. Watson.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, October 26 at the Church of the Epiphany, North Southbury. Burial with military honors were at Union Cemetery, Greenwich. The Munson-Lovetere Funeral Home of Southbury is in charge of the arrangements. To leave the family an online condolence, please visit munson-loveterefuneralhome.com

Jerry White



Jerry Eugene White, 91, of Madison, CT, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

He was born on October 18, 1932, in Los Angeles, California, the son of Mary Elizabeth Givens White Davenport and Raymond Anthony White. He was united in marriage to Leona Ruth Stroup on December 21, 1957, in Washington, DC.

Jerry is known for his irreproachable moral fiber, love of hymns, dedication to excellence, and his ability to uplift others to pursue success in every facet of their lives.

As a boy who grew up in Oakwood, Ohio, he dreamt of seeing the world, a dream he lived out during his impressive career and years of service. After high school, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1950, at the start of the Korean War. He served four years, first at Andersen AFB on the island of Guam and also at Loring AFB on the Maine/Canadian border. He traveled extensively throughout the western Pacific, loved his time in Maine, and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant in 1954.

Education played a significant role in his life and was a love he shared and encouraged in his family. Jerry was most grateful and proud of earning a coveted B.S. degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 1957. Georgetown forever held a very special place in his heart and inspired his lifelong love of learning. He went on to garner a J.D. degree from St. Louis University School of Law in 1966, attending at night while working full-time, newly married with a young son.

His career began as a Sales Representative with Anaconda. He went on to hold the company's top labor relations position. Jerry held many senior-level corporate positions, including sales, law, human resources, and general management with multi-national corporations Anaconda, Phelps Dodge, ARCO, and LM Ericsson. Following the completion of an executive management program at Columbia University Graduate School of Business, he was named President International of an ARCO/LM Ericsson joint venture. His responsibilities included global marketing of telecommunications goods and services and management of offshore subsidiaries, which expanded his window to the world.

He opened a consulting firm in Greenwich, CT, attracting a broad range of clients in the Americas, Europe, the Pacific Rim, and the Middle East. A particularly noteworthy and long-term assignment involved being based in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, over a four-year period.

Jerry and Ruth have been blessed to have traveled extensively and "seen the world". Family vacations included trips to Florida, Indiana, Ohio, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Higgins Beach, Maine.



St. Mary-Putnam Cemetery

Enjoy a fall stroll through our peaceful grounds.

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Upcoming events at St. Mary - Putnam

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Worship Directory and Services

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Harvest Time Church
1338 King St., 203-531-7788
www.htchurch.com

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings.

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); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, 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. Thanksgiving Food Drive: through November 12. Family Mass: Sunday, November 12, 9:30am.*

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 are in-person and livestreamed (<https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>)*

Masses: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri: 7am, Church; 5:15pm, Chapel. Tue: Rosary, 6pm, Chapel. Wed: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, Church. Sat (Specific dates confirmed in bulletin): Confessions, 3-4pm, Church; Vigil Mass, 5pm, Church. Sunday Masses: 7:30am, St. Catherine's Church; 8:30am, St. Agne's; 9am, Family Mass, St. Catherine's; 10am, St. Agne's; 10:30am, Traditional Mass, St. Catherine's; 5pm, Teen Mass, St. Catherine's. Masses in other Languages: At St. Catherine's Chapel: French (2nd Sun of the month), 11am; Italian Mass (3rd Sun of the month), 11am. At St. Agne's Church: Korean (every Sunday), 11:30am. At St. Agnes Church: Spanish Mass (every Sunday), 6:30pm. *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. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals - Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Operation Christmas Child: through November 12 (socialjustice@stc-sta.org or janet.urabel@stc-sta.org). Greenwich Coat Drive: through November 15, drop off at: St. Catherine of Siena Church, St. Agnes Church, Greenwich Town Hall Lobby. Concerts in the Chapel: Ron Petrides Jazz Quartet: Sunday, November 12, 2pm, Free Admission (donations accepted).*

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: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. Morning of Recollection for all Liturgy Ministers: Saturday, November 4, 9:30am-12:30pm.*

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. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. Coat Drive (to be distributed to those in need through the Greenwich Department of Human Services): donations accepted through November 12. St. Michael the Archangel Parish Christmas Craft Fair: Saturday, November 11, 10am-4pm, St. Michael Church Hall, 469 North St. Fall Pasta Supper: Saturday, November 11, 5pm, Msgr. Sullivan Parish Center, Adults - \$30 & Children - \$10 (ages 10 & younger).*

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. *First Friday Adoration: November 3, 9am-7pm. Spanish Mass, 7:30pm, followed by a Holy Hour in Spanish. First Saturday Mass and Fatima Devotion: November 4, 8am, in the downstairs chapel of St Mary's Parish.*

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

Sundays: 10:30am. 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. *Nov. 5: "Adam and Fallen Man".*

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 (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. *Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. Tools for Aging: Lori Contadino from Greenwich Senior Center will lead a Dementia Friends Workshop: November 8, 11am.*

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. *Women's Fellowship Socials: through Sept. 12, 5:30-7pm, Sue Baker Pavilion, Tod's Point. First Music & Arts Concert Series - Orchestra Lumos: Sunday, November 5, \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, tickets at: orchestralumos.org/chooseseats?WebInstanceId=2305*

North Greenwich Congregational
606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
(Instagram photos and videos @north_greenwich_church)

Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, in person.

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

Sunday worship, 10:30am. Children's Chapel during worship. *Yoga: Fridays through Nov. 17, 9:15-10am (\$15/week). Vote YES to VBS: Tuesday, November 7, 9am-12pm (Cost \$25). Teddy Bear Story Hour: Saturday, November 11, 8am, Coffee For Good. Tia Chi Pop Up Class: Saturday, November 11, 11am, in the Chapel.*

EPISCOPAL

Anglican Church of the Advent
606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432
facebook.com/greenwichanglican

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

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sund, 9am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Men's Breakfast with Dean Willis, "Seeking Joy in Our Everyday Lives": Saturday, November 4, 8:30-10am. Sunday Forum: "The Saints and Joy": Sunday, November 5, 11:15am. "Till": movie viewing and brief discussion: Wednesday, November 8, 7-9pm, Dogwood Books Mezzanine. Liberations Coat Drive: Saturday, November 11, 9am-12pm. Packathon: Sunday, November 12, 11:15am-1pm.*

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). *Join us as we continue to celebrate the new beginnings of fall with friends in Christ at St. Barnabas. Every Sunday features inspiring preaching, extraordinary music, and a warm welcome for children and parents. Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints Day, and our priest in charge, the Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp, will preach. Children's Church, our Sunday School program for kids, will take place during the 10am service. Kids are always welcome at St. Barnabas in church and at the altar, and childcare is provided every Sunday in our nursery. We are also looking forward to hearing our new organist, Marnus Greyling, in concert at a recital at St. Barnabas on Sunday, November 12, 5pm. All are welcome, and there is no cost to attend.* Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

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

Worship: July and August: Sundays: 9:30am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service. Sunday school in Selleck Hall resumes on Sept. 25 - including Frolic Faith class for toddlers 2 years+. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive - pick-up every Thursday, 10-11:30am in the parking lot.

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

IEWISH

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

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. *Mommy & Me Gymnastics & Yoga: Thursdays, 12pm through Dec. 14 & Wednesdays, 9:30am through Dec. 13. Mommy & Me Musical Shabbat: Fridays, through Dec. 15, 9:20am. Challah for Sale: Friday, Nov. 3, 8:30am-1:30pm. Tamim TK & Kindergarten open house: Thursday, Nov. 9, 8pm, RSVP.*

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

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. *Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, Nov. 3, 7:30pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: Saturday, Nov. 4, 10am, on 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. *Shabbat Dinner & Discussion: Friday, Nov. 3, 7:15pm.*

LUTHERAN

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

Sunday Divine Service: 9am. Sunday Bible Study: 10:30am. Wednesday Dinner: 5:30pm. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm.

METHODIST

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

In-person & Online Worship Service every Sunday, 10am, followed by a time of Fellowship. Wednesday Noonday Prayer & Wednesday 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 (2036299584). 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

Dingletown 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

Sunday Worship Services: 9 & 10:45am - the 10:45 service is live-streamed and available on the church's website and YouTube. Nursery and toddler care, Kids Ministry grades K-5, and Student Ministry grades 6-12 are offered at all services.

Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC
293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615
www.Center4SpiritualDev.org

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. 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 Albertsonpccc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *What is Spiritualism? Virtual Class: Sunday, November 5, 1-2pm.*

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

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich; 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. *Alpha Holy Spirit Day: November 4, 9am-3pm, Ministry Center.*

PRESBYTERIAN

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Blood Drive: Saturday, November 4, 8am-1:30pm.*

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

Worship: Sundays, 8:45 & 10:45am, 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. Register and more information: livinghopect.org/resources/alpha.

COLUMN



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

Although God called Abraham and Moses and Jesus called twelve individuals, the call was always a call to community – to be part of something greater than oneself.

We are living in difficult times when it's hard to know what to say and what to do. So often, we feel impotent as if we have nothing to offer against the onslaught of things challenging the world that we share.

We read regularly about climate change, the melting of glaciers and destruction of coral reefs, and extremely odd weather. For twenty months we have been reading about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the brutal battles that have ensued. We look on in horror.

Since October 6th, we have read about Hamas' horrific and unjustifiable brutal attacks on Israelis. These have been followed up by missiles and bombs dropped throughout the Gaza Strip in hopes of eradicating Hamas, but many of which have killed innocent civilians.

Then a mentally ill man in Maine gunned down 18 individuals in news that is so common that we are becoming immune to the pain and grief that this produces.

We offer prayers and wonder if they are heard. We read or listen or watch the news and wonder, "What next?" We ask ourselves, "How can I respond?" "What can my faith community, my town, or my country do to help?"

In these trying times community has never been more needed. The very thing that was taken away from us by the pandemic and restored once COVID was no longer such a present threat is what we need to anchor our lives.

It is the best cure to the suicide epidemic that has affected our nation. The Surgeon General tells us that the greatest pandemic that our nation and our world are facing today are loneliness and isolation.

Therefore, at Christ Church Greenwich we have made community building our chief focus. We don't want anyone to be lonely or isolated in Greenwich, if we can help it. Loneliness and isolation guts us from within, hallowing us out, and making us feel extremely vulnerable.

With the growth of social media, we are now more connected than ever, and yet it is lonelier than ever for many people. We might have 3,000 friends on Facebook or hundreds of followers on Instagram, but at the end of the day we might feel completely alone.

Ironically or perhaps not, teenagers who are perhaps the most highly connected with social media self-report as the loneliness of all groups in the United States.

In the Christian tradition community was there from the start.

In his book The Second Mountain author David Brooks writes, "A healthy community is a thick system of relationships. It is irregular, dynamic, organic, and personal. Neighbors show up to help out when your workload is heavy, and you show up when theirs is. In a rich community, people are up in one another's business, know each other's secrets, walk with each other in times of grief, and celebrate in times of joy. In a rich community, people help raise one another's kids."

Jesus recruited twelve followers, whom we call "the Apostles," to walk with him and he shaped their lives. They, in turn, shared and embodied his message, which formed community of compassion and love.

They are just as needed today as they were back then. They have been the glue that held people together through natural calamities, wars, famines, floods, earthquakes, plagues, dictatorships, and other challenging times.

Western society emphasizes the role of the individual and competition often over community. Tocqueville worried that humans would undermine society by seeing themselves as a collection of independent monads rather than part of community.

The role of community is to restore damaged creation to what God originally envisioned – the Kingdom of God, a place of peace, safety, respect, co-existence of differing people, sharing

and learning and contributing to one another.

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So how is community restored, it is restored by people who put community over self and who work to weave lives together and form a thick network of real relationships. Getting to know our neighbors, reaching out to Jews, Muslims, and Christians in this time when the Middle East has become a powder keg, listening, learning, and just spending time together are all

small, but important steps.

"Don't let your neighbor drift along in lanes of loneliness," Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik writes. "Don't permit him to become remote and alienated from you."

Tell stories and listen attentively to others tell their stories. Whenever somebody shares a vulnerability they break the ice and compassion is present and life become more real, more authentic. Take the first step and be willing to do that with others.

Invite others over to dinner. Take the initiative to build connection. Pick up the phone. Write a letter. Introduce people who you know will find friendship and kinship with each other. Invest in things outside yourself and in our town. Together, we can weave a community of glorious relationships that will guide and hold us together through trying times.

