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News Brief

LOCAL POLITICS
The BET Budget Committee met this week to review the proposed budgets from the First Selectman and School Superintendent Toni Jones after seven days of presentations from town departments and schools. After deliberation, they reached a compromise on tax increases and unanimously passed the budget. It now awaits final approval from the full BET on March 27th and 28th, following a public hearing on March 25th.

The primary election on March 5th will select Republican Town Committee members in five districts, limited to registered Republicans in Districts 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., with voting locations specified for each district. To accommodate voters and school schedules, absentee ballots can be obtained in person or online, with special office hours provided for applications on March 2nd.

State Senator Ryan Fazio of the 36th district testified before the General Law Committee in support of Senate Bill 135, aiming to cap annual registration, certification, or licensing fees at \$100. This proposal, which mirrors a previous one Fazio championed and the General Law Committee approved last year, seeks to alleviate financial burdens on individuals pursuing career advancement. Fazio emphasizes the bill's focus on aiding working and middle-income families, aiming to promote economic inclusivity and resilience in Connecticut through bipartisan collaboration.

POLICE & FIRE
Deputy Chief Jeff Locher has retired after 27 years with the Greenwich Fire Department. Colleagues acknowledge his leadership, camaraderie, and
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Local Band King's Highway Performs at Greenwich Town Party. The GTP is accepting applications now until March 11 from local bands who would like to perform at this year's Greenwich Town Party.

GTP Call for Local Bands

By ANNE WHITE

The Greenwich Town Party (GTP) is calling for submissions from local bands to perform at its 2024 event. The application deadline is set for Monday, March 11 at 11:59 p.m.

The GTP, slated for Saturday, May 25, 2024, is a family-friendly, music festival marking the start of summer in Greenwich.

The GTP's commitment to local talent is evident in its Town Stage, which exclusively showcases performers with connections to Greenwich. This stage has seen performances from local bands like Chasing Romeo, King's Highway, Happy Accidents and Rang-A-Boom, featuring artists such as Michael Mugrage and saxophonist Shane Kirsch. These performances underscore the festival's dedication to promoting and celebrating local artists.

The GTP encourages bands from all backgrounds and skill levels within the Greenwich community to apply. The festival offers a professional-grade stage, complete with sound and lighting, and each band member will receive a Town Stage Artist pass, granting access to general admission areas and two additional guest tickets.

Initiated in 2011, the Greenwich Town Party has evolved into a much-anticipated annual event.



Applications can be submitted online at <https://form.jotform.com/233205269737157>.

Since its inception in 2011, the GTP has established itself as a phenomenon. The festival was inspired by community festivals in Spain and was initially conceived by local resident Ray Dalio. Dalio, along with Ray Rivers and the GTP team, envisaged the event as a community celebration that would bring together our diverse residents.

Over the years, the GTP has grown in scope and stature, last year adding a parade. The festival has consistently featured a mix of world-renowned artists and local

talent. Its stages have been graced by legends such as Paul Simon, Billy Joel, Eric Clapton, and Santana.

The festival's food offerings are a reflection of its community spirit, with local vendors contributing to the vibrant atmosphere. Family-friendly activities at the festival have included face painting, caricature artists, and of course bouncy houses.

The 2023 edition focused on New Orleans jazz, featuring curated performances by artists like The Revivalists, Mavis Staples, and The Dirty Dozen Brass Band.

The festival's ticketing system reflects its community-oriented

approach. A lottery system for Community tickets ensures equitable access for residents, with tickets priced at \$85 and a reduced rate of \$25 for seniors. Neighbor and Sponsor passes offer additional benefits.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, the GTP is funded through contributions from Greenwich residents and businesses. This funding model allows the festival to remain a significant cultural event without reliance on taxpayer dollars.

The 2024 GTP is set to continue the tradition of community celebration and musical excellence.

GCDS Title

Greewich Country Day Boys Basketball Wins First FAA Championship



Greewich Country Day School's (GCDS) boys varsity basketball team won their first Fairchester Athletic Association (FAA) championship on Saturday, February 24, playing against Brunswick School. A varsity team for only three years, the Tigers brought home an impressive 63-53 win on the Bruins' home court.

"I am so proud of our players, coaching staff, and fans," said GCDS Head of School Adam Rohdie. "Not only did they have a terrific win on the court, but more importantly, they did it with the class and sportsmanship that is a hallmark of GCDS Tiger Pride."

Coach Patrick Scanlon added, "I'm really proud of our team, especially the senior leadership of Calder Truesdale, Jesse Ripka, and John Berbano, who were key in bringing the team together. It was a great performance against a talented, tough, and well coached team. We're excited for our next opportunity to represent our school and community in the NEPSAC tournament!"

[See the full story with games details on page 14.](#)

RTC Primary Tues



The Republican Town Committee primary is set for the upcoming Tuesday, March 5, and we have been receiving numerous inquiries about its purpose and occurrence. To address this, we've included an informative graphic about town government in this issue, which we hope you find helpful. It is located on pages two and three.

Polling places will be open from 6 AM to 8 PM.

The primary includes five districts: 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9. Eligible voters from these districts may cast their votes at the following locations:

- District 2: Town Hall
- District 4: New Lebanon School

- District 5: Riverside School
- District 8: Central Middle School
- District 9: Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center

Residents are advised to confirm their voting district before the primary to ensure they visit the correct polling location.

To participate in the primary, individuals must be registered Republicans. Unaffiliated voters wishing to participate should register as Republicans by 4:00 PM the day before the primary. Registration changes can be made at the Town Clerk's office.

Voters must present valid identification at the polls, such as a driver's license, state-issued ID, or passport.

Absentee ballots are available for those unable to attend in person, obtainable now at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town Clerk's Office will have special Saturday hours for absentee voting on March 2, from 8 AM to 12 PM, in addition to regular hours from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

Additionally, we have an active editorial page this week offering insights from those directly involved – available on our pages 8 and 9.

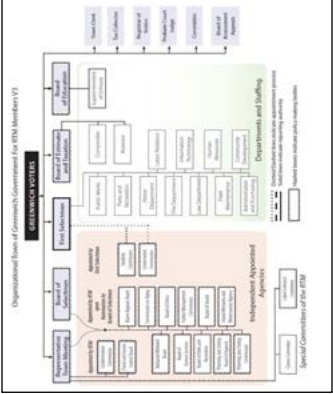
Environmental Quote of the Week

By ANNE W. SEMMES

"I think it's a deep consolation to know that spiders dream, that monkeys tease predators, that dolphins have accents, that lions can be scared silly by a lone mongoose, that otters hold hands, and ants bury their dead. That

there isn't their life and our life. Nor your life and my life. That it's just one teetering and endless thread and all of us, all of us, are entangled with it as deep as entanglement goes." Author Kate Forster, found on her Facebook page, October 13, 2023.

INSIDE



UNDERSTANDING YOUR GOVERNMENT

Explore the multifaceted election cycle of Greenwich. This comprehensive look sheds light on the dates and duties of our electoral system and we hope helps inform voter participation in a year of heightened political activity.

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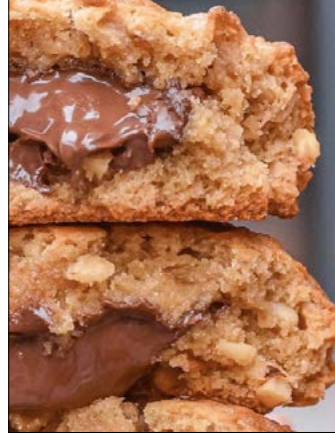
This Week in Sports

US Championships & FAA Titles in the mix
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Matty Augustine of Brunswick '25 - hugging his mom - announced his decision to pursue collegiate football at Notre Dame. See next week's paper for the story.

COOKIES



By EMMA BARHYDT

Nestled in the heart of Darien, Chip City's recent opening has been a delightful addition to the local culinary scene, especially for those with a sweet tooth. Walking in for the first time, I was immediately struck by the fun and vibrant atmosphere, and the sweet aroma that promised an incredible experience ahead.

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Joyride

By ICY FRANTZ

Cracking, creaking, and clicking out of bed early this morning, I awake to that familiar feeling – fatigue. Yet again, a good night's sleep has eluded me.

I grab my cell phone from its charger and head towards the bathroom, a room that I frequented over the past eight hours. My lower back reminds me that it is tight as I gaze into the mirror - "Who is this person, and what did you do with that bright-eyed, bushy-tailed blonde young

thing I used to know?"

This is how I start most days - in awe of the passage of time, in combat with sore and stiff muscles, and in wonder - what now?

Because as body appendages are becoming less recognizable, like an old rusty clunker puttering around the block, I have noticed a shift in some of my beliefs and attitudes and these changes, however, are more appreciated, like a classic automobile out for a spin.

Ever since I bought my first readers at 40, I have become cognizant of novel aches and body parts falling apart, and no matter

the number of green drinks, vitamins, red and blue lights, exercise classes, and general healthy living, things aren't what they used to be. It's more maintenance for scarcer results.



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Understanding Your Local Government

Republican Town Committee (RTC)



What is the RTC?

RTC stands for Republican Town Committee. Simply put, it is the Republican Party organization within the Town of Greenwich. RTC members are elected from each of the 12 districts in the town. They are responsible for selecting candidates to run for office as Republicans for all town-wide offices and for sending delegates to conventions to help choose candidates for offices that cross over town lines.

Key Positions on the RTC

Beth MacGillivray, Chairwoman

Joe Montanaro, Vice-Chair


Jane Sprung, Vice-Chair

Cheryl Resnick, Treasurer

Gail Lauridsen, Secretary

Joe Solari, CT Republican State Central Committee

Democratic Town Committee (DTC)



What is the DTC?

DTC stands for Democratic Town Committee. Simply put, it is the Democrat Party organization within the Town of Greenwich.

DTC members are elected from each of the 12 districts in town. They are responsible for choosing candidates to run for office as Democrats for all town-wide offices and for sending delegates to conventions to help choose candidates for offices which cross over town lines.

Key People on the DTC

Joe Angland, Chair

Ken Greenberg, Vice-Chair & CT Democratic State Central Committee

Bob Brady, Treasurer

Phyllis Behlen, Secretary

Jill Oberlander, CT Democratic State Central Committee

2024 calendar

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We would like to extend our gratitude to Fred DeCaro, Registrar of Voters, for his expertise and assistance in assembling this graphic. We will continue to collaborate with him to educate voters about the intricate structure of paid and volunteer positions in Greenwich town government, as well as the complex schedule of election dates and requirements.

KEY DATES EVEN YEARS

- ### JANUARY

Caucuses to choose voting members of the Party Town Committees (DTC & RTC): Between 7 and 8 weeks prior to the primary date.
- ### MARCH

Party Town Committee (DTC & RTC) Member Primaries if seats are contested: First Tuesday in March.
- ### APRIL

Presidential Primary: April 2nd (this is a new date set by a special session of the legislature).
- ### MAY

Parties (DTC & RTC) Choose Their Candidates in caucuses for town-wide offices and conventions for larger geographic areas.

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- ### AUGUST

Primaries if candidates are contested within a party for Statewide, State Representative, and Federal Offices: Second Tuesday in August. Primaries if candidates are contested within a party for Town Offices: (Registrar of Voters every two years, Probate Judge every four years).
- ### SEPTEMBER

Primaries if candidates are contested within a party: Second Tuesday in September.
- ### NOVEMBER

General Election is held the first Tuesday in November after the

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Local Elections for Registrar of Voters, Probate Judge

Federal Offices (President is every four years, US House is every two years, US Senate is every six years), State Assembly (including State House and State Senate which are every two years), and State Constitutional Offices (like Governor and Secretary of State which are every four years) Elections: Held in even years.
- first Monday so that the election can never fall on All Saint's Day.

Local elections for Town Offices (First Selectman, Selectman, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Board of Estimate and Taxation, Board of Education, etc.)

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— Judy, owner of Framings in Armonk, NY

Board of Selectman (BOS)

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What is the BOS?

Although the authority and duties differ, in some towns the First Selectman is similar to the position of Mayor. The Board of Selectmen is the focal point of Greenwich town government. Constituent services and contact with the public is an extremely important function of the day-to-day business of the Office. One of the key responsibilities of the Board is the appointment of individuals to Boards and Commissions. The First Selectman also serves as the Police Commissioner and the Fire Commissioner.

Key People

Fred Camillo, First Selectman
Lauren Rabin, Selectwoman
Janet Stone McGuigan, Selectperson

<https://www.greenwichct.gov/711/Board-of-Selectmen>



Board of Estimate & Taxation (BET)

THIS IS AN ELECTED BOARD; UNPAID



What is the BET?

In some towns, the BET is known as the Board of Finance. The Board of Estimate and Taxation plays a crucial role in the governance of the town, ensuring responsible financial administration and overseeing the town's fiscal matters.

PrimaryResponsibilities

Developing an Annual Town Budget

The BET is tasked with preparing an annual budget, which profoundly impacts local services and community projects. This budget is reviewed by the First Selectman and the BET before being presented to the Representative Town Meeting (RTM), which stands for the town's legislative body, for approval.

Appointment of Key Officials

The BET appoints positions such as the Town Controller and Town Assessor, who play pivotal roles in financial management and property assessment.

Setting the Town's Tax Rate

This decision directly affects property taxes, influencing the town's revenue and the financial burden on residents.

Managing Fiscal Requests

The BET acts on requests for additional appropriations, transfers, and allotments during the fiscal year.

The BET's decisions on budgeting and taxation directly affect public services like education, infrastructure, and public safety. Appropriations for Capital and Operating Expenses cannot be made without going through the BET.

Structure

The BET consists of members nominated by the two major political parties in the town. Each party nominates six candidates, and if these candidates are not challenged in a primary, they are placed on the November ballot for election. The party receiving the majority of votes for BET candidates assumes the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship, as voted on by all members.

Transparency and Participation:

The BET's operations and decisions are transparent, with public meetings and accessible documents.

Key People on the BET

Harry Fisher, BET Chair
Karen Fassuliotis, Vice Chair & Clerk, Law Comm. Chair,
Policy and Procedures Chair, HR Chair
Leslie L. Tarkington, BET Budget Comm. Chair
Leslie Moriarty, Minority Leader
Elliot Alchek
David Alfano, Audit Chair

Nisha Arora, IAC/OPEB Chair
Matt DesChamps
Lucia Jansen
Scott Kalb
Stephen Selbst
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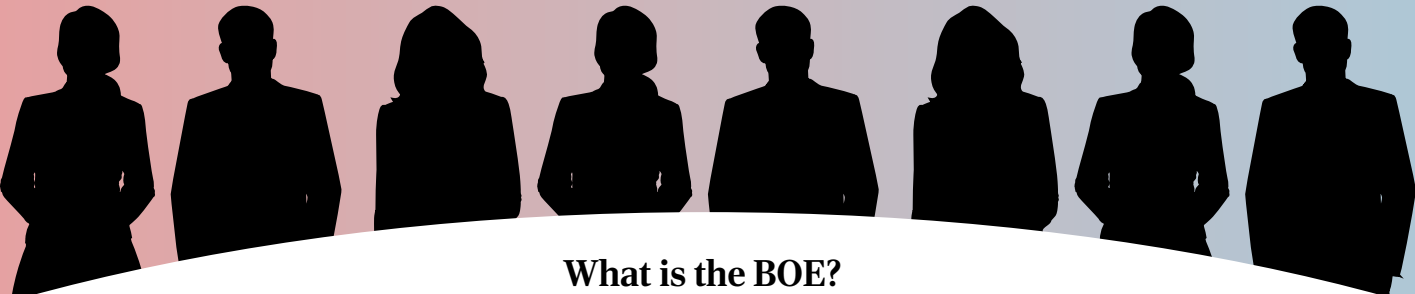
Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Energy Management
Advisory Committee
Greenwich Community Television
(GCTV) Committee - Channel 79
Greenwich Communities
Selectman's Nominations
Advisory Committee

THESE ARE APPOINTED BY THE BOS & ELECTED BY THE RTM, UNPAID

Alarm Appeals Board
Board of Ethics
Board of Health
Board of Human Services
Board of Parks and Recreation
Building Code Board of Standards
Commission on Aging
Condemnation Commission
Harbor Management Commission
Historic District Commission
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses
Nathaniel Witherell Board
Planning and Zoning Boards of
Appeals
Planning and Zoning Commission
School Building Committees

Board of Education (BOE)

THIS IS AN ELECTED BOARD; UNPAID



What is the BOE?

The Board of Education is the governing body of the School District, and shall govern the District in such a manner that it sets the national standard for governance, oversight, public engagement and stewardship of the public education system. The Board of Education consists of eight elected members serving four year terms, with four members elected every two

Key People

Karen Kowalski, Chair

Member of the Budget Committee, Member of the Policy Governance Committee, Member of the District Curriculum Committee, Liaison to the Board of Estimate and Taxation, Liaison to the RTM Education Committee, Liaison to Greenwich High School Student Government

Karen Hirsh, Vice-Chair

Member of the Policy Governance Committee, Member of the District Curriculum Committee, Liaison to the Board of Estimate and Taxation, Liaison to the RTM Education Committee, Liaison to the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), Liaison to Greenwich High School Student Government, Member of the Special Education Advisory Council.

Wendy Walsh, Secretary

Member of the District Curriculum Committee, Member of the Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee, Liaison to the Greenwich Parent Teacher Association Council (PTAC), Liaison to the Julian Curtiss School Building Committee, Liaison to the United Way

Cody Kittle

Chair of the Budget Committee, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, Liaison to Parks and Recreation

Kathleen Stowe

Member of the Budget Committee, Member of the Negotiations Committee, Liaison to Greenwich Alliance For Education (Alliance)

Laura Kostin

Member of the Budget Committee, Liaison to Greenwich Parent Teacher Association Council (PTAC), Liaison to the Distinguished Teacher Awards Committee (DTAC), Liaison to the Central Middle School Building Committee

Sophie Koven

Member of the Negotiations Committee, Member of the Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee, Liaison to Cooperative Education Services (CES), Liaison to the research Ed Planning Committee, Liaison to the Riverside School Feasibility Committee

Michael-Joseph Mercanti-Anthony

Chair of the Policy Governance Committee, Chair of the Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee, Liaison to Old Greenwich School Building Committee, Member of the Special Education Advisory Council, Liaison to the research Ed Planning Committee

<https://www.greenwichschools.org/board-of-education>



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Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Toni Jones

Representative Town Meeting (RTM)

THIS IS AN ELECTED BODY; UNPAID



What is the RTM?

The Representative Town Meeting is the 230-member legislative body of the town. It has the authority to:

Approve all expenditures by the town over \$5,000

Approve, reduce, and eliminate appropriations

Approve or reject nominations to town bodies as made by the selectmen

Decide whether the town shall accept federal or state funds for town projects

Initiate and pass ordinances

Create special committees to deal with particular subjects such as labor contracts, claims, and redistricting

Pass "sense of the meeting" resolutions urging that other branches of government initiate desired legislation, or expressing disapproval of actions that have been taken; act as the final planning authority on municipal improvements

Key People on the RTM: Alex Voulgaris, Moderator; Katherine LoBalbo, Moderator Pro-Tem

<https://www.greenwichct.gov/721/Representative-Town-Meeting-RTM>

ICY FRANTZ COLUMN
From Page 1

It may sound a little crazy, but often I think of myself as 60, even though I am not quite there. “You are doing alright for a sixty-year-old,” I tell myself.

And I read all the advice columns - What To Expect When You Are 60. It’s like taking out a new car for a test drive before purchasing it. How does it feel? Does it hug the road? Are the brakes too sensitive? Are the wheels aligned? 60 scares me, and I need to know that it’ll be okay before it happens.

All that being said, it is not my intention to whine about this natural process called aging. I am a part of it - and that is a privilege and it’s fascinating, really - and there are some wonderful psychological changes that I did not expect. I have traded in some old beliefs and habits for new ones.

When I was younger, I wanted everyone to like me (not just my dogs). Actually, I needed everyone to like me. I could walk into a room and find the one person who didn’t like me, and I would go to work morphing and mutating myself, hoping for

better results. Usually, my efforts were in vain, and I would sulk.

Today, the not-yet 60-year-old me is unwilling to become a contortionist to win your heart. It’s not that I don’t care, but rather I have accepted reality - I am not going to be everyone’s jam, and I am grateful for my people, my pit crew (and my dogs).

Put down the sword. I read these words a few weeks ago - I can’t remember where (which is a common occurrence and indicative of my, ummm, “maturing” mind) - and I realized that mostly I had done just that. I am simply not interested in fighting anymore.

Not to say that I was overly combative in my younger years (okay, maybe a little), but these days I strive for more peace and less confrontation. I am not reluctant to voice my opinions - I am just less committed to bringing you out of the dark side.

And when I put down the sword, my ability to listen improves. A true win-win.

“How do you do it all?” is a question I have been asked more than once, and I used to find my worth in this question. I was busy – very busy. I liked busy. I was proud of busy. There was honor in busy. Sometimes, I was just busy to be busy.

And maybe I wondered, who would I be if I wasn’t so busy.

I no longer do it all. In fact, I’ve spent the past few months stepping down from several long-term commitments; most of them had run their course.

More importantly, though, today I am mindful of my time, and discerning about the way I spend it. Maybe I know that as an almost 60-year-old, my time left is not as plentiful as it once was, and I want to spend it doing the things I love, with the people I love (and the dogs I love).

And speaking of time - I want more moments when I feel alive, truly alive. I know that sounds a little cliché, but it’s true. Those moments aren’t superficial, spent worrying about how I look or engaging in small talk at a cocktail party.

Those moments are more profound - deep in relationships that are vulnerable, appreciating the natural beauty that is our world, feeling close to God, taking a risk that terrifies me, and being in service to assist or help another human being.

Those moments can take your breath away (also cliché).

Sometimes, they can be challenging (spent at the bedside of an ailing family member or friend) or

they can be ecstatic (dancing on a crowded dance floor to a song that carries a thousand memories or just out for a joyride on a beautiful sunny afternoon, windows down, music blaring). Often those moments bring new perspectives on life and how to live it.

And finally, these days I think a lot about impact - my impact - not the loud crushing sound of cars colliding, but the subtle kind that involves our own stories bumping into each other. Because that kind of collision and connection can create a fresh kind of energy that is both life-sustaining and life-fulfilling.

So, it’s true, sometimes I look in the mirror first thing in the morning and wonder, how did I get here? I am not always 100% comfortable with the physical changes that have accompanied my journey, and I am fearful. I want to slam on the brakes and put the gears in reverse - if only I could find my keys.

But with this new phase comes new thinking, and for that I am grateful. So, rev your engines - lets go.

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Gold-Star Operation on All Fronts

BY LIZ LEAMY

Over the past five-plus decades, the Finocchio Brothers Inc. waste management and refuse collecting company has been a main fixture operation in Greenwich, as well as throughout the Fairfield and Westchester County areas and with good reason.

On almost any given day, one of the Finocchio Brothers’ many white state-of-the-art garbage trucks that are branded with the illustrious signature logo, ‘we nose our business’ can be spotted around local roads as its drivers are in the midst of handling their waste management responsibilities with the care, aptitude and ease of true gold-star professionals.

Along with providing exceptional waste management services, the Finocchio Brothers operation, whose headquarters is located at 49 Liberty Place in Stamford, is known for all of the wonderful and longtime personal relationships they have with their extensive list of residential and business clients.

