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**Oral History Project Scavenger Hunt**

The Greenwich Library Oral History Project is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. During the month of May, you can learn about some of the amazing stories the Project has collected by playing the Oral History Scavenger Hunt. Come to the Welcome Desk for your game sheet and then collect answers throughout the first floor of the library. Players who turn in an answer sheet will win a small prize while supplies last.

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
In Cos Cob, the local VFW will host a ceremony at the pocket park near the Greenwich Historical Society on May 25 at 10:30 a.m.

The Glenville Volunteer Fire Company and the 9th District Veterans Association will hold a parade through downtown Glenville on May 26 at 5 p.m.

In Byram, the Veterans Memorial Day parade will be held on May 26 at 1 p.m. along Delavan Avenue.

On May 27 at 8 a.m., the Greenwich American Legion Post 29 will hold a ceremony at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club.

On May 27 at 10 a.m., a ceremony at Eugene Morlot Memorial Park will honor 13 men from Byram School who died in military service.

The Old Greenwich Memorial Day parade will begin at the Sound Beach Volunteer Fire Department on May 27 at 10 a.m.

**POLICE & FIRE**  
The Connecticut Fire Academy recently graduated three individuals: Waida, Faria, and Keough. The GFD looks forward to their future contributions.

This week, we celebrated EMS Week 2024 by honoring the dedication of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals. Paramedics and EMTs are essential, demonstrating quick thinking and expertise that save lives daily.

**FROM TOWN HALL**  
Connecticut's Renter's Rebate Program is accepting applications until October 1, 2024. The program provides financial

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Safe Streets Grant's Second Chance

By ANNE WHITE

A recent vote by the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) to fund the Safe Streets for All grant was the second time the grant has come before the BET. The first time it did not survive the fiscal 2025 budget process.

The \$500,000 grant, which aims to improve pedestrian and traffic safety through comprehensive planning, passed with a narrow margin of seven to five. The vote saw six Democrats and Republican Chairman Harry Fisher in favor, while five Republicans opposed.

Support for the Grant

Harry Fisher, the Republican Chairman of the BET, played a pivotal role in the passage of the grant. Fisher advocated for a more thorough review of the Safe Streets initiative, emphasizing the need for more community input. "I thought that this Safe Streets item didn't get an adequate airing before the main fiscal '25 budget process, and that's why I brought it back and made sure that the BET Budget Committee and the full BET had an option to really question DPW," Fisher explained.

He underscored the importance of addressing the town's safety issues proactively, stating, "Safe Streets for All is just a study. It identifies where we've got issues, it documents those so we can plan going forward for improvements. If those improvements end up getting funded by state or federal sources, then we have to pay attention to complete street design. But it's not mandated."

Fisher also consulted extensively with various town officials to assess the potential risks and benefits of the grant. "I spoke to the risk manager for the town and the town attorney, and I sent them the material and said, 'What is the risk of doing this? And what is the risk of not doing it?' Both of them said that the risk of not doing it exceeds the risk of doing it. That if we know there are issues in the town and we fail to study them and come up with a comprehensive plan, we're just

playing ostrich," he noted.

Leslie Moriarty, the Democratic Caucus Leader, expressed confusion over the reluctance to support the grant. "Speaking for the Democratic members on the BET, we believe this grant directly addresses a key priority for our residents - traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety. The first step to address the issue should be gathering data and creating a database of information to determine priorities and solutions. This grant offsets what would have been town funds to complete the planning process. We do not understand the reluctance of the 5 Republican members who did not support planning and community input for an important quality of life initiative."

First Selectman Fred Camillo echoed Fisher's sentiments, highlighting the town's efforts in securing the grant. "The five Republican BET members voted against a public safety grant that the town has worked hard for; four-fifths of it's coming back to us. We've asked them, and the Department of Public Works had asked them to reconsider," Camillo explained. He noted the importance of the grant in enhancing pedestrian and public safety, which are priorities for his administration.

Opposition on BET

However, the five Republican members - David Alfano, Nisha Arora, Karen Fassuliotis, Lucia Jansen, and Leslie Tarkington - raised significant concerns. In a joint statement (see page 7), they criticized the process and potential long-term costs. "Safe Streets for All is a worthy goal, but what problem are we attempting to solve?" they questioned. They argued that the town's infrastructure initiatives are already robust, pointing out the millions spent annually to maintain safe and ADA-compliant sidewalks and roads.

They also expressed skepticism about the grant's necessity, stating, "Grants are great and should be pursued and used to subsidize town projects.

Camillo commended Harry Fisher for his leadership

But the method by which our Department of Public Works (DPW) has used the federal and state grant programs is backwards. DPW's method is simple - find the grant first, then look for projects second."

A primary concern among the opposing members is the potential loss of local control over projects and financial implications. They emphasized the need for a clear vision and planning before accepting any grants, fearing that the town might be locked into unnecessary or low-priority projects. "We have heard from many Old Greenwich residents that they neither requested nor appreciate a new 10' wide bicycle path through the center of Old Greenwich on Sound Beach Avenue," they stated, highlighting past projects that were initiated primarily due to available grants rather than community needs.

First Selectman's Response

Camillo expressed frustration with the opposition, noting that these members have consistently questioned various grants. "These five members have questioned almost every single grant, even the ones they accepted. They were even threatening not to take the Glenville grant, which was fully funded," he remarked, illustrating the internal conflicts and the BET is experiencing right now in garnering unified support for grant-related projects.

Addressing concerns about maintaining local control if the grant money was accepted, Camillo was unequivocal. "We've accepted grant money for years and years and never lost local control." He clarified that the acceptance of grants has never compromised the town's autonomy in decision-making.

"To the unfounded claim that the town is looking for grants before actually having projects," he continued, "the town applies

for grants to support priorities that are well-documented in the Plan of Conservation and Development, statistical analyses, and most important, things the people of Greenwich have identified. Traffic is an issue I hear about everywhere I go - people in this town are desperate for information and solutions to traffic problems. How can anyone say that we found a grant for a traffic study and after that we suddenly decided we needed one? That makes no sense."

Camillo commended Harry Fisher for his leadership and willingness to lead on several projects, including the Glenville Project and the Old Greenwich School. "Harry really stepped up and showed real leadership on several things when it came to the Glenville Project and Old Greenwich School," he noted, highlighting Fisher's role in advancing key initiatives despite opposition.

Future Implications

The passage of the Safe Streets for All grant marks a significant step in addressing traffic and pedestrian safety concerns in Greenwich. While the grant's opponents remain wary of its implications, proponents believe it will provide the necessary framework for future improvements and potential state or federal funding.

The grant must now go before the full Representative Town Meeting (RTM) for final approval. This additional step ensures that all town representatives have a say in the acceptance and implementation of the grant, adding another layer of scrutiny and debate. The RTM's decision will be crucial in determining whether the grant moves forward and how the planning and safety measures will be implemented across Greenwich.

OPINION

Historic Havemeyer Deserves a New Life



The Havemeyer Building, on the corner of Arch Street and Greenwich Avenue was given to the town by Henry Osborne Havemeyer - the "Sugar King" | Photo by Jerry Dougherty. Inset: Greenwich Historical Society photo.

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Environmental Quote of the Week

By ANNE W. SEMMES

"Only within the moment of time represented by this present century has one species - man - acquired significant power to alter the nature

of his world."

Rachel Carson, "Silent Spring," first published in The New Yorker magazine in three parts in June 1962. Carson was born on May 27, 1907, and died in 1964, age 56.

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COLUMN

The Commencement  
Address No One  
Asked Me to Give



By STUART ADELBERG

Well, it's graduation season, and once again I have been passed over as a commencement speaker. I have not distinguished myself as an expert in any field, nor do I have noteworthy wisdom to impart. But surely my charm, eloquence, and good attitude ought to count for something! My verbosity is legendary, but that's simply because I enjoy listening to myself. I would think one institution out of the thousands celebrating graduations might be compelled to hand me a microphone, if for no other reason than the inability to secure anyone better.

