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BREAKING NEWS

Senator Ryan Fazio issued a release celebrating securing an expedited state grant for rebuilding the new Central Middle School (CMS) in the legislative session's final hours Wednesday night. This expedited grant, reimbursing 20% of the town's construction costs, is a positive for the well-being of students and faculty at CMS. Senator Fazio explained that he submitted legislation at the beginning of the session for a special expedited state grant for CMS.

POLICE & FIRE

Four eighth-grade students from Western Middle School in Greenwich, Connecticut, assisted a distressed fourth-grade girl from Hamilton Avenue School when she became lost on her first day. They guided her back, stayed with her until her family was contacted, and were praised by Chief James Heavey, who awarded them certificates of appreciation and Chief's Award of Excellence Coins. Principal Suzanne Coyne commended their kindness and community spirit, while the boys stressed the importance of helping others.

The Greenwich Police Department will host "Police Day" at its downtown headquarters this weekend for families to come meet the men and women of the department. Visitors will get to see demonstrations of department equipment, get building tours, enjoy a bouncy house, hot dogs, and more. The event is tomorrow, Saturday May 11 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Public Safety Complex, 11 Bruce Place.

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Thinking Spring



A parting gift from the Greenwich Audubon Bird Breakfast, a favorite Baltimore Oriole up close and personal.

Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

By ANNE W. SEMMES

Think Spring, think Greenwich Audubon Bird Breakfast. It was a bright and sunny spring morning last Saturday atop Riverside Road. The spirited birders arrived early with their binoculars for a bird walk before a fully booked, and free breakfast. Senior Coordinator of Education Ryan MacLean was there to welcome them and divide them into five smaller groups to explore different areas of Audubon's impressive terrain.

This reporter joined up with Cynthia Ehlinger's group to travel down the road to Fairchild Wildflower Sanctuary on N. Porchuck Road. Ehlinger would be leading the First Sunday bird walk at Greenwich Point the next day. Also in her group was Lisette Henry who has served as educator at Audubon, and Bing Bingham, an artist of nature newly returned to Greenwich.

Fairchild Wildflower Sanctuary

The entry board at the Sanctuary tells the tale of the varied habitats across its 127 acres, shaped by a Benjamin Fairchild who in the 1890's "created a natural garden containing the wildflowers, trees, ferns, and other plants native to Connecticut," that surely continues to bring a wide assortment of bird life. Pausing in the parking area Ehlinger began identifying a host of them.

She was hearing, "Pileated Woodpecker... Wood Thrush... Red Belied Woodpecker... Carolina Wren... Northern Perula Warbler," then pointing up to, "An American Robin building its nest in that fork in the tree." We journeyed on to a pond bursting with green growth, and so quiet, until Ehlinger called, "Common Yellowthroat," and "Black Throated Warbler." Then a Wood Duck flew over the pond. Walking along a narrow boardwalk was heard an Ovenbird call, then a Hairy Woodpecker, then the walk took the group into an open field.

Flying back and forth across the field studded with Bluebird nest boxes were Tree Swallows, but half hidden in surrounding low trees were those Bluebirds perhaps with their eyes on one of those nest boxes. "Red winged Blackbird," called Ehlinger, "Kingbird... Tufted Titmouse...female Orchard Oriole."

A young girl was all eyes on her phone getting help with bird identification from that Cornell expert, Merlin.

It was another young girl, 16-year-old Cristina Buccieri, who was honored at the Breakfast with Ehlinger standing by in her office as vice president of the Connecticut Ornithological Association (COA). "Every year," began MacLean, "The COA's George Zepko Memorial Scholarship Award goes to a young teenager to provide them with a fully paid scholarship to go to Audubon's Hog Island Summer Camp in Maine to learn from world renowned ornithologists like Scott Weidensaul and others." Buccieri had grown up at Greenwich Audubon from age 7 first coming to the Hawk Watch. "Since then, not only has her love for birds skyrocketed, but she's also written news articles in her local papers on how to prevent bird window strikes."

The Bird Breakfast

With all five groups now gathered in the historic Barn - 120 strong with some arriving from New Jersey and Massachusetts, with their plates filled with pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and more, MacLean gave a little history. "This is our longest running traditional Spring event that has run from the 1950s in this very space. Just in this corner, Roger Tory Peterson and other famous ornithologists have sat, studied, and enjoyed birds just like you are doing today." He then thanked the staff and volunteers for "the delicious food you're eating," and for "our director, Rochelle Thomas for the work she has done in this past year, championing events like these for how important they are to our Center and our organization."

MacLean shared also how Audubon Connecticut and Audubon New York have combined to have "a two-state office where we are working together.... We are fortunate to have one of the highest concentrations of Audubon chapters in the entire country where you're able to share in birding with everyone." Included in that is the Bedford Audubon Society. "And we are very happy to have its executive director Bill Cavers here today," said MacLean, "with his table full of great



Cynthia Ehlinger, noted Town bird guide, describes what she sees and hears on a bird walk at Fairchild Wildflower Sanctuary before the Audubon Bird Breakfast. Photo by Bing Bingham.

information on upcoming field trips they have."

Working the Checklist of Bird Species Seen and Heard

The time came to address that checklist of birds seen by those five groups. "We're going to do this Christmas Bird Count style," said MacLean. "We're going to go through the list of species and call them out. If you saw or heard that species, all you got to do is say yes. Great Blue Heron?" "Yes," said Ehlinger. Any duck species? Wood Duck?" "Yes." Bald Eagle? No hands. Broad wing Hawk? "Not September yet," said MacLean. "American Woodcock?" He added to the silence, "Just a few weeks ago, one of our staff members, Kale Bryden was lucky to see a mama Woodcock with two fluffy babies and they're all grown up now."

"Great horned Owl? I've been hearing them recently...Brown Thrasher? We had a bird singing here for about two weeks. We were hoping he was going to stay here to breed. It seems when all these other new migrants moved in, he said this neighborhood has gotten too crowded for me... Common Yellow Throat?... So that is 67 species - we're close to 70 species, and not only are they setting up their territories to breed, but they're using this as one of the most important international bird hotels on their migratory journeys. And if we didn't have this here and we weren't able to keep protecting it, these birds wouldn't have these places to go."

Bird Banding

Before the crowd dispersed

to see the nearby bird banding, MacLean spoke of the important focus this year on World Migratory Bird Day. "The theme this year is insects and just how crucial insects are to birds. We have so many of these flowering apple blossom trees that bugs are swarming to. The birds are coming to the flowers because they know the bugs are there to eat the flowers." And what our town is doing to protect those insects he pointed to. "You may have heard Greenwich has finally passed a leaf blower ordinance that bans the use of gas-powered leaf blowers starting from Memorial Day through September. This will protect our birds and our bugs, like our fireflies."

Behind a nearby table stood bird bander Corrie Folsom O'Keefe director of Bird Conservation for Audubon CT, holding in her hand a Wood Thrush. Caught in a net, its age and sex were being determined, wings measured, then banded. "Would anyone like to release the bird back into the wild?" O'Keefe asked. A young girl's hand followed her "Yes," and after being carefully taught how to hold it, then release it, the Wood Thrush fast flew to the woods.

Postscript: A question needing to be asked was how that count of nearly 70 species compared to previous Bird Breakfast years? "Likely lower than previous years as we are still anticipating larger waves of migratory birds as we approach the middle of the month," said Ryan MacLean. "However, due to global bird population declines it is certainly less total birds than there have previously been."

State Senate Acts to Restore Some Local Zoning Authority

The Connecticut General Assembly has passed Senate Bill 333 (S.B. 333), aimed at restoring more local control over planning and zoning decisions, the eminent domain process, and the management of municipal property. The bill, now awaiting Governor Ned Lamont's signature, has garnered bipartisan support.

Introduced by the Planning and Development Committee, S.B. 333 seeks to amend restrictions that have centralized key aspects of municipal governance at the state level. This legislative action is a response to previous laws that imposed state oversight over local decisions.

The bill was authored and championed by Senator Ryan Fazio, who serves as the ranking member on the Planning & Development Committee. Fazio has been a vocal advocate for reducing state interference in local governance, arguing that such measures are crucial for tailored and effective municipal management. "For too long, the state has overstepped, undermining local authorities that better understand the needs of their communities," Fazio stated during the legislative session.

S.B. 333 had the support of co-sponsors: Representative David Michel (D - Stamford), Representative Tom O'Dea (R - New Canaan), Senator Rob Sampson (R - Wolcott), Representative Christine Conley (D - Groton), Representative Tom Delnicki (R - South Windsor), and Representative William Pizzuto (R - Waterbury).

Provisions of the Bill

The legislation outlines three key areas of reform:

Planning and Zoning Commissions: It removes state-imposed limitations, granting municipalities the autonomy to adjust their local charter provisions related to zoning and planning.

Eminent Domain: S.B. 333 restores local oversight over the eminent domain process, ensuring that decisions regarding the requisition of private property for public use are made closer to the affected communities.

Disposition of Municipal Property: The bill facilitates easier management and disposal of municipal property, intended to streamline operations and enhance local governance.

After a rapid progression through the necessary committees, S.B. 333 was passed by the Senate on May 3, 2024, and concurred by the House on May 7.

The public and political reaction to the bill has been overwhelmingly positive. Legislators from both sides of the aisle have praised the move as a necessary step back towards a more decentralized and locally responsive form of governance. "This bill rectifies past mistakes where local voices were sidelined," remarked Representative Michel, reflecting on the consensus among his colleagues.

Senator Fazio explained his reasoning for working to write and pass this legislation. "For decades," he said, "the state has taken more and more powers away from our towns and cities to determine their destiny over zoning, development, and more. And last year, over 100 towns and cities infamously watched as more of their powers over zoning, development on public lands, public hearings, and more were unjustly stripped away without any form of public debate. S.B. 333 corrects some of those wrongs."

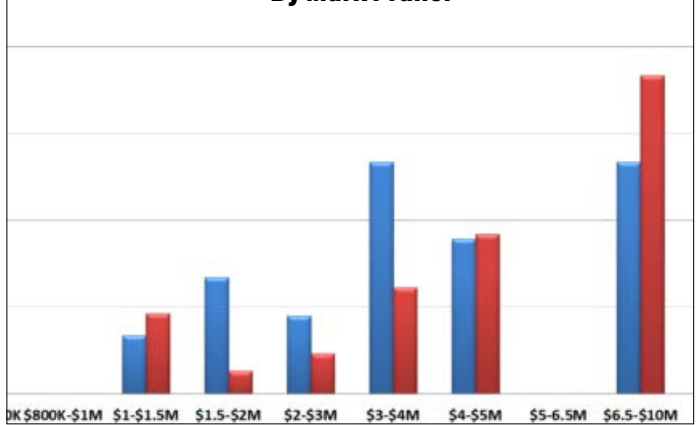
Rep. O'Dea, who worked closely with Fazio, said, "This session was highlighted by successful attempts to remedy the relationship between the state and our municipalities, especially in regard to local issues of zoning and development. One of those positive steps was S.B. 333."

Environmental Quote of the Week

By ANNE W. SEMMES

from his poetry collection, "Songs of Experience." 1789. British poet William Blake in his poem, "The School Boy,"

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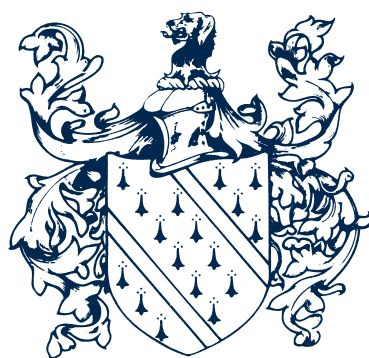
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Cheers to our Trees

By URLING SEARLE

Spring is a wonderful time to celebrate our mature trees. The air becomes measurably cleaner as they spread out their leaves to photosynthesize carbon dioxide and a host of fresh scents and vivid shades of green bring a sense of renewal and rebirth. Their tender buds and new seedlings provide much needed food to wildlife as winter melts away. It is worth taking a moment to pause and appreciate the often overlooked vital benefits our trees provide, as what they offer our community is silently and continuously made available year after year.

In Spring, when rainstorms come our way their thirst for fresh water helps mitigate stormwater runoff while helping rainwater sink deeper into the ground replenishing the aquifers that allow our streams to run on hot summer days.

Our water systems are intricately connected to our trees. When trees along a stream or body of water are lost, a resulting rise in water temperature can cause an increase in bacterial growth and a depletion of oxygen. This condition can be seen in

increasing toxic algae blooms. What is less obvious is the resulting loss of life that threatens our birds and other resident species all the way up the food chain.

Insects are often thought of as annoying and there are a few that can be dangerous but most all insects live quietly without our awareness of their important function providing essential food and pollination for a healthy local ecosystem. The ecosystem that keeps our water and air clean and safe for our families.

The lifespan of canopy trees varies significantly but most take decades to reach the mature high functioning state where they may remain for centuries, perhaps experiencing a century or more of limited decline and regrowth before succumbing to a pathogen or old age. A mature native oak can support hundreds of species for centuries. Is this not worthy of our care and careful consideration?

Should you see an ivy vine climbing up a tree on your property take a few minutes to cut it just above the ground and four feet higher as it will weaken and may kill that tree. Keep sprinklers away from trees in cool wet weather and water them in times of severe

“We’ll soon reach 7,000 planted trees and have labeled over 2,000 trees in our town-wide Arboretum.” Greenwich Tree Conservancy President Urling Searle.

Spring is also a wonderful time to plant new trees in your landscape that will become part of tomorrow’s mature canopy. Plant mainly natives in areas where you don’t expect yourself or future owners to build or pave over. You will be giving yourself and your town a gift to be enjoyed for generations to come.

As Greenwich continues to develop, the value of its mature trees continues to rise. A stand of mature trees on one property benefits surrounding properties and even whole neighborhoods. Upstream trees protect downstream properties from runoff. Protected open space woodlands offer neighborhoods and the entire community protection by helping to keep our air and water clean. Our warming climate brings changing weather patterns and new pests and diseases that present new challenges to our trees.

If we value and take some time to care for our mature trees, we will continue to reap the benefits they offer to us each spring. The Greenwich Tree Conservancy is a resource available to all. For more information please visit: <https://greenwichtreeconservancy.com>

drought. When you come upon the dreaded Spotted Lantern Fly crush it immediately. Every 3 to 5 years seek out a respected arborist for suggestions on how to responsibly care for, not just cut down, your trees. Fear is too often used as a tool for removal, with the resulting loss being understood when it is too late.



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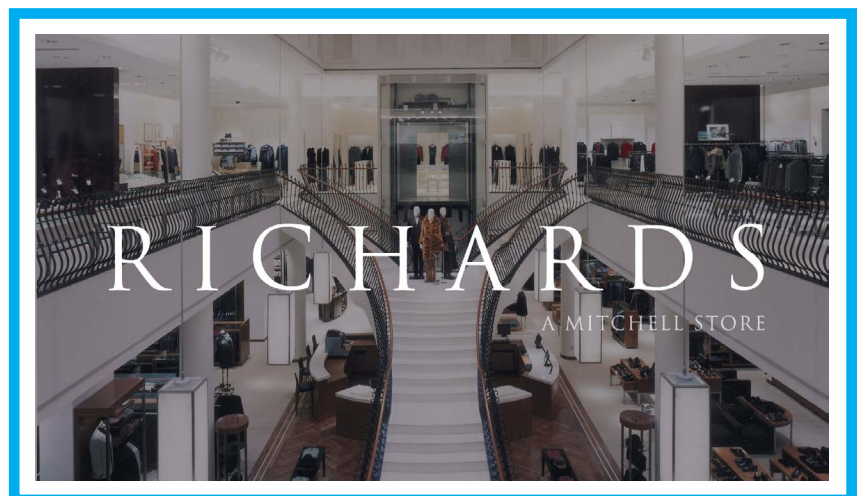
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A Mother's Day Tribute

I was honored to have inherited my mother's business acumen, which she, in turn, credited to her own mother.



By PATRICIA CHADWICK

It was Mother's Day weekend 1986, and I had left the madness of the world of investing behind in New York City to spend time with my mother in Boston. "I want to buy a house on the ocean," she said with an air of confidence the moment I walked into the house. It was as though she had already made up her mind. "Will you go in on it with me?"

Mother seemed on top of the world. Her journey from the life of a nun, one she had been duped into accepting for close to twenty years—to that of businesswoman had been nothing short of spectacular. A woman with a prodigious vocabulary and an immense knowledge of literature and history, she credited her teachers at Cambridge High and Latin. After a year at Boston University, when she joined "The Center," she immersed herself in the study of Ancient Greek, Latin, and even Aramaic. She left the confines of "The Center" a couple of years after I had been kicked out, desperate to make up for lost time, to reinstate herself in the role of mother and to be with me. She did what was necessary to make a living, at first cleaning houses for those who could afford her services. Perhaps having lived the life of servitude for two decades as an obedient nun, she had the grace to accept that lowly position without rancor or complaint. It was her nature to view the world as full of opportunity. From housekeeper, she took on the role

of nanny for the infant daughter of a brilliant couple getting their PhDs at Harvard and when, a couple of years later, the couple had another daughter, they asked both my parents to be her godparents. That bond remains between the two families to this day. Then, after a stint in the world of real estate, my mother became the manager of a branch of Cambridge Savings Bank, with responsibility for approving—or not—all personal loans. She had a sixth sense and was proud to boast that no loan she had ever made went bad.

It was sometime in the late 1970s, or perhaps the early 1980s, that Mother became the secretary to the owner of a small manufacturing company—a firm that manufactured wooden pallets, a forklift-ready stock item for every warehouse that need to move cartons of products. Within a couple of years, she was handling the day-to-day affairs of the business, from negotiating leases to hiring employees and managing sales. Her boss rewarded her handsomely, and by the time she was in her late fifties, Mother was making more than \$100,000 annually, the equivalent of more than a quarter of a million dollars today.

I was honored to have inherited her business acumen, which she, in turn, credited to her own mother, Laura Miller. Laura's pregnant mother had succumbed to the 1918 flu epidemic, leaving behind a husband and four young daughters in Leonardtown, Maryland, a small town on the Potomac River. Laura, the eldest of the four, and twelve years of age at the time of her mother's death, left school in the sixth grade to raise her siblings, the youngest of whom was just two



Grandmother and Mother

years old.

Eight years later, when Laura married Bill McKinley—a World War I veteran she met in Washington, D.C.—and moved north to his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, she brought her youngest sister, then ten years old, to live with them. Bill had been stationed in France during the last year of the war and was active in the local VFW. Laura,

in turn, joined the "8 and 40" the women's auxiliary group, and soon began her public speaking career.

Within a few years, Laura became the organization's parliamentarian, and in that role, she committed to memory Robert's Rules of Order. Over the next fifty years, she traveled to each of the lower forty-eight states, as the lead speaker at the

organization's annual conference. She made an impression—this woman who was about five feet tall in her high heels. Her speaking voice was strong, her diction perfect, and her vocabulary sophisticated. Well into her eighties, she never lost her poise nor faltered over a word. I understood why my mother was so proud of her.

Mother had two vacation loves—one was her annual trip to Europe with Daddy, the focus of which was twofold. Ostensibly, they were visiting, over and over again, the great Catholic cathedrals of Italy, France, Germany, and England. Almost as importantly, they were exploring the small towns on the outskirts of those cathedral cities. Seldom making either accommodations or restaurant reservations in advance, they would drive until they came to a village that appealed to them. Rarely were they disappointed. My husband and I curated our own vacations around many of the sites they most loved.

When not traveling, Mother was happiest by the sea. She would reminisce about her childhood summers with her grandmother in Cohasset, a seaside town on the south shore of Massachusetts, while her own mother remained back in Cambridge with her younger sister.

Now in her late fifties, she wanted her own place by the sea. "I love Maine," she said. "I want to see the ocean from my bed. I have a place in mind." She had done her homework and, together with a couple of my sisters, we headed north on that Saturday before Mother's Day to Wells Beach on the southern coastline of Maine to look at a particular four-unit condominium building that had been recommended to her by a real estate agent whom she trusted. It was love at first sight, so to speak, for Mother, as she stood on the balcony of the three-bedroom-apartment and scanned the Atlantic Ocean in front of her. By the end of the day, it was ours.

This column is an excerpted and edited chapter from my new book, Breaking Glass: Tales from the Witch of Wall Street. The book is now available at bookstores and online. The audio version of the book will be available in about a month.

Patricia Chadwick is a businesswoman and an author. Her second memoir, Breaking Glass, with the subtitle: Tales from the Witch of Wall Street, is coming public on May 14, 2024. It tells of her "growing up" and succeeding in what was then the all-male bastion called Wall Street. Her new book is a sequel to her first Memoir, Little Sister, the story of her childhood in a religious community-turned-cult. www.patriciachadwick.com

Greenwich Country Day Art Show

By MADDOX REISNER

The Greenwich Country Day School (GCDS) annual spring art show consisted of art made by students of all grades with artwork ranging from a variety of ceramic pieces, to paintings and drawings. The purpose of the show is to bring attention to

the amazing work and dedication GCDS students have put into their respective arts this year.

Students displayed pieces of art that resonate with things in their life that they are passionate about and that have significant meaning to them. Some of which include Senior Cooper Edwards who made a watercolor painting

with his two dogs. He explained "I have older dogs so I wanted to capture a timeless moment that would last me forever." Cooper is continuing his love for art while working an internship at the C. Parker Gallery here in Greenwich. Sophomore, Mia Secko-Thompson made a piece honoring the women in her life. Mia said "I did

a project about the women in my life and how they support me and made me who I am." Mia made her masterpiece using a mix of pictures, spray paint, resin and flowers. Mia's most enjoyable part about her project was seeing the final result as she is proud of her hardwork and effort and is excited to show the project to the women

who are a part of it. Junior, Phil Candito made a piece about Elvis Presley with inspiration from his Aunt and Uncle who are fans and he inherited his love for Elvis from them. Phil's favorite part of the project was adding Gold Leaf as it is a material that he has never used before and enjoyed working with it as it is a difficult material to

use effectively. The GCDS Art Show featured numerous works of art that have sentimental value to the artists which make it such a special event. The show happened May 2nd at 6:30 at the GCDS upper school. Each piece is unique in its own way. Be on the lookout for the full article in the upcoming week.