“They’re a great organization in every respect. Everyone is really nice and accommodating and they are always easy to reach if you ever have any questions,” said Gloria Coe Sprigg, a longtime Greenwich resident who is an award-winning teacher at Hamilton Avenue Elementary School in town and also President of the Ettl Park Townhouse Complex Association in Glenville that has been working with Finocchio Brothers Inc. for many years. “It’s also nice that they are a family-run business who are such a big part of the community here in Greenwich.”

Ever since it was first started in 1970, the Finocchio Brothers Inc. operation has been all about providing its customers with dependable and optimal service for their customers, that is for certain.

“They always are there to help and go the extra mile,” said Sprigg. “In the 17 years I’ve worked with them, they’ve been great. The drivers are friendly and have always done a terrific job, while any interaction I’ve had with anyone from the office has been the same. It’s also nice that it’s a family-run organization that is so connected with so many people and businesses in the community.”

Certainly, it’s easy to see why Finocchio Brothers Inc. has soared to such great heights in terms of its success over the years.

Tommy Finocchio, the organization’s Chief Executive Officer, has dedicated most of his life to build the company, of which he took over as its sole owner in 1980, building it, along with his longtime dedicated staff, into one of the biggest waste management companies in Greenwich and the Westchester and Fairfield County areas over the years.

Initially, Finocchio had first started the business as the result of a handshake he had with his longtime mentor and friend, Ben Miceli, who at that point, had sold him his company’s routes in

Byram and Cos Cob.

“Ben was a good friend and still is. We shook hands and I promised I would follow through with his generosity,” said Finocchio, who had also worked for Miceli, as well as for Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camillo’s father, the late Alfred Francis Camillo Sr., with their waste management businesses in town before embarking on his own. “I started with one truck that I would start driving every morning at 3am and work through midday. I worked constantly and still do.”

After this game-changing meeting with Miceli, Finocchio put the pedal to the metal and began working around the clock almost every day of the week picking up trash in his one garbage truck while at the same time, also taking care of all things business related.

Within a few years, Finocchio, who also served as a U.S. Army Special Weapons Specialist from 1968 to 1970 receiving an Honorable Discharge, started to emerge as one of the biggest names in local waste management as his customer base began to grow at an exponential rate.

“By the 1980s, things were growing with the business. We began to get more trucks and drivers and we were doing a lot of routes in town and around the area,” said Finocchio, who lives in Rye Brook, New York. “It was a lot of work just like it is now, but always worth it all.”

From that point, Finocchio’s business only continued to grow at the same rate, attracting scores of clients and building its reputation as one of the most reliable and best waste management companies in Greenwich and the surrounding Westchester and Fairfield County areas.

For Finocchio, however, the primary goal has always been all about making sure all of his clients are taken care of in optimal fashion.

“It’s all about doing the best we can for everyone,” said Finocchio. “You have to do whatever you can do to make sure the customers are taken care of and all bases are covered. It’s the only way.”

Today, the Finocchio Brothers operation continues its legacy of high energy and productivity as its headquarters being as hopping and busy as ever.

On a typical Wednesday morning, one of its dozens of garbage trucks can be seen pulling in an out of its entryway, as its dedicated office team members are running around handling an array of different duties such as managing the organization’s daily dispatching, talking on the phone with clients and handling and managing one of the many other aspects of this bustling operation.

“It’s always busy here and we always try to do whatever we can to make sure the clients are always taken care of,” said Stefanie Bueti, Finocchio Brothers Inc. Sales Associate. “This is an amazing place with amazing people.”

Certainly, the high energy and

“This is a trial run of something we plan to feature either every Sunday or every other Sunday, depending on how much support and enthusiasm we get behind us.” Rev. Marek Zabriskie.



Stefanie Bueti, Finocchio Brothers Inc. Sales Associate, Tommy Finocchio, Finocchio Brothers Inc. Chief Executive Officer and Cole Finocchio, Finocchio Brothers Project Manager stand in front of one of the company’s trucks at their headquarters last Wednesday. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

unity among everyone involved with this organization seems to be much of the key for its success.

“We like to keep everything moving all the time. You’ve got to do the job and always go above and beyond,” said Finocchio. “That’s what we’re about.”

His 21 year-old son, Cole, who is also one of the company’s figureheads and who has pretty much grown up as part of the operation, agreed.

“I’ve grown up watching my father do everything he can to build this business in order to provide the best service for everyone. He really cares and that’s what we are all about,” said Cole Finocchio, Project Manager of Finocchio Brothers Inc. “He started bringing me to work when I was four years old and this is like another home for me. I always wanted to do this and I love everything about being here.”

“We’re all here to make sure every part of the business is handled in the best way possible,” said Bueti. “I’m out all the time visiting clients and connecting with them to make sure every base is covered. We’re all about having strong and meaningful relationships our clients, which is everything.”

Members of the Finocchio Brothers Inc. team, meanwhile, also like to regularly socialize with one other, as they go out for weekly dinners and also plan designated game nights, which further strengthens the bonds within the organization.

“I think the heart of everyone here matches their work ethic,” said Bueti. “It’s awesome.”

At the same time, it is also impressive to watch Eileen Fonte, the company’s longtime Dispatcher, busy at work in her office as she manages and oversees the comings and goings of its extensive fleet of trucks and drivers all day long.

“We do our best to make sure everyone is taken care of all the time,” said Fonte.

Without a doubt, the Finocchio Brothers Inc. organization is a one-

of-a-kind operation that reflects so much of what defines the heart and spirit so many individuals in Greenwich, as well as in the Fairfield and Westchester Counties

with its extraordinary leader and team who have made and continue to make an impact upon so many in a vital way.



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Spring Fling Gala on March 9



Celebrate spring at a garden-themed gala to support the Round Hill Community House on Saturday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m.

We'll raise a toast to the Community House and all the wonderful community events it provides to our town including, youth soccer, gymnastics, ballroom dancing, dog training, children's ballet, art studio, weddings, adult and children's parties, bar and bat mitzvahs, concerts, children's theatre and many more!

Proceeds from this event will help ensure the maintenance and improvements to the Community House. Join us for a fun-filled evening while supporting a great cause! Tickets can be purchased at roundhillcommunitychurch.org, or by calling the Round Hill Community Church Office at 203.869.1091. The Community House is located at 397 Round Hill Road, Greenwich.

Gather with friends and neighbors on March 9th for a gala Spring Fling at the Round Hill Community House!

Living Hope Announces New Pastor



Living Hope Community Church in Old Greenwich is delighted to welcome the Rev. Jason Pankau as its new Senior Pastor and Head of Staff. Pastor Jason has vast pastoral experience in both church and para-church ministries, multi-faceted gifts in leadership and building relational community, a heart for disciple-making and a love for the Lord which is foundational to how he ministers. He has served as a life coach, consultant to executives, mentor to pastors and Christian leaders, creator of Christian training seminars and is an author.

Pastor Jason begins preaching Palm Sunday, March 24th at the 10:00 am service. All are welcomed to attend!

Living Hope Community Church is located in the heart of Old Greenwich at 38 West End Ave. It is home to the seasonal Farmer's Market and prayer tent, Community Bible Study and other community/support groups which meet weekly throughout the year. The church supports local and international missions, offers Bible studies/instruction for men, women and children and has a vibrant prayer and healing ministry. Living Hope's mission is to "Go share Jesus' message of love, forgiveness, hope and healing led by the Holy Spirit."

In addition to being the Senior Pastor of two church plants in New England, Pastor Jason served on the staff of Stanwich Church in Greenwich for six years. There he developed the Omega Course and his mentoring ministry which led to the creation and commissioning of the Life Spring Network in 2006. Pastor Jason is the author of Beyond Self-Help: The True Path to Harnessing God's Wisdom, Realizing

Life's Potential and Living the Abundant Life.

From 2009-2014, he worked primarily with Trinity Church in Roselle, IL to transform their leadership and congregation into a holistic, transformational disciple-making community. In 2014 he was commissioned to the LUKE project which focused on revitalizing five congregations in Chicago. In 2017, he and his family moved to the inner city of Chicago to plant Chicago Hope Church, a multi-cultural, disciple-making community on the Near West Side of Chicago. This is where they expanded their family of four children and took in students and people from the community in need.

Pastor Jason met his wife Jen while attending Brown University where they quickly discovered their mutual love for Jesus. In addition to academics, they were both involved in athletics. Pastor Jason, a former two-sport All-American athlete, served as captain of the football team. He earned a B.A in Business Economics and in Organizational Behavior and Management from Brown University and a Masters of Divinity from Southern Theological Seminary. He completed his course work for his Doctorate in Christian Leadership at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Jen went on to earn a Masters degree in Social Work from Boston University then began working for the Massachusetts Dept. of Social Services. There Jen focused on foster care and adoption before they began a family of their own.

As the Pankau's circle back to Greenwich, a town that is very special to them, Pastor Jason shares the following: "Living Hope Community Church (formerly the Presbyterian Church of Old Greenwich) has been a pillar of faith, a family motivated by love to serve the greater Old Greenwich community into a vibrant faith in Jesus. My wife Jen and I are excited to be called back to Greenwich to be a part of what God is doing!"

JLG Call for Submissions



Presentation of the 2023 Award to Celine Fong

The Junior League of Greenwich Invites High School Girls to Apply for its 2024 Community Service Award!

The Junior League of Greenwich (JLG) announced the opening of applications for its \$2,000 Community Service Award. The award recognizes an outstanding female high school student who exemplifies the mission of the JLG by demonstrating a passion and commitment to community betterment through volunteerism.

The award is open to girls in grades 9-12 who attend school or reside in Greenwich. The JLG has been offering the Community Service Award since 1996 with past winners chosen for volunteer efforts at their school, outside organizations, or independent projects of their own initiative.

Last year's recipient, Celine Fong, used her talent for art to help others in Greenwich. One of her highlighted projects was a partnership with the Greenwich Police Department's Special Victims Unit (SVU) where she designed and painted a mural in the SVU waiting room.

Applications for the 2024 JLG Community Service Award can be found at www.jlgreenwich.org. The submission must include two written recommendations from non-family members familiar with the student's volunteer activities. The deadline for application submission is April 1, 2024. The recipient will receive the award and \$2,000 prize at a reception in late Spring.

For more information, please visit www.jlgreenwich.org or email jlg@jlgreenwich.org.

Impact Fairfield County Hosts “Impactful Conversations: Empowering Through Education”



L to R: Kristen Rosenbaum, Co-President of Impact FFC; Cara During, Director of Community Impact, CEE; Ann Rodwell-Lawton, COO, DVCC; Maryellen Frank, Co-Chair Events of Impact FFC; Jenny San Jose, Co-President of Impact FFC

Impact Fairfield County (“Impact FFC”) recently held its second Impactful Conversation of the 2023-2024 grant year on the topic of “Empowering Through Education”, addressing the work being done to break the cycle of interpersonal violence within Fairfield County. The dynamic panel discussion at The Ashforth Company's Stamford Square office featured Impact FFC Grantee, The Center for Empowerment and Education (“CEE”), and former Generation Impact grantee, The Domestic Violence Crisis Center (“DVCC”).

Moderated by Maryellen Frank, Co-Chair of Events for Impact FFC, Cara During, Director of Community Impact for CEE, and Ann Rodwell-Lawton, COO of DVCC, discussed the importance of honest and open conversations around interpersonal violence, abuse, consent, trafficking, digital safety and more.

By providing crisis intervention and education to Upper Fairfield County, CEE is working with educators, advocates and students to “help identify what is not just a normal part of growing up,” said During. She continued, “We are much farther along than we were decades ago, but there is still so much shame and stigma around these topics. We're working to build rapport with students and the community, so that we can have open and honest conversations about relationships, respect, boundaries, as well as teaching about laws and guidelines and providing safety planning and tools.”

With its 2023 Impact FFC Grant, CEE is working to build a state of the art database to be able to identify important trends within the community, adjust and prioritize educational topics as well as building new connections to CEE's services.

Based in Norwalk and Stamford and serving Lower Fairfield County, DVCC provides counseling and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and their children. DVCC is seeing an increased need for focus on more complex situations than in the past. “With survivor defined advocacy, DVCC is able to serve our constituents in a more meaningful and impactful way, meeting them where they need help the most,” said Rodwell-Lawton.

Connecticut is one of the first states to roll-out the Lethality Assessment Program (“LAP”), aimed at preventing domestic homicides. DVCC and CEE are key partners in this program, aiding in the first 24 hours of an incident, connecting law enforcement to conduct a screening for intimate partner risk and connecting victims with core advocates and resources. In addition to LAP, DVCC will be advocating for several bills that will be brought to the CT legislation this Spring, surrounding maternal health and victim relief from coerced debt, both major issues for victims of domestic abuse. “Reaching out to your local leaders is one way to assist in this journey,” said Rodwell-Lawton.

Other important discussion points included human trafficking, and educating on the invisible aspects of abuse, which is different than what is portrayed on tv, as there are many emotional, financial, and digital forms which can cause severe trauma, anxiety and other issues for the victims. “Removing the blame from victims is also key”, said During, “as we work to teach victims that they are not at fault, despite what their abuser might tell them.”

“The panel discussion was highly engaging and informative. By shining a light on dedicated organizations such as CEE and DVCC, we hope to be a part of the journey in getting more people to discuss these topics home, in school, and at work, and to ultimately make it easier for people to connect with trusted resources within our community,” said Impact FFC Co-President, Kristen Rosenbaum.

Impact FFC's 2023-2024 grant year is underway, with the Grant Awards Celebration scheduled for May 8th, 2024 at the Woodway Country Club in Darien, CT.

About Impact FFC: 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.

The Lumumba Plot: The Secret History of the CIA & a Cold War Assassination

By JOHN REESE

At the RMA meeting on February 21, Stuart Reid spoke about his new book The Lumumba Plot, which investigates the dramatic rise and demise of Patrice Lumumba, Congo's first democratically elected leader after the country gained independence from brutal Belgian rule in June 1960.

Reid began by outlining Belgium's wretched colonial legacy in Congo. Initially, King Leopold II ran Congo as his own private estate for profit, but international outcry over atrocities forced the Belgian government to annex the territory as an official colony in 1908. The Belgians subsequently prevented any development of an educated African elite in order to avoid calls for independence – there was an infamous saying: “no elites, no problems.”

It was within this restricted environment that the remarkably self-taught Patrice Lumumba emerged in the late 1950s as an influential member of various cultural groups agitating for independence. He honed his political skills while working as a beer salesman in urban bars and in 1958 co-founded the Congolese National Movement party (MNC). However, everything accelerated quickly in early 1959 when riots erupted in the capital city of Leopoldville. As African colonies elsewhere gained independence and faced anti-colonial unrest, Belgium hastily arranged for Congo's independence to appease growing nationalist pressure.

Elections were quickly organized in May 1960 and the magnetic Lumumba won the most votes, becoming prime minister of an extraordinarily diverse coalition government. With only 20 Congolese university graduates in the entire world, and only two in its government, the woefully inexperienced cabinet faced the monumental task of shepherding the country to independence with little preparation and guidance. Despite a bold, aggressive independence day speech in front of a startled King Baudouin, critiquing Belgian atrocities, the first few days brought cautious optimism that an orderly transition of power could still be managed.

Those hopes evaporated in early July 1960 as Congo plunged into chaos just a week after independence. The Congolese army rank-and-file mutinied against the all-white Belgian officers in anger over persistent racial inequalities, triggering a broader revolution and flight of nearly all Europeans running core government services. Meanwhile, Congo's mineral-rich southeastern province of Katanga took advantage of the loss of control by unilaterally declaring independence.

Desperate to save the disintegrating country, Prime Minister Lumumba requested UN peacekeeping support and blocked



Stuart Reid spoke about the rise and fall of Congo's first democratically elected leader in the early 1960s.

The tragic decision to prioritize Mobutu over Lumumba in 1960-61 still haunts the deeply troubled Democratic Republic of the Congo today.

Katangan secession attempts. But his appeals to the UN Secretary General and then the Eisenhower administration failed. A pivotal White House meeting on August 18 apparently saw President Eisenhower directly order the CIA to assassinate Lumumba over concerns about Soviet influence and personal annoyance, marking the only known instance of an American president apparently requesting a foreign leader's assassination, albeit an unsuccessful one (by poisoning).

With UN peacekeepers refusing to help stabilize Katanga by force, Lumumba turned to the Soviet Union in hopes of regaining control. But rather than securing military aid, this request simply provided justification for his opponents in Washington and Leopoldville to actively plot Lumumba's demise. In September 1960, Lumumba's one-time close friend and mentee Joseph Mobutu seized power in a coup tacitly endorsed by CIA station chief Larry Devlin. The pro-Western Mobutu confined his former mentor to house arrest under UN guard.

With President-elect Kennedy potentially more open to working with Lumumba, Mobutu aimed to permanently neutralize the perceived Communist threat before the January 20th inauguration. In mid-January 1961 Devlin learned of, yet kept superiors uninformed about Mobutu's plan to lethally dispose of Lumumba outside the capital. Lumumba was subsequently transported to the secessionist Katanga province and killed by firing squad on January 17, just three days before Kennedy assumed office.

Over the next few years, CIA assistance helped Mobutu steadily suppress various rebellions and ultimately consolidate dictatorial authority by 1965 with enthusiastic US backing. As the country deteriorated under his extraordinarily corrupt and repressive misrule over the next

30 years, persistent US support for the loyal Cold War autocrat set the stage for state collapse and catastrophic civil war after Mobutu was finally ousted in 1997 by rebel forces.

In conclusion, Reid argued that the tragic decision to prioritize Mobutu over Lumumba in 1960-61 despite more moderate options still haunts the deeply troubled Democratic Republic of the Congo today. Instability and outside interference from that period forward have continued entrenching poverty and conflict ever since.

Stuart's talk was followed by a lively question & answer session.

The talk can be viewed by going to the RMA website at <https://greenwichrma.org>, and clicking on “Speakers.”

The RMA's upcoming presentation, “How Greenwich Communities Can Save Greenwich from Overdevelopment,” by Sam Romeo and Tony Johnson, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Affordable Housing is one of the most controversial issues in Greenwich (and everywhere else!). NIMBY (Not in My Backyard) has become BANANA (Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anybody). Residents are told to fear loss of “local control” due to 8-30g “mandates.” Hear how Sam and Tony are confronting the many objections and obstacles. Get answers to your toughest questions. Attend in person or by Zoom when Sam and Tony explain “How Greenwich Communities Can Save Greenwich from Overdevelopment.”

Sam Romeo is the chairman of Greenwich Communities. He has occupied leadership positions on the Greenwich RTM and RTC for over 20 years, has served as ombudsman for the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services, and as a member of the board of directors for Greenwich Emergency Medical Services. He has owned and operated his own

business—Command Packaging Supply Products—for the past 30 years. Mr. Romeo is a lifelong resident of Greenwich.

Tony Johnson, CEO of Greenwich Communities, is a real estate professional with experience in managing and developing public and affordable housing, and commercial and residential real estate. He is experienced in all aspects of real estate including HUD regulations, accounting/finance, feasibility studies, strategic planning, deal negotiation, construction, bond issuance/financing, tax credit financing, and mixed finance development and strategy implementation. He is a graduate of the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Pace University, and Loyola University Chicago.

To stream the presentation by Sam Romeo and Tony Johnson at 11 AM on Wednesday, March 6, 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.

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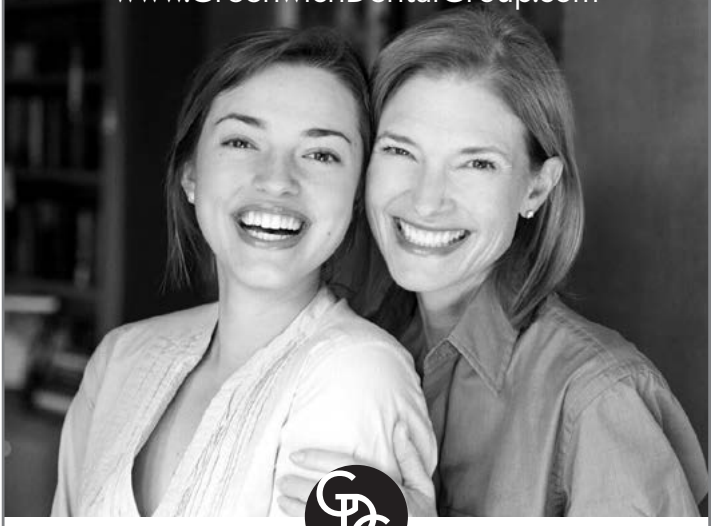
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A Message to Greenwich Republicans



By FRED CAMILLO

On March 5th, there will be a primary in five voting districts in town for election to the Republican Town Committee. Those districts are 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9. You are in one of these districts if you vote at Town Hall, New Lebanon School, Riverside School, Central Middle School, or the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center.

Why is this happening when just over a month ago there were the bi-annual caucuses for both the Democratic and Republican Town Committees? The simple answer is that the current RTC leadership realized that they had not won enough votes in the caucuses to retain their leadership positions, so they decided to petition for primaries. That is their right. What I strongly object to is the false narratives, poor behavior, and spewing of misinformation, all of which has resulted in a poisonous atmosphere, poorly run meetings, unprofessional conduct, and most importantly for a town committee, the worst performance in the 163 year record of the Greenwich GOP.

Town committees have two primary jobs:

- 1) Find good, qualified candidates to run for various elected offices: and
- 2) Help them win.

That is it. And that is enough. Recruiting good, qualified candidates is not easy. The committee’s job ends on Election Night each year as recruiting and planning for the next election cycle begins. Having been the Greenwich GOP Chairman for four years (2002-2006), I can tell you from first hand experience that you never try to control or undermine elected officials once they get in office, and you never try to bully them to fit an ideological position. The current chair and a few of her co-leaders of this RTC have repeatedly done both since they assumed the reins of RTC power in March of 2022.

Whether speaking against the proposals that I ran on, and won on with town-wide support, or trying to bully people like the new BET Chair, this behavior has brought embarrassment to our town, and our party.

Their recent claims and boasts are 100% false and can be easily verified, yet they continue to make them. Let’s set the record straight on each:

The current Chair and a few other RTC leaders actively worked–unsuccessfully–to recruit Republicans to run against Lauren Rabin, Jackie Budkins, and me last spring. They did not support us. In an article in a newspaper on May 13th last year, one week after Lauren Rabin, Jackie Budkins, and I announced our intention to seek re-election, the RTC Chair was quoted as saying

the process was still open and she welcomed anyone to throw his or her hat on the ring. She said this in print and publicly, while privately asking several people to run against us. That is her right, but to claim otherwise is false. This is just a fact.

They claimed credit for our victory when they had zero involvement in our campaigns, and just focused on the BET and RTM, where most of their candidates lost, which included some good people that got tainted through affiliation with them. That is just a fact.

The current Chair attempted–unsuccessfully–to strong-arm the internal choice of the BET for Chairman, one of the most powerful positions in town government. They exerted extreme pressure on Harry Fisher to step aside so that another member could become BET Chair. In what became a pretty hostile situation, which looked terrible for Republican members of the BET, they pushed for a candidate who received the least votes from Greenwich residents instead of Harry, who received the most votes from Greenwich residents of any incumbent BET member. This is just a fact.

The Chair instigated the primaries on March 5 because she did not have enough votes to keep hold as RTC Chair without them. She picked up the petitions herself and circulated them herself, and in some cases, had others running to various districts with those petitions. Moreover, she went after a current Republican Selectwoman that is popular in town and has proven her elect-ability several times. That is just a fact.

Many of the people serving on the RTC are fantastic, hard-working, dedicated Republicans who care deeply about this town. Unfortunately, they have been led the past two years by people who consistently put out misinformation and manipulate truth on a regular basis. That is just a fact.