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie is Rector of Christ Church Greenwich

OBITUARIES
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Retirement brought Jerry and Ruth to Madison, CT, in 2010. During that time, they have been faithful attendees at the First Congregational Church of Madison, following 50+ years of dedicated service and membership at the First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich, CT. Their time in Madison has been marked by Sunday services, reading, golfing, lunching at the Madison Beach Hotel, and spending time with dear neighbors, friends, and family. Not to be forgotten, Jerry was a huge Ohio State football fan.

He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-six years, Ruth White, his children, Christian Eugene White and daughter-in-law Melinda of Freeport Maine, Laurence White of Middletown CT, his adored granddaughter, Devon Griffin White Miatke and grandson-in-law, Baxter Miatke of Portland Maine, and sister, Jamie (Peggy) Hunt of Waikoloa, Hawaii.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents ("Mom and Pop"), and his brother, Tony.

Funeral services with military honors will be held on Saturday, November 4, at 11am, at the First Congregational Church of Madison, at 26 Meeting House Lane, Madison, CT, with Todd and Sarah Vetter officiating. Friends, family,

and military veterans are welcome. Hymns will be sung.

Arrangements are under the direction of Swan Funeral Home, 825 Boston Post Road, Madison, Connecticut 06443.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to support veterans at: Gary Sinise Foundation, garysinisefoundation.org/give

John Seel



With the grace and dignity that characterized his life, John Adger Seel died on October 4, 2023.

Born on August 18, 1929 to Louis Seel and Katherine Burnett Seel, he spent a happy childhood in the small town of Belton, South Carolina. After attending Woodberry Forest School in Virginia, John entered Yale, graduating in 1951 with a degree in history and economics. He enrolled in Columbia Business School, but the Korean War intervened and he served for the next two years on an Army counterintelligence barge in the port of Busan.

Returning to the U.S., John began a career at Burlington Industries in New York City. He met Jane McIntosh at a summer party in Westhampton, where he spotted her sitting on the floor reading; she had pulled The Red Cross Girls in Flanders from a shelf because she had served in the Red Cross in Europe after college. He sat down beside her and they began a remarkably steadfast, loving partnership, enjoying their shared interests in history, travel, and the arts.

After John and Jane's marriage in 1958 and the birth of their son in 1960, the family moved to Old Greenwich, Connecticut, where their daughter was born. John continued to commute to New York on MetroNorth; he later estimated that he had made that hour-long journey 14,000 times.

After retirement in 1989, he began volunteering at the Greenwich Historical Society, which led to fifteen years of service as a trustee, the final three as board chair. Other activities included working on the expansion of the Perrot Library in Old Greenwich, and cultural events and world travel with Jane. An avid reader and lifelong learner, he was particularly interested in British, Revolutionary War, and Civil War history; archaeology; and wildlife conservation.

In 2010, John and Jane moved to Williamsburg Landing, a retire-

ment community in Williamsburg, Virginia, where their active life included coordinating volunteers to read with students at a local elementary school, attending continuing education classes at William & Mary, and going to symphony and opera performances. John also served the Landing community by representing residents' interests on a number of committees.

Jane was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2014; during the final five years of her life, when she required full-time nursing care, John was constantly at her side, feeding her lunch and dinner every day, taking her outside to enjoy the flowers and birds whenever the weather permitted, telling her she was beautiful, and reading to her every night. In her honor he supported the creation of an Adult Day program at Williamsburg Landing and was a leader of the Landing's annual fundraising drive for the Alzheimer's Association.

Over the past few years John conducted detailed research about a wooded site in Williamsburg that is believed to hold the graves of more than 120 French soldiers who died in local hospitals after the siege at Yorktown, helping arrange drone and ground-penetrating radar scans of the property. This year, he initiated the conversion of an overgrown plot of land at the Landing into a pollinator meadow full of wildflowers, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

The week before his death he was delighted to see three paw paw trees that he had been nurturing all summer planted in a corner of the meadow, where they will provide habitat for zebra swallowtail butterflies.

John was a devoted husband, a wonderful father, and a loyal friend, and took great pleasure in supporting and encouraging others. We will miss his warmth, integrity, kindness, and good advice.

John was preceded in death by his beloved wife Jane. He is survived by his children John Seel (Lingru) of New Canaan, Connecticut and Anne Furse (Austen) of Houston, Texas, and by his grandchildren Emma and Andrew Seel and Katherine, Claire, and Austen Furse, all of whom will miss him profoundly.

The family would like to acknowledge the staff of Williamsburg Landing for their dedicated and compassionate care and to thank his friends at the Landing for their affection and support.

A celebration of John's life will be conducted on December 2, at Williamsburg Landing, 5700 Williamsburg Landing Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185.

His family welcomes donations in his memory to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Nature Conservancy of Virginia.

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2023 Rentals Are Up - Market Stays Tight



BY MARK PRUNER

Rentals are back to average, well, almost. What is almost back to average is the number of rentals that have been reported on the Greenwich MLS. So far this year, we have had 676 rentals through the end of October. If you annualize that number, you get a likely 811 rentals for the year. This compares to an average of 829 rentals a year going back to 2007. So this year we are looking at 98% of our 17-year average. Given what we have been through, average is good.

Going back to 2007, we've had four "abnormal" periods; two up and two down. In the go-go digits decades, people bought rather than rented. In 2007, we had only 684 rentals, which was 17% below the average for the next 16 years. Rentals ticked up in 2008 and then took off in 2009 and 2010 with 959 and 962 rentals in those two years. When people are uncertain, they rent rather than buy, particularly as we saw one of the few house price drops in the last 50 years.

As people started to recover from the Great Recession, we saw seven years of "normal" rentals close to the 829 rental average. Then came Covid, and rentals skyrocketed. In 2020, we had 1,041 rentals on the GMLS, which was 26% above the average. We would have had more, but there were only so many people who wanted to rent out their houses and condos. Having said that, a couple of hundred homeowners who hadn't considered renting their homes decided that at the prices people were getting for rentals, they could hang out in their second homes and rent out their Greenwich home.

Our rental inventory has come back strongly. At present, we have 137 rental listings on the Greenwich MLS. This is up from the 108 listings we had in February of this year and way up from only 42 rental listings we had in April 2020.

You would think with more listings, we would see our days on the market rise, and we have, but it's still low. In 2021 and 2022, rentals were only staying on the market for an average of 30 days. So far this year, we are looking at a DOM of 46. That's a dramatic jump up, but our 17-year average for DOM is 68 days on the market. Yes, we have more supply, but we also have more demand. When economic times are uncertain, people rent. What's unusual is that our single-family home sales market is tight at the same time due to record low inventory.

In 2020, we saw a jump in rentals from \$4,000/mo all the way up to over \$20,000/mo while rentals under \$4,000 actually fell. Most of the rentals under \$4,000 are apartments and other smaller rentals, often with shared hallways and elevators, which is not what people wanted during Covid, so rentals under \$4,000 actually fell during Covid. Close quarters during Covid was not the only reason that rentals under \$4,000 fell. Rentals under \$4,000 and particularly under \$2,000, also fell because of the rise

in rental prices. In 2019, we had 71 rentals under \$2,000. If you annualize this year's rentals under \$2,000, you only get 22 rentals, a drop of 69%. (NB: This price category is always problematic to get a good handle on as much of Greenwich's lower priced rentals don't get listed on the MLS.)

Over \$20,000 per month, we had 18 rentals in 2019. The next year, that jumped to 71 rentals, an increase of 294% in one year. High-end rentals dropped back to 52 rentals in 2021 and 47 rentals in 2022, staying high but stabilizing somewhat. This year, we are on a path to 60 rentals over \$20,000/month. Part of this is that many people who wouldn't have considered renting out their houses before Covid have found that an extra \$240,000 to \$540,000 to rent out their high-end houses for a year is a nice thing to have. So far this year, our highest long-term rental price has been \$45,000/month. We have also had seven summer rentals that went for \$45,000 up to \$60,000 per month.

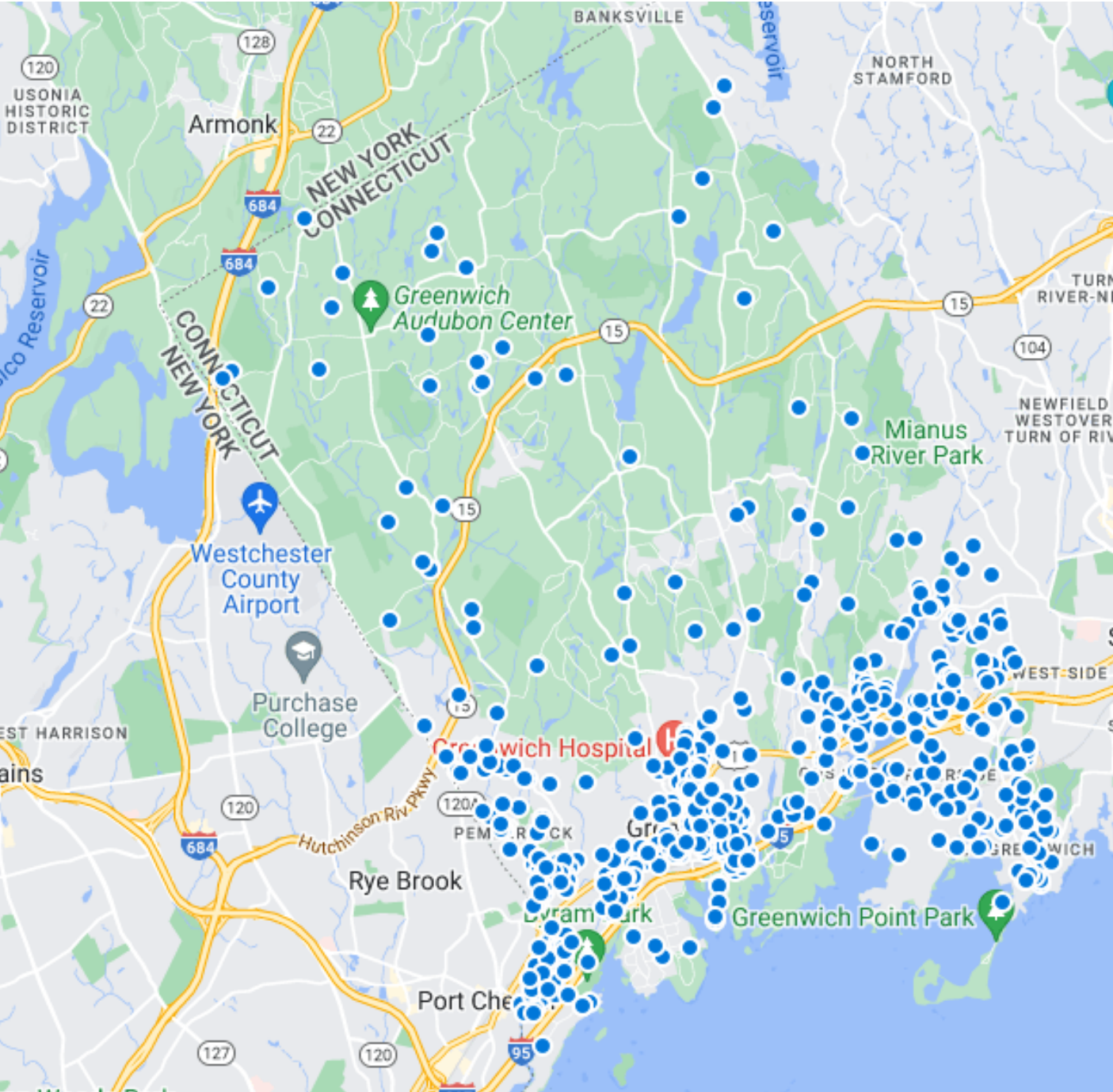
One of the other things that we are seeing with more work from home is that summer rentals may now start in May and run to September as people who summer in Greenwich aren't having to go into their NYC offices as often. We have also seen a few holiday and wintergreen rentals, where snowbirds who are in Florida for the winter are renting out their houses for the November to January holiday season or the whole winter. (One of the perks of writing this column is you can make up names like "wintergreen rentals" :).