While I begrudgingly wait for my invitation, I do have some suggestions for this year's graduates. They come with no cap, no gown, and certainly no honorary degree. In fact, most of what I've learned came from my parents, two of the smartest people I know. Someday our graduates may be lucky enough to see their parents this way, but that's a subject for another speech! I impart my thoughts here with the hope that someone might share one or two on my behalf.

Graduates:

You enter a world with very real, extremely serious problems. Your generation will be challenged like no other to address crises that would shake the most capable among us. The scope of our problems is daunting and today they are exacerbated by an alarming tendency to disavow their very existence. Your first challenge is to create a world in which integrity is paramount, where facts come first. It is healthy to have different visions of the future as we might like it to be, but we will never move in any direction until we can acknowledge where we are today.

Remember that the person who disagrees with you is convinced, as sincerely you are, that their perspective is right. It can seem impossible to understand why someone feels or thinks so differently than you. This just makes the job of truly hearing them that much harder. Understanding where someone is coming from is not the same as agreeing with them. And finding compromise or simply agreeing to disagree is not a sign of weakness, but of strength. Wise people recognize the value of lifelong learning, but if you are convinced that you already have all the answers, what's left to learn?

Your outlook will be vastly improved if you embrace the concept of service for the greater good. As overwhelming as life may seem, there are forces and challenges confronting millions of others that are much more serious and potentially more hopeless than ours. A life driven by empathy, benevolence, and compassion, is a life of meaningful purpose. The right thing to do is always right, and it is even more virtuous when it comes with personal cost.

Sing. Anywhere you can. Out loud or to yourself. Welcoming art into your life, regardless of talent, or lack thereof, will bring you joy, even in the worst of times. Throw in a couple of dance steps and you will be downright jubilant!

Never lose the ability to laugh at yourself - others will be doing it, so you might as well join them! Life is challenging and there will be countless times when the weight of the world will require somber thoughts and serious actions. But there are very few circumstances that cannot be made a little better with a moment of humor.

Finally, have faith in your generation's ability to change the world, but don't expect others to do it without you. You are inheriting a world of wondrous possibilities, but the responsibility for nurturing them belongs to you.

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# The Romance of Bertie and Elizabeth How a Marriage Saved the British Monarchy

By ANNE W. SEMMES

The 75 members and guests who attended the Greenwich Branch of the English-Speaking Union (ESU) monthly luncheon meeting last Thursday week at the Round Hill Club received a rare and intimate view of the courtship and marriage of the late Queen Elizabeth's parents, George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The speaker was Sally Bedell Smith, noted author of some eight biographies of celebrities, socialites - especially the royal family, with her latest being, "George VI and Elizabeth - The Marriage That Saved the Monarchy."

"This book shines a light on what is less well known of the lives in full of a remarkable couple during their 28-year marriage," began Smith. Note that King George VI would die prematurely at age 56, with Elizabeth at 51 destined to be the "jolly queen mom" for her 50 following years. To tell the intimate story of Albert Bowes Lyon, Smith would need to see their private papers with the permission granted (after six months) by their daughter, Queen Elizabeth II. Smith would spend three months in the Royal Archives of Windsor Castle, climbing up "more than a hundred steps" to the research room at the top of the Castle's round tower.

Smith was also granted access to the private papers and photo albums in Elizabeth's Strathmore family Glamis Castle in Scotland. "The archives were in a small room at the top of another tower, also reached by an ancient stone staircase of a hundred steps."

### The romance begins

"The letters between Elizabeth and her future husband, as well as her mother, her siblings, her governess, and her friends were revealing and funny and often quite moving," told Smith. So, it was the summer of 1920 "at a

military ball in the Ritz Hotel in London, that Bertie [age 24] first danced with Elizabeth [age 20] and fell in love." Bertie - with his title of Duke of York (with big brother David, the Prince of Wales destined to be King) would then pursue Elizabeth for 30 months, told Smith. He first had to overcome her attraction to his quarry (assistant - and friend), and her reluctance to take on those royal duties as Duchess of York.

With some "discreet meddling" from Bertie's mom and friends, the quarry was given "a lucrative job in the United States, which cleared the courtship field for Bertie." And Smith added, "Bertie felt equally in love with Elizabeth's family when he joined them for shooting weekends at Glamis Castle and at St. Paul Walden Fury, which was their English estate."

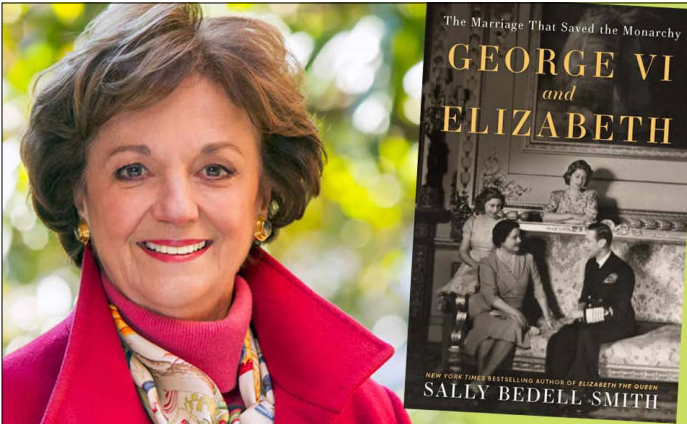
"They competed on the Glamis tennis court," said Smith. "They danced reels...they tramped across fields to shoot cartridges, grouse, and pheasants...They kept up cordial correspondence and saw each other at London dinner parties and country house dances. The tone of their letters on both sides was restrained, although each showed genuine anguish."

While turning down Bertie's proposals in 1921 and 1922, "Elizabeth could never bring herself to shut the door on Bertie's overtures," told Smith. "She called him her most faithful friend." In her diary begun at the beginning of 1923, the diary charts the 12 days between Bertie's proposal and Elizabeth's final acceptance," told Smith. "We see her vacillating and worrying...she knew her life would soon change dramatically."

### The commitment is made

It was in "the enchanted garden" so named by Elizabeth in her home at St. Paul's Walden Fury, having "talked things through" with Bertie, that finally, "close to midnight on Sunday, January 14, 1923, Lady Elizabeth

*"The mission of 41-year-old Bertie and 36-year-old Elizabeth was to rebuild the foundations of the monarchy and to earn the admiration of the British people with their diligence and their decency."*



Author Sally Bedell Smith and her newest biography.  
Photo by Max Hirshfield.

Bowes Lyon said yes."

Now committed, "Their letters to each other changed completely. They overflowed with affection - 'I do love you Bertie and I am certain that I shall more and more.'" The two were married at Westminster Abbey "before a congregation of 1,780 guests 101 years ago on April 26," said Smith, and "As she and Bertie drove to the reception at Buckingham Palace and waved to the crowds, it was the first time she appeared in public as a royal Duchess in their life together as Duke and Duchess of York."

In those following happy years until the 1936 death of Bertie's father King George V, they "enjoyed country house weekends and London dinner parties as well as spending time at Balmoral... They went big game hunting in Africa for nearly four months. The experience tested their endurance with long and difficult walks through rugged terrain... They both found living rough to be liberating." With the birth of young Elizabeth, then Margaret, they "settled into a life of domesticity and public duties in London and

the countryside," told Smith.

But with the death of King George came the crowning of brother Prince of Wales as King Edward, with his reputation said Smith as "spoiled and cynical, self-absorbed and insensitive." Yet "Bertie still called him, 'my dear old David and Elizabeth enjoyed his company...when Bertie was off on official business.'" With King Edward's reign lasting just short of a year after abdicating when the British government and the Church of England refused to allow his twice divorced wife Wallis Simpson to become queen, Bertie ascended to the throne as King George VI with Elizabeth the new Queen.

### Bertie becomes King

It was in Bertie's journal kept during the abdication crisis that Smith found what he had felt upon learning his fate. "I broke down and sobbed like a child," he'd written. "The day after he became king, he spoke in a low, clear voice, but with many hesitations." Bertie had developed a stammer in his young years that lasted all his life. "At first, he and Elizabeth



Bertie and Elizabeth strolling in a woody glade on their honeymoon at Polesdon Lacey, owned by hostess Maggie Greville. Classic Image/Alamy Stock Photo

felt rattled by their new responsibilities," said Smith. "But as she wrote to a friend, 'The curious thing is that we are not afraid.' The mission of 41-year-old Bertie and 36-year-old Elizabeth was to rebuild the foundations of the monarchy and to earn the admiration of the British people with their diligence and their decency."