The Chairwoman continues to claim she is the first female RTC chair in our town’s history, but that honor belongs to Cindy Rubicam, who was the first, and then Dolly Powers, two highly respected public servants who went on to serve on the Board of Selectmen (Cindy Rubicam) and in the state legislature (Dolly Powers), and who both had successful and dignified tenures running the RTC. That is just a fact.

The leadership of this RTC has been a disaster for the Republican party and everyone in Greenwich. That is my opinion.

I’ve been grateful to both run with a terrific team of people and to work with a terrific team of people. I have also been able to work with people with whom I disagree, both here and at the State Capitol. Working with friends across the aisle to oppose bad legislation and support good is what a servant of the public is supposed to do, and yet this approach has been, and is still being, vilified by the current RTC leadership and a few of their surrogates on social media (which tells you a lot). Two years ago, I pledged to do my best to try and work with this current leadership group, but after two years, the window of trying to work with them has closed. It is time I will not get back, and I will not waste any more of it.

If you are a registered Republican, please get out and vote this Tuesday for those people who will elect a new Chairman. If you are an unaffiliated voter who used to be a Republican, please consider re-affiliating officially by Monday and vote on Tuesday.

To be clear, I have had the honor of having my name on the ballot nine times, and nine times the people in our community spoke loudly that they want progress, dedicated service, and results. That lesson, and that record, is both ignored and scorned by this group.

I know we can run this town without the lies and bullying that have characterized the leadership of the RTC, led by the chairwoman, and a few of her leadership colleagues. We have done it before, and we will do it again.

If you are a registered Republican, please get out and vote this Tuesday for those people who will elect a new Chairman. If you are an unaffiliated voter who used to be a Republican, please consider re-affiliating officially by Monday and vote on Tuesday.

These are the candidates that I am supporting:

District 2 Voting at Town Hall	District 5 Voting at Riverside School	Michael Freitheit
Jill Barile	Jerry Cincotta	Caron Vizzo St. Phillip
Nicholas Barile	Andy Duus	Dina Urso
Scott Diddel	Mike Hahn	District 9 Voting at Bendheim Western Civic Center
Joe Kelly	Marc Johnson	Barbara Darula
Jill Kelly	Paul Olmstead	Patty DeFelice
District 4 Voting at New Lebanon School	District 8 Voting at Central Middle School	Pam Pagnani
Paul Cappiali	Lisa Becker	Lauren Rabin
Victoria Cappiali	Edmundson	Steve Warzoha
Andrea Blume	Michael Evenston	Carol Zarilli
Mike Bocchino	Janet Freitheit	
Josh Brown		

Greenwich deserves better than what we have witnessed the past two years, and our town deserves to have the Greenwich Republican Party back that was the envy of the state for decades, and actually did what they are supposed to do: find qualified candidates, run civil campaigns, and win.

LETTER

The Importance of Civic Engagement

A letter from your District 8 Endorsed RTC Candidates

Dear Greenwich Republicans,

On January 9 we were happy to see 96 members of Cos Cob brave inclement weather to come out to St. Lawrence Society and vote their values at the District 8 Caucus. In these times marked by a rise in far-left radicalism and government overreach, their actions serve as a poignant reminder of the importance of civic engagement and the power of our collective voice.

The election of Blazej Cichy, Mike DeVita, Phil Dodson, Gail Lauridsen, Joe Montanaro, and Joe Solari to represent District 8 in the Republican Town Committee (RTC), with an overwhelming majority ranging from 68% to 78%, underscores a strong endorsement of their commitment to our shared conservative principles. However, these endorsements are now being challenged, and a primary is scheduled for March 5, 2024.

Two years ago, our RTC underwent significant changes when a group of steadfast Republicans, disillusioned by the direction of national politics, took decisive action. We witnessed a concerning encroachment of a toxic far-left culture into our state, with even Republican school board members succumbing to liberal policies that we believed were detrimental to our community. It was in this spirit of safeguarding our town’s values that we ran for and secured seats on the Republican Town Committee, with a steadfast commitment to upholding traditional Republican values.

At the core of our mission is the belief in educating voters, expanding our party’s reach, and supporting and electing candidates who align with our principles of individual liberty, affordability, and common-sense government, as outlined in the Connecticut GOP Mission Statement. We recognize the crucial role of the RTC in nominating candidates who embody these values, and we are dedicated to holding

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elected officials accountable to the constituents they serve.

We have worked tirelessly on the campaigns of First Selectman Fred Camillo, Selectwoman Lauren Rabin and other Republican candidates. Collectively we spent hundreds of hours in the Riverside Republican Headquarters; door-knocking, making phone calls, sending emails, prepping collateral, coordinating volunteers, talking with constituents, writing letters, hanging banners and delivering lawn signs for ALL of our Republican candidates. After choosing the right candidates, our commitment is to winning!

Sadly, we have had to watch some very ugly, very public, political division. We know the far left’s “Indivisibles”, will lie and label us “Extremist”, “MAGA” and “Fringe” as they continue to dominate our Greenwich RTM with actual fringe-left policies. A small number of fellow Republicans across town who seem to prefer a more “uniparty” approach have joined them, allowing “woke” ideology to displace traditional values and common sense.

Despite these challenges, our resolve remains steadfast. We are committed to fostering a Republican party in Greenwich that is united in its dedication to conservative values, integrity, and the betterment of our community.

As we approach the March 5 primary, I urge you to vote for candidates who share our commitment to these values. Your vote is crucial in shaping the future of Greenwich and ensuring that our town remains true to its conservative principles. Thank you for your continued dedication to our cause.

Gail Lauridsen

LETTER

My Political Education & Why I Am Running for The Republican Town Committee

I am running for re-election to the Republican Town Committee as a fiscal conservative representing my neighbors’ interests to keep Greenwich the special place that it is. I believe the RTC’s primary mission is developing and selecting strong candidates to represent us and helping those candidates win elections. To do this all Republicans need to be involved.

In the Spring of 2022, I decided to volunteer at the RTC. During my interviews with several members of the leadership team, I was told the RTC had come together after the leadership change earlier in the year. As campaign season was ramping up, I was asked to be the communications liaison between the RTC and each of the four state election campaigns (Fazio, Fiorello, Lopez and Sherr). As time progressed, it became clear that not everyone was on the same page and there were existing issues to which I was not privy. After a month in this role, Ryan Fazio asked me to be his campaign manager due to personnel changes on his team.

Working on Ryan’s campaign was when my political education truly kicked into gear. I learned many things about how a campaign should work, including three primary lessons. First, candidate quality is critically important. While that may sound obvious, it is not always adhered to. Second, even a quality candidate can lose if there is not a strong and experienced team supporting the candidate. To win a campaign requires a significant amount of planning and execution across a range of activities and having experienced hands involved is key. Third, acknowledging weaknesses and getting the resources to fix them should be a high priority.

I believe there were multiple issues that led to three of the four RTC-endorsed candidates losing in 2022 with responsibility being shared by both the campaigns and the RTC. For the 2024 election, and beyond, the RTC needs to be able to draw on all Republicans to get involved. We cannot have experienced people sitting on the sidelines because of ego or apathy. Everyone needs to be focused on increasing the Republican party’s representation

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in the Connecticut General Assembly. One party rule in Hartford has initiatives like removing the successful 2017 fiscal guardrails, instituting electric vehicle mandates, and increasing Hartford’s control of local planning and zoning each gaining momentum. I think most Greenwich residents do not support these initiatives and to stop them Republicans need to win elections. We all should want more common sense in Hartford. I believe in the RTC’s tag line of “The Common Sense Party”. We need to make sure these words don’t ring hollow.

In the District 5 primary, I am running with Andy Duus, Michael Hahn, Marc Johnson, and Paul Olmsted. We ask Riverside Republicans to support us. Until March 4th, voting is available in person at Town Hall or by absentee ballot. Election day voting on March 5th will take place at the Riverside School from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry Cincotta
(Both the Caucus endorsed Candidate for the RTC from District 5 and supported by Fred Camillo)



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LETTER

Committed to an Inclusive Approach

Dear Residents of Greenwich,

I am Harry Fisher, currently serving as the Chairman of our town’s Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET). As a lifelong, third-generation resident of Greenwich, I have been deeply involved in our community, drawing inspiration from my family’s tradition of town service.

I served on the RTM and the BET in the 1980s and 1990s until 1997 when my daughter was born and I decided to step away from what then was a night job on the BET. I was brought back in 2021 to fill Michael Mason’s term when he resigned to become the town’s labor contracts officer; a significant benefit to the town. I was asked again in the late spring of 2022 to fill the term of Michael Basham when he resigned. I then ran for election in November of 2023 garnering the highest vote total for an incumbent member.

You may have noticed recent discussions in the media and letters to the editor regarding the primaries for the Republican Town Committee (RTC), where my name has been mentioned. I want to clarify that I have not given endorsements in this matter. I would also like to clarify that while I acknowledge that I was

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verbally harassed at a recent RTC meeting, I have not felt personally threatened at any RTC meeting. There are differing perspectives regarding the incident, which some in attendance perceived as a safety concern. I acknowledge the validity of these differing opinions without sharing them.

Our town is facing very real challenges, marked by increasing discord. My primary goal is to reduce these tensions. I believe in fostering regular, open discussions with all members of our community. This approach is essential for achieving collective success, which ultimately benefits our entire town.

Under my leadership, alongside Vice-Chairman Karen Fassuliotis, we are prioritizing unity and open

dialogue to tackle Greenwich’s fiscal challenges. We understand the importance of bipartisan governance and are dedicated to working cooperatively with all parties involved. Our focus is not only on the BET’s internal dynamics but also on improving relationships throughout the community, including working closely with all branches of town government.

I am committed to an inclusive approach in policy implementation and committee assignments, ensuring a range of expertise to effectively address our town’s challenges. As we navigate the post-pandemic economic landscape, our emphasis on bipartisan cooperation and effective communication is more crucial than ever.

I welcome any questions or input from all residents. You can reach me at Harry.Fisher.BET@greenwichct.gov. Together, let’s work towards a more united and successful Greenwich.

*Thank you for your trust and support.
Sincerely, Harry Fisher*

LETTER

United RTC?

Please, educate me, as I am new to this game.

Why two competing slates, and why so much bad blood between them; particularly from the “United” camp, attacking current RTC leadership and those affiliated with them?

It reminds me a bit of our campaign for the RTM last fall, when Republican candidates, as well as those unaffiliated – truly nonpartisan – who just happen to share the same values, were openly attacked and called “extremists” by Democrats. I was embarrassed my kids had to experience that first hand on Election Day in front of Central Middle School, where they were giving out their freshly baked brownies to voters, thanking them for coming out to vote – my idea of getting them involved and educated as future voting citizens. Are you the “extremist”, daddy, they asked me? This was clearly what the banner above the opposite table implied. “Not that I know of”, I replied. I thought I was

there to get positively involved in the civic process in town; to simply give back some of my time, skills, and effort, to my Cos Cob community, which I have called home for the past 17+ years (the longest time I have ever lived in one place).

My current run for the RTC is built on the same foundation; to contribute and to give back. I believe working together is the best way to overcome challenges and accomplish complicated tasks. I do not believe name-calling should be part of this process. I have not seen this behavior from the current RTC leadership. On the contrary, I see their constant effort to truly unite Republicans in this town on the only applicable basis; those of Republican values and beliefs in liberty, economic prosperity, preserving American values and traditions, and restoring the American dream for every citizen of this great nation.

*Respectfully, Blazej Cichy
RTC Candidate from Cos Cob
(District 8)*

Thank you for Jim Knox

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the insightful and engaging columns by Jim Knox featured in the *Greenwich Sentinel*. Knox's work, which delves into the wonders of the natural world, is not only informative but also remarkably captivating.

In his columns, Knox covers a diverse array of topics, each one highlighting the intricate and often overlooked aspects of wildlife. For instance, his piece on the African Penguin ("Sounds Like... A Braying Donkey?") reveals the unique characteristics and challenges faced by these birds, blending scientific information with evocative storytelling. Similarly, his exploration of the Eastern newt in "They're all over the place" uncovers the fascinating life cycle and adaptations of this local amphibian.

Knox's column on the Lammergeier, or Bearded Vulture ("Wildly Successful: The Lammergeier"), takes readers on a journey to the Drakensberg Mountains, unveiling the life of a bird

that feeds uniquely on bones. His ability to weave together scientific facts with engaging narratives is also evident in "The Five-lined Flying Dragon," where he introduces a remarkable gliding lizard, and in "The Fisher," where he discusses the adaptations and lifestyle of this arboreal mammal.

Moreover, in "Wildly Successful: Ramari's Beaked Whale," Knox highlights the role of citizen science and the discovery of new species, showcasing the dynamic and ever-evolving nature of scientific understanding.

Each column is a testament to Knox's skill in bringing the natural world closer to readers, fostering a greater appreciation and understanding of wildlife. His work is a valuable contribution to the *Greenwich Sentinel* and an inspiration to nature enthusiasts and casual readers alike.

Thank you for featuring such quality content, and please extend my compliments to Jim Knox for his exceptional work.

Sincerely, Jason Alexi

LETTER

My First Time at an RTC Meeting

On January 24, 2024 I participated in a well attended meeting at Town Hall to hear from Ryan Fazio, our local Representative to the State Senate. It was an informative and upbeat discussion. I learned about some things currently happening in Hartford as well as others that will likely be happening during the coming year including what needs to be done at the state level to moderate the 8-30g ordinance.

As the meeting was ending, people started filing in with pizza, snacks and beverages. When I asked what was happening I was told the RTC was holding their first meeting of the new year.

Being a registered Republican who had recently voted in the January District 9 RTC caucus, I decided to stay and attend the meeting.

Having been a business professional for over 30 years, I was quite surprised and disappointed to see how poorly the meeting was run. There was an evident tension in the room but it was unclear to me at the time as to the reasons.

I expected a positive, even light hearted atmosphere after the overwhelmingly positive November election results, the reality was anything but.

There was no welcome to first time attendees, no background provided regarding several discussion topics. It was shocking and extremely off-putting to hear the leaders on the dais refer to fellow Republicans (Dan Quigley was one of the two names, I don't recall the other) being called “traitors” at a public meeting. Also, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair before all business had been concluded, which was pointed out by several in attendance, so that the meeting could continue.

I found it very uninviting that an attendance list was circulated and when I declined to sign it the first time, then felt pressured to do so. An unusual feeling to say the least. The items I can recall the attendance sheet required were name, if you were an associate or guest, district number and email address.

Additionally, someone in the audience asked as the meeting began if there were any non-Republicans or members of the press in attendance to please identify themselves. Admittedly, I'd never been to an RTC meeting before but I found this both odd and unwelcoming as well.

The final straw for me was when the newly elected Chair of the BET was questioned by one of the officers from the dais, actually it seemed more of an interrogation. Included looking for a commitment that he was going to “toe the line” and not break ties in favor of the Democrats, regardless of the issue or

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merits.

This regime which has been in power for two years called for Republican primaries in several districts after the January caucuses because their preferred candidates did not win! This is not the Republican Party that I grew up in nor one I wish to be part of.

The current RTC leaders believe that they have the right to dictate to all Republican elected officials how they should vote and conduct business. That is not, nor ever has been the role of the RTC. Once local Republican candidates are elected, they represent the entire community, not this small body.

It is no accident that Fred Camillo (and) Lauren Rabin have been elected to their third consecutive term. Once elected they act and vote on behalf of the good of the entire Greenwich community who elected them, not the RTC.

I had no intention of sharing my observations of that RTC meeting beyond my network of family and friends, however it is evident that there are two Republican parties in this town.

I wish to be part of a civil, civically minded party with the good of the entire town represented rather than the agenda a few trying to drive decisions and attempting to control our elected officials.

On March 5th I will be supporting the original slate of candidates who won the primary in District 9 - Barbara Darula, Patti DeFelice, Lauren Rabin, Pam Pagnani, Steve Warzoha and Carol Zarrilli. These are positive, hardworking community minded professionals with years of service on both the RTM and the RTC. They will fulfill their key mandate as RTC members which is finding quality candidates to send to Hartford to work to modify 8-30g, restoring local home rule to our Planning and Zoning among other important issues.

For those in other districts that are having caucuses on March 5th, please vote to ensure that the candidates who believe elected officials should be accountable to voters, not to the RTC, actually win.

Adele Rota

Bring Back Education Columns

Dear Editor,

I am reaching out as a regular reader of the *Greenwich Sentinel* to express my concern and curiosity about the recent absence of education-related columns in your publication.

The education columns have offered perspectives on new teaching methodologies, issues like AI, and various educational challenges and triumphs within our community. For parents and educators alike, this section has been an invaluable resource, keeping us engaged with the developments in all our schools.

Their disappearance has left a noticeable gap. I am curious about the reason behind the discontinuation of these education columns. Is this a temporary hiatus, or has there been a shift in editorial focus? Understanding the rationale behind this change would be greatly appreciated by myself and, I believe, by many others in our community who valued these columns.

If the discontinuation is due to a lack of content or contributors, I would like to express my support for the *Sentinel* in seeking out new voices and perspectives to revive these essential columns. The education of our youth is a dynamic and ever-evolving field, and there is always more to learn, share, and discuss.

I hope to see the return of education columns as their absence is sincerely felt.

Sincerely, Heather Kanau

Editor's Note: We appreciate your letter and would like to assure you that the absence of these columns is not indicative of any permanent editorial change. The reason is simply a temporary gap in coordination among our numerous skilled columnists. Rest assured, we are actively addressing this issue. If all progresses as planned, we anticipate resuming our regular column schedule by next week. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

NEWS BRIEF

From Page 1

firefighting expertise. They express gratitude for his dedication and wisdom, wishing him happiness in retirement.

FROM TOWN HALL
The DPW will unveil the North Street Bridge’s initial design at a public meeting on March 14, 2024, held at the Town Hall Meeting Room. This bridge, numbered 056-047, connects Cotswood Road and Macpherson Drive over West Brothers Brook, serving as a crucial commuter route and lying just 0.9 miles from a local school. With funding secured through the LOTCIP program, the project is in its preliminary design phase, awaiting approval from the BET and RTM, with an estimated cost of \$3,000,000, overseen by Chief Engineer Gabriella M. Circosta Cohee.

AROUND TOWN
Outside Town Hall this morning, a ceremony was held to mark the start of American Red Cross Month. The community gathered to recognize the contributions of the American Red Cross, including the Metro New York North Chapter located in Cos Cob.

The Dorothy Hamill Rink replacement project gained momentum as the Board of Selectmen recommended it for Municipal Improvement (MI) status to the Planning & Zoning Commission, aiming to modernize the aging facility in Eugene Morlot Memorial Park. The proposed plan includes a new 40,660 square-foot ice rink with added amenities and involves relocating the baseball field, garnering broad support despite some concerns about community involvement and cost clarification. With financing expected to exceed \$20 million and public/private partnerships envisioned, the unanimous approval signifies a significant step forward.

Scammers are targeting business owners by posing as government agencies, sending official-looking letters with fake regulations and threats of consequences for non-compliance. Victims are directed to websites or QR codes, facing fines if they don't comply. Businesses should verify the authenticity of government correspondence, check website security, and report scams to authorities like the FBI.

New regulations on gasoline-powered leaf blowers will begin later this year, coinciding with the introduction of the Electric Landscape Equipment Expo aimed at promoting electric alternatives. Bilingual professionals will be on hand to assist attendees, and local equipment sellers will discuss the benefits of electric technology compared to gas blowers. The expo, open to the public and featuring brief demonstrations, will take place at Greenwich Town Hall on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with further details available on the town's website.

Discussions about upgrading Glenville’s intersections have lingered for nearly a decade, but progress has been slow. The project, slated to start this year, faces delays due to high construction costs, prompting a reassessment of timelines. Despite funding challenges, officials remain committed to enhancing the Glenville corridor’s infrastructure, with plans to explore additional financing options to move the project forward.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS
The Annual Greenwich Public School District Art Show is being held at the Bendheim Gallery at the Greenwich Art Council, 299 Greenwich Ave. The exhibition will feature student artworks in various mediums, including paintings and sculptures. The show runs from February 26th to March 10th.

It’s Girl Scout cookie season! Girl Scouts across various communities are engaged in the Girl Scout Cookie Program. While you can find an in-person booth to buy cookies from on the Girl Scouts’ website, you can also order for direct delivery to support local troops like our own Troop50300. The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls develop life and leadership skills while proceeds from sales benefit local councils and troops.

On March 2 and 3, the Cos Cob Firehouse will hold sign-ups for Greenwich Community Gardens, offering plots at Armstrong Court or Bible Street. Volunteers can also participate in the Culinary Wellness Garden at The Nathaniel Witherell. Managed by volunteers, these gardens sustainably produce organic food, donate to Neighbor to Neighbor, and provide locally grown fare for Witherell’s chef. Registration is open at the Cos Cob Firehouse community room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 2 and from noon to 4 p.m. on March 3, or online.

John Mastronardi, Executive Director of The Nathaniel Witherell, announced Dr. Jack DiTeodoro, MD, as the new Medical Director, succeeding Dr. Francis X. Walsh. With experience from his private practice and teaching role at Stamford Hospital, Dr. DiTeodoro brings expertise in family medicine. Mastronardi highlighted the crucial role of the Medical Director in coordinating care, while Dr. DiTeodoro expressed readiness to maintain

high standards at The Nathaniel Witherell.

The Greenwich Sustainability Committee is soliciting nominations for its Second Annual Sustainability Awards, to be showcased at the Rethink Waste Fair by Waste Free Greenwich. Nominees are required to submit a photo and a statement, limited to 150 words, outlining their sustainability efforts in Greenwich. Eligibility is restricted to individuals, with a focus on youth, and committee members cannot be nominated. Submissions must be sent by March 15th to Sustainability@GreenwichCt.org.

The Junior League of Greenwich is currently seeking applicants for its \$2,000 Community Service Award, which acknowledges dedicated female high school students in grades 9-12 from Greenwich who have demonstrated a commitment to community service. Interested candidates must exhibit their devotion to improving their community through volunteer efforts. Applications for the 2024 award can be accessed at www.jlgreenwich.org, requiring two non-family member recommendations and a submission deadline of April 1, 2024, with the chosen recipient honored at a reception in late spring.

The Undies Project’s 9th Annual Mardi Bra Drive ran throughout February and aimed to collect new bras for women and girls facing clothing insecurity due to homelessness or financial constraints. Even though Mardi Bra may be over, you can still make donations through Amazon Wish List purchases, monetary contributions on the organization’s website, or by sending new bras directly to The Undies Project. All sizes are welcome, with bras in sizes 32-38 being most needed, and donations must be new with tags attached or in their original packaging.

Outdoor dining in Greenwich will undergo changes in 2024, with higher costs for restaurants and an earlier end date, starting April 1st and concluding on November 3rd. Parking fees per stall will rise to \$2,232, reflecting the updated parking rate, while fees for traffic barriers will increase to \$29 per linear foot, with additional features like a barrier decoration contest introduced this year.

Residents in Greenwich convened under withe the Greenwich Sustainability Committee to address water examination and pollution management concerns. Anne Hulick, an environmental leader, discussed the prevalence of PFAS chemicals in local water systems, with elevated levels found in private wells and Parkway School’s supply. Approximately 50 attendees reflected the committee’s dedication, advocating for better communication while Hulick highlighted legislative efforts to address contamination and encouraged environmental advocacy among attendees.