Our rentals are concentrated in our smaller zones. Of course, part of that "concentration" is an optical illusion, as 14 lots in the R-12 zone could fit in the size of an RA-4 zoned lot. Having said that, we have four areas where our rentals concentrate: South of the Post Road (25%), South of the Parkway (16%), Old Greenwich (15%), and Cos Cob (12%). Curiously, Riverside has only about half of the rentals that Old Greenwich has, with 57 rentals versus 101 rentals so far this year.

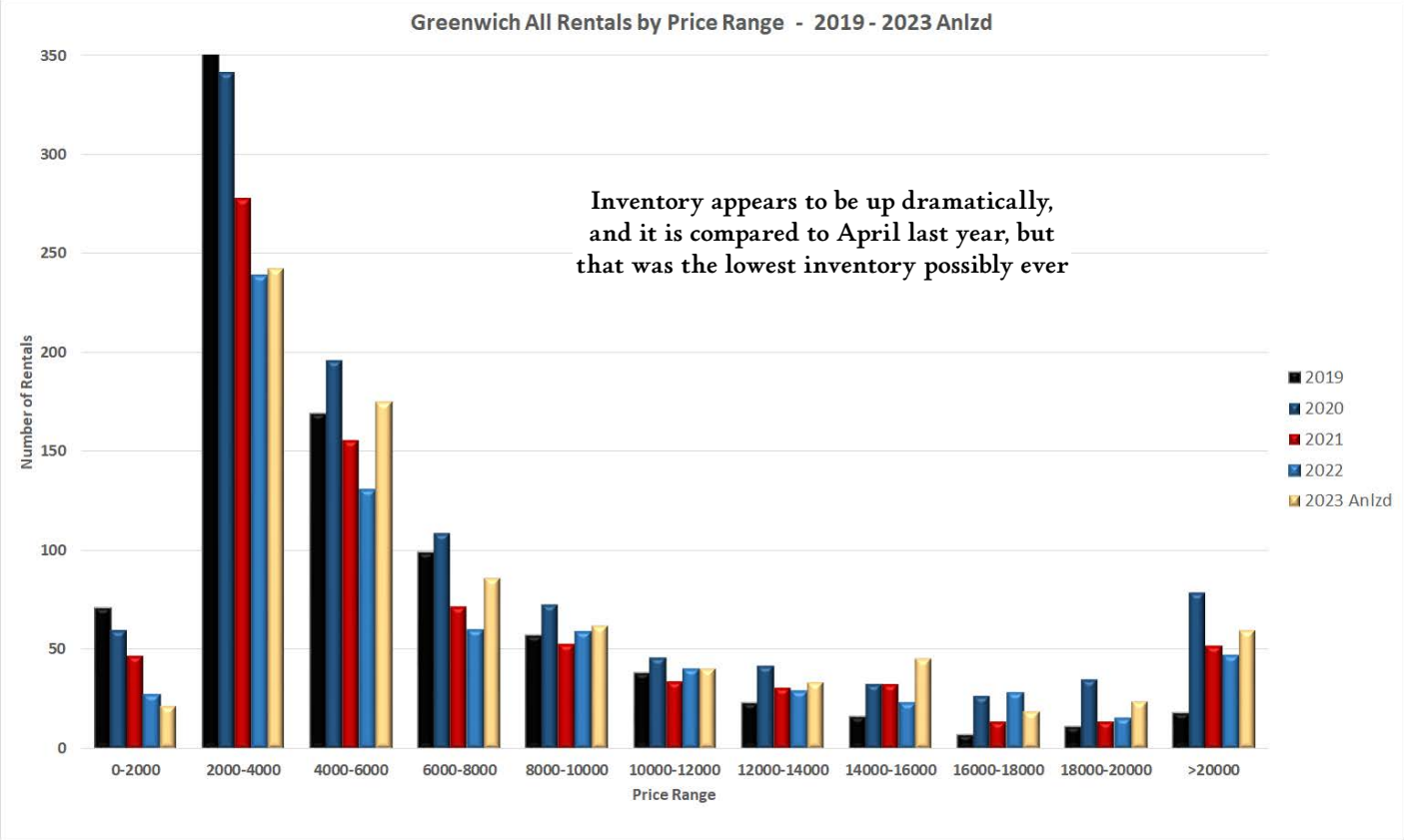
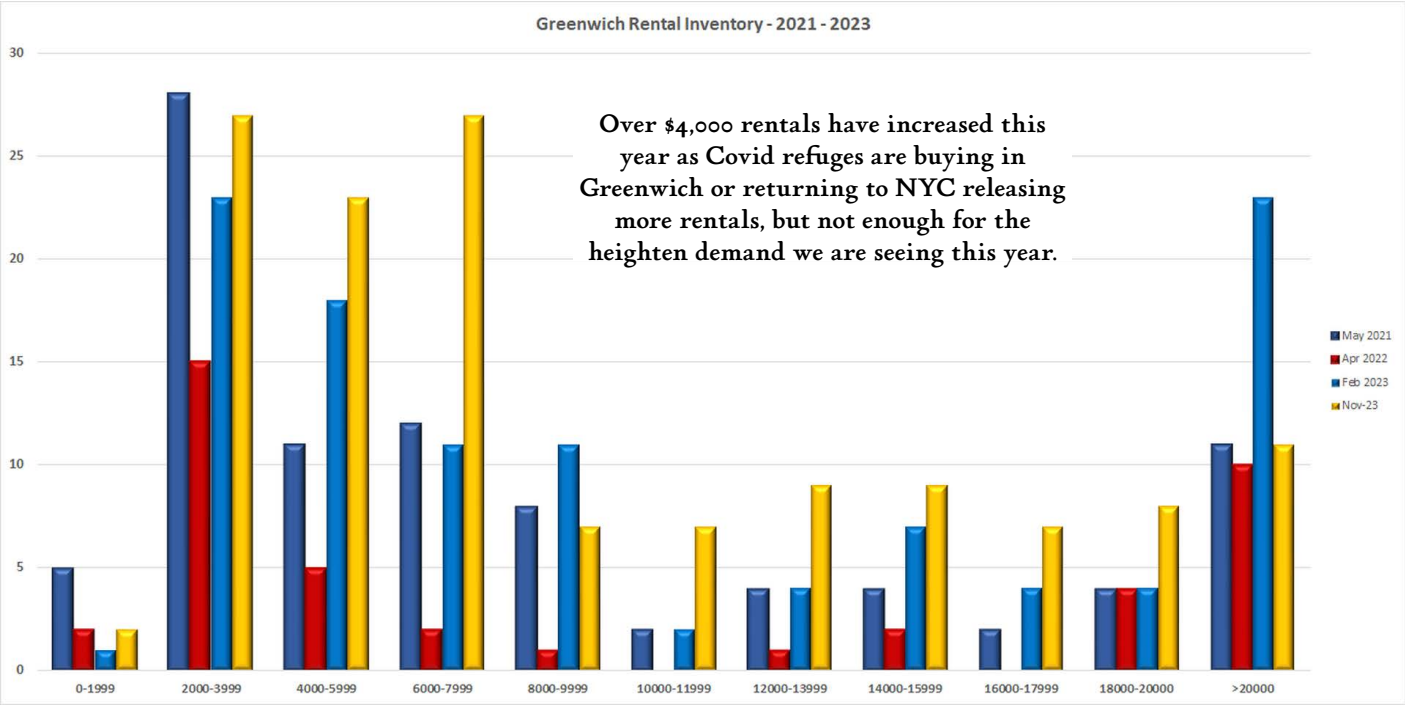
Also, rentals have gone up in Byram and Pemberwick this year compared to our 17-year average. On the downside, Riverside and South of the Parkway have seen drops in rental this year compared to our 17-year average. What this says is that we have more rentals this year in our most affordable areas and slightly fewer rentals, on a percentage basis, in two of our high-end areas. Having said that, rentals in backcountry are up 40% this year over our 17-year average. Central Greenwich still has the plurality of our rentals, and this hasn't changed this year.

We have more rentals this, but our days on the market are still historically low, so finding the perfect rental is still tough. (Anyone, want to rent a downtown condo call me or your favorite agent.) Hopefully, 2023 will be the transitional year when we see things return to normal in 2024.

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Connecticut Attorney General William Tong spoke about his collaboration with other state Attorneys General to sue the social media company Meta (Facebook).



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1465 Putnam Avenue 112	\$340,000	\$523	650		1	1	Old Greenwich
1535 Putnam Avenue 209	\$365,000	\$542	674		1	1	Old Greenwich
1465 Putnam Avenue 519	\$480,000	\$542	885		1	1	Old Greenwich
134 Byram Road	\$549,000	\$617	890	0.12	3	1	Byram
13 Ocean View Avenue	\$725,000	\$390	1,858	0.13	3	2	Byram
51 Forest Avenue 113	\$760,000	\$724	1,050	0	1	2	Old Greenwich
3 Putnam Hill 4G	\$985,000	\$623	1,580		2	2	South of Post Road
27 Woods Avenue	\$1,100,000	\$437	2,520	0.32	3	3	Glenville
141 Lockwood Road	\$1,395,000	\$748	1,864	0.26	3	1	Riverside
15 Windsor Lane	\$1,429,000	\$585	2,444	0.37	4	3	Cos Cob
153 Lake Avenue	\$1,895,000	\$785	2,415	0.27	4	3	South Parkway
120 Elm Street 2	\$1,900,000	\$769	2,470	0.12	3	2	South of Post Road
17 Highland Farm Road	\$2,199,000	\$725	3,033	4.92	4	3	North Parkway
98 Hunting Ridge Road	\$2,250,000	\$482	4,670	5.6	3	2	North Parkway
17 Barton Lane	\$2,295,000	\$579	3,967	2.37	4	3	Cos Cob
14 Nawthorne Road	\$3,750,000	\$984	3,811	0.26	6	3	Old Greenwich
736 Lake Avenue	\$3,950,000	\$563	7,015	3.5	6	6	South Parkway
346 North Street	\$3,950,000	\$562	7,031	1.64	7	4	South Parkway
334 Lake Avenue	\$3,995,000	\$823	4,857	1.1	5	4	South Parkway
30 Benenson Drive	\$4,350,000	\$608	7,150	1	5	6	Cos Cob
6 Hill Road	\$4,895,000	\$832	5,886	1	5	4	South Parkway
27 Weston Hill Road	\$5,495,000	\$832	6,607	0.31	6	5	Riverside
60 Midwood Road	\$7,250,000	\$1,582	4,582	1.71	5	4	South Parkway
131 Pecksland Road	\$8,495,000	\$1,105	7,691	3.82	5	6	South Parkway
28 + 30 Bobolink Lane	\$8,995,000	\$2,281	3,944	4.24	4	6	South Parkway
25 Zaccheus Mead Lane	\$9,000,000	\$1,074	8,383	2.17	6	7	South Parkway
18 Simmons Lane R	\$24,500,000	\$1,283	19,096	7.05	7	8	South Parkway

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10 Lockwood Road	Riverside	\$3,495,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
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14 Nawthorne Road	Old Greenwich	\$3,750,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
14 Nawthorne Road	Old Greenwich	\$3,750,000	Sun 11-1 PM	Coldwell Banker
27 Weston Hill Road	Riverside	\$5,495,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
802 Lake Avenue	Greenwich	\$6,395,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
314 Stanwich Road	Greenwich	\$6,850,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
28 + 30 Bobolink Lane	Greenwich	\$8,995,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Houlihan Lawrence

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98 Valley Road 10	\$570,000	\$525,000	\$505,000	118	2	1	0	948
2 Putnam Hill 1C	\$725,000	\$699,000	\$645,000	260	2	2	2.49	1,280
9 Cary Road	\$735,000	\$735,000	\$660,000	75	2	1	0.13	
51 Forest Avenue 166	\$770,000	\$770,000	\$780,000	55	1	2	0	997
15 Lafayette Court 1E	\$869,000	\$835,000	\$825,000	92	1	1	0	1,170
3 Bolling Place	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,075,000	20	3	1	0.06	1,198
40 Ettl Lane 18	\$1,130,000	\$1,130,000	\$1,100,000	63	3	3	0	2,588
30 Sinaway Road	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,458,000	2	3	2	0.23	1,832
88 Water Street 301	\$1,595,000	\$1,595,000	\$1,525,000	115	3	2	1.89	2,218
16 High Meadow Road	\$1,695,000	\$1,695,000	\$2,023,000	54	4	3	0.43	2,905
53 Locust Street 1	\$2,295,000	\$2,225,000	\$2,100,000	190	3	2	0.2	2,728
93 Brookside Drive	\$2,395,000	\$2,395,000	\$2,500,000	11	4	3	0.39	3,073
40 Howard Road	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,525,000	18	6	3	4.4	5,744
35 Bonwit Road	\$2,775,000	\$2,775,000	\$2,600,000	64	5	5	0.3	
24 Martin Dale North	\$2,895,000	\$2,895,000	\$2,625,000	41	5	4	0.47	3,038
12 Chieftans Road	\$2,995,000	\$2,995,000	\$2,922,500	17	4	4	0.88	4,140
53 Tomac Avenue	\$3,650,000	\$3,525,000	\$3,450,000	125	6	4	0.49	4,169
20 Ridge Street	\$3,575,000	\$3,575,000	\$3,900,000	5	6	5	0.13	3,709
23 Bobolink Lane	\$3,895,000	\$3,895,000	\$4,000,000	8	6	5	2.47	6,713
62 Brookridge Drive	\$5,995,000	\$5,995,000	\$5,650,000	36	6	6	1.5	7,605
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The Pork Belly Bao Buns with soy caramel and cabbage slaw were pure indulgence.

