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BREAKING NEWS

Tony Turner has announced that he will be stepping down as Chair of the Central Middle School Building Committee due to personal time constraints.

Stephen Walko Named the 2024 Sentinel Award Winner



Stephen Walko [above] has been named the 2024 Sentinel Award recipient. The recipient must share the mission of the Greenwich Sentinel to lift up and bring together our community, to identify and strengthen that which makes us stronger, and to help others when possible. The recipient must be someone who demonstrates leadership through their actions as well as those they inspire in others. Walko embodies this description with striking accuracy. From championing a new varsity rugby team at Greenwich High School as a teenager to chairing the building committee for a safer GHS front entry today, Walko consistently makes Greenwich a better place... and he does it with grace. His list of volunteer positions includes at least seven major leadership positions and countless support positions - not to mention his cherished roles as husband and father - and that of friend. Professionally, Walko is with the Greenwich law firm Ivey, Barnum & O'Mara. His legal acumen has earned him recognition as a Connecticut Super Lawyer for several consecutive years, most recently in 2024, an accolade earned by the top attorneys in the state from their peers. Look for more in articles from Anne W. Semmes in the coming weeks. The Award will be presented on June 27.

Red Cross Honors Heavey Boy Scouts. His service extends with the Outstanding Person



Stephanie Dunn Ashley and Police Chief James Heavey at the Red Cross Ball Saturday April 27

BY ANNE WHITE

The Riverside Yacht Club in Greenwich was the scene of a grand celebration on Saturday, April 27, as community leaders and residents gathered to support the Red Cross. At the event chief of police James J.

Heavey was honored for his 50 years of service to the American Red Cross.

Chief Heavey has served not only in roles with the Greenwich Police Department and the Glenville Volunteer Fire Company but also has a longstanding commitment to the deeply into the community, Action Award not once, but twice, influenced by a family tradition a testament to his direct impact of looking beyond oneself to on lifesaving activities. The give back.

American Red Cross Metro New York North Chapter Stephanie filled with testimonials from Dunn Ashley, presiding over the individuals whose lives have festivities, lauded Chief Heavey for his multifaceted service to the community and particularly highlighted his long tenure with the Red Cross. In his fifty years as a volunteer, Chief Heavey has donated over 100 pints of blood, continuing a family legacy of vital contributions. His roles as a Cross and the community at water safety, CPR/AED, and first aid instructor have allowed him to train thousands, potentially saving countless lives through his commitment to education and safety.

dedication has been recognized in next week's issue.

evening included a video tribute Chief Executive Officer of the that provided a narrative of Chief Heavey's extensive contributions, been touched by his work.

The highlight of the evening came as Chief Heavey was presented with the 2024 Lifetime Service Award. This prestigious accolade was given in recognition of his unwavering commitment and enduring impact on the Red large. The presentation was met with enthusiastic applause and was a poignant moment of the evening, reinforcing the deep appreciation felt by all present.

Please look for our full Chief Heavey's outstanding coverage of the Red Cross event

COLUMN **Get Inked** By Icy Frantz

I have a secret - I want a tattoo.

Not the kind that covers the entirety of an arm or chest with intricate and colorful artwork, but rather just a small, simple symbol.

For some of you, the thought of getting "inked" - even the slightest of designs - has never crossed your mind, and you may be thinking, "How could this piece possibly be relevant or relatable?"

But hear me out.

I, too, question my tattoo fascination, and have yet to succumb to a needle.

Growing up, tattoos were taboo in my family in the sense that they were never, ever, ever considered. In fact, my father didn't even like the idea of any of his five daughters getting our ears pierced. "If God had wanted you to have holes in your earlobes, he (she) would have created them."

As such, we never spoke of tattoos.

Still, we all got our ears pierced (and for some of us, more than one hole in more than one lobe).

When I was five, I cut my own bangs with grass sheers. For different reasons, my father didn't like bangs and objected, so I lived with the unsightly consequence of my own doing until my hair eventually grew out.

But my fascination with tattoos has little to do with rebelling against my father and more to do with the concept of permanence...but I will get to that.

Over the years, I have done my research, asking tattooed friends and acquaintances how they chose the artwork that is displayed on their bodies - sometimes prominently, sometimes not.

Three stars on the wrist of a friend, representing her three children. The initials of a boy who died from cancer too young, on the chest of a 28-year-old man. WWID (What Would Iesus Do) set as an inspirational reminder. Certainly, part of my dilemma is the "what", and I have given that quite a bit of thought. The initials of our fourth son - WSF - who passed away when he was not vet two? The roman numeral VII, to represent my family? A circle and triangle to pay tribute to my commitment to recovery?

POLICE & FIRE

Experience Police Day on May 11th at the Town of Greenwich Public Safety Complex, featuring equipment demos, building tours, a bouncy house, and hot dogs from 10 am to 2 pm. Your presence is eagerly anticipated.

The Youth Citizens Police Academy offers a 5-day course providing insight into Greenwich Police Department operations and law enforcement careers. It's open to Greenwich residents or children of Town of Greenwich employees entering grades 7 to 9 in September 2024, covering policing, patrol, forensics, and crime investigation. Participants engage in interactive experiences, including Police Boat rides, self-defense training, and demonstrations from various units, with additional activities like a beach day and Camp Seton outings included.

The Greenwich Police Department's annual selfdefense seminar targets female high school and college students aged 16 to 21, emphasizing situational awareness for personal safety. Led by certified useof-force instructors from the department, the seminar will be held at the Town of Greenwich Public Safety Complex, exclusively for students residing or working within Greenwich.

This year, Detective Justin Rivera received the Dr. John Clarke GPD Officer of the Year Award from the Greenwich Lions Club for arresting suspects in an armed

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Tony Turner Announces Planned Step Down from Central Middle **School Building Committee Chairmanship**

By Beth Barhydt

Tony Turner, the current chairman of the Central Middle School Building Committee, announced at the community forum held on Wednesday, May 1, his intention to step down from his leadership role due to increasing personal commitments. Turner will not leave the committee entirely; he plans to remain an active member while stepping away from the chairman position.

Turner cited the escalating health concerns of his parents in the southern United States as the primary reason for his decision. As their sole caregiver, the demands on his time have become untenable alongside his responsibilities as chairman.

great at this time," he explained, the committee's operations and stakeholder relationships.

Currently dedicating 25-30 hours per week to his volunteer role, Turner expressed concerns about the growing needs of the project's stakeholders, which require constant and meticulous communication and management. The expanding scope of the committee's work has made the current level of commitment unsustainable for him given his caregiving responsibilities.

To ensure continuity and stability, Turner emphasized the importance of a structured

committee plans to bring on board highlighting the extensive a new owner's representative and period that would allow time to properly introduce the new chairelect to the nuances of the role effectiveness.

> of course," he stated, stressing the goal of implementing this change swiftly yet thoughtfully to avoid any disruption in the committee's activities.

supportively, acknowledging management that Turner has set.

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"The time demands are too transition to his successor. The Turner's long-standing dedication and understanding the need for his decision. As arrangements for commitment required to oversee will work closely with existing the transition are finalized, the stakeholders to facilitate a committee is expected to continue seamless change in leadership. He its work without interruption, advocated for a short transition reflecting Turner's commitment to the community's ongoing projects and objectives.

In the coming weeks, further while maintaining the committee's details on the transition timeline and the introduction of the new "The exact timing will be leadership will be shared with worked out with the committee, the community stakeholders. This planned leadership change marks a significant moment for the Central Middle School Building Committee, as they aim to adapt to new challenges while upholding The community responded the standards of engagement and

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The trouble is I am indecisive, and while I agonize over a dinner menu, that choice is short-lived. A tattoo is not.

And even if I land on the perfect "what", I am still left with the "why" and I have no adequate answer, so that elusive "why" has prevented me from walking into a parlor and surrendering to the pain.

Today, many associate tattoos with biker gangs and sailors but in fact 32% of people in America have at least one tattoo (22% have more than one) according to the Pew Research Center. And their "why"?

69% of inked adults say that their decision to get a tattoo had to do with honoring or remembering someone or something. 47% say they got a tattoo to make a statement about a belief or passion.

I understand both perspectives. My future tattoo would serve to honor, remember, and/or state a belief.

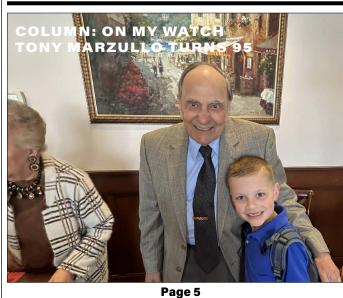
Digging deeper though, I still wonder about the need to indelibly mark my body. Certainly, there are other ways to pay tribute or express a commitment to an idea or entity that doesn't involve a needle and

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Environmental Quote of the Week

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

Any individual life – mine or yours - is nothing but a wisp of thread in the miles-long rope of life. The most meaningful thing we can do



TREE CONSERVANCY in our time on Earth is to ensure that the rope isn't too frayed for the next generation." Actor Harrison Ford in a film supporting the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation in 2024.



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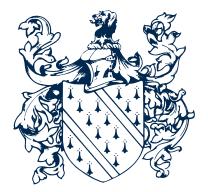
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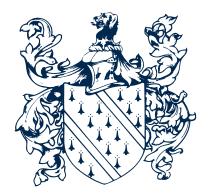
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COLUMN Building Resilience Through Native Plant Landscaping

By Daniel Brubaker

Ecosystems in New England, and particularly in southwest Connecticut, have struggled through persistent development and disturbance. Our remnant wildlands are greatly contracted from their historical ranges, and what remains is under constant stress due to fragmentation, native species loss, and invasive species establishment. More recently, climate change has added a new complication, often exacerbating the challenges already faced by our local ecosystems. The health of our habitats, and habitats broadly, are often tied to native plant diversity. High numbers of different native plant species support a greater diversity of animal species, which in turn improves habitat stability, and resilience to changes like those seen from climate change. So, while building native plant diversity is not a primary solution to climate change, it can provide stressed ecosystems with the species and genetic diversity needed to better adapt as our climate warms.

One fundamental way that climate change damages our habitats is by greatly increasing both the frequency and severity of extreme weather events. This includes an increase in the rate of large flood events, longer periods of drought, and greater fluctuation in temperature extremes. Severe weather events physically damage plant and animal communities, and temperature changes can affect the closely evolved relationships between many insects and their plant hosts. For example, native pollinators that rely on certain species of flowering plants to complete their life cycle in early spring may emerge at the wrong time as our temperatures warm and become more volatile. Additionally, the general warming of our Greenwich climate may push certain species adapted to our cooler conditions to no longer be able to survive here, while making it possible for more southern species to establish. Plants and animals do have some ability to adapt to these temperature changes, but the current rate of most species can accommodate.

One of the best things we can do as landowners in Greenwich is to utilize a variety of native plant species in our landscaping whenever possible. Ideally, we are looking to plant species that are historically from our local area. change. Without it, plants lack, or This is because many insects, may quickly lose their ability to whether they be native bees, butterflies, moths, or beetles, genetic diversity across a plant have evolved incredibly close and complex relationships with a single group of host plants. Often it may be with just a single plant species. Since insects are generally the foundations for most of our food webs, it's easy to see how increasing native plant diversity, and therefore insect diversity, can change, planting a wide diversity have such positive effects on our local habitats.

One significant challenge we face is that extensive degradation It's best if they are sourced from and fragmentation of our plant communities has made it hard to source many plants that have been here historically. In some instances, current climate conditions may no longer be suitable for some of our traditional species. Consequently, we are sometimes forced to build what we call "novel ecosystems," where we try our best to utilize plant species from our region, while recognizing that we may have to adjust based on what species are available and able to thrive in our current and projected climate. The goal is to build a diverse set of native plants that can support an equally diverse set of animals. Promoting broad diversity in our encourages the use of these plants food webs is what can allow our by propagating thousands of native Greenwich habitats to persist despite the challenges posed by disturbance, fragmentation, and climate change.

Another facet of the equation you buy a native plant cultivar from a nursery, think any plant with a 'trademarked' name in addition to its common name, it means that it has been grown from plant that had particularly desired characteristics. So, despite it being a "native plant," it is a clone, and lacks any of the genetic diversity found in plants grown from seed.

climate change is far faster than Additionally, many of the parent plants for these cultivars originated from states with very different climates than we have here in Greenwich. This lack of genetic diversity, and unknown genetic heritage, becomes even more important in the face of climate effectively adapt to changes. High species allows it to have some individuals that better tolerate drought, disease, or other stresses that will only become more prevalent as the effects of climate change become more pronounced.

So, in addition to the broader solutions needed for climate of seed grown native plants can greatly improve the resilience of our local plant communities. populations in our immediate area because they are most adapted to survive here, but even if they are only more regionally native, they can often still be productive pieces in a healthy functioning habitat.

Regardless of where you find your native landscaping plants, ask nurseries to stock locally sourced, seed grown native plants. As more people integrate these plants into their landscapes, a network of smaller habitat patches will form, helping to replace some of the functionality lost through the degradation of our large-scale ecosystems.

Greenwich Land Trust wildflowers every year through its Seed-to-Seed program. The plants are used for restoration projects, community plantings, and are also made available for the public at relates to genetic diversity. When our annual plant sale on the 10th and 11th of May. You can find more information about this event on our website at GLTrust.org.

Dan Brubaker is the Director vegetative cuttings from a parent of Conservation and Outreach at Greenwich Land Trust. Dan leads the land trusts conservation initiatives and runs their Seed-to-Seed program to propagate native wildflowers form land trust properties.





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Tree Conservancy Celebrates 12th Tree Party at McArdle's

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

For the 12th year James McArdle opened his bursting-with-blossoms Greenhouse to the Greenwich Tree Conservancy (GTC) Tree Party last Friday evening. There were notable tree supporters amongst the 230 in attendance, including First Selectman Fred Camillo, Selectpersons Janet Stone McGuigan and Lauren Rabin, and Town Tree Warden Dr. Greg Kramer. Also present were former GTC executive director JoAnn Messina and former Town Conservation Director Denise Savageau, now a state environmental planner.

"We'll soon reach 7,000 planted trees and have labeled over 2000 trees in our town-wide Arboretum." Greenwich Tree Conservancy President Urling Searle.

"What a spectacular day to celebrate trees," introduced GTC President Urling Searle, and "Happy Arbor Day everyone. Cheers to our trees. There is a symphony of green all around as our trees spread out their leaves to clean our air and drink up our stormwater. Our native mature trees offer the songbirds that are busily singing all around us a rich variety of food and the shelter they need to raise their young."

Searle thanked all for coming to the Tree Party, and "for supporting the Conservancy's efforts to plant, preserve and protect our town's trees. In partnership with the town, we'll soon reach 7,000 planted trees and have labeled over 2000 trees in our



Harpist Amelie-Heidi Oddo. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

town-wide Arboretum."

Introducing GTC's new Executive Director Kate Dzikiewicz brought applause as well as the giving of thanks to Tree Party Co-Chairs Ayesha Kahn & Michele Siegelman "for all their hard work." They were then presented with certificates for trees to be planted in their honor.

First Selectman Camillo stepped up to offer his praise to the Conservancy for its tree greening efforts. And thank you's followed for James McArdle for having once again hosted the Tree Party, with the generosity of Jeb at Val's Wines & Liquors providing the liquor and wine for each of the 12 years.

Also welcomed was a new GTC corporate sponsor - Arhaus Furniture, with its newly opened store in town. With the help of generous patrons, the Conservancy has been able to expand its education and outreach programs and continue its advocacy work to help protect the Town's parks and trees.



Tree Party Chairs L to R Ayesha Kahn & Michele Siegelman receiving their certificates for tree plantings in their honor. Photo by Bob Capazzo.



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Two Audubon Leaders Give Their Wake-Up Call

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

At Audubon Greenwich this past Monday evening the talents and initiatives of two women to combat and counter the effects of climate change on our Connecticut coastlines was impressively on display. Laboring on behalf of Audubon Connecticut, they were invited to address "Coastal Resilience in a Changing Climate" by the town's initiative - Pollinator Potluck for the last program of its 2023/2024 speaker series.

"There are a lot of people" out there that don't understand the impacts that climate change is having on our coastal habitats." Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe.



L to R Vicky O'Neill, Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe and Audubon Greenwich Director Rochelle Thomas. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

But those coastal habitats are important "for a lot of other reasons other than just birds," continued Folsom-O'Keefe. "They absorb wave energy and floodwater during storms, whether it is a salt marsh, an estuary barrier, beaches, offshore islands...when we have a big storm they are absorbing a lot of the energy and in the case of salt marshes, they're absorbing a lot of the flood waters too. And that protects people who live along the shoreline."

Add to that she said, "Our salt marshes and estuaries remove a lot of nitrogen from water. So, the Connecticut River starts in Canada, goes all the way down to Long Island Sound and there is a lot of opportunity for pollutants like nitrogen and other chemicals to get into the water. But our marshes in particular are really good at taking those pollutants out of our water so that the water that we get to swim in and enjoy along the Sound is nice and clean." Those tidal wetlands also play a critical role in carbon sequestration, told Folsom-O'Keefe. "So right now in our salt marshes, the grasses are starting to grow and, in the fall, when they die back and sort of pile up on the marsh, they will gradually become part of the layers of mud that are below the marsh grasses and there is a lot of carbon that is sequestered in those areas. And lastly, marshes are super important to our shellfish and fish industry. But they have historically and are currently facing a number of threats.' So, the time came for O'Neill to address those positive approaches to our endangered coastal habitats, and how can we make them more resilient. "Restoration is one option," she began, and "Naturebased solutions is another option, and conservation easements, which is when there's sea level rise and marshes are looking to migrate inland. We know there are certain locations adjacent to marshes that maybe are undeveloped, that are good marsh migration corridors." O'Neill told of the restoration of the Great Meadows Marsh in Stratford, CT. "This particular marsh is a very large site, but it has been completely degraded over time...So a lot of fill was placed on top of the marsh and this altered its hydrology. In turn, a lot of invasive species came onto the fill, like phragmites. ...luckily Audubon was able to team up with Connecticut, DEEP, NOAA, US Fish and Wildlife Service and Stratford to address the issues at Great Meadows Marsh... A lot of volunteers, a lot of agencies for a successful project." Another project about to happen said O'Neill was at Hammonasset Beach State Park. "On the eastern end of the park at the point, there's a lot of erosion that's going on...that dune has eroded over time. So, with the combination of sea level rise, these more intense storms, climate change, we've wiped out that protected barrier in front of the marshes there. And



Great Meadows Marsh, Stewart B. McKinney NWR noto: Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe/Audub

Historic Threat to **Coastal Habitats**

- Development of coastline
- · Filling in of marshes
- · Change to hydrology
- Invasive plants
- Human disturbance

Photo by Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe/Audubon.



Rochelle Thomas, director of Greenwich Audubon, introduced first Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, director of Bird Conservation for Audubon CT, "the state office of the National Audubon Society. She oversees Audubon's coastal stewardship and resilience efforts in Connecticut. She leads the Audubon Alliance for Coastal Waterbirds, which assists CT DEEP Wildlife Division with the management of Piping Plover and other beach nesting birds."