Ceramic masterpieces students made that were on display at the art show



Sophomore Mia Secko-Thompson's artwork on the women in her life

Cultivating College-Level Skills in High School Juniors

By REESE VELISHKA

At Greenwich Country Day School, many pieces of the curriculum are unique, but perhaps one of the most important and beloved by students is the Junior Thesis, and the long process that goes into producing it.

The Junior Thesis allows students to dive deeper into a topic they are interested in or passionate about. Students choose a teacher, someone who is well-educated on their topics, to be their mentor over the three-month process. "The purpose of the Junior Thesis is to teach kids how to produce college-level work at a young age," Joe Perry, a Botany, Archeology and history teacher said when asked about the purpose of the Junior Thesis.

These topics cover an extremely large spectrum of disciplines, topics vary from, "The Difference in Soil Microbial Communities and Regenerative Agriculture" to "The Mental and Physical Aspects of School

Stressors."

Eight junior students commented on how valuable they thought the writing and research process was to their academic growth during their junior year and how they felt they had experienced writing a college level paper at 16 and 17 years old. Students also said the process of defending their thesis in front of a board of faculty was useful to gain a full understanding of their topics.

The Junior Thesis is concluded every year with Junior Thesis Night where all junior students present their hard work through a poster display. The GCDS Hallways are covered with posters that display the hard work of junior students. Students create and display their posters weeks before Thesis Night and do not take them down until the end of the school year. Be on the lookout for the full article in next week's edition of the Greenwich Sentinel.

Question
What are the underlying Mental and Physical effects of academic stressors on teenage girls?

Answer
I will include data on the overall trend of increasing levels of stress and anxiety in teenagers. And will discuss what is driving this trend. Further, I will explore how neurologically, teen brains are affected by these stressors. And how academic stressors affect one's emotional regulation and quality of life. I will provide personal experiences and anecdotes from surveys to demonstrate the emotional toll and symptoms from academic stressors. Lastly, I will outline how to address this issue.

Evidence
While social media has been blamed for many of the issues, many studies only suggest that social media amplifies teenage girls' feelings (good and bad). And that those feelings are not only felt more strongly, but with more frequency, which have teenage girls feeling more highs and lows than prior to the advent of social media.

Evidence
Mental health related issues were rising before Covid-19, with a 28% increase in emergency room visits for depression, anxiety and stress from 2011-2015. More research will show that the mental health epidemic has impacted teen girls more than boys, with suicide attempts increasing by 53% from 2019-2021 for teen girls vs. 5% for teen boys.

Counter Argument
Neurologically, teens are also affected by social media usage and stressors. The main neurological phenomenon I'd like to focus on is dopamine and its impact on teenage girls. Dopamine is a molecule in the body that is closely linked to our sense of motivation. Dopamine can also enhance our depth of focus and lower our threshold for taking action toward specific goals.

Larger Implications
This topic is deeply personal for me. These struggles are closely tied to my own life and while I have worked hard to address it with medicine and support of my friends and family, I have experienced firsthand, it is something that continues to take a heavy toll on my personal well-being. Lastly, I have experienced that the impact of academic stressors can be particularly severe and debilitating, with potential long-term

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FIGURE 1: COMPARISON OF SOIL TEXTURE BY SOIL TYPE

FIGURE 2: MICRO/MACRONUTRIENT LEVELS BY SOIL TYPE

FIGURE 3: PRESENCE OF MICROBIAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE THREE SOIL TYPES

Mothers Have Super Powers

Have you bought your flowers yet? This Sunday is Mother's Day. The cynics out there may say that Mother's Day is nothing more than a day created by greeting card companies or chocolatiers to sell more of their wares. We think it is something more, much more. It is one day (really it should be every day) when we are encouraged to take some time and celebrate what our mothers have done for us.

We all have a mother. They are the one person with whom we will always have a special bond. Sure, our relationship with our mothers evolves over time as we ourselves grow and mature, but they leave an indelible mark on every one of their children. President Abraham Lincoln famously said: "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

*And then my mother was just there,
like out of nowhere, and her being
there made me feel better.*

Motherhood, giving birth to and raising a child, is a life filled with details large and small that, when attended to with love and grace, bind together in childhood to create adults with strength, compassion, and fortitude in a way that only those early moments can nurture.

A small scrape, a feverish and excruciatingly long night of the flu, a young broken heart or unkind word, a lost pet ... all become moments when adults, and especially mothers, shine and change these hard moments into cherished memories that have transformed us all. Wounds are transformed into hugs and kisses; the flu becomes the memory of someone by your side all night long; hurt feelings become an eye-opening talk about what makes you special and loved and strong; a lost pet becomes a neighborhood search for Mr. Bojangles.

Washington Irving said it best: "A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts."

Indeed, motherhood is a state of unselfishness, when the mother is no longer the center of the universe. They have voluntarily relinquished that place and put their child there. From our earliest moments they are our fiercest protectors. William Makepeace Thackeray, the 19th century English novelist said: "Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children." From our earliest memories they are our greatest healers. The fact they are able to take the difficult small calamities in a child's life and transform them is a super power. It is a super power that they use most effectively on the daily details of life.

We all have that memory from childhood. The retelling of the story goes something like this: "I remember I was horsing around and then all of sudden I was in pain because (insert your favorite memory here)" he related to us, smiling sweetly, "and then my mother was just there, like out of nowhere, and her being there made me feel better."

Mother's Day is an opportunity to show gratitude for those incredible people who transcend painful moments, who arrive almost magically to perform a kind of alchemy that is hard to explain but results in a smile at the retelling of a painful tale. It is not the only opportunity, but it is good, in our busy daily lives, that we take at least this day to express so that gratitude.

So yes, do go buy flowers – they smell nice and brighten any home. Do something nice for the mothers in your life. If they are no longer here share their memory and a story about how they made you feel better. How they took a dark moment and brightened it or how, just by smiling at you, holding you, protecting you their super powers made you feel safe and loved.

Editorial Page



OP ED

Trying to Erode Local Control Again

Dear Editor,

Four years ago, CT169Strong was founded by Connecticut citizens to defend local control of our towns and cities to make decisions for themselves in the face of paid advocacy groups pushing aggressively for more state control of zoning. Our non-partisan all-volunteer organization is a dedicated advocate for local control, sustainable growth, and affordability in Connecticut's communities. We believe in empowering residents and local leaders to shape policies that reflect the unique needs (environmental, water, sewer infrastructure constraints, economical and more) of our 169 municipalities. We also believe in the principle that the government that governs closest to the people best is fundamental to our democracy. Our organization plays a vital role in informing residents about proposed legislation and facilitating discussions with experts to ensure sound public policy. We have helped to defeat major anti-local control proposals since 2021, but those proposals keep coming back every year.

One such bill this year, HB5390, recently passed in the House narrowly and awaits action in the Senate. This bill, proposed by developer-backed DesegregateCT, aims to push

highly permissive zoning in transit areas by conditioning priority for billions in state funding on adopting that type of zoning.

HB5390 establishes Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) in the state that must allow development up to 9 units "as of right" around bus or train stations in that area and any development 10 units or more so long as they have 30% affordable units included. While towns and cities have to adopt that type of zoning, the bill threatens local control by threatening future grant funding and community development money for towns and cities. HB5390's solely prioritizes state grants for municipalities that opt into TOCs.

These grants, including the \$2.34 billion Urban Action Bonds and the \$300 Million STEAP Grants, would be allocated to TOC municipalities, potentially leaving others without essential funding for community projects. State funds are limited. This prioritization unfairly disadvantages municipalities that choose not to participate or lack access to transit infrastructure.

Furthermore, the bill mandates the creation of transit districts of unspecified size, overseen by an unelected state bureaucrat or their contractor. This centralization of zoning

decisions removes local input and accountability, placing too much power in the hands of state officials who may not fully understand the needs of individual communities. Opting into TOCs also comes with burdensome mandates for municipalities, including allowing up to 9 units of middle housing without affordable housing requirements. Even larger projects are only required to include affordable units after reaching a certain threshold, undermining local policies on affordable housing.

Additionally, the bill imposes top-down zoning guidelines from the state, further eroding local autonomy and flexibility in land use decisions. While there have been verbal assurances that existing Transit-Oriented Developments (TODs) would be grandfathered in and exempted from certain mandates, these promises are not reflected in the bill's language itself. This inconsistency raises concerns about favoritism and unequal treatment among municipalities, further exacerbating the divide between those that opt into TOCs and those that do not.

The loss of local decision-making authority under HB5390 is particularly troubling as it undermines efforts to manage growth, infrastructure, and

environmental concerns at the community level. By pushing one-size-fits-all zoning policies, the bill disregards the unique characteristics and needs of each municipality, potentially leading to irreversible consequences for local residents and ecosystems. Transit areas already face challenges with dense development, and HB5390 fails to provide adequate safeguards for municipalities to plan and manage growth responsibly. Without the ability to address infrastructure limitations or environmental considerations, communities risk long-term harm to their quality of life and ecological sustainability.

CT169 Strong opposes HB5390 due to its erosion of local control and failure to create affordability or sustainable growth. We urge the Senate to carefully consider the implications of this bill and vote against its passage—and invite citizens to contact their senators to that end. It is essential to prioritize policies that empower communities, respect local decision-making, and promote equitable development for all residents of Connecticut.

*Sincerely, Alexis Harrison and
Maria Weingarten
Harrison & Weingarten are
founding members of CT169Strong*

*Editors note: This was submitted
prior to the end of session.*

LETTER

A Simple Classroom Lesson in Representation

To the Editor:

Alright, class, today we're going to talk about something important that's happened recently in our town of Greenwich. It involves decisions made by people who were chosen to represent us—our state Representatives Arzeno, Khanna, and Meskers—and how their decisions impact our community.

These three representatives made a promise during their campaigns—that they would support local control over zoning. Zoning, in simple terms, is how areas in our town are divided and used, like which areas are for houses, which are for businesses, and so forth. Local control means that these decisions are supposed to be made by our town, not by someone from outside.

However, something different happened after they were elected. They agreed to support a new law called HB5390, proposed by a group called Desegregate CT. This law aims to change how certain areas near

train and bus stations are developed. Under this new law, developers—people who build houses and apartments—can now build more units in these areas, up to 9 units in a building by default. And if the building has more than 10 units, it must include some affordable homes, which are meant to help people with less money afford a place to live.

The tricky part? If our town doesn't agree to these new rules, it might lose a lot of money from the state that could go towards other important things. This kind of situation is tough because it feels like we're being forced to agree, or else we lose out.

So why is this a big deal? Well, changing how areas are zoned can really change the feel of a neighborhood. Places like Cos Cob, Belle Haven, Riverside, and Old Greenwich could see a lot more large apartment buildings. This might not fit with how people in these areas want their community

to look and feel.

When our representatives chose to support this bill, many people felt betrayed because they expected them to stand up for local control, as they promised during their campaigns. Now, there's a lot of discussion about whether these representatives should be re-elected.

This situation is a great example of why it's important to be informed and involved in our community decisions. It shows how the actions of a few can affect many and highlights the value of holding our elected officials accountable for the promises they make.

So, what do you all think? How important do you think it is for our local representatives to keep their promises? What do you think you would do in a situation like this? Let's discuss.

Steve Warzoha

LETTER

Meskers, Khanna, Arzeno Break Trust on Local Control

To the Editor:

Greenwich Democrat state Reps. Arzeno, Khanna, and Meskers promised over and over to support local control of zoning in their campaigns so they could get elected. However, they just voted with Democrat Hartford legislators in a party line vote to betray our town by taking away more of our local control by supporting passage of HB5390, Desegregate CT's Transit Oriented Development bill.

The legislation pushes towns and cities to adopt "as of right" development near train and bus stations up to 9 units per building and any development 10 units or above and has 30% affordable units—and without customary environmental reviews. If a town does not agree to such an aggressive zoning plan, they lose priority for billions of state funding. It's an "offer towns can't refuse" so developers can get everything they want.

The funding tied to this aggressive zoning includes billions of dollars that are

expended under "Urban Act" funds and "STEAP" Grants, which are major funding buckets that now will be prioritized to the towns with pro-developer zoning. Money in the state is limited which could turn off funding for Greenwich if our town doesn't comply with the major pro-developer zoning.

On the other hand, Greenwich and other towns could try to keep the money by making major zoning changes. By allowing large apartment developments in "transit" areas. This could turn single family neighborhoods like Cos Cob, Belle Haven, Riverside, Old Greenwich into developer dreams with mid-sized and large apartment complexes where there are currently single-family homes and remake historic Greenwich neighborhoods.

Reps. Arzeno, Khanna, and Meskers promised again and again and again on the campaign trail over the years that they support "local control." It turns out that was just lip service. When the Democrat bosses

in the legislature pressured them, they buckled and voted for an anti-local control bill—the biggest one to pass the House in the last six years since Greenwich sent Meskers to Hartford.

They have misled the public about why they voted for the bill. CT 169 Strong, the preeminent nonpartisan nonprofit organization in the state focused on defending local control of town's decision making, adamantly opposed the bill and the Council on Small Towns opposed the bill. The bill explicitly bribes towns with billions of dollars into radically changing their zoning in a giveaway to developers. It could turn Cos Cob, Riverside, and Old Greenwich totally on their heads.

Greenwich Democrats Arzeno, Khanna, and Meskers broke their biggest promise violating their trust with voters. Voters should vote them out of office in November.

Jerry Cincotta

COLUMN

As Democrats Betray Greenwich, Fazio Comes to the



By EDWARD D. DADAKIS

Can you believe it? In a surprising twist of fate for Greenwich, our own state Representatives Arzeno, Khanna, and Meskers, all Democrats, sided with broader state policies that diverged starkly from their campaign assurances on local zoning control. They voted in favor of HB5390, the Transit Oriented Development bill, spearheaded by Desegregate CT, which aimed to diminish our town's authority over zoning decisions near transit hubs betraying the very town that they represent.

However, the story took a remarkable turn when our State Senator, Republican Ryan Fazio, stepped in and successfully thwarted the bill's ultimate passage

by effectively killing it in the Senate. Thank God for Ryan Fazio, whose decisive action safeguarded our local control and upheld the values Greenwich residents hold dear.

This proposed legislation would have allowed developments of up to 9 units by default and mandated that larger developments include affordable housing, all bypassing usual environmental checks. Such changes would override local governance, effectively dictating the developmental future of our town without our input. Its impact on Riverside and Old Greenwich would be especially harsh.

This isn't just a minor policy shuffle; it represented a significant betrayal of trust. Representatives Arzeno, Khanna, and Meskers consistently campaigned on platforms of local autonomy, pledging to protect our right to dictate our community's development. Yet, under pressure from their party leaders, they abandoned these commitments.

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However, thanks to Senator Fazio's intervention and leadership, Greenwich's unique character and local decision-making power remain intact. His actions remind us of the importance of vigilant and responsive representation in government, capable of defending our community's interests against overarching state mandates.

Our representatives played their hand, showing a readiness to substitute local preference for state imposition, and a willingness to forsake environmental considerations for unchecked development permissions. As voters and residents, our response must be clear and resolute. We must hold these elected officials accountable for

their actions, remembering who truly stands for Greenwich's interests. Let there be no misunderstanding---Meskers, Arzeno and Khana will not protect Greenwich.

As the next election approaches, let's reflect on the dedication of those who genuinely advocate for us, and consider the impact of each vote on the future of our community. It's a crucial time to critically assess who has Greenwich's best interests at heart and to act accordingly at the polls.

Thank you Senator Ryan Fazio.

Edward Dadakis has been involved in local Greenwich government for more than 40 years.

COLUMN

The Price of Healing: Investing in Mental Health



By PETER J. TESEI

May is considered Mental Health Awareness Month. There will be a lot of messages about being kind to yourself, empathy, taking deep breaths and setting healthy boundaries - all of which are very important and require deserved attention for the mental state of all people.

One area that is critical to talk about is costs. The cost of quality care for low-income individuals with severe mental illness is at an all-time high.

Greenwich United Way Stats:

Pathway's clients all fall under ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed). According to Greenwich United Way, the current annual survival budget for an individual in this region is a little more than \$39,000. The ALICE Essentials Index, which measures change over time in the cost of household essentials, projects an 18.2% increase statewide in basic costs from 2021 to 2023 (before taxes). For households in the Greenwich United Way region (which is only Greenwich zip codes), depending on available tax credits, this could be as high as \$46,400 for a single individual.

"When prices increase faster than wages and other sources of income, as we have seen in the last two years, purchasing power decreases and households struggle to make ends meet. This is especially challenging for ALICE households." - Greenwich United Way

For Pathways clients, this annual survival budget does not include the time and costs for the extensive amount of medical attention and clinical care.

A Critical Need for Better Care:

Change is inevitable. Pathway's original founder Renee Bigler, along with her trusted friends, created a much-needed organization in a time where the institutionalized were needing to find new homes. As Pathway's has evolved, so have the clients and types of clients. Those who have been with Pathways are aging and need more specialized medical care. At the same time, new clients are of a younger generation; therefore, the type of care is different. There is more knowledge on how to provide quality care. There are more specialties and professionals who can provide more individualized attention. There are more solutions for different cases being tried, studied, and proven. The solutions are out there, but the costs for access and resources are high.

Costs to Maintain the Status Quo:

At Pathways, funding from the State and Federal government covers a little over 60 percent of our operating costs. This means that for us to continue the current trajectory, make no improvements and just cover the basic bare minimum of operational and maintenance costs, 40 percent must come from grants and private funding.

We need your help. During this Mental Health Awareness Month, we are asking you to consider supporting Pathways so we can keep providing housing and services for this vulnerable group of deserving individuals.

We are nearing 40 percent of the necessary funding, but we are not there yet. As we are getting close to the end of our Fiscal Year (ending June 30, 2024), our goal is to raise \$250,000, which would get us to that 40 percent.

By donating to Pathways, you are investing in the mental well-being of vulnerable and deserving individuals in our community.

Peter J. Tesei is the Executive Director of

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Pathways Inc. and previously served as Greenwich First Selectman for 12 years (2007-2019). His public service spans 32 years as a former Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation and RTM District 9 Chairman. He presently volunteers his time as Chairman of the Board of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra and served on several non-for-profit Boards.

Greatest Needs:

Food Costs - \$4500 - Covers one month supply of food

Personnel Costs - \$52,000 - Covers one client for one year with social worker and residential clinical care

Medical Care for those without supportive loved ones and our aging population with limited resources who have a substantial need for better clinical care

Board Members with the following specialties:

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- Strategic Planning

- Human Resources

Visit WWW.PWAYS.ORG/DONATE to learn how you can donate to Pathways.

Join us for a May activity for Mental Health Awareness:

May 8 was our Gala Committee Kick-Off Party but there is still time to come on board.

Want to be a part of our Gala Committee? We are always looking for volunteers who can give their time and resources to help make our biggest fundraising event a success. This year's event will be held on October 5, 2024. For more information on helping with this event, email Rachel Hanley at rhanley@pways.org.

May 9 - Just in time for Mother's Day! Shop at J.McLaughlin's Greenwich Store, 55 East Putnam. Men and women buy for yourself or for Mother's Day and 15% of all sales will directly go to Pathways.

May 19 - Stomp the Stigma, Bruce Park - Wood Road

Brunswick High School volunteers have partnered with Pathways for a walk to help break the stigma of mental illness. Join us for a family-friendly walk in the park.

May 30 - Member Appreciation Party + Open House

To show our clients how much we appreciate them, we are hosting a celebratory party with food and fun at our Day Program. All clients, staff, volunteers and members of the community are welcome!

For more details on our events, go to WWW.PWAYS.ORG.

To learn more about the regional ALICE stats, go to WWW.GREENWICHUNITEDWAY.ORG.

COLUMN

Theater Arts Programming Brings So Much Joy



By JULIE FARYNIARZ

Greenwich Alliance for Education has been giving out Reaching Out Grant money since before I started as the Executive Director in 2009. Grants are innovative, educational, inspiring for educators, and make learning accessible for all students. They total nearly \$2M in investment. Examples are AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), Unbound Innovations XR, eSports, Dare 2 Care (SEL), Sensory Rooms, Developing Artist, Makerspaces, Innovation Lab, and Theater. The Reaching Out Grants Committee is working right now to evaluate recent submissions from the schools to make a recommendation for 2024-2025 projects to the Board of Directors at the end of month.

We currently have two Theater Arts grant programs at New Lebanon and Julian Curtiss Elementary Schools. When I watch the students sing and dance in the musical productions or belt out a memorized one minute monologue from a famous speech in the Declamation Contest, my heart fills up with joy. I think this New Lebanon 4th grader sums it up, "At first I was very nervous to speak loudly in front of people. But speaking in front of people wasn't too scary. So at the end, when I did it, I wasn't nervous. I was confident and brave."

The idea for an inclusive and comprehensive Theater Arts grant program came to us in 2021 from Carol Pugliano-Martin, a 2023 Distinguished Teacher at New Lebanon School. Equipped with a Masters degree from NYU in Educational Theater and five years of experience directing the school musical, she observed students who had difficulties academically shine in a musical production. Students even told her that

theater changed their lives.

Fast forward to 2024 and Theater Arts is now part of the culture at New Lebanon with fifteen teachers directing the many aspects of the theater offerings and student participation at an all time high. There are theater opportunities for all 317 students including field trips to live performances at the Ridgefield Playhouse, in-school theater residences/productions through TheaterWorks USA, after-school Theater Clubs, Declamation Contests, a 5th grade musical production - this year it was Willy Wonka Kids - and much more. Parents delight in watching their children perform and beam with pride and encouragement.

In 2022, New Lebanon School was named a Connecticut State School of Distinction in the area of high growth with high needs populations in English Language Arts. The theater program contributes to the growth in student's background knowledge, speaking and listening skills, and confidence building. In addition, it increases access for low/moderate income students to enrichment programs linked to closing the opportunity gap and addresses Greenwich Public School Strategic Goals #1, Mastery of Reading, and #5, Increase Student Sense of Belonging.