REVIEW

Elm Restaurant

A Culinary Gem in New Canaan, Connecticut

By Emma W. Barhydt

“Here in the heart of New Canaan, CT, we believe that great meals start with the best ingredients, friends, family, (and of course) our favorite wines.” So reads the Elm Restaurant bio. They live their beliefs at Elm, as I had the opportunity to experience firsthand earlier this autumn. Led by the talented Chef Luke Venner, Elm offers a delightful dining experience that combines seasonal American dishes with imaginative twists inspired by a variety of culinary traditions. Chef Luke Venner’s expertise shines through in every dish, presenting flavors that are both comforting and innovative, creating a dining experience that’s new every time you eat at Elm.

I began with a tasting of a tantalizing array of appetizers and shareables. The Spicy Tuna Tartare with avocado, crispy shallots, and ponzu was a delight of textures and flavors. The tuna was impeccably fresh, and the ponzu added sweetness and a subtle citrus brightness without being too harsh or acidic. The crispy shallots added that little bit of crunch to add interest to the softer textures of the Salmon and Avocado. It was perhaps my favorite thing I ate and a perfect start to the rest of a spectacular meal.

The cheddar Pull-Apart Rolls with cultured maple butter were a delightful surprise. The combination of salty cheese and sweet maple seemed unconventional, but it worked wonderfully. The rolls themselves were a warm and fluffy brioche, which felt like taking a little bit of a cloud. The cheese was a subtle flavor in the roll and could possibly get lost under the flavor of the maple, so butter carefully.

The Burrata with nasturtium and pinenut pesto served with toast was the dish that surprised me the most in my journey through the Elm menu. Burrata with pesto on toast is one of my all-time favorite dishes, so I was curious to see Chef Luke’s take on it. The burrata was more dense than I was used to and exceptionally creamy, and the nasturtium pesto, with its lighter twist on the classic basil flavor, proved to

be thoroughly delightful. The bread was a thick-cut sourdough toasted to perfection; you could see the grill marks. If you’re serving toast at a restaurant, that is how it should be done. It was, without a doubt, the best burrata I’ve ever had.

The Smoked Trout Dip with pickled onions and peppers, served with seed crackers, was a classic fish dip turned up to eleven. The pickles added a welcome punch of acidity that cut through the creamy smokiness of the dip. The smokiness was present, but not overwhelming. The crackers provided a satisfying crunch, making this dish a perfect blend of flavors and textures.

The Guacamole with cilantro and blue corn tostadas offered a unique twist on a classic favorite. The tostadas remained delightfully crisp even after being topped with guac for a while, making each bite a pleasure. The guac was smooth and creamy with just enough bigger bites of avocado to add textural interest.

Moving on to the entrees, the Lumache, a pasta dish with spicy pork bolognese, honey, and oregano, was a standout. The flavors were delicate and even slightly floral, a departure from a usual heavy bolognese. It was still hearty and warm, but didn’t feel too heavy. I don’t typically love bolognese, but for me, that’s a textural issue, and Chef Luke’s technique of expertly grinding the sausage into the tomato sauce created a harmonious blend that completely won me over.

The Smoked Chicken Bowl with brown rice, radish, spicy mayo, and a fried egg was a brunch lover’s dream. The fried egg was perfectly cooked and the runny yolk added an extra layer of luxury as it coated the ingredients.

The Pork Belly Bao Buns with soy caramel and cabbage slaw were pure indulgence. The buns were expertly prepared, offering a balance of fluffy and chewy textures. The soy caramel added a luxurious sweetness to the tender pork, while the cabbage slaw provided a refreshing contrast.

The pièce de résistance of the meal was the “animal style” Wagyu Burger, served double-



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double. This colossal burger, featuring two Wagyu patties, American cheese, bacon, pickles, tomato, lettuce, and a generous drizzle of spicy mayo, was a true masterpiece. The combination of American cheese on a Wagyu burger was a bold choice that paid off handsomely. It was an absolute delight and a must-try for burger aficionados.

Finally, dessert brought the Carrot Layer Cake and Warm Chocolate Cake to the table. I swear, Chef Luke fixed every problem I ever had with carrot cake. The cream cheese frosting was just sweet enough, and the addition of candied orange peels provided both texture and a delightful citrus note. Chef Luke’s ingenious

technique of finely grinding the raisins into the flour allowed for the flavor without the texture. The warm chocolate cake, with its gooey center and rich chocolate flavor, was the perfect ending to an extraordinary meal, especially when paired with vanilla bean gelato.

Elm under the guidance of Chef Luke Venner is a culinary destination that should not be missed. Each dish is a testament to Chef Luke’s culinary expertise and creativity. The intentional and innovative choices made in crafting these dishes left a lasting impression, and I am very much looking forward to what Chef Luke has in store for the future.