As the approach to World War II advanced they would see Bertie's brother David as the Duke of Windsor "act shamefully," said Smith, when he and Wallis, now the Duchess of Windsor had spent time in Germany "meeting with Adolf Hitler and his high command and expressing their approval of the Nazi dictatorship."

King George VI would partner with Franklin Roosevelt in "laying the groundwork to provide Britain with lifesaving assistance until the Americans would officially join the fight by declaring war in November 1941, from the first day of the Second World War on September 3, 1939, to its end in August 1945," noted Smith.

"The most severe test for Bertie and Elizabeth," said Smith, "came with waves of bombing unleashed in Britain by the Nazis starting in late August 1940... The first of nine bombs targeting the Palace exploded under the King's study shortly after one in the morning on September 10, 1940, on the first day the couple hosted a luncheon with Prime Minister Winston Churchill." Then, on September 13 the Palace suffered a second direct hit, "which happened so fast that the King and Queen didn't have time to reach the underground shelter... The King and Queen managed to escape without a scratch."

"Together," said Smith, "they inspired Britain and indeed the world with their bravery and their commitment to duty, especially during a war when they often risked their lives...They represented Britain at its best, and by example and training, they prepared their elder daughter to be an exceptional Queen who would reign for a record breaking 70 years."

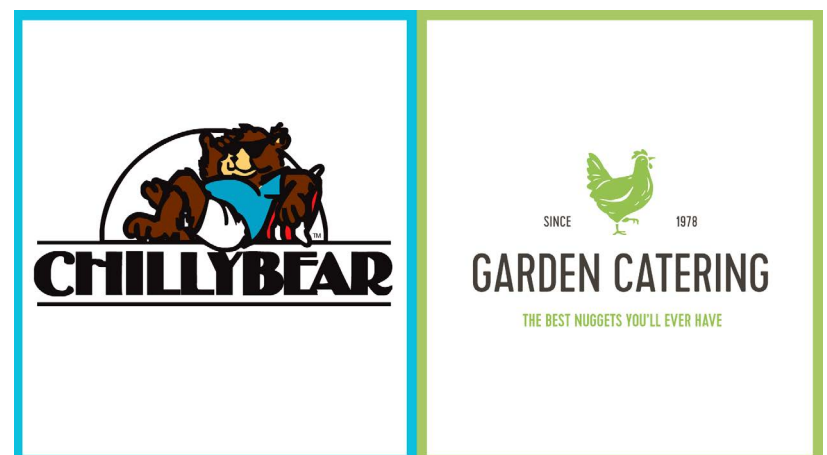


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# Young Artists Philharmonic Honors Frank Gaudio

By MARIA STICH AND LIZ LEAMY

Last Monday, Frank Gaudio, the benevolent and high-octane President and Chief Executive Officer of The First Bank of Greenwich who was also the 2023 Greenwich Sentinel Foundation Award recipient, was honored at the Young Artists Philharmonic’s gala fundraiser event held at the Greenwich Water Club in golden style.

This heartwarming and dynamic event was centered around the celebration of the Young Artists Philharmonic, an organization based in Greenwich that is dedicated to the development and nurturing of young musical talent in the Fairfield and Westchester Counties, and drew many attendees who were thrilled to honor the efforts, commitment and role of Frank Gaudio and The First Bank of Greenwich in, not only this organization, but the community as a whole.

In addition to a series of amazing musical performances by both former and present members of the YAP as well as renowned guest artists, the highlight of the evening was when Gaudio had been presented with the YAP’s highest award for his lifelong work and dedication in regard to supporting music education in the community by Dr. Marcia Clay Hamilton of Greenwich, Trustee Emeritus at the Manhattan School of Music and past YAP honoree who expressed her heartfelt thanks and gratitude for his generosity and services.

“Tonight, Young Artists honors Frank Gaudio, a man who loves music, who values music education,” said Hamilton. “[He is] a man who has been a longtime supporter of this remarkable organization, but beyond Young Artists, Frank has given his time, talent, energy and commitment

to supporting our Greenwich community and beyond both personally and through his role as President and CEO of The First Bank of Greenwich.”

Gaudio, meanwhile, was extremely grateful to have been honored by the Young Artists Philharmonic in such stellar fashion.

“I was deeply honored and am grateful for being acknowledged. I was given the opportunity to thank many of the people who helped me in my career,” said Gaudio. “All of the people there were amazing, as was the music. It was a beautiful night and I’m very excited for the organization.”

Others on hand at this event, including First Bank of Greenwich Board Directors Bruno Gioffre and John Fareri, as well as Connecticut State Senator Ryan Fazio, who presented Gaudio with a State Citation for his support of the YAP, echoed similar sentiments.

“Frank Gaudio and Young Artists Philharmonic both carry on important legacies in our community that have become, unfortunately, less common today,” said Senator Fazio. “In a coarsening culture, the YAP is developing great young people into great classical musicians and ensuring that we can enrich our culture and society with great music and artists for the next generation. In an increasingly concentrated corporate economy, Frank Gaudio is keeping the model of the community alive with his engagement with local businesses and local charitable causes. He is invested in this community as much as his clients and his support for the YAP will make our town and culture a better place for many years and I was proud to present him with a state citation with our entire Greenwich delegation saying precisely that.”

Other standout moments

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The talented members of the Young Artists Philharmonic perform at last Monday’s event honoring Frank Gaudio. Photo courtesy of Anthony Festa



Maria Stich, Orchestra Administrator and Treasurer of the Young Artists Philharmonic and Frank Gaudio. Photo courtesy of Marilyn Roos Photography



Frank Gaudio celebrates with his granddaughter, Monica (left) and his daughter, Lauren (right), at last week’s YAP fundraiser event at the Greenwich Water Club in which he was honored for his dedication, work and efforts by this organization. Photo courtesy of Marilyn Roos Photography



(Left to Right) Brenda Fareri, John Fareri, First Bank of Greenwich Board Director, Bruno Gioffre, First Bank of Greenwich Board Director and Frank Gaudio. Photo courtesy of Marilyn Roos Photography

of the night included a performance by the YAP Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Ben Grow, who played in tandem with Marcelo Guzzo of Greenwich, the celebrated international

Baritone opera singer.

Further adding to the excitement of the event, Carla Fabiani of Cos Cob, a former YAP student, capped off the evening’s musical tributes with an electric performance

of several songs from the Broadway hit musical ‘Hell’s Kitchen on Broadway’ that is currently playing at the Shubert Theatre and of which she is an orchestra member.

For more information on

the YAP, please contact the organization at: Young Artists Philharmonic, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06870, by phone at 203-208-8992, or by email at maria.stich@youngartistsphil.org.

# Greenwich Country Day School Art Show

By MADDOX REISNER

Greenwich Country Day School (GCDS) Art Show was exhibited on May 2nd at 6:00 PM at the GCDS upper school. GCDS students in Kindergarten through 12th grade got the chance to display their best works of art and show off the hard work they have put in throughout the year. The art displayed includes paintings, drawings, ceramics, and digital art. Students got to explore the wonders of creation and self expression through their artwork.

Dr. Louise Wales, Digital imaging teacher at the GCDS upper school, explained what was being exhibited at this event. “The upper school is displaying works from all of the various visual classes including the maker space, digital imaging, 2D art and 3D art. Finally, the senior portfolios are on display with each student having explored a specific theme.” Dr. Wales expressed her enjoyment of the event by saying “End of year exhibitions are always rewarding. From a teacher’s perspective, we can see the progress students have made and celebrate these milestones. It’s also a nice way to see what has been happening in other

courses — something we may not have time to do.” Dr. Wales also recognized the talent in the younger students’ artwork as she appreciated their innocence and use of color, as is visible in the joint Kindergarten and Senior ceramics project.