Victoria "Vicky" O'Neill was then introduced as the initial director of Coastal Resilience for Audubon CT/NY as of last November. "In this new role," told Thomas, "She will work with coastal communities to tackle sea level rise through habitat restoration, land protection, and the installation of nature-based solutions...Most recently Vicky was the Long Island Sound Study Habitat Restoration and Stewardship Coordinator...working with Connecticut and New York partners around the Sound to restore coastal habitat and wildlife."

O'Neill began, "Climate change and climate issues are a major focus for our organization. And when you're talking about climate change, you are talking about resiliency, and the coastal habitat is the forefront of the impact of climate change. And if you live in Greenwich, if you live in Westchester, you're on the waterfront. What you do on your property impacts our coastal habitats...and one of the most important ones we're going to talk about a lot today are tidal wetlands."

"They're home to a lot of awesome birds," added Folsom-O'Keefe. "We've got the Salt Marsh Sparrow, which can be found in our salt marshes across Connecticut, the Piping Plover and the American Oystercatcher that use our beaches and dunes and offshore islands. Birds like the Semipalmated Sandpiper that come through Connecticut in thousands in spring and fall, the Long-tailed duck that takes advantage of offshore waters, diving amongst those field grass beds to find their food. And then you have birds like the Purple Martin that are taking advantage of our coastal grasslands and coastal open areas along the coast."

Photo contributed by Vicky O'Neill.



Vicky O'Neill at the podium of Audubon Greenwich. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

now the Sound is breaking through and moving into the back marsh, flooding it...So, we are working on designing what to do for the site, and this could be a combination of some sort of nature-based feature."

O'Neill then shared a striking example of a nature-based solution located at the shoreline of Stratford Point. "So, if you've ever been to this property in Stratford, you've probably seen these interesting structures along the shoreline - they look like something out of Mars. But they're really cool engineered structures that are called reef balls. And so, at this particular site, the coastline was eroding

away, the marsh disappeared, and they wanted to stabilize the coastline. It was getting beaten by these storms that were coming through. And the sea level rising was obviously an issue." Those reef balls provided structure to the coastline, "but they also provide habitat opportunities." Those holes allow "fish and crabs to move in to hide...Also, oysters will grow on them, and mussels... At the same time, they're providing that wave break, slowing the water down along the shoreline, depositing the sediment behind the reef ball, and they were able to plant salt marsh right behind." That project won Best for Shore Area by the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association told O'Neill. "So, definitely check it out when you're in Stratford."

Folsom-O'Keefe concluded with the wish that those present who "had this chance to learn about coastal resilience, the challenges our coastal habitats are facing, and the solution ideas to make sure that they're here for the years to come" would share what they learned with others. "There are a lot of people out there that don't understand the impacts that climate change is having on our coastal habitats. And the more we can build people's understanding and knowledge, the more likely that when somebody proposes, 'Hey, let's put a living shoreline in this area,' that they're going to be 'Actually that's a really smart idea. We should do that."

COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

Celebrating Tony Marzullo's 95th Birthday

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

It's not every day one gets invited to an Italian birthday party at a restaurant (T&J in Port Chester) where the Italian food flows through five courses, and there are dozens of family members with some stretching across four generations. But then it was town legend Tony Marzullo who has graced this town with his green thumb - you see his



Library, and elsewhere, and his plantings at the Cos Cob VFW Park on Strickland Road.

You might have seen him at the recent Greenwich Tree Conservancy Tree Party at McArdle's talking with his friends Tree Warden Greg Kramer and Library and learn how his First Selectman Fred Camillo. You will likely see him at summer's end at the Greenwich Botanical Center's Dahlia Show, that country. The family set up

august Westchester-Fairfield Horticultural Society.

his Oral History at Greenwich wife, Shirley. 1893 off a ship from Naples, from Rose, Italy, found "in the toe" of

trees planted beside Cos Cob his favorite flower that has won a greenhouse - 15-feet wide by him top prizes. His tomatoes a 130-feet long in 1924, under are also a prize, and he can the name of Frank Marzullo and claim membership of that once Sons on Valley Road in the Cos Cob area. Tony would be pleased to make his home in Cos Cob and You can read about him in raise his family with his now late

> So Happy Birthday Tony grandparents arrived here in (actually May 8) Marzullo, and happy dahlia growing in your 95th year!



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Does **It Matter?**

Does it matter what is happening in Hartford? With just a few days left in the current session it very much does matter.

Connecticut is facing an insidious threat to its democratic principles, one that lurks in the shadows of the legislative process: rats. These are not the small, furry rodents that scurry in dark alleys, but rather sneaky pieces of legislation that undermine public participation and transparency. The infestation of these legislative rats poses one of the gravest affronts to democracy in our state.

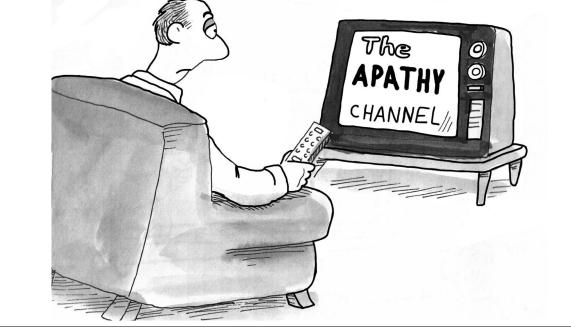
At the heart of a healthy democracy lies the fundamental principle of public participation. Every citizen should have the opportunity to engage in the legislative process, voicing their concerns and contributing to the decisions that shape our communities. Yet, in recent years, we have witnessed a disturbing trend of rats being slipped into bills at the eleventh hour, bypassing public hearings and citizen input.

You bet it does!

The consequences of this clandestine maneuvering are dire. It erodes trust in our institutions and disenfranchises the very people they are meant to serve. When controversial measures are buried within obscure legislative language, the public is left in the dark, unable to hold their elected officials accountable for their actions.

The bipartisan nature of these rats only underscores the severity of the problem. Regardless of political affiliation, lawmakers have succumbed to the temptation of backroom dealings, sacrificing transparency for political expediency. Whether it's blocking a proposed development or circumventing local governance processes, these rats undermine the integrity of our legislative system. Consider the recent examples of legislative malfeasance that have come to light. In Middlebury, a small town outside of Waterbury, a state representative used a rat to halt a development project near his own home, depriving local residents of their right to participate in the decisionmaking process. Similarly, in Stamford, a former state representative manipulated the state budget to stifle local charter revisions, effectively silencing the voices of her constituents. Perhaps most egregious is the case of the housing bills sneaking their way through the legislature under the cover of darkness. By slipping amendments into unrelated legislation, lawmakers bypassed the committee and public hearing process, robbing the public of their right to scrutiny and debate. The financial burden imposed by these unfunded mandates threatens to cripple municipalities across the state, exacerbating the affordability crisis facing Connecticut residents. It is time for this epidemic of legislative rats to end. Our elected leaders must be held accountable for their actions, and the public must demand greater transparency and accountability in the legislative process. Term limits, checks and balances, and robust public oversight are essential to restoring faith in our democracy. We are reminded of the quote from President Gerald Ford "A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have." As we gear up for the next election cycle, let us remember that every vote is an opportunity to rid our state of these legislative pests. It is incumbent upon every Connecticut resident, and every member of our community, to demand better from our elected officials and to denounce any attempts to undermine the principles of democracy. Only then can we ensure that the voices of the people are heard and respected in the halls of power.

Editorial Pa



LETTER

Latin Isn't Dead; It Is Alive Everywhere

My name is Riona especially a school as McKersie and I am a current prestigious as GHS, is short-Sophomore at Greenwich sighted and will severely High School. I have been disadvantage the students taking Latin for two years who are currently taking (Latin 1 and 2) and it has Latin, through their GPAs, quickly become one of college applications, and my favorite classes. I have the disruption of having to founded, and am the current change languages. president of the Latin Club and together with the other is a three year requirement. officers, this club works to However, colleges love to see bring together students who students who are consistent are interested in learning in one language. If Latin is about the culture of Ancient Rome. We are working to may not feel comfortable bring the Latin National with an online only language Honor Society to GHS.

surprised when I received an email earlier last week saying that Latin would no longer be offered at GHS and instead would be a pass/fail online course, would be an understatement.

a high school curriculum, to many careers, such as law,

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ink?

And this is where the idea of permanence comes in.

Permanence is the state and ality of lasting and remaining unchanged indefinitely. But if we take a hard look at life, I think we could agree that nothing actually stays the same. Our children grow up. Technology innovates. A sunset fades. We graduate. An illness progresses. Grass grows. Relationships shift. Babies are born. People die.

At GHS, World Language removed from GHS, students only available Pass/Fail, Thus, to say I was and if they are a rising sophomore, junior or senior, then the only other option is to change languages. Certain colleges that they would have gotten into otherwise, had they continued with Latin, won't accept them anymore. Removing Latin from Beyond this, Latin is essential

> moment, a person, an idea (my children would certainly say that I am guilty of this every time I grab my cell phone and demand just one more picture).

And with everything changing all of the time, we may feel the desire to hold on tight to loved ones, a favorite place, a

To quote GHS' website, "Latin isn't dead; it is alive everywhere you look." So, we implore GPS to keep it alive.

Students in the Latin classes Latin world." who wish to pursue those those careers in the future.

community among students at GHS, making a large school seem much smaller. As Lilia Vine, a current Latin 2 student at GHS, said, "...it's plain to see that Latin is incredible community of likeminded people that I don't

- not impermanence - gives us a sense of security, consistency, and reliability.

So, we strive for that.

If you sat at my computer, you would be astonished by the number of yellow stickies that frame the screen. Some are simple reminders - buy dog food,

medicine and even history. typically meet outside of the

To quote Bettina jobs, will be disadvantaged Gunnerson, a current Honors as colleges looking at their Latin Seminar student, at transcripts will want to GHS, "It was the fact that determine what steps they the GHS offered Latin as have made to be successful in a language choice that ultimately helped me discover Latin also creates one of my passions. After all, high school should be a place where people can discover their interests, so why take away one of those choices by eliminating Latin?"

To quote GHS' website, interesting to a certain kind "Latin isn't dead; it is alive of person, [which] builds an everywhere you look." So, we implore GPS to keep it alive. Riona McKersie

> reminder of who I am and what is important to me.

Maybe a tattoo is a pause, a reaction to our ever-changing world, a chance to preserve indefinitely.

Or maybe we have been changed so profoundly and permanently by a loved one, a place, or a belief that we need to find a spot close to our heart to recognize that.

Does it matter what is coming out of Hartford? You bet it does!

The energy of the world is dynamic and in constant motion. And yet, sometimes we want (maybe need) to freeze a passion, even a core belief.

Buddhists would argue that trying to hold onto the notion of permanence when change is the inherent nature of things is at the root of our suffering. And when we understand that reality, our ability to value what we have when we have it increases exponentially. Impermanence can teach us how to treasure every aspect of life and how to live it more fully.

Yet although it may be an illusion, the idea of permanence

get car washed - but most are more nuanced: friends I want to contact, favorite quotes, writing ideas, and even current goals.

And while a yellow sticky is not permanent, with so much vying for our attention, writing these things down helps me remember who I am and what is important; things that I don't want to forget. I want those thoughts to be sketched in ink, permanently.

Which is not that dissimilar to a tattoo. A permanent

And maybe its personal or maybe we want the world to know how grateful we are.

Will I ever get a tattoo? That's a secret.

But to have people, places, and even core beliefs that are worthy of our honor, our celebration, that is a gift, that we can keep with us always, permanently.

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COLUMN

The Power of Purposeful Education

By Carol Maoz

Change is a constant in our lives, and all around us, the pace of that change continues to accelerate. A static, one-size-fitsall approach to education cannot work. To navigate change, our children require (and deserve) an education that is not only academically rigorous but also purposeful and intentional. Rather than students memorizing facts and figures, we must guide them in cultivating the skills necessary to negotiate the complexities of the world – now and in the future.

My experience as an educator for more than three decades has shown me consistently that students have always faced immense pressure during their school years. Drive and a desire to succeed are healthy and natural qualities. The challenge arises when there is an excessive focus on individual success, as it results in significant stress and anxiety for the student. However, there is good news: research shows that when a child has a strong sense of purpose in their life, they experience improved mental and emotional well-being.

I have the privilege of witnessing firsthand the remarkable potential that resides within each of our students.

It's a potential that extends far beyond academic achievement, encompassing their emotional well-being and their capacity to make a positive impact on the world. That's why fostering a sense of purpose in our students must be at the very core of schools' educational philosophy. Living a life of purpose isn't simply about for growth, fostering grit and chasing personal achievement. It's about leading a meaningful life that contributes to something in the world bigger than oneself. It's buffer against anxiety and stress, about feeling connected, valued, heard, and empowered to make emotional well-being. a difference.

So, what does it look like when education nurtures something deeper – a sense of purpose? Imagine students who see the equips students with the flexibility relevance of their studies in the context of the wider world and who understand how their actions can impact the world around them for good. This is the transformative actively contributing to their power of purpose-driven learning.

Why does purpose matter? The benefits of a purposedriven education are farreaching. Students with a strong sense of purpose are not only more academically motivated but also more resilient in the face of challenges. Children opportunities for self-discovery and adolescents with purpose see setbacks as opportunities

An inquiry-based approach encourages students to think critically, ask questions, conduct research, and solve real-life problems. Student choice, in an age-appropriate way, is ingrained in the King's program because we know that when students take charge of their academic journey, learning sticks.

perseverance – essential skills for navigating life's inevitable hurdles. Purpose also acts as a promoting a positive outlook and

This power of resilience is so critical because, in a world of constant change, adaptability is key. A clear sense of purpose and motivation to thrive in an uncertain landscape. Purposedriven individuals are more likely to become engaged citizens, communities and tackling the world's challenges with confidence and perseverance.

King School's commitment to purpose is woven into every aspect of the curriculum and every stage of the school experience. We provide students with and exploration, encouraging a growth mindset that celebrates learning, embraces challenges,

and seeks to contribute to a critically, ask questions, conduct classroom learning to real-world applications, making knowledge relevant and fostering a sense of agency that is both individual and collective.

Children and adolescents are our future leaders and changemakers and we, as educators, need to demand more of ourselves than studies, and internships that are providing them only academic skills to succeed in their lives. At King, purpose-driven instruction is paired with an intentional PK-12 global curriculum. By exposing students to diverse cultures, perspectives, and historical narratives, we help them develop a global understanding and an appreciation for the interconnectedness of our world. This prepares them to become responsible global citizens who can engage with empathy and intentionality across borders.

An inquiry-based approach encourages students to think

broader cause. Our curriculum is research, and solve real-life a purpose-driven mindset meticulously designed to connect problems. Student choice, in an age-appropriate way, is ingrained in the King's program because we know that when students take This shift allows them to create a charge of their academic journey, learning sticks.

At King, the spirit of service is nurtured through programs like King Cares, independent meant to do more than build a resume. These initiatives not only raise awareness of community needs but also cultivate empathy and a strong sense of social responsibility.

While academic achievement is and will remain an essential indicator of a successful education, it shouldn't be the sole driving force. An exclusively achievementfocused mindset can lead to relentless self-evaluation and unhealthy competition. Similarly, a passion-driven approach, while seemingly positive, can be selfcentered. Passion alone doesn't

Ashley and Olivia Hopper contributed significantly in both games, leading their team to victory with a strong performance, while the Cardinals demonstrated depth with contributions from various players throughout the matches.

Greenwich High School's boys lacrosse team faced a tough 13-3 defeat against Staples, despite staying close in the first half, as Staples surged ahead in the second half, propelled by a strong offensive performance. Greenwich coach Bobby Lutz acknowledged the challenge of playing against a skilled opponent and highlighted the team's upcoming game against Ridgefield as an opportunity to

Greenwich faced a tough

bounce back.

challenge against Staples, with Wreckers' pitcher Kai Nee Greenwich High's baseball

provide a clear direction. However, empowers students to leverage their combined skills and passions in service of a greater cause. focused plan that aligns with their values and aspirations.

By nurturing a sense of purpose within our children, we equip them with the tools they need to not only excel academically but also to navigate life's complexities with resilience, empathy, and a commitment to making a positive difference in the world. After all, that's the true measure of success.

Carol Maoz, Head of School at King School, has had a distinguished career as an educator and leader in independent schools across Connecticut and internationally. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a master's degree in education from Harvard University.

against Danbury. Led by standout performances in both singles and doubles, the team's success continues, building on last season's undefeated campaign and setting high expectations for the current vear.

Sacred Heart Greenwich

dominated the lacrosse showdown against Greenwich Academy, securing a 13-4 victory after trailing early on, with standout performances from players like Charley Bacigalupo and Payton Sfreddo, showcasing both offensive prowess and strong defensive play. Despite some bright spots and efforts from Greenwich Academy, Sacred Heart's cohesive performance, particularly on defense, secured their ninth consecutive win and showcased their strength as a team.

dominating with six shutout team secured two more

News Brief From Page 1 robbery and a burglary during consecutive shifts in October 2023. The award, named

after Dr. John A. Clarke, a founding president of the club and a police physician, was established in 1947 to recognize police officers for exceptional service.

Last week, Greenwich Fire Department units extinguished a small fire on Orchard Street. The fire marshal is investigating the cause.

The town, in partnership with the Greenwich Police **Department**, is contemplating the installation of speed cameras specifically in school zones, following a proposal by Chief James Heavey that aligns with Public Act 23-116. The implementation awaits the approval of the Board of Selectmen, with a decision postponed until their meeting on May 9, when an RFP for the necessary equipment also concludes. The proposed system, aimed at enhancing public safety without generating revenue, will impose fines starting at \$50 for speeding violations captured by these cameras, with an appeals process available for violators.

hall and the Omni New Haven Hotel on May 1, calling for improved working conditions and a new contract. They shared photos on Facebook, showing support from UNITE HERE Local 33, 34, and 35.

The Wesskum Wood Road Bridge in Greenwich is expected to be completed by July 1, 2024, despite environmental setbacks. The upgrade includes the installation of new bridge arches, stone masonry, and additional features like decorative crosswalks, a sidewalk, and improved access for bicyclists and pedestrians. For safety, the public is advised to avoid the construction site.

On Saturday afternoon, the neo-Nazi group NSC 131, demonstrated in Greenwich, chanting and displaying banners with provocative slogans. Their protest was linked to an alleged recent attack, and they threatened further actions if their demands for hate crime charges were not

in March 2020, and customers not on a payment plan by the end date face potential service termination. The company has alerted affected customers and encourages those eligible to seek further assistance from the local Town Hall's Department of Human Services to prevent service discontinuation.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Governor Ned Lamont admitted involvement in hiring a landscaper who removed over 180 trees from protected wetlands near his Greenwich home without permits, potentially resulting in penalties for him and neighboring property owners. Lamont attributed the cutting to addressing storm-damaged trees, denying any motive to enhance his property's view, while also pledging compliance with permit regulations moving forward. Legal representatives requested a hearing extension to reconcile restoration plans, stressing collaboration,

are received annually in March from students, parents, and staff, with the Distinguished Teachers Committee evaluating and selecting recipients through anonymous voting in April. The award ceremony is scheduled for May 9 at Central Middle School.