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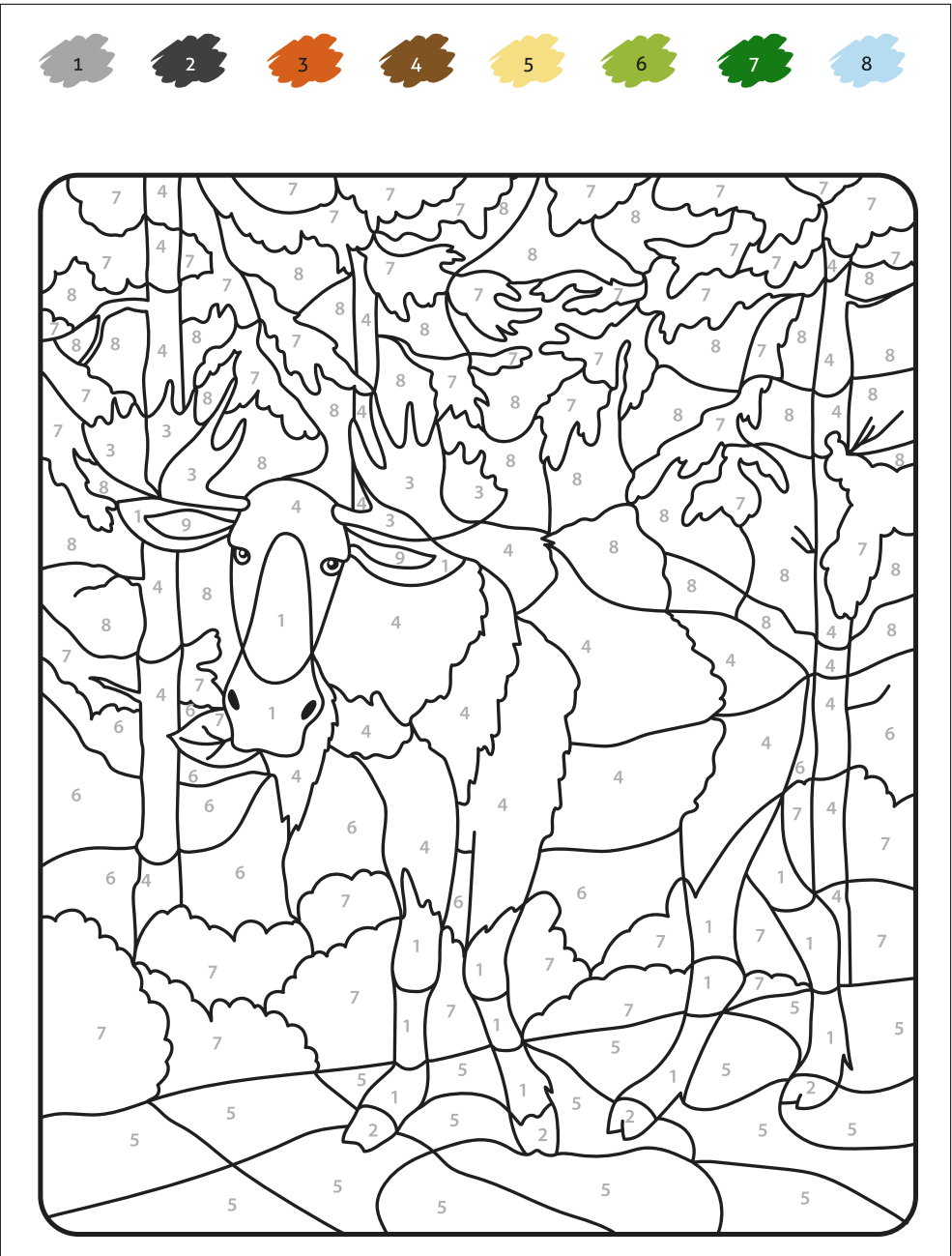
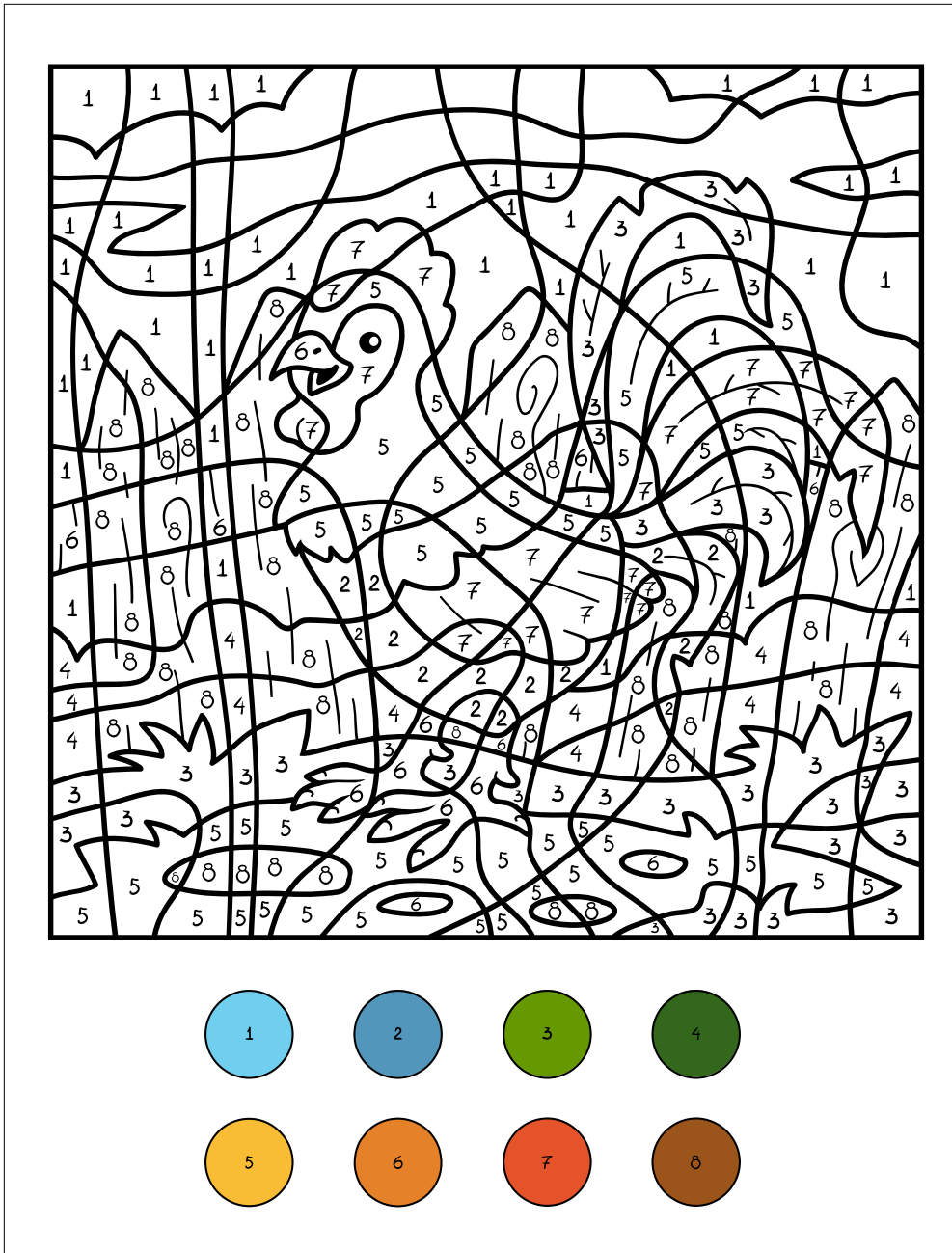
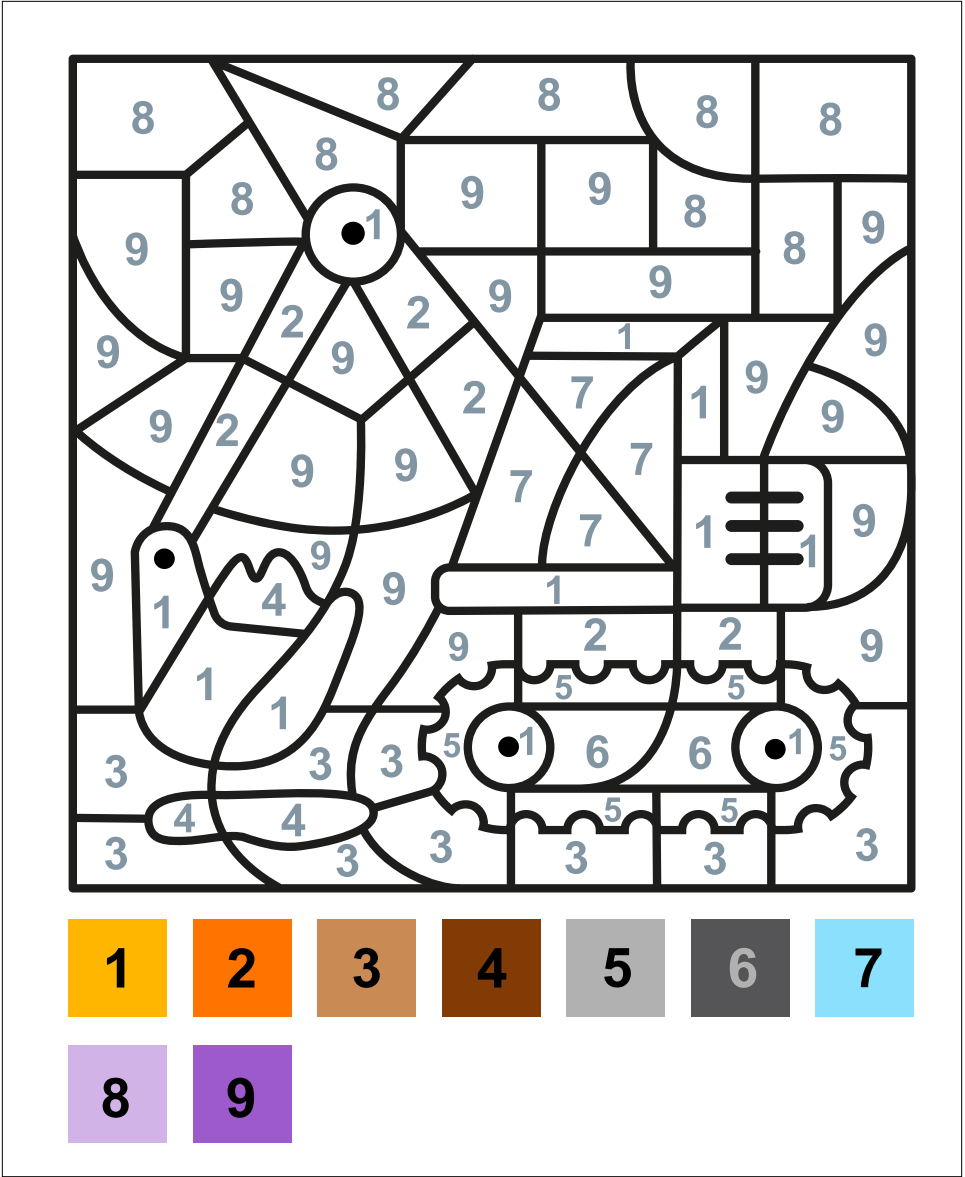
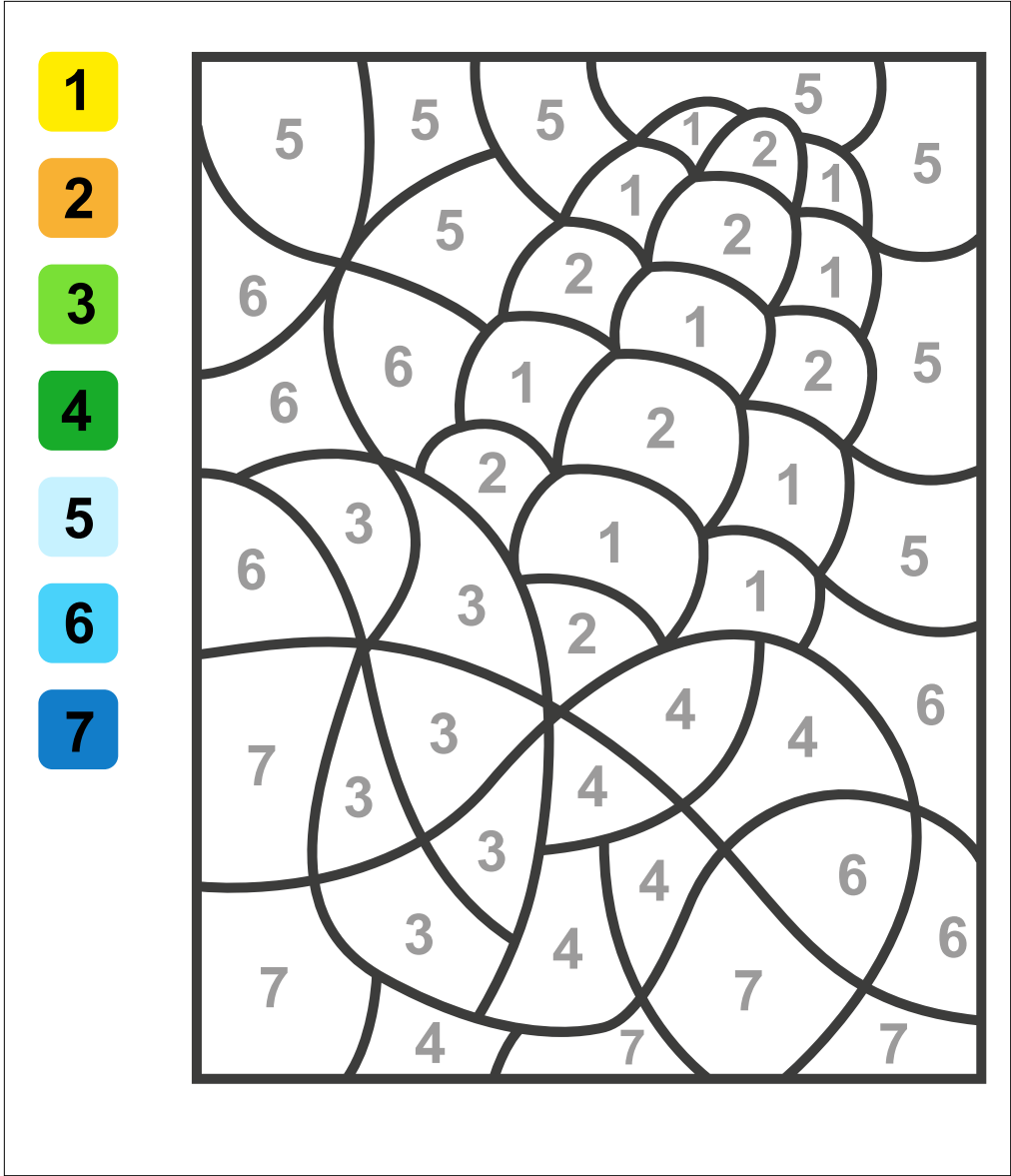
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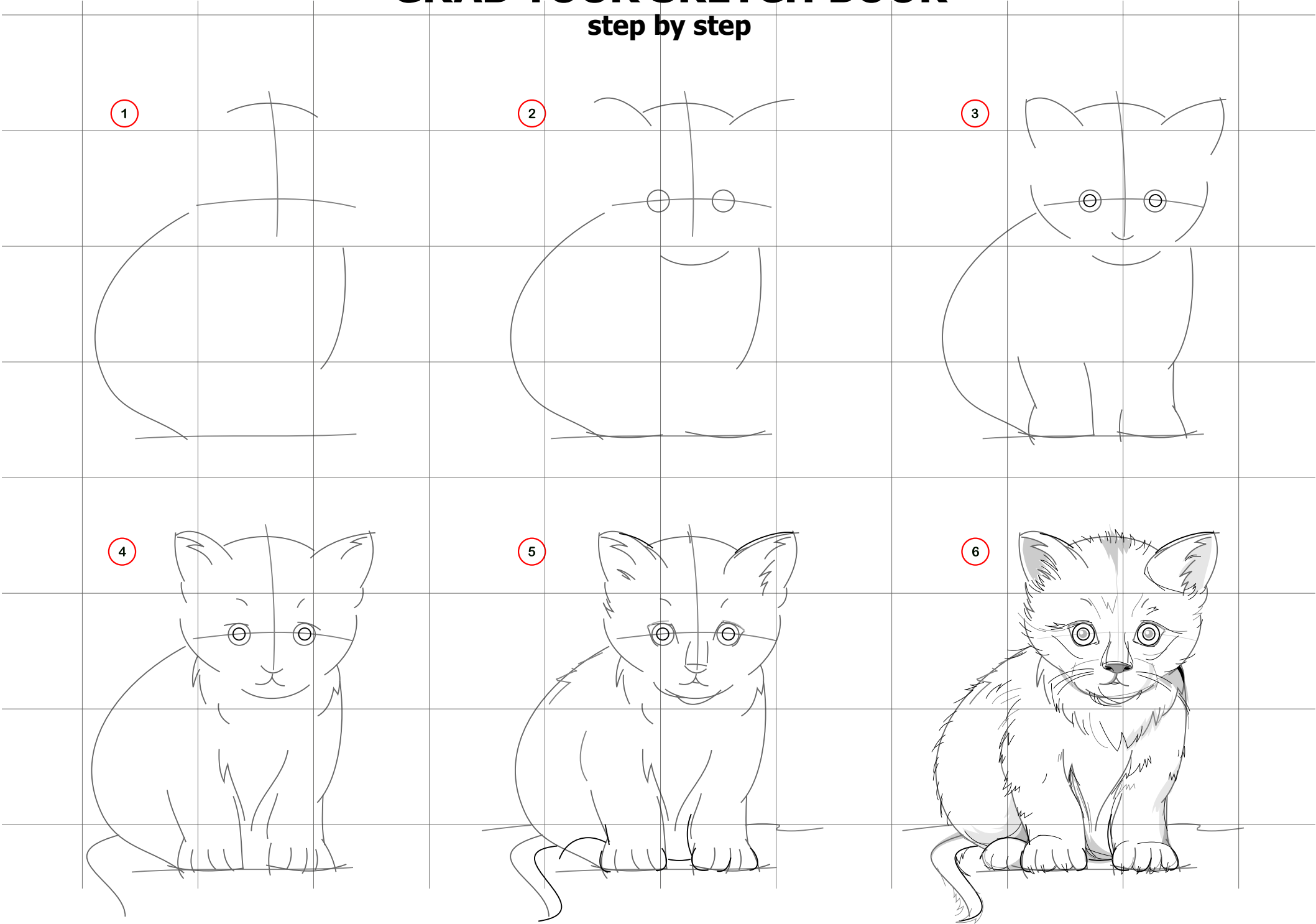
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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