Julian Curtiss, adopting the New Lebanon model, had many enthusiastic participants this first year. Grant champions Sandra Grandinetti, Ariel Wilshaw and John Ehlinger are eagerly awaiting news about Reaching Out Grant funding for the coming school year.

Greenwich Alliance for Education believes in expanding opportunities for students by investing in arts programming, whether it be through Reaching Out Grants or Tuning In To Music. Tuning In To Music launched in 2006 and more than 450 students have received 16,000 hours of free musical instruction. Research shows that "students who had increased arts education experiences saw

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New Lebanon Theater Club pose together before the Planet Play

improvements in writing achievement, emotional and cognitive empathy, school engagement and higher education aspirations, while they had a lower incidence of disciplinary infractions" (Brownell, New York Times, May 2, 2023).

For me, as the Executive Director of the Greenwich Alliance, I see the arts programs as a way to celebrate students, encourage them to grow beyond what they thought they were capable of doing, a chance to explore

and potentially develop a new passion, and most of all to have a lot of fun.

Interested in supporting the arts? www.greenwichalliance.org

Julie Faryniarz is the Executive Director of the Greenwich Alliance for Education since 2009

She is a YWCA Women Who Inspires Honoree, a PTAC Excellence Award recipient and mother of three children who graduated from the Greenwich Public Schools

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FROM TOWN HALL

Dr. Greg Kramer, Greenwich's Tree Warden, is arranging a public hearing to discuss the removal of 188 town trees at Central Middle School for a new building project, which will not require relocating the students. Some of the trees, particularly around a large rock formation near the school's entrance, may have historical significance. The virtual hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, via Zoom, aiming to comply with Connecticut statutes and welcomes objections from individuals and organizations.

Greenwich Library, led by First Selectman Fred Camillo, is conducting a survey to collect community feedback on its services. The survey, available online until May 21 and in paper format at select branches, welcomes input from individuals aged 12 and above in multiple languages. Participants are eligible to win one of three \$50 gift cards for The Café at Greenwich Library, with Camillo emphasizing the survey's significance in shaping the library's strategic direction for the next three years. The survey is available at <https://www.greenwichlibrary.org/>

With the approach of summer, the issue of how to dispose of damaged or worn-out American flags arises. To dispose of flags properly, there is a disposal container located at Town Hall where residents can drop off old flags during business hours, ensuring proper disposal while honoring the flag's significance.

As of April 8, 2024, Town of Greenwich OnePass holders with a Tennis/Pickleball Pass can reserve court time on all public park and school courts in Greenwich, allowing for one hour of court time per day up to five days in advance. Senior residents must now purchase a \$25 Senior Tennis/Pickleball Pass to

access courts during the "in play" season, which can be obtained online through www.greenwichct.gov/webtrac. Additionally, online registration is ongoing for Tennis Clinics at Bruce Park, though certain sections are already full, and registration for Summer Pickleball group play for adults is open with reminders to select appropriate skill levels and display proper etiquette while playing.

The Recreation Division's weather cancellation hotline number is 203-861-6100. It's the best way to know about cancellations or changes to outdoor activities before they're posted on the Recreation Sports Website.

AROUND TOWN

Representatives Arzeno, Meskers, and Khanna have secured \$750,000 for local organizations and programs through the budget stabilization bill, with a focus on initiatives like elevator repairs at the Greenwich Library and roof replacement at Parsonage Cottage.

Residents have the chance to donate eclipse glasses for future use through Fred DeCaro III and Mary Hegarty, Registrars of Voters, who are working with Astronomers Without Borders to collect and distribute them to regions where eclipses will occur. Glasses can be dropped off at the Registrars' office in Town Hall until May 13. This initiative offers a straightforward way for people to contribute to extending the opportunity to view eclipses safely to others around the world.

Aquarion Water Company has been conducting nighttime construction on Greenwich Avenue since February to replace 2,000 feet of water mains, aiming for completion by early summer. Justin Xenelis, manager of utility programs at Aquarion, provided details on the project's final stages during a recent Board of Selectmen meeting, noting a late June to early July completion timeframe and addressing

potential disruptions to mid-July sidewalk sales. The Selectmen approved extending the project into summer and also endorsed intermittent road closures for Eversource.

Residents of Greenwich need a OnePass card to access local facilities like beaches and parks until October. First Selectman Fred Camillo advises residents to confirm their residency status early since processing the card can take up to five days. Alternatively, visitors can purchase a single-entry ticket for \$10, with an additional \$40 for parking. Note that the operating hours vary by facility. Lifeguards will be present for safety, and dogs are only permitted at Greenwich Point Park between December and March.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Stamp Out Hunger, organized by Neighbor to Neighbor, is asking people to leave non-perishable food items by their mailbox on tomorrow, Saturday, May 11, to be collected and delivered by letter carriers. Needed items include canned proteins, staples like pasta and cereal, and household items like surface wipes and soaps. Donors should check for expiration dates, as Neighbor to Neighbor serves over 575 households weekly and relies on these donations to meet increased summer demand; for those unable to participate in person, there's a Virtual Food Drive option.

A Memorial Day ceremony will take place at Binney Park on May 27, organized by the Sound Beach Volunteer Fire Department. Lieutenant Kristina Oberst, currently stationed in Norfolk, VA, will speak at the event. The community will gather to honor the sacrifices of those who served their nation.

Christ Church is preparing a time capsule for its 275th anniversary, led by Jane Snowdon, a vestry member. The capsule will include various items representing life in 2024,

such as a Taylor Swift DVD chosen by the youth group, letters, newspapers, and religious texts. Dominic Casserley, the church's Senior Warden, views the capsule as a means to commemorate the past and offer insight into the future when it's opened in 2049.


The Greenwich Farmers Market opens on May 18th at 9:30 am in the Horseneck commuter parking lot. It operates on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, offering durable shopping bags and authentic farm products. The 2024 vendor lineup includes many local businesses and farms, and will run until November 23rd.

Nathaniel Witherell held a luncheon during National Volunteers Week to honor its volunteers, with about 60 attendees including Shakri Abdusalamova, the youngest volunteer. Executive Director John Mastronardi stressed the volunteers' impact, quoting Winston Churchill and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Volunteers engage in a range of activities, from recreation to Bingo.

The Flynn Gallery is presenting a new exhibition, "Mapping the Invisible," which explores the intersection of art, mathematics, and science, featuring Laura Battle, Jaq Belcher, and Amy Myers, with an artist talk on June 1 at 2 pm.

Abilis held its Spring for Abilis Gala at the Greenwich Country Club, raising \$680,000 for new programs. The partnership with the club provides employment opportunities for Abilis community members. Co-chaired by Afton Fraser, Gena Mann, and Hillary Sollinger, the event featured entertainment including performances by ETA Music, Billy Blanks Jr., and The Dance Pointe, with a rendition of "Hallelujah" by Billy Mann and his daughter Lulu.

The Greenwich Girl Scouts and the League of Women Voters Greenwich joined forces to educate young residents about



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government, culminating in the Women in Government event at Greenwich Town Hall. With 10 activity stations and the participation of 19 dignitaries alongside 100 Girl Scouts, the event aimed to foster civic awareness and engagement. Participants received stamps on event passports, engaged in various activities including crafting and learning sessions, and earned Democracy badges, embodying the event's mission of education and empowerment in Greenwich's community spirit.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Joyce Ballou Kelly and her twin sister, Joan Ballou Mathes, celebrated their 90th birthday at First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich with about 70 guests. The sisters moved to Greenwich in the 1960s, attended the Yale School of Music, and pursued careers as professional performers and music teachers.

Gavin Haroche established Whiz Kids at 17, driven by his experiences helping his grandfather with technology and participating in a senior engagement program. Whiz Kids provides personalized tech support to seniors, starting at Parsonage Cottage Senior Residence and expanding to Atria Rye Brook, using methods like sticky notes to aid learning. Haroche aims for Whiz Kids to extend its impact statewide, emphasizing both technical assistance and the value of companionship for seniors.

SCHOOLS

James Antonucci, previously of West Hartford Public Schools, will assume the role of PreK-12 arts program coordinator for Greenwich Public Schools starting July 1. He will oversee visual and performing arts programs in 15 schools, reporting to Marc D'Amico, the Chief Officer of K-12 Curriculum and Leadership. Antonucci's appointment reflects Greenwich's dedication to recruiting top educators and leaders, supported by his background in education and music, with plans to enhance student-centered arts education and community engagement.

State Senator Ryan Fazio and State Representatives Meskers, Arzeno, and Khanna secured a State grant for Central Middle School's construction following temporary closures due to structural issues and recent seismic activity. Their efforts resulted in a 20% reimbursement rate. Groundbreaking is scheduled for December 2024, with the new school slated to open in August 2026.

The NMSC announced the recipients of \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships, including six students from Greenwich, chosen from over 15,000 finalists based on academic achievements and recommendations. Over 6,870 finalists earned the "Merit Scholar" title, collectively

receiving almost \$26 million in scholarships, which can be used at any accredited U.S. college or university. Among the recipients are students with interests ranging from physics and economics to biotechnology, computer science, and electrical engineering.

The fourth annual Greenwich middle school STEM fair returns this month with over 70 students presenting their scientific projects. Zara Haque, a junior at Greenwich High School, is helping organize the event alongside the First Selectman's Youth Commission. The fair aims to spark interest in STEM among middle schoolers and will feature student presentations on posters, with awards given for categories like "Best in Fair" and "Most Creative Display" on May 18 at the Greenwich Water Club.

SPORTS

Senior athletes from Greenwich Academy are preparing to transition to collegiate sports. Anaya Brown will join Lafayette College's track and field team, Caroline Busler will play field hockey at Amherst College, Maryan Guzman will swim for Babson College, Maddy Lee will run for Washington University in St. Louis, Grace Martucci will play lacrosse at Hamilton College, Ella Miller will join Amherst College's squash team, and Lola Tirabassi will play soccer at Denison University.

The Brunswick School lacrosse team continued their dominant streak with a 16-8 victory over Westminster School, extending their undefeated season to 13-0. Senior captain Hudson Hausmann led the charge with four goals, supported by strong performances from his teammates, as they celebrated Senior Day with a convincing win and maintained their top ranking in the USA Lacrosse High School Boys National Top 25 poll.

Greenwich High School boys lacrosse team lost to Ridgefield 10-6, following a 6-1 lead by Ridgefield. Despite the loss, Greenwich improved their record to 7-6 with a 16-5 victory against Fordham Prep on May 4, heading into Tuesday's Senior Night game versus Norwalk.

Greenwich High School's baseball team has undergone an impressive turnaround, winning seven of its last eight games after starting the season 2-5, now standing at 9-6 overall and tied for first place in the conference standings, with their latest victory being a 6-2 win over Darien on Senior Day, where freshman Luke Langhorne's stellar pitching performance and contributions from senior leaders propelled them to success.

Greenwich High School's boys tennis team secured two more victories this week against Ridgefield and Stamford, maintaining their perfect season with an 11-0 record, highlighted by Manuel Galli Specos and Matthew Hunt's singles wins and strong performances in doubles. Conversely, the boys volleyball team faced defeats against New Canaan and Westhill, with James Kovac leading in statistics despite the losses.

Brunswick School's crew team successfully defended the Kulaga Cup by winning all of its races against Fairfield Prep, with each of its three varsity boats triumphing by open water. The races took place on Cedar Creek in Bridgeport, Conn., with Brunswick showcasing strong performances despite racing against an incoming tide, setting the stage for their upcoming competition at the Kent Invitational on May 11.

The Greenwich High School softball team has shown significant improvement this season, evident in their recent 3-2 extra inning win against Danbury High School, marking their fifth victory and surpassing their win total from the previous year. Coach Alexyss Conley attributes their success to improvements in both defense and offense, with players like Cameron Clark delivering clutch hits and pitcher Sophia Blois showcasing strong performances on the mound.

The Greenwich High School girls water polo team wrapped up another undefeated season with an 18-11 victory over Greenwich Aquatics, marking their fourth consecutive undefeated spring campaign with a record of 17-0. Led by senior captains Olivia and Ashley Hopper, the team's strong bond and balanced scoring effort propelled them to success, concluding a memorable season highlighted by victories over competitive teams and bonding experiences both on and off the field.

The Greenwich High School girls golf team had a memorable 2023 season, winning the CIAC Division I Championship with a perfect 12-0 record and secured their first state championship since 2016. In 2024, they continue their success, currently standing at 5-1, displaying strong teamwork and individual performances, aiming for another successful season under new coach Brian Dayton.

ACROSS CT

Eversource announced it will stop \$100 million per year in investment spending in Connecticut for five years due to regulatory issues with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). The \$500 million cut will impact system reliability, electric vehicle infrastructure, and smart-meter installation. CEO Joe Nolan stated that investment will not resume until Connecticut provides a clear cost recovery path, emphasizing that this regulatory dispute affects the state's infrastructure and reputation.

OUR NEIGHBORS

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York hosted the 2024 Met Gala on Monday. Connecticut resident and fashion designer Christian Siriano, owner of The Collective West boutique in Westport, designed a black French orchid lace gown for Tony Award winner Alex Newell, in line with the event's theme, "The Garden of Time." The event featured numerous celebrities, including Connecticut-affiliated attendees such as Tommy Hilfiger, Lauren Santo Domingo, Chloë Sevigny, and

Yale alumni Jeremy Strong.

The Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater in Bridgeport will kick off its fourth summer concert season on May 18 with Neil Young and Crazy Horse. This season will feature over 40 events, including performances by Lainey Wilson, Kings of Leon, James Taylor, Billy Strings, and Creed. New additions for 2024 include various food options, a 65-foot video board, sound insulation panels, entrance lights, four new suites, and enhanced security.

GREENWICH POLICE ARREST FIVE FOR CAR THEFTS

Wednesday morning was an active one for Greenwich Police. At approximately 3:30 a.m., the Greenwich Police Department was notified of a vehicle theft that had just occurred on Scott Rd in the backcountry area of Greenwich. GPD The observed direction of the vehicle, a 2018 BMW X1, was towards the area of North Street and the Merritt Parkway.

GPD Officers arrived in the area and observed the BMW traveling south on North Street behind a stolen Honda Civic and in front of a stolen Jeep Cherokee. Upon seeing the patrol vehicles, all three vehicles fled south on North Street and attempted to elude officers by turning down a dead-end street. The vehicles all turned around and attempted to exit back onto North Street. Tire deflation devices were deployed as the BMW and Honda exited the dead-end road and turned right (northbound) onto North Street. Both vehicles came to a controlled stop approximately one mile north of the deployment location.

All occupants fled out of the vehicles and fled on foot. The third vehicle (Jeep Cherokee) exited the dead-end road and turned right (south) onto North Street. At an unknown location, and for an unknown reason, the Jeep received disabling damage to the rear axle and right rear tire, causing the vehicle to be abandoned on Clapboard Ridge Road. The occupant(s) also fled from that vehicle.

A perimeter was established around both scenes, and K-9 units were requested from Stamford, Norwalk, and Westport. A search of both scenes by police K-9s yielded negative results. The GPD Drone Unit arrived on the scene and located the four subjects hiding in the woods on South Stanwich Road. All four subjects (3juvenile males and 1 adult male) were taken into custody without incident.

During a search of the Clapboard Ridge scene, patrol observed a male dressed in all black running in the woods in the area of Taconic Road and North Street. That male was stopped in the area of 460 North Street and determined to be the operator of the stolen Jeep Cherokee. He was also taken into custody without incident.

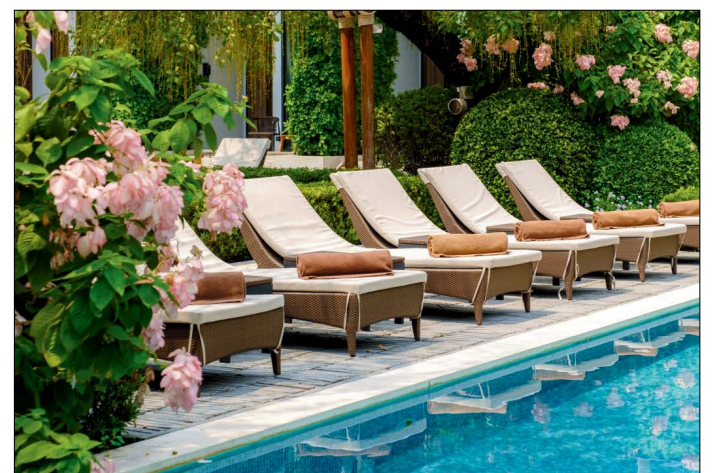
In total, four juvenile males (three from Danbury and one from Brookfield, CT) and one adult male.

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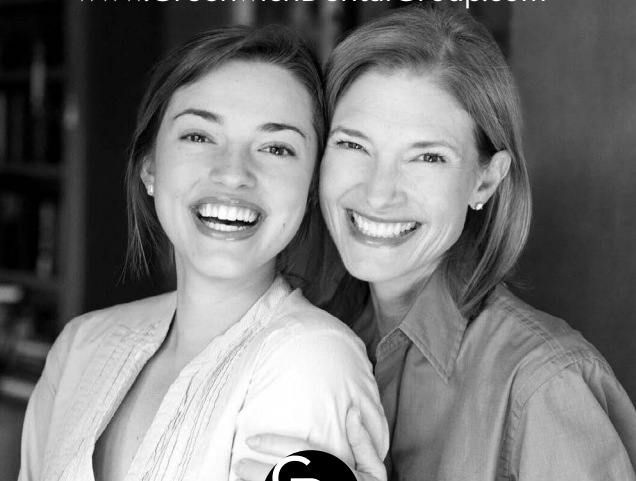
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COLUMN

Embracing Yom Haatzmaut with Love & Respect



By MITCHELL M. HURVITZ

On May 14, 1948, the modern Jewish State of Israel was re-born with the proclamation of Israel's independence by David Ben-Gurion. Since then, we have annually celebrated Yom Haatzmaut, Israeli Independence Day. While it is a joyous celebration, we know that the path to independence came with many challenges. Despite diplomatic recognition from key nations like the United States and the Soviet Union, opposition from Arab League countries, vehemently against Israel's existence, sparked the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. This conflict, stemming from years of tension among Jewish settlers, Palestinian Arabs, and British authorities, quickly escalated into a full-blown war, and for too many, this Arab rejection of Israel's right to exist is still the war waged against Israel.

Hamas' October 7 terrorist attack against Israel resulted in the slaughtering of approximately 1,200 men, women, children, and infants - the largest and most brutal massacre of Jews since the Holocaust. Hamas terrorists intentionally recorded their murder, rape, and torture of civilians, including around 200 foreign nationals, and took at least 240 hostages back with them to Gaza.

Following Hamas' physical attack, they implemented their "disinformation" campaign. Hamas intended to force Israel to counter-attack against their enemy, who had embedded themselves within a network of tunnels beneath the homes, schools, and hospitals in Gaza. Hamas planned to utilize Palestinian civilians as human shields to weaponize the resulting civilian casualties.

Israel had two options:

do nothing in response to the kidnapping and murder or attack Hamas in Gaza. Option one is not what any other country would choose, and neither did Israel. One might criticize specific Israeli policies and actions during its war with Hamas. Still, this criticism should be within the context of equal evaluation of any other country's actions when fighting an urban war with an enemy, maximizing the use of civilian shields. Additionally, one can evaluate Hamas' rhetoric and policies by which they overtly declare their intentions to destroy the Jewish State of Israel and kill Jews and Israelis around the world.

The founding charter of Hamas utilized the language of the antisemitic "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." Elie Wiesel Z'L sagely noted that "if ever a piece of writing could produce mass hatred, it is this one... This book is about lies and slander." The Protocols is entirely a work of fiction, intentionally written to blame Jews for a variety of ills, and those who distribute it claim that it documents a Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world. Hamas, in its original charter, kept the original lie that Jews wish to control the world, and in 2017, updated their charter by replacing "Zionist" with "Jew." Regular usage of antisemitic tropes by pro-Palestinian/pro-Hamas protestors is a norm, and the failure of many universities recently was their indulgence of hate speech directed against Jews, something that University leadership would quickly stop if directed against other minorities.

Hamas officials make clear their commitment to destroy Israel and kill Jews and Israelis around the world, and the statement from "The River to the Sea" is a call for the elimination of Israel:

- Palestine must stretch from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea.
- Israel is a country that has no place on our Land because it constitutes a security, military, and political catastrophe to the

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Arab and Islamic Nation.

Statements by Hamas officials also make clear the terrorist organization's disregard for the loss of civilian life not only in Israel but also in Gaza. Their senior leader, Khaled Mashal, stated on October 19, 2023: "No nation is liberated without sacrifices... In all wars, there are some civilian victims. We are not responsible for them." Hamas senior leader Ismail Haniyeh noted on October 26, 2023: "The blood of the women, children and elderly... we are the ones who need this blood, so it awakens within us the revolutionary spirit."

The Hamas Charter is built upon the foundation of the pre-1948 Arab rejection of Jewish and Palestinian partition as approved by the United Nations. The preamble to Hamas' founding charter contains the words of the founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, Hassan al-Banna: "Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it." The Hamas Charter precisely dates Hamas' ideological roots to well before the establishment of Israel and sees itself as part of a "chain of the struggle" against not only the State of Israel but also Jews, utilizing the term "Zionists" as a synonym.

Hamas perceives the territory of Israel as exclusive to all the world's Muslims and believes every Muslim should reverse Israel's existence. Hamas Charter, Article 7: "The hour of judgment shall not come until the Muslims fight the Jews and kill them. Hamas Charter, Article 13: "There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad."

While Biblical Zionism started thousands of years ago, modern political Zionism can trace its roots to the late 1800s, a time of many pogroms. Jewish lack of self-autonomy made them defenseless,

and the modern Zionists' concern for Jewish vulnerability, unfortunately, came to a horrible result by which half of European Jewry, a third of global Jewry, was exterminated by the Nazis.