SPORTS

Zach Lowe, a 1995 graduate of Greenwich High School and ESPN senior writer, will return as the Commencement Speaker for the 2024 graduation at Cardinal Stadium. Principal Ralph Mayo highlighted the significance of Lowe's return, noting his family's deep educational and community service roots in Greenwich.

Greenwich High School's girls rugby team dominated Trumbull Eagles with a 42-0 victory, showcasing a strong performance led by players like Lauren Huang, who scored multiple tries, and notable contributions from forwards like Vera Zibilich and Emma Peck. Senior captain Ruby Lamkin praised the team's forward play, while Lara Olmsted highlighted the cohesion of the backline and their aggressive defensive efforts.

FROM TOWN HALL

New regulations in Greenwich will restrict gasoline-powered leaf **blower usage** from May 26 to September 30, but some town leaders seek a three-year extension. Concerns about the effectiveness of electric blowers were raised by officials from the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, leading to criticism from environmental groups and landscapers. The Board of Selectmen postponed action on the extension request to gather feedback, acknowledging the complexity of the issue.

The new 2024-25 OnePass, which allows access to the town's parks and beaches, are now required. To obtain the pass, residents must verify their residency, a process that can take up to five days online. Once residency is confirmed, residents can buy a single vehicle pass for \$200, with optional add-ons for pickleball or golf. Seniors with a valid 2023 park pass will automatically be renewed. Single-use tickets are also available for park visits, ice rink sessions, and skatepark use. More information can be found on the town's website. Questions can be directed to the town's hotline or email.

AROUND TOWN

Hotel Workers United Local 217 demonstrated outside the town met. The demonstration was monitored by police and ended without incident.

The North Mianus Pow Wow returns this weekend, offering games, carnival rides, food, music, and a raffle for family enjoyment. It's the 76th edition, organized to raise funds for the North Mianus Elementary School Parent Teacher Association. The fair runs from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, featuring a variety of activities and prizes including tickets to Legoland, an iPad, a \$1,000 Amazon gift card, and sports tickets.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND **NONPROFITS**

Neighbor to Neighbor held their Annual Spring Luncheon on April 3rd. The organization thanked their sponsors, partners, and supporters for their commitment to its mission.

On the first Saturday of April, the annual Scouting for Hunger event was held. The Greenwich Scouts, Greenwich Police Department, and Cos Cob Volunteer Fire Company #1 hosted the drive, which supported the local charity Neighbor to Neighbor.

Stamp Out Hunger on May 11 urges residents to leave non-perishable food items by their mailboxes for collection by postal workers. Donations sought include canned proteins, pasta, fruit, peanut butter, and household items, with a reminder to check expiration dates. Those unable to participate on May 11 can contribute through the Virtual Food Drive.

Eversource Energy will end its program that has protected customers with financial hardships or severe illnesses from disconnections on May 2, 2024. The program began

while Greenwich's Director of Environmental Affairs emphasized the importance of a comprehensive restoration plan and public input amidst reflections on environmental stewardship and accountability.

SCHOOLS

Greenwich High School's second annual International Night featured increased attendance and food variety, with cultural dishes provided by students and their families. The event included performances like Chinese classical dances and Spanish Flamenco, and was organized by the school's various language honor societies. Highlighting the school's diversity, organizers expressed hopes of making this celebration a lasting tradition, countering stereotypes about the town's demographic.

North Mianus School's second graders marked Arbor Day alongside First Selectman Fred Camillo and representatives from the Greenwich Tree Conservancy. They participated in a tree planting activity and listened as Camillo read a proclamation for the occasion.

Ana Maria Fals, thirdgrade teacher at New Lebanon School; Johanna Kolar, eighthgrade math teacher at Western Middle School; Lian Lam, special education teacher at New Lebanon School; Audrey Maurer, music teacher at New Lebanon School

Ilene Rietsch, kindergarten teacher at North Street School; Alyssa Stack, social studies teacher at Greenwich High School; and Stacy Loveless, Chair of DTAC have been selected as the district's 2024 Distinguished Teachers, including three from New Lebanon School. Nominations

Greenwich High School's

boys Varsity A rugby team, with a rich history of appearances at the Boys Rugby Varsity National Championships and 11 state championships, is currently enjoying another successful season, boasting a record of 4-2 and a 10th national ranking, including recent victories against Aspetuck Valley Rugby Club and Xavier High School. With captains Brian Nova-Acosta, Gaston Gomez, and Ignacio Piccione leading the charge, the team aims to maintain its winning streak as it heads towards upcoming matches against Trumbull and Fairfield Prep, with eyes set on both state and national championships.

Greenwich High School's baseball team secured a significant victory against Trumbull, the state's topranked team, with a 4-3 win, led by senior pitcher Tommy Passamano's impressive performance, clinching the win with a seventh-inning rally. Coach Adrian Arango praised the team's resilience and collective effort, emphasizing the significance of defeating a formidable opponent like Trumbull and highlighting Passamano's pivotal role in the victory.

Greenwich High School's girls water polo team extended their undefeated streak with wins over Phillips Andover Academy and Williston Northampton, achieving an impressive 16-0 record for the season. Senior captains

innings, securing a 5-0 victory despite Greenwich's strong defensive effort. Despite the loss, Greenwich had a successful week, winning two out of three games and showing improvement in their overall performance.

Brunswick School's track and field team, under the guidance of coach Robert Taylor, showcases remarkable talent and depth, boasting a strong 6-1 record this season, with victories against notable schools including Taft, Kingswood Oxford, and Trinity-Pawling. Despite a single loss against Kingswood-Oxford in their recent home meet, the team continues to demonstrate its prowess, exemplified by their impressive performances captured in photos from a recent meet against Masters School, shared by Brunswick School.

Brunswick School's tennis

team has excelled this season, securing victories in all three matches against FAA opponents and currently shares the firstplace position with Greens Farms Academy in the FAA with a 3-0 record. Their recent wins include matches against King School, Hopkins School, and St. Luke's School.

The Greenwich High School boys tennis team has maintained their perfect record this spring, securing eight victories in eight matches, including a recent 7-0 win

victories against Bridgeport Central and New Canaan, extending their winning streak to four games and bringing their season record to 6-5, with all wins coming against FCIAC opponents. Senior Troy Goodwin pitched five innings, striking out eight batters, and contributed offensively, while John McHugh, Cody Baker, and Luke Tocci also played pivotal roles in the wins, with McHugh leading the offense with three hits and three runs scored in the victory over Bridgeport Central.

Brunswick School's lacrosse

team, ranked No. 1 in the nation, faced a tough challenge against Hill Academy but staged an impressive comeback after trailing by three goals in the first quarter, ultimately securing a 19-10 victory and maintaining their undefeated record. Led by standout performances from senior captain Hudson Hausmann and sophomore Rick Giordano, Brunswick rallied in the second half, showcasing their resilience and team unity in overcoming adversity.

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The Junior Skyliners team pose for a photo together after performing at the second annual 'SK8 to Eliminate' ice show at the International Skating Center in Connecticut located in Simsbury last week. (Photo courtesy of the Skyliners)

By Liz Leamy

Last week, the New York metro-based Skyliners Junior team, the 2024 World Junior Synchronized bronze medalists whose 20-member roster happens to include four Greenwich residents, Nancy

Kessler, Emily Duarte, Danielle this event was held at the characteristic star fashion. Kim and Anna Dolgov, performed International Skating Center of in a memorable fundraiser Connecticut in Simsbury and alongside a host of Olympic, was a win-win on all counts as support the Scott Hamilton World and U.S. champions to help the Skyliners, along with all the CARES Foundation (Scott fight the battle against cancer in other decorated performers there Hamilton, the 1984 Olympic Hartford County, Connecticut.

dazzled the full-capacity crowd champion, is a cancer survivor) Titled 'SK8 to Eliminate,' of more than 800 spectators in and the Connecticut Children's

This second-annual show, purposed to benefit and help

Medical Center, was also It was my first time going to this the 2024 U.S. silver medalists, Maxim Naumov the 2024 U.S. the 2022 U.S. junior silver medalist and other prominent skaters.

For the Greenwich Skyliners who participated in this show, it ways.

"It was so great to skate for such an important cause and worked very hard to have a good I had so much fun," said Anna Dolgov, an Eastern Middle School eighth grader who turned 14 this past April. "It was also very cool to be under the lights skating and the skaters were all so nice."

Dolgov, along with Kessler, a Greenwich High School senior, Duarte, a Greenwich High School junior, and Kim, a Greenwich High School sophomore and their fellow team colleagues certainly have a lot to smile about podium status among a roster of 24 entries.

"Junior Worlds was amazing.

headlined by Katerina Gordeeva, competition and I got to meet the 1988 and 1994 Olympic skaters from all over the world," champion, Victor Petrenko, the said Dolgov. "Everyone was really 1992 Olympic gold medalist, Alisa nice and it was cool to think we Efimova and Misha Mitrofanov, were all coming together through the sport of skating."

Meanwhile, Dolgov, Kessler, fourth-place finisher, Ava Ziegler, Duarte and Kim also happen to be coached individually by Nancy Madden Leamy, a longtime Greenwich resident who is Director of the Greenwich Skating School at the Dorothy was memorable experience in all Hamill Rink, who said she is very proud of all of them.

> "Each of these skaters has foundation and pursue their dream," said Leamy. "Skating is something they love and they are extremely committed to what they do. They never gave up."

> On a group level, Dolgov, Kessler, Duarte and Kim, along with the rest of the Skyliners junior team are coached by Josh Babb and Pam May who are also accomplished and renowned coaches.

Conclusively, as these four considering they clinched bronze local skaters continue their at the Junior World Synchronized skating journeys, it ought to be Championships last March in exciting to watch them as they Neuchatel, Switzerland, achieving continue to evolve as athletes and individuals who affect those around them with their spirit, as well as skating skills and talents.

Brian Skerry Shares the Wonders and Woes Found with Undersea Photography



strong enough to be on their own. piece of the umbilical cord on its belly." So, with no stable platforms the pup mortality rate is now at 100 percent he told.

And then he introduced us to the world's most endangered North Atlantic right whales, right whale," a cousin of the making pictures." North Atlantic whales newly "extremely curious."

Skerry looks back fondly That pup only days old "still had a to that first visit to Greenwich, "falling in love with it," he said, "and it's wonderful to be back here again now talking about that shark." He then reflected across those years and his experiences in the sea through his work as a photojournalist. "As you with a photo taken of his heard, I've been working for assistant standing on the sea National Geographic Magazine floor remarkably close to a for about 26 years, and even "45-foot long, 70-ton Southern before that I started diving and

As his underwater career discovered off the Auckland unfolded, he was seeing "a lot of Islands of New Zealand. He had problems occurring in earth's found those Southern whales oceans" not evident to "most people...unless you're slipping Also memorable was Skerry your head beneath the waves on sharing his photographic pursuit a regular basis." He addressed "Nature," that 90-percent of the billfish and sharks had been taken post World War II." So, why not as a photojournalist, he thought "show some of the solutions because if there's no solution, then For example, "Seafood is And, as an underwater shark being harvested, and it is wildlife." And that harvesting method he described as "probably the most common method of fishing in the world" was a bottom trawler. "You've got a net in the middle sharks to Greenwich's late between two big steel doors, resident, Peter Gimbel, heir to the and floats on the top and a lead department store founded by his weighted line on the bottom." grandfather. "Peter had an estate And that trawler assembly is called Chieftans - a beautiful being towed behind a fishing boat. "So, it's very effective at catching whatever the intended species might be." Such as shrimp in Mexico - and "everything else in its path with no commercial value" to be "thrown back into the sea as trash." Skerry showed the fisherman's notable 1971 film "Blue Water, hands holding the few shrimp he had caught after towing that trawler for an hour. And splayed That Gimbel visit was in the over the deck of his boat was early 1990's, some 20-plus years the "bycatch," to be thrown back after the debut of "Blue Water, into the sea. "So, this is the true White Death," the first filming of cost of a shrimp dinner, seven the great white shark, "It's still or eight shrimp, and maybe 15 in my estimation," said Skerry, pounds of other animals that have "the greatest shark film ever to die in the process of catching

A Southern right whale found off the Auckland Islands of New Zealand being studied by Brian Skerry's assistant. Photo by Brian Skerry.

By Anne W. Semmes

As part of the Greenwich Library's Signature Series some 244 attendees in the Berkley Theater were captivated last Thursday week by the stories and images shared by awardwinning marine photographer Brian Skerry, of his decades long underwater explorations of the oceans of our world. Often the

magazine his work is represented Soul."

audience with getting up close

cover story of National Geographic a water planet." How "three as the Harp Seals in the arctic. A quarters of the earth surface is in the magazine's "50 greatest about 72 percent ocean...that 98 photos of all time." His growing percent of the biosphere of the concerns of that undersea world biosphere where life can exist brought his talk title of "Ocean on earth is ocean" and "that 50 percent of the oxygen that we all Before he mesmerized the breath is generated by the sea."

Thus, in those underwater and personal with a southern decades Skerry has seen how right whale, he described the our environment is affecting significance of our "living on those who live underwater such

moving photo capture was of a mother seal "frantically" pushing her seal pup up to the surface. He explained how years back the ice would have been "25 foot thick for as far as eye can see with no water at all," but with climate change that ice has grown thinner and thinner. So, those seal pups "need a stable platform of ice to

nurse from their mom" to get



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of the elusive North Atlantic "that problem of overfishing." right whales close to the Cape He'd read in the British journal Cod coastline of Massachusetts. With extraordinary funding from large predatory fish "like tuna and National Geographic a look-likeseal decoy was made to attract the right whale. A resulting video brought gasps as the hungry right whale ferociously attacked the thus demolished (and what's the point?" expensive) decoy.

cage has been the traditional approach to photograph/study of those dangerous as well as endangered right whales, Skerry had a story to tell connecting place, [King Street and Sherwood] but he was also a legendary explorer. He was the first guy to dive to the wreck of the SS Andrea Doria and his photos of the ship were published in 'Life' magazine in August 1956." It was Gimbel's shark cages used in Gimbel's White Death" that Skerry wished to take away and rebuild.

done." The film had led to Peter those shrimp!" Benchley's book, "Jaws."



Brian Skerry, award-winning photojournalist shared his spellbinding life of discovery beneath the sea at Greenwich Library's Berkley Theater. Photo by Steve De Neef.



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Shakespearean Theater

By David Michonski

Bob Rimmer opened the April 24 presentation of the Retired Men's Association by introducing B.H. Barry, who for 60 years has been a teacher, choreographer and director of staged "stunt fighting." Barry has been responsible for the staged stunt fighting in dozens of shows for the Royal Shakespeare Theater, over 40 Broadway shows, opera, film and ballet. During his career Barry has been awarded an Obie for Sustained and Consistent Excellence in Stage Combat. He also received a Tony for Lifetime Achievement, a Drama Desk for his fights in "Camelot," and an award from the Outer Critics Circle in recognition of his six decades career. Barry has been at The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, Julliard, Yale, Temple University and New York University. Barry notes that, "A fight director helps create the illusion of violence, but must make the actors feel secure."

Barry took us through his early childhood in England where he was an only child. His father left the family when Barry was two. Because they had no means of support, his mother and he moved into his grandparents' home, where he was raised. With no TV, radio or other means of entertaining himself, he used his imagination. From the day he played Aladdin in school, he wanted to be an actor. But he had to leave school at 15 to help support his family. In 1958 he was supposed to go into the armed forces, but they suddenly ended conscription, which to him was a gift of two years. He tried to become an actor, but after two years he returned to engineering. Nonetheless, he enrolled in drama school, where he was trained by Errol Flynn's stunt double, and he started teaching how to do stunt fighting for all the drama schools in England.

He met someone who taught sword fighting and they worked together to make sword fights more realistic. He made up all the fights for 64 productions of "Romeo and Juliet." He was a founding member of members Bob Bishop and Bob therapeutics. He has co- greenwichrma.org. The RMA the Society of British Fight Directors, and they started work on making fights much more realistic. He taught at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and he was then invited to teach at drama schools in America. He ended up getting hired for Broadway shows and worked on over 40 of them. He taught Richard Burton as Mark Antony how to strangle

Cleopatra (Elizabeth Taylor). How does he approach a staged fight? First, he reads the script. Then he asks "why does the playwright give it this name?" He then asks the actors what they want to display in their characters. Then, he takes this information and turns it into a choreographed fight. Interestingly, Shakespeare's works give no choreographic instructions; they say only "there is a fight." He noted that the safety of the actors is always paramount.

Barry did the fight scenes in "West Side Story" and he noted that in that play you have to choreograph the fight to the music versus to the story. Interestingly, he auditioned to act in "West Side Story," but didn't make it.



Fight Director B.H. Barry (left) coached RMA members Bob Bishop and Bob Rimmer on how to conduct a staged duel.

A fight director helps create the illusion of violence, but must make the actors feel secure.

He also had three fight scenes where things went presentation, "The Illness dangerous. Barry closed by showing an amusing video with Conan O'Brien who took a course on staged stunt fighting with Barry. Barry coached him on how to kick with his legs, kick in the crotch, hit in the face and get a kick back. And the video showed them sword fighting with theatrical swords. He also showed a video of "Showdown at Chi Chi's" in which he staged a fight and how to slam a head into a chair and blow through a wall.

In the Q&A portion, he was asked his opinion of the movie "Rust," in which a crew member was killed. He explained in great detail what he goes through whenever guns are on a set. He also surmised that in "Rust," the stage hands did target practice before they started filming and failed to take the ammunition out of the gun. He thought the armorer, her job.

demonstration using RMA of care, natural history, and send a request to members@ Rimmer seated in chairs facing authored more than 350 urges all eligible individuals to each other. He showed them how to defend themselves and His research is supported attack each other. He tried to show them "objectives" that Health, and past research he always had to teach actors first. Then, he gave them each a sword with which to practice and separated the two so no one would be hit by the sword. The talk can be viewed by going to the RMA website at https://greenwichrma.org, and

clicking on "Speakers."

wrong. He noted they can be and Death of Ludwig van Beethoven," is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Beethoven has long held a unique place in musical history because of his groundbreaking compositions, produced in the face of significant personal struggles. This medicallyoriented lecture focuses on the circumstances surrounding Excelsior Symphony Orchestra Beethoven's illnesses with an emphasis on his final by Benjamin Lebwohl at 11 illness and death, in the AM on Wednesday, May 8, hopes of shedding light on the intersection of his life, work, This presentation will also and legacy.

events surrounding the recent Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and serves as the in these presentations are those Associate Clinical Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and as the Director of Clinical Research at the Celiac Disease Center at Columbia University. are presented as a community He is Past President of the Society for the Study of Celiac who was just convicted and Disease, and collaborates sentenced to prison, did not do with investigators in the United States and abroad a weekly email announcement He ended with a in epidemiology, patterns of future speakers should peer-reviewed publications. consider becoming a member by the National Institutes of funding includes the and community service American Gastroenterological Association, the Celiac Disease RMA offers to its members. Foundation, and the American For further information, go Scandinavian Foundation.

Advisory Committee of the The RMA's upcoming United States Food and Drug Administration. He maintains a clinical practice and is heavily involved in medical education, teaching regularly on topics including celiac disease, evidence-based medicine, clinical decision making, pseudoscience, diarrhea, and colorectal cancer screening. He is a member of the cello section of the Westchester-based To stream the presentation

click on https://bit.ly/30IBj21. be available on local public Benjamin Lebwohl is access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

> Note: The views expressed of the speakers. They are not intended to represent the views of the RMA or its members.