9 a.m.
Live Bird Banding with Frank Gallo. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Ages 6 & up. \$15. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events
10 a.m.
Houseplant Repotting Workshop. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Members, free; Non-Members, \$10. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org
4 p.m.
Young Writers Club (Ages 8-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-8802. perrotlibrary.org

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

9 a.m.
Silver Shield Foundation Greenwich Walk. Tod's Point, 7 Tod's Driftway. registration: 8am. silvershieldfoundation.org/greenwichwalk
9 a.m.
Greenwich Audubon: Birding Trip: Waterbirds & Migrants at Cove Island Park. Ages 6 & up. \$15. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events
9 a.m.
Sacred Heart Greenwich K-12 Open House. 1177 King Street, Greenwich. shgreenwich.org
9 a.m.
Round Hill Association presents: Qigong at The Greenwich Audubon Barn. 613 Riversville Road. \$30. events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ek0q8min3e-blald7&oseq=&c=&ch=

10:30 a.m.
Preparing Dahlia Tubers For Winter. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St., Greenwich Dahlia Society Members, free; \$10, GBC Members; \$20, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org
12 p.m.
Petite Maison Kids Grand Opening. 71 Greenwich Avenue. Free. 203-769-1116. info@petitemaisonkids.com. petitemaisonkids.com

2 p.m.
Learn More About Mohegan Tribal Culture and Traditions. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org
4 p.m.
Greenwich Knights of Columbus: Cornhole Tournament (21 & older). 37 W. Putnam Ave. \$25 (3 rounds – includes food). 203-661-3596. kofcgreenwich39@gmail.com. knightsofgreenwich.com

6:30 p.m.
Nostalgia Night Dinner: Remember Manero's. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. Members, \$39.95; non-members, \$49.95. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com

SUNDAY, NOV. 5
8 a.m.
Sunday Morning Yoga. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-8802. perrotlibrary.org
12 p.m.
Fred Elser First Sunday Science Series at the Seaside Center: Introduction to Recreational Shellfishing in Greenwich. Innis Arden Cottage, Tod's Point. Free. No beach pass required. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.
How to Create an Ecological Garden. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Ages 12 & up. \$25. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events
1 p.m.
Greenwich Art Society: Drawing & Painting Skills for the Serous Young Artist. In person, 299 Greenwich Ave. All levels. greenwichartsociety.org
3 p.m.
Greenwich Together: "Screenagers Under the Influence", a film about the relationship between technology and substance use among teens. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free. (All parents & teens grades 9-12). greenwichtogether.org

3 p.m.
Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony: "Discovered and Rediscovered". Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. chamberplayersofthegso.org
4 p.m.
Orchestra Lumos: Celestial Brass concert. First Congregational Church Greenwich, 108 Sound beach Ave. \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. orchestralumos.org/choose-seats/?WebInstanceId=2305
4 - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Youth Cheerleading Expo. Greenwich High School Gymnasium, 10 Hillside Road. gycl.org.

MONDAY, NOV. 6
9 a.m.
Friends of Mianus River Park: 'Pliking'/Hiking event. Meet at the bridge on Merribrooke Lane, Stamford. (Bring gloves and a small trash bag). 203-918-2548. friendsofmianusriverpark.org

11:30 a.m.
Let's Groove Music Class (Ages 12-24 months). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. perrotlibrary.org
1 p.m.
Greenwich Decorative Arts Society Lecture: The Great River - Art and Society in the

Connecticut Valley. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Guests: \$30. RSVP. Greenwichdecorativearts@gmail.com. greenwichdecorativearts.org
7:30 p.m.
Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony: "Discovered and Rediscovered". Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave. chamberplayersofthegso.org

TUESDAY, NOV. 7
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Election Day "Day Of Play" At GBC. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org
10 a.m.
'Perrot Walks' – walk through Binney Park. Meet at Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org
10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Professional Development for Educator's Election Day. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

10 a.m.
Propagation For Kids. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free, GBC Members; \$15, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org
3:45 p.m.
Learn to Knit for Kids (Ages 8-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-8800. perrotlibrary.org
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8
1:30 p.m.
Museum Movers: Yoga for Kids (Ages 3-6). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$27, members; \$35, non-members. brucemuseum.org

1:30 p.m.
Mahjong Classes for Adults. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org
7 p.m.
An Evening of Music With Mixed Company of Yale. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. & on Zoom. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x20. perrotlibrary.org
THURSDAY, NOV. 9
10 a.m.
Fall Bulb Planting For Spring & Bulb Sale. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$15, GBC Members; \$20, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

5 p.m.
Girls Who Code with Random Hacks of Kindness Junior. Via Zoom. Free. rhokjr.org
6 p.m.
Opening Reception for "Scapes". Flinn Gallery at Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Ave. Free. 203-622-7947. info@flinngallery.com. flinngallery.com
6 - 9 p.m.
A Pickleball Social Fundraiser for Barbara's House (formerly CCI). Pickleball America, 140 Atlantic St., Stamford. barbarashousect.org

7 p.m.
Story Barn: "Life Imitates Art". Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. \$15, Member; \$20, Non-Member. greenwichhistory.org
FRIDAY, NOV. 10
11 a.m.
Visionary Art Pottery and Studio Craft in Our backyard: Leon Gambetta Volkmar and Katherine Choy. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. \$15, Member; \$20, Non-Member. greenwichhistory.org

SATURDAY, NOV. 11
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Fall Leaf Watercolors Workshop (Ages 3-7). Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$65, GBC Members; \$75, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org
1 p.m.
Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Veteran's Day Tree Walk, led by Greenwich Tree Warden, Dr. Greg Kramer. Eugene Morlot Memorial Park, Byram. All ages welcome. Registration required. greenwichtreeconservancy.org
3:30 p.m.
John Himmelman's "Insects And Their Amazingosity" - A Family Event. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free, GBC Members; \$15 suggested donation, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

6 p.m.
YWCA Greenwich: 'The Fall Party'. Belle Haven Club, 100 Harbor Drive. ywcagrn.org/thefallparty
7:30 p.m.
Greenwich Symphony concert. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School, 10 Hillside Rd. \$50, adults; \$15, students. greenwichsymphony.org
SUNDAY, NOV. 12
10 a.m.
Houseplant Repotting Workshop. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Members, free; Non-Members, \$10. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

3 p.m.
Musicians from Marlboro Concert. Greenwich Library Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org
3 p.m.
Greenwich Symphony concert. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School, 10 Hillside Rd. \$50, adults; \$15, students. greenwichsymphony.org
SUNDAY, NOV. 12
10 a.m.
Houseplant Repotting Workshop. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Members, free; Non-Members, \$10. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

Arts Center at Greenwich High School, 10 Hillside Rd. \$50, adults; \$15, students. greenwichsymphony.org

THROUGH WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15
Greenwich Department of Human Services Coat Drive. Donation boxes at: Greenwich Town Hall lobby, Greenwich Library and St. Paul's Episcopal Church (200 Riverside Ave). greenwichct.gov/538/Human-Services
THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 18:
9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Farmers' Market. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). gfm-ct@optimum.net. greenwichfarmersmarketct.com

MONDAY - FRIDAY
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. info@ archstreet.org. archstreet.org
TUESDAYS:
10 a.m.
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; non-members, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524- 8032. greenwichymca.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
WEDNESDAYS:
10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tuesday, 6pm). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
"Tools for Aging Well" (2nd Wednesday of the Month). Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org.

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. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.

com. greenwichrotary.org
2:30 - 6 p.m.
Old Greenwich Farmers Market. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave., Old Greenwich. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks – moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.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

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org
THURSDAYS:
8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experiencetaichi.org


5 - 7 p.m.
Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in middle & high school. Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Rd, Wilton. Free. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse
EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:
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. book-s4everyone.org


GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org
Friday, Nov. 3
9 a.m.
Caregivers Circle: Medicare Part D Open Enrollment. Learning Lab. greenwichlibrary.org
9:30 a.m.
Senior Chinese Book Discussion Group. Online. yvwang@greenwichlibrary.org
10 a.m.
Storytime. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-

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6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
4 p.m.
Yoga: Bone Strength. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: “Emily”. Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org
Saturday, Nov. 4
9 a.m.
Common Threads Hand Crafts Meet-up. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
10:30 a.m.
Hatha Yoga for Adults with Inger. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426. greenwichlibrary.org
11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csberman@greenwichlibrary.org
Sunday, Nov. 5
2 p.m.
AuthorsLive for Kids: Adventures in Middle Grade Fiction and Graphic Novels featuring Jennifer L. Holm. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.org
Monday, Nov. 6
10 a.m.
Wee Ones Storytime for 1s and 2s. Marx Family Black Box Theater. children@greenwichlibrary.org
11:30 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5. Free.
12:15 p.m.
Reading James Joyce’s Book of Short Stories “Dubliners”. Marx Family Black Box Theater.
3:45 p.m.
Pen to Paper. Cos Cob Library Community Room.
4 p.m.
Battle of the Book Club; “Finally Seen” by Kelly Yang. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.
6 p.m.
A Breath of Unfresh Air: A Conversation About Wildfire Smoke, Pollutants, and Maintaining Healthy Lungs. Marx Family Black Box Theater.
6:30 p.m.
Chinese Brushwork Painting. Cos Cob Library Community Room.
Tuesday, Nov. 7
10 a.m.
Movers and Shakers - Registration Required. Children’s Constellation Room. children@greenwichlibrary.org
10 & 10:30 a.m.
Spanish Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.
11 a.m.
Storytime with Patty. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
12 p.m.
Caregivers Circle: Medicare Part D Open Enrollment. Learning Lab.
1 p.m.
Sit n’ Stitch Knitting Group. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.
3:45 p.m.
Mandarin Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room.
Wednesday, Nov. 8
10 a.m.
Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Career Coach: Computer Basics Workshop.
10 a.m.
Tales for 2s and 3s. Marx Family Black Box Theater. children@greenwichlibrary.org
11 a.m.
Early Walkers. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
1 p.m.
Retirement Planning Series IV: Estate Planning in Retirement Part I - Will Basics.
3 p.m.
Math Help with Patty (for Grades K-8). Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.
3:45 p.m.
Afternoon Story/Craft. Cos

Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.
4 p.m.
Science Girls! (Grades 3-5): Focus on Forensic Science. Children’s Constellation Room.
6 p.m.
SCORE: Simple Steps for Starting Your Business - Financial Planning. Marx Family Black Box Theater.
Thursday, Nov. 9
10 a.m.
Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
11:30 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
4 p.m.
Jr. Book Club (Grades 4-6). Children’s Constellation Room.
5 p.m.
Proust Group (Zoom Registration).
6 p.m.
Flinn Gallery Opening Night: Scapes. Flinn Gallery.
7 p.m.
Self Care Techniques: Practicing Presence, Pause and Peace with Roberta Brown. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
Friday, Nov. 10
Libraries closed.
Saturday, Nov. 11
10:30 a.m.
CRAFTacular: Thankful Quilt. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csberman@greenwichlibrary.org
1 p.m.
Cloak and Dagger Book Club. Cos Cob Community Room. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
3 p.m.
Art Opening Reception: “Contemporary Abstractions”. Byram Shubert Library. 203-531-0426. greenwichlibrary.org
3 p.m.
Quilt Show Reception. Cos Cob Community Room. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org
Sunday, Nov. 12
3 p.m.
Musicians from Marlboro Concert. Berkley Theater.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwichhospital.org/events
888-305-9253
Monday, Nov. 6
10 a.m.
Nurse Is In: A Greenwich Hospital nurse will take your blood pressure and answer health questions at Perrot Memorial Library. Free. 203-863-4444.
11 a.m.
Education: “Preventing Falls: Reducing Risk”. Via Zoom. Free.
11:45 a.m.
Nurse Is In. Greenwich Library. Free. 203-863-4444.
12 p.m.
Education: “Preventing Falls: Reducing Risk”. Via Zoom. Free.
Wednesday, Nov. 8
11 a.m.
Education: The Better Breathers group will present “Oxygen Therapy: What You Need to Know”. Mianus Conference Room, Greenwich Hospital. Free.
11:30 a.m.
Parkinson’s Support Group. Long Ridge Medical Center, 260 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford. Zoom option available.
6 p.m.
Education: “Orthopedic Trauma: Falls and Fractures”. Via Zoom. Free.
Thursday, Nov. 9
6 p.m.
Education: “The Importance of an Annual Physical Exam”. Via Zoom. Free.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org
Everyday, all day
• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road. The weatherproof bin is located outside of the Parish Hall.
• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.
Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.
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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: RedCrossBlood.org
Friday, Nov. 3
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Cassin & Cassin, 2900 Westchester Ave., Harrison, NY.
12 – 5 p.m.
EF Academy, 582 Columbus Ave., Thornwood, NY.