Israel's official establishment on May 14, 1948, marked a triumph for Jewish self-determination in the face of adversity. Jews would possess the ability to defend themselves. If one wishes to debate how best to create a non-violent "Two-State" solution for Jews and Palestinians by which there can be peaceful and secure borders, then such a debate should be welcome. However, the same rejectionist parties of pre-1948 that waged war against Israel and the Jews are who Hamas and their supporters are as well. Jews and the Jewish State of Israel will not negotiate for their right to exist, and those people who wish to utilize antisemitic tropes, along with their anti-Zionist actions, need to be readily rejected.

This year, we can all embrace Israel's Declaration of Independence with love and respect.

Experts:

- The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here, their spiritual, religious, and political identity was shaped.
- After being forcibly exiled from their Land, the people remained faithful to it throughout their Dispersion, and they never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and the restoration of their political freedom.
- Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland.
- Pioneers made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community controlling its economy and

culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood.

- The catastrophe that recently befell the Jewish people - the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the comity of nations.
- Survivors of the Nazi holocaust in Europe, as well as Jews from other parts of the world, continued to migrate to Eretz-Israel, undaunted by difficulties, restrictions and dangers, and never ceased to assert their right to a life of dignity, freedom and honest toil in their national homeland.
- On November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel; the General Assembly required the inhabitants of Eretz-Israel to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.
- This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.
- The State of Israel will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of

social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

- We appeal in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months - to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.
- We extend our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own Land.
- The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

Israel's Declaration of Independence demonstrates the State of Israel's legitimacy, purpose, and necessity. It further exposes the Big Lie currently being shouted and taught that Israel colonized and stole the Land itself.

Temple Shalom's Senior Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz is a scholar, teacher, community activist and preacher, and is recognized as one of the prominent religious leaders in the Greenwich area and beyond. A frequent guest speaker 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.org

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

BAPTIST

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

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

Greenwich Baptist Church

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St. All are welcome. Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. *Family Mass & May Crowning: Sunday, May 12, 9:30am.*

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

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

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm - Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine's Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine's Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church; 5:15pm - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals - Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub,

Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 & March 14), stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose. New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There's no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes or even Catholic, you just need to be registered. If interested, please contact Parish Partners at (203-637-3661, ext. 375). *St. Catherine's Support Circle: Keys to Success for Job Seekers Over 50: Thursday, May 16, 7pm, Via Zoom, Free, RSVP by May 14. gbmjohnson@gmail.com, stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle.*

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. *Bishop's Lecture Series: Wednesday, May 15, 7pm, Greenwich Catholic School, bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-lecture-series.*

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. *SMWA Wine & Cheese: Thursday, May 16, 5:30pm. Men's Group: Saturday, May 18, 8am.*

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

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

St. Paul Church

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. *'Mary, Woman of the Eucharist' - Morning of Reflection for Women: Saturday, May 18, 9:15am, 815 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY, 914-984-7376, rcnytristate/event/rye-umor-2024-05-18.*

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

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

Sundays: 10:30am. 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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL

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

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 17 (\$20/class). Teddy Bear Story Hour at Coffee for Good: Saturday, May 25, 8am. Tent Weekend: June 7-9.*

EPISCOPAL

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

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

Christ Church Greenwich

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sund, 9am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Complie: 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. *Volunteer for the Spring Treat boxes: Saturday, May 11, 8:30-11:30am. Book Talk with author Patricia Walsh Chadwick: Thursday, May 16, 6:30pm, Dogwood Books & Gifts.*

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

915 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.*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.;
203-637-2447
www.stpauls-riverside.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. *St. Paul's will host ECCT region confirmations with Bishop Ahrens: Saturday, May 11, 10am.*

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

JEWISH

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

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. *Decisions of Fate - The Rohr JLI: 4 Tuesdays, beginning*

May 14, 10:15-11:15am.

Congregation Shir Ami

One W. Putnam Ave;
203-274-5376
www.congregationshiram.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. *Soul Stretch - Counting Omer for Character Where it Counts: Tuesday, May 14, 8-8:30pm, on Zoom.*

Greenwich Reform Synagogue

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Oneg & Shabbat Services with Rabbi Robert Levine: Friday, May 10, 6:30pm.*

Temple Shalom

300 E. Putnam Ave.;
203-869-7191

www.templeholom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Pajama Shabbat: Friday, May 10, 5:30pm. Israeli Folk Dancing: Thursday, May 16, 7pm. STEM Education in Israel - Dinner & Discussion (following Shabbat Services): Friday, May 17, 7:15pm, \$18, Registration required.*

LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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CAROL NURO

Carol Rogers Nuro, 81 years old of Greenwich CT passed peacefully surrounded by her loving family on May 2. Born November 15, 1942 at Greenwich Hospital, Carol was the third of three identical girl triplets born to Marion and John Pace. The Rogers "ABC" Triplets Alice, Barbara and Carol would go on to become little stars of radio, stage and TV often appearing on shows such as "The Ed Sullivan Show", "The Danny Kaye Show", etc. Carol was a lover of music, makeup, dancing and of course her cat, baby. She was a fashionista and the world was her runway. But above all, what she loved the most was her family.

Carol is survived by her son Jeff Nastahowski (partner Amy), son Jack Nastahowski (partner Dawn), son Scott Nastahowski (wife Colleen), her devoted daughter Heidi Mariano (husband Dan), 10 grandchildren Scott Nastahowski (wife Romi), Shane Nastahowski, Taylor Perna (fiancé Sleman), Courtney Passarelli (husband Frankie), McKenzie Perna (partner Colten), Lia Nastahowski, Rina Nastahowski, Ella Nastahowski, Amanda Mariano, Nikki Mariano, great granddaughter on the way, her caregiver (& best friend) Judy MacKenzie, sister Alice Henwood, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carol was predeceased by her sisters Nancy Rogers Salerno & Barbara Rogers.

The celebration of life was held on Wednesday, May 8 at Broad River Church, Norwalk.



THOMAS MCGUIRE

Thomas Martin McGuire, devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend, passed away peacefully at 96 in Greenwich, CT on May 2.

Tom was one in a million. A devout Catholic who lived his faith in ways that made a difference to all who knew him, Tom never met a stranger and was always ready to assist anyone at any time. Tom's warm loving personality and wonderful sense of humor won him endless friendships and deep connections with those whose lives he touched.

Tom was born in New York City to Thomas James and Mary McGuire on August 16, 1927. He was baptized as Thomas James and when confirmed took the name Martin. An only child who lost his father at the age of 12, he was then raised by his widowed mother and her many Irish sisters which may well have prepared him to be the proud father of 7 daughters.

Tom graduated from Regis High School in NYC in 1944, the University of Notre Dame in 1947 with a B.S in Chemistry, and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program in 1975. His first job was with Bristol Myers International where he was assigned to São Paulo, Brazil for two years. Tom joined the Army Chemical Corps and then began his illustrious career in the world of business, where he would make a name for himself as a meticulous and shrewd corporate leader. He was with Union Carbide and Richardson-Vicks, where he headed up the Latin America and Far East divisions and traveled extensively for decades. In later years he would teach at Barry University in Florida and the Harvard MBA program. His career led him to move his family to Rio de Janeiro and Mexico City, providing rich cultural experiences. They finally settled in Greenwich, CT where he was an active member of Saint Mary's parish for 40 years. During that time he was instrumental in the formation and oversight of the Greenwich Catholic School, the expansion of Saint Mary's Church facilities on Greenwich Avenue, and other initiatives related to the church.

Tom met the love of his life, Elvira Marina Alvarez, while both were in a theater group in São Paulo in 1952. Thus began a love story like no other. Tom and LV instilled in their daughters a love of family, travel and adventure, and the arts. Their marriage was a model of love, devotion and commitment, and their daughters were blessed to witness one of the greatest love affairs of all time. As a husband, Tom was a romantic; as a father, he was always available as a mentor and friend and modeled an incomparable work ethic.

Tom adored his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was always keen to spend time with them, engage in conversation and know their interests. He loved and was so proud of each of them, and wanted them to have the moon and stars.

Tom McGuire was endowed with the gift of gab. A lover of a good story and irreverent humor, Tom enjoyed people, their unique differences, their histories and good natured banter with anyone willing to engage. He was proud of his own family history, his Irish roots in County Mayo, his parents' Irish immigrant love story and his large extended family abroad.

He was a diehard fan of the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame and for years traveled with LV to attend as many games as possible. He treasured all things Notre Dame and proudly donned his ND cap when out and about.

He was a crooner who sang "Oh Danny Boy" at family gatherings and left everyone in tears. He sang Irish love songs to his wife and loved her through her continuing battle with Alzheimer's. His devotion and their love was noticed by all.

Tom was predeceased by his parents Thomas James and Mary (Greeley) McGuire and his beloved daughter Andrea McGuire. He is survived by his cherished wife of 70 years Elvira, daughters Marina McGuire-McCabe, Sharon (Hank) Librandi, Deidre Brennen, Sheila McGuire, Vivian (Michael) Harris, Olivia McGuire (Bob Anderson), grandchildren Caitlin, Scott (Kerri-Anne), Tara (Mike), Mary (Casey), Jimmy (Tina), Steven, Justin, Alex (Siri), Christian, Cameron, Emily, Anna (Jake), and Devon, great-grandchildren Connor, Liam, Mia, Fiona, Lilly, Harper, Vincenzo, Antonio and Juniper, nieces, nephews and cousins in PA, Australia and the UK.

Tom, you will live in our hearts forever.

Tom's funeral and celebration of life will be held in July, date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, please kindly consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org>

ELLEN FRANCO

Ellen Franco, a life-long resident of Greenwich, passed away on May 1. She was 88 years old. Born in Greenwich, Ellen was the youngest daughter of Edward and Nellie Sheehan, the adored wife of Vincent Franco, the beloved mother of four sons, Vinny, Chris, Mike and Rob Franco, and the cherished grandmother of nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Ellen graduated from the Academy of the Resurrection in Rye, NY, and from the Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing. Ellen worked for the first part of her career as a pediatric nurse at Stamford Hospital. After raising her children, Ellen left the nursing field and worked in banking, at the Putnam Trust Company in Greenwich, and later finished her career as the manager of the Stamford Postal Federal Credit Union in Stamford, CT. Above all else, Ellen loved her family, and she loved people. She was a devoted and much-loved daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a loyal and devoted friend to her many close friends. She was a beloved and caring nurse to her young patients, many of whom suffered from severe medical challenges. And she was a supportive and helpful mentor to many members of the credit union she managed, often coaching them in managing their finances and gaining a more secure financial future. Ellen had a great sense of humor, she loved to laugh, and she was fun to be with. Ellen was deeply interested in people and their lives, she was a good listener, and she gave excellent advice. It was often said that Ellen had a "sixth sense", an ability to know things about people even before they realized it themselves, especially with her children. She was always kind and caring and supportive of reaching for personal goals; when a challenge existed Ellen's response was invariably, "don't worry we will figure it out." And as Ellen's husband Vin and her sons would attest, Ellen loved to talk. Her children often said that she and their father were a perfect match in that regard - Vin had a strong, quiet personality, and Ellen cheerily "filled in the gaps". Ellen, with her husband, created a happy and loving home for their family, and she always told her children that she was "the richest woman in the world because she had her husband and her four boys, which were more valuable than gold and all she would ever need". Ellen will be remembered as a beautiful, smart, caring, funny and much-loved woman, truly one-of-a-kind.

Ellen is survived by her sister, Nancy Sheehan, also of Greenwich, by her children Vincent Franco Jr. (Dawn) of Old Saybrook, CT, Chris Franco (Rachel) of Old Greenwich, CT, Michael Franco (Carla) of Riverside, CT, and Rob Franco (Sharon) of Johnson City, TN. , by her grandchildren, Kelly Hamann Book (Greg), Andrew Franco, Lindsay Franco, Maddie Bauer

(Dave), Grant Franco (Kiyoko), Turner Franco, Jessica Franco, Cayla Franco and William Franco, and by her great grandchildren, Lucas Hamann, Wally Bauer and CJ Bauer. She was predeceased by husband Vincent Franco Sr., who was the love of her life, by her parents Edward and Nellie Sheehan, and by her brother Edward "Corky" Sheehan.

A funeral service to celebrate Ellen's life will be held at 10:30 am on May 13, at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT. Interment to immediately follow at St. Mary's Cemetery on North Street in Greenwich.



DANIEL STRAMIELLO

Daniel Stramiello, age 87, of Venice, FL, passed away on Monday, April 29 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was the beloved husband of Audrey Barnes Stramiello.

Mr. Stramiello was born on April 2, 1937, in Greenwich, Connecticut, the son of the late Vincent Stramiello and Ann LaGrippa Stramiello. He was a graduate of Greenwich High School and proudly served in the U.S. Army based in Germany. He worked for AMF, Perkin Elmer and Coca Cola. Dan was an avid golfer who loved completing the New York Times crossword puzzles in pen. He loved music, watching classic movies, and spending time with his family. He was an active member of the Friendlies of Plantation Golf and Country Club and was known as the go-to person to plan and score complicated golf tournaments.

Besides his wife of 60 years, Dan is survived by his two sons Stephen (Susan) of Venice, Florida and Michael (Linda) of Madison, Connecticut and his grandson, William; as well as several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his sister, Barbara Parese.

The family is forever grateful for the love, support, and care from AdviniaCare and Tidwell Hospice.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 8, followed by interment in the Church Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tidwell Hospice. To share a memory of Dan or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.



HARVEY LAMBERT

Harvey Richard Lambert passed away peacefully on April 24, at the age of 89. Harvey was born in Bronxville, NY on June 10, 1935 and grew up in Greenwich, CT, where he attended Riverside School and Greenwich High School. He was a multi-sport athlete in high school, where he was captain of the football, hockey and baseball teams and voted most athletic in his class. He was the quarterback of the football team and went on to continue his football career at the University of West Virginia as a freshman.

He later served his country in the United States Marine Corp, and then on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he graduated with a degree in Economics.

Harvey was a sales and marketing executive in the railway industry and eventually founded the McLean Industrial Supply Company, which he ran for over 35 years.

Harvey loved to travel and to ski. He was particularly fond of the European Alps, where he skied on many occasions. Harvey had a big heart, a great sense of humor and a passionate personality. He loved his family and his friends deeply.

He was truly one of a kind.

Harvey is survived by his loving wife, Gerri, and his two sons, Harvey Jr and Eric, four grandchildren (Cate, Hayden, Gabby and Sofia), as well as his sister, Evelyn.

Funeral arrangements will be forthcoming. maugergivnish.com



DOMENIC SAMMARCO

Domenic A. Sammarco, 72, of New Canaan, CT passed away on May 2.

Domenic was born on July 26, 1951 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania to Menotti and Giannina (Speziale) Sammarco. His family moved to Stamford, CT in 1961 where he attended St. Maurice Elementary School. He graduated from high school at Fairfield Prep, always proud of his Jesuit education. After high school, he attended St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA, and then transferred to Southampton College in Long Island where he received a degree in marine biology. An animal lover and fluent in Italian, Domenic attended veterinary school in Bologna Italy, but returned to school in the United States to follow a new career path. He graduated from the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy in Brooklyn, NY in 1979 after which he began his dedicated practice in pharmacy. After completing a residency at Greenwich Hospital, he opened Palmer Pharmacy in Greenwich with business partner Lou Visconti. He expanded his pharmacy practice to Professional Pharmacy in South Norwalk, which after many years moved to the Tully Center in Stamford. Always a champion for the practice of pharmacy, he served as a State of CT Pharmacy Commissioner from 1994 - 1999. He received the Honorary Alumni Award from the University of CT in 1997. Domenic developed a unique niche practice in the Fairfield County area as a compounding pharmacist, serving not only human patients, but a large number of veterinary patients as well. He took pride in his compounding service to bring health and healing to all animals. Domenic shared his knowledge of pharmacy practice by teaching the Pharmacy Technician Training Course at Norwalk Community College for many years, where he instructed and helped students start their pharmacy technician career.

A true patriot, Domenic joined the United States Army Reserves in 1980. He served at various military bases in the United States, Germany, Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador. Most of his 23 year military career was spent with the 340th General Hospital and 405th Combat Support Hospital. He retired as Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years of service and received the Meritorious Service Medal in July 2004. Throughout his life, Domenic found and embraced opportunities to help people. In his younger years, he was a volunteer fireman for the Glenbrook Volunteer Fire Department. He was founder and organizer of both the Louise Crisafi Spring Stride, a road race that raised money for cancer research, and the Vietnam Veteran Scholarship Road Race, that successfully raised money for children of Vietnam Veterans for 9 years. He organized fund raising and clothes collections for an orphanage in El Salvador, and frequently donated time and medical supplies to the Americares Foundation, and other domestic and international causes. Domenic was the ultimate family man and his family was his top priority and love. Domenic met Elizabeth (Betsy) Bell Sammarco through a dear friend at Greenwich Hospital and they married on October 8, 1988. They raised their two boys, John and Matthew, in New Canaan. They enjoyed summer getaways at Roton Point in Rowayton and Green Hill Beach in Rhode Island. Although an only child, Domenic had close and sibling-like relationships with his cousins, nieces, and nephews. Domenic will be remembered for his sense of humor, his generosity, and his ability to connect with people in all walks of life. He lived life with a creative passion and an incredible work ethic. He had many interests and was a true "do-it-yourselfer". He could build and fix anything from bird houses to cars and enjoyed spending his spare time in his work area basement.

Domenic was predeceased by his father, Menotti. He is survived by his mother, Giannina, wife Betsy, and sons John and Matthew. He also leaves brother-in-law Jeff Bell and his wife Joan, and brother-in-law David Bell and his wife Lety. Many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews will miss him dearly.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 7 at Hoyt Funeral Home, New Canaan. The funeral was held Wednesday, May 8 at St. Aloysius Church in New Canaan. Entombment followed at St. Mary Cemetery, in Greenwich, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project: woundedwarriorproject.org/ For online condolences, please visit hoityfuneralhome.com

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Active Senior Housing—A Hidden Economic Boost



By RUSSELL R. BARKSDALE

In regions where debates over new multi-unit developments, like affordable housing under Connecticut's 8-30g or NIMBY sentiments tend to sow discord, towns might be missing out on development opportunities that could empower local control and provide a much-needed economic boost.

Too often, legal battles over affordable housing and NIMBY concerns result in the state taking control of development decisions. By collaborating to address the demand for senior housing, deciding on suitable locations and investing in infrastructure, local communities can retain local control while fostering economic growth and enriching social interactions across generations.

The current growth of the population aged 65 and older, driven by the large Baby

Boomer generation—those born between 1946 and 1964—is unprecedented. For some communities this over-65 population will begin to exceed the number of children in school, with the potential to, if developed, greatly impact local economies.

Towns actively competing to attract and support their senior populations are experiencing financial and social benefits, contrasting with those that neglect this demographic.

Boost to Local Economy: Seniors have disposable income from incoming federal dollars, through social security, pensions, investments and Medicare - each an economic multiplier. Seniors are often well-funded, spending money on goods and services in businesses that include retail stores, restaurants, and recreational facilities, thereby increasing local tax revenues that can offset continued property tax hikes. This boost in consumer spending tends to stimulate economic growth and create job opportunities.

Real Estate Market Growth:

Conversely, a lack of senior friendly housing alternatives leads to a shortage of available houses on the market, stifling in-migration, and outside investments. For the majority of seniors who want to remain in the town they built, including paying town taxes for decades, they cannot find appropriately designed active adult housing alternatives in their hometown. Without alternatives, seniors will too often remain in their homes, thereby suppressing available housing inventory, but also add to potential healthcare risks. Remaining isolated at home has been connected to increased depression, over self-medication, and other healthcare pitfalls. This increased demand could lead to a healthy turnover in the real estate market, and potential opportunities for real estate developers and investors outside of 8-30g.

Volunteerism and Community Engagement: Seniors have valuable skills, knowledge, higher philanthropic tendencies and life experiences to contribute to the community

through volunteer work, mentoring programs, and civic engagement. Their contributions enhance community programs and improve overall quality of life for residents.

Wisdom and Expertise: Seniors bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and wisdom accumulated over a lifetime, which they can share with younger generations and contribute to community decision-making, problem-solving, and innovation. Seniors serve as custodians of local history and cultural heritage, preserving memories that enrich the fabric of community identity and continuity.

Increased Tax Revenue: Seniors pay disproportionately more property taxes and other local taxes generated from their spending, property ownership, and economic activity. This additional tax revenue provides funding for essential services, infrastructure improvements, and community development projects.

Expansion of Senior-Focused Businesses: With a growing senior population, there

will be an increased demand for alternative businesses and services catering to seniors' needs and preferences. This can include off-peak train activity, increased day time restaurant and retail traffic, and financial planning services tailored to retirement needs.

Your town's seniors have built the communities that we now enjoy: From parks, recreational facilities and school systems, to sustained housing prices, our town's seniors paid in advance for the many services that we so often take for granted. Too often, instead of the level of respect and appreciation deserved, agism becomes commonplace.

In the corridors of power and amidst the whispers of the town square, a narrative of hope and prosperity can unfold—one that celebrates the invaluable contributions of our esteemed seniors, while also heralding a new era of economic resurgence and social harmony. For too long, the discourse has been dominated by the contentious debates over affordable housing and zoning

regulations, overshadowing the true catalyst of progress—the unparalleled potential of our aging population.

Picture, if you will, our bustling streets adorned with the laughter of children and the gentle footsteps of elders—a symphony of generations united in purpose and bound by the timeless bonds of community. Here, amidst the bustling marketplace and quaint cafes, the wisdom of the ages mingles with the vibrant energy of youth, giving rise to a tapestry of innovation and creativity that knows no bounds.

For in the end, it is not the wealth or power that defines us, but rather the legacy of love and compassion that we leave behind for future generations to cherish and uphold.

We are hopeful that a different perspective will create a sense of urgency and focus for our local towns. Those that do will have the financial and social advantage.