I spoke to K-2 teacher Ms. Meza about her experiences with her students and their artwork throughout the year. “Because we teach Kindergarten, first, and second grade, it really is just fundamentals. “We focused on experimenting with different media, paint, and watercolors.” Students got to use their imagination and topics they are interested in to inspire their artwork, which will be on display at the art show.

The artistic masterpieces shown in the art show come from a variety of inspirations. Some students designed pieces of art that resonate with things in their life that they are passionate about and that have significant meaning to them. Senior Cooper Edwards 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 continues his love for art while working

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*- Dr. Louise Wales, upper school art teacher*

an internship at the C. Parker Gallery 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, a material he had never used before, and he enjoyed working with it as it is difficult to use effectively. Phil hopes to continue his passion for art throughout his upcoming years of high school as he is motivated by his mother. Phil said “I’m hoping to achieve the level of gratification I’ve seen my mother achieve in her successful career as an artist.”

Another significant part of the art show is understanding the GCDS art curriculum. The students’ artwork reflects the art teacher’s dedication to helping the students become the best artists possible and help them achieve their artistic goals and desires. The wide variety of artwork shows how students

are able to have freedom with their artwork so that they could make a piece that is special to them and has value and meaning to them. It is so special to see how accommodating GCDS art teachers are to the students’ desires to make their artistic vision come to life.

The GCDS art show was so special as there were a plethora of unique art pieces that students have worked so hard on throughout the year. The variety and creativity of art and the demonstration of self expression is what makes GCDS so special as well as making the art show such a special annual event.

Maddox is one of the Sentinel’s interns from Greenwich Country Day School.

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OPED

# Havemeyer Should Be Updated for Use by Everyone



By Fred Camillo

The Havemeyer Building, a cornerstone of Greenwich's historical and architectural heritage, offers a unique opportunity to enhance our community's cultural and civic life. Built in 1892 by philanthropist Henry O. Havemeyer, this Richardsonian Romanesque structure has served as a symbol of our town's commitment to education and public service. Currently serving as an office building housing the Board of Education (BOE) administration, the building is poised for a transformative restoration that promises to benefit all residents.

After decades of discussions, we have identified at least one suitable new location for the BOE administration, which the administration supports. Other locations are also being explored.

This move would allow us to restore the Havemeyer Building and make it a centerpiece of Greenwich Avenue. This vision has garnered enthusiastic support from the community and the administration. However, opposition from the Democratic members of the BOE threatens to stall this vital project. They insist on keeping the BOE in the Havemeyer Building. Their insistence on keeping the BOE in this valuable property is misguided because it overlooks the broader benefits of re-purposing such a beautiful and historic building for all of Greenwich to enjoy.

After speaking before the BOE last week, there was some acknowledgment by a few Democratic members that it does make sense

to look at other options to the current situation. I appreciated that willingness to be open to this idea whose time has come, and pledge to work with them and their Republican colleagues to bring this potentially transformational endeavor to reality.

The argument that the BOE administration must remain in a town-owned building is not grounded in practical reality. Numerous towns, including Fairfield and New Canaan, have successfully relocated their BOE administrations to long-term rental spaces, finding these arrangements both satisfactory and efficient. The claim that the BOE must stay within a municipal property does not hold up when considering these successful examples from our neighboring communities. Also, we must think outside the box. The Havemeyer Building is not wired for the electrical capacity needed to run our school's administrative needs and we have commercial space widely available throughout town right now that is state-of-the-art.

The Havemeyer Building is in dire need of extensive repairs. Keeping the BOE in this location would require not only a massive expenditure but also temporary relocation during the renovation process, resulting in additional costs and logistical challenges. It is fiscally irresponsible to invest such a substantial sum into restoring the building only to return it to the same use.

A more cost-effective and beneficial solution is available.

Engaging in a public-private partnership presents a prudent and forward-thinking alternative. This approach would leverage private investment to restore the building, transforming

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it into a vibrant community hub while alleviating the financial burden on the town. A recent task force, chaired by former BET member Andy Duus, has already laid the groundwork for developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to attract private partners interested in this project. To that end, a new task force is being assembled with an impressive roster of Town residents who are willing to research, discuss, and develop an RFP.

The envisioned transformation of the Havemeyer Building into a cultural and civic center includes endless possibilities for things such as theaters, lecture halls, and exhibition spaces, creating a dynamic environment that would serve as a cultural hub for Greenwich residents. This proposal aligns with the building's historical significance and community-oriented legacy. It would honor the original intent of the building while adapting it to meet contemporary needs.

It is essential to recognize that the current state of the Havemeyer Building is not conducive to its continued use as an administrative facility. The structure is outdated and not designed to meet the demands of a modern administrative office. Moving the BOE administration to a more

suitable location is not only a financial necessity but also a practical one.

The time to act is now. We must secure an affirmative vote from the BOE to proceed with the public-private partnership and the restoration project. This decision is crucial for realizing the full potential of the Havemeyer Building and ensuring it remains a cornerstone of our community. A building that is right in the middle of our commercial, business, and entertainment district deserves such a focus.

We cannot allow specious objections to derail this important project by delaying critical maintenance and infrastructure improvements.

The restoration and repurposing of the Havemeyer Building represents an investment in Greenwich's future. By transforming this historic structure into a vibrant cultural center, we can enhance the quality of life for all residents, preserve a significant landmark, and create a lasting legacy for future generations. It is imperative that we move forward with this vision, making a decision that reflects the best interests of our community, and for future generations.

*Fred Camillo,  
First Selectman of Greenwich*

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assistance to elderly and disabled renters with incomes below certain limits, offering up to \$900 for married couples and up to \$700 for single individuals. For more information on eligibility and how to apply, visit <https://linktr.ee/greenwichdhs>.

**The Women in Government event at Town Hall, organized by the Greenwich Girl Scouts and the League of Women Voters, enabled local Girl Scouts to meet female town officials, including Selectwoman Lauren Rabin and Selectperson Janet Stone McGuigan. First Selectman Fred Camillo praised the event and thanked the organizers. Mina Moylan, a first grader, missed the event but was later given a personal tour of Town Hall by Camillo to help her earn her Democracy for Daisies merit badge.**

**The ban on gas-powered leaf blowers will start on Friday, May 24, at 6 p.m., as part of a new noise ordinance approved in January. The ordinance, promoted by Quiet Yards Greenwich, aims to reduce noise and pollution, with restrictions primarily affecting residential zones. The Board of Selectmen discussed the ordinance and potential variances, including a one-year exemption for the Parks and Recreation Department, at their meeting on May 23.**

**The Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works will hold a hybrid public hearing on May 30 to discuss ADA accessibility improvements for Greenwich Avenue. The project includes upgrades to parking, sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, curbs, landscape beds, and lighting at several key intersections. These improvements aim to meet modern ADA standards.**

**First Selectman Fred Camillo stated that the town must relocate the Board of Education from the deteriorating Havemeyer Building, as repairs are critical. During a meeting, he and Andy Duus discussed potential relocation sites, emphasizing safety concerns like asbestos and mold. Camillo suggested considering a long-term rental, while Board member Kathleen Stowe expressed concerns about the high cost of downtown rental options.**

**AROUND TOWN**  
**On Friday, May 24, at 9:30 a.m., the Greenwich PTA Council will hold a public forum on Zoom titled "Antisemitism and Hate: The Impact on Our Kids." The event will include the Antisemitism and Anti-Hate Task Force and a presentation by Erika Brunwasser, associate regional director of ADL Connecticut. She will discuss the impact of antisemitism and hate on students and strategies to address these issues in schools. Participants must display their full names on Zoom to be admitted. The forum is open to everyone.**

**W. R. Berkley Corporation has applied for approval to build a three-story office building across from its headquarters at 475 Steamboat Road in Greenwich. The project involves demolishing several existing structures on Davenport Avenue and Steamboat Road to construct the new building with additional parking. The proposal will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning**

Commission in the coming weeks.