Saturday, Nov. 4
8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich.
Sunday, Nov. 5
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Agudath Sholom Synagogue, 301 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stamford.
Monday, Nov. 6
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
The Stamford Hotel, 700 East Main Street, Stamford.

Tuesday, Nov. 7
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Darien YMCA, 2420 Post Rd., Darien.
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
12:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Saint Mark’s Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan.
Wednesday, Nov. 8
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
UCONN, One University Place, Stamford.
11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg., 216 Halstead Ave., Harrison, NY.
Thursday, Nov. 9
12 - 5 p.m.
American Legion Post 347, 1 Locust Ave., Flint Park, Larchmont, NY.
Saturday, Nov. 11
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The Idea Kitchen, 1940 Palmer Ave., Larchmont, NY.

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar
Friday, Nov. 3
12:30 p.m.
BET Audit Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.
Wednesday, Nov. 8
8 a.m.
Greenwich High School Vestibule Committee Meeting In-Person and Virtual via Google Meet.
11 a.m.
Operations Planning Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.
1 p.m.
BET Budget Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.
7 p.m.
HDC Regular Meeting Webinar.
Thursday, Nov. 9
10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen Meeting In Person at Town Hall Cone Room and Virtual via Zoom.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, Nov. 4
6 p.m.
India Cultural Center Annual Celebration of Light. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. iccgreenwich.org

6 p.m.
Children of Fallen Patriots 14th Annual Greenwich Gala. Riverside Yacht Club. donate.fallenpatriots.org/event/2023-greenwich-gala/e494591

Thursday, Nov. 9
6:30 p.m.
Stepping Stones Museum for Children’s Ladies Comedy Night fundraising event. 303 West Ave., Norwalk. steppingstonesmuseum.org/experience/ladies-comedy-night
7 p.m.
GIFF Changemaker Gala. L’Escale Restaurant, Greenwich. greenwichfilm.org
Saturday, Nov. 11
5:30 p.m.
Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo Gala. The Inn at Longshore, Westport. beardsleyzoo.org/gala

6 p.m.
YWCA Greenwich “The Fall Party”. Belle Haven Club. ywcagr.org/thefallparty
6 p.m.
Make-a-Wish - Connecticut’s Wish Night. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/xfm
6:30 p.m.
Special Education Legal Fund (S.E.L.F.) 5th Anniversary Gala. Burning Tree Country Club, Greenwich. e.givesmart.com/events/trU
Friday, Nov. 17
8:30 a.m.
Family Centers Titan Speaker Series featuring Walter Isaacson. familycenters.org

Saturday, Nov. 25
9:30 a.m.
Greenwich Alliance for Education’s Turkey Trot 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk. Arch Street/Bruce Park. greenwichalliance.org/turkey-trot-2023

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, NOV. 3
4 p.m.
Friday Film Fest: “Good Will Hunting”. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.
First Fridays: Grandpa Moses. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free admission. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

SATURDAY, NOV. 4
12 p.m.
Day of the Dead Celebration. Ferguson Library - South End Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
“Take A Step Back” - The Music Of The Grateful Dead Live. Carriage Barn Arts Center, 681 South Ave., New Canaan. carriagebarn.org

SUNDAY, NOV. 5
10:30 a.m.
Chinese Language School of Connecticut Open House. UCONN-Stamford, One University Pl, Stamford. chinese-languageschool.org

11 a.m.
Screening of “School District” Film. The Norwalk Art Space, 455 West Ave., Norwalk. thenorwalkartspace.org

2 p.m.
Panel discussion: “Baseball: Stories & History of America’s Favorite Pastime”. Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, 10 Washington St, Norwalk. \$15-\$20. lockwood-mathewsmansion.com
TUESDAY, NOV. 7
9:30 a.m.
Election Day Wood Working Class. Carriage Barn Arts Center, 681 South Ave., New Canaan. Members, \$100; Non-members, \$115. carriagebarn.org

7 p.m.
Troupers Light Opera Company Auditions for “Gilbert and

Sullivan Opera” (Also held Wednesday, Nov. 8). Union Memorial Church, 58 Church St., Stamford. All singing parts. trouperlightopera.org
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8
5:30 p.m.
Documentary Screening: Wine, Women, & Dementia. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.
Understanding Social Security. Via Zoom. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org
7:30 p.m.
New Canaan Chamber Music concert. First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, 178 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan. \$50, GA; \$20, students. 914-589-2369. newcanaanchamberusic.org
THURSDAY, NOV. 9
3 p.m.
New Canaan Chamber Music concert. First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, 178 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan. \$50, GA; \$20, students. newcanaanchamberusic.org

6:30 p.m.
Understanding Medicare. Via Zoom. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org
FRIDAY, NOV. 10
2 p.m.
Henna Designs for Teens. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org
SATURDAY, NOV. 11
9 a.m.

“Honor our Veterans” 5K. Sherwood Island State Park, Westport. Adults, \$35; \$15, children (race day t-shirt included). runsignup.com/Race/CT/Westport/HonorOurVeterans5k
10:30 a.m.
The New Canaan Chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars’ annual Veterans Day ceremony. Gods Acre, 23 Park St., New Canaan. Free. 203-966-8583. michael@mcglinnins.com



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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 “What a great back rub!”
4 Knock over
10 Suit go-with
13 With 15- and 16-Across, sporty shoes
15 With 16-Across, pasta prep devices
16 Hosp. areas
17 Name found in “cafeteria”
18 In top form
20 Draws into a trap
22 Dynamic ____
23 With 24- and 26-Across, preschooler’s place
24 With 26-Across, take five deep breaths, say
26 Go in
30 Clairvoyance: Abbr.
32 Clothing brand with a deep blue logo
34 She/ ____
36 One may be obtuse
39 ____-haw
40 With 41- and 42-Across, conflicted feelings
41 With 42-Across, reductions in rank
42 Particles like Br-
43 Landing guess at ATL
44 Lead-in to “aggression”
45 Dog doc

- 46 Roman ____ (symbol like V or X)
49 “Don’t u worry!”
51 With 52- and 55-Across, shipments on certain brown vans
52 With 55-Across, special uniforms
55 Great Lakes people
59 Apnea-treating doc
61 Lego toy line with half-organic, half-robotic characters
63 Superhero team with Starfire and Beast Boy
67 Gaze
68 With 69- and 70-Across, ranch or vinaigrette
69 With 70-Across, delivering a formal speech to
70 Perform in a choir
71 Biblical boat
72 Not as much
73 Scot’s “not”
DOWN
1 Played a part
2 Sporting venue
3 Tot’s rocking toy
4 Old Russian autocrat
5 Playful paddler
6 Novelist’s writing

- 7 Frying vessel
8 Fibbed
9 Followed
10 Certain
11 Custom
12 Ink shirt
11 W-9 org.
12 Winter hrs. in Dover
14 Genuine
19 City near Cologne
21 Small batteries
25 Blue or burgundy
27 Sierra
28 Nevada lake
28 Block party, e.g.
29 Breads for Reubens
31 “Top Chef” host Lakshmi
33 Reveal
34 Ask for money, slangily
35 SATs, e.g.
37 Sam of “Jurassic Park”

- 38 Sierra automaker
40 Diner handout
42 ICU hookups
47 Apt letters missing from “Gen_sis gar_ _ _”
48 U-Haul offering
50 R&B’s ____ E. King
53 Vowel-shaped beams
54 Climbing plants
56 Trap at a winter lodge, say
57 Ketanji’s colleague
58 Strong suit fabric
60 Detergent brand
62 ____ buco
63 PreCheck org.
64 Corn unit
65 Caribou’s cousin
66 QBs’ goals

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

J	A	M	B		S	O	D	A		R	U	L	E	S
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To Be Continued by Alex Eaton-Salners

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Astrology for Next Week

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov Don’t get too serious about your life or the direction it’s taking. With Venus, planet of love and laughter, in the most sensitive area of your chart your task will be to enjoy the good things fate brings your way. You must have done something good to deserve them!

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec It’s good to be confident but don’t overdo it and think you can make a success of something that even experts are reluctant to attempt. If you insist on having a go be sure to prepare well and have the support of friends. Don’t climb mountains without back-up.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan As values planet Venus crosses the midheaven point of your chart so someone influential is likely to make you the proverbial offer you can’t refuse. Just make sure it’s the kind of offer you can live with long-term. If it’s morally questionable, give it a miss.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb With Venus entering one of the most adventurous areas of your chart this is the ideal time to explore further afield and even attempt things you normally wouldn’t even think about, let alone do. Don’t worry about the cost – that’s a minor detail to deal with later.

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March Be sure you’re paid the right amount for the job. As Venus, planet of harmony, enters the financial area of your chart there is a danger you will accept what you’re given simply because you can’t be bothered to argue. Always demand what you’re worth.

ARIES

21 March-20 April You’ve spent a lot of time and energy on work-related issues of late and you’ve earned a break. Your solar chart reveals that someone you’re fond of needs your attention. If you give it you’ll have a great time together. If you don’t, they may find someone else!

TAURUS

21 April-21 May Forget the details of what you’re working on as, if you ask nicely, someone else will take care of them. Focus on the bigger picture and make sure the project as a whole heads in the right direction. You’re the captain of this ship – others report to you.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June Having to bend to the whims of people you don’t respect can be irritating but that’s how it is and there’s no point in making an issue of it. The good news is that with affectionate Venus in the most romantic area of your chart, your love life is sure to pick up.

CANCER

22 June-23 July If your home life is in a bit of a rut what happens over the next few days will spice things up. Someone you think the world of will come out of their shell and reassure you they feel the same about you. Never doubt that you’re loved. And never stop loving yourself.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug You’ll leave no one in any doubt about your feelings for them this week. Your way with words will create the ideal atmosphere for romance, and upsets and disagreements will soon be forgotten. Almost everyone you meet will fall in love with you.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept Common sense will tell you whether to take a risk or play safe and with Venus in the money sector of your chart that will be of the utmost importance. Also, you’ve built up a lot of trust in recent weeks - by all means cash in on it over the next few days.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct With your ruler Venus, planet of harmony and happiness, about to enter your birth sign there is reason to believe you’re on the verge of something special. It will change your life for the better emotionally and, maybe financially too. Be of good cheer.

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Polluted air
5. (K) Guide for the lost
8. (K) Super-smooth fabric
12. (K) Stuff from a volcanic eruption
13. (K) Australian too big to fly
14. (K) Sound of complaint
15. Demographic (2 words)
17. (K) “____-Hero” (Taylor Swift song)
18. (K) Roomy storage container
19. Cobbler’s tool
20. Liability? No, turn it 180 degrees
21. (K) Cricket or grasshopper
23. (K) Every single thing
25. (K) Mix, like pancake batter
27. (K) Allergic reaction result
28. Prefix with “place” or “prove”

31. (K) Wasp relative
33. To make pure
35. (K) Boundary
36. (K) Aren’t anymore
38. (K) Leaves gatherer
39. (K) Bulletin board posting
40. (K) Musical note between “fa” and “la”
41. Foundation
44. Remove branches in a powerful swipe
46. (K) Become bronzed?
49. Choice meat cut
50. Tuna variety
52. (K) “The cow climbed ____ the roof”
53. Moo ____ gai pan
54. Once more
55. (K) Root ____ soda
56. (K) Admit ____ (ticket phrase)
57. (K) Defeated soundly
DOWN
1. Huge piece of marble

2. Men who visited the newborn Jesus
3. American warbler, e.g. (don’t cook it)
4. (K) One-liner
5. (K) The cat said what?
6. Good luck charm, some say
7. (K) Little dog
8. (K) Super ____ Bros. (video game series)
9. Charged atoms
10. (K) Arriving to class after the bell
11. (K) Make a sweater
16. Worthless piece of cloth
20. (K) Have a long, throbbing pain
22. Massive coffee server
24. (K) Land measurement unit
25. (K) “Thar ____ blows!”