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Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
37 Mary Lane	\$799,000	\$484	1,650	0.22	3	1	Riverside
18 Sound Beach Avenue	\$850,000	\$539	1,576	0.19	3	1	Old Greenwich
51 Forest Avenue 1	\$865,000	\$895	966		1	1	Old Greenwich
51 Forest Avenue 156	\$975,000	\$775	1,258		2	2	Old Greenwich
18 William Street West	\$999,000	\$584	1,712	0.06	4	2	Byram
279 Riversville Road Road	\$1,395,000	\$640	2,179	0.9	4	3	South Parkway
25 Edgewater Drive	\$1,749,500	\$1,193	1,467	0.26	3	2	Old Greenwich
1065 King Street	\$1,849,000	\$433	4,269	1.52	4	3	Glenville
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
21 Stanwich Road	\$2,450,000	\$923	2,654	0.76	4	3	South Parkway
24 Neil Lane	\$2,495,000	\$526	4,745	0.26	5	5	Riverside
38 Angus Lane	\$2,495,000	\$786	3,175	1.18	5	4	South Parkway
19 Nimitz Place	\$2,495,000	\$729	3,422	0.33	5	3	Old Greenwich
28 Lockwood Drive	\$2,495,000	\$1,132	2,204	0.15	4	2	Old Greenwich
14 Patricia Lane	\$2,850,000	\$661	4,312	1	4	3	Cos Cob
159 Bedford Road	\$3,495,000	\$793	4,409	4.11	4	5	North Parkway
3 Random Road	\$3,795,000	\$927	4,095	0.69	5	3	Old Greenwich
12 Huntzinger Drive	\$3,995,000	\$601	6,648	1.5	6	6	South Parkway
1 Partridge Hollow Road	\$4,350,000	\$594	7,319	4.03	5	6	North Parkway
63 Rockwood Lane	\$4,495,000	\$869	5,175	1.44	5	5	South Parkway
106 Lockwood Road	\$4,695,000	\$786	5,975	0.33	6	5	Riverside
156 Old Church Road	\$5,250,000	\$920	5,704	0.69	5	6	South Parkway
420 North Street	\$5,295,000	\$1,023	5,174	1	5	5	South Parkway
33 Byram Shore Road	\$7,595,000	\$1,894	4,010	0.73	6	4	Byram
1 Deer Lane	\$10,950,000	\$845	12,953	1.86	6	8	South Parkway
16 Indian Point Lane	\$13,500,000	\$1,962	6,879	1.09	4	5	Riverside
200 Clapboard Ridge Road	\$15,500,000	\$1,487	10,422	8.14	6	7	South Parkway
7 John Street	\$34,500,000	\$2,181	15,820	22	10	12	North Parkway

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Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
25 Edgewater Drive	Old Greenwich	\$1,749,500.0	Sat 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
25 Edgewater Drive	Old Greenwich	\$1,749,500.0	Sun 2-4 PM	BHHS New England
31 Grey Rock Drive	Greenwich	\$1,498,000.0	Sat 1-3 PM	Compass
18 Sound Beach Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$850,000.0	Sat 1-3 PM	William Raveis
18 Sound Beach Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$850,000.0	Sun 1-3 PM	William Raveis

NEW SALES

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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
178 Milbank Avenue 2	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000	7	3	2	0	2,562
86 Sawmill Lane	\$2,195,000	\$2,195,000	\$2,195,000	9	4	3	1.02	3,209
37 Lincoln Avenue	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$2,225,000	11	3	2	0.31	2,040
178 Milbank Avenue 1	\$2,225,000	\$2,225,000	\$2,250,000	18	3	3	0.43	2,216
118 Bowman Drive	\$2,749,999	\$2,749,999	\$2,680,000	28	4	4	1	3,721
25 Lockwood Drive	\$2,795,000	\$2,795,000	\$3,010,000	8	5	3	0.26	3,567
1 Fado Lane	\$3,195,000	\$3,195,000	\$3,275,000	215	5	6	0.26	5,800
35 Langhorne Lane	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$3,375,000	7	3	2	4.2	4,471
562 North Street	\$3,790,000	\$3,790,000	\$3,550,000	35	6	4	2.04	5,263
99 Elm Street D	\$3,780,000	\$3,895,000	\$3,895,000	594	5	4	0.22	4,200
25 Birch Lane	\$4,695,000	\$4,695,000	\$4,810,555	7	4	4	1.09	6,307
802 Lake Avenue	\$6,395,000	\$5,895,000	\$5,700,000	168	5	6	2.01	8,980
18 Simmons Lane	\$14,500,000	\$12,995,000	\$10,400,000	206	7	8	7.05	19,996

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A Conversation with Steve Gelbs

By FRANK SCARPA

At the May 1st meeting of the Retired Men's Association, Spike Lipschutz introduced Steve Gelbs, who spoke about his career as a sports anchor and reporter in New York.

Steve was born in Queens, but raised in Greenwich. His father, Scott, is a prominent physical therapist here, with a practice that has involved official positions with organizations like the New York Rangers. From as early as age 7, Steve expressed a desire to pursue a career in sports. Encouraged by his parents, this desire ultimately translated to attending Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications ("Sportscaster U"), graduating in 2009. In 2015 he joined Gary Cohen, Keith Hernandez, and Ron Darling as a member of Sports New York's Emmy-winning New York Mets broadcasting team. Gelbs is also SNY's Jets Studio programming host. He is a regular contributor to "Baseball Night in New York" and "Mets Hot Stove" on SNY.

Steve's presentation mined his extensive experience in covering professional baseball, football, basketball and hockey, as well as college hockey. His accounts of his rising career were laced with some humorous and even self-deprecating anecdotes. For example, in answering a recruiting call for someone to cover high school sports, Steve had knowingly submitted a resume tape that had included a "stumble." Paradoxically, his candidness made a favorable impression, and a career was kick-started.

With help and encouragement from colleagues like Keith Hernandez, Steve Gelbs nurtured his own natural talent and personality traits that have led to success. He describes the "entertainment value" that derives from his insight into and respect for the professional athlete. On one occasion, during a whirlwind trip accompanying the team on a West Coast tour, Steve was so exhausted upon arrival at his hotel room that he fell asleep sitting on the edge of his bed in his business suit. He reflected on

the fact that the players had to get out and perform on the field that next day.

A lively Q and A session followed Steve's talk. (There seemed to be a number of knowledgeable Mets fans in the audience.) During this session, Steve graced us with some of his "lessons learned":

1) Be prepared, but do not memorize. "If I do not remember it, it must not be important."

2) There is an evolution to the way you prepare for an interview.

3) Employ a "personal" interview technique. Usually, eschew recording devices, especially in a locker-room setting.

4) "No agenda" is



Steve Gelbs described how he became a TV sports broadcaster for the New York Mets and Jets, and the highs and lows of his profession.

It takes a special mental fortitude to succeed in New York sports.

sometimes the best approach. He cites Dan Rather: "The best question is the follow-up question."

A few final comments centered on Steve's optimism for the Mets' future, now that they have acquired a top-tier farm system. Gelbs closed by discussing the challenges for young players dealing with social media vitriol and the pressure cooker of the New York market. He empathized, recalling a hateful tweet about his first SNY report that shook his confidence. But he eventually realized that listening to the loudest, most negative voices is unproductive. He believes that it takes a special mental fortitude to succeed in New York sports.

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

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "Connecting Through Song since 1967," by The Grace Notes, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The Grace Notes is an all-female a cappella group based in Greenwich CT, that has been entertaining and serving the community through song for nearly 60 years. Its focus is on bringing music to people at senior residential homes, adult day centers, and Alzheimer's/dementia facilities, as well as at town events and community festivals, libraries and schools as part

of a wider mission to connect and bring people together through music.

The group was formed in 1967 as part of the Junior League of Greenwich and became an independent, non-profit organization officially titled "The Therapeutical Music Organization" in 1972, changing to "The Grace Notes" in 1995. The members are women who stem from different backgrounds but are united by their personal love of singing and mutual desire to give back to the community. Dr. Eric Martin has been Music Director since 2008.

All members are volunteers. Every member dedicates over 90 hours of rehearsal time during the September through May season, plus at twice-monthly troupings and time spent at home learning music. Every member went through a stringent audition process to be accepted into the group.

Members are teachers, authors, artists, business owners, homemakers, working and retired executives, who each have a background in music and singing through school/college and church choirs, community theater, music degrees and training, professional singing and more. The group has ranged in size from small to large, with eight members at some times, to more than 30 during the 1980s when fewer women were working full-time. There are currently

nine singers with two more joining this spring. Two current members have been singing in The Grace Notes for over 30 years!

To stream the presentation by The Grace Notes at 11 AM on Wednesday, May 15, click on <https://bit.ly/301Bj21>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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

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Is Old Greenwich the Best Place to Live in the Eastern US?



BY MARK PRUNER

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Why do people always want to live in Old Greenwich?

As usual, Old Greenwich is a neighborhood that has done well this year, just as it did last year, and pretty much every year in the past 20 year when compared to other parts of town. What is it about Old Greenwich that people find so attractive? I grew up in Old Greenwich and it has always been a little bit of Norman Rockwell, a good bit of international, and usually a lot of fun.

Every August, when I was in junior high, I would take over an Old Greenwich paper route from one of the hardworking Haggerty boys and get to see lots of interesting parts of OG. (The Haggertys were smart. They went to camp in Maine every August while I rode my bike delivering papers in 90-degree heat and hoping that the Good Humor truck was still parked on Shore Road for my very cold toasted almond bar. I had lots of interesting people on my route. There was the grandmother who always had cookies for me on Friday, collection day. Then there was the gorgeous waterfront house with the empty liquor bottles in foyer where a well know rock band was spending the summer. It was, and still is, a fun place to grow up.

Where and What is Old Greenwich?

For those who are reading this in California, Italy or Westchester. Old Greenwich is a village in

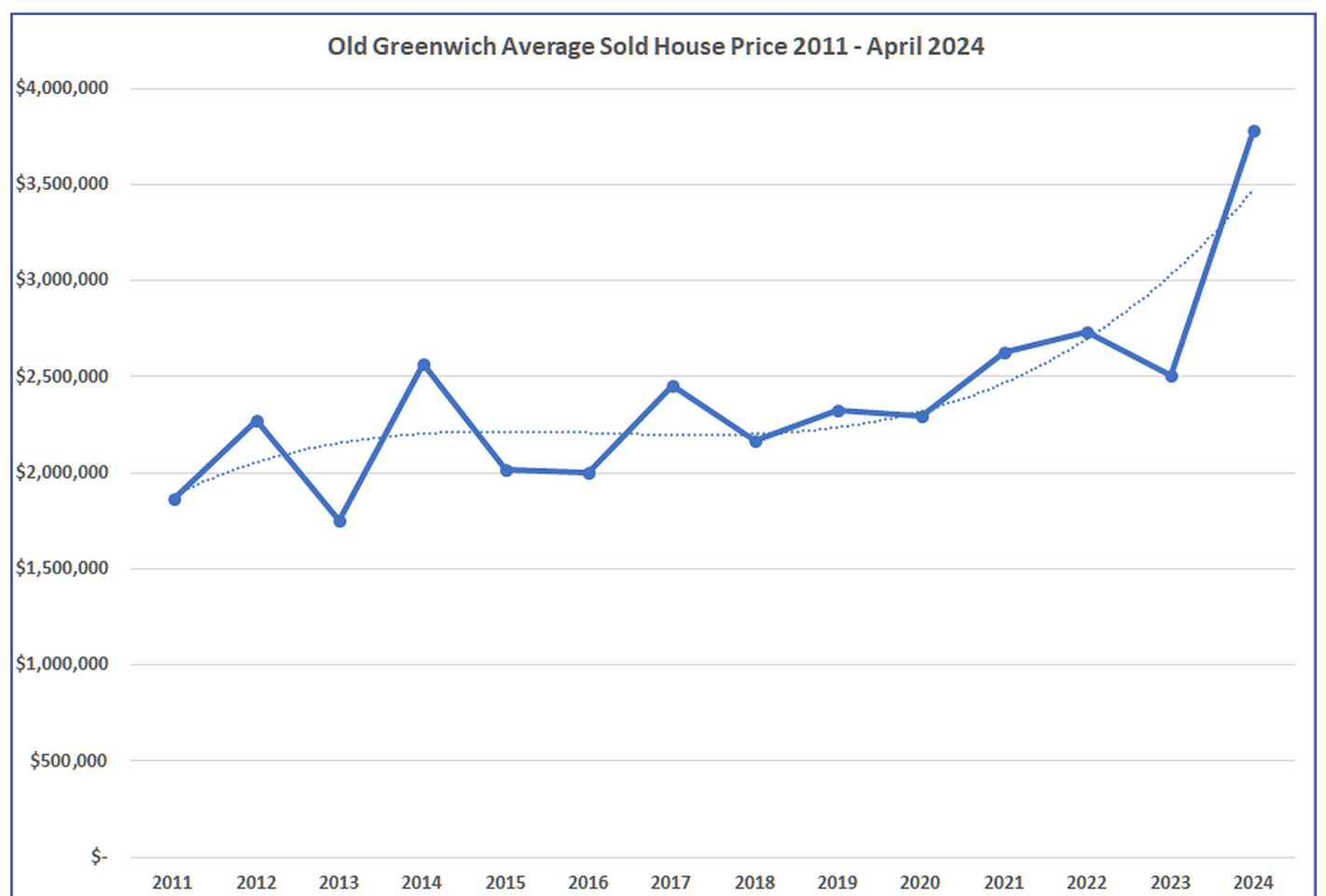
the southeast corner of the Town of Greenwich. At the south end, it has Greenwich's premier waterfront park, Greenwich Point. In the middle you have another great park donated to the town by the Binney family of Crayola Crayon fame.

Between the two parks you have the 2 block long downtown area of small shops that actually sell useful goods and services. CVS's arrival, and grabbing up some prime parking spaces, is still controversial among many old timers,

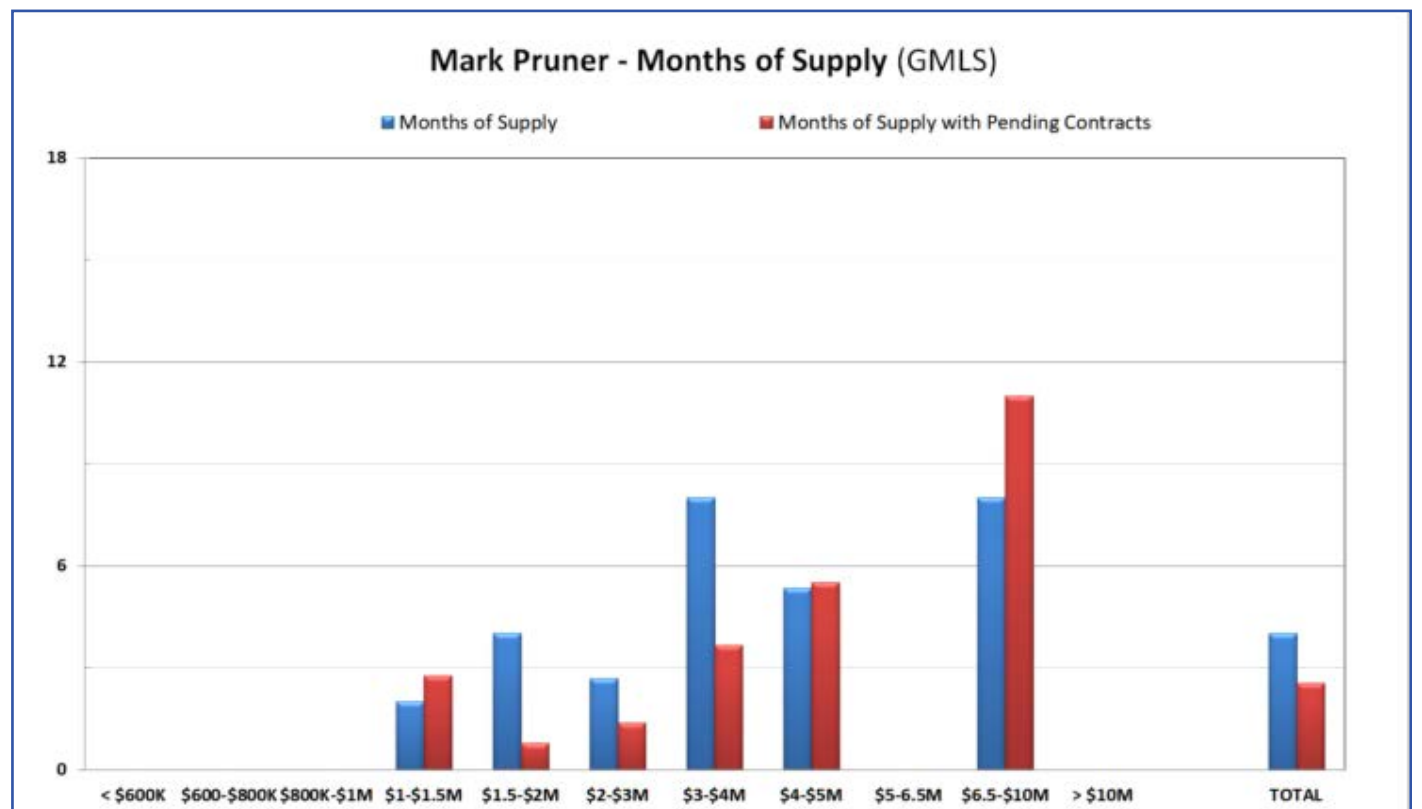
The area between the village and the point is called "south of the village". Then you have the Post Road, I-95 and Metro-North to take you back to OG when you are away. North of the Post Road, you have Havemeyer Park built after WWII for returning soldiers and sailors and their families. All the streets are named after WWII generals and admiral. Nicknamed Have-a-Baby Park during the post war baby boom, it is still living up to its name. North of Palmer Hill Road, you have Hillcrest Park, where my debutante ball date lived, before she started going out with Michael Bloomberg.

Old Greenwich has 4 different zones. Just north of Greenwich Point you have Lucas Point, which is an R-20 zone (20,000 sf lots often called the "half acre" zone though you only need 0.46 acres for a conforming lot.) All of the rest of the South of the Village area is an R-12 zone (12,000 sf, our "quarter acre" zone.) North of the Metro North station and continuing into Havemeyer Park, you are in the R-7 zone of 7,500 s.f. and a little bit of R-12 just south of Palmer Hill Road. The Hillcrest Park area north of Palmer Hill Road is our only 1 acre, RA-1

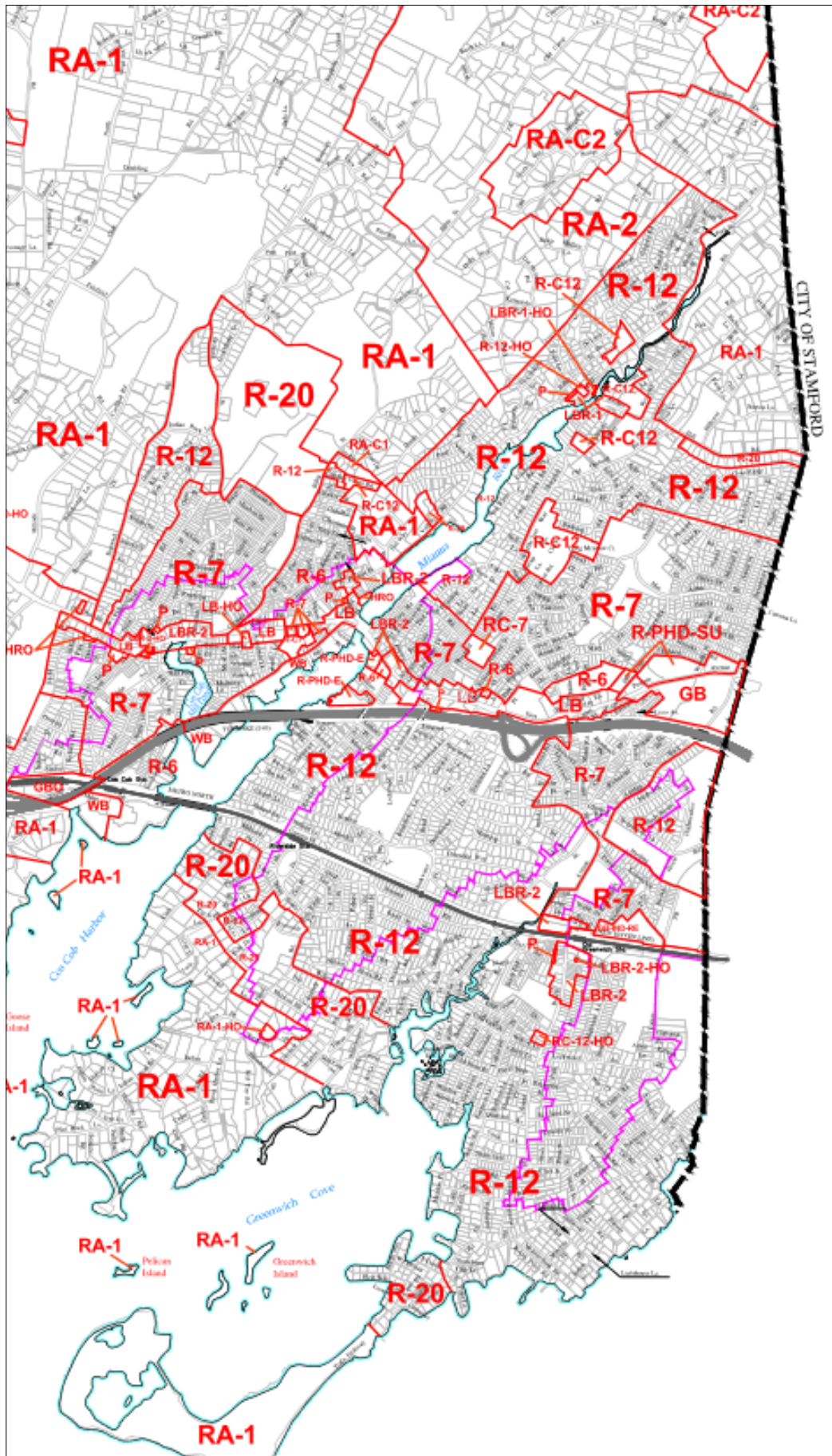
This year we have had 3 sales over \$5 million, with the highest priced sale so far this year at \$9.65 million, which was 103% of list price.