**A six-story building with 120 units, nearly half designated as affordable housing, has been approved for central Greenwich, using state law 8-30g to bypass local zoning regulations. The project, which merges 12 properties around Benedict Place and Benedict Court, has faced opposition due to its size and non-compliance with several town standards. Despite objections, the commission approved the project by a 4-1 vote, emphasizing their obligation to follow state law.**

**Mumford & Sons will perform at the Greenwich Town Party this weekend, which is an all-day music festival for Greenwich residents and workers. Founded by Ray Dalio in 2011, the event features renowned acts and local artists, and it is organized by the nonprofit Greenwich Town Party, Inc. The festival, running from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, is supported by sponsor donations and an auction, and typically sells out each year.**

**Gregory Kramer, Greenwich Tree Warden, has approved the removal of 188 trees for the Central Middle School project, with six conditions including a two-year maintenance agreement and protection measures for remaining trees. This decision followed a public hearing where various stakeholders supported the removal for safety and construction needs. Despite objections from the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, the plan includes planting over 300 new trees and 600 shrubs.**

### LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

**This year's 18th annual Swim Across America - Fairfield County event on June 29 introduces the "Queen Willa" Kids' Splash, honoring five-year-old Willa Kosh, who is battling pediatric leukemia. Children up to age 11 can participate in this new feature, with proceeds supporting the Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy. The event also includes half-mile, 1.5-mile, and 3-mile swim distances, with registration details available at [swimacrossamerica.org/fc](http://swimacrossamerica.org/fc).**

**Impact Fairfield County awarded two \$100,000 grants to the Boys & Girls Club of Stamford and Filling in the Blanks, along with three \$20,000 grants to other nonprofits. The grants support a range of services, including early literacy, human services transportation, youth counseling, maternal health, and mobile food pantries. This year, Impact FFC has provided over \$2.1 million in grants, engaging women in local philanthropy and supporting diverse community initiatives.**

### PEOPLE IN TOWN

**Greenwich Hospital's annual Nurse's Day celebrated staff dedication with four awards: the Helen Meehan Award, the Physician Partner-in-Care Award, the Partner-in-Care Award, and the inaugural COLLABORATIVE Award, all nominated and voted on by staff. Caitriona Perna, Dr. Nidhi Y. Shah, Calvin Loving, and Renee Rafferty were the recipients, recognized for their excellence and contributions. Chief Nursing Officer Anna Cerra highlighted the importance of acknowledging the hard work of all staff in delivering quality care.**

### SCHOOLS

**This past Saturday, the Greenwich Water Club hosted the fourth annual Greenwich Middle School STEM Fair, where students shared their research and connected with peers. Organized by the First Selectman's Youth Commission, the event underscored the community's commitment to supporting academic curiosity and innovation among young people.**

**Each year, Greenwich Country Day School students nominate teachers for yearbook dedications, selecting one from the Middle School and one from the Upper School. This year, English teachers Anna Cruz and Shaun Kelly were honored for their contributions. Cruz has taught for four years in the Upper School, while Kelly has a 35-year tenure in the Middle School.**

**Patrick O'Connor, a member of the Class of 2024, has been honored with the Abilis Peter Bloomer Citizenship Award.**

**Starting next year, Greenwich High School will eliminate its flex period, with the Board of Education voting 6-1 in favor of the change. This decision, made due to ineffective use of the time by many students, will result in a new schedule where students are dismissed at 2:55 p.m., and all class periods are extended to 55 minutes. Despite concerns about the impact on club meetings and potential traffic issues, the district believes the change will benefit students' learning by reallocating flex time to classroom instruction.**

**Mary Dolan Collette, interim assistant principal at Riverside School since January 2, will assume the permanent role on July 1. Superintendent Toni Jones highlighted her dedication and extensive experience, which impressed the interview committee. Dolan Collette, with a career in education since 1993, expressed gratitude for the warm reception and looks forward to working with the new principal, Jason Martin.**

### SPORTS

**Last Sunday, the Brunswick Bruins lost to the Lawrenceville Big Red 14-5 in the Prep Nationals finals at Cosby Field. Despite the loss, Brunswick finished the season with a 17-1 record and ten seniors moving on to Division I lacrosse programs. The team also enjoyed an undefeated regular season and six weeks as the nation's top-ranked team.**

**Greenwich High School baseball team rebounded from a 2-5 start to finish their regular season 10-3, earning the No. 2 seed in the FCIAC Tournament, but were shut out 15-0 by Staples in the quarterfinals. Despite the loss, Greenwich's coach Adrian Arango emphasized their resilience and looks forward to their home game in the upcoming Class LL state tournament.**

**Greenwich High School boys tennis team secured their second consecutive FCIAC Boys Tennis Tournament title with a 4-2 win over New Canaan, extending their undefeated streak to 40 matches. The Cardinals' strong singles performances and a crucial doubles match victory highlighted their dominance, as they aim for continued success in the upcoming CIAC Class LL Tournament.**

**Sacred Heart Greenwich's Varsity A lacrosse team triumphantly secured the 2024 Prep Cup championship, emerging victorious with a 3-0 record in the tournament held at Dexter Southfield School in Massachusetts, finishing the season with a commendable 15-3 record and securing the 19th spot in the USA Lacrosse High School Girls National 25 Rankings.**

**Greenwich Country Day School's girls varsity lacrosse team has consistently performed well in the Fairchester Athletic Association over four seasons, making the postseason each year and reaching the FAA Tournament semifinals again this spring. Despite a loss to Holy Child in the semifinals, the team showed resilience throughout the game, with standout performances from players like junior Ella Wilner, who scored seven goals, indicating promise for future seasons.**

**Sacred Heart Greenwich's Varsity A lacrosse team celebrated Senior Day with an impressive 11-5 victory over NEPSAC rival Hotchkiss School, securing their 12th win of the season and improving their record to 12-3. Senior midfielder Lila O'Brien led the team with five goals, supported by contributions from senior midfielder Maggie Bacigalupo and senior midfielder Payton Sfreddo, while junior midfielder Charley Bacigalupo and senior attack Wowie Walker also added to the scoreline.**

**The Brunswick School lacrosse team secured a spot in the Prep Nationals championship game for the third consecutive year, facing Lawrenceville School, their recurring rival. Brunswick's unbeaten record of 17-0 sets the stage for a highly anticipated showdown between the top two ranked teams in the nation, with both teams expressing enthusiasm for the upcoming match.**

**Greenwich and Ridgefield High School girls lacrosse teams have a storied postseason rivalry, with recent matchups including victories for each team in the FCIAC Tournament quarterfinals in 2022 and 2023. In their latest encounter, Greenwich secured a 13-11 victory over Ridgefield in the FCIAC quarterfinals, advancing to face New Canaan in the semifinals with standout performances from players like Emma Abbazia and Aubrey Roth.**

**Greenwich Academy's Varsity A lacrosse team secured the FAA Tournament title with a commanding 12-5 victory over Holy Child, marking a triumphant end to their season. Led by senior captain Dylan Casazza's impressive performance, including her 100th point of the season, the team displayed exceptional teamwork and determination, capping off a successful campaign.**

**Greenwich High School's baseball team secured the No. 2 seed in the FCIAC Tournament and clinched the FCIAC West Division title with victories against Norwalk and Fairfield Warde. In their win against Norwalk, freshman Luke Langhorne pitched impressively, supported by strong offensive performances from players like John McHugh and Cody Baker, while against Warde, Aidan Brehm contributed offensively and James Mora's relief pitching helped secure the victory.**

**Greenwich High School's boys lacrosse team concluded their winning regular season with a 15-6 victory against Carmel High School, improving their record to 9-7, with Mikey Brescia leading with six goals and one assist. The Cardinals boys volleyball team also secured a win against Norwalk High School in a close 3-2 match, with James Kovac, Keito Fukushima, and Hiro Sibble playing key roles in the victory.**

**Greenwich Country Day School's boys track and field team clinched their first Fairchester Athletic Association championship with a team score of 147 points, narrowly beating out Brunswick School who finished second with 144 points. The girls team secured their highest ranking to date at the league meet, with notable performances from athletes across various events leading to 11 school records, six wins, and 14 All-FAA performances.**