26. (K) Lots and lots
27. Thing on an agenda
28. Landline sound (2 words)
29. (K) Pen liquid
30. (K) Spot in the distance
32. (K) Ma’am’s for rams
34. (K) To and ____
37. Deodorant type (2 words)
39. (K) Opposite of major
40. Relaxing getaway spot
41. (K) Jiggly, slimy lump
42. Primo rating
43. (K) Construction base
45. (K) Reed instrument
47. Space with specific boundaries
48. (K) Small salamander
50. In days past
51. Fare carrier

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?

Give me some sugar?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1	P	2	I	3	P	4	S	5	C	6	H	7	I	8	S	9	P	10	P	11	A
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22	A	M	O		23	C	O		24	S	I	M	P	L	E						
25	26	27	U	R		28	B		29	A	N		30	B	O	O	S				
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37	38	39	D	O	N		40	I	T		41	N	E	W		42	Y				
43	44	45	46	E	N	O		47	T		48	O		49	T		50	A		51	L
52	53	54	55	E	M	U		56	U		57	S		58	A		59	E		60	L
61	62	63	64	B		65	L		66	A	S	E	R		67	B	E	A		68	M
69	70	71	72	O	U		73	I		74	D	E	A		75	A	U	T		76	O
77	78	79	80	A	T		81	P		82	S	S	T		83	A	P	E	S		

Previous riddle answer:

Stretches on the road?
44-D) LIMOS

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The answers to this week’s puzzles can be found in next week’s issue.

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 good enough (11)
2 Society Islands’ main isle (6)
3 hindrances (9)
4 made a protective chess move (7)
5 unintelligible speakers (8)
6 stubborn (6)
7 Inuit garment material (8)

SOLUTIONS

AC	SERV	TLED	HITI	LE
RS	MU	BLE	SKIN	KS
ICEA	UL	WI	CAS	DRA
LF	TA	MB	WB	SEAL

Previous Answers: 1. PUTTS 2. TOLSTOY 3. LINGERS
4. MANDALORIAN 5. UNDERLINGS 6. REPRIMANDED 7. UNDERCUT 6/17

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SUDOKU

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		1	
2		4	
			1

		3	4
4	3		1
	4		2
1	2	4	

4			1
2			3
	4		2
3		1	

3	4		2
	2	3	
			3
	3		1

Sudoku

Each row, column, nonet can contain each number only once. Answers below.

Easy

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			5					2
						2		
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5	3					9		8

Hard

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	4		9			7		
		2	4	8	7			6
				5	2	4	9	

Very Hard

5			8			2		
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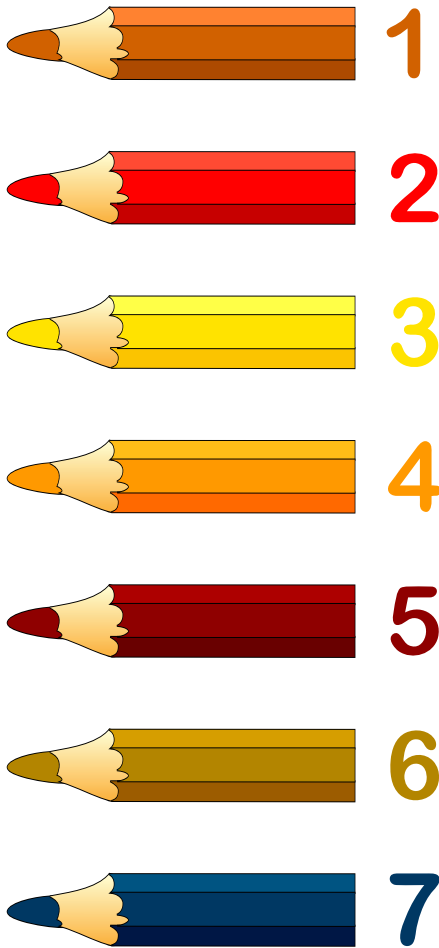
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Hard

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Very Hard

4						3		7
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Sudoku answers

6	7	8	3	5	1	9	4	2
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Bottom row – Very Hard

7	2	5	1	6	3	8	9	4
6	9	8	7	5	4	2	3	1
4	1	3	9	2	8	6	5	7
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1	7	6	8	4	5	3	2	9
8	5	2	7	1	9	4	3	6
2	4	9	6	7	8	1	5	3

Bottom row – Hard

2	9	3	1	7	4	5	8	6
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9	5	4	8	7	6	1	3	2
6	3	2	5	4	1	8	9	7
7	2	1	6	3	9	4	5	8
8	7	6	3	4	8	9	1	5
4	9	5	2	1	7	3	6	8

Bottom row – Easy

5	1	2	1	6	7	8	9	4
4	9	6	8	5	2	3	1	7
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Top row – Very Hard

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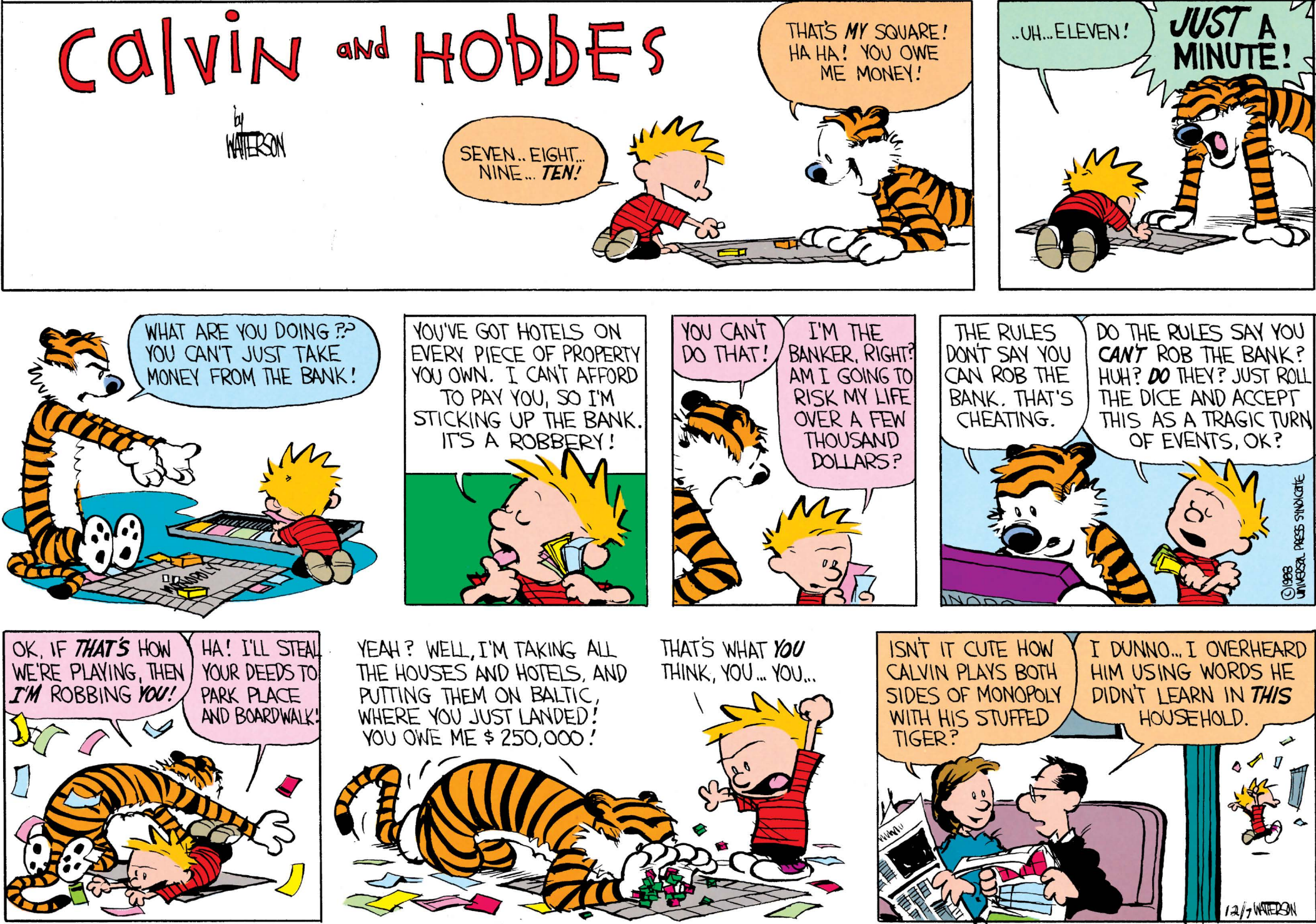
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5	2	9	3	7	8	6	1	4
4	7	1	3	2	5	8	9	6
6	8	1	9	7	4	3	5	2

Top row – Easy



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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE NORTH AMERICAN ELK

The North American Elk



Their movement caught our attention, and we quickly pulled our caravan over on a shoulder overlooking the Yellowstone River. Their long cream-and-tan bodies deftly traversed the rounded shoulders of the river valley. With movement came recognition. Though similar, these creatures were clearly different from their antlered neighbors. These extra-large cousins of the white-tailed deer pushed their way upslope and paused to survey us from an elevated vantage point.

The North American elk, *cervus canadensis*, is an enormous deer – second only to moose in size. Females, known as cows, can reach four and a half feet at the shoulder and attain weights up to 600 pounds. Males, known as bulls, are far larger, with maximum shoulder heights – and antlers – surpassing five feet, body lengths approaching nine feet, and body weights of more than half a ton!

Also known by their Shawnee and Cree name, *Wapiti*, meaning “white rump,” these giants range from a rich chocolate brown to a pale tan with a whitish rump easily identified from far afield. With six recognized subspecies in North America and closely related to species such as the Manchurian wapiti in Asia and the red deer in Europe, these giants of the deer tribe are found throughout the Northern Hemisphere, in forests and forest-edge habitats.

Like their fellow wild creatures, elk confer profound benefits to the plant and animal



Speckled with white spots that break up their outline and mimic dappled light, calves are virtually invisible to the untrained eye.

communities they inhabit. In the national wildlife refuges where they have been reintroduced, elk have aided in the restoration of intact grass prairie ecosystems. Given their preference for grazing predominantly on wildflowers and grass, but also their browsing habits on shrubs and trees, elk stimulate the growth of native prairie plants while controlling shrub and tree growth.

A key to Elk success lies in the combination of physical and behavioral adaptations, especially in the first crucial days of life. Cows carefully hide their newborn calves for the first several days. Upon birthing their calves, cows find areas of tall grass or dense brush in which to conceal them. Calves enhance this concealment by lying motionless for the first two weeks of life. Being born with virtually

no scent to avoid attracting predators, calves evade most carnivores. Speckled with white spots that break up their outline and mimic dappled light, they are virtually invisible to the untrained eye.

Gregarious by nature, elk live in large groups called herds that can reach well into the hundreds and

even thousands in number. Herds are matriarchal – dominated and led by a single cow. These social groupings provide testimony to the success of the massive deer, with Southern Yellowstone’s Jackson Herd reaching an estimated 11,000 elk!

Regarded as ultra-resilient mammals, elk are

North American Elk

true survivors. Through focused conservation efforts and reintroduction, their numbers continue to increase, thanks to conservation measures by wildlife agencies and private citizens like. In fact, the rare California tule elk was nearly lost to extinction before citizens and wildlife agencies took action – recovering the species from four animals in 1875 to more than 5,700 animals today!

Enormous, resilient, adaptable, and ecologically indispensable, elk command our attention. But if we

by chance overlook the stately deer, they remind us of their presence – by blasting a multi-note call known as a bugle from more than two miles away! Research findings from the University of Northern Colorado conducted in Rocky Mountain National Park suggest that these loud bugling calls of bulls contain much information. Bugles communicate many things including the bull’s residency in the area with his harem, as well as whether the cows in the herd are straying too far, and perhaps most significantly – that the bull is willing to defend his cows in battle to the death!

What lessons do elk offer those who peer a little deeper into their world? Elk are both highly social creatures – seeking the protection of the eyes and ears of the herd – and also bold individuals who explore unfamiliar territory and proclaim their presence to a world of adversaries and competitors. Like the elk, we humans can benefit from such tact when confronting the dangers of an increasingly competitive world. These great deer also hold the power to restore the health of the living communities around them. We too hold this power, and with the elk as a living model, we can further aid in its recovery, which in turn restores the land and restores our faith in our ability to recover wild ecosystems.

Wild, powerful, and an icon of the great American West, the elk stands as a rugged symbol of wilderness and its resilience. By giving the elk and the wilderness the chance and the support to recover, we are also giving ourselves that same chance to protect one another and achieve both the potential of the deer and of what we hold most dear.





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