Our average sales price in Old Greenwich has taken a dramatic jump up this year



With low inventory and high demand our months of supply is very low



Old Greenwich has 4 different zones giving prospective buyers a variety of choices in house and lot size

Inventory as of 5/1/24	Inventory	Contracts	Last Mo. Solds	Last Month Solds+ Contracts	YTD Sales	YTD Sales + Contracts	Months of Supply	MoS w/ Contracts	Last Mo. MoS Annlzd
< \$600K	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
\$600-\$800K	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
\$800K-\$1M	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
\$1-\$1.5M	1	0	2	2	2	2	2.0	2.8	0.5
\$1.5-\$2M	1	6	1	7	1	7	4.0	0.8	1.0
\$2-\$3M	2	5	1	6	3	8	2.7	1.4	2.0
\$3-\$4M	2	2	0	2	1	3	8.0	3.7	-
\$4-\$5M	4	1	0	1	3	4	5.3	5.5	-
\$5-\$6.5M	0	1	1	2	2	3	0.0	0.0	0.0
\$6.5-\$10M	2	0	0	0	1	1	8.0	11.0	-
> \$10M	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
TOTAL	13	15	5	20	13	28	4.0	2.6	2.6

We only had 13 listings as of the end of April, leading to only 13 sales in 2024 both well below average

Greenwich, where Lucas Point is located, the small R-20 zone represents 4.5% of the sales in Old Greenwich. Hillcrest Park, where there is the RA-1 zone is only 4.1% of OG's sales.

Interestingly, the average sales price of the half-acre, R-20, lot is about 50% higher than average price for the one-acre, RA-1 lot. This is because most of the R-20 sales in Lucas Point are direct waterfront properties fronting Long Island Sound and get a premium.

Inventory For all the attention that Old Greenwich gets it does not have a lot of listings. It is even worse in 2024, we are down this year in inventory with only 13 listings in Old Greenwich. Given its desirability you need to come with money, the lowest priced listing at present is \$1.15 million.

Sales Also, because Old Greenwich doesn't have a large zone on the water, it traditionally hasn't had the highest sales prices in town. However, this year we have had 3 sales over \$5 million, with the highest priced sale so far this year at \$9.65

13 sales in April. Where you really see how hot this market is when you look at the months of supply. Most people consider less than 6 months of supply to be a seller's market. We have 2.6 months of supply, when you include the contracts waiting to close or what I call a super-seller's market.

With only 13 listings and 13 sales our months of supply look rather jagged, due to the law of small numbers. One more sale can bring the MoS way down. The most sales we have in any price range is only 3 sales. We have had 5 sales off-market. Of the off-market sales, 3 of the 5 were under \$1.5 million, so our "low" end isn't quite as tight as the charts show. At the high end, over \$5 million, we have 3 listings and 3 sales plus one contract.

At the same time in one of the hottest markets and hottest neighborhoods, we had 4 listings expire unsold. We still have value buyers, as we have had all post-recession. People don't want to be seen as overpaying; however, we have lots of demand for the supply that we do have. As a result, all but 2 of our 13 sales have

this year. As you can tell, by the number of OG houses that were sold for over list, the demand is there, but so is a dearth of low-end houses and at least we have some listing at the high-end, both are pushing the average sales price dramatically higher.

We have very little inventory, and at least in OG, no signs of any strong uptick in inventory. As a result, you can expect months of supply to stay low. One caveat here is that the US is running huge deficits and presidents often use their first year in office to tighten the screws on the economy, but that is next year's problem. Our present higher interest rates are having no noticeable impact on sales, though they may be affecting the number of listings.

Stay tuned and count yourself lucky if you live in OG (or grew up there).

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The American Heritage Museum wants to engage people in understanding what it means to go to war and what the costs of it are. Among the staggering variety of rare relics, the American Heritage Museum features over fifteen tanks and artifacts that are the only ones on public display in North America. These include: M1A1 Abrams Tank, T-34 Tank, Kommandogerratt 40 German Rangefinder, Leichter Panzerspähwagen SdKfz 222 Armored Vehicle, Matilda MK.II Tank, Jumbo Sherman Tank, IS-2 Tank, Vickers Mk. VI A, Panzer 1 Tank, SCUD B Missile and Launcher, Ho-Ro mobile artillery and many more. Photo by Emma Barhydt.

Discovering the Heart of Massachusetts A Three-Day Journey Immersed in Community

By EMMA W. BARHYDT

Massachusetts, often celebrated for its pivotal role in American history and its vibrant cultural tapestry, offered me an immersive three-day journey that brought the idea of community into sharp focus. From historical insights to culinary delights, each stop was a reminder of the spirit that touches every part of the heart of this state.

The journey began with our first stop at the American Heritage Museum. "We want to engage people in understanding what it means to go to war and what the costs of it are," said Hunter Chaney, Director of Marketing and Communications. The museum presented an impeccably curated walk through America's military past, displaying tanks that had seen real battle, complete with battle scars.

If just seeing isn't enough, the American Heritage Museum also offers real tank driving—restored right in their on-site garage. Of particular note is that all volunteers and docents are veterans. "What we try and do is create an experience, some kind of interaction with history not only as a means to better understand it," noted Chaney.

Next, we visited the Framingham History Center where Executive Director Anna Tucker introduced us to "Framingham's Collective Journeys: Stories of Immigration, 1960 - Present." "What we really focus on here is all about creating a gathering space and a sense of community," remarked Tucker.

This interactive, multilingual exhibit celebrated the diverse threads that weave the

community's rich tapestry. Tucker's passion for bringing history to life was evident as she led us through the stories that shaped Framingham, she has truly brought the history and heritage of Framingham to life with this new exhibit. "This was a way for us to build something with the community," said Tucker.

Lunch at Jack's Abby offered a delightful break, featuring locally brewed craft beers and hearty meals. It was recommended to a few of us by Anna Tucker after our tour of the History Center. The food and brews were both fantastic, I had mac and cheese and a sour beer— they hit the spot on the chilly day. The hearty lunch set the stage for our afternoon at the Danforth Art Museum.

Here, Laura Gayton, the Membership Coordinator, highlighted the Spring Exhibitions which skillfully blended historical narratives with contemporary art, creating a dialogue between the past and present. "We have about 3,700 pieces in our collection and we get out about 50 ish on average," Gayton mentioned.

The Danforth is not just an art museum, it's also a school. They have a range of art classes for everyone from children to adults. "Our philosophy about education is that it's a really comprehensive experience of actively doing the art downstairs and then actively responding to it in the art school."

The day concluded with a welcome reception at Aloft Framingham, spotlighting local breweries and businesses, followed by a positively sumptuous dinner at Doragon Ramen. The thoughtful preparation and innovative menu

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preview showcased the Doragon Ramen's culinary creativity. The ramen and fries I had were spectacular and I'm definitely looking forward to eating there again next time I'm in the area.

The following morning took us to the New England Botanic Garden at Tower

Hill in Boylston. This "living museum" was a visual feast of meticulously designed gardens and conservatories, reflecting the Worcester County Horticultural Society's commitment to community and horticulture since 1842.

While we went in early March so the gardens

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Want to Ride on an actual World War II Tank? Or ever dreamed of taking the controls and learning to drive the WWII M4 Sherman or M24 Chaffee? The American Heritage Museum offers driving and riding programs. Photo by Emma Barhydt.



The Worcester Art Museum houses the United State's more extensive collection of medieval armor. Photo by Emma Barhydt.



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[The Icon Museum] also gave us a sneak peak into some of the items that they are still deciphering such as a goat skin icon from Ethiopia. Photo by Emma W. Barhydt

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were still waking up, they had a magical orchid exhibit in their greenhouses. It was like stepping into another world. Not only were their greenhouses filled to the brim with orchids, there was also an art installation from a local artist inspired by the orchids.

Our afternoon was spent at the Icon Museum in Clinton, which began as a private passion project and evolved into a public treasury of sacred art. According to the museum's website, the Icon

Museum, "was the brainchild of industrialist and collector Gordon B. Lankton." Lankton collected icons over twenty years during his business trips to Russia before donating "his entire collection to establish the Museum of Russian Icons," noted the website.

This was an incredible stop. The museum not only took us on a tour of their collections open to the public but also gave us a sneak peak into some of the items that they are still deciphering such as a goat skin icon from Ethiopia.

Lunch at Black Diamond Restaurant offered mountain views and a perfect burger before heading to the Fitchburg

Art Museum. Even though the Fitchburg Art Museum is, well, an art museum they have some of New England's foremost ancient Egyptian artifacts. At the time, they also had a special showing on vices to bring some of their collection's more disparate items together in one gallery space.

Dinner at Havana Nights transported us from a chilly New England evening to the vibrant streets of Miami. The food was explosive and interesting. I didn't expect any combo that came out of the kitchen and I've never been happier about it.

One of the absolute standout dishes was the table salad.

It's a salad that has a little bit of everything, and instead of small individual salads that not everyone might eat or some people might want more, it's for everyone to share. I thought the idea was revolutionary, it's definitely becoming a dinner party staple.

The day ended at the Beechwood Hotel, where the elegance and comfort of the accommodations were wonderful. I felt like a princess. The rooms were so charming and elegant but incredibly cozy. There was a beautiful fireplace, a full kitchenette including a coffee maker, and a stunning bathroom. The bed was so soft and cozy and I felt very safe in

the hotel.

Our final day centered around Worcester. The Worcester Art Museum's commitment to cultural preservation and education was palpable. They house a Davinci and the United States' more extensive collection of medieval armor. They have several permanent galleries including some of the oldest portraits painted in the USA and several ancient Greek mosaics.

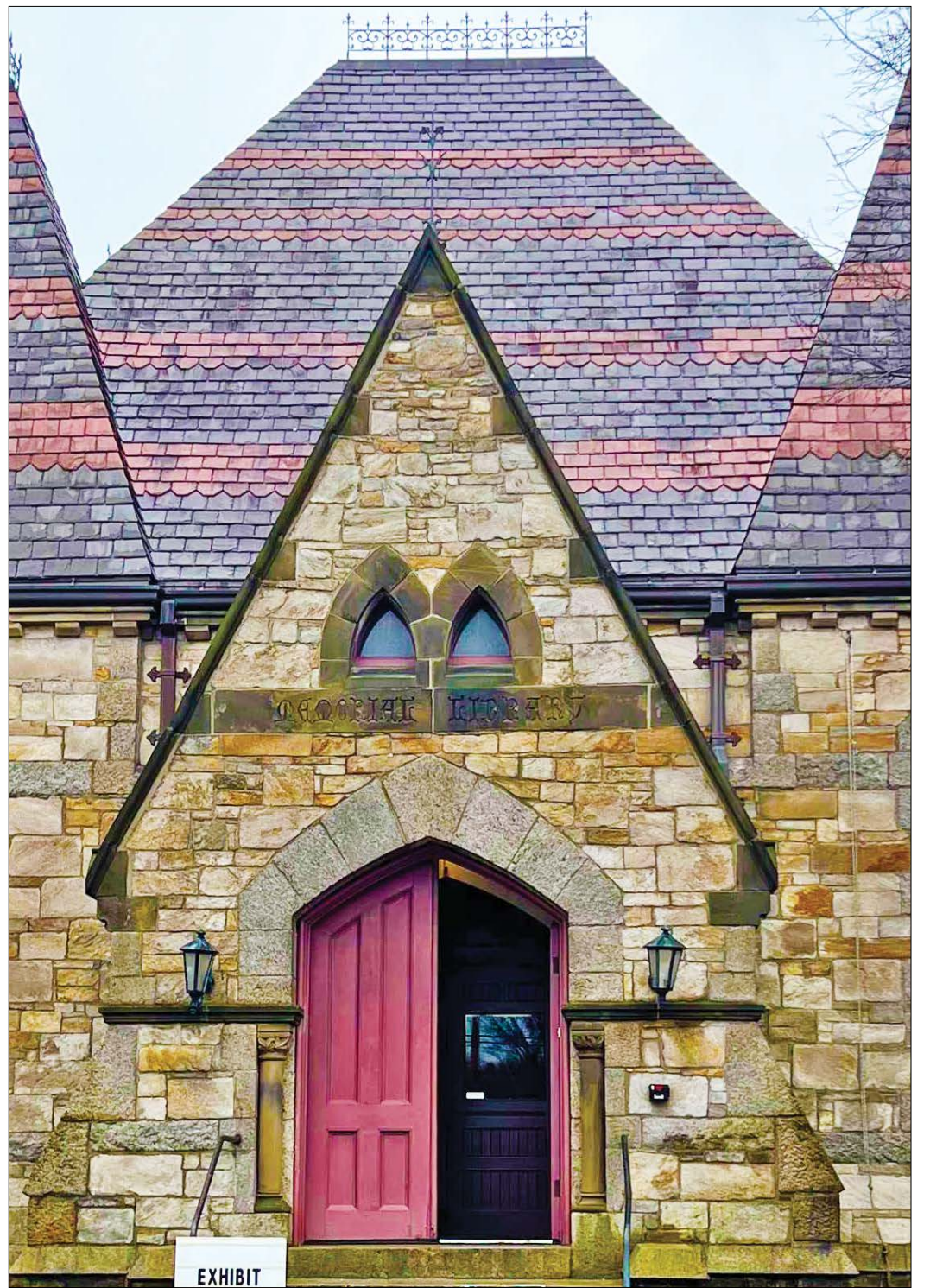
The trip concluded at Old Sturbridge Village, where the living history museum vividly reenacted rural New England life from the 1830s. Despite the chill, the warmth of the village was infectious, with each

cabin and shop brimming with stories and demonstrations that spoke of a simpler, yet deeply connected community life.

Throughout this three-day excursion, the theme of community wove itself through every experience. From the passionate individuals who preserve and share their heritage, to the natural beauty cultivated for public enjoyment, and the innovative culinary scenes that delight in surprise, Massachusetts proved that its heart is not just a place, but a vibrant, living community.



Each cabin and shop [at Old Sturbridge Village] was brimming with stories and demonstrations. Photo by Emma Barhydt.



What [The Framingham History Center] tries to do is create an experience, and they succeed brilliantly. Photo by Emma Barhydt.




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[The Danforth Art Museum has] about 3,700 pieces in their collection. Located in the Jonathan Maynard Building on the historic Framingham Centre Common, the Museum invites the public to see, learn about, create, and be inspired by art. Photo by Emma Barhydt.


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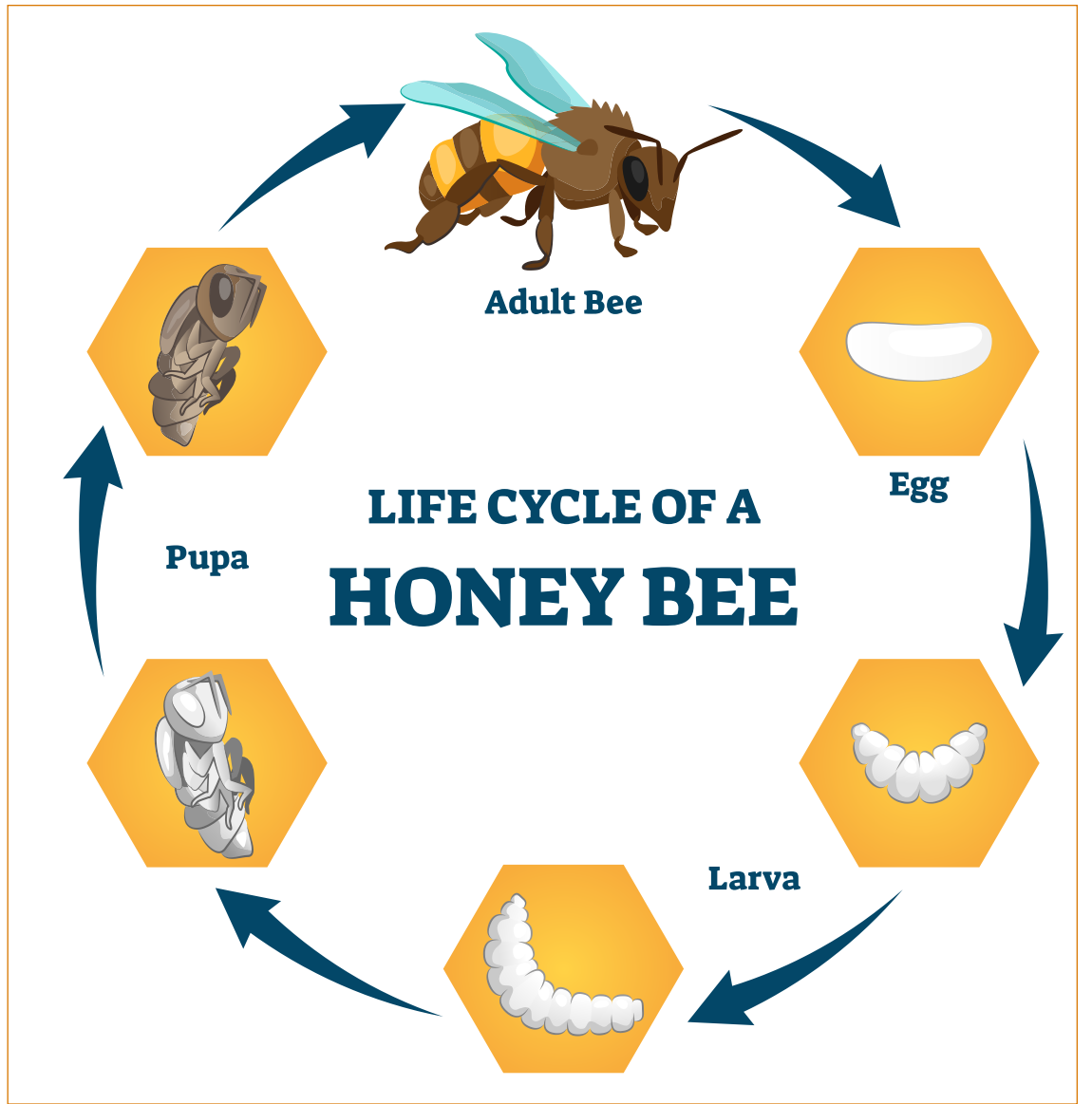
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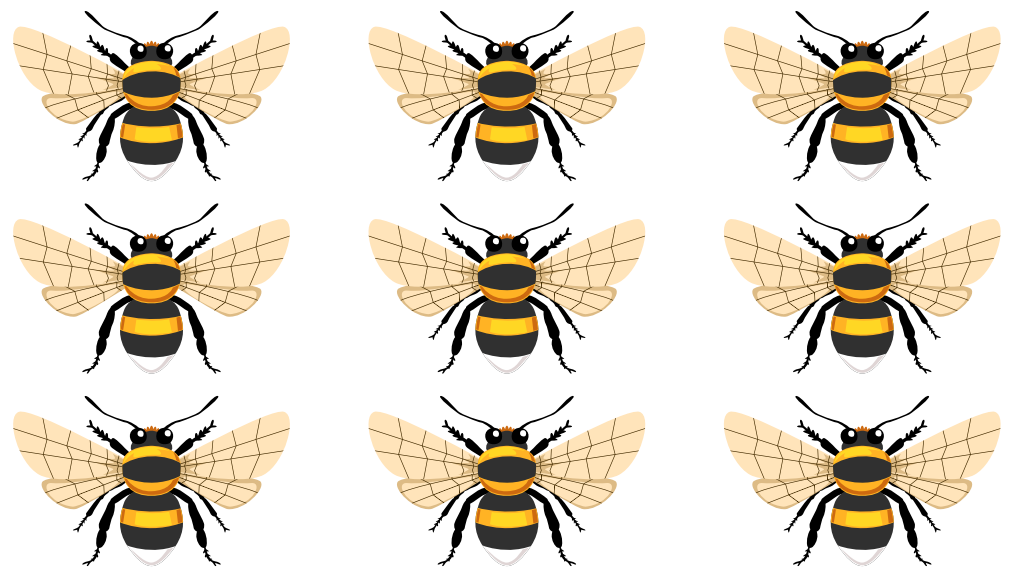
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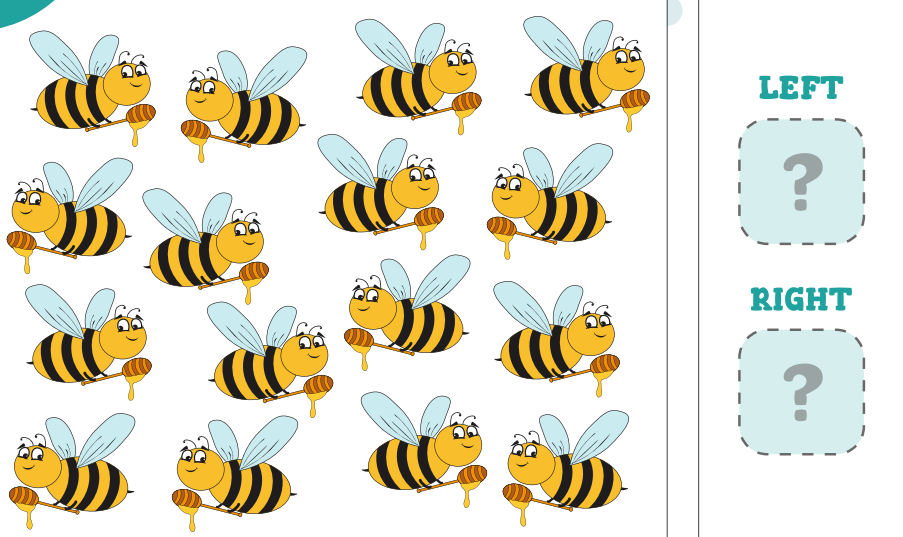
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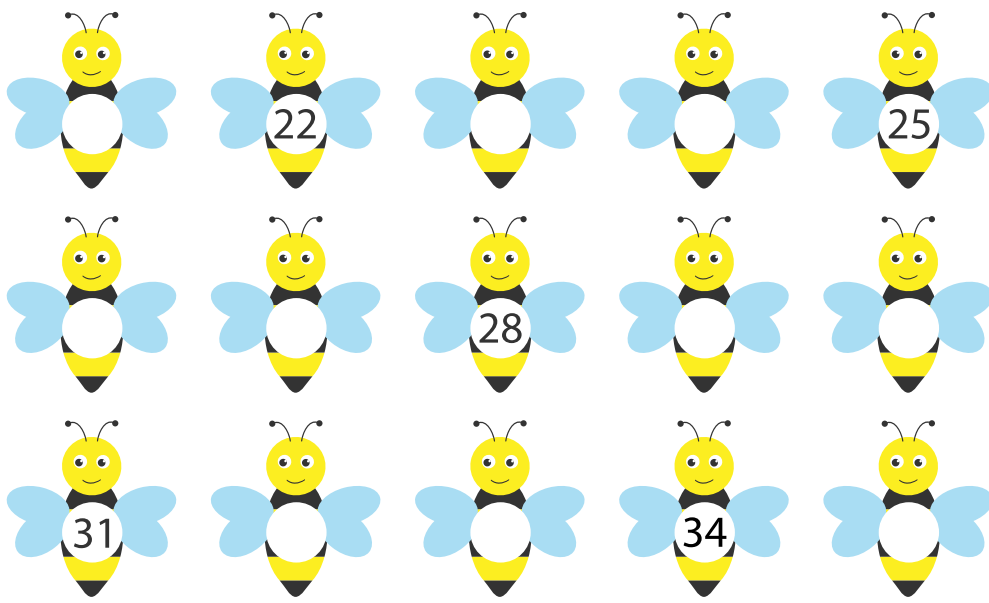
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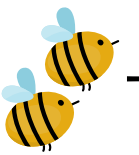