RMA speaker presentations service at no cost to in-person or Zoom attendees, regardless of gender. Any member of the public who would like to receive of our great organization, and thereby enjoy all the available fellowship, volunteer, opportunities which the to https://greenwichrma. Dr. Lebwohl is the Chair org/, or contact members@

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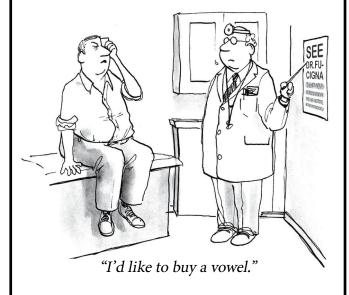
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Remembering the Past While Confronting Hate in the Present



BY MITCHELL M. HURVITZ

Last Saturday afternoon, a group of masked demonstrators carrying a white supremacist banner protested in Greenwich for about an hour.

Video taken shows them yelling "Sieg Heil" while raising their arms with the Nazi salute.

The Nazi Party in Germany adopted the phrase "Sieg Heil" because it translates as "Hail Victory." It was their most widely used phrase, along with their arm-raising Nazi salute, and continues to be utilized by white supremacists worldwide.

This local incident co-occurs with the antisemitic tropes commonly utilized by the Pro-Hamas/Anti-Israel protesters at universities throughout our nation, heightening fear amongst Jews and good people all over.

It feels as if America is much closer to 1933 than anyone would have imagined was possible.

Our annual communal commemoration of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will take place at Temple Sholom on Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm. Presented by UJA-JCC Greenwich, we gather in solemn remembrance, and this year, we will listen to the testimony of Holocaust Survivor Irene Zisblatt while she shares her Israelis attempting to keep the personal story.

Irene was born in northern and peaceful. Hungary and, at the age of 13, was only survivor of the Holocaust in her entire family.

to firsthand testimony from a at large Holocaust survivor is an essential reminder of the atrocities of genocide and the gaping hole left by each of the Six Million Jews murdered.

time when there are no survivors left. The average age of a Holocaust survivor today is 86 years old.

Losing the ones who directly experienced the Holocaust. $combined \ with \ the \ rise \ of \ Holocaust \qquad antisemitism \ by \ creating \ a \ town$ Denialism, is especially scary. Increasingly, holocaust symbols, such as swastikas, are carelessly utilized by ignorant, insensitive engagement of the Greenwich individuals, or worse, people who Public and Independent Schools. harbor antisemitic beliefs.

We honor the legacy of Holocaust victims and survivors when we quickly speak out and act against all forms of discrimination whenever we hear or witness it.

Israel reverse Holocaust ignore well-documented warnings imagery and apply its motifs to Jewish Nation's border secure

sent to Auschwitz. She was the Holocaust could occur can look at how easily and quickly the rise apply double standards to Israel of antisemitism is taking root in The opportunity to listen our nation, along with the world

Neighbors stood by while European Jews were led into cattle cars and sent to their deaths.

The Holocaust occurred as the Nazi's "Final Solution," but However, soon, there will be a it was a horror that came about while nurtured in an environment of apathy, ignorance, prejudice, and hate.

Locally, the First Selectman's office has led the way to combat task force.

As a task force member, I am especially pleased to see the active But, we all need to take more

Too often, enemies of significant note that we cannot defend themselves has passed. on the considerable rise of antisemitic incidents.

Those who take exception to how Israel is attempting to fight Those who ask how the a war against an enemy sworn dehumanization, and senseless to destroy her right to exist often versus how other countries might operate in similar circumstances.

Iran, a country often declaring its desire to "remove Israel from the map," launched over 200 drones Peace Prize honoree Elie Wiesel Z'L and missiles at Israel.

Immediate guidance by other ally nations was to counsel diplomacy.

But, one might quickly wonder how these same countries would react under similar circumstances Holocaust victims and survivors if such a blatant attack of war had victimized them.

Fortunately, Jews who are not blessed to live in countries where they are welcome possess the a moral option because silence option of living in their historic normalizes immoral acts. Jewish homeland of Israel, protected by a Jewish army.

The time when Jews cannot Israel to exist.

date of Holocaust commemoration pronounce "L'Shanah Ha'Ba'ah falls on the anniversary of the B'Yerushalayim" -- "Next year in Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Discrimination, hatred are vital ingredients that brew the dangers of antisemitism.

But ignorance and apathy are what allow the brew to boil most easily

Holocaust survivor and Nobel said in 1986: "The opposite of love is not hate; it's indifference."

but a call to concerted action.

when we quickly speak out and act beyond. A frequent guest speaker whenever we hear or witness it.

Doing or saying nothing is not

The world can debate the politics of Israel, but not the right of

When Jews conclude It is purposeful that the Hebrew their Passover seder, we Jerusalem," an ancient prayer that came to fruition after the Holocaust.

> A safe and secure Israel. sharing peaceful relations with her Arab neighbors, remains the ideal all should wish to pursue actively.

> But peace is earned, not gifted, and we all need to endeavor a lot harder at the sacred work required by which Shalom - Peace - is permanently obtained ..

Temple Sholom's Senior Rabbi The oft-cited refrain, "Never Mitchell M. Hurvitz is a scholar, Again," isn't meant to be a prayer *teacher*, community activist and preacher, and is recognized as We honor the legacy of one of the prominent religious leaders in the Greenwich area and against all forms of discrimination at synagogues and churches, study groups, community institutions and universities, he is a charismatic personality who engages individuals and stimulates hearts and minds. His teachings can be found in Greenwich Sentinel and in other local and national publications.

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. Ladies' Brunch - "Crystal Clear": Saturday, May 4, 9am-12pm.

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 9-14v. 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

day, May 4, 9:30am-7:30pm, Convent of St. Birgitta, Darien, ctcemeteries.org/ bereavement-support/emmaus-ministry.

St. Mary Church

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. GCS First Friday Mass and May Crowning: Friday, May 3, 10-11am. GCS First Friday Mass (Ascension): Thursday, May 9, 10am.

CONGREGATIONAL

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

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. Women's Fellowship Socials: through Sept. 12, 5:30-7pm, Sue Baker Pavilion, Tod's Point. Pianist Pavlo Gintov performs: Sunday, May 5, 4-5pm, Free-will

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. Spring Yoga: Fridays at 9:15am, through May

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. Courtyard Conversations on Bearing Witness: "Bearing Witness, A Journey with Holy Land Christians" - Thursday, May 9, 6pm, in the Courtyard, RSVP.

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

IEWISH

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

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. 'Keeping Jewish History Alive for Our Children" with Judith Kallman: Thursday, May 9, 7pm, open to the community, \$25, RSVP.

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

Worship Services: 9am, 10:45am & 6pm. Nursery, Kids Ministry grades K-5, and Student Ministry grades 6-12 are offered at both. Live stream and recorded media are available at stanwichchurch.org. Sacred Heart student Kathryn Herman is hosting a bake sale to raise funds to go towards to our "Stanwich in Stamford" vision: Saturday. May 4. 12-3pm, in front of the Board of Education building, 290 Greenwich Ave.

offering received.

ww.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. Prayer Shawl Ministry invites parishioners who knit or crochet (or would like to learn) to join them to knit or crochet prayer shawls: Saturday, May 4, 9:30am, in the School Hall.

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), stcsta.org/walking-with-purpose. 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). Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents - (a ministry for parents whose children of any age have died): Satur-

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

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

<u>St. Timothy Chapel</u>

1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

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. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. First Friday Devotion: May 3, 9am Mass, Confessions are available from 8:30-8:55am. First Saturday Devotion: May 4, in Church, All are welcome.

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

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist 11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555 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. May 5: "Everlasting Punishment". May 12: "Adam and Fallen Man".

COMMUNITY

First Church of Round Hill 464 Round Hill Rd; 203-629-3876

www.firstchurchofroundhill.com

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

Round Hill Community Church

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children's Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary.

17 (\$20/class). Music Together: Sunday, May 5, 9:30am. Teddy Bear Story Hour at Coffee for Good: Saturday, May 25, 8am.

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.

<u> Christ Church Greenwich</u>

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. Sold-Out: Storytelling with Host, Bonnie Levison: Friday, May 3, 6:30pm. Spring Campus Clean-up: Saturday, May 4, 9-11am. Sunday Forum with The Very Rev. Dane Boston: Sunday, May 5, 11:15am. Choral Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension: Thursday, May 9, 6:30pm. Volunteer for the Spring Treat boxes: Saturday, May 11, 8:30-11:30am.

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). Join us as we celebrate the new hope God has brought into the world and into our lives through the resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ this Easter season. Every Sunday features joyful preaching, beautiful music, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. Our priest in charge, the Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp will preach at the 10am service. A Bible study and sermon talk back with the preacher follows coffee hour at 11:30AM. Children's Church, our Sunday School program for kids of all ages, takes place during the 10am service, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Come catch some Easter joy and find new hope in our risen Lord. Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

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, May 8, 7:30pm, on Zoom.

Greenwich Reform Svnagogue 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. GRS Reads - "Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride: Thursday, May 9, 12pm.

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. Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day Communal Gathering: Monday, May 6, 7pm. Sisterhood Annual Lag B'Omer Trip: Thursday, May 9: Meet at 8:30am at First Church of Christ, Scientist (11 Park Pl.), RSVP. Pajama Shabbat: Friday, May 10, 5:30pm.

L<u>UTHERAN</u>

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

Sunday Worship, 9:30am (except the last Sunday of the month at 10:30am). 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.

Center for Spiritual Development, 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). The Other Side of the Veil with Rev. Ana Ruiz and Rev. Liz Hoy: Saturday, May 4, 7:30-9pm, In-person, \$35. Virtual Spiritual Mediumship Class: Mondays, May 6, 13, 20 & June 3, 7-9pm, \$120, CSDPastor@ gmail.com.

<u> Trinity Church</u> 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. Milestone - Greenwich: 'How Does God Guide Us into Full Life?" - Sunday, May 5, 11:30am-12:30pm, Greenwich Service.

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. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

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

In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/ livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopect.org/ resources/alpha. The Garden Club of Old Greenwich's Annual Plant Sale: Saturday, May 11, 9am-1pm.

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Tom R. Ragland, III Obituary



Tom Rush Ragland, III, age 89, former First Selectman of the Town of Greenwich, died Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at his home in Vero Beach, Florida. He was surrounded by his loving wife and children. He was born in Charleston, WV on January 3, 1935, and the son of the late Tom Rush Ragland, Jr. and Nancy Thomas Ragland who moved to Greenwich, CT in 1952.

Mr. Ragland was a graduate of Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, MA attended the University of Miami, Florida; and was Honorably discharged from the United States Air Force. He Married his beloved wife Marilyn Sue Thurman of Broken Bow Nebraska in 1960. He received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Nebraska, was President of the College of Engineering and Architecture, and graduated with honors and went on to earn a Masters degree in Architecture & Planning from facilities planning and design.

In 1968, he and Marilyn welcomed a wonderful boy, Tom R. Ragland IV and in 1970 welcomed their loving daughter, Angela Suzanne Ragland to the family.

He began his career in architecture in 1965 at the prestigious firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Architects & Planners in New York. He was a Participating Associate Partner with responsibilities of Project Design, Project Management and Long-Range Planning. In 1972, he Joined Ezra Ehrenkrantz to build a new firm, The Ehrenkrantz Group, New York, where he served as Vice President of Healthcare Facilities. Projects for which he had significant responsibilities include: The Joseph H. Hirschhorn Museum, Washington, DC; Lyndon Baines Johnson Library Austin, Texas and the Annenberg Tower, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York and the Large Animal Teaching Hospital, Tufts University.

Mr. Ragland retired from the architectural profession in 1981 to spend more time with his

and 1988 in San Diego CA. More recently he was the official photographer for the World Cup Etchells Regatta in Long Island Sound in 2003.

While working locally, Mr. Ragland helped the founding of Old Greenwich Retail Merchants Association and became its President, joined the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and the Greenwich Council on Youth and Drugs; was appointed to the Town of Greenwich Planning and Zoning Commission, the Selectmen's Committee on Parking and Traffic, the Long-Range Planning Committee, Vacant Schools Committee and the Cos Cob School Building Committee.

In 1992, Mr. Ragland retired and sold the Image Center. He continued his public service to the Town and the Chamber. In the late spring of 1993, he was asked by the Greenwich Republican Town Committee to run as a Selectman, he accepted and this launched a third career, politics. Mr. Ragland was elected Selectman in 1993. He successfully ran for First Selectman (Mayor) in 1995 and again in 1997, serving two terms before he retired in December of 1999.

Mr. Ragland is a member and former Chairman of the Board of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce; served on the board of directors of: Greenwich Emergency Medical Services; Bruce Museum – Ex Officio; Greenwich Hospital – Incorporator; Greenwich YMCA Advisory Committee; and the Community Advisory Board - Junior League of Greenwich. He is a member of the Riverside Yacht Club where he served on the Board of Governors, The Harpoon Club, The Horseneck Club of Greenwich, Greenwich Republican Roundtable and the Heritage Foundation. Upon moving to Vero Beach Florida in 2014, he joined the Quail Valley Golf & River Club. More recently he was honored to be included In the Who's Who of America and the Columbia University, specializing in healthcare recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Ragland loved his town and contributed enormously to its success bringing his professional experience to resolve complex issues. He was always a people person and empowered his staff to do their job well and would stand behind them and support them in every way. One of his great strengths was his sense of humor which was always present in any meeting. He was selected by the Harpoon Club to be its "Fall Guy" in 2004. He had a deep love for golf, skiing, sailing and tennis. He thoroughly enjoyed being with his family and friends.

Mr. Ragland is survived by his wife, Marilyn Thurman Ragland, of 64 years and is his son, Tom Rush Ragland IV, and his wife Sally Hogin Ragland, their children Jack and Juliet of Manchester, VT; and his daughter, Angela Ragland McConnell and her two children Mickey and Christopher; his two brothers, John T. Ragland and his wife Susan of Savannah, GA and Chris W. Ragland of Savannah, GA.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00AM on

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family. The work and travel demands were putting a strain on balancing the needs of business and family. He chose a second profession, which had been his hobby, photography. He bought a full- to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at service photo retail business in Old Greenwich https://www2.jdrf.org/site/Donation or mail to Connecticut and renamed it The Image Center, JDRF PO Box 5021 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5021 Inc. Mr. Ragland is a noted photographer and or to the Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital, covered the America's Cup Yacht racing in 1980, and 1983 in Newport RI, 1986-7 in Perth Australia

Friday, May 31st at First Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT.

In lieu of flowers contributions should be made 1000 36th Street. Vero Beach, Florida 32960

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JERRY CARNEGIE



Jerry York Carnegie, Jr., eternal optimist and proud father, died on Monday, April 29 at the age of 72. Jerry was born in Nyack, NY on November 12, 1951, to the late Jerry York Carnegie and Bess Sweeney Carnegie. He spent his early childhood living above Jerry's Tavern, his parents' restaurant in New City, NY. He graduated from Princeton University in 1973 and met his beautiful bride, Lynn Evensen, on a bus commuting into Manhattan. They settled in Cos Cob, CT, and raised their family.

He is survived by Lynn and their four children, Jerry III (Ashley), Charles (Allison), Britt (Alec Lash), and Karin Shetty (Sho), and eight grandchildren (and counting!).

Jerry was an Enrolled Actuary and a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. He spent the bulk of his professional life at Hewitt Associates, where he became a partner in 1982 and served as the principal pension consultant and trusted advisor to Xerox Corp, Citigroup, and many others. He used to say, "anything worth doing is worth doing right," and he took great pride in his work. After retiring in 2004, Jerry pivoted to his preferred occupation of Little League baseball coach. He wore a warm, earnest smile and loved spending time with family, playing golf, buying groceries in bulk, and rooting on the Amazin' Mets. He was always quick to offer his family or friends a ride, and his five-star rating will live forever. On April 27, 2015, Jerry became the first man in history to have his first grandchild and win the Greenwich Country Club bowling championship in a single day. Jerry loved to say things were gorgeous" – a word we should all think and speak more often. The family received friends and family on Thursday, May 2 at Gallagher Funeral Home, Greenwich, and will celebrate his life at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 3 at St. Catherine of Siena Church. 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Jerry Carnegie's memory to Compassionate Care ALS at ccals. org, RVNAhealth Hospice at rvnahealth.org, Fairfield County House fairfieldcountyhouse.org, or a charity of your choice.

especially the UConn Women's and Men's Basketball teams.

Joan was predeceased by her husband, Jimmy Clark, and her daughter, Dale Clark Lucian. She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Clark (Greenwich) and Cathy Clark (New Hampshire); grandsons, Michael Baker, Jonathan Baker, Justin Lucian and wife Caitlin, Billy Robbins and Ben Robbins; son-in-law, Jimmy Lucian; and great-grandchildren, Ethan and Madeline Lucian.

To celebrate her life, family and friends are welcome to gather on Saturday, May 4, for visitation from 9:00-10:30 a.m. and service beginning at 10:30 at Castiglione Funeral Home, 544 Old Post Road #3, Greenwich. In lieu of flowers, Joan has requested that donations be made to the Byram Shubert Library.

The family would like to thank Dr. Lisa Kurian and her staff at Northeast Medical Group; RVNA Health Hospice Care; and a special thank you to Joan's aide, Mary, for her love and care.

Joan was a kind and generous soul, always putting others' needs before her own. Her love and compassion extended to all those who knew her. Rest in Peace, Joansie.

DOROTHY CRAWFORD

Dorothy A. Crawford, 94, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 19 with her daughter Karen by her bedside. She was born and raised in Port Chester, NY by her parents Frank Siska and Anna Molcan Siska. She lived in Greenwich the majority of her life and was employed at Putnam Indian Field School for 26 years.

Dorothy loved going to the casinos for fun. In her later years, she enjoyed attending River House Adult Day Center, listening to country music with her greatgrandson, Jordan and eating her favorite ice cream on a cone.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Crawford of Greenwich, Carol (Rick) Lyons of Lititz, PA, sister Barbara Rozell of Rye, NY, daughter-in-law, Carol Crawford of Greenwich, grandchildren, Todd (Erin) Lyons of Washington, NJ, Michelle Crawford of Greenwich, Jessica (Dom) Franco of Wilton, CT, Paul Lyons of Lititz, PA, greatgrandchildren, Jordan, Kylie, Kacey and Sophie. As well as 10 nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Richard, son Thomas and brother Frank Services will be private. In

bituaries grandnephew. A celebration of his life was

held on Thursday, May 2 at St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan.

ALONSO MARTINEZ



Alonso Martinez, resident of Old Greenwich and Stamford, CT, passed away peacefully on April 24, surrounded by the love of his family and friends.

Alonso was born on June 15, 1955, in Bogota, Colombia. On October 8, 1988, he married Adriana Ospina. In 2023 they celebrated over 35 years of marriage. Alonso and Adriana's marriage was a true partnership in every sense of the word. They were friends, and partners, and knew what the other was thinking sometimes before they were thinking it. They weathered countless personal heartaches and setbacks but always with hands held and hearts together.