PEOPLE IN TOWN
First Selectman Fred Camillo has joined S.E. Minor’s advisory board for \$10,000 annual stipend. Camillo’s role will be purely advisory, with no direct involvement in town affairs, as clarified by CEO Gigi Ma and approved by the Board of Ethics. Camillo clarifies that the commitment is minimal, balancing his responsibilities as first selectman with private engagement.

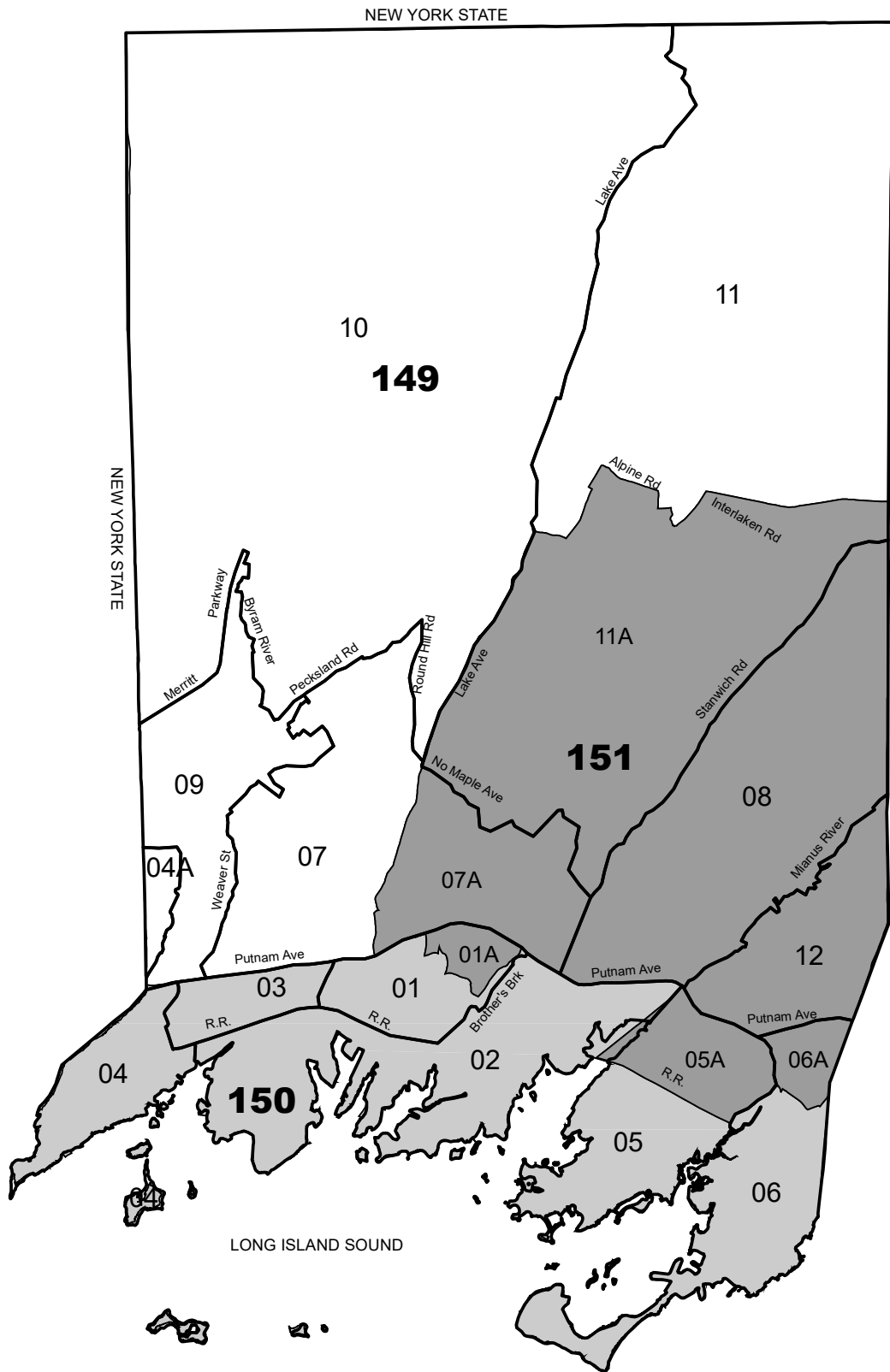
SCHOOLS
COO Blaize Levitan is leaving Greenwich Public Schools to become the chief operating officer at Branford Public Schools starting April 29. Levitan, who joined Greenwich in 2022, oversaw finance, facilities, food services, and school safety. His departure is driven by a desire to be closer to home with his upcoming baby.

The Greenwich Public School district organized a fundraiser named “PJ Day” on February 9 to raise funds for pediatric cancer research at Connecticut Children’s Hospital. With support from staff, students, and families, the event raised \$22,796. Over the past three years, the community has raised over \$55,000 for pediatric cancer research through PJ Day. Organizers express gratitude to all contributors for their efforts in supporting the cause.

Hamilton Avenue School is actively implementing food scrap recycling to achieve zero waste goals, resulting in a significant 76% reduction in waste. Fifth-grade students are leading educational initiatives to raise awareness about food scrap recycling, organizing activities like baseline audits and competitions to encourage waste reduction among their peers. The cafeteria is abuzz with instructional videos and interactive games, making waste reduction engaging for students.

Earlier this week, third graders at Brunswick’s Lower School learned hand-lettering from artist Greg Lamarche. Their work will be displayed at Lower School Arts Night on May 8.

SPORTS
Over the weekend, students from GHS participated in the U.S. High School National Championships. The Boys’ team won first place in their division, while the Girls’ team secured third place in theirs.



The Greenwich High School varsity cheer team won first place in the All Girl Large Varsity Division at the Hatter Fest Cheer Competition. They scored 89 out of 100. Coach Ms. Julia Vyskocil praised the team’s dedication, noting their hard work since August in preparing for competitions and supporting various school sports events. The team looks forward to the Cheerleading State Championship at Trumbull High School in March.

The Brunswick School hockey team, with a remarkable regular season of 26 wins, secured the No. 3 seed in the NEPSAC Elite 8 Tournament and will face off against rival Salisbury School in the quarterfinals. Celebrating their 14 seniors in a decisive 6-1 win over Trinity Pawling, the Bruins capped off their regular season, entering the tournament with a record of 26-5-2 and demonstrating their strength and unity as a team.

Despite facing challenges with a late start due to weather conditions, the Greenwich High School women’s alpine skiing team has demonstrated resilience and determination, steadily improving throughout the season to secure a spot at the CISL State Championships. Through dedicated teamwork, video analysis, and individual improvements, the team has shown remarkable progress, with standout performances from athletes like Mariam Fahimi, who consistently placed in the top 10 and tied for first place in a race against formidable competitors.

Greenwich Country Day School’s boys basketball team secured a historic win in the FAA Basketball Tournament, led by Mekai Brown and Taj Walkers who scored a combined 42 points, clinching their first tournament title in only their third varsity season. With a strong defensive effort and cohesive teamwork, they defeated Brunswick School 63-53, showcasing their potential for a strong run in the upcoming NEPSAC Tournament.

Sacred Heart Greenwich secured the FAA Basketball Tournament title with a convincing 68-43 victory over St. Luke’s School, fueled by senior co-captain Payton Sfreddo’s 22 points and freshman Lucianna Parrotta’s 19 points, marking a significant triumph after years of St. Luke’s dominance and showcasing Sacred Heart’s depth and teamwork as they now look ahead to the NEPSAC Class A Tournament.

Sacred Heart Greenwich secured a spot in the FAA final by overcoming fifth-seeded Hamden Hall with a 53-49 victory, propelled by balanced scoring, solid defense, and crucial contributions off the bench, led by freshman guard Lucianna Parrotta. Despite a tense fourth quarter, the Tigers maintained composure, with standout performances from Madison and Victoria Hart, ultimately advancing to the championship game against St. Luke’s School, marking their first appearance since 2018-19 and fulfilling their season-long goal.

At the NEPSWA Championships, Brunswick School’s wrestling team showcased their talent with five wrestlers earning All-New England placement and qualifying for the National Prep Wrestling Championships. Led by standout performances from Owen Bartoszek, Christian Yanoti, and senior co-captain Michael Accetta, along with impressive showings from Alec Harned and Jack Degl, the team finished ninth in the standings out of 38 qualifying teams, setting a strong foundation for their participation in the National Prep Championships at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

Sacred Heart Greenwich is having a standout season, remaining undefeated in the FAA and advancing to the semifinals after a convincing victory over Greenwich Academy, led by senior guard Payton Sfreddo’s 16 points and sophomore guard Ava Curto’s impressive double-double performance. Despite facing early competition from Greenwich Academy, Sacred Heart dominated the second quarter, ultimately securing a 58-28 win and demonstrating confidence heading into the upcoming semifinals and NEPSAC Class A Tournament.

ACROSS CT
A study conducted by pet nutrition experts at PetLab revealed that the Golden Retriever emerged as the most popular breed across 38 states, including Connecticut, known for its gentle nature and trainability. Following closely behind is the French Bulldog, favored in nine states for its charm.

Municibid.com, based in Pennsylvania, facilitates the sale of government-owned items, including vehicles, attracting bids from across the nation and ensuring good returns for sellers. Madison police sold a dozen retired cruisers for \$46,000 in the past year, with most going to private buyers and two to Texas police for refurbishment, utilizing proceeds for new equipment. The platform, founded in 2006 by Greg Berry, aims to address inefficiencies in surplus disposal, offering pre-equipped cruisers that save time and money for police departments alongside other items like a weathered but operational truck from Norwalk, currently up for auction with inspection encouraged before bidding.

OUR NEIGHBORS
Alina’s Cakes and Cookies, initially based in Fairfield, has expanded its operations to Westport, offering a diverse selection of baked goods, including cakes, pastries, bread, cupcakes, and cookies. Despite industry challenges, owner Alina Dancho reports strong performance, particularly in custom cakes and treats. The Westport community has warmly embraced the bakery, expressing gratitude for its presence in the area, with the new location situated at 1252 Post Road East.

Chip City Cookies is launching a new initiative called Dine and Donate to support charitable organizations across the nation. Today, Friday March 1st, Chip City Cookies in Darien is hosting an event from 4-7 pm to raise funds for Holmes Elementary School. All profits from in-store purchases during this time will go to the school, excluding catering, local delivery, and online orders.

Sacred Heart Wins FAA Girls Basketball Tournament

By David Fierro

The first half of the FAA Basketball Tournament final between Sacred Heart Greenwich and St. Luke's School was a back-and-forth matchup, with the lead changing hands several times. Yet the second half belonged to the Tigers and now, so does the FAA Tournament title.

Impressively building a double-digit lead in the third quarter, top-seeded Sacred Heart grabbed the momentum and never let it go, earning the victory it was aiming for all season.

Senior co-captain Payton Sfreddo scored a game-high 22 points, while freshman Lucianna Parrotta posted 19 points to power Sacred Heart to a convincing 68-43 win over third-seeded St. Luke's in the championship game of the FAA Tournament before a large crowd today at Sacred Heart Greenwich. With the triumph, the Tigers stopped the Storm's success streak at the FAA Tournament. New Canaan-based St. Luke's had won the FAA Tournament title the past seven seasons.

"This is an awesome feeling," said Sfreddo, a guard/forward. "To win it with this special of a team and this hardworking of a group is super special. St. Luke's has won the past seven years, so to finally beat them and beat them twice in a season – that's hard to do."

During St. Luke's run of seven straight FAA titles, it defeated Sacred Heart several times in

the tournament's semifinals, including the last two seasons. So, today's triumph was indeed, rewarding, for the SHG.

"I'm so excited and so happy for our entire team and our coaches," Sacred Heart senior point guard/co-captain Madison Hart said. "We put so much hard work in at practice throughout the season and for us to come together for this moment is so huge."

Photo by David Fierro: Sacred Heart Greenwich basketball coach Ayo Hart, center, holds the championship trophy after her SHG team won the FAA title with a 68-43 triumph over visiting St. Luke's School. Pictured with coach Hart are her twin daughters, Victoria, left and Madison. The duo once again, turned in strong efforts in the team's championship win.

Freshman guard/forward Emma Matthews scored 10 points off the bench, including three 3-pointers, while senior guard Victoria Hart added eight points with a 3-point shot for the Tigers, who are 11-0 against FAA opponents this season – including the FAA Tournament. The victors received points from seven players and contributions from everyone who took the court.

"What has made us such a good team this year is that anyone can come in at any time and contribute to the team," SHG coach Ayo Hart said. "This was a true team win. So that's been the character of our team."

Junior point guard Camdyn

Nelson scored a team-best 13 points for the Storm, who received nine points from Olivia White. Making their first appearance in the FAA tourney final since the 2018-2019 season, the Tigers were tied with the Storm at 16-16 following the first quarter.

A 3-pointer by Matthews gave SHG a 12-10 edge, then later in the quarter Madison Hart grabbed a rebound and scored, making it 16-12 in favor of the hosts. Junior shooting guard Emma Sollenne swished a 3-pointer from the left side and Nelson made a foul shot, evening the score at 16-16 for the St. Luke's heading into the second quarter.

Nelson converted a 3-point shot to start the second quarter, making it 19-16, but a 6-0 spurt gave SHG the lead for good at 22-19. Sfreddo snared an offensive rebound and scored on a layup and Matthews continued her clutch play burying a 3-pointer from the left side, giving the home team a 22-19 advantage at the 4:11 mark of the second quarter.

"I just feel like my teammates did a good job of getting me open," Matthews said. "I wouldn't be able to take those shots if it wasn't for my teammates – it's all a team effort. For me to knock it down was rewarding my teammates at the other end."

Victoria Hart hit a 3-point shot while being fouled, then made the ensuing free throw, upping the Tigers' lead to 26-21 with 2:18 to go in the second quarter. White's basket from the low post,

brought the visitors within 27-25, but senior guard Olivia Leahy swished a baseline jumper from the left side, putting the Tigers on top, 29-29 at halftime.

Following a tight first half in which both teams had their moments, SHG outscored St. Luke's, 21-9, in the third quarter to open a 50-33 advantage. Sfreddo scored seven points during the third quarter, including her squad's first six points of the frame.

A layup off a steal and pair of free throws by Sfreddo raised the Tigers edge to 35-25 at the 6:27 mark of the third quarter.

"They came ready to play, but I think we came out super strong in the third quarter and kind of ran away with it from there," Sfreddo noted.

The Tigers played stellar man-to-man defense throughout, mixed in with a little bit of a zone.

"Coach Hart was really getting us psyched up, she was telling us they are a second half team, we can't let them come back," Sfreddo said. "We knew that going out and we couldn't let them get the momentum, because it could have been a completely different game."

Parrotta drove to the basket hard, converted a layup while being fouled, then made the ensuing foul shot, increasing the hosts' lead to 38-27 with 5:07 to go in the third quarter. Later in the period, Sfreddo a basket and Parrotta scored again, making it 45-30.

"Coming out, we weren't

really racing and doing what we usually do, but we were able to collect ourselves and do what we do best," Parrotta said.

Lucianna Parrotta, left and Payton Sfreddo get ready to play defense during the first half of the FAA Basketball Tournament final against visiting St. Luke's. The Tigers took the title with a 68-43 victory at home.

Sfreddo and Parrotta each scored 14 second-half points to spark the victors.

"The environment and everything pushed me to want to help my teammates," Parrotta said. "Getting those baskets and hearing the crowd was definitely a great feeling. Our season was going so good and we knew had the potential do this. We put so much work into it."

Madison Hart had three points, while aiding SHG in multiple facets of the game, junior forward Jadamarie Henry scored three points and Leahy had two points in the winning effort. Sollenne scored eight points for St. Luke's.

"In the first half, we definitely weren't playing our best game," Madison Hart said. "I think we were a little rattled. So, at halftime, we told each other to settle down and play our game. In the second half we were a different team on defense especially. I think we did a good job of containing their best players."

Said Ayo Hart: "I'm really proud of the girls. We knew St. Luke's was going to be a battle.

They are a very good team and well-coached. We just saw them beat GFA and at halftime it was a very close game."

Overall, Sacred Heart sports a sparkling record of 18-5 (11-0 in the FAA).

"We definitely knew it was going to be hard coming into playoffs, we beat every team, so we knew there would be a target on our backs," Matthews noted. "We knew every team wanted revenge. For us to come out and beat them by 20 – it feels good, but we did it in a way that it was sportsmanlike and we played the way we played all season and it showed the last two quarters."

"We worked so hard for all season for this and for us to win it the way we did – it's so rewarding," Matthews added.

Said Sfreddo: "From weeks ago, we were ready for this game. The hard work we put into it, the energy, the intensity, I've never seen anything like it – I'm so proud of everyone. It's like the cherry on top of an amazing season and we're not done yet. We still have next week."

Sfreddo was referring to the upcoming NEPSAC Class A Tournament, which begins on Wednesday. The Tigers are hoping to get one of the top three seeds in the tournament.

"I feel like we're on top right now, but we still have work to do next week," Sfreddo noted. "Hopefully, we'll really do good in that tournament, hopefully we'll get another trophy and get another banner in the gym."



Greenwich Squash Celebrates 2024 U.S. Championships

By David Chass

The Greenwich High School student-athletes of Greenwich Squash achieved unprecedented success this past weekend in the 2024 U.S. High School Squash Championships played in Philadelphia, PA. The Boys team captured its first-ever national championship while the Girls took third place in their respective divisions at the Arlen Specter US Squash Center. More than 200 schools and 1,600 players participated in this year's event, the world's largest squash tournament.

The Boys team battled throughout the tournament to win the Division IV championship, outlasting 15 other teams to bring home their trophies. The team is composed of

co-captains Jake Duda (GHS senior) and Parker Young (GHS sophomore); seniors George Nahm and Aubrey Niederhoffer; sophomores Noah Chass and Addison Towle; and freshmen Nate Park and James Tesei. Co-parent managers Cora Towle and David Chass noted the tournament victory came as a result of a true team effort, with all team members securing key wins throughout the three days, and the winning combinations different in each match.

The Greenwich Squash Boys beat public and private high schools from Massachusetts (Brookline High School), Pennsylvania (Lower Merion School District), New York (Rye High School), and Connecticut (Kingswood-Oxford School) on its way to the championship.

Co-Captain Parker Young, the team's top-rated player, reflected on the weekend, saying "Over Nationals, we really came together as a team, through coaching, supporting each other, bonding and cheering, throughout all the ups and downs. Without that camaraderie, I don't think our win would have been possible. Watching my teammates and friends become better players, learning and growing throughout the year, was an incredible experience. I am so proud of our team for taking home Greenwich High School's first ever-boys win this year and look forward to defending that title next year!"

Co-captain Jake Duda looked forward to the team he is leaving behind as he moves onto college, adding "This season and the accomplishments that have come with it has created a new aura around Greenwich Squash. This season has set the precedent for years to come and has given future teams something to build off. In the coming years, I have a feeling Greenwich Squash is going to be better than ever and will be a force to be reckoned with."

Legendary Greenwich Squash leader Toni Montiero noted "I'm tremendously proud of these kids and this Greenwich Squash program - both the boys and the girls. The club has grown and matured since it was founded in 2008, all leading to this weekend's first-ever championship for the Boys' program." Montiero also observed this year's Greenwich Girls performance is its best since the Girls team won its only championship in 2019.

Greenwich Squash's Girls are led by co-captains and seniors Erin Bailey and Samantha Scharff, and include junior Tavi Choudhary, sophomore Mariam Fahimi, and freshmen Katie Duff, Youhan Liang, Sara Anderson Rahimtula and Terra McDonnell. Co-parent managers Janine Scharf and Karen Bailey pointed to Anderson

Rahimtula and Fahimi winning all four of their matches by scores of 3-0, and Duff clinching the third place finish in Division V with a thrilling, come-from-behind victory in the last match of the tournament.

Co-captain Samantha Scharff said "I'm so proud of all the girls and how far they've come. Everyone has improved so much throughout the season, and I loved seeing every girl put their all into supporting their teammates this weekend. The team spirit and friendships we've developed on this team are something I'm heartbroken to leave behind."

Co-captain Erin Bailey added "These last four years, we've been building and creating a team. This year was the culmination of all that work with us coming together as a cohesive unit to respect and support each other. We finished off the season all working together and I hope the team continues to foster such a supportive and fun environment. We have a very strong group of young women who are going to continue to develop. We may have taken third place this year, but next year we're going all the way!"

Looking back at the tournament as a whole, Greenwich Squash's coach, Elliot Ridge of MSquash, remarked "the entire weekend and tournament was a massive team effort. It was electric - the boys and girls supported each other in a way I've never seen. It was so much fun to watch them play their hearts out and dig deep for every point. I am unbelievably proud of each and every one of them."

Greenwich Squash is a fully parent-volunteer led program which aims to promote the sport of squash in our public schools. Greenwich Squash teams participate in the FairWest Public School Squash Association (FairWest), a league founded in 2008 to support public school squash in Westchester and Fairfield Counties, and surrounding areas. In the 2023-24 season, FairWest had approximately 500 High School players participating in the league, making it one of the largest scholastic squash leagues in the USA.

Greenwich Squash - Boys Team

Noah Chass
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George Nahm
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Nate Park
James Tesei
Addison Towle
Parker Young
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Katie Duff
Mariam Fahimi
Youhan Liang
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Greenwich High’s Girls Alpine Ski team to compete at the CISL State Championships

BY THE GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL SKIING TEAM

The Greenwich High School women’s alpine skiing team is heading to the CISL State Championships in impressive fashion.

The 2023-2024 alpine ski racing season got off to a slushy start due to mild and wet conditions, denying the Greenwich ski team any on-snow training. Other than time trials to determine the rosters, most of the racers were in gates for the first-time late January at the first of the CISL races.

Despite this late start, the Cardinals came together and showed admirable athletic strength and sports(wo)manship throughout the season, steadily climbing the rankings to secure a position at the State Championships to be held at the end of this month.

The Cardinals made up for their lack of on-snow practice by using all resources available to them. The team came together for video analysis, strategy, and fitness training to help secure their rise through the rankings.

For the first three CISL Class L races Greenwich Girls came in sixth place, rising to fifth position on Jan. 31 and then, on Senior Night, at the final CISL seasonal race, securing fourth place. The

Cardinals women’s team hopes to continue their impressive upward trajectory at the State Championships this Wednesday at Mount Southington.

Senior captain Maggie Ybarra said: “Starting this year, my co-captain and I, Kate McCoee, knew that we had a young but extremely talented and hard-working group of girls. I’m super proud of the girls for taking coaches, captains and even their other teammates advice and applying it to their races. With each race we have shaved off everyone’s times, and we are doing well as a team. Hopefully, we come out with a win during states.”

The results of the Jan. 31 race clearly displayed the power of the team mate advice referred to by Ybarra. Before this race, the women spent time on some in-depth video analysis of their previous runs, resulting in many personal-bests that evening. Indeed Delfina Rotella, Addie Marder, and Caroline Dolan all broke their own records this night, elevating the team by one position.

As well as a fantastic team performance, there have been some notable individual results for Greenwich, which will compete at the State Championships with Fairfield,

Glastonbury, Ridgefield, Staples, Hopkins School and Glastonbury. Mariam Fahimi, a sophomore, consistently came in the top 10, from a field of over 150 racers. Most notably, in the third race of the season, Fahimi tied for first place with Ridgefield and Southington racer Sonia Gaughran. On the final race, Fahimi came in second to Gaughran, putting up a 0.88 second lead on the racer who came in third.