**Brunswick School's baseball team secured a spot in the championship game of the FAA Tournament by defeating St. Luke's School 2-0, with sophomore Teddy Bancroft pitching six scoreless innings and senior Jerry Guzman closing the game with a save; they will face Hamden Hall Country Day School in the final, a rematch from the 2023 championship game which Brunswick won. The Bruins' victory was marked by strong pitching, solid defense, and timely hitting, with key plays including Jayden Montanez's RBI single in the second inning and Alex Giannuzzi's RBI single in the sixth inning.**

**Greenwich High School's girls tennis team secured another decisive victory in the FCIAC Tournament quarterfinals, defeating Westhill High School 5-2 and advancing to the semifinals. The Cardinals, now 16-0 for the season, dominated with wins in both singles and doubles matches, displaying strong teamwork and determination as they aim for their first FCIAC Tournament championship since 2012 and their first state title since 2009.**

### LOCAL POLITICS

**As the 2024 election cycle begins, most of Greenwich's state legislature delegation is running for reelection, except for Rep. Stephen Meskers from the 150th District, who is undecided. Meskers is weighing personal considerations before deciding on another term, while his colleagues Reps. Rachel Khanna, Hector Arzeno, and state Sen. Ryan Fazio have all filed for reelection.**

### ACROSS CT

**Yale graduate students tested a turtle-shaped robot named ART in a 20,000-gallon pool, designed by Professor Rebecca Kramer-Bottiglio's team to scan and document coastal life. ART, which transitions from flippers to legs, was previously tested in lakes and beaches but now benefits from a climate-controlled wave pool at Yale. Kramer-Bottiglio collaborates with the U.S. Office of Naval Research, aiming for ART to aid divers, detect underwater mines, transport materials, and collect samples for infectious disease studies without disturbing wildlife.**



COLUMN

# Memorial Day & The Mitzvah of Remembrance



By MITCHELL M. HURVITZ

We live in a great country, a free democratic society that has been the paradise our immigrant forebears imagined when they came to the shores of America. But it's the "free" that also challenges us. With the blessings of freedom comes the imperative to actively choose the religious priorities of our lives.

"Separation of Church and State" guarantees that there will be no dictation of religious form. But this doctrine can also catalyze the diminishment, or even the elimination, of church/synagogue. Secular, by definition, refers to the actions or attitudes on which

there is no religious or spiritual basis. Unless we make a conscious choice otherwise, secularism whittles away at our religious essence. And secularism even whittles away at the meaning of our American essence.

Think of our soon-to-celebrate American observance of Memorial Day. The holiday, in its "sacred" framework, is intended to prompt our memory and gratitude for those "defenders of liberty" who have died fighting our country's wars. Amid many corners of our nation, we will observe the mitzvah of remembrance. But as I can testify, the multitudes do not attend these ceremonies; only a few people often attend them. The religious act of paying tribute is slowly dying because of the affliction of irreligion that secularism can prompt. The only antidote is making a conscious choice. Taking a neutral posture will only prompt the vehicle of

holiness to fall further down the secular mountain.

Secularism also whittles at our kavanah, the "intentions" of our soul. We must choose our spiritual posture consciously, or our secular stance will eventually cement our inability to walk God's sacred path. Choose your faith, and re-choose it over and over again. Don't spend all your worship time at the altars of secular life. Instead, consciously choose to make holy, separate from the mundane, and reclaim the sacred. Once a week, consciously experience an element of the Sabbath to create a sacred space and time. Once a day, consciously choose to offer a prayer by which you can re-discover how to seek help to improve your life and express gratitude for your blessings. And, with both the religious and American holidays, consciously choose to participate in rituals that more firmly anchor the identity you most treasure.

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This Memorial Day, take the time to remember and perhaps:

- Share a story of one of our heroes with your family and friends, and consciously speak about your appreciation for their courage and sacrifice.
- Physically, or at least spiritually, choose to stand by the graves of our heroes and remember.
- Choose the moment by which you can stand still in sorrow and silence, grief and gratitude, reverence and reflection, and appreciate fully the legacy left to us.

Abraham Lincoln prayerfully declared: "With malice towards none, with charity towards all, let us go forward to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and for his orphan, to do all that we can to achieve a just and lasting peace amongst ourselves."

This posture of holiness isn't procured accidentally, and we all need to choose its pursuit actively. May the memories of our soldiers, our defenders of liberty, eternally be for a blessing. And may those men and women presently in

harm's way be safely returned to their families and our nation.

*Temple Sholom'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.com

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

### BAPTIST

#### First Baptist Church

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

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

#### Greenwich Baptist Church

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

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

### CATHOLIC

#### Sacred Heart Church

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

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

#### St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes

4 Riverside Ave; 203-637-3661  
www.stc-sta.org

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

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm - Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine's Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine's Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church; 5:15pm - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals - Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at [music.director@stc-sta.org](mailto: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](http://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 of Siena 'Undie Sunday': June 1-2 - Donate underwear for men, women and children in need, [theundiesproject.org](http://theundiesproject.org). St. Agnes Church Celebration: Sunday, June 2, beginning with the celebration of the 10:30am Mass, a reception will follow, please send anything that you would like to share to [SaintAgnesChapel@gmail.com](mailto:SaintAgnesChapel@gmail.com).*

#### St. Mary Church

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

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

#### St. Michael the Archangel

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

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. *GCS First Friday Mass: May 31, 10-*

*11am.*

#### 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.

#### St. Roch Church

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

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

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

#### First Church of Christ, Scientist

11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555  
[christiansciencect.org/greenwich](http://christiansciencect.org/greenwich)

Sundays: 10:30am. Sunday School: for students up to 20yrs, 10:30am, Wed. 7:30, testimonies of healing - call in for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520\*. Reading Room, 333 Greenwich Ave. 203-869-2503, M-F, 11-3, some Saturdays. Bibles and children's books for sale. *May 26: "Soul and Body".*

### 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](http://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.fccog.org

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

#### 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. *Tent Weekend: June 7-9. Teddy Bear Story Hour at Coffee for Good: Saturday, June 8, 8am.*

### EPISCOPAL

#### Anglican Church of the Advent

606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432  
[facebook.com/greenwichanglican](https://facebook.com/greenwichanglican)

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

#### Christ Church Greenwich

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sund, 9am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednes-

days: 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. *Ongoing: Summer Clothing Drive for Liberation House: through June 22, Please drop in the marked boxes outside the Parish Office. 'JOY!' - A concert celebrating 90 years of the Choirs of CCG: Saturday, June 1, 5pm, Main Sanctuary. Family Ice Cream Social: Sunday, June 2, 3:30pm, Tomes-Higgins Lawn.*

#### St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526  
www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). *Join us as we celebrate that God is with us through thick and thin throughout the season after Pentecost. Every Sunday features joyful preaching, beautiful music, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. This Sunday, May 26, Trinity Sunday, Roger Bullard will preach and our priest in charge, the Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp, will officiate at the 10am service. 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. Save the date also for Sunday, June 9, when we will celebrate St. Barnabas Day with special music, presentations, and a picnic on the lawn for the whole family. Come catch the joy of the Spirit.*

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.stpaulsriverdale.org

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# Witnesses to the Workings of Christ Church’s Mission to its Cuban Companion Parish

By ANNE W. SEMMES

The land of Cuba, less than 100 miles from the U.S., is in dire straits. Images of those vintage automobiles are being replaced by horse and buggies, as Cuba is running out of fuel. Sugarcane was the mainstay of the Cuban economy, now the country is importing sugar. Thus, the economy is spiraling downward, but there is some relief coming to Cuban people via their churches, especially the Episcopal church, as exemplified by an ongoing mission of Christ Church Greenwich.

At last Sunday’s Christ Church Forum that growing and now-five-year mission of bringing food security, access to drinkable water, and other necessities to the San Marco Parish located in Holguin, the third largest city in Cuba, was fully described.