Alonso graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from Universidad Nacional de Colombia, a degree in Economics from Universidad Javeriana; he received a M.B.A. and M.S. in Operations Research from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He had a distinguished 26year career in management consulting, culminating in his role as Senior Vice President at Booz, Allen & Hamilton. In 1982, he joined the firm's office in Brazil where he played a pivotal role in establishing and overseeing the firm's offices in every major Latin American country. In 2000, he relocated his family to the United States assuming global responsibilities for key client relationships. Alonso worked with many of the world's largest multinationals and leading local groups in the consumer products, media, steel, and construction materials industries.

Following his retirement from Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Alonso pursued his passion for teaching. He was Project Director and Adjunct Professor at the Wharton School of Business from 2008 to 2013, and Senior Lecturer at Columbia Business School from 2011 to 2024, where he taught courses on growth strategies in emerging markets and developing global capabilities. He combined teaching and research with extensive global experience in strategy consulting, particularly in emerging markets.

and mother

JUDITH

LARZELERE

August 30, 1944 - April 23, 2024

recently of Greenwich, CT and

Westchester, NY, and a longtime

resident of Springfield, PA, died

Richard and Dorothea, sister of

Richard, loving wife of Robert,

beloved mother of David, sister-

in-law to Jane (Al), dear Grandma

to Reggie and Bea, aunt to Brad

and Scott (Jen, Martha, Gavin,

was a powerful swimmer and a

lifeguard in her youth, a lifelong

lover of the ocean who grew up

spending long summer days in

the Cape Cod sun. She graduated

from Ursinus College where

she was an English major, field

hockey player, and homecoming

queen. It was there that she met

a lineman on the football team

named Bob Larzelere, Rob as

she called him, Larz to the world

at large. Judy and Bob married

and went on to share their lives

together, countless adventures

that included graduate school in

Montana, a house in Springfield

and a beach house in Brigantine

(and a cabin in the Poconos!),

more football games than could

be recounted, a brief stint living

on the North Sea in England, and

world traveling on an epic scale,

often with their dear friend Don

Gillespie, to Africa, Australia,

Patagonia, Russia, Toronto (for

tennis!), Antarctica, India, the list

twenty years in the Haverford

school district, beloved by

students near and far, and after

she retired she continued to

teach as a volunteer tutor in

Chester. She never met a child

she didn't want to teach to read

and convey her love of books,

one of her life's central passions.

She was also passionate about

the Eagles, Phillies, Sixers and

Flyers (in that order?), Penn

State football, tennis, crossword

puzzles, wildlife, dogs (Spunky,

She was a teacher for over

goes on and on.

Judy, maiden name Noves,

Judith was the daughter of

on April 23.

lake).

Judith Larzelere, age 79

In the summer of '88 while at work, an electrician saw a spark in her eyes and found the nerve to ask her out to lunch. Before the 1980's ended, Kieran proposed. Lisa held out until the 1990's to accept. Their first and forever house is in Norwalk, where Lisa made it a home. Austin John was born in 1993, Taylor Marie followed in 1995 and Yo arrived in 2003. The final puzzle piece, to a perfect family, was Kasey Ray in 2007.

For the last 34 years, Lisa was committed to making friends with "everyone" in Norwalk, while maintaining her relationships in Greenwich, Stamford and worldwide.

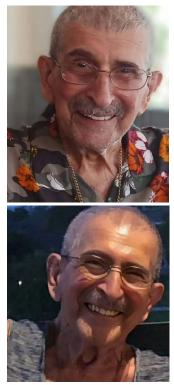
Lisa's passions included cooking, gardening with her hubby, watching Star Wars with her "one and only son", beach bumming with her Bird (Taylor), crafting, painting, drawing with her Kas-Kas, anything that had to do with snowmen or lighthouses, unwinding on Animal Crossing, antiquing, and most importantly preparing for Santa's arrival.

Fortunately for Kieran and the kids, Lisa's recipes are documented @ howtocookwithoutabook on Instagram. She was very proud to have people interact with her on her cooking page if you would like to follow.

In addition to her husband of 34 years, Lisa is survived by her children, siblings, soul sister Michele and her Masi family.

Calling hours followed by a prayer service were held on Saturday, April 27 at Collins Funeral Home, Norwalk.

THOMAS SMERIGLIO



A true patriarch, he left an indelible mark on his family that will resonate for generations to come. He was, quite simply, a good man with the heart of God.

A memorial service will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 6175 Datil Pepper Rd., St. Augustine, FL. 32086

Cards and letters may go to 552 Christina Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32086.

DORIS MOSS



On Monday, April 15, Doris Marie Moss passed away peacefully at home in Riverside, CT, surrounded by loved ones. She was 92.

Doris was born on January 4, 1932 in Ladner, British Columbia, Canada, to her parents, Norman and Martha Hall. Her early life was spent on the family farmlands of her home.

From an early age, her life was full of adventures.

From Ladner, Doris made her way to Vancouver General Hospital, where she received a nursing degree and became a head nurse. Her nursing career then lead her to Quesnel, British Columbia, where she worked primarily in the hospital pediatric unit. Her love of travel then took her to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where she attended stewardess school for United Airlines.

It was in Cheyenne that Doris met her soon to be future husband, Bert Moss, who was a United States Air Force fighter pilot.

Soon after marriage, Doris found herself on Guam, where Bert was stationed for the USAF.

After Guam, Doris lived in Glendale, California, where she raised two children, Craig and Clark. It was in California that her love of travel was instilled into her children, as they took many trips to National Parks around the western United States and traveled often to her childhood home in Ladner.

JOAN CLARK



Joan Lyon Clark, 93, a lifelong resident of Greenwich, passed away on Sunday, April 28 at her home that brought her so much joy. Heaven gained another angel who will be greatly missed here on Earth.

Born on November 3, 1930, in Greenwich, Joan grew up in the Byram area where she later raised her family. After graduation she worked for Pitney Bowes where she met the crazy love of her life, Jimmy Clark. When Joan's youngest daughter was in middle school, she volunteered at Greenwich Catholic School which turned into a fulltime job that she proudly held for 35 years. Joan liked to keep busy. She was a chaperone for the Stateliner's Drum and Bugle Corps and was involved in the Byram Veterans Association and Sacred Heart Church. Her passions were sitting at Byram Shore Beach (or any beach) reading a good book, bowling, going to the casinos, and watching sports on the television,

lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to PVA -Paralyzed Veterans of America, DAV - Disabled American Vets or your favorite charity of choice.

FERGUS REID, IV



Fergus Reid, IV, beloved husband and father, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 26. Born on May 4, 1963 in New York City, he was the son of the late Anne de Baillet-Latour and Fergus Reid, III of Greenwich.

Fergus attended St. Paul's School in Concord, NH and Greenwich High School in Greenwich, CT, and earned his degree from Bennington College in Bennington, VT.

He was an accomplished editor and writer, working with newspapers, magazines, and major financial publications. He was an avid reader, watched Jeopardy! nightly, and completed the New York Times crossword puzzle in ink. His sharp wit and unwavering dedication to his family and friends, with whom he shared his passion for sports, travel, wine, and music, will be deeply missed.

Fergus is survived by the love of his life Susan, to whom he was happily married for 30 years. Longtime Wilton residents, together they raised two children, Fergus V of Denver and Isabel of New York City. They were the pride and joy of his life.

sisters, Mary-Armour Reid Miller and Brooke Reid Roberts, stepmother Sylvia, three stepsiblings, many nieces and nephews, and one newly arrived

As a parent of a child with special needs, in 2014 Alonso joined the Board of Directors of Abilis, a nonprofit in Fairfield County, CT, which provides services and supports for those with disabilities. From 2016 to 2021, Alonso served as the Chair of the Abilis Board of Directors. Under his leadership, Abilis became the gold standard for organizations that serve individuals with special needs and their families.

Beyond his professional and philanthropic endeavors, Alonso found solace and joy in music. He was a talented singer and he loved singing with his daughter Alejandra. He was a kind and loving father whose devotion to his family was unparalleled. He is survived by his mother, Carlota Martinez, his beloved wife, Adriana, and children Alberto (Noelle), Andrea, Alejandra, Elisa, and Isabel, as well as a large extended family.

Alonso fought cancer for 18 months with courage and fortitude, his gentle spirit, boundless love and unwavering positivity evident throughout.

A Celebration of Life and were held on Tuesday, April 30, at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Abilis, Inc. at abilis.us, to honor Alonso's memory and legacy of supporting and advocating for those with special needs.

He is also survived by his

Taffy, Magic, Coco... even Bruiser) and good times with her many good friends. She was a ray of light in the world, a source of untiring generosity, generous with her money, her time, and her abundant spirit.

Finally she was a devoted grandmother to her grandkids, Reggie and Beatrice, with whom she shared her innate creativity and her gentle, joyous and attentive affection. And she was a loving mother to her daughterin-law Nicole and her son David ... her son David who can't convey with mere words how much he loved her, how grateful he is for all that she did for him, and how much he will miss her.

If you would like to make a gift in lieu of flowers please make a donation in Judith's name to the Chester Children's Chorus at swarthmore.advancementform. com/campaign/chester-childrens-chorus/give

LISA MARIE DRONEY



Lisa Marie-Martinelli Droney, 59, beloved wife of Kieran Droney of Norwalk passed away unexpectedly while recovering from an epic battle with pneumonia on Tuesday, April 23.

She was born in Port Chester, NY, on December 1, 1964, to the late Raymond and Anne Martinelli. Before going to college, she lived happily as a Greenwich girl.

Lisa was a proud graduate of Greenwich High School (class of '83) and Dean College (class of '85). Her early careers involved Fashion Merchandising, car sales, business administration and liquor sales. Then she found her true calling of being a wife

Thomas Phillip Smeriglio Jr., 93, died on April 21 at UF Health Flagler Hospital's Community Hospice in St. Augustine, Fla. of natural causes.

He was born in Greenwich, CT, on September 2, 1930, son of Thomas and Louise Smeriglio. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Smeriglio; his children, Kim, John, and Karmel, and their spouses; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as by his brothers, Emil, Louis, and Leo; his sister, Carmella; and his granddaughter, Sara.

Tom grew up in Byram, Connecticut, and graduated from Greenwich High School in 1948. He joined the United States Navy in 1951, and served as Gunner's Mate 3rd Class aboard the USS Fremont, stationed in Malta, with tours to the Mediterranean and the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1955, and returned home. He married Margaret Agostino on May 3, 1958, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside.

After retiring from Pitney Bowes in Newtown, CT, Tom and his wife traveled extensively, both abroad and here in the states, visiting their children, family friends, and nieces and nephews. Eventually, as the years took their toll on Tom's health, he and Marge moved to St. Augustine, Fla., close to their daughter Kim and her family.

Over the course of his life, Tom Smeriglio was many things to many people: son, brother, cousin, uncle, and friend. He was quick with a joke, quick with a smile, and quick to help someone in need. Tom was admired and respected by all who knew him.

But it was within his own family where the best of Tom stood out. He was a faithful, supportive husband, a loving, nurturing father, and an affectionate, playful grandfather.

California is where Doris began what would become a lifelong love of creativity. She was an accomplished oil and watercolor painter.

In 1970, Doris and her family moved to Riverside, CT, where her creativity was channeled into floral design. Over the following decades, Doris built a highlysuccessful business that catered to hundreds of weddings in and around Greenwich, CT. In addition, she often oversaw floral design for many area country clubs and private clients. Her floral design skills were even chronicled on network television.

Doris dearly loved family, and spent well over a decade organizing an annual trip to the Adirondacks with both her sons and their respective families. It was here that she would love to gather with all 5 of her grandchildren and watch the shooting stars at night. Her grandkids were the light of her life.

Years after Bert died, Doris met and married Dr. Lee Davenport, also of Greenwich. Together, they attended concerts, plays and just about every sporting and cultural event that involved her 5 grandchildren. They were also active members of First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich. Doris and Lee also enjoyed dining out and frequented many area restaurants, where they were known as martini aficionados.

Doris was also well-known for her love of Greenwich Point, where she was a daily visitor year-round. It was here that she loved to feed the birds and found comfort and inspiration in the ever-changing beauty of the park.

Doris is survived by her sons, Craig and Clark. By their wives, Pam and Regina. By 5 grandchildren, Wyatt, Hannah, Grant, Shannon and Jackson Moss. And by three greatgrandchildren, Wesley, Oliver and Alice.

A private memorial service will take place over the summer.

GREGORY KANDEL



Gregory Kandel, son of Benjamin and Beverly, was born on April 5, 1948, in Queens, NY. After spending his earliest years in Kew Gardens, Queens, he and his family, which included his younger brother, Richard, and vounger sister, Madeline, moved to Long Island-first to Westbury, and then Roslyn. He graduated from Roslyn High School in 1966, where he ran track and played tennis, serving as the number two boy's singles tennis player his senior year. He then attended the University of Michigan, where he played singles tennis his freshman year, graduating with a BA in 1966 and then a Masters in Political Science in 1968. He later attended Northwestern University and received a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in 1974. During high school, college and graduate school, he worked a variety of jobs, which included driving a school bus in Evanston, Illinois, and helping his father at Kandel Equipment Company, a family-owned sanitary and maintenance supply company founded by his father in 1950-and still in operation today (as Kandel & Son). Helping his father during the company's earlier years provided an early demonstration of one of the core principles that guided Greg's life: commitment to family.

Greg's MFA-and the Chicago area-served as the springboard for his professional career, which was anchored in the performing arts. In 1974, he co-founded the Evanston Theatre Company (now Northlight Theatre), a visionary outcome of his MFA thesis. He was also a co-founder of the League of Chicago Theatres (LOCT) in 1979. Greg and his wife, Louise, returned to the East Coast in 1981 to be closer to family. In 1983, he founded Management Consultants for the Arts (MCA), based in Greenwich, CT. In his nearly four decades at MCA, Greg conducted hundreds of executive searches for both artistic and management-level leaders at performing arts organizations throughout the country, and was nationally recognized as an expert in working with Boards of Trustees and leading strategic planning processes. A natural leader, Greg served for years as a faculty member in theatre management at the David Geffen School of Drama at Yale University while still consulting full-time. Greg's motivation to nurture a younger generation of arts practitioners committed to communitybased, financially sustainable, performing arts companies, encapsulated two other foundational principles that undergirded his life: an everlasting commitment to teaching and mentoring, and unwavering selflessness.

It was in Greenwich where Greg's civic commitment was most cemented, including in youth sports, where he coached his sons-Matthew and Daniel-in a variety of sports in the 1990s, also serving for several years as President of the Greenwich Basketball Association. Greg's volunteer service in Greenwich, later also in Maine, included serving as Board President and Board member of Temple Sholom in Greenwich; advisor to the Boards of Portland Stage Company and Temple Bethel in Maine; and participation in Midnight Run, Sunday Dinners at Christ Church, and Meals on Wheels. While he no longer played competitive tennis as an adult, Greg engaged in sportsoften with his wife and sons-including running, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, cycling, golf, hiking and kayaking. As an audience member and spectator, Greg attended cultural events of all types in New York City, especially in theatre, jazz and dance, and he was an avid fan of the New York Rangers, Knicks, Giants and Mets, the latter only supplanting his support for the Dodgers once they left Brooklyn, where as a boy he watched them play at Ebbets Field. A pianist since he was a boy, he continued to play piano into his later years, enjoying solo piano compositions by Philip Glass the most. In more recent years, photography and traveling internationally with his wife became additional hobbies, and they shared fond memories in particular of trips to the Galapagos Islands, Aruba, South Africa and Tanzania.

Afflicted by Alzheimer's in the early 2020s, Greg slowed down but his unmistakably genuine, steadfast commitment to family, teaching, mentoring, selflessness, and community, endured. He passed away on April 18. His wife Louise, brother Rich, sons Matthew and Daniel, daughters-in-law Jules and Lakshmi, and grandsons Logan, Benjamin, Dylan, Joseph and Richard, will always cherish him. May his memory be a blessing.

SHEILA SZYMBORSKI

Sheila Sara Szymborski passed away March 15 in Jupiter, Fla., surrounded in love by her family; she was 91 years old.

Sheila Sara Scharf was born to Gertrude Brogan Scharf and Sidney Scharf on October 12, 1932, in Brookline, Mass. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Brookline and attended Anna Maria College, receiving her BA in French in 1954. Sheila was then accepted into the French Masters program at Boston College, a rarity for a young female scholar at the time, receiving her degree in 1957.

From there, Sheila began her professional career in Boston, teaching French and writing French textbooks for a variety of publishers, including Ginn & Company.

In 1966, she married Francis Joseph Szymborski, a naval veteran and civil engineer from Queens, NY. They had one child – daughter, Alexandra.

After a time living overseas in Belgium, the family settled in Old Greenwich, CT. Sheila left publishing and became a Senior Research Specialist at Gartner until she retired in 2007.

Sheila found great fulfillment volunteering with the Greenwich Library's Oral History Project, collecting firsthand accounts of the town's long history from people who lived it. She was also very proud to volunteer as part of the Greenwich United Way Reading Champions program, helping young students improve their reading skills.

Sheila and Frank loved traveling and entertaining until his death in February 2000. She was a dedicated crossword puzzle enthusiast – ultimately graduating from the NY Times to the large print collections. But Sheila's greatest joy in her later years was being a doting grandmother to Abigail.

In 2020, Sheila moved to Jupiter, Florida, to join Alexandra, her husband, Jon, Brady and Abigail.

Sheila Sara Scharf Szymborski will be laid to rest at Frank's side at St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich.

SARAH WHITTEMORE



Sarah Arnold Whittemore, a beacon of vibrant energy and unwavering curiosity, transitioned from this world on January 13 surrounded by the love of her four daughters. She was known for her big, infectious laugh and an insatiable zest for life that endured until her final moments.

Sarah was born in Providence, RI to parents, Genevieve Buckingham and Frank W. Arnold, and big sister, Marti (Giovan). She grew up in Bronxville, NY. She embarked on an academic journey, graduating from Rye Country Day School in 1952 and later from Smith College in 1956, with a degree in political science, enriched by a transformative year abroad in Geneva, Switzerland.

In 1958, Sarah married Laurence F. Whittemore, and together they lived in New York City, where they welcomed four daughters and a succession of feline companions. An integral part of her life was her role as one of the pioneering education docents at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, a sanctuary where her daughters were fortunate to explore the world's treasures under her guidance.

They built a summer home in Charlestown, Rhode Island, in a beloved enclave by the sea, where multiple generations of her family have gathered and lived over the years. She spent every summer of her life there and It was truly her happiest place. From New York, they moved first to Winnetka, IL, and then eventually settled in Greenwich, CT, where she lived for 38 years.

Sarah had a wonderful eye for color and design. She was also a gourmet cook, a devoted foodie, and a consummate hostess with a flair for entertaining. These skills she honed throughout her life and used in a philanthropic manner, championing causes close to her heart, notably At Home In Greenwich, where her advocacy for older adults made a major impact in her local community.

With a mind as sharp as a razor and a thirst for knowledge that knew no bounds, Sarah was an avid reader and a spirited conversationalist, delving fearlessly into topics ranging from politics to quantum physics. Never one for reticence, she spoke her mind freely and with great volume. She believed strongly in mind over matter and was a lifelong student of metaphysics.