This is Fahimi’s second season on the ski team, and she is thrilled the ladies will be representing GHS at State Champs. When asked about her season, Fahimi said: “The days I wake up knowing I will be skiing with the Cards are the days I jump out of bed with excitement, I love everything about skiing, and I work hard every day to improve. The day I tied for first place with Sonia was a great day for me, Sonia is an amazing skier, friend, and someone I have looked up to for a few years now. To tie with her was a great achievement, and hugely motivational.” “I am very proud of the Greenwich High School team, led by Captains Maggie and Kate, we all ski hard and work hard, as evidenced by our rise up the ranks,” Fahimi continued. “The phenomenal



Photo courtesy of Julie Ybarra: The 2023-2024 Greenwich High School Women’s Alpine Race team celebrates Senior Night.



Photo courtesy of Dominique Marder: From left to right: Racers Delfina Rotella, Addie Marder, Caroline Dolan, and Mariam Fahimi of Greenwich High School gather after excelling at a recent CISL competition.



Photo courtesy of Julie Ybarra: Sophomore Mariam Fahimi finished in a first place tie at a race in Mount Southington.

team spirit coupled with the tireless work from the coaching and support staff has contributed to our continued success this season.”

Spearheading E-Waste Recycling Effort with ReTech

BY JANE LEYER
GREENWICH ACADEMY

One Sunday during my weekly reset routine, I uncovered a stack of old phones buried in the back of a drawer. Hoping I didn’t have some sort of electronic hoarding problem, I peeked into my parents’ and siblings’ rooms to see if they too had outdated devices piling up. Sure enough, their drawers and closets held a similar stack of unused and aging electronics. Unsure of what to do with them but wanting to keep my cleaning momentum going, I did a quick Google search on proper phone disposal. As expected, Google advised against simply

throwing them in the trash. The recommendations were to donate or recycle old electronics instead. However, my local community of Greenwich didn’t seem to have any accessible e-waste donation or recycling platforms. This lack of options sparked my interest in the growing problem of e-waste disposal.

Now, completely side-tracked from the task of cleaning my room, I fell down a Google rabbit hole researching various statistics and impacts of e-waste. I was shocked to find that like myself, 3 out of 5 Americans between the ages of 18 and 29 years old have no idea what e-waste is, despite its major

human and environmental impacts. Through my continued research, I learned that 75% of electronic items are also stored due to uncertainty of how to manage them, further highlighting the lack of education surrounding this issue.

My research pointed to three main issues associated with improper disposal of e-waste: environmental, human health, and data privacy and safety. When phones are incinerated in landfills, the toxins leach into the environment and can cause harm to the land, air, and water. These toxins are not biodegradable. Furthermore, phones are often filled with

lead, mercury, arsenic, which can lead to diminished IQs for those exposed, cancer, and death. One study found that over 95% of e-waste is treated and processed in urban slums in developing countries, where untrained workers will carry out the dangerous procedure of breaking down e-waste without personal protective equipment. The World Health Organization estimates that 18 million children work at dangerous e-waste dump sites around the globe. Finally, the improper recycling of phones leaves people vulnerable to a data privacy attack. Specifically, nearly 6 million phones annually thrown away still have

personal information on them.

Although I was shocked by these statistics, for me, the most shocking aspect was the lack of resources to dispose of e-waste in my local community given its extensive scale of harmful impacts. This prompted me to research statewide e-waste initiatives, which were also scarce and often inaccessible for individuals looking to responsibly recycle their e-waste. It became clear that more education and convenient recycling options were desperately needed.

Motivated to address this issue locally, I decided to start ReTech Greenwich. My goal is to effectively educate our

town on the harmful effects of improperly disposed e-waste, and create accessible e-waste drop-off locations where residents’ old electronics can be safely recycled and reused, rather than end up in landfills. Through ReTech Greenwich, I plan to set up e-waste collection bins at local community centers, libraries, and schools. I hope ReTech Greenwich can provide the infrastructure, education, and awareness needed to significantly reduce the amount of e-waste our community sends to landfills. Instead, these electronics can be given a second life.

Greg Horowitz: The Smile Behind the Camera

BY TAITE HARMAN
GREENWICH ACADEMY

It was late 2019, Greg Horowitz sat at home trying to sort out what he wanted to do next. He had been working in restaurants, but had no real desire to continue. He wanted to pursue photography, but didn’t really know what to do. He was trying to make it by being a photographer in the music industry, but wasn’t getting anywhere. All in all, Greg was drifting aimlessly among the possible what-ifs of the next part of his life. Totally out of the blue, Mr. Winegardner, a dad of Greenwich Academy and Brunswick students whom he had previously worked with, called him. Greg picked up the phone: “Hey, do you want to shoot football?” Greg responded, totally perplexed yet excited by this new field, “You know... sure, I’d love to.”

Ever since then, Greg has been the smiling face behind the sports pictures of Greenwich.

For four years now Greg has taken upon the role of sports photographer for schools in the southern Connecticut area, and beyond. However, he never would’ve been able to get to this place without connections, relationships, and being outstandingly friendly. He has learned over the years “networking is the most important thing in the world.” Not only is this statement inspiring, but accurate to Greg’s persona and how he has been able to establish his career.

Greg grew up in Wilton, CT where he attended Wilton High School. He grew up with his mom, sister, brother, dad, step-mom, and half sister- that’s one big family! Chloe Cleaves, a sophomore three-season athlete at Greenwich Academy, said “Greg is always on time and

shows up with a big smile on his face while always making an effort to bond with the athletes... not only is he a photographer, but a friendly community guy.”

Throughout his 33 years of life, Greg has always loved and appreciated photography, yet never understood why, until he found out about his grandpa. Greg’s Grandpa was a photographer in the air force who built his own enlarger and developed photos in his own home. Despite being one of Greg’s best friends when he was younger, he never realized this and reckons his love of photography stemmed from his grandpa— almost as if it’s genetic!

Currently, he is living in Stratford which can be a good couple hours away from Greenwich- but hopes to move to Greenwich in the spring. By moving, he would save around 15 hours a week. Shocked by this distance, I asked him what a typical day looks like. He said, “So you’re gonna think I’m nuts... but I work 7 days a week, usually 12-16 hours a day.”

“Oh! You’re right, I do think you’re nuts!” I said.

After doing the math I realized that’s 15 hours a week driving, and around 84-112 hours a week editing photos and shooting; all-in all that’s 98 hours a week working. But he says, “When you love what you do, you never work a day in your life,” and this man definitely does.

It all started back in high school when teenage Greg signed up for his first ever photography course. Walking in like a wide-eyed doe, his parents 35 mm film camera clutched in his hand, he learned how to shoot black and white photos and develop them in a dark room. To him, seeing a photo come to life for the first time in the developer was the coolest thing in the world: “You

would have a blank piece of paper and it would move in chemicals and the next thing you know your image would just appear in front of you.” Before then, he had never considered himself a creative person, but learned to appreciate his creativity through ceramics, photography, and computer graphics. He fell in love with the concept of film photography and carried this with him to University of Massachusetts Amherst. In college, he started working concert security on the side; best described as, bad money, but an awesome experience. From there, his friends asked if he could photograph a concert, knowing how much passion Greg has for the art, his knowledge of concerts, and his winning ways with people. His friends put him on the guest list so not only did he have a gig, but a free concert! Greg was hooked. Following this first gig, he started shooting more live music, saved up to buy a professional camera and lens, and off he was on his concert photography journey.

In his First month home after college, he shot a music festival in New York called the Catskill Chill— 50 bands, three days, 12:00 PM - 2:00 AM, non-stop music; “It was a lot of fun!” He loved capturing the moments between the crowd and the people and the music, and after the first day of this he decided, yes, this is what I want to do. He found his calling. Between 2012-2019 he was doing everything he could to work with every band possible and get his name out there. At the age of 24 in 2014, he took over 750,000 photos in one year, sorted through every single one of them, got them all edited— and made a pathetic amount of money. It was so pathetic that he questioned continuing with this career. But he was so passionate and in love with this art that



(Greg’s shot of Carlos Carrasco of the NY Mets pitching the ball, 2022)

he couldn’t give it up. I mean Greg was photographing Pearl Jam, Jack Johnson, John Mayer, the Dave Matthews Band, the Grateful Dead, and more (see Greg’s work to the left). How could he not love it? Plus, he was just starting out, he’ll get there some day, right? But by 2019, he had yet to get to traveling with a band and came to the realization that this job was just not something he could make a living off of, he needed to shift. But to what? He couldn’t just give up seven years of photography for something he wasn’t nearly as passionate about. That’s when the call from Mr. Winegardner came.

From 2014-2016, Greg worked with the Winegardner’s eldest son Nick’s band, Lions on the Moon. Because of Greg’s friendliness and skill, the family called him to shoot his senior football season at Brunswick. “Every client that I have to this day is from that phone call,” Greg said.

Now he commutes to Greenwich to shoot sports games

for schools such as Greenwich Academy, Brunswick, Sacred Heart, and others. His goal is for “everyone on the roster to have photos, nice experiences, and memories from their game.” And because of this attitude, he has made countless relationships with parents, athletes, and coaches. He is so loved and appreciated that a couple Brunswick alumni who now attend Georgetown, recommended his work to their new school. So he now wakes up at 4:30, drives all the way down to DC, and drives home that very same day to shoot for the football team. He’s also covered Boston College ice hockey, the New York Mets baseball team and had the opportunity to work with some NHL players this past summer for a fundraiser. It just goes to show that networking really is everything, as Greg said, “that’s how everybody gets through life, you get to know people, you stay in touch... I think that’s the most valuable thing you can do to have a successful career.”

One of the most successful

aspects of Greg’s career has been his Instagram (make sure to follow! @greghorowitzphoto). On this platform he posts everyday games and highlights, as well as an athlete’s commitment to play a sport in college at a higher level. This is because it is important to him that all athletes get recognized for their accomplishments and hard work that they put it in. Being a serious athlete is a full-time job!

Greg encourages people to “carve their own path and write their own story... I never in a million years expected my life to go the way that it did, but I am unbelievably grateful for it... I feel like I have found a second home at this school.” And I know I can speak on behalf of all of GA when I say you for sure have Greg, thank you!

Greg is a freelance sports photographer and is available to hire for your next game or event. Send an email to greghorowitzphotography@gmail.com to get started!

SPORTS

GCDS Earns Basketball Title with 63-53 Win Over Brunswick

By DAVID FIERRO

An outstanding first half, a combined 42 points from Mekai Brown and Taj Walters and a strong defensive effort throughout, resulted in a historic win for the Greenwich Country Day School boys basketball team on Saturday.

In only their third season as a varsity team, the Tigers achieved a ‘first,’ winning their first FAA Basketball Tournament title.

Walters scored 22 points and Brown had a 20-point effort to help lead second-seeded Greenwich Country Day School to a 63-53 victory over top-seeded Brunswick School in the championship game of the FAA Tournament before a huge, bipartisan, standing-room-only crowd at Brunswick’s Dann Gymnasium.

“It’s been some kind of year and I’m so proud of them,” Greenwich Country Day coach Patrick Scanlon said. “The leadership – our three seniors – were just phenomenal. We came out with the right energy and we stuck together. When we stick together and play team basketball we’re unbeatable.”

Brunswick earned the No. 1 seed in the FAA Tournament by registering a 52-44 triumph against GCDS on Feb. 14 in a game in which it played from in front for most of the matchup. Saturday was a different scenario however, as the Tigers held the lead and the momentum for the majority of the championship game.

Greenwich Country Day took leads of 15-9, 22-11 and 29-14, before entering halftime with a 32-16 advantage. Walters, a 6-foot-5 junior forward, scored 14 second-half points, while Brown, a 6-7 freshman forward, notched 10 points apiece in each half for the victors.

“Togetherness was the key – staying together as a team,” Walters said of the Tigers’ championship win. “We’ve been through a lot of obstacles, but we all just stuck together throughout the season. To get a championship means a lot to our team.”

Junior shooting guard Ethan Long scored 15 points, while sophomore point guard Jack Stevens had 12 points to pace the Bruins. Long shot 9 for 11 from the foul line and Stevens converted three 3-pointers for Brunswick, which finished its season with a record of 9-2 in the FAA and 12-11 overall.

Indeed, the shots weren’t falling in this title game for the

Bruins, who had a lot of empty possessions – especially in the opening half of action.

“It was tough, we couldn’t get a rhythm, they were switching up their defenses pretty well and credit to them – they had a good game plan,” Bruins coach Steve Juricek said.

After Stevens’ 3-pointer brought Brunswick to within 10-8 with just over seven minutes left in the first half, GCDS went on a pivotal 16-3 run to open a 26-11 advantage. A 3-pointer from the left wing by junior guard Griffyn Flood and a basket off a putback by Flood made it 17-11 in favor of the Tigers. Following a 3-pointer, Brown made a pair of free throws, putting the Tigers on top, 22-11. Two more baskets by Brown Greenwich Country Day a 26-11 lead. Mekai’s last basket of the first half, a 3-pointer, made it 32-14.

The game was a rematch of the 2023 FAA Tournament final, which was won by Brunswick, 62-41. The Bruins also defeated the Tigers, 77-72, during the 2022-2023 regular season, so GCDS had plenty of motivation against Brunswick going into Saturday’s showdown.

“I was thinking about this the whole year,” Brown said. “We got the job done, they had us the first time, but we got it back. I’m proud of my whole team, I’m proud of myself, the fans, the coaches – everyone here.”

Senior guard Calder Truesdale scored eight points, six of which came in the second half, Flood had six points and senior point guard John Berbano added four points for the league champion Tigers.

Calder Truesdale of GCDS looks to pass the ball while being guarded by Brunswick’s Jack Stevens at the FAA final.

“I’m so blessed that I was able to make history here, it feels amazing,” Berbano said. “Today, it was just us getting into our sets and executing. The first time we played them we didn’t execute, so the game plan was to execute. It was a battle – it was amazing game.”

Greenwich Country Day extended its lead to 41-19 at the 10:50 mark of the second half. A highlight of the Tigers’ 9-3 spurt to start the second half was Brown’s thunderous dunk off a steal.

“We just went out and played like we know how to play,” Brown noted.

Brunswick’s best moments came in the second half, as it began chipping away at GCDS’ sizeable lead. Junior 6-7 power

forward Jaylen Prey grabbed an offensive rebound and scored, then hit a pair of free throws two possessions later, before throwing down a dunk, capping a 9-1 run to cut Greenwich Country Day’s advantage to 42-28.

Prey scored nine points before fouling out and junior 6-7 center Matty Augustine, who also fouled out late in the second half, had six points for the Bruins. Stevens made three 3-point shots late in the second half, as Brunswick closed to within 54-47, but the deficit was too much for the hosts to overcome.

“I’m proud of my guys for not quitting and fighting to the end,” Juricek said. “Ultimately, we ran out of time, but all the credit to GCDS, they’ve got a great program.”

“Foul trouble definitely hurt, guys fouled out, but we were able to get some guys in there and speed them up a little bit and turn them over,” Juricek continued. “But the hole we dug was a little bit too deep.”

GCDS sealed the win with clutch foul shooting down the stretch. For the game, the Tigers shot a stellar 22 of 27 from the foul line. Truesdale was 6 for 6 from the foul line, while Brown



Brunswick’s Matty Augustine in the air with Taj Walters and Griffyn Flood of Greenwich Country Day. Photo credit: Jon Lopez, GCDS Sports Photographer.



Mekai Brown of Greenwich Country Day School gets ready to execute a slam dunk as a big crowd watches during the FAA Boys Basketball Tournament final against Brunswick School on Feb. 24, 2024, at Brunswick. Photo by David Fierro.

ready for their physical play.”

“They’re a good team, they definitely prepared well for us and what defensive schemes to run,” Augustine noted. “We couldn’t really get anything to fall. The second half we came out with energy, but it wasn’t enough to get it done.”

With the FAA championship in its possession, GCDS (10-1 record against FAA opponents

this season) will soon start action the NEPSAC Tournament, which begins next week.

“I think we can make a strong run in the NEPSAC Tournament,” Brown said. “I think we can beat anybody.”

Indeed, this GCDS team will always be remembered by the school for winning its first FAA basketball tournament championship.

“We played them last year and last week and we didn’t play together,” Walters said. “Today, we were more locked in and we understood as a team that we had to play together, they’re a good team. That was the only way we were going to beat them and we got the job done. I’m super proud of everybody, I’m super proud of the coaches and all my teammates.”

Brunswick Hockey to Host Salisbury in NEPSAC Elite 8

By DAVID FIERRO

After an outstanding regular season in which it won an eye-opening 26 games, the Brunswick School hockey team received the No. 3 seed in the NEPSAC Elite 8 Tournament and will host rival Salisbury School on Wednesday

in the tournament’s quarterfinal-round at 4:30 p.m. at Hartong Rink.

Cushing Academy is seeded first in the Elite 8 Tournament, which features the top eight teams in New England. The Bruins capped their 26-win regular season this past Friday night, by skating to

a decisive 6-1 Senior Night win over Trinity Pawling School at Hartong Rink.

Brunswick honored its 14 seniors prior to Friday night’s Senior Night game against Trinity Pawling – and ultimately gave this special and very accomplished


class a great regular-season send-off.

Brunswick’s 26th win tied the program’s 2014-2015 team that also notched the same number in Division I NEPSAC play. The Bruins enter the Elite 8 Tournament with a record of 26-5-2.

Seniors Sean Gibbons, Ryan Wachtel (two goals), Brendan Giles, and Jake Minella – as well as junior Tucker Spiess – scored the ‘Wick goals, while seniors Carter Hall, Luke Drury, Charlie Vincent, and Casey Quinson got on the sheet with assists – (As did junior

defenseman Luke Hall) – in the triumph against Trinity Pawling.

Seniors Connor Choy, Connor Crosby, Carter Grimes, Luc Lampert, and Cooper Cleaves also keyed the Bruins’ victory – as was senior goaltender Will Baker, who made 22 saves to secure the win.



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36 Hollow Wood Lane	\$859,000	\$609	1,410	0.12	4	2	Pemberwick
8 Rockland Place	\$895,000	\$439	2,040	0.17	5	2	Pemberwick
112 Greenwich Hills Drive	\$978,000	\$463	2,112		3	2	South Parkway
71 Halsey Drive	\$1,150,000	\$789	1,457	0.17	2	3	Old Greenwich
11 Sheephill Road	\$1,400,000	\$754	1,856	0.4	4	2	Riverside
33 Lafayette Court 3H	\$1,500,000	\$1,162	1,291		2	2	South Parkway
129 Cutler Road	\$1,600,000	\$719	2,224	4	3	2	North Parkway
14 Salem Street	\$1,775,000	\$659	2,693	0.17	4	3	Cos Cob
186 Field Point 6A	\$1,795,000	\$472	3,800		5	4	South of Post
20 Linwood Avenue	\$2,395,000	\$782	3,061	0.29	4	3	Riverside
320 Valley Road	\$2,575,000	\$597	4,314	0.28	3	4	Cos Cob
7 Echo Lane	\$2,575,000	\$732	3,516	0.72	4	4	South Parkway
67 Londonderry Drive	\$2,600,000	\$552	4,712	2	4	3	South Parkway
361 Maple Avenue	\$2,925,000	\$819	3,573	0.6	4	4	South Parkway
2 Owenoke Way	\$2,950,000	\$964	3,059	0.25	4	2	Riverside
19 Red Coat Lane	\$2,950,000	\$623	4,734	2	5	4	South Parkway
12 Cherry Blossom Lane	\$3,398,500	\$680	5,000	2.03	5	4	North Parkway
562 North Street	\$3,790,000	\$720	5,263	2.04	6	4	South Parkway
4 Idar Court A	\$3,900,000	\$862	4,524	0	3	4	South of Post
25 Birch Lane	\$4,695,000	\$744	6,307	1.09	4	4	South Parkway
26 Grahampton Lane	\$6,750,000	\$1,021	6,608	2.36	6	6	South Parkway
398 Stanwich Road	\$6,830,000	\$503	13,591	2	6	7	South Parkway

FEATURED BROKER

Leslie McElwreath

Committed to excellence and dedicated to unparalleled customer service, Leslie McElwreath has over 40 years of experience as a sales and marketing professional. Leslie's singular results in 2023 made her the #1 Sotheby's International Realty, Inc Individual Agent in the United States, in addition to #1 agent in the Town of Greenwich and the State of Connecticut. Her career sales volume exceeds \$1.625 billion. Simply put, Leslie McElwreath is the undisputed leader in Greenwich real estate. Leslie has represented some of the most iconic Greenwich Great Estates including Rockfields, a former Rockefeller estate, Sabine Farm, Old Mill Farm, and Dunellen Hall, the former Helmsley Estate. In 2023 she represented Copper Beech Farm which closed for \$138,830,000, setting a record for the highest sale ever in the state of Connecticut and among the highest ever in the United States. Leslie's distinguished career as a Wall Street executive encompassed over 15 years at Bankers Trust Company, Bear Stearns & Co, Drexel Burnham and Lambert, Inc. and J.P. Morgan. Leslie graduated with honors from Brown University earning both a degree in economics and a degree in organizational behavior and management. She also graduated with honors from Phillips Exeter Academy.

What is something that you have noticed about the current market?

We have always had a large buyer pool of families

looking to relocate to Greenwich full time for the educational opportunities, the fantastic public amenities, and the overall high quality of life. Now we have people looking at Greenwich properties as an addition to their real estate portfolio, as part time residents. They may use their new home for easy access to NYC when needed for business, as a summer escape much closer to NYC than the Hamptons, or to be closer to family and friends during the holidays. Greenwich is deemed both a safe place to live and a safe place to invest in real estate.

What's one thing a buyers or sellers should know about this market?

You need to assemble a top-notch team before you start to look for properties. Get the best local realtor you can find to be your real estate advisor. Then select a top Greenwich real estate attorney. If you need financing, get your banker on board. You need to be prepared to move quickly and to make decisions in a very short period of time. It is stressful, but being ready will allow you to prevail in a competitive environment.

Which local spot in Greenwich is your favorite and you feel is a must visit?

I love to dine out! Greenwich Avenue is now a mecca of food options. When I moved here in the 1980's we had a diner or two. Now, we have an excellent variety of everything from Tacos, sushi to fine dining from Jean-Georges Vongerichten!

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FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

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Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
129 Cutler Road	Greenwich	\$1,600,000	Sat 1-4 PM	Brown Harris Stevens
129 Cutler Road	Greenwich	\$1,600,000	Sun 1-4 PM	Brown Harris Stevens
11 Zygmunt Lane	Greenwich	\$1,250,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
112 Greenwich Hills Drive	Greenwich	\$978,000	Sat 12-3 PM	Sotheby's
8 Tower Lane	Old Greenwich	\$5,250,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
430 Riversville Road	Greenwich	\$1,999,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
7 Echo Lane	Greenwich	\$2,575,000	Sun 12-3 PM	Sotheby's

NEW SALES

Data Compiled by Cesar Rabellino (203) 249-9866

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
50 Church Street 9	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,075,000	49	2	2		1,571
20 Church Street B23	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	0	2	2	0	1,248
31 Ferncliff Road	\$1,995,000	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	247	3	3	1.03	2,938
28 Juniper Lane	\$1,595,000	\$1,595,000	\$1,825,000	25	4	2	0.38	2,198
3 Clark Street	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000	0	4	3	0.27	4,619
271 Lake Avenue	\$3,790,000	\$3,790,000	\$4,600,000	4	5	4	0.53	3,792
49 Lockwood Avenue	\$4,595,000	\$4,595,000	\$4,670,000	8	4	3	0.46	4,548



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Left to right top: Strawberry Cheesecake, Nutella Sea Salt, Brookie. Left to right bottom: Chocolate Chip, Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter, Confetti.