It was in 2018, began parishioner Angenette Meany, “that the US Episcopal Church was readmitted to the Episcopal church diocese in Cuba after more than 50 years of separation.” Presiding Bishop Michael Curry had then asked parishes “to reach out to our Episcopal brothers and sisters in Cuba,” told Meany, and “I’m proud to say that Christ Church answered the call in 2019.” That first trip led by Rev. Marek Zabriskie, after meeting up with Cuban Bishop Griselda Delgado del Carpio, the recommendation was to take on a companionship with the San Marco Parish, as led by “Father Gil” Fat Roy.

“On our second trip in 2020 the goal was to find a new worship space for San Marcos,” said Meany. With the parish meeting in the parlor of a parishioner’s private home [no new church structures can be built in Cuba according to Meany], “It was getting crowded.” A search found a more spacious home “purchased with private funds.” “So we were on a roll, then along came the pandemic.”

Cuban mission trip three  
Fast forward to 2022, a third trip brought “20 plus bulging

suitcases full of all sorts of critical items - you really can’t buy much of anything in Cuba,” told Meany. “We had everything from toothpaste and Tylenol to shoelaces and a printer, but most importantly we brought a water filtration system. You can’t drink the tap water in Cuba. And Bishop Griselda made it her priority to install a water filtration system open to the public in every one of the 52 Episcopal churches and communities throughout Cuba.” To date 38 have reportedly been installed.

With Bishop Griselda’s philosophy to build the church outside its walls,” shared Meany, the Christ Church mission was to expand: “It’s not enough to just be in the community. You have to serve the community. And at San Marcos, wow, we have a lot to learn from them on that score.”

So, “everything” had to be brought in, such as surgical equipment learning Father Gil’s mother needed cataract surgery. Then Meany shared her mike with parishioner James Knight, who’s played a pivotal part in the mission, such as bringing down a printer and dealing with technology. He told of participating in recreational activities with Cuban parishioners. “We went to a concert with some of the people to hear some traditional Cuban music...They are companions, they are friends, they call us ‘our brothers in Christ.’ And that is really a big part of what we’re doing, being there to accompany them in essence.”

And then there are those Bible studies. “We were in a Bible study group that was in English and in Spanish,” Knight said, and “If you are worried about your Spanish, the Google translate on your iPhone is only getting better and better.”

Bringing in youth members to the Cuban mission

Joining the mission group on this February’s fourth trip was Josh Barton, youth minister director who works with middle

school students, with his interest in involving his students in the mission. He would learn from Father Gil of the now yearly mass exodus of 200,000 young people with “literally no hope of being able to create money for their families.”

But Barton was inspired by the youth group he met at San Marco Parish. “It was this group of about 20 kids anywhere from 11 to early 20’s. And they have this really cool way of earning money through doing various jobs, and they take their money and pool it together and they give some of it back to the church and save some of it. They’re learning all these skills not typical for the youth there in Cuba. And it’s all being done through this church. And they sat with us with so much pride.”

Also, along was Christ Church Deacon Susie McNiff who works with younger children, invited to develop a relationship with her children and the children in San Marcos. “There were about 10 children in their Sunday school,” she told “and they were just lovely and so welcoming and the teachers were fabulous. And even though there was a huge language barrier, we really shared in our love of the children and the work that we were doing with them... We’re going to be a friendship of pal ministry through email with their Sunday school.”

The growth of this mission was made evident with the arrival to the Forum of The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp, the new priest at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. “It was a real pleasure to accompany Christ Church [this year] on its mission to Cuba. He had found “a companion in the priesthood of Father Gil.” Learning that Father Gil was also a seminary professor at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba. And as Crisp serves also as a professor of Anglican studies at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, he is requesting academic journal access for Father Gil from Divinity School Dean Andrew McGowan.

As regards his church following Christ Church’s footsteps, he said, “We’re going to take a baby step before a baby step and perhaps next year we will take two or more persons from St. Barnabas.”

Heart and soul of Cuban mission

The last words came from Richard “Dick” Schulze, who had initiated the Christ Church mission to Cuba. He was described by Meany as “the heart and soul of the Cuba mission.” Schulze spoke of having led 11 groups of teens to the Dominican Republic “at the start of the millennium.” Those teens had then demonstrated to be “more active in the church, in college university, and much more so afterwards. So, we think that it’s important that young people get involved and get exposed to mission and outreach opportunities.” Hence his support of Barton’s interest in involving Christ Church’s youth ministry in the Cuban mission.

Schulze shared what parishioner Adriana Riles, (wife of Dr. Thomas Rile who had helped provide needed surgical instruments) had sent to her children her observations from her latest Cuba mission visit. “People had a completely different meaning to the word ‘nothing,’ there is nothing. When you or I open the refrigerator and say, ‘there is nothing to eat,’ we probably have some choices left on the shelves. For a Cuban, ‘nothing’ means it is nonexistent.”

Schulze told of the fifth trip to Cuba to be next year from the 11th to the 17th of February, “and we want it to be a family trip. So, if you are interested in supporting our mission to Cuba, you can always send a check to Christ Church, and mark it Cuba Fund, and that’ll help us buy supplies.” Also needed was “money to bring down.” “We give it to Father Gil to enable him to buy food for the congregation. So, this was spent on San Marcos Day, the patron saint of our companion parish, and they very much appreciated that.”

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Rev. Dr. Justin Crisp, the new priest at St. Barnabas Church, shares news of his parish joining the Cuban mission. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



The Christ Church Cuban mission group joined by Rev. Dr. Justin Crisp. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



Christ Church Deacon Susie McNiff with a Sunday school group at new quarters of San Marco Parish in Holguin, Cuba. Photo by Adriana Riles.



Horse and buggies taking the place of gas-shortage automobiles in Cuba. Photo by James Knight.

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# Obituaries

## ROBERT CLARK, JR.

Robert Nesbitt Clark, Jr. retired as an advertising and marketing executive.

Bob died Saturday, May 11, as he would say, after a long and happy life of 97 years. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert N. Clark Sr. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, his son, William, and daughter, Sarah. His oldest son, Robert N. Clark III, died in 1977.

To know Bob was to be ready for his wonderful sense of humor and his deep feelings of responsibility and love for his country. At 17, during World War II after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Navy and served in the Pacific on a subchaser as a radar petty officer. Returning from the War, he went to Lafayette College, his father's alma mater. After graduating, he again volunteered for active duty during the Korean War, spending 18 months as an officer on the USS Gull, a wooden mine sweeper active off Chinnampo, North Korea. After the war, he began his career in the pharmaceutical industry, where he worked for Pfizer, J. Walter Thompson and retired from Doyle, Dain, Bernbeck (KPR).

In 1957, Bob married Nancy and they moved to Riverside to raise their family. Bob became a member of Riverside Yacht Club, and everyone fell in love with sailing on his Ensign named C-Lark. When he retired, they moved to New Canaan and Vero Beach, FL. He became a member of New Canaan's Senior Men's Club and was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician working for New Canaan Volunteer Corps. Later becoming Town of New Canaan Commissioner, Chairman for Emergency Medicine. When Bob became ill, they returned to New Canaan full-time to be near their children.

Services will be private. Donations may be sent to the New Canaan Ambulance Corps. For online condolences, please visit [hoytfuneralhome.com](http://hoytfuneralhome.com)

## PATSY MAPPA

Pasquale “Patsy” Mappa, 101, of Norwalk, died on May 18 at The Mews in Greenwich. Born in Manhattan, NY, on July 24, 1922, the eldest son of the late Lorenzo and Teresa (Cichelli) Mappa, he was also predeceased by his brothers, James, Anthony and Lawrence, wives, Mary and Alice, and son, Patrick.

A 1940 graduate of Greenwich High School, Pat served in the Pacific in World War II, and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart-Chapter #1932.

A retired painter and life member of the International Brotherhood of Painters, he served as financial secretary of Local Union # 17 in Greenwich. In his younger days, he was a volunteer fireman and officer in the Glenville Fire Department, He was also a longtime member of the Ninth District Veterans in Glenville.