Sarah traveled extensively and was deeply influenced by the cultures and people she met along the way. In defiance of societal norms and with a steadfast commitment to authenticity, Sarah blazed a trail of independence, transcending the confines of her era, class, and gender. Her legacy endures in the hearts of her children, Arianna Miceli, Gioia Frelinghuysen (John), Lia Prentiss, Nike Whittemore (Wayne Roberts), and her seven grandchildren. Donations in her name would be gratefully accepted by the ASPCA, The Nature Conservancy, and At Home In Greenwich. Greenwich Botanical Center's Annual May Gardeners Market SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 | 9AM-4PM 130 Bible Street, Cos Cob, CT



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NFW LISTINGS

Data Compiled by Trusted Real Estate Agent Cesar Rabellino (203) 249-9866												
Address	List Price	Price/ SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area					
1 Putnam Hill Road 3F	\$449,000				1	1	South of Post Road					
310 Bruce Park Avenue 2	\$725,000	\$451	1,606		2	2	South of Post Road					
36 Ettl Lane	\$819,000	\$1,086	754	0.19	2	1	Glenville					
5 Glen Street 403	\$925,000	\$308	3,001	0	3	3	South of Post Road					
58 Hunt Terrace	\$1,149,000	\$845	1,359	0.23	3	2	Glenville					
15 Audubon Lane	\$1,299,000	\$484	2,682		4	2	North Parkway					
279 Riversville Road Road	\$1,395,000	\$640	2,179	0.9	4	3	South Parkway					
31 Grey Rock Drive	\$1,498,000	\$480	3,124	0.27	3	3	Glenville					
33 Lafayette Court 1F	\$1,550,000	\$802	1,932		3	2	South Parkway					
38 Amherst Road	\$1,680,000	\$626	2,682	0.22	4	3	Riverside					
1035 North Street	\$1,800,000	\$595	3,023	0.39	3	3	Banksville					
7 Meadow Drive	\$1,900,000	\$628	3,024	0.14	5	3	Cos Cob					
65 Sound View Drive	\$2,150,000	\$947	2,270	0.22	4	2	South of Post Road					
72 Lockwood Road	\$2,295,000	\$712	3,224	0.31	5	3	Riverside					
60 Londonderry Drive	\$2,495,000	\$472	5,290	2.72	5	4	South Parkway					
24 NEIL Lane	\$2,495,000	\$526	4,745	0.26	5	5	Riverside					
14 Patricia Lane	\$2,850,000	\$661	4,312	1	4	3	Cos Cob					
215 Shore Road	\$3,250,000	\$818	3,974	0.66	5	5	South of Post Road					
10 Park Avenue	\$3,600,000	\$853	4,220	0.24	5	3	Old Greenwich					
75 Dearfield Drive	\$3,695,000	\$821	4,502	0.91	5	4	South Parkway					
1 Partridge Hollow Road	\$4,350,000	\$594	7,319	4.03	5	6	North Parkway					
23 Hillcrest Park Road	\$4,495,000	\$483	9,312	3.23	5	5	North Mianus					
28 Verona Drive	\$5,250,000	\$726	7,235	0.39	6	5	Riverside					
156 Old Church Road	\$5,250,000	\$920	5,704	0.69	5	6	South Parkway					
200 Byram Shore Road	\$5,495,000	\$512	10,728	1.14	5	5	South of Post Road					
49 Cutler Road	\$6,450,000	\$655	9,854	4.33	6	6	North Parkway					
375 Round Hill Road	\$7,250,000	\$754	9,616	2.02	7	6	North Parkway					
616 Indian Field Road	\$15,495,000	\$1,988	7,793	2	6	8	South Parkway					
30 Field Point Drive	\$30,000,000	\$1,660	18,068	6.38	11	9	South of Post Road					

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES Data Compiled by Trusted Real Estate Agent Rob Pulitano (203) 561-8092

Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
14 Patricia Lane	Cos Cob	\$2,850,000	Sat 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
5 Idar Court #A	Greenwich	\$3,159,000	Sat 12-2 PM	BHHS New England
5 Idar Court #A	Greenwich	\$3,159,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
180 Bible Street	Cos Cob	\$1,795,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
1099 King Street	Greenwich	\$1,295,000	Sat 2-4 PM	Coldwell Banker
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75 Dearfield Drive	Greenwich	\$3,695,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
33 Breezemont Avenue	Riverside	\$1,895,000	Sat 12-2 PM	Sotheby's
17 Highland Farm Road	Greenwich	\$2,199,000	Sat 12-2 PM	Sotheby's
3 Marks Road	Riverside	\$5,195,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
75 Dearfield Drive	Greenwich	\$3,695,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
65 Sound View Drive	Greenwich	\$2,150,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
430 Riversville Road	Greenwich	\$1,850,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Sotheby's

NEW SALES Data Compiled by Trusted Real Estate Agent Cesar Rabellino (203) 249-9866 Address Original List List Price Sold Price DOM BB EB Acres

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
211 Orchard Street	\$4,400,000	\$2,975,000	\$2,500,000	599	6	5	0.51	6,008
22 Dairy Road	\$18,950,000	\$16,500,000	\$16,250,000	189	7	9	2.74	14.916
99 Elm Street B	\$3,995,000	\$4,125,000	\$4,125,000	233	5	4	0.23	4,200
23 Taylor Drive	\$1,150,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,150,000	87	3	2	0.12	1,538
53 Gregory Road	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,700,000	67	4	2	0.31	2,175
10 Bailiwick Woods Cir	\$1,995,000	\$1,995,000	\$2,225,000	11	3	2	0.46	2,689
61 Byram Terrace Dr. A	\$1,338,000	\$1,338,000	\$1,350,000	13	2	2	0	2,826
2 Homestead Lane 206	\$399,000	\$399,000	\$420,000	8	1	1		714
33 Boulder Brook Road	\$6,695,000	\$6,695,000	\$6,300,000	205	6	7	1.7	8,348
357 Round Hill Road	\$4,395,000	\$4,395,000	\$3,850,000	119	6	6	4.2	5,825
80 Rockwood Lane	\$3,495,000	\$3,495,000	\$4,200,000	1	5	3	2.28	4,630
20 Center Drive	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,350,000	57	4	2	0.16	1,662
18 Brookside Park	\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000	\$4,630,000	12	5	4	1.2	5,326
71 Halsey Drive	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,450,000	8	2	3	0.17	1,457
25 Zaccheus Mead Lane	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$8,900,000	50	6	7	2.17	8,383
47 Lafayette Place 2A	\$1,180,000	\$1,180,000	\$1,200,000	15	2	1		1,364
178 Milbank Avenue 2	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000	7	3	2	0	2,562
178 Milbank Avenue 1	\$2,225,000	\$2,225,000	\$2,250,000	18	3	3	0.43	2,216
35 Langhorne Lane	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$3,375,000	7	3	2	4.2	4,471

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How do you handle bidding wars for buyers?

The first thing I would do is discuss with my client (a seller) how they would like to handle bidding wars and give them a few options. Bids can come directly to them, through me or to their attorney, for example. We can have highest and best, or just accept the bid they prefer for whatever reason, in case something acceptable came in. It is up to the client. For buyers, I help to prepare them to be able to put their best foot forward by making sure that they have an underwritten pre-approval for an amount they are comfortable with and that they understand the process.

What challenges have you faced selling real estate in Greenwich, Connecticut?

The lack of inventory has been challenging, but I make sure to call my fellow agents to see if they have any off-market properties that might suit my clients.

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April Sales Steady, High End Transactions Down



By Mark Pruner

Our April sales are just about the same as last year, which is remarkable given that our inventory is down 13% from last year to a new record weekly low. We had 40 sales in this April, which is almost the same as last year. At the same time, our inventory shrank from 167 in last years spring market to only 146 single family home listings this year.

This year our median days on market is down to only 29 DOM, which means that half of inventory is going to a noncontingent contract in less than a month. This compares a month and a half last year (48 days) and 5 months on the market in 2019. If you want to buy in Greenwich and in much of the area, you need to be prepared to move quickly.

Our sales price to original list price was at 98% last year and is now up to 100% of the list price this year. Prices are also up. Out median sales price is \$2.90 million for sales so far this year. This is up 55% from the April 2019 median price of \$1.87 million and up 16% from last April's median price of \$2.5 million. As I explained, a couple of weeks ago this doesn't mean that your house is up 55% from 2019 in most cases. Much of this "price increase" has to do with what's selling.

Our median price is up, because our sales year to date are down under \$2 million, while our sales from \$2 million to \$6.5 million are up from last year. The result is both the average sales price, now at \$3.5 million, and our median sales price are up. The number least affected by the change in the mix of what is selling is the sales price to the Tax Assessor's assessment. When you compare the April 2024 ratio to the April 2023 ratio you get an increase of 11.7%, still quite a jump in one year.

As I said, sales from \$2

with inventory up from last year and contracts down.

Between \$5 million and \$10 million we've had 20 sales so far this year, but the fly in the ointment is that we only had 3 sales in April this year. The good news, at least from my viewpoint, is that all 3 of those transactions which were at \$8.9, \$6.3 and \$5.8 million done were done by me. Russ and Dena Zarra on our Greenwich Streets Team. Dena's sale at 4 Ford Lane was listed at \$5.3 million and went to contract in 9 days for 110% over list. It was like new and close to the Sound. New, and like new houses, at just about any price point go quickly, if properly priced.

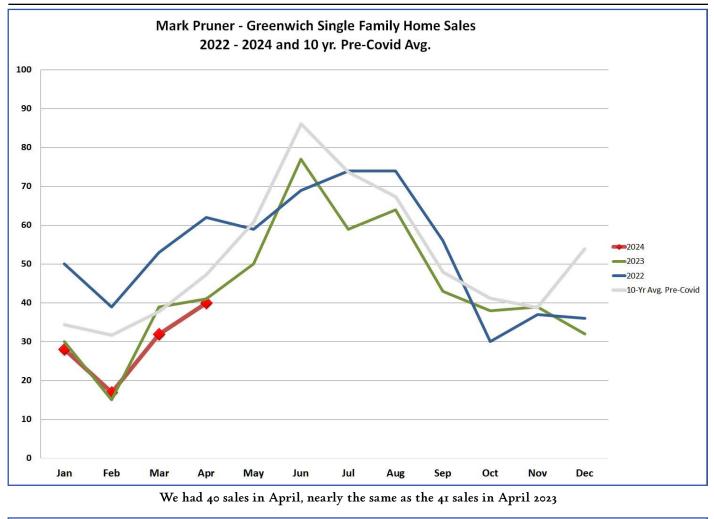
So, what's the high-end market going to do; up, down or sideways. Starting in 2021 our high-end sales took a big jump up, along with the rest of the market. The same year, 2021, that we had an all time record for single family home sales, we also saw an all-time record for sales over \$5 million with a 135 sales. Only once before had we had triple digit high-end sales and that was way back in 2007 at the height of the bubble.

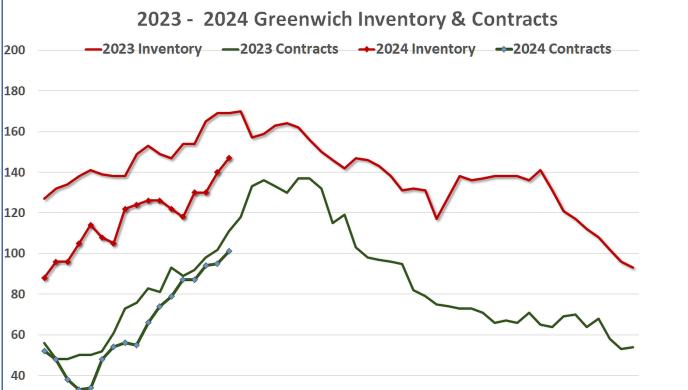
In 2022, we fell one short of 100 sales with 99 sales over \$5 million. Last year, in 2023, we still did very well with 96 total high-end sales. This was our fourth highest sales year ever going back to 1999. Before that we had very few sales over \$5 million as house prices in general were just much lower.

So far in 2024, our average price per square foot for highend house has been hanging in there at \$1,025/sf compared to last year's all time high of \$1,084/sf. Our sales price to original list price also is looking good at 94.7% down less than 1% from last year's 95.5%. Our days on market for high-end houses is 176 days, but back in 2019 it was 405 days.

Still with sales down, and inventory up, there are some dark clouds on the horizon. Then again, most of our highend sales have moved to the third and fourth quarters as most people aren't getting their big bonuses in one lump sum at the beginning of the year. If contracts stay down in July to September, then we've got something to worry about. Our main worry is our very low inventory. The nice thing is while inventory is still down from last year, it up significantly from March, when we closed the month with only 118 listings. We are now up to 146 listings. More listings have resulted in more contracts. Our inventory is down 13% from last year, while our contracts are only down 9% from last year. If our inventory continues it's rapid rise then we just might finally see more contracts than we saw in the same week in prior years. That would be good signal, that we are headed back to normal, but while close, we haven't seen it yet.

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million to \$6.5 million are up this year, which is remarkable, because our inventory from \$2 million to \$5 million is down. Our Greenwich Streets team has a bunch of buyers actively looking in this price range and other agents have a lot more buyers, so if you are thinking about selling this an excellent time to put your house on the market.

Below \$5 million we have a super-seller's market with less than 3 months of supply. It's only above \$5 million that you see a more balanced market and only above \$10 million that you could argue that there is a buyer's market. Our highest priced sale this month was 22 Dairy Road, which sold for \$16.25 million after 189 days on market. It was only our third sale over \$10 million this year. The future in the ultra-highend is also looking uncertain



Our inventory is rising rapidly, which means more deals and so contracts are also rapidly rising. However, we are still below all prior years.

Stay tuned the market just might be changing for the better in most price ranges ...

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			Last	Last Mo					
Inventory as of			Mo.	Solds+	YTD	YTD+	Mos	Mos w/	Last Mo.
5/1/24	Inventory	Contracts	Solds	Contracts	Solds	Contracts	Supply	Contracts	Annlzd
< \$600K	0	0	0	0	0	0			
\$600-\$800K	3	2	2	4	2	4	6.0	4.1	1.5
\$800K-\$1M	3	3	2	5	5	8	2.4	2.1	1.5
\$1-\$1.5M	5	5	6	11	14	19	1.4	1.4	0.8
\$1.5-\$2M	14	20	7	27	17	37	3.3	2.1	2.0
\$2-\$3M	23	23	9	32	26	49	3.5	2.6	2.6
\$3-\$4M	19	17	5	22	15	32	5.1	3.3	3.8
\$4-\$5M	9	10	5	15	18	28	2.0	1.8	1.8
\$5-6.5M	20	6	2	8	11	17	7.3	6.5	10.0
\$6.5-\$10M	20	13	1	14	6	19	13.3	5.8	20.0
> \$10M	30	2	1	3	3	5	40.0	33.0	30.0
TOTAL	146	101	40	141	117	218	5.0	3.7	3.7

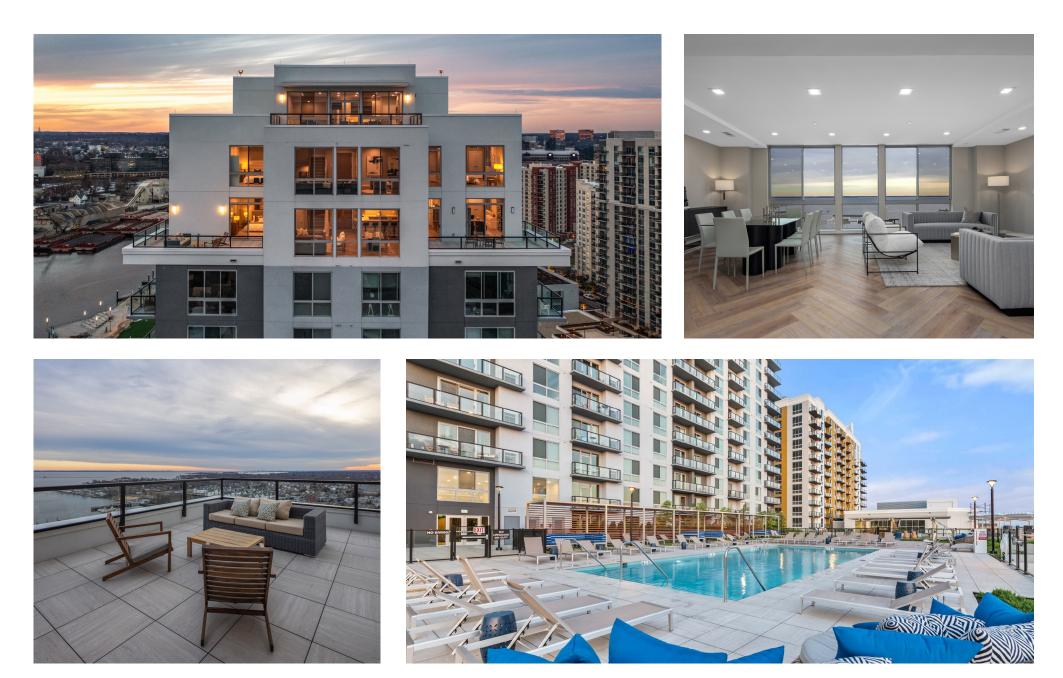
Our inventory rose to 146 listings by the end of April up from March's 118 listings, but 78% below what we had in 2019