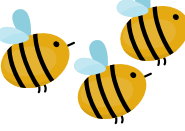



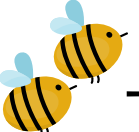


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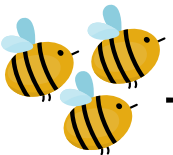


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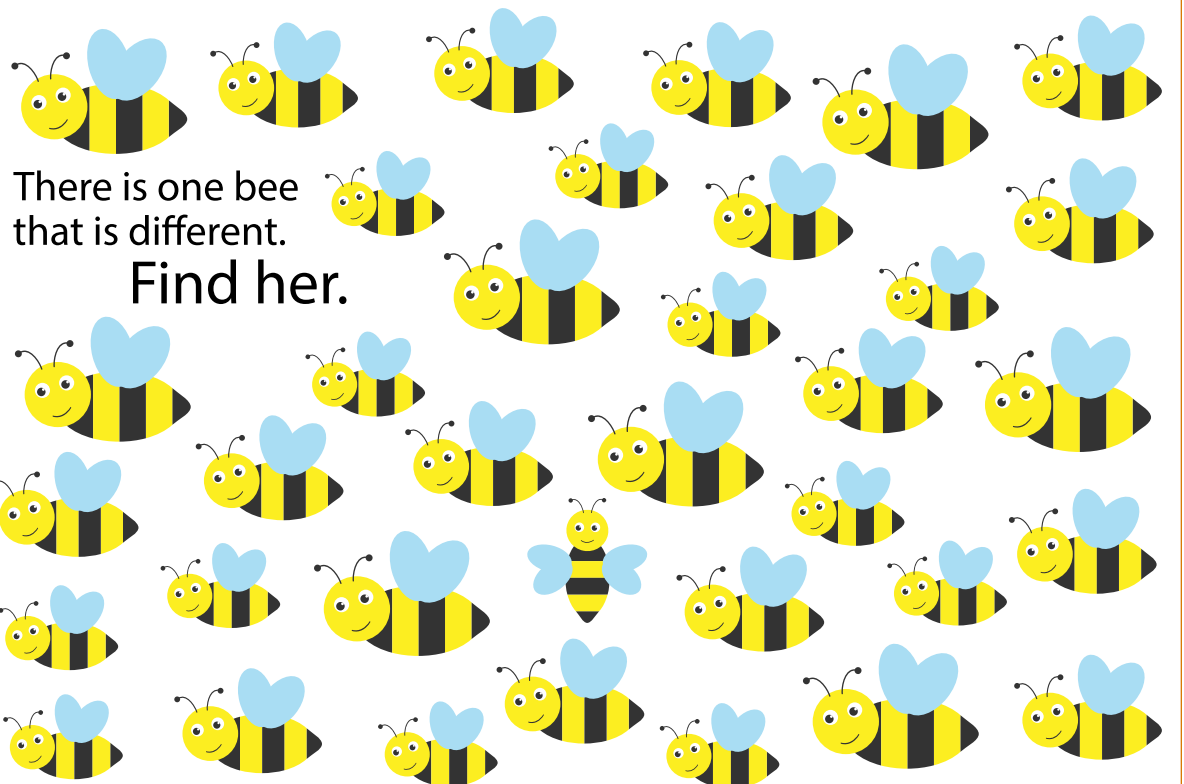

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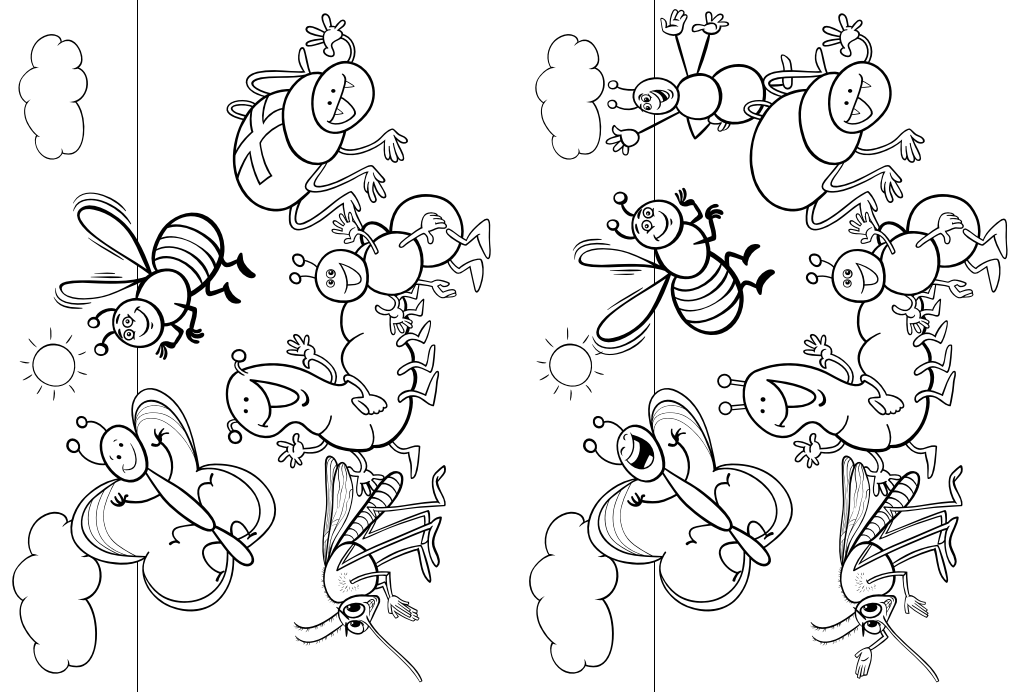

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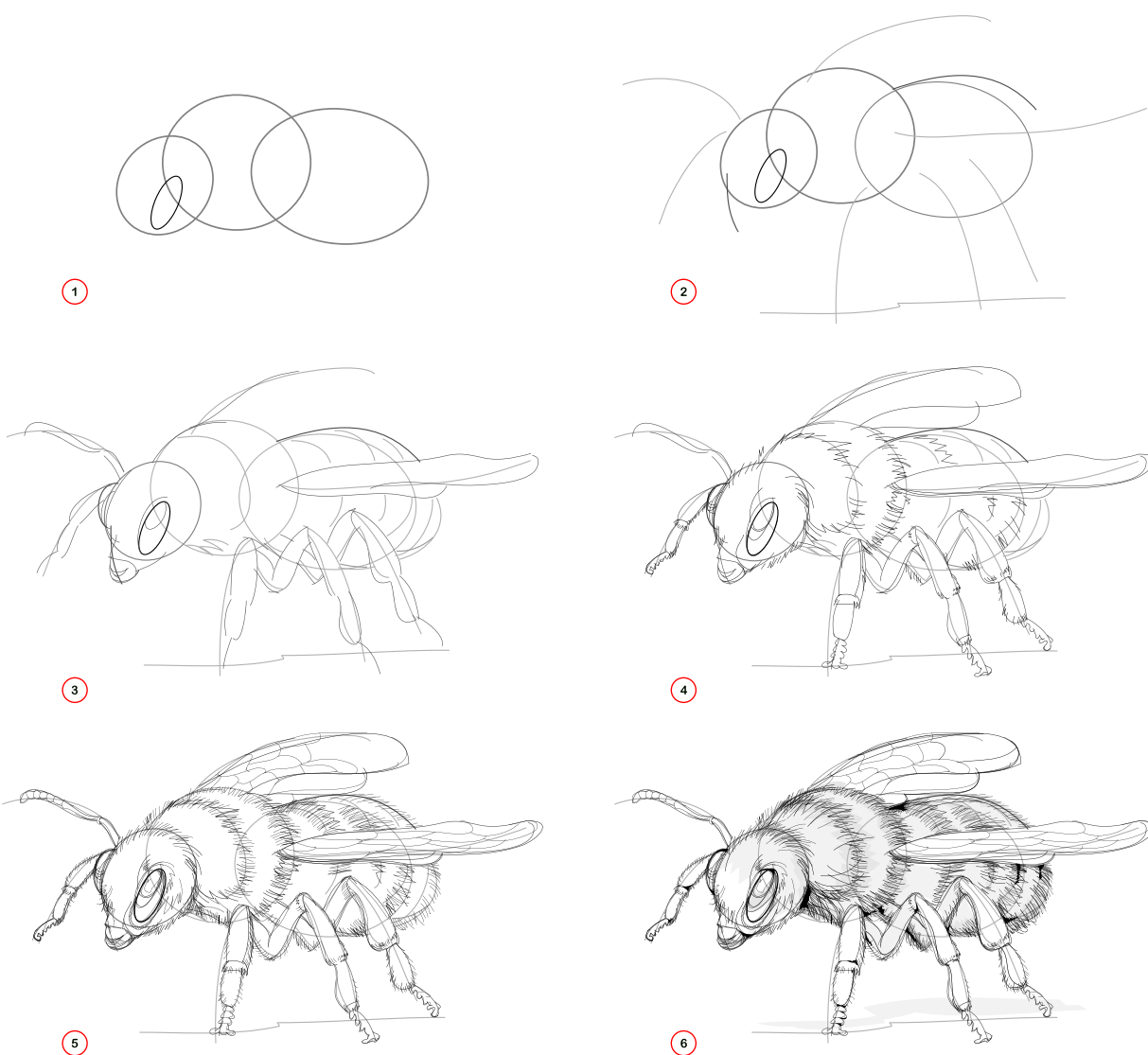
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Enter our weekly Competition designed for you. E-mail your entry to the erudite Mr. Dawson for consideration. Remember to enjoy yourself – the Sentinel Competition is meant to be irreverent and funny and definitely not taken seriously. Pseudonyms are welcome! Enter as often as you feel inspired.

\$50 prize for each week's winner (plus bragging rights).

Submit your entries by email to:

Dawson@GreenwichSentinel.com or Dawson@NewCanaanSentinel.com.

THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION:

Fluff n' Fold

PROMPT

Please tell Mr. Dawson your reason for having only one garment in the washing machine. (100-word limit)

EXAMPLE

I was taught by my environmentally conscientious mother not to waste precious resources such as hot water nor to contaminate the local water supply with too much soap. My frugal father taught me to waste not, want not. But when I accidentally dumped a glass of Ramos Pinto Vinces Very Old Tawny into the lap of my white linen summer trousers, I felt that running the laundry for a single pair of pants paled in comparison to so great a loss.

Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

Winners will be announced in the May 24 issue of *The Sentinel*.

The Competition results are exclusively available to readers of the print or digital editions of The Greenwich and New Canaan Sentinels and are not available on our websites.



WINNERS OF THE APRIL 26 COMPETITION

Backhanded Compliments

PROMPT

Send Mr. Dawson your cattiest compliment.

WINNER

Sofia Izurieta

How delightful that the bonnet fits! I was worried it would be too small. It really compliments your head."

RUNNER UP

Lisa Bergtraum

You're a force of nature—like the steroid-pumped arm of a major league pitcher—when it comes to throwing money at a problem.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Erica Blair

Why don't you put that amazing hat back on before we take the group photo?

Sofia Izurieta

My, with your outfit, dear ... I dare say all eyes will be on you tonight.

IN NEXT WEEK'S SENTINEL

Winners of the May 3 Competition: Take Good Care of Our Princess

Classified Ads

HELP WANTED

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Seeking experienced financial professional to collaborate with CFO of rapidly growing mid sized publishing business. Flexible in office time. Financial reporting skill, some A/R and A/P monitoring, low stress, high accuracy, good interpersonal skill with satellite offices, pleasant environment in Greenwich. Growth potential, if desired. Send CV to sa@cinn.com.

HELP WANTED

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Seeking "hands on" groundskeeper with organic gardening experience 3 days/24hrs-per week on private estate. Manage seasonal planning, planting and maintenance for organic vegetables, fruit trees, and flowers. lisa@finishingwell.com

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WRITE IT DOWN

CALLING ALL CHRONICLERS OF LOCAL LEGENDS!

Are you the unofficial mayor of our town's gossip grapevine? Do you have a knack for turning a mundane trip to the grocery store into a thrilling tale worth sharing? Well, grab your quill (or keyboard) because we want your perspective! Join our Letter to the Editor writing enthusiasts and let your words dance across the pages of our local paper. From bake sales to bizarre festivals, from thank you notes to your volunteers to chastising that person who ran a red light! P.S. Bonus points if you can make the community editor snort coffee through their nose!

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Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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 - 8:30 a.m.
Spring Migration Bird Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free (donations are encouraged). greenwich.audubon.org/events

7:30 a.m.
Greenwich Road Runners: Saturday Morning Run (multiple-pace) Group Runs Old Greenwich Firehouse, 207 Sound Beach Ave. greenwichroadrunners.org/events

8:30 a.m.
Riverside Run/Walk - Kids Fun Run starts @9:30am. Riverside School, 90 Hendrie Ave. Rain or Shine. events.elitefeats.com/24driversiderun

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

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Police Day. Greenwich Public Safety Complex (Alley), 11 Bruce Place. greenwichct.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2415

7:30 p.m.
Live Music Night: King's Highway. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com

SUNDAY, MAY 12

1 p.m.
Science Solvers: Diorama Sketching (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

MONDAY, MAY 13

1 p.m.
Lecture: "Conservatories, Orangeries and Greenhouses: Historical Precedent, Modern Relevance." Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. greenwichdecorativearts.org

7 p.m.
"Triggered: How Self-Compassion Teaches Us to Respond Rather Than React" - A Mental Health Workshop. Perrot Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. jsgammato@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

TUESDAY, MAY 14

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: Dinosaur Friends (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

6 p.m.
Backyard Composting 101, in Partnership With Waste Free Greenwich. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free, GBC Member; \$15, Non-Member. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

11 a.m.
Local Spotlight book talk series: "Now You Can Take My Picture", with Mike Harris. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

11 a.m.
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: The Grace Notes - A Capella Singers. 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

7 p.m.
Plan for College & Career Success in the Digital World. YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. Free, YWCA members; \$25, non-members. ywca-greenwich.org/events

8:30 p.m.
Astronomical Society of Greenwich: Bowman Observatory Public Nights. Bowman Observatory, on the grounds of the Julian Curtiss School. Free. GreenwichStars@Gmail.com. astro-greenwich.org

THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:30 a.m.
Breakfast and Q&A with State Reps. Rachel Khanna and Hector Arzeno. Greenwich Water, 49 River Rd. \$15, Members; \$25, Non-members; Free, Neighborhood Assoc. members/RTM (Must email mokane@greenwich-chamber.com in advance). greenwich-chamber.com

12 p.m.
Community Showcase: Chapel Haven Schleifer Center. Online. Free. Register. bit.ly/ChapelHavenSchleiferCenter

1 p.m.
Gardening 101. Greenwich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve, 370 Round Hill Road. gltrust.org/calendars

3 p.m.
Lil' Birders Preschool Program. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. \$30. greenwich.audubon.org/events

5 p.m.
Container Gardening with Char Barnes - Part I. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$15, GBC Member; \$30, Non-Member. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

6 p.m.
Backcountry (RTM Districts 10, 11) Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Community Input Meeting. Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room. greenwichct.gov/2590/Traffic-and-Pedestrian-Safety-Community-

6 p.m.
Greenwich Historical Society: LIFE Today: A Conversation with Jill Golden and Kostya Kennedy. Virtual. Members, \$5; Non-Members, \$10. greenwichhistory.org/events

6:30 p.m.
"Breaking Glass" - Book Talk with author Patricia Walsh Chadwick. Dogwood Books & Gifts, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free. 203-869-6600. mclark@christchurchgreenwich.org. dogwood-booksandgifts.com

7 p.m.
Greenwich High School Theater Arts presents "Oklahoma". GHS Performing Arts Center, 10 Hillside Rd. Performances will also be held on Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18, both at 7pm. ghs theater.ludus.com/index.php?sections=events

7 p.m.
St. Catherine's Support Circle: Keys to Success for Job Seekers Over 50. Via Zoom. Free. RSVP by May 14. gbmjohnson@gmail.com. stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Elevator Emergency Management - Ops/Tech. Cos Cob Firehouse, 200 E. Putnam Ave. dragonrescue.com/eem-courses.

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

3:45 - 9 p.m.
Cos Cob May Fair. Cos Cob School, 300 East Putnam Ave. Rain Date: Sunday, May 19, 12-5pm. coscobpta.member-shiptoolkit.com

4 p.m.
Kids Sow in the Garden. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free, GBC Family Members; \$15, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

SATURDAY, MAY 18

7:30 a.m.
Greenwich Road Runners: Saturday Morning Run (multiple-pace) Group Runs Old Greenwich Firehouse, 207 Sound Beach Ave. greenwichroadrunners.org/events

8:30 a.m.
Second Annual Mugs & Motors Car Show. Coffee for Good (lower lot behind Café), 48 Maple Ave. Free admission. coffeeforgood.org

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Byram Park Cleanup Day. Rain or Shine. RSVP. greenwichgreendeclean.org/byram-park-cleanup-day

1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Festival Art (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, May 19. brucemuseum.org

2 p.m.
Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Bruce Park Tree Walk. The walk will be guided by Lisa Beebe, Arboretum Curator of the Greenwich Town Arboretum. Registration is required. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

3 - 9 p.m.
Cos Cob May Fair. Cos Cob School, 300 East Putnam Ave. Rain Date: Sunday, May 19, 12-5pm. coscobpta.member-shiptoolkit.com

SUNDAY, MAY 19

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Junior League of Greenwich's "Touch a Truck". Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Rd. \$15, Individual tickets; Free, Age 2 & under; \$150, Family VIP. jlgreenwich.org/touch-a-truck

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

1:30 p.m.
Friends of Greenwich Point: "Looks Like Spring" Baby Farm Animals Program. Innis Arden Cottage - Tod's Point. Free. Registration required. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 7:

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

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/get-help/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. greenwichrotary.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

GREENWICH LIBRARIES greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, May 10

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

11 a.m.
Growing Your Business with Reference Solutions. Online.

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

4 p.m.
Make a 3D-Printed Self-Watering Seedling Planter. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: "Anatomy of a Fall". Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, May 11

10:30 a.m.
Craft with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.
Plaza Theatrical Presents: A Year with Frog and Toad. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/11174705

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

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

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

Monday, May 13

10 a.m.
Spotlight On: TV. and Movie Streaming. Learning Lab.

10 a.m.
Wee Ones Storytime for 1s and 2s. Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.
LEGOS for the Wee Ones with Beth. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

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

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

3 p.m.
Byram Book Club. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

4 p.m.
Nutmeg Book Club with Ms. Flynn. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

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

6:30 p.m.
Friends of Cos Cob Annual Meeting - Public. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

Tuesday, May 14
10 & 10:30 a.m.
Spanish Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

11 a.m.
Storytime with Patty. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

1 p.m.
Friends Book Group. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

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

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

4 p.m.
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Teen Commons.

5 p.m.
Gentle Yoga with Kristin. Byram Shubert Library.

5 p.m.
New Yorker Stories Discussion Group. Online.

7 p.m.
Foreign Affairs Book Group. Community Room #5.

7 p.m.
Investing Group: Exchange-Traded Funds for Dummies. Online.

Wednesday, May 15
10 a.m.
Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. imatthews@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. imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

12 p.m.
Brown Bag Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

3 p.m.
R.E.A.D. to a Dog. Byram Shubert Library Community 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. Teen Commons.

7 p.m.
Instagram Best Practices. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Thursday, May 16
10 a.m.
Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library - Outside.

6 p.m.
Brand University Logo Workshop. Innovation Lab.

7 p.m.
Lecture: "Napoleon: How his Reforms Helped Shape a Modern Era" with Robert Henry, Oxford University. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

7 p.m.
Signature Series: The Role of Libraries within the Public Realm. Berkley Theater.

Friday, May 17
11:30 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

3:45 p.m.
World Music with Anitra. Cos Cob Library (Outside). 203-622-6883.

7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: "It Ain't Over". Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, May 18
10:30 a.m.
Hatha Yoga for Adults with Inger. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

2 p.m.
Broadway Behind the Scenes Panel. Marx Family Black Box Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/11335381

2 p.m.
Jerry's Movies: "Notorious" directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

Sunday, May 19
3 p.m.
Peterson Concert: Traditional Japanese Music in the Modern Age. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org.