The Nutella Sea Salt Cookie, a toasted hazelnut cookie filled with Nutella and sprinkled with sea salt.

The Perfect Sleepover Cookies

Chip City celebrates the joy of cookies, made with passion ... serve warm.

By Emma Barhydt

Nestled just fifteen minutes away in Darien, Chip City’s recent opening has been a delightful addition to the local culinary scene, especially for those with a sweet tooth. Walking in for the first time, I was immediately struck by the fun and vibrant atmosphere, and the sweet aroma that promised an incredible experience ahead. This cookie haven offers an impressive range of cookies that are both familiar and innovative, inviting cookie enthusiasts to explore flavors that range from comforting to exciting.

Just to get this out of the way– The Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Cookie was definitely my favorite. All the cookies were good in their own right, but I’m a die-hard chocolate and peanut butter lover like my father before me. This cookie is a standout, striking a perfect balance between rich and slightly bitter dark chocolate and creamy, nutty, salty peanut butter chips. It’s a cookie that not only satisfies the taste buds but also evokes a sense of indulgence without being overwhelming. It’s at once nostalgic in the chocolate-chip cookie format of it all, but its flavor is so much more complex.

For fans of both brownies and cookies, the Brookie presents a delightful compromise. It cleverly combines the gooeyness of a chocolate chip cookie with the crispy edges of a brownie, creating a texture that is satisfyingly crunchy yet ooey-gooey. It’s an inventive take on two classic desserts, proving that sometimes, you really can have the best of both worlds. The cookie dough is a nice balance to the delightfully rich brownie.

The Nutella Sea Salt Cookie, a toasted hazelnut cookie filled with Nutella and sprinkled with sea salt, is another highlight. The use of roasted hazelnuts adds depth to the flavor, making it a memorable treat for anyone who loves the combination of hazelnuts and chocolate. The hazelnut part of the hazelnut cookie is possibly one of the best cookies I’ve ever had, feeling both sophisticated and decadent. Definitely have a napkin at the ready– Chip City does not skimp on the Nutella. A stuffed cookie is such a fun idea and makes for an excellent way to upgrade what some may deem a more boring cookie.

The chocolate chip cookie honestly didn’t change my life, but it was a solid chocolate chip cookie– well baked, crispy on the outside, gooey on the inside. This cookie still holds its own with a comforting, familiar taste that takes you right back to your childhood.

Nestled in the heart of Darien, Chip City's recent opening has been a delightful addition to the local culinary scene, especially for those with a sweet tooth.



The confetti cookie brings a dash of fun with its colorful appearance and pleasant texture, albeit with a wish for crunchier sprinkles. Of the plain confetti cookies I’ve had, this one is one of the better ones because the dough is so good and not too sweet.

The Strawberry Cheesecake cookie, though a tad on the sweet side, offers a unique flavor that’s worth trying for its novelty and the sheer fun of its theme, especially around Valentine’s Day. I, generously, had the opportunity to see up close how the cookies get made and decorate six of the Strawberry Cheesecake cookies. It was much harder than I expected. I’m typically one for creative pursuits, but decorating cookies was really hard! The girls at Chip City have serious talent.

At Chip City, the menu, with its focused selection of cookies alongside classic pairings of milk, cold brew, and water, is a testament to the business’s philosophy of excellence through simplicity. By honing in on a concise offering, Chip City not only showcases its mastery in the art of cookie-making but also invites patrons to appreciate the beauty and flavor of each carefully crafted treat. Chip City celebrates the joy of cookies, made with passion and served with love.

The cookies themselves are indeed enormous, making them perfect for sharing and turning any occasion into a celebration. They are the absolute perfect sleepover or girl’s

night cookie!

My personal favorites were, without a doubt, the peanut butter chocolate, followed by the brookie, and then the Nutella cookie. Each cookie in my taste test, however, brought something special to the table, from the adventurous and sweet to the rich and nuanced. Each cookie has its own charm, and even those lower on my list provided a pleasant taste experience, particularly for those who favor sweeter or more unique flavors.

Chip City in Darien is a place where the love for cookies is palpable, where each creation is a celebration of flavor, texture, and joy. Whether you’re a traditionalist or an adventurer in the realm of sweets, Chip City in Darien is a journey worth taking, one warm cookie at a time.

In 2017, friends Peter Phillips and Theodore Gailas challenged each other to see who could create the absolute best cookie they’d ever tasted. They resulting cookies were so good that the duo decided to open a cookie shop in Astoria, Queens. Chip City has since expanded into one of the East Coast’s fastest-growing cookie bakeries.

Chip City cookies is located at 112 Heights Road in Dairen and online at <https://chipcitycookies.com/locations/darien>.



A furry friend’s sweet gaze meets the irresistible allure of cookie time. Sorry ... no cookies for you.

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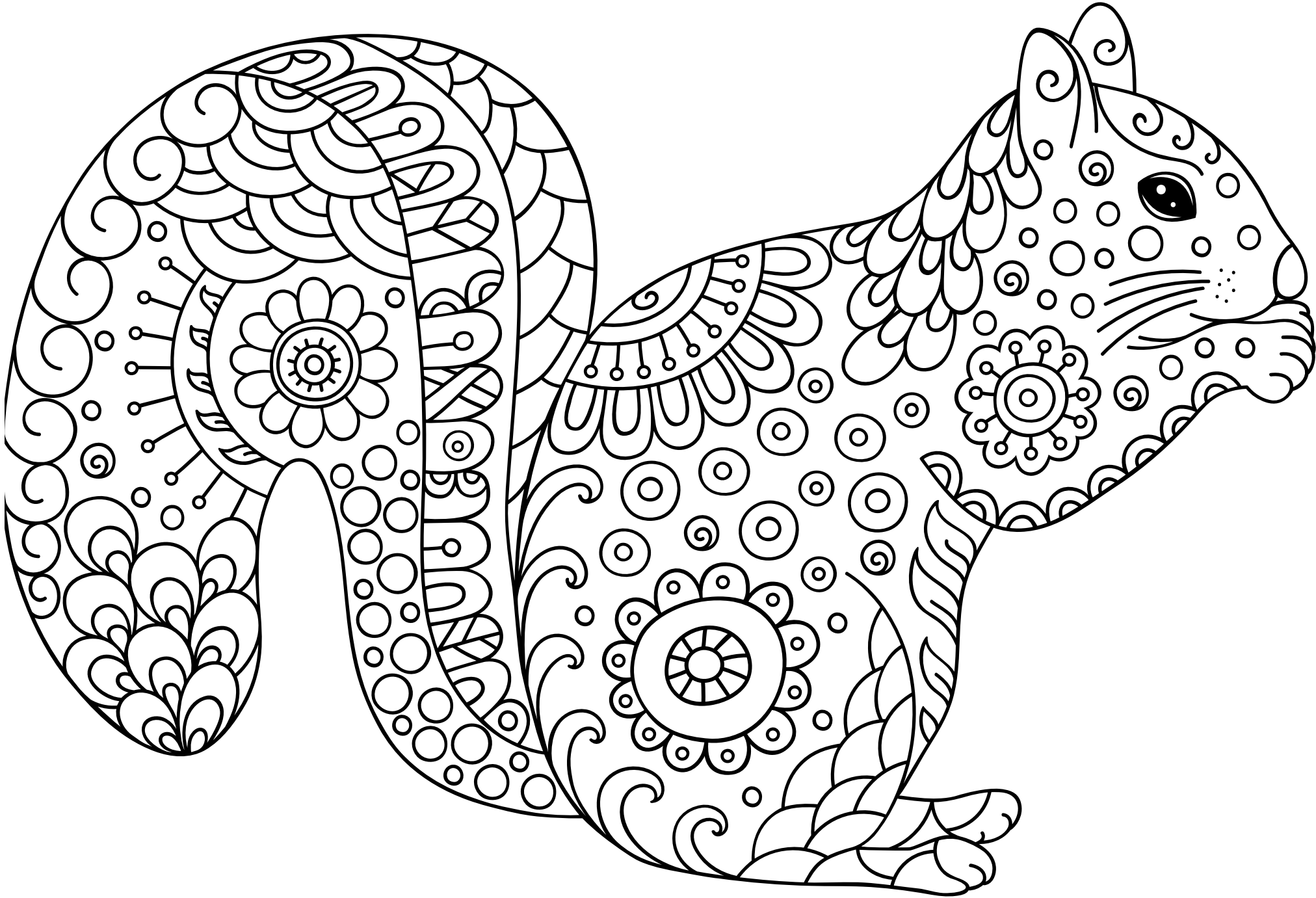
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COLORING MANDALA



Sudoku answers

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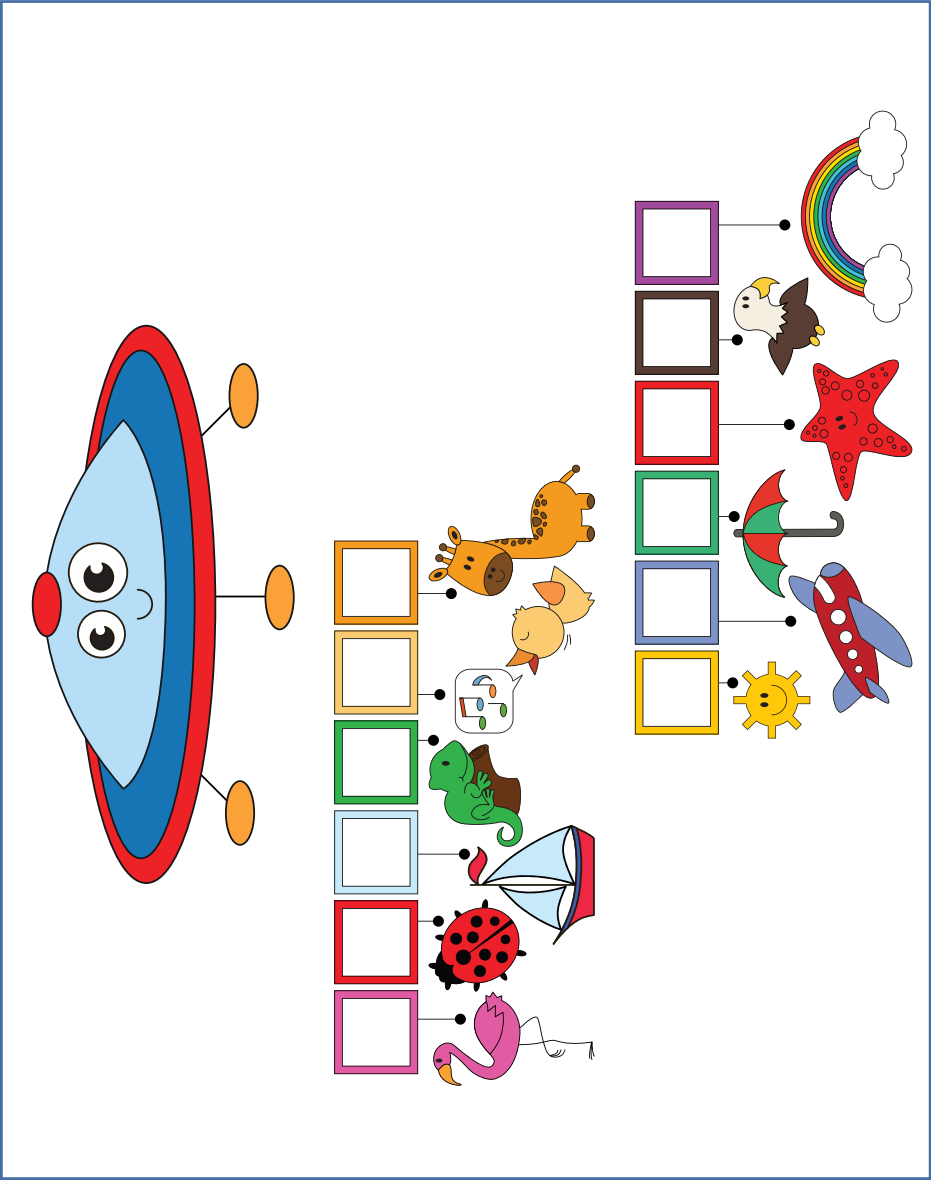
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Top row – Easy

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Art, Movement & Mindfulness: Blooming Beginnings! (ages 4-6). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.
Hatha Yoga for Adults with Inger. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

1 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

Sunday, March 3

3 p.m.
Peterson Concert: New Blue of Yale A Capella Concert. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org

Monday, March 4

10 a.m.
Wee Ones Storytime for 1s and 2s. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11:30 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

12:15 p.m.
"Ulysses" James Joyce's Novel-Work Sessions with Jesse Meyers. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

3:45 p.m.
Pen to Paper. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

4 p.m.
Nutmeg Nominee Book Club with Ms. Flynn-"The Beast and the Bethany" by Jack Meggitt-Phillips. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

4:30 p.m.
Fiction Addiction Book Club.

7 p.m.
And That's The Way It Is: A Look Back at 70 Years of TV News. Online.

Tuesday, March 5

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.

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

1:15 p.m.
Baby Lapsit (Registration required). Children's Constellation Room.

3:50 p.m.
Mandarin Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

4 p.m.
3D Printed Garden Stakes. Innovation Lab.

4 p.m.
Artscape: Georgia O'Keefe. Children's Constellation Room.

Wednesday, March 6

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

10 a.m.
La Leche of Greenwich/Stamford/Rye. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

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. lmattthews@greenwichlibrary.org

11 a.m.
The Nurse is in: Free Blood Pressure Screening. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

3 p.m.
English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare competition. Berkley Theater.

3:45 p.m.
Afternoon Story/Craft. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

4 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board (Grades 7+). Teen Commons.

Thursday, March 7

9:30 a.m.
Great Books Discussion.

10 a.m.
Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

11 a.m.
Fiesta de los Cuentos: Bilingual Storytime. Children's Constellation Room.

1:30 p.m.
Make N' Move: Art & Movement (ages 3-5). Children's Constellation Room.

3:45 p.m.
Not Your Mama's Home Ec! GRADES 3+ Cos Cob Library Community Room.

4 p.m.
Tai Chi for Kids with Ken Dolan. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

6 p.m.
Opening: (De)Construct. Flinn Gallery.

7 p.m.
Practice Being Here Now: Meditation Techniques with Roberta Brown. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Friday, March 8

9:15 a.m.
Senior Chinese Book Discussion Group. Online. ywang@greenwichlibrary.org

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

10 a.m.
Fiesta Fun with Flor Bromley! Spanish & English Music. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

11:30 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. lmattthews@greenwichlibrary.org

6 p.m.
Rock, Jam, and Jig with The Sunday Morning Boys an Irish Heritage Celebration. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: "Lady Bird". Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, March 9

9:30 a.m.
AARP Tax Help. Community Room #5.

10:30 a.m.
St. Patrick's Day Craft with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

11 a.m.
The Adventures of an Eclipse Chaser. Online.

1 p.m.
Cloak and Dagger Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

2 p.m.
Art Opening Reception: "Art in Society" paintings by Alakananda Mukerji. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

2:30 p.m.
Learn to Mahjong with Jackie. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

3 p.m.
Broadway on a Budget. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Sunday, March 10

3 p.m.
Peterson Concert: New Blue of Yale A Capella Concert. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org

GREENWICH HOSPITAL

greenwichhospital.org/events
888-305-9253

Monday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 6

11 a.m.
Talk: Food for Thought: What Are You Eating?. Greenwich Hospital.

1:30 p.m.
Parkinson's Support Group. Long Ridge Medical Center, 260 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford. Zoom option available.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

ntngreenwich.org

Everyday, all day
• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riverside 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

Monday, March 4

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

11:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford.

Tuesday, March 5

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

1 - 6:30 p.m.
Saint Mark's Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan.

Wednesday, March 6

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
King School, 1450 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
West Harrison Senior Center, 251 Underhill Ave., West Harrison, NY.

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Westchester Medical Center - Taylor Pavilion South, 100 Woods Rd., Valhalla, NY.

Thursday, March 7

12 - 5 p.m.
American Legion Hall, 40 Bell Rd., Scarsdale, NY.

Saturday, March 9

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center (Mobile), 99 Indian Field Rd.

TOWN MEETINGS

greenwichct.gov/calendar

Friday, March 1

7:45 a.m.
Julian Curtiss School Building Committee Meeting. In Person @ Julian Curtiss School Media Center and Virtual via Zoom.

10 a.m.
American Red Cross Flag Raising Ceremony. Front steps of Town Hall.

Monday, March 4

10 a.m.
BET HR Committee.

10:30 a.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting.

1 p.m.
BET Budget Committee.

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

7:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting. Hayton Room.

7:30 p.m.
Legislative & Rules Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:45 p.m.
Land Use Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

Tuesday, March 5

10 a.m.
BET Audit Committee.

3 p.m.
BET Law Committee.

4 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

7 p.m.
First Selectman's Youth Commission Board Meeting. Employee lounge.

7:30 p.m.
Appointments Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

7:30 p.m.
Health & Human Services Committee Meeting. Hayton Room.

7:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. Parks & Rec. Conference Room.

7:30 p.m.
Transportation Committee Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

Wednesday, March 6

1 p.m.
Nathaniel Witherell Board Legal Affairs & Governance Committee Meeting.

7 p.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting.

7:30 p.m.
District 11 Meeting. GCDS, 401 Old Church Road.

7:30 p.m.
District 4 Meeting. Byram Firehouse.

7:30 p.m.
District 8 Meeting. Cos Cob School Media Center.

Thursday, March 7

11 a.m.
FS Sustainability Committee Meeting In Person @ Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

6:30 p.m.
BET.

7 p.m.
Conservation Commission Regular Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

7 p.m.
District 10 Meeting. Round Hill Church, 397 Round Hill Road.

7:30 p.m.
District 12 Meeting. North Mianus School Library.

7:30 p.m.
District 2 Meeting. Hayton Room.

7:30 p.m.
District 3 Meeting. Hamilton Avenue School.

7:30 p.m.
District 5 Meeting. Riverside School Library.

7:30 p.m.
District 6 Meeting. Old Greenwich School Cafeteria.

7:30 p.m.
District 7 Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:30 p.m.
District 9 Meeting. Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center.

7:30 p.m.
District 1 Meeting. Employee lounge.

Friday, March 8

9 a.m.
Board of Estimate & Taxation Advisory Committee.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 1

6:30 p.m.
Kids In Crisis' 'Rck the Dock' Spring Gala. The Loading Dock, Stamford. ow.ly/FwaY50QrQf5

Wednesday, March 6

5:30 p.m.
YWCA Greenwich's Women Who Inspire Awards. Greenwich Country Club. ywcagrn.org/womenwhoinspire24

Wednesday, April 3

11:45 a.m.
Neighbor to Neighbor Annual Spring Luncheon. Greenwich Country Club. secure.qgiv.com/for/202sprlun

Thursday, April 4

7 p.m.
Greenwich Library Peterson Business Award Dinner honoring Ray Dalio. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. greenwichlibrary.org/support/peterson-business-award-dinner

Saturday, April 6

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
researchED Greenwich. Greenwich High School. \$65. eventbrite.co.uk/e/753847888327

Thursday, April 25
Greenwich United Way's Annual Sole Sisters Luncheon. Greenwich Country Club. greenwichunitedway.org

Saturday, April 27

6 p.m.
Spring for Abilis Gala. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/B0t

Saturday, May 11
The Bruce Gala. Bruce Museum. 203-413-6745. cconsidine@BruceMuseum.org

Friday, May 17

7 a.m.
Building One Community (BIC) 11th Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. blc.org

Saturday, May 18

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Greenwich's First Selectman's Youth Commission 4th Annual Greenwich Middle School STEM Fair. Greenwich Water Club.

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
39th Annual Outdoor Crafts Festival. Bruce Museum. Also held Sunday, May 19. brucemuseum.org

Sunday, May 19

2 p.m.
The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum's Gilded Age Tea. \$60-\$65. lockwoodmathews-mansion.com

Monday, June 3

10:30 a.m.
Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing. Griffith E. Harris Golf Course. greenwichchamber.com

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

7 p.m.
First Fridays: David Wolff. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

1 p.m.
'The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley: A Poet's Journeys Through American Slavery and Independence'. Jay Heritage Center, 210 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY. Free. Register. jayheritagecenter.org

MONDAY, MARCH 4

6 p.m.
First-Time Homebuyer Information Session. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo: FrogWatch Hybrid Training - In Person at the Zoo or Online. Free with suggested donation. info@beardsleyzoo.org

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

12 p.m.
Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation, a Mental Health & Wellness Series Program. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

3 p.m.
Online Job Search Strategies. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

12 p.m.
Your Life, Your Legacy Seminar: A Guide to End-of-Life Planning. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Arcade game developer
- 6 “___ girl!”
- 10 Petty quarrel
- 14 “That’s enough out of you!”
- 15 Carries out
- 16 Unaccompanied
- 17 Kitchen gloves
- 18 “Shucks!”
- 19 Speck
- 20 Audrey Hepburn’s role in “My Fair Lady”
- 23 Recycle ___
- 24 Beast that brays
- 25 Like a clock with hands
- 29 Letters meaning “Now!”
- 32 Bottom line?
- 35 “Impossible!”
- 36 Final, in sports
- 38 It goes with glitz
- 39 Maximum or minimum
- 40 Circle parts
- 41 Vehicle on Boston’s Green Line
- 43 Count for a post
- 44 Danson of “Cheers”
- 45 Balance
- 46 Karate instructor
- 47 Diamond, for one
- 49 Musician’s booking
- 50 Newsstand attractions ... and a hint to the first two and last two letters of 20-, 36- and 41-Across
- 58 Like acne-prone skin
- 59 Screen symbol
- 60 Eagle’s 64-Across
- 61 Rolled sandwich
- 62 Tennis legend
- 63 Majestic
- 64 Baby bird’s birthplace
- 65 Views
- 66 Online menace

DOWN

- 1 Apex
- 2 End of a kite
- 3 Opposed to
- 4 Perforated cracker brand
- 5 “The son is out!”
- 6 Item with an extra cost
- 7 Bull, in Spanish
- 8 Greenish-blue hue
- 9 Italian source of sparkling wine
- 10 Thin cuts
- 11 Hustlers with cues
- 12 What’s upped
- 13 Import from Assam
- 21 Really enjoy
- 22 Walkman insert

25 Existential worry

- 26 “Affliction” actor Nick
- 27 Honorary celebrations
- 28 Gold or silver fabric
- 29 Direct toward
- 30 ___ the pot (cause trouble)
- 31 Key near a PC’s space bar
- 33 Show host
- 34 Soccer superstar
- 36 Nervous twitches
- 37 Put on, as weight
- 39 Tech before 5G
- 42 Humor columnist
- 43 Creative works with some little bricks
- 46 (Quoted verbatim)
- 48 Country known as the “Gift of the Nile”
- 49 Units of inheritance
- 50 Bog
- 51 Hurries
- 52 Frozen drink brand
- 53 Piece of music?
- 54 Change course suddenly
- 55 And so, in a proof
- 56 Iranian money
- 57 Offer for purchase
- 58 Have

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Astrology for Next Week

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March If people you normally get along with are obstructive for no apparent reason it may be because you’ve done or said something to upset them. It might mean nothing to you but to them it could seem you are being insensitive, so stop, think and, if necessary, say sorry.

ARIES

21 March-20 April You’re expecting too much of yourself and others and the planets warm you could jeopardise a friendship if you push too hard. Don’t let your perfectionist streak interfere with more important things such as love and respect. Is perfection really so wonderful?