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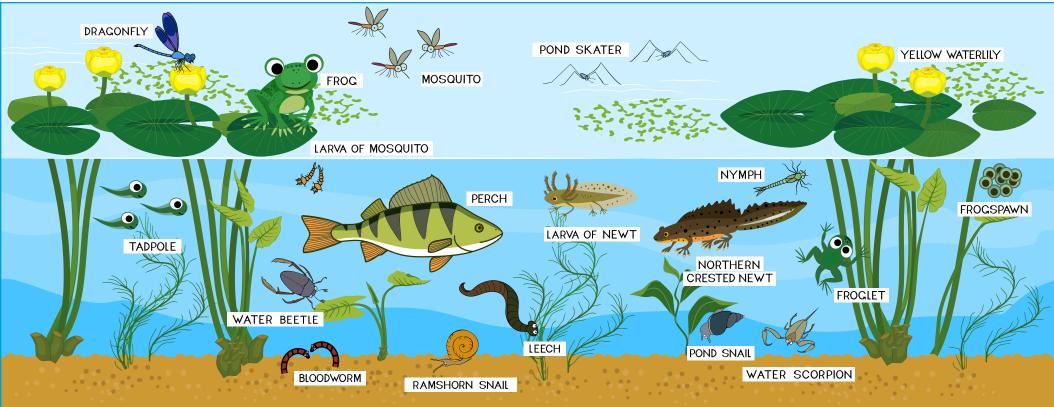
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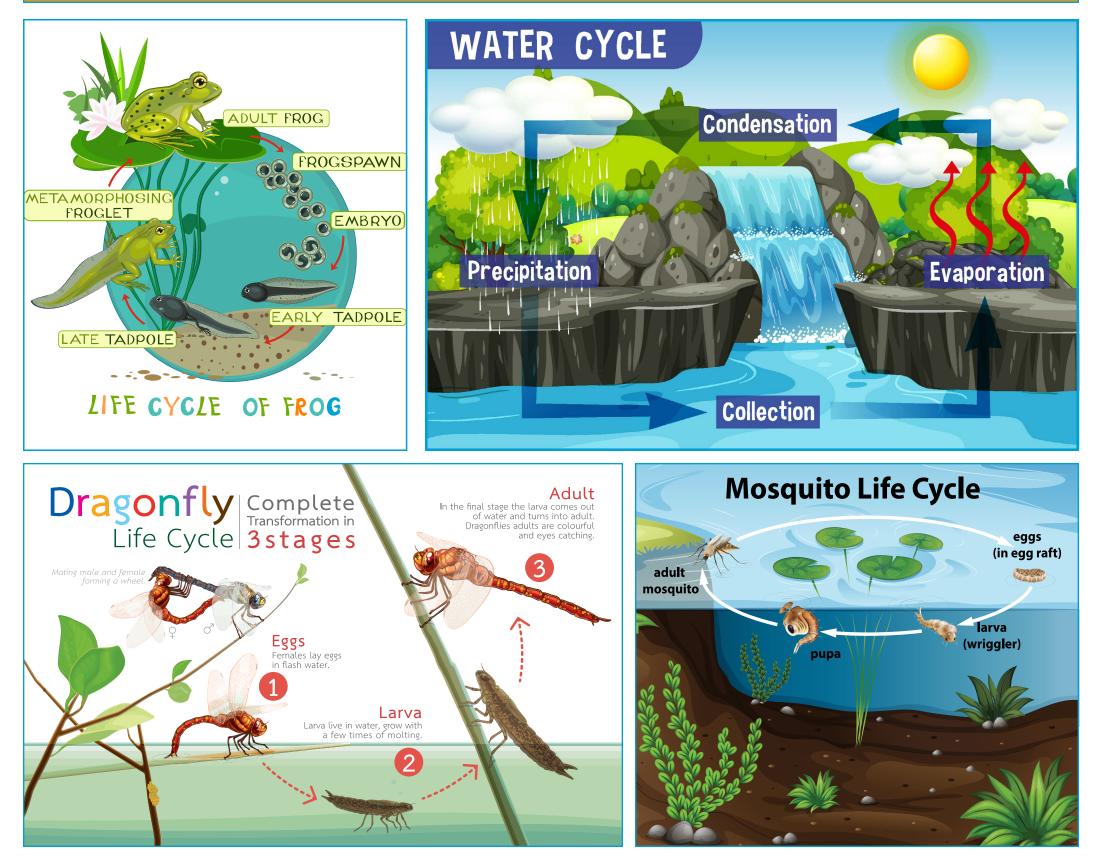


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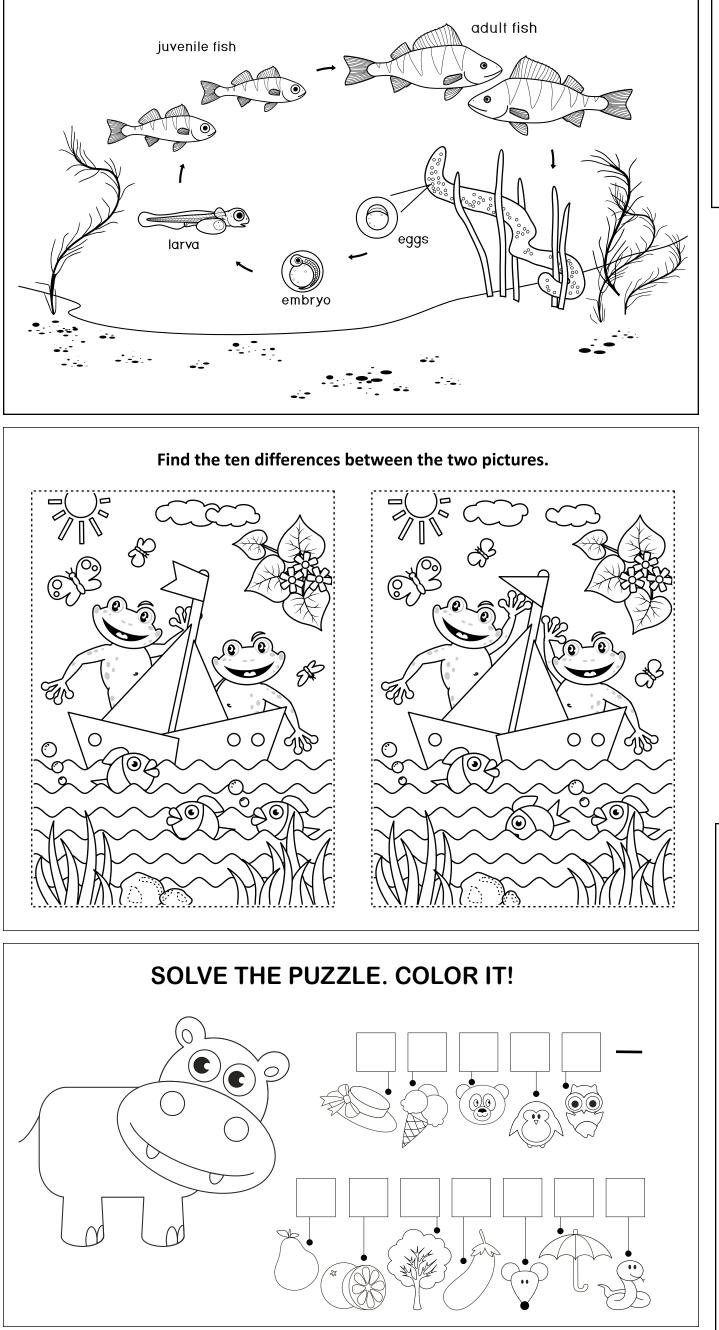
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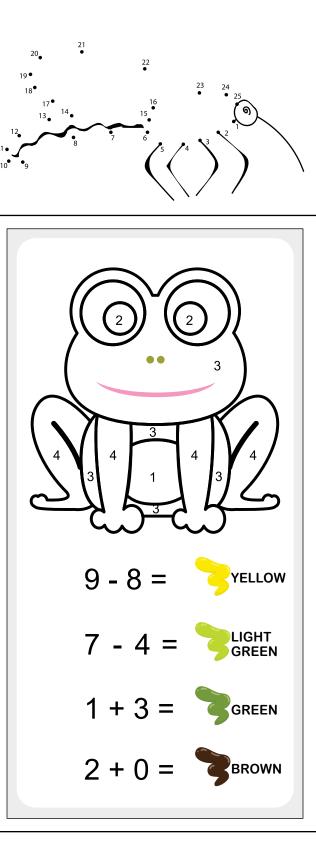


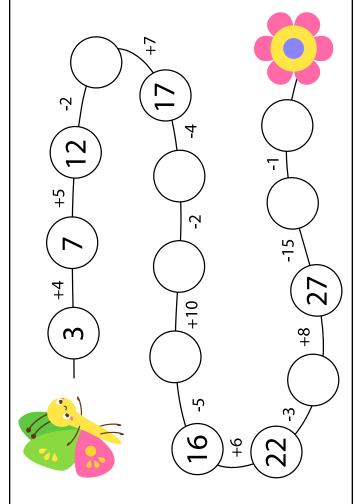


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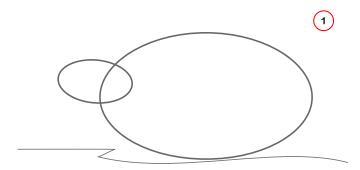


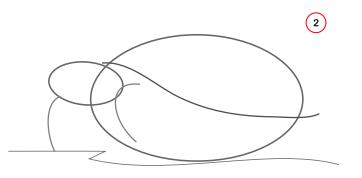


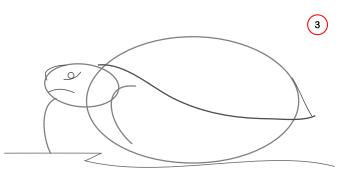


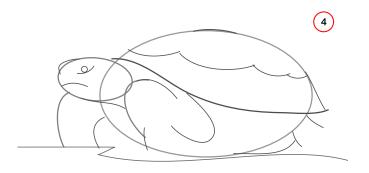


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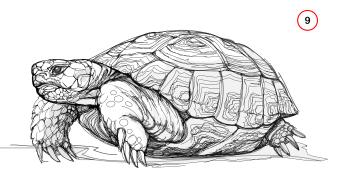














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THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION: Take Good Care of Our Princess

PROMPT

Now that prom season is upon us, Mr. Dawson would like to know what you always say to boys who want to date your daughter.

EXAMPLES

Yes, that's an AirTag Gorilla-Glued to my daughter's forehead. And remember: everything you do to her, I'm going to do to you.

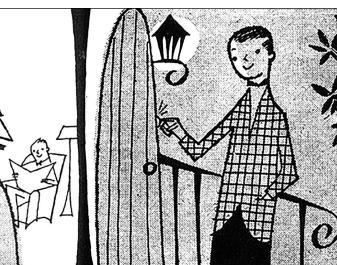
Thank you so much for taking her off our hands for the evening! This little bag is just a couple of the things she needs to have at-hand. Don't forget to rub the ointment into the spot on her back at 8 p.m. and again at 10 p.m. There are also some Jolly Ranchers in there in case she gets ornery — we find the cherry-flavored ones are especially soothing. Anyway, if we're not home by the time you drop her off, just walk her into the house and make sure she brushes her teeth before going to bed. Thanks again!

Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday,

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Winners will be announced in the May 17 issue of *The Sentinel*.

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WINNERS OF THE APRIL 19 COMPETITION

Sleepless, Not Speechless

<u>PROMPT</u>

Why I left the bed to sleep on the sofa. (100-word limit.)

There were no winners of Sleepless, Not Speechless.

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EXAMPLES

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Storytime. Cos Cob Library Turret.

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Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. Imat-

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622-7979. innovationlab@greenwich-

Friends Friday Films: "Anatomy of a

Craft with Nicole. Byram Shubert

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ater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/

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Library Community Room. 203-622-

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thews@greenwichlibrary.org

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Saturday, May 11

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7 p.m.

Community Room.

Friday, May 10

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Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

FRIDAY, MAY 3

4-9 p.m.

North Mianus "POW WOW!" North Mianus School, 309 Palmer Hill Rd. Rain Date: Sunday, May 5, 11am-5pm. rafflecreator.com/pages/58960/76thannual-north-mianus-pow-wow-raffle

4:30 p.m.

Marcel Serraillier Art Exhibit: Vibrant Provençal Paintings - Opening reception. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

6:30 p.m.

Sold-Out – "The Calling" Storytelling & Dinner. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. \$65. christchurchgreenwich.org/upcoming-events

8 p.m.

Live Music Night: Fake ID. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8 a.m.

Spring Bird Breakfast (All Ages). Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free (donations are encouraged). greenwich.audubon.org/ events

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Day. Island Beach Parking Lot. greenwichgreenandclean.org/hazardous-waste-day

9 a.m.

'Fit in the Forest' Greenwich Tree Conservancy's first fitness walk. This will launch a series of monthly more vigorous walks in Greenwich town parks and protected woodlands. The walk will be guided by tree enthusiasts. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Greenwich Botanical Center's Annual May Gardeners Market. 130 Bible St. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mother's Day Sip & Paint. River House, 125 River Road Ext. \$40. eventbrite. com/e/867829139317

11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

North Mianus "POW WOW!" North Mianus School, 309 Palmer Hill Rd. Rain Date: Sunday, May 5, 11am-5pm. rafflecreator.com/pages/58960/76thannual-north-mianus-pow-wow-raffle

1 p.m.

Art Adventures: Design Your Own Album (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, May 5. brucemuseum.org

3 - 6 p.m.

India Cultural Center's (ICC) 'HoliFest'. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, 100 Arch St. Rain or Shine. iccgreenwich. org/holifest2024

9 a.m.

Qigong Class @ the Library. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

7 **p.m**.

Sound Bath Meditation Class. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

TUESDAY, MAY 7

10 a.m.

'Perrot Walks' – walk through Binney Park. Meet at Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: May Flowers (Ages 21/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

1:30 p.m.

"Seventh Avenue Undressed: A Bare All on New York's Mob Controlled Fashion Industry" - Author Talk with Marianne Thompson. Wallace Senior Center, 299 Greenwich Ave. Free. 203-918-3863. mariannethompson95@ gmail.com. marianne-thompson.com

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

10 a.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Business Essentials: Negotiate Like a Boss. Online (Live). Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

11 a.m.

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Benjamin Lebwohl, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Columbia University; "The Illness and Death of Ludwig Van Beethoven." First Presbyterian Church, 1 W. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

1 p.m.

Mahjong Classes @ Perrot. Perrot Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@ perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

THURSDAY, MAY 9

12 p.m.

Voices Center of Resilience: Bereavement Group for Those Who Have Lost a Loved One in the Past 3 Years. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

1 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Marketing Made Simple: SEO Keywords: Understanding Your User's Search Intent. Online (Live). Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-list-

7:30 p.m.

Live Music Night: King's Highway. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com

SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 4:

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Winter Farmer's Market. Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses, 437 North St. 203-869-3418. sambridge.com/farmers-market

THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 7:

"LIFE: Six Women Photographers" Exhibition. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free with museum admission. greenwichhistory.org/ghsevents

MONDAY - FRIDAY

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. info@ archstreet.org. archstreet.org

TUESDAYS:

10 a.m.

Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524- 8032. greenwichymca.org

5 - 7 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAYS:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org

12 - 2 p.m.

Waste Free Greenwich's Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/composting-at-rhcc

12:15 p.m.

Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. green-

GREENWICH LIBRARIES 10:30 a.m.

greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, May 3

Libraries Closed - All Day Event.

<u>Saturday, May 4</u> 9 a.m.

Common Threads Hand Crafts Meetup. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

10 & 11 a.m.

May the Fourth: Jedi Training (Registration Required). Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@ greenwichlibrary.org.

11 a.m.

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

12 p.m.

May the Fourth Petite Concert. Main Children's Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.

2 p.m.

Fun with Chess with Ian. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

Sunday, May 5

1 - 5 p.m. The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-625-6549. alaughlin@greenwichlibrary.org

Monday, May 6

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.

4 p.m.

Room.

4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

10 & 10:30 a.m.

AANHPI Month: Origami Workshop. Cos Cob Library Community Room. **4 p.m.**

Nutmeg Book Club with Ms. Flynn.

Byram Shubert Library Conference

The Study Escape: for High Schoolers.

Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Spanish Storytime. Cos Cob Library

Storytime with Patty. Byram Shubert

Sit n' Stitch Knitting Group. Cos Cob

Library Community Room. 203-622-

Community Room. 203-622-6883.

Library Community Room.

4 - 5 p.m.

Friends of Binney Park and Greenwich Conservation Department: Walk and Talk: Wildlife and People in Binney Park. Binney Park. Free. Rain date: Sunday, May 5, 4pm. greenwichct.gov/ Calendar.aspx?EID=9870&month=5&year=2024&day=4&calType=0

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:15 a.m.

Breast Cancer Alliance's Annual 5K for Hope. Richards, 359 Greenwich Ave. \$50, adults; \$25, students; Free, kids under 7. breastcanceralliance.org

9 a.m.

Friends of Greenwich Point: "First Sunday Bird Walks". Tod's Point. All ages welcome. Bring binoculars. Free. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

1 p.m.

Preparing Soil & Planting (Ages 12 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. \$25. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

1 p.m.

"LIFE: Six Women Photographers" - Guided Gallery Tour. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

2 p.m.

Fred Elser First Sunday Science: How the Fishway Works Along the Mianus River. Innis Arden Cottage, Tod's Point. Free. brucemuseum.org

2 p.m.

Bruce Experiences: Sunday Cinema – Ricardo and Painting. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

MONDAY, MAY 6

8:30 a.m.

Connecticut Art Docent Network Symposium. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. eventbrite.com/e/845838735427

9 a.m.

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

4:30 p.m.

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Arguimbau Art Spring Showcase & Book Signing. The Red Barn Gallery, 121 E. Middle Patent Rd., Greenwich. Free. 203-274-6176. info@arguimbauart.com. arguimbau.net

FRIDAY, MAY 10

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Native Plant Sale. Greenwich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve, 370 Round Hill Road. gltrust.org/calendars

9:15 a.m.

Spring Yoga with Jill Ernst. Second Congregational Church, 139 East Putnam Ave. \$20 p/class. All ages & stages welcome. jenny@2cc.org. 2cc.org

10:30 a.m.

Voices Center of Resilience: Mindful Moment Meditation. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

7:30 p.m.

Live Music Night: Cover Story. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com

SATURDAY, MAY 11

All Day

The Letter Carriers annual 'Stamp Out Hunger' Food Drive benefiting Neighbor-to-Neighbor's food pantry. Leave a bag of non-perishable foods by your mailbox in the morning and your letter carrier will pick up the bags during their route and deliver to N2N. ntngreenwich.org.

7:30 a.m.

Greenwich Road Runners: Saturday Morning Run (multiple-pace) Group Runs Old Greenwich Firehouse, 207 Sound Beach Ave. greenwichroadrunners.org/events

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Garden Club of Old Greenwich's Annual Plant Sale. The Church of the Living Hope, 38 West End Ave. gardenclubofoldgreenwich.org

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Native Plant Sale. Greenwich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve, 370 Round Hill Road. gltrust.org/calendars wichrotary.org

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks – moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet. org. archstreet.org

6:30 p.m.

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

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org

THURSDAYS:

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.

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

3 - 7 p.m.

Arch Street After School Programming (All Ages) – every Thursday starting Feb. 22. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. archstreet.org

5 - 7 p.m.

Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in middle & high school. Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Rd, Wilton. Free. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis. org/get-help/lighthouse

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Book Exchange – choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4everyone.org

6883. 1:15 p.m.

11 a.m.

1 p.m.

Baby Lapsit (Registration required). Children's Constellation Room.

3:50 p.m.

Mandarin Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

4 p.m.

ARTscape: Yayoi Kusama (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

4 p.m.

Mother's Day Craft with Lucia. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

4 p.m.

The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Wednesday, May 8

10 a.m.

Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org.

10 a.m.

Career Coach - Introduction to PowerPoint.

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. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

1 p.m.

Career Coach - Microsoft PowerPoint.

1 p.m.

Julie Jason's Investment Basics I: How to Set and Meet Investment Objectives. Online.

3 p.m.

Math Help with Patty (for Grades K-8). Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

3:45 p.m.

Afternoon Story/Craft. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

4 p.m.

The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

<u>Thursday, May 9</u>

10 a.m.

Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library - Outside.

Art Opening Reception: Art Society of Old Greenwich Exhibit: "Little Gems". Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL

greenwichhospital.org/events 888-305-9253

Saturday, May 4

9 a.m.

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

Monday, May 6

6p.m.

8 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

Free.

7 p.m.

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

Webinar: Pulmonary Rehab: Better

Parkinson's Support Group. Long

Ridge Medical Center, 260 Long Ridge

Rd, Stamford. Zoom option available.

Pediatrician 101. 5 Perryridge Rd. Free.

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• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at

North Greenwich Congregational

Church, 606 Riversville Road. The

weatherproof bin is located outside of

• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92

Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Cather-

ine of Siena's parking area across the

Riverside Ave. (Non-perishable foods,

diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit

street from the rectory entrance, 4

personal care products, large sized

hats (hand knit or store bought).