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

Monday, May 13
9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
'Stop the Bleed: Taking Action' class. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

6 p.m.
Talk: A Guide to a Whole-Foods, Plant-Based Diet. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Tuesday, May 14
3 p.m.
Talk: Common Emergencies and What to Expect in the ED. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

Wednesday, May 15

8 a.m.
Safety Event: Greenwich Hospital offers free monthly car seat safety checks. West Putnam Medical Center, 500 W. Putnam Ave. Make an appointment at: 203-200-KIDS or email Carseats@ynhh.org.

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

4 p.m.
Talk: Medicine Interactions: Know Your Meds. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Thursday, May 16

1 p.m.
Webinar: MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Support Group. Online.

Saturday, May 18

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

NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR

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Everyday, all day

- 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road. The weatherproof bin is located outside of the Parish Hall.
- Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

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

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

Food Drive at St. Paul's Episcopal Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

RedCrossBlood.org

Friday, 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.

Monday, May 13

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church Stamford, 1101 Bedford St., Stamford.
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Tuesday, May 14

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
1 - 6 p.m.
New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza - Lawton Street, New Rochelle,

NY.

Friday, May 17

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Road - Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

Saturday, May 18

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Archangels Greek Orthodox Church, 1527 Bedford Street, Stamford.

TOWN MEETINGS

greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, May 13

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

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

3 p.m.
Energy Management Advisory Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

7 p.m.
RTM Full Meeting. Central Middle School.

Tuesday, May 14

10 a.m.
BET HR Committee.

1 p.m.
BET Budget Committee.

12 p.m.
First Selectman's Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

4 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

7 p.m.
FS Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

7 p.m.
Cancelled: First Selectman's Youth Commission Board Meeting.

Wednesday, May 15

10 a.m.
BET Investment Advisory Committee.

12 p.m.
FS Nominating Advisory Committee Meeting. Via Zoom.

1 p.m.
Public Tree Hearing Notice - 7 Dairy Road.

2:30 p.m.
Public Tree Hearing Notice - 1 Fawcett Place/ Greenwich Avenue.

6 p.m.
Harbor Management Commission Regular Meeting.

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

Thursday, May 16

8:30 a.m.
FS Active Transportation Task Force Meeting. Via Zoom.

6 p.m.
Backcountry (RTM Districts 10, 11) Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Community Input Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

Friday, May 17

12 p.m.
RTM Call Closes.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 15

6 p.m.
Greenwich Historical Society Spring Fete. Historic Highland Farm. greenwichhistory.org/spring-fete

7 p.m.
Breast Cancer Alliance Casino Night. Innis Arden Golf Club. interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/webink.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. clcf.org

11:30 a.m.
St. Joseph's Parenting Center Spring Ladies Luncheon. Silver Spring Country Club, Ridgefield. sjpcenterstaff.org/springluncheon

6 p.m.
The Norwalk Art Space's 2024 Arts 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

Friday, May 31

5:30 p.m.
An Evening at the Farmstead. Green-

wich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve. gltrust.org/calendars/an-evening-at-the-farmstead

Saturday, June 1

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

Sunday, June 2

10 a.m.
Greenwich Concours d'Elegance. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. showclix.com/tickets/sunday-greenwich-concours-delegance-2024

Monday, June 3

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

Thursday, June 6

6:30 p.m.
BackCountry Jazz Benefit Concert. Round Hill Community House. classy.org/event/backcountry-jazz-benefit-concert/e576717

Saturday, June 8

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Greenwich Police Department Car Show. Greenwich Town Hall. Early bird registration through June 1: \$20; Day of: \$25. 203-622-7884. greenwichct.gov/345/Police

Sunday, June 9

8:30 a.m.
Greenwich Riding & Trails Association's 102nd Annual Horse Show & Elegant Tented Luncheon. 39 Pierson Dr., Greenwich. thegrta.org/102nd-annual-horse-show-elegant-tented-luncheon

5:30 p.m.
The Greenwich Preservation Trust: Preservation Leadership Award for Josephine "Jo" Conboy. Stonebrooke, 29 Taconic Rd. greenwichpreservationtrust.com

Thursday, June 13

6:30 p.m.
Circle of Care's 'Kaleidoscope - Colors of Courage' 20th Anniversary Gala. Loading Dock, Stamford. e.givesmart.com/events/B2G

Monday, June 17

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Kids In Crisis' Kids Challenge Summer Kick-Off Golf Tournament. Shorehaven Golf Club, Norwalk. kidsincrisis.org/event/kids-challenge-2024-summer-kick-off

Saturday, July 13

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

Our Neighboring Towns

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

SATURDAY, MAY 11

11 a.m.
Reading & Rhythm Concert. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

11 a.m.
C2 Education Practice Test. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

2 p.m.

World of Opera Concert: an Arts & Culture Series program. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

SUNDAY, MAY 12

7 - 10 a.m.
Cars and Coffee. Goodwives Shopping Center, 25 Old Kings Hwy S, Darien. carsandcoffeedarien.com

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mother's Day Celebration. Stepping Stones Museum for Children - Mathews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk. steppingstonesmuseum.org

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

5 p.m.

How to Write a Cover Letter. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.

Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Lecture Series Lecture Series: Horseshoe Crab Monitoring. Jo-Marie Kasinak, M.S. Hanson Building, 1875 Noble Ave, Bridgeport. beardsleyzoo.org

7 p.m.

American Wolf with Audrey Birnbaum. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

THURSDAY, MAY 16

4 - 8 p.m.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. Park215, 215 Stillwater Ave., Stamford. Free. Register. youthmentalhealthct@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

4 - 8 p.m.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. Park215, 215 Stillwater Ave., Stamford. Free. Register. youthmentalhealthct@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

11 a.m.

'Mental Health Care IS Health Care' Selfcare for Recovery's 2nd Annual Event. PAL Center, 245 Selleck St., Stamford. Free. selfcareforrecovery.org

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Sudoku

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COLORING CHALLENGE



Sudoku answers

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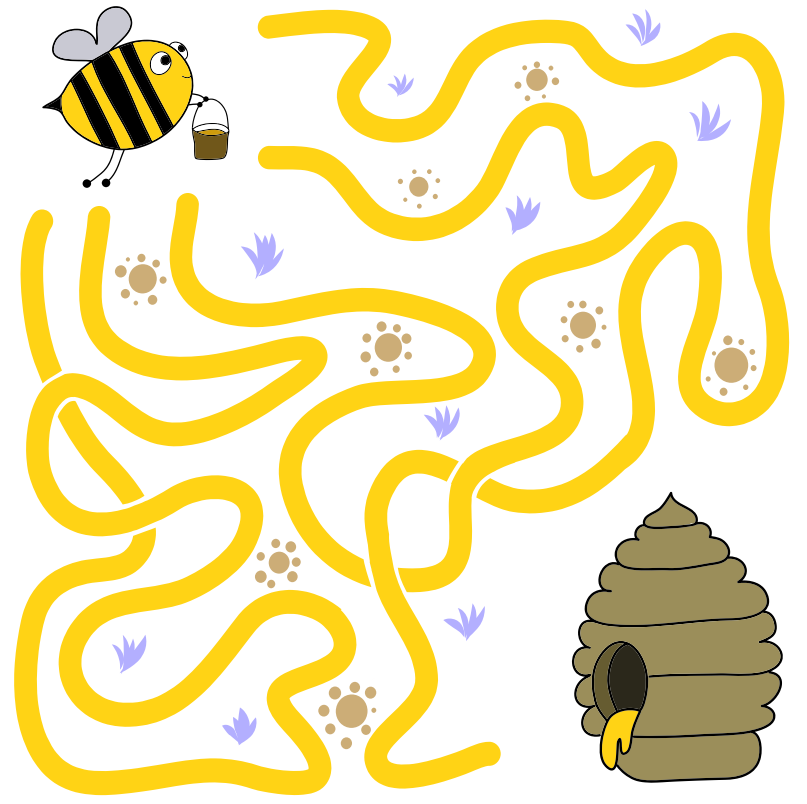
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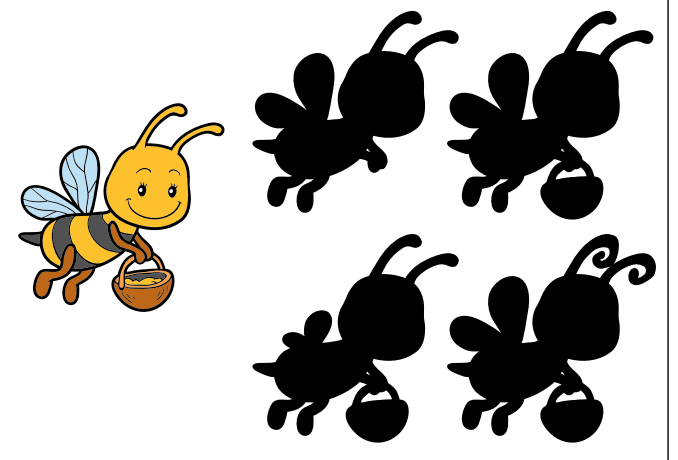
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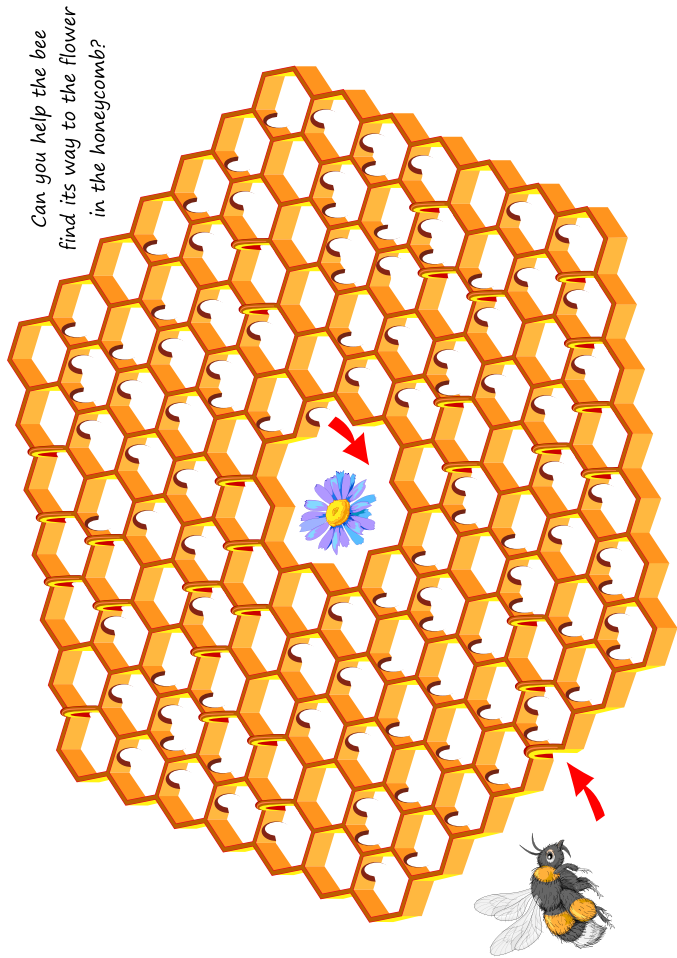
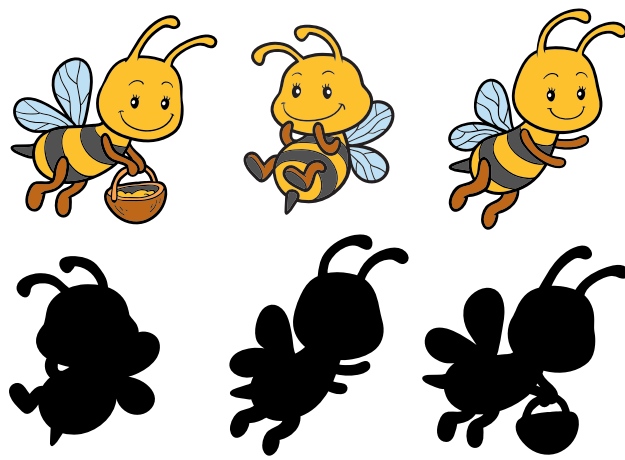
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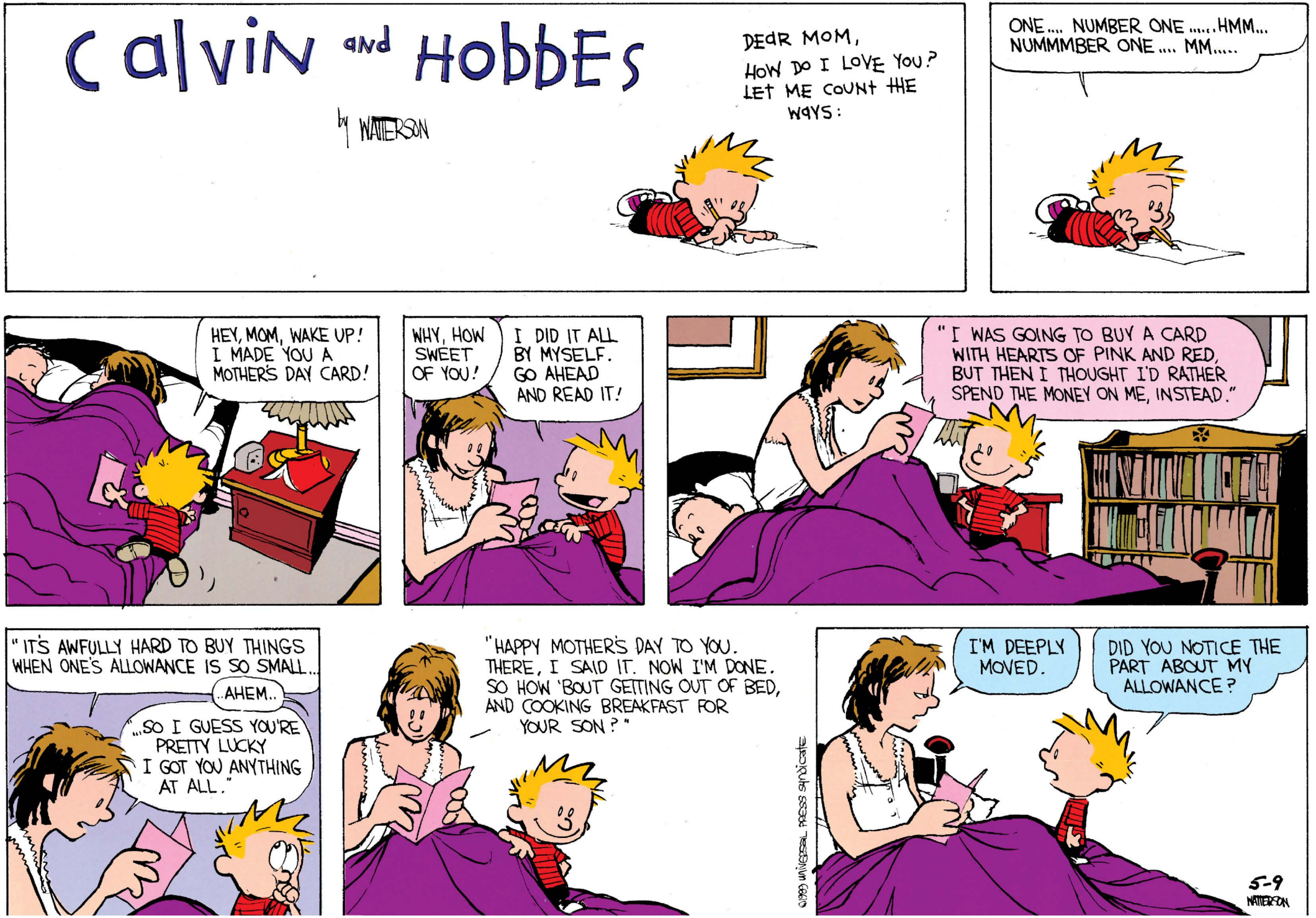
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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE FOUR-WINGED FLYING FISH

A Masterful Glider

BY JIM KNOX

I was no more than five. The animal in the sand at my feet mesmerized me. While many things can mesmerize a small child, this was something that even the bigger kids and adults came over to see. They gathered, stared, and pointed. To my young mind the tiny creature was both familiar yet nonsensical. I stared at the slender blueish silver scaled creature laying just yards from the lapping waves of Nantucket Sound. It remember thinking it was a fish, but then quickly deciding that it must be a bird based on the “wings” nearly the length on its body. My dad—the solver of all mysteries—revealed the identity of the mystery creature. I remember him kneeling next to me so that we were the same height. He spoke with as much wonder as I felt.

“That’s a flying fish, son!” he shared.

I still remember looking at the sliver of a fish and thinking that my dad made perfect sense. After all, it did have “wings.” In time I would come to know this creature as the Atlantic Flying Fish, a species found from Massachusetts to Brazil. While not common at the northern end of their range, the species can be found in New England in certain years when the Gulf Stream eddies spin northward toward our shores.

While this is the only flying fish species in New England waters, there are 64 known species, the majority of which inhabit tropical and sub-tropical waters. Common features include a highly streamlined lance-shaped body, a forked tail with a longer lower lobe and, most conspicuously, a pair of elongate pectoral fins that resemble and function as wings. Among these 64 species are some which take the bird-like appearance to a



The Four-winged Flying Fish

While these small creatures average glides of 160 feet (more than ½ a football field in distance), the record holder soared to new heights—launching aloft for an astounding 1,312 feet (nearly ¼ of a mile).

new level. The Four-Winged Flying Fish are a family of flying fish known as Exocoetidae. While their Two-Winged Flying Fish kin are known to “fly,” the Four-Winged species give that word new meaning. Though Flying Fish don’t truly fly, they are masterful gliders. With greatly enlarged pectoral fins as well as pelvic fins, these light fish have adopted a body plan which is more glider than grouper.

So why does a fish glide in the first place? Ichthyologists theorize that these creatures employ the ultimate escape plan—exploding from the water to escape aquatic predators such as Yellowfin Tuna, Wahoo, Swordfish, Mackerel and Marlin which cannot follow them in the air. Conversely, Flying Fish will tuck in their “wings” against their streamlined bodies

to dart back down beneath the ocean’s surface to evade aerial predators such as acrobatic Frigate birds. While the “why” is intriguing, the “how” is truly fascinating. So just how does a fish leave the ocean to go airborne for

extended periods? That answer is found in the fish’s anatomical design. With light streamlined bodies averaging 7-12 inches, the fish’s shape reduces drag when gliding. Possessing reinforced bones in the spinal column, the Four-

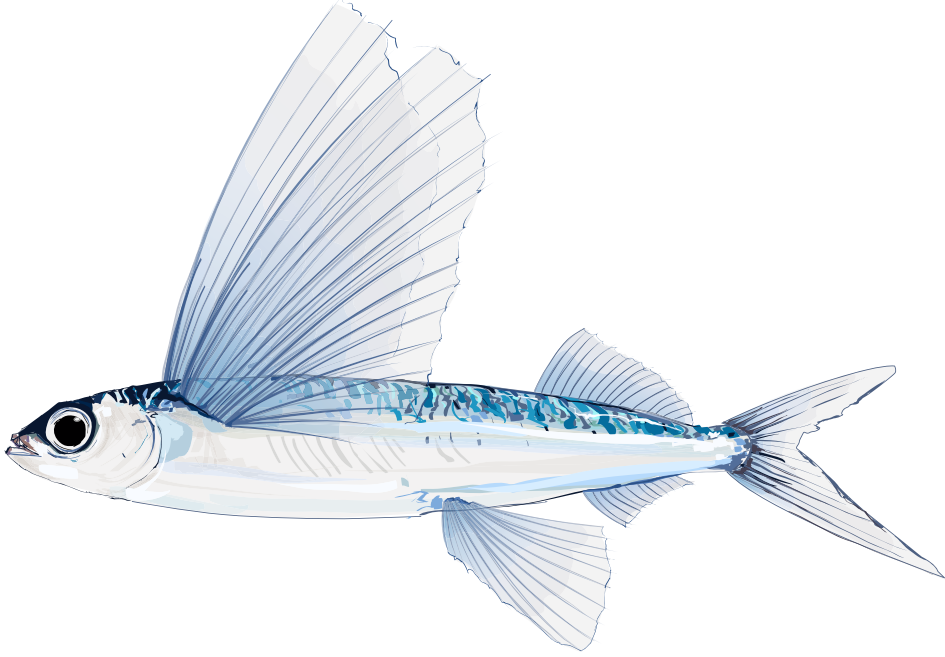
Winged Flying Fish can maintain a rigid posture for its aerial journeys, much like a glider requires a rigid airframe. Like the glider model, the fish has an expansive fin surface area and a low weight relative to this “wing surface” (its total

fin surface area). Yet even the best glider needs an assist to give it lift and set it on its way. That’s where the fish’s extraordinary design comes into play yet again. Sporting a lower tail lobe which is far longer than its upper counterpart, the Four-Winged Flying Fish can drive its tail along the water’s surface at a blurring rate of 70 beats per second. Acting like an outboard motor to drive the fish upward where it’s pectoral fins can catch lift off the updrafts generated by the waves, the fish launches upward, attaining speeds of 43 miles per hour and heights of up to 20 feet! What’s more, this “glider” can evade like no other, dropping down to the water’s surface, churning the surface furiously with its tail and taking “flight” again—in a different direction!

While these small creatures average glides of 160 feet (more than ½ a football field in distance), the record holder soared to new heights—launching aloft for an astounding 1,312 feet (nearly ¼ of a mile)! These long distance “flights” can last 45 seconds in duration. Such natural feats have not gone unnoticed by aeronautical engineers, as the unmatched aerial abilities of the Flying Fish inspired airplane design concepts in the 1920s and 1930s.

In the Four-Winged Flying Fish we have a creature which defies the conventional and gives us pause to reflect on what is truly possible. While nature continually amazes and inspires, it is a rare beast that lives among the waves yet journeys to the skies.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo and as a Science Adviser for The Bruce Museum. His passions include studying our planet’s rarest creatures and sharing his work with others who love the natural world.





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May 10th

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