TAURUS

21 April-21 May Current changes may be unsettling but one day you’ll realise they happened for a good reason so don’t waste time lamenting. If your life was any easier you wouldn’t appreciate it so much. You’ll feel better about what’s going on if you get personally involved.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June If your life isn’t lively enough it’s up to you to improve it. You are an intelligent outgoing Gemini so do not wait for others to take the initiative, make things happen yourself. Not everyone will be pleased you’re shaking things up but who cares what they think!

CANCER

22 June-23 July You want to make things happen even if it means grabbing certain people by the scruff of the neck to shake some sense into them. You will find it easy to be assertive and will be surprised how readily friends, family and colleagues do what you tell them.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug If you’ve given advice that’s turned out to be wrong you must apologise and make amends quickly. Tense cosmic forces warn you not to give others an excuse to get annoyed with you. You don’t have to win in every clash of wills. Sometimes it pays to back off.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept Your instincts tend to be right most of the time but they cannot be trusted at the moment. However, you can trust a close friend so listen carefully and act on what they say. For some strange reason their instincts seems to be working better than yours just now.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct It is vital that you stay on good terms with those in authority. If you say or do anything they might take exception to you will mark yourself out for rough treatment. You don’t have to hide in corners but it might be wise to keep a low profile for a while.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov You hate being kept in the dark but the more you try to find out what others are keeping from you the more they’ll delight in teasing you. So pretend you don’t care and focus on something else. You have no automatic right to be let in on every secret.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec Do whatever it takes to protect your interests. Don’t let anyone take advantage of you. You may have to make an example of someone who pushes their luck too far but it will encourage the others to stop taking liberties. A little aggression is sometimes a good thing.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan If you decide you would rather be anywhere than where you are there won’t be much joy in your life in the days ahead. Convince yourself life is wonderful, a great adventure. Say it enough and, whatever your situation, it will become true. Attitude is everything.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb You are putting a lot of effort into a variety of projects without seeming to get far. Don’t lose heart as the planets suggest you will see results very soon. Keep going and don’t get dispirited. Nothing you do is ever wasted. Never stop learning – or loving.

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Itty-bitty Greek vowel?
5. (K) Carrier that can be paper or plastic
8. (K) Like a fuzzy blanket
12. Dignified manner
13. “... the winter of ___ discontent”
14. (K) The Powerpuff Girls or Alvin and the Chipmunks
15. Abundance
17. Tirade
18. (K) Home of the La Brea Tar Pits (2 words)
20. (K) Speechless
23. (K) Deer young lady?
24. Reverse
25. (K) Remote power source
29. (K) Dried, like concrete
30. (K) Total, in algebra
31. 1960s peace sign
32. Faded star
35. Relating to bees
37. (K) Chapter of history
38. (K) “___ Band Together” (2023 film)
39. (K) Be the opposite of courteous
43. (K) Throb
44. List of characters?
48. (K) Building topping
49. Gift handed out in Oahu
50. (K) Ring___ (cellphone feature)
51. (K) Shoelace problem
52. (K) Synonym for 1-Across
53. (K) Work a door
- DOWN
1. Mischievous child
2. (K) Engine lubricant
3. (K) Football or golf ball stabilizer
4. (K) Feature of a buck
5. Provide a leg up
6. Vibe about a person
7. Old Pontiac muscle car (2 words)
8. (K) It may cross an avenue
9. (K) Spoken punishment
10. Monetary
11. (K) Babysitters watch them
16. Put an edge on a blade
19. (K) Received
20. Supportive window part
21. (K) Thought
22. (K) Places for parking
25. (K) “Sticky” treat
26. (K) Really, really wicked
27. (K) Completely authentic
28. Hungers
30. Table condiment (2 words)
33. Grief-stricken
34. Before, to a 425-year-old poet
35. (K) Part of a foot
36. (K) Veggie with an eye
38. Barely warm
39. (K) Word before “chocolate” or “Ages”
40. (K) Clickable pic
41. “Scat, cat!”
42. “Please leave me a piece!” for one
45. Conk relative, jazzy
46. (K) Opposite of WSW
47. (K) Six plus four

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

Item that is sometimes Miss-printed?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Previous riddle answer:

Remote location?
6-D) SETTEE

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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 coerce with intimidation (8)
- 2 goes off the cuff (10)
- 3 destroying documents (9)
- 4 pioneering nurse Seacole (4)
- 5 most punishing (8)
- 6 illuminates from behind (10)
- 7 Oscar’s 2019 Best Actor Rami (5)

SOLUTIONS

MA	BR	EAT	HAR	SHR
ING	ST	LES	HTS	FR
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STY	LEK	MA	EDD	BAC

Previous Answers: 1. VETTED 2. PENNY 3. RHODES
4. FURROW 5. MOUNTIE 6. STRIKING 7. WARMED

THE SENTINEL COMPETITION

Judged by JOE DAWSON

Calling all sophisticates, literary snobs, savants, aficionados, and our cleverest Sentinel readers!

Enter our weekly Competition and match wits with your neighbors in the Sentinel community. Simply read the prompt below, come up with a clever example, and email your entry to the erudite Mr. Dawson for consideration.

THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION:
An Unanswered Letter

PROMPT

Please send Mr. Dawson an example of a letter, email, card, or note to which the sender is exceedingly unlikely to receive a reply. (Limit: 100 words.)

EXAMPLE

Dear Magnolia –
You were so kind to let us use the guest cottage at your Hamptons house last summer. We were talking about coming back and hoped we could stay there again. Obviously, we wouldn't bring Max, after what he did to your poor mother. (Did the skin graft take?) We just need to find a kennel that hasn't banned him. And you'll be thrilled to know that Horst has been taking plumbing classes, so if we have the same septic issue this time, we can maybe fix it ourselves! How does the week of July 4th sound?



ENTER! PSEUDONYMS WELCOME! Be IRREVERENT. Enter as many times as you like.
WIN A \$50 PRIZE plus bragging rights.
Submit your entries by email to: Dawson@GreenwichSentinel.com.
Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, March 7, 2024
Winners will be announced in the March 15 issue of *The Sentinel*.
The Competition is exclusively for readers of the print or digital editions of The Sentinel and is not available on our website.

WINNERS OF THE FEB. 16 COMPETITION

Time to Order the Seeds

PROMPT

Mr. Dawson would like to know what fantastical flower, fruit, or vegetable you wish you could plant in your garden this year, if only it existed.

WINNER

Lisa Bergtraum

Aloe Veracity: specially cultivated variant of aloe vera that promotes truth-telling. Boil leaves for an elixir and serve to your real estate broker, babysitter, ex's attorney.

Runner Up

Ira Frimere

The Leafeater: this plant with its vast root system quickly digests leaves on the ground vastly reducing the need of the incessant leaf blowing devices destroying the peaceful tranquility of our spring, summer and fall seasons.

Honorable Mention

Peg Broadshaw

Wallbush: This fast-growing cousin of the boxwood naturally spreads upward and outward in a nearly-flat plane so that each leaf gets full exposure to the sun. With its dense, evergreen foliage and shallow footprint (a mature wallbush will grow to 12 feet tall and ten feet wide but only one foot deep), the wallbush is the perfect privacy screen between your yard and that of your weird neighbor who likes to do pilates outdoors in his skivvies.

IN NEXT WEEK'S SENTINEL

Winners of the Feb. 23 Competition:
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MISCELLANY

NEW BOOK FOR DYSLEXIC KIDS Age 6-8 *Olivia's Gift* by Victoria Linnartz. Olivia couldn't wait to go to school to learn to read and meet new friends, but reading is not easy for some. Join Olivia as she learns to read and discovers her gifts. On Amazon and IngramSpark.

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BY REV. TERRY ELSBERRY

Adapted from a Sermon given last fall by Rev. Terry Elsberry.

The Power of Laughter

In the Bible, we learn that joy is a significant aspect of being in God's presence. The Christian Siege, as Peter describes, are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. The joy that Jesus anticipated while enduring the cross was his reunion with the Father. Joy is indeed more powerful and enduring than pain. The grief, setbacks, and suffering we endure are temporary compared to the everlasting joy of the Lord. As Psalm 30 teaches us, "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

The joy of the Lord is our strength, a profound truth that I often remind myself of, especially in challenging times. This joy is present when we gather

Embracing Joy and Laughter

in church, a manifestation of God's presence among us. Growing up, my perception of church didn't include much laughter. However, I've come to realize that church can be a place of both seriousness and joy. It's about being in the presence of a mighty God and experiencing the happiness He brings.

Laughter and Healing

God created us to experience joy, which is evident in our spiritual and emotional makeup. According to a health column in Time Magazine, humor and laughter significantly contribute to our overall health and well-being. Laughter is known to boost energy, improve mood, and enhance immunity. It even has healing power, as shown in Norman Cousins' book, where he laughed himself back to health. This aligns with the biblical wisdom that "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Humor also plays a vital role in relationships. It can diffuse negative energy and bring a lighter perspective to our interactions. I remember asking a long-time married couple about their secret to a happy marriage. They emphasized the importance of taking their

relationship seriously but not themselves. They found humor even in absurd situations, sometimes realizing that the absurdity was in their own actions.

One of my favorite quotes, by George Bernard Shaw, is "He who laughs, lasts." My father, who lived to 95, often said that laughter is crucial to enduring life's challenges.

Joy in the Bible

The Bible repeatedly reminds us of the expectation to find joy in life. The Lord is described as having continual joy. Isaiah, Jeremiah, and many other prophets spoke of joy and gladness. The story of Sarah laughing at the thought of giving birth at an advanced age reminds us of the unexpected joy that faith can bring.

When Jesus sent his disciples to spread his message, they returned filled with joy, having brought the joy of knowing Jesus to many. After Jesus' ascension, the Holy Spirit empowered his followers to spread this joy to the world. The early church was marked by this joy, a natural response to being constantly in the Lord's presence.

Embracing Joy

So, when you feel down, think of something that brings you happiness. Remember, our Lord is not only a man of sorrow but more importantly, a man of inexpressible, unconquerable, everlasting joy. This joy is a foremost gift to us.

I recall a conversation with a nurse who shared a story about her aunt, a nun who lived to 102. She believed her aunt lived so long because she was "having too much fun to die." This story beautifully illustrates the life-enhancing power of joy.

As we conclude, let's remember to embrace the joy that the Lord offers us. A gloomy Christian is a contradiction in terms. The gospel is good news, meant to bring happiness to our lives.

So, go forth rejoicing, carrying the joy of the Lord in your hearts. Amen.

The Rev. Terry Elsberry served as Associate Rector at Christ Church from 1986-1994 and has now returned as Priest Associate. He recently retired as the Rector of St. Matthew's Church in Bedford, N.Y., where he served for the last 23 years.

Worship Directory and Services

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Harvest Time Church
1338 King St., 203-531-7778
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. *Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. Easter Food Drive - collecting non-perishable food donations for Easter baskets: Please leave items at the front or rear entrances of the church each weekend through Sunday, March 17. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - knit or crochet (or learn) prayer shawls: Saturday, March 2, 9:30am. Family Mass: Sunday, March 10, 9:30am.*

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

* All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are in-person and livestreamed (View our Livestream and recordings here: <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>)

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm – Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine's Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine's Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am – Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church; 5:15pm – Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. *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. Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 & March 14), stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose. Lent: Stations of the Cross: Fridays, 7-8pm, St. Catherine Church; In Spanish: Fridays, 2-3pm, St. Catherine Chapel. Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions: Saturdays, 3-4pm (excluding March 30), St. Catherine Church. 'Living in Freedom' - A Lenten Reflection: Sunday, February 25, 5pm (Mass), 6:30pm (Presentation and Reception). St. Catherine's Players' "Beauty & The Beast": March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 & 10, Fridays 8pm, Saturdays, 7pm, Sundays, 2pm, Lucey Parish Hall, \$21 in advance & \$25 at the door; scp.ludus.com. New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There's no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes or even Catholic, you just need to be registered. If interested, please contact Parish Partners at (203) 637-3661, ext 375).*

St. Marv 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. *Lent: Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent, 7pm, in the Church. Via Crucis (en Español): Fridays of Lent, 7pm, in the Church. Daily Mass: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions heard in the chapel): Saturdays, 3-3:45pm; Tuesdays, 6-8pm; Fridays, 11:30am. Adoration: Fridays, 10am-4pm. St. Patrick's Breakfast: Sunday, March 3, after 9 & 10:30am Masses, Adults: \$10 & Children: \$6, All are welcome.*

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. *Saturday Lenten Program - March 2: Ignation Contemplation - The Woman at the Well concluding with a Reconciliation Service, 9:30-11:30am, in Guinan Hall. YCP Event: Thursday, March 7, 6:30pm.*

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. Fridays in Lent: join every Friday in Lent for 9am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross; Confessions will be available at 8:30am. Women's Lenten Retreat: March 2, 9:15am-12pm, \$25, 914-815-3934, marybwolff@gmail.com.*

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. *Mass and Devotion for Lent: through March 23. Stations of the Cross: every Friday during Lent, 7pm, followed by Mass, 7:30pm.*

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ. Scientist
11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencect.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.

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. *Spring Fling: Saturday, March 9, 6pm, attire: Floral Festive (Tickets: \$50, \$120, & \$300).*

CONGREGATIONAL

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

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (490 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. *Lenten Organ Recital Series - Victoria Shields from Christ and Holy Trinity Episcopal, Westport: March 6, 12:15pm. .*

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: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children's Chapel during worship. *St. Patrick's Day Potluck: Sunday, March 17, immediately following worship.*

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. *'Navigating Life': Women's Conference: Saturday, March 2, 8:30am-3:30pm. Bearing Witness - A Journey with Holy Land Christians, led by Mary Cattan and Rev. Marek Zabriskie: Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 7-8:30pm, in the Family Room. Sunday Forum with the Rev. Sandy Stayner: March 3, 11:15am. What We Believe Class with The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden: Sundays, March 3, 10 & 17, 11:15am-12:15pm.*

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). *Join us as we grow in the grace and faith of Jesus Christ in the season of Lent. Every Sunday features joyful preaching, beautiful music, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. Sunday, March 3, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent at 10am with preaching by our priest in charge, the Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp. Children's Church, our Sunday School program for kids of all ages, will also meet this Sunday during the 10am service. Music by the St. Barnabas Choir and Marnus Greyling will lift your soul. Bible study and sermon talk back with Father Justin follows coffee hour at 11:30am. Take a moment and catch your breath this Lent.* 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: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs - drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. *"Two Truths in One Heart; Two Peoples in One Land": Friday, March 1, 6:30pm, Temple Sholom; Saturday, March 2, 10:30am, Temple Sholom & Sunday, March 3, 10:15am, St. Paul's, templesholom.com.*

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am. *Sunday, March 3: Fr. Rock will return as guest celebrant and preacher.*

JEWISH

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. *Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am.*

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: Fridays, 7-8:30pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: Saturdays, 10-11:30am, on Zoom. *Pirkei Avot: Ethics and the Jewish Wisdom Tradition: Wednesday, March 6, 7:30-9pm, 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. *Rabbi Galit Cohen-Kedem, Scholar in Residence: Friday, March 8, 6:30pm & Saturday, March 9, 10am.*

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. *"Two Truths in One Heart; Two Peoples in One Land": Friday, March 1, 6:30pm, Temple Sholom; Saturday, March 2, 10:30am,*

Temple Sholom & Sunday, March 3, 10:15am, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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 Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Virtual Spiritual Mediumship class: Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 7-9pm, \$120.*

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. *Rise Up: A TK Family Pancake Party: March 9, 9:30-11:30am, Ministry Center, \$5 for adults & \$3 for kids (0-12).*

PRESBYTERIAN

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am.

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.LivingHopeoctr.org

In-person & online (LivingHopeoctr.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopeoctr.org/resources/ alpha. *Easter Egg Hunt - crafts, face painting, & refreshments: Saturday, March 23, 10am.*

Obituaries

Please send obituaries, photos, and service information to Caroll@GreenwichSentinel.com

The Sentinel does not charge for obituaries.



ROBERT KONATICH

Robert T. Konatich, a lifelong resident of Greenwich, passed away on February 22, 2024 at 80 years old. He was born to the late Bob and Catherine (Taska) Konatich on February 20, 1944 in Bridgeport, CT.

Robert proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1968. He worked diligently as a Senior Phone System Technician with Southern New England Telephone for over 30 years. After retirement, he started his own business, The Connection of Greenwich LLC. Robert was best known for his witty sense of humor, his enduring love of animals, and his willingness to always lend a helping hand to family and friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Suzanne "Sue" (Chila) Konatich, cherished niece and nephew, Cindi Carbino and Frank (Lynn) Carbino, great-nieces, Samantha and Ryan, and his adored Maltipoo, Sadie.

To honor his life, family and friends gathered on Monday at Coxe & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday at St. Paul R.C. Church in Greenwich, followed by interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org/donate or Humane Society of the United States www.humanesociety.org/. For more information or to place an online condolence: www.coxeandgraziano.com.



JOAN MURPHY

Joan J. Murphy (Scalia), a longtime resident of Cos Cob, CT, passed away at her home on February 21, 2024 at age 100 surrounded by her loving family.

Joan, the daughter of the late Anthony and Antoinette (Manzo) Scalia, was born July 30, 1923, in Brooklyn, NY. She is predeceased by the love of her life and husband of 56 years, John J. Murphy, a WWII veteran. She is also predeceased by her beloved daughter, Joan Zurlo and her three brothers, Frank, Tom, and Jim Scalia.

Joan graduated from Girls High in Brooklyn and worked in retail sales and banking in NYC. Joan and John married September 13, 1947, raised their 6 children in Massapequa Park, NY and spent many summers at their beach house in Breezy Point, NY. Upon retirement, Joan and John built their dream home on the same property in Breezy Point. They also enjoyed spending their winters at their home in Delray Beach, FL.

Joan will be remembered for her devotion to her family ("family first") and her love of cooking, baking and entertaining. She loved having a big family and enjoyed preparing Sunday and holiday dinners for her extended family as well. Her interests also included gardening and decorating, especially during the holiday seasons. Joan also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, whom she cherished and adored. Joan was a strong, resilient, and selfless woman who was an inspiration to her family.

Her surviving children include Irene Walker (James Santaguida), Edward Murphy (Christine Botti), Laura Marks, Elizabeth Aly (Amr) and Catherine Murphy. Seven grandchildren also survive her: John Zurlo, Claudia Goralnik (Daniel), Christopher Walker (Alanna Broderick), Lauren Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Stephen Aly, and Olivia Aly; 3 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; her sister-in-law Mae Scalia; and many nieces and nephews.

Joan had a long and happy life with "no regrets." We have been blessed to have Joan in our lives for so many years. Though she will be missed every day, her love, and the memories we share will remain in our hearts forever.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, February 26 at St. Rose of Lima R.C.

Church, Massapequa, NY. Interment follow at St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joan's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.events.stjude.org/Joan_Murphy



NANCY MOTT

Nancy Barton Mott passed away comfortably at home on the morning of February 20, 2024. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 26 years, George Sherman Mott, and eldest son, Bradley Adams Mott. She leaves behind her two sons, Theodore Oliver Dale (Tod) Mott and Alexander Paine Mott, and a caring family of daughter-in-laws, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nancy was born July 22, 1927 in Bronxville, NY. Her parents, DeWolfe and Anna Barton, raised her in Pelham Manor, NY and she also spent time at her father's ranch in New Mexico and summered in Beverly, MA. She graduated from Smith College, where she majored in music.

After college, while living in New York City, she met her husband and moved to Greenwich, Connecticut to raise their children.

Nancy was an inspiration to her family, friends and acquaintances. She had many passions, including gardening, cooking, wildlife, and traveling. She went the extra mile to become a professional chef and caterer, opening Cooks Corner in Greenwich. She was a lifelong American Daffodil Society judge and founder of the Seven States daffodil show, an intrepid traveler who visited every continent and a devoted Episcopalian. She shared her love of music, performing arts, travel and charity with many. The greatest gift she gave the world was her positive attitude about all that she loved.

All who knew her will remember her as a powerful, positive influence and a steady voice in her community.

A memorial service will be held at St. Barnabas Church, 954 Lake Avenue, Greenwich, on April 6, at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow at The Field Club of Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Nancy's name to WNET, Smith College or the Daffodil Society of America.



JOAN KADLEC

Joan Smith Kadlec, age 93, a long time Greenwich resident, died on February 19, 2024, while residing at Edgehill Retirement Community in Stamford, CT. The cause of death was a heart attack, according to a family friend.

Born on July 28, 1930, in Attleboro, MA, Joan was the daughter of the late Clinton Fulton Smith and the late Pat Smith Alfred. Her husband, William Joyce Kadlec, predeceased her on December 26, 1982.

Joan grew up in the Hartford area and graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1948. In 1952, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University with a major in psychology and a minor in English literature. Joan was elected to Psi Chi, the psychology honorary society, in her senior year.

Following graduation, Joan came to Greenwich as Young Adult Program Director for the Greenwich YWCA. After three years at the YWCA, Joan started a 37-year career in employee relations management. She held positions at Bloomingdales and W.J. Sloane in New York City, Royal McBee in White Plains, and spent 15 years as Director of Personnel at the Liggett Drug Company in Stamford, CT. Joan spent the last 20 years of her career on the corporate staff of the General Electric Company in New York City and Fairfield, CT. At GE, Joan was a staff executive in Corporate Human Resources, specializing in employee benefits and providing support to GE's national labor negotiations. She also served as Staff Executive to the GE Pension Board, and Corporate Secretary to the GE Benefit Plans Investment Committee and the GE Corporate

Compliance Review Board. She retired in June 1992.

After retirement, Joan was an active volunteer in the community serving many years on the Board of Directors of Hill House, a non-profit senior residence in Riverside for low- and moderate-income elderly people. She was the Board's President in 2011-2012. Joan also served a two-year term as a senior advisor to the GE Elfun Society, a global organization of GE volunteers.

Joan was an enthusiastic golfer and was a Life Member of the Innis Arden Golf Club. She was also an active member of the Old Greenwich Garden Club and First Congregational Church of Greenwich in Old Greenwich, CT.

A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church on Thursday, March 7, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Hill House, Inc., 10 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878, or the Clinton Fulton Smith Scholarship Fund, c/o Greenwich Scholarship Association, 523 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT 06897.



LINDA MARULLO

Linda A. Bria Marullo, a lifelong resident of Greenwich, passed peacefully on Saturday, February 17, 2024, after a lengthy illness. She was born on December 9, 1949, in Greenwich, Connecticut to parents James V. and Catherine Pennella Bria.

She was employed by Greenwich Hospital for 45 years in the food service sector.

She was predeceased by her parents, James V. and Catherine Bria, and her husband, Ignazio Marullo. She is survived by her sister, Kathie Petrov of Greenwich and her brother, James Bria of Huntington. She is also survived by her nephew, James Bria III, niece, Lauren Bria, grandniece, Taylor Saunders, each of whom she shared a special bond; in addition to her many friends she cherished over the years. Additional survivors include her other cousins and nephews too numerous to mention.

A mass will be held at St. Roch's Church in Greenwich in Linda's memory on March 2 at 5 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Funeral Services will be held April 13 at 10 am at St. Roch Church in Greenwich.



SUSANNE MITCHELL

Susanne Smith Mitchell, 53, of New Milford, Connecticut, passed away on November 26, 2023. She is survived by her son, Graham Mitchell, as well as her parents, Ann and Dick Smith, all of New Milford. Her lifelong enthusiasm for horses was exceeded only by her devotion to her family.