Food Drive at St. Paul's Episcopal

Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

Breathers. Free.

Everyday, all day

the Parish Hall.

Orchard St., Cos Cob.

<u>Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.</u>

Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE RedCrossBlood.org

Friday, May 3

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford.

Saturday, May 4

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chester Addison Center, 245 Selleck St., Stamford.

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

1 - 6 p.m.

First Congregational Church of Darien, 14 Brookside Road, Darien.

Wednesday, May 8

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

West Harrison Senior Center, 251 Underhill Ave., West Harrison, NY.

Thursday, May 9

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Shippan Landing, 232 Harbor Drive, Stamford.

Friday, May 10

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Port Chester Senior Center, 222 Grace Church St., Port Chester, NY.

12 - 5 p.m.

The Osborn - Main Building, 101 Theall Rd., Rye, NY.

TOWN MEETINGS greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, May 6

9:15 a.m.

FS Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

7 p.m.

Education Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting. Hayton Room

7 p.m.

Public Works Committee Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

7:30 p.m.

Legislative & Rules Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:45 p.m.

Land Use Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

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

7 p.m.

8 a.m.

Health & Human Services Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

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

Wednesday, May 8

Greenwich High School Vestibule Committee Meeting In-Person @ Greenwich High School Ralph Mayo's Office & Via Zoom.

10 a.m. BET Audit Committee.

11 a.m. FS Operations Planning Committee Meeting. Gisborne Room.

7 p.m. HDC Regular Meeting. Mazza Room. 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m. District 11 Meeting. Greenwich Country Day School. 7 p.m.

- District 8 Meeting. Cos Cob School Media Center.
- 7:30 p.m. District 4 Meeting. Byram Firehouse. Thursday, May 9

10 a.m. Board of Selectmen Meeting In Person at Town Hall Meeting Room and Via Zoom. 12 p.m. Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Via Zoom. 7 p.m. District 10 Meeting. Round Hill Church. 7 p.m. District 12 Meeting. North Mianus School Library. 7 p.m. District 3 Meeting. Hamilton Avenue

School. 7:30 p.m.

- District 2 Meeting. Cone Room. 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, May 8

6 p.m.

Kids In Crisis' 'Cards for Kids'. Racquet and Tennis Club, NYC, NY. kidsincrisis.org/event/2024-cards-for-kids-2

Saturday, May 11

6 p.m.

'All That Glitters: Celebrating our Cultural Gem' - An Evening to Benefit the Bruce. Bruce Museum. 1072.blackbaudhosting.com/1072/Bruce-Gala-2024

Wednesday, May 15

7 **p.m**.

Breast Cancer Alliance Casino Night. Innis Arden Golf Club. interland3. donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink. aspx?name=bca&id=88

Friday, May 17

7 a.m.

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

6 p.m.

Round Hill Association Night Out. Foundation House, Old Mill Road. roundhillassn.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

9 a.m.

The Junior League of Greenwich's 'Touch A Truck'. Greenwich Town Hall. eventbrite.com/e/796077548377

2 p.m.

The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum's Gilded Age Tea. \$60-\$65. lockwoodmathewsmansion.com

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 a.m.

Abilis 5th Annual Golf Scramble. Griffith E. Harris Golf Course. e.givesmart. com/events/Bh2

Thursday, May 30

9 a.m.

Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County (CLC) 8th Annual Golf Outing. Stanwich Club, Greenwich. clcfc.org

11:30 a.m.

Bash. 455 West Avenue, Norwalk. thenorwalkartspace.org

6:30 p.m.

Kids Helping Kids 15th Anniversary Event. Serafresca at the Italian Center, Stamford. kidshelpingkidsct.org

7 p.m.

9 a.m.

11 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.

4 p.m.

10 a.m.

12 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

charisvocals.com

MONDAY, MAY 6

fergusonlibrary.org

TUESDAY, MAY 7

3 p.m.

First Fridays: Art Lillard's On Time

Quartet. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old

Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704.

Star Wars Day. Stepping Stones

303 West Ave., Norwalk. stepping-

Bollyfitness. Ferguson Main Library,

Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonli-

Origami Hour: Star Wars. Ferguson

Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonli-

The Chinese Language School of Con-

necticut Open House. UCONN-Stam-

ford - Lecture Hall 108, 1 University Pl.,

Stamford. ChineseLanguageSchool.org

Charis performs Bach's St. John Pas-

Canaan, 178 Oenoke Ridge, New Ca-

Question, Persuade, Refer Suicide

Library, Stamford. Free. Register.

Community Mindfulness Project:

Meditation. Ferguson Main Library,

Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

John Jay Homestead Lecture Series:

Hon. Stephen G. Breyer. Bedford Play-

house, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY.

914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

Parenting and Safety in the Age of

Fentanyl. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old

Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704.

Reading the Constitution with The

Prevention Workshop. Ferguson Main

sion. First Presbyterian Church of New

naan. \$30 (\$25, seniors; \$20, students).

Library - Harry Bennett Branch,

Museum for Children - Mathews Park.

bedfordplayhouse.org

SATURDAY, MAY 4

stonesmuseum.org

Friday, May 31

5:30 p.m.

An Evening at the Farmstead. Greenwich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve. gltrust.org/calendars/an-evening-atthe-farmstead

Saturday, June 1

Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo's 'Wild Wine, Beer & Food Safari'. beardsleyzoo.org/wild-wine

Greenwich Concours d'Elegance. Rog-

er Sherman Baldwin Park. showclix.

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Loading Dock, Stamford. e.givesmart.

Kids In Crisis' Kids Challenge Summer

Kick-Off Golf Tournament. Shorehaven

Golf Club, Norwalk. kidsincrisis.org/

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of Courage' 20th Anniversary Gala.

bird registration through June 1: \$20;

Annual Golf Outing. Griffith E. Harris

Golf Course. greenwichchamber.com

Sunday, June 2

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Monday, June 3

Saturday, June 8

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Sunday, June 9

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Thursday, June 13

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Monday, June 17

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Tuesday, May 7

7 p.m.

Town Services Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

District 9 Meeting. Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center.

8 p.m.

District 1 Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

In Honor of National Police Week

St. Joseph's Parenting Center Spring Ladies Luncheon. Silver Spring Country Club, Ridgefield. sipcenterstaff.org/ springluncheon

6 p.m.

The Norwalk Art Space's 2024 Arts

Saturday, July 13 6 p.m.

kick-off

Greenwich Point Conservancy's Beach Ball 2024. Tod's Point. eventbrite. com/e/860948940457

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, MAY 3

3:30 p.m.

Teen Poetry Slam. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

4 p.m.

Movie Musical: "Trolls Band Together". Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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THURSDAY, MAY 9

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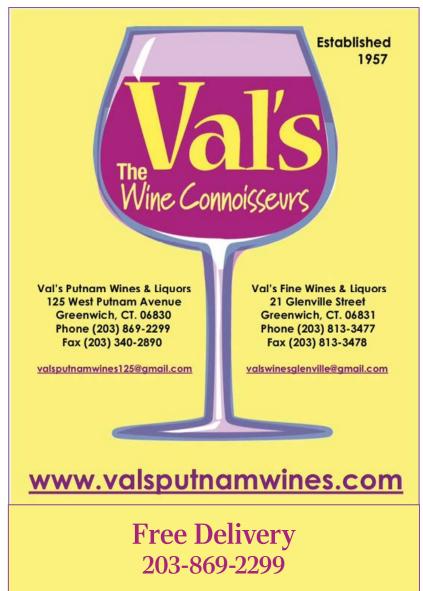
FRIDAY, MAY 10

11 a.m.

Address the Mess De-cluttering Seminar. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

4 p.m.

Make a Pipe Cleaner Flower Bouquet for Mother's Day. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org



The Greenwich Police Department Invites You to Join Us for lice \mathbf{O} Saturday May 11, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. RAIN OR **SHINE!** H POLIC

Bouncy castle on site for children, free hot dogs, and other events. Greenwich Police Honor Guard and the Police Explorers will assist Cub Scouts with a special American Flag workshop.

Meet the men and women

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Drone **Demonstrations**









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WorkoutS by Michael B. Berg

Astrology for Next Week

TAURUS

21 April-21 May There is a huge luck factor working in your favour and a New Moon in your birth sign will finally convince you that you can have it all. Others may say you are being greedy but what if you are? It makes up for all those times when you missed out.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June The current cosmic climate may be putting a brake on your activities but that is no bad thing. This is a time for watching and waiting, and also for planning, and the more you do of those things now the more ambitious, and successful, you will be later on.

CANCER

22 June-23 July Stop worrying what other people might think or say about you and do what comes naturally. There is no law that says you have to conform to others' ways of doing things and there is nothing they can do if you go in a different direction. So go.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug The Taurus New Moon could stir things up on the work front but, in the long-term, Saturn's influence will help you to profit from the changes. If you want to move up in the world and you do – you should welcome upheavals and not try to avoid them.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov You have the self-belief, and the self-motivation, to make something of your life, and if you follow your dream over the next few days you may be surprised, and delighted, at how quickly it happens. It will arrive even quicker if you share your dream.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec Unless you're expressly invited to help a friend or colleague with a personal problem you must keep your distance. You may know better than they do what is wrong and what needs to be done about it but your advice will only be acted on if it is asked for.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan A New Moon in Taurus is a favourable influence for Capricorns, so put your worries behind you and get on with the important task of enjoying yourself. Creative activities and love affairs are especially well starred. You don't need money to have fun.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb You're naturally helpful but sometimes you do too much for people, which does neither them nor you any good. A partner or loved one wants to work out an emotional issue for themselves, so stand back and give them the time and space they need.

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

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VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept It may seem as if your rivals have the upper hand but the cosmic outlook is so good just now that it can only be a matter of time before you are able to reassert your authority. You have right on your side and soon you will have might as well.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct You may be able to find respite from your worries by throwing yourself into your work but surely a better way is to face them head-on? A Sun-Saturn union will be especially helpful in dealing with cashflow issues. You'll soon be back in the money.

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PISCES

20 Feb-20 March Your fears will be swept away by a Sun-Saturn alliance, followed by a Taurus New Moon, and things you thought were beyond you will suddenly seem ridiculously easy. They always were, of course, it was just that your attitude was wrong.

ARIES

21 March-20 April A money-making opportunity will be handed to you on a plate, but will you take it? You may decide, with good reason, that you don't want the extra duties that go with the money but it will be a long time before a chance like this comes round again.

Discover more about yourself at *sallybrompton.com*

7 LITTLE W©RDS Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses $\underline{\underline{s}}$ represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter McN combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle. CLUES SOLUTIONS **1** engaging in deceit (8) 2 people watching a show (8) **3** retrieving a thrown ball (8) 4 drink water (7) **5** having a little more slack (6) Blue 6 looking happy (7) 2023 7 Fiji's ocean (7) AUD CK TRI NCE TCH TE IE ING SM ING

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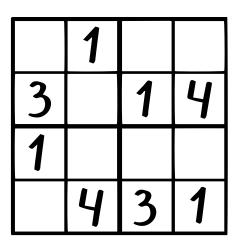
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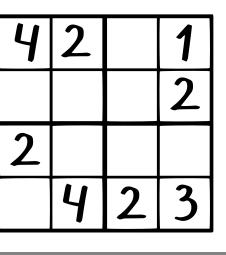
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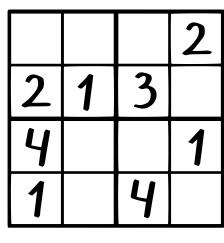
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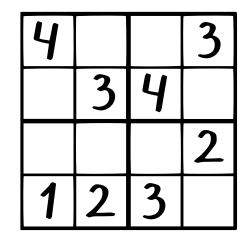
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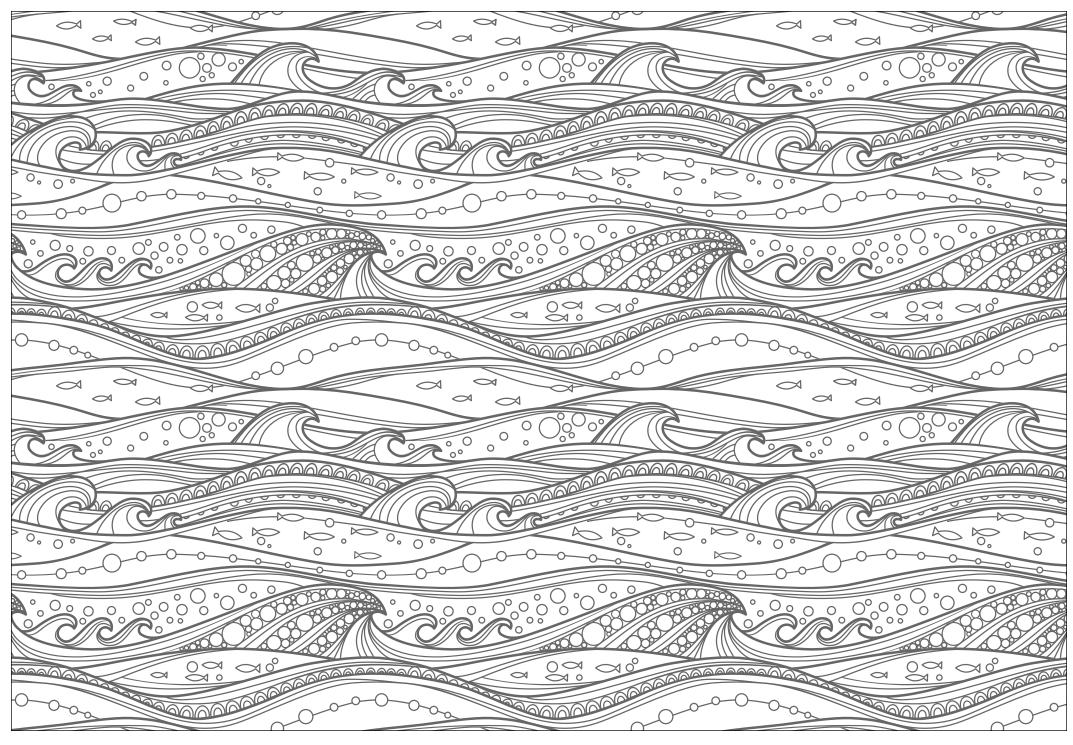
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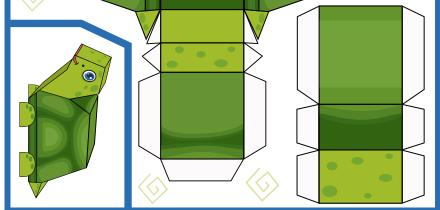
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The World's Most Beneficial Parasite

By Jim Knox

Imagine a creature with ten eyes, six stomachs, three sets of tooth-studded jaws boasting 100 bodycutting edges, and suckers to latch onto prey-and you've conjured up the perfect villain for the next sci-fi franchise. Since we're exploring the bounds of imagination, imagine this creature feasts on human blood and can gain 10 times its weight while it drains you of the precious lifesustaining red stuff. Hard to believe? What's more, this beast possesses an anesthetic in its saliva, enabling it to bite its unsuspecting prey without alerting it to the attack, and an anticoagulant to increase blood flow and expedite its life-siphoning meal. If the idea of such a beast is not appealing to you, you're not alone. This creature is not only real, it has been simultaneously reviled and prized for millennia. Topping out at eight inches in length, Hirudo medicinalis, properly known as the European Medicinal Leech, is a small beast with a big impact. Known, and utilized, by medical practitioners since the time of the Greek physician, Nicander, in 200 BC, these spineless wonders have been improving the lives of humans down through the ages. Sometimes the most miraculous of nature's life forms come in the most unappealing packages. With a flattened body with no discernible head, a front and rear sucker, and 34 body segments, the green and many beauty contests. It the world's most beneficial parasite.



victims. Additionally, it offers clinical benefit to patients suffering from infertility, diabetes, heart disease and glaucoma. It even helps us to measurably lower the bane of the western diet-high cholesterol.

While discounted and synonymous with "barbarism" or "quackery" throughout most of the history of modern medicine, leeches have gotten us forgetful humans to come around to their timelessand very real curative abilities. From providing essential anti-coagulating therapy for transplant patients, to clot-busting drugs for patients with bleeding disorders, the leech has proven its worth to countless patients-medical professionals worldwide since the 1950s. Perhaps no finer validation for these medical wonders came in the form of official approval of the Medicinal Leech as a "Medical Device" by The U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2004! In lifetimes beyond count, wild creatures have adapted to forbidding habitats amid intense competition, devising ingenious strategies for survival. Every living creature offers us discovery, innovation, and insight. In the Medicinal Leech the uninformed sees a spineless blood sucker, a creature of revulsion. For how many creatures can we say that for every bit it takes, it gives back tenfold? The recipient of an organ transplant, the grandchildren of a recovering stroke victim need no convincing. For them, the leech could receive no higher regard and no greater thanks. Jim Knox serves as the cocktail aid in the generation Curator of Education for Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo and as a Science Adviser stimulation of the circulatory for The Bruce Museum. His passions include studying our extend over the spectrum planet's rarest creatures and of medicine from cosmetic sharing his work with others

thought parasites have no redeeming qualities, you'd be in good company. Nearly

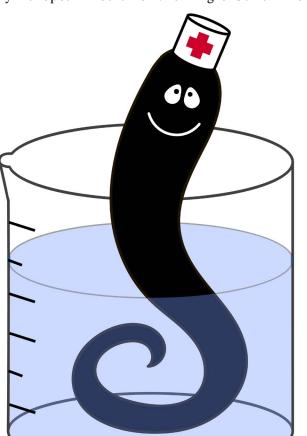
The Medicinal Leech

Imagine a creature with ten eyes, six stomachs, three sets of tooth-studded jaws boasting 100 body-cutting edges, and suckers to latch onto prey-and you've conjured up the perfect villain for the nex sci-fi franchise.

County residents who have had their share of mosquito bites at a barbeque, or worse yet, suffered through a bout of Lyme Disease, we're fed up with creatures who feed on us. Yet, parasites come in myriad varieties and the most successful parasites are the ones who feed off their hosts with little ill effect. Enter the Medicinal Leech. Feeding a small amount from their mammalian hosts (they don't specifically target humans), these creatures parlay a single meal into months of sustenance and brown leech may not win reproduction of their young.

Of the 300 or so known will however vie for the title species, the Medicinal Leech. and its close cousin, Hirudo verbana, are among the only How could this be? If you species used in medical therapies. The history of service of these creatures is quite lengthy. Hirudotherapy everyone feels the same or leechcraft was practiced

way. Like most Fairfield in ancient China, India, and employed leeching so "laece," for doctor. In fact, Egypt at least 3,500 years often, the modern term ago. By the medieval era, "leech" derived from early European medicine the Anglo-Saxon word,



the European Medicinal Leech was so effective and prized in early medicine, it was overharvested to near extinction in its native Western Europe. Thankfully, the species hung on in Czarist Russia, where it became the source of a lucrative trade, ensuring its survival.

Seemingly simple at a casual glance, this is no common bloodsucker. Dubbed "Nature's Pharmacopeia," the Medicinal Leech's signature bite confers a host of benefits for what ails our species. Its enzyme and protein of blood cells, the boosting of metabolism and the system. The leech's benefits surgical patients to stroke who love the natural world.