Born in Greenwich, Sue spent her early childhood in Stamford. As a child, playing with toy horses would not suffice for her; she started riding at seven years of age and seemed never to stop.

Her parents' decision to move the family to New Hampshire allowed Sue to continue to develop her equestrian skills in a more rural setting. She would go on to compete in both dressage and cross country.

After completing school in Woodsville, New Hampshire, Sue returned for a time to Riverside, Connecticut. She would, over the years, work in both brokerage and accounting firms. Her abiding interest in horses, however, would ultimately lead her to ownership of the Happenstance Ranch of New Milford. Sue became known as a steady friend to equestrians in the area and a beloved mentor to young riders.

Only family took precedence over the ranch life Sue loved. Throughout the years, she proved a loving daughter and, upon the birth of her son, Graham, she became a devoted mother. When Graham showed a love for hockey rather than riding, Sue took his passion as seriously as her own, supporting his dreams whole-heartedly.

Sue followed her heart and taught others to follow theirs. Her intense and generous spirit will be cherished by her family and many friends.

Mass will be held on March 9, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 26 Chestnut Land Road, New Milford, CT. In lieu of flowers, please send hay.



WILLIAM WOLFE

William Gerald Wolfe, 98, was gathered into The Light peacefully on September 22, 2023, from his home in Riverside, Connecticut, as he wished.

He returned Home to family and friends who preceded him including his beloved wife of 62 years, Marjorie Ann Wolfe.

As there is no concrete evidence to support Bill's claim he was from Alpha Centauri, we will just cite his birth certificate that determines Bill was born William Gerald Wolfe on May 5, 1925, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Emma Keenan Wolfe and William George Wolfe.

Bill was raised in East Cleveland during The Great Depression with his younger brother, Robert, and many relatives who lived nearby. One of his fond childhood memories was collecting nuts from the nut trees in the neighborhood with his brother. Another was making applejack with his Irish uncles.

He attended local schools and graduated from the nationally recognized Collinwood High School. He worked for the Army as a topographical draftsman before enlisting in 1943. Bill shipped off to the European Theater on, as it turned out, the same ship his father was shipped on during WWI. After WWII ended in August 1945, Bill was honorably discharged in 1946 and returned to Cleveland.

Bill enrolled in Cleveland College at Western Reserve University and majored in History and English. While waiting in a college book line, he met his sweetie, Marjorie Easterling.

After college graduation Marjorie and Bill married in November, 1950, in Lakewood, a suburb of Cleveland, and Bill began his long, award-winning advertising career. In 1953 and 1956 two daughters, Katie and Janet, were born and shortly thereafter, Bill decided his advertising future lay in the Big Apple. He moved his young family to a suburb of Manhattan in 1959. Near the end of the 1963 school year, the Wolfe family moved into their new house in Riverside, Connecticut. Bill and Marje loved their house, loved living in Riverside and enjoyed the cultural life the area offered.

After 20 years of riding the train to NYC, Bill decided to pursue the direct mail market. He set up Williams Communications and began working from home. "Why didn't I do this sooner!" he exclaimed to Katie a few years later. Bill worked from home for another 38 years before retiring. Working from home allowed Bill and Marje to enjoy gardening, traveling, entertaining, country dance classes, and volunteering with the Old Greenwich Art Society together.

In Bill's spare time he researched his ancestors, collected antiques, exchanged knock knock jokes with his grand daughter, Ti yana, did his own taxes, and decanted his special vodka recipe into his Wolfe Man Vodka bottles to give as gifts. While still working part-time, Bill cared for Marje at home as her health declined until his beloved Marje passed.

In his later years Bill spent much of his time leading a "stress free life" listening to his music on YouTube, solving jigsaw puzzles, feeding the birds, making repairs about the house, reading thrillers, and keeping up with world news, even though that was not so stress free.

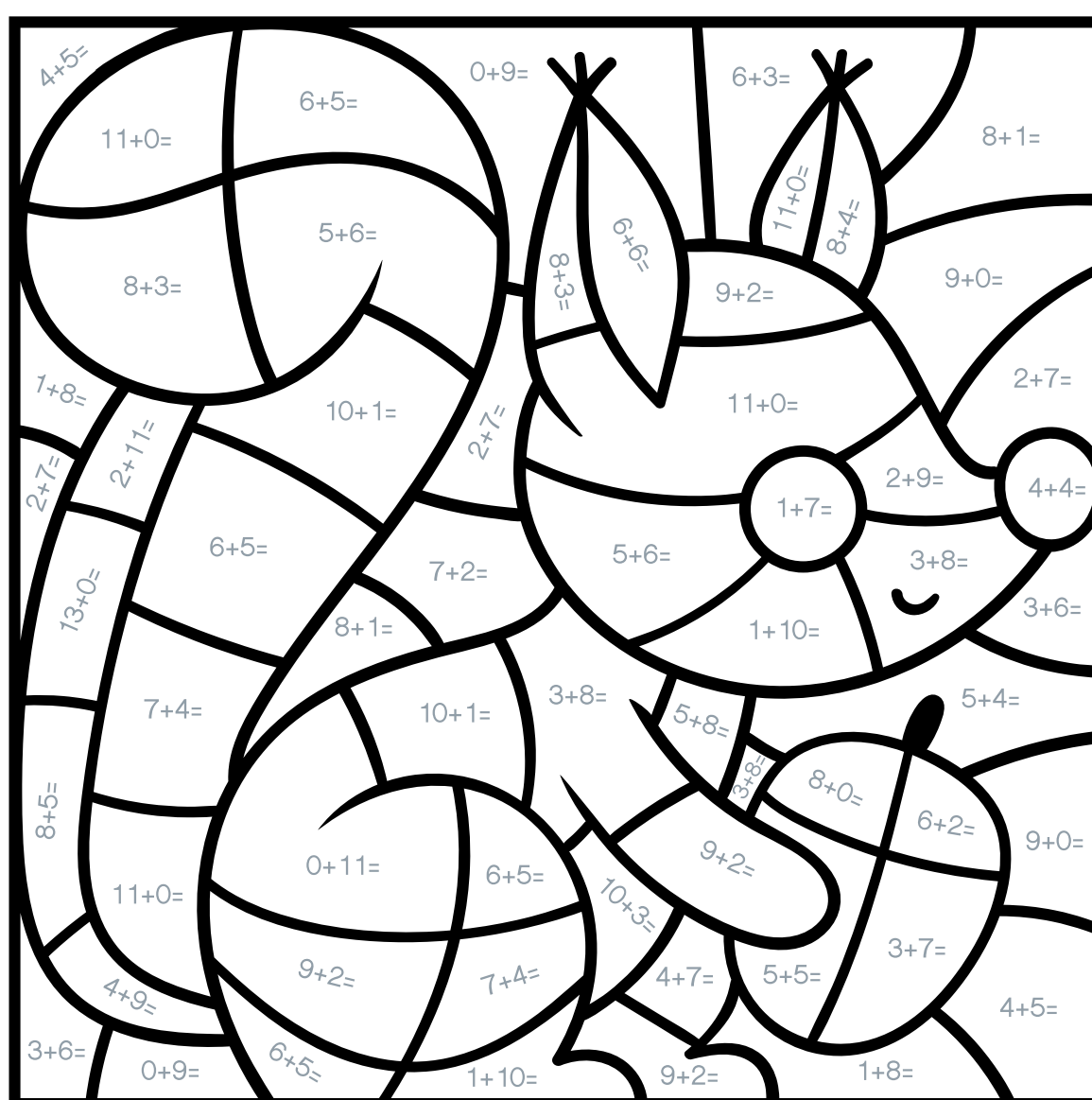
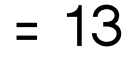
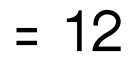
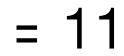
As Bill's health declined he was grateful for his forbearing home aides whose care allowed him to continue living in his home, and especially for Charmaine Gordon, who cared for him for over two years until Bill's transition.

Bill is survived by two daughters, Janet Wolfe of Vermont and Kathryn Wolfe and spouse Michael Whitehead of Maine, also granddaughter Ti yana Wolf-Whitehead of Maine and her partner Nathaniel Stimson; also many nieces and nephews and their families.










Bill's family is very grateful to Bill's neighbors who kept an eye on him in his later years; to the Greenwich Police who responded to calls for help over the years; to Greenwich EMS; to Bill's Greenwich Home Healthcare aides, and to Greenwich Hospice - all who made it possible for Bill to stay at home until he crossed over.

A private committal service for Bill was held in October 2023 for immediate family at the Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

Bill is fondly remembered for his awareness of the importance of learning from history, his sense of humor, his being a life long learner, and his waste not, want not Do-It-Yourself approach to life. Bill lived a full and long life and is missed.

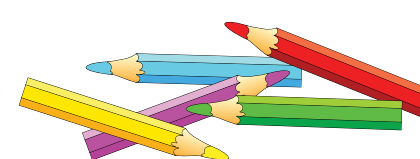


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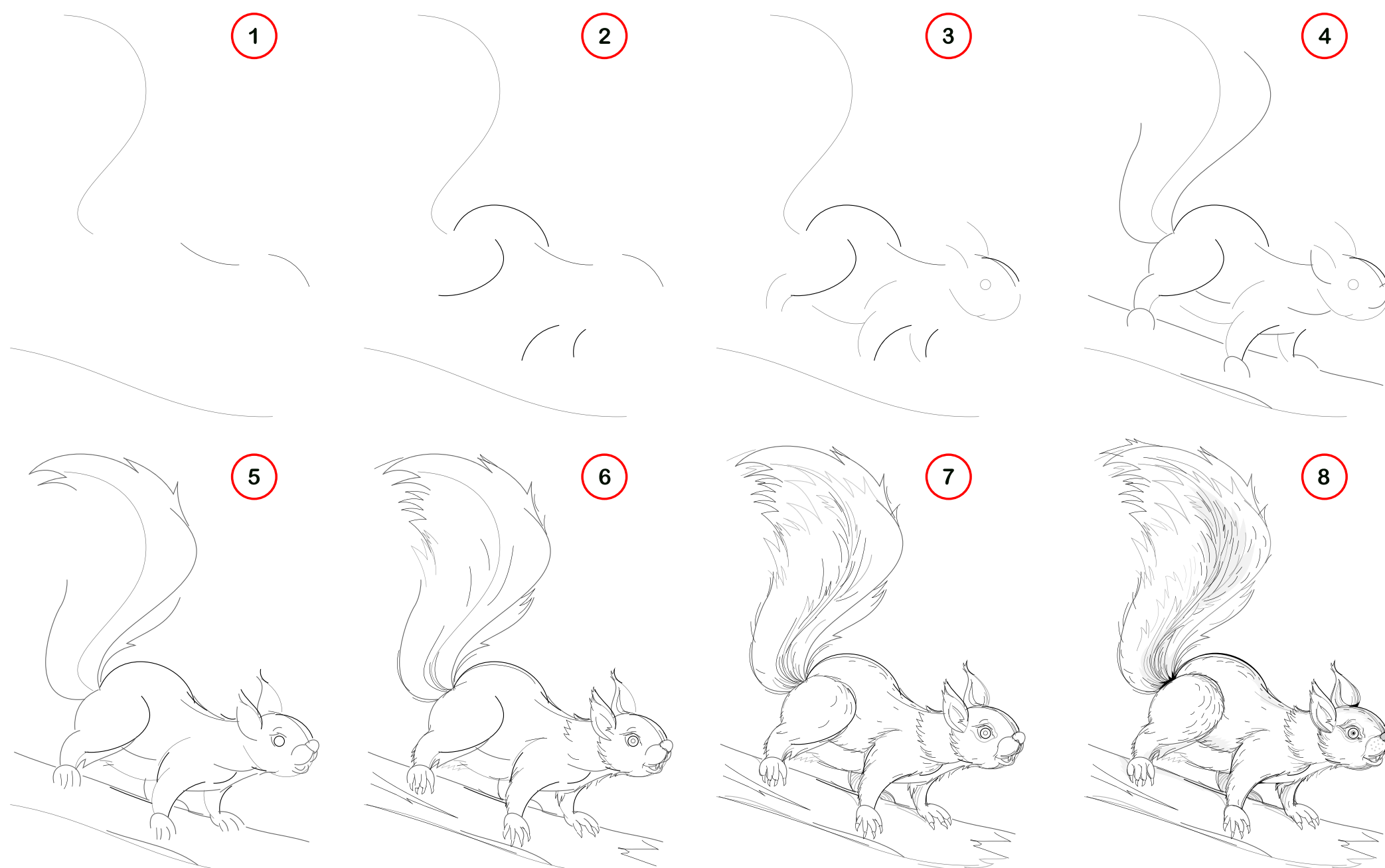


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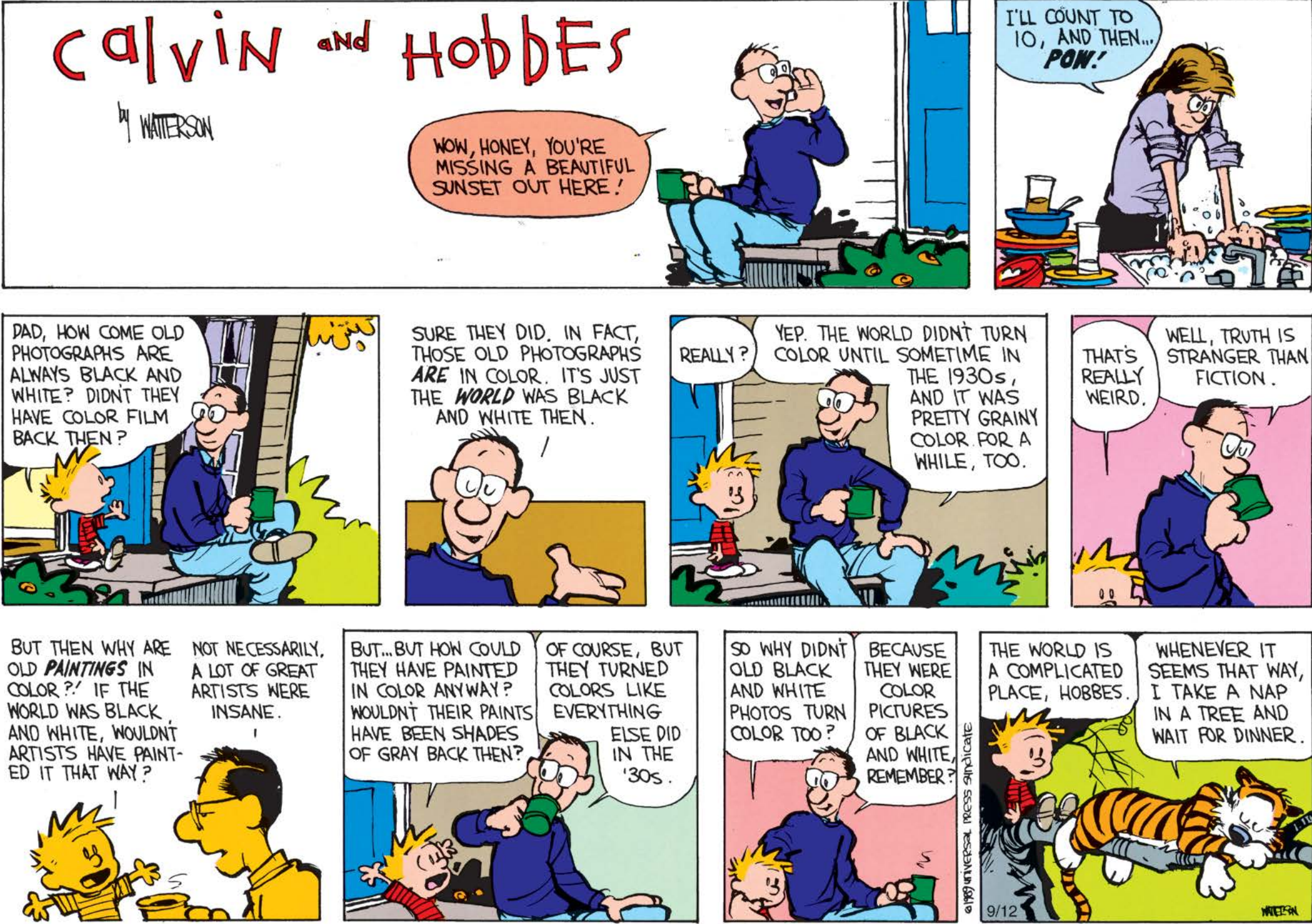
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Little Forest Phantoms



By JIM KNOX

My glimpse was of a ghostly form darting among the trees. A sleek phantom of the forest capturing the moonlight and momentarily flashing it to me before zipping back into the cloaking obscurity of the night. I thought I knew the forest well and yet I had no idea what I'd seen. I ran through the list of possible creatures. It didn't exhibit the erratic flight of a bat, nor did it move like a perching bird, which should have been both hiding and sleeping so late at night. It seemed smaller than even a Screech Owl and, in my mental playback, I didn't even recall wingbeats. What could it have been?

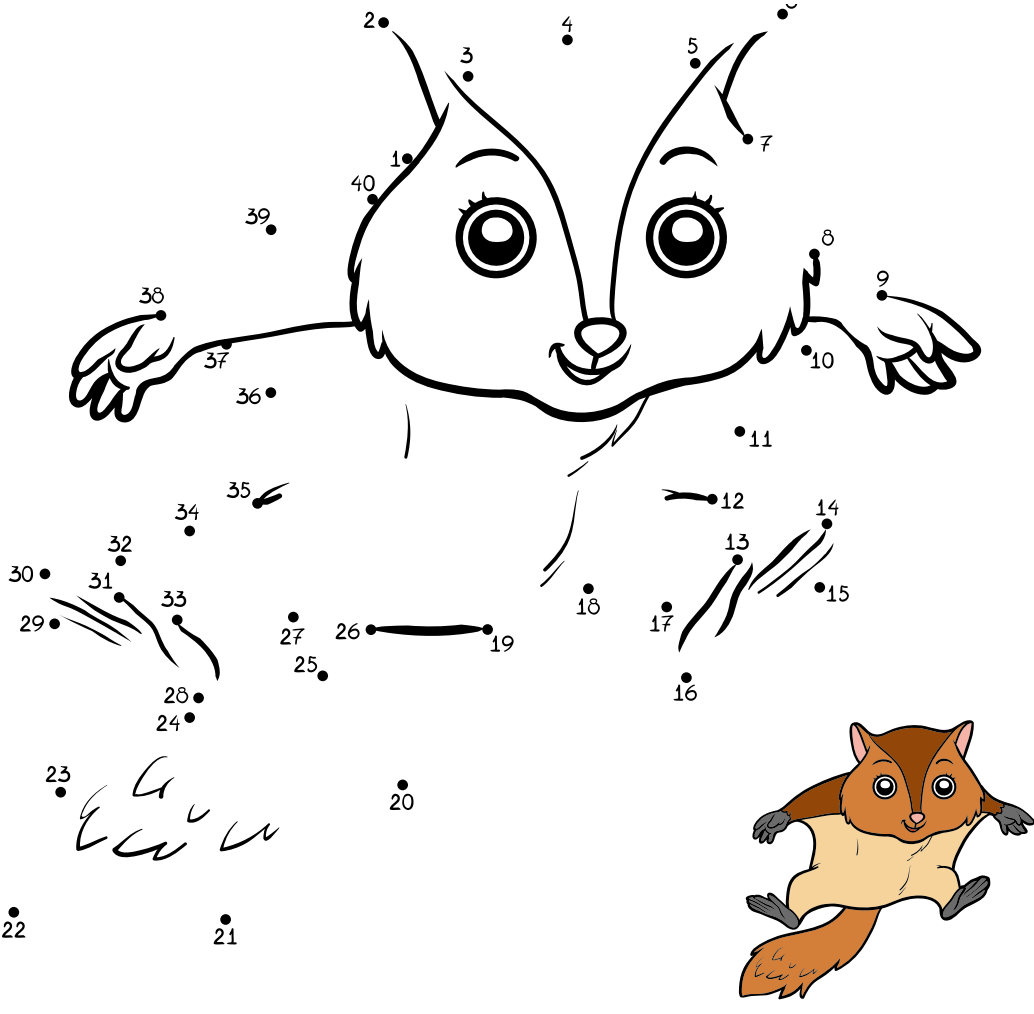
For a time, I actually thought I might have imagined the movement—a subtle trick of moonlight among the sway of foliage stirred by the slight breeze that night. I filed it away for a time and thought nothing more of it. Subsequent night sightings confirmed that initial glimpse. There were creatures living among the trees and my suspicions pointed to their identity. A night time walk with my wife solved the mystery. A small, swift form crossed the road perhaps 10 feet aloft just a car length or so ahead of us. It alit on a small Hemlock to our right. I shined my flashlight on the trunk. A moment later, a tiny furry face with enormous eyes peered around the backside of the tree at us. We peered back at the adorable face of a Southern Flying Squirrel.

The Southern Flying Squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*) is a resident Connecticut (and Greenwich) mammal very few of us have actually seen. Topping out at no more than 8-10 inches in length and just under 2.5 ounces in weight, these tiny tree squirrels are perfectly designed for a life high among the trees and equally high above the ground. With a beautiful silky gray-brown back and sides and a cream colored belly, the Southern Flying Squirrel blends with the



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trunks of trees extremely well. Its large eyes let in available starlight and moonlight, conferring an excellent survival advantage to its nocturnal lifestyle. Living along the spine of The Appalachian Trail in Connecticut's Northwest corner as well as among the leafy environs of Fairfield County, these adaptable little beasts are home among the trees and aloft more than 50 feet overhead!

While they navigate masterfully high above the forest floor, they don't truly fly--they glide. Equipped with a broad, thin and highly flexible fur-covered membrane known as the patagium, the squirrels use it to their advantage. Launching from heights of 60 feet and extending their patagiums as airfoils, these extraordinary micro-mammals are capable of making 90 degree turns in mid air through the use of their flattened, rudder-like tails. More incredibly, they have been recorded making glides of 262 feet! While this gliding ability enables the squirrels to travel within their forest habitat, it also helps them to escape from many potential predators which include: snakes, raccoons, bobcats and fisher. Yet their unique

adaptations don't end with the patagium and night vision. Nature has also equipped these remarkable rodents with keen senses of hearing and smell and, vibrissae, or whiskers. Yet unlike most animals who have vibrissae on their snouts, Southern Flying Squirrels possess vibrissae on their cheeks, chins and ankles, enabling them to navigate by touch alone in virtual darkness!

Coupling these physical adaptations with unique behavioral adaptations gives these year-round-active, arboreal mammals an edge. Though preferring foods such as Hickory nuts and acorns, their opportunistic, omnivorous diet includes: berries, seeds, fruit, bark, fungi, buds, bird eggs, nestlings, insects, young mice and even carrion. In addition, the squirrels' social nature enhances winter survival, with up to 30 squirrels sharing a communal nest to generate and retain vital body heat needed on freezing winter days. Perhaps most significantly, they invest great quantities of time nurturing their offspring in order to identify predators and perfect the life-saving art of tree-to-tree gliding.

While not every creature exhibits bold traits which offer us invaluable potential insights, it is the discrete creatures which often hold the greatest benefit for observation. By embracing a nocturnal lifestyle, the Southern Flying Squirrel avoids much direct competition from the Gray and Red Squirrels of our region, and by exploiting their unique gliding ability, these little forest phantoms take to the air like no other creature.

If each of us could only utilize our unique strengths, enhanced by a dash of wild wisdom to glide from our current station to our desired location, we too, would soar.

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