He is survived by his daughter, Hillary Caldwell and her husband Wayne of Norwalk, two loving grandchildren, Cdr Daniel Caldwell USN, Ret., and his wife Christine Stout, and Alison Caldwell and her husband Stephen Bagadinski, and two cherished great-granddaughters, Ava and Olivia, as well as many nieces and nephews.

His family received friends on Thursday, May 23 at the Magner Funeral Home, Norwalk. His Funeral Mass was held the same day at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk. He will be laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project ([Woundedwarriorproject.org](http://Woundedwarriorproject.org)).

## MARIE FLEIG

Marie Nancy Fleig, aged 93, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, May 13.

She was predeceased by her parents, Albert and Santa Fusaro, her husband, Earl V. Fleig, her brother Michael Fusaro (Jean), and her sisters Carmella Beuto (Robert) and Angelina Kelly. She was the beloved mother of Sandra McAndrews (William), Kathleen Fleig (Richard

Goldstein), Betsy Barber (William), and Amy Sherman (Patrick). She is also survived by her eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and her brother-in-law, William Kelly.

Calling hours were held Monday, May 20, at Castiglione Funeral Home, Greenwich. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, May 21 at St. Michael Church, Greenwich.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Nathaniel Witherell for their care and kindness, especially Amelita.

## RONALD DRUMMOND

### FEBRUARY 7, 1946 - MAY 16, 2024

Hey there! Let’s add a touch of warmth and lightness to Ronnie’s farewell:

Revvng engines and roaring cheers have quieted as Ronnie J. Drummond, age 78, Born and raised in Port Chester, NY crossed his final finish line on May 16, 2024, in Huntersville, NC. His pit crew in life – wife Barbara, daughter Renee Drummond, sons Scott and Michael Horn (co-pilot Kelly Horn), and his trusty crew of grandkids, Cole Finocchio, Ryan Horn, Kristen Horn – will forever cherish his memory in the grandstands of their hearts.

Ronnie’s entrepreneurial spirit was the fuel that powered ownership to a fleet of successful ventures: M & R Sanitation, Ronnie’s Refuse, Rye Refuse, and New England Recycling. He was the kind of man who never idled, always accelerating towards the next challenge.

His need for speed wasn’t just a metaphor. From the drag strips of Playland Parkway to the asphalt of Dover, NY, and Lebanon Valley, Ronnie’s love for cars was more than a hobby; it was a way of life. He raced everything from a fiery red Nova to a fierce altered dragster, leaving his mark on the quarter-mile and in the hearts of fellow racing enthusiasts.

Even in ‘retirement,’ Ronnie couldn’t resist the call of the engine, working with City Carting in Stamford and later turbocharging a small garage business into the high-octane enterprise known as Mad Vapes. His final pit stop in Huntersville kept him close to the circuit racing scene, trading the drag strip for the oval track, and Sundays were reserved for the sacred ritual of race-watching with Barbara.

Ronnie’s favorite show was the pickers. He had reverence for history and nature, and a soft spot for animals.

Join us for a victory lap to celebrate Ronnie’s life on Saturday, May 25, from 10-11 a.m. at Harvest Time Church, located at 1338 King Street, Greenwich, CT. Wear a splash of checkered flag in his honor, and let’s send him off with the fanfare he deserves.

Ronnie Drummond-beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend-may have taken his final bow, but his legacy will keep on zooming through the lives he touched, faster than a Hemi engine on a straightaway. Godspeed, Ronnie. Keep those wheels spinning in heaven!



## MARIE STACY

Marie Mann Stacy, a beloved resident of Hampton Bays, NY, passed away peacefully, at home, on May 15, at the age of 86.

Marie was born in Birmingham, Alabama,

where she spent her early years before her journey took her to the Rochester School of Music. It was there that she met the love of her life, Thomas Stacy. The couple shared an extraordinary bond and were married for 62 wonderful years until Thomas’ passing in 2023.

A talented musician, Marie played the double bass with the Rochester Philharmonic, Santa Fe Opera, New Orleans Symphony Orchestra, and Minnesota Opera Orchestra, before transitioning to a fulfilling career in special education within the Greenwich, CT school system. Her passion for helping others led her to inspire countless young minds. Later, she embarked on a successful career in banking with People’s Bank, where she worked until her retirement. Marie was not only a dedicated professional, but also an avid golfer and runner, having participated in several marathons throughout her life. Her commitment to her community was evident through her active involvement in the Greenwich, CT Rotary Club, where she made lasting contributions and friendships. Above all, Marie was a devoted wife, loving mother, and cherished grandmother.

She is survived by her son, Barton, his wife Helen, and their children, Thomas and Ally, as well as her son, Phillip. Marie’s warmth, generosity, and unwavering spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her. A Catholic Mass service was held to celebrate Marie’s life.



## SUSAN HAYS

Susan Pope Hays, 97 – devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and wife – died peacefully at home of pneumonia on May 15, in the care of her family and hospice.

A passionate reader, traveler, gardener, devoted writer of handwritten thank you notes and emails from her iPad, Susan was a genuine intellectual who held strong views on just about every subject and, more often than not, she turned out to be correct. She lived for her family and friends; the many adventures she had with late husband, Dr. Richard M. Hays; and Cove Garden, her beloved cottage in Southwest Harbor, Maine. She never forgot a birthday or an anniversary, usually giving recipients thoughtful gifts that she had selected long in advance. She eagerly awaited her mail and persuaded the mailperson to deliver it to a basket on her back porch when she became too weak to walk down the driveway.

Susan carefully cared for the many treasures she gathered from all over the world - her books, her closets of designer coats, dresses, cashmere sweaters and shoes for the next generation(s). Over the decades, she carefully preserved gifts, photographs, New York Times clippings, Christmas cards, and countless other items, with the provenance of each keepsake firmly ingrained in her memory. Stacks of beautiful boxes, adorned with ribbons, to store these treasures multiplied over the years.

Susan was born on October 4, 1926, in Washington, DC, and moved as a young girl with her family to Homestead, Florida, bordering the Everglades. Her father, Lawrence Pope, descended from a family of early American makers of cars, bicycles and gun barrels who had settled in Boston and Hartford. Susan dutifully chronicled and assembled scrapbooks of generations of Popes, of which she was the 12th, memorialized on her car with the license plate “Pope 12.”

Mr. Pope grew citrus after being partially disabled in a bridge collapse while on an engineering project. Her mother, Helen, taught at the Cushman School in Miami, where Susan also attended grade school.

Susan was immensely proud of her degree from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta in 1948. In 1949, she won a “Ten Girls with Taste” contest, sponsored by Glamour magazine. As part of the award, each “girl” was photographed for the special issue. She then went on to nursing school in New York at the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. While waiting in a doctor’s antechamber for a class to begin, she met her husband, who was finishing medical school. There they had the first of many lively political debates that continued for the duration of their 57 years of marriage. Dr. Hays died in 2012.

Susan and Richard married in 1955 and moved to Boston, where Richard was a fellow at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Susan left her nursing career to start their family, which numbered four children in less than three years, including twins, a Pope tradition. Richard and Susan traveled to many parts of the world, where Richard – a professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine – lectured on his scientific findings on water transport in the cell membrane.

A highlight of the family’s life was a one-year sabbatical in Israel in 1966-1967. Susan, though not Jewish like Richard, began a lifelong love of Israel and the friends she made there. She took her husband and children to Iran during that year to meet her cousin, Arthur Upham Pope, an expert in Persian art who is buried in Isfahan. Decades later, without the children, Susan and Richard spent another sabbatical year in Paris, which proved to be another highlight of their life together.

Susan was an active member of the Greenwich Antiques Society and the Bruce Museum. She also was a lifetime member of the Metropolitan Museum and the Greenwich Historical Society.

Susan took huge pride in her four children, who survive her: Laurie, David, John and Susannah; five grandchildren, who were required to address her as “grandmother;” and one great-granddaughter. A beloved granddaughter died from cancer in 2022. She is also survived by her son-in-law, Fen Montaigne, and two daughters-in-law, Maureen Kennedy Hays and Bliss Summers.

Burial will be held privately. A celebration of her life will take place in the fall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to: Friends of Acadia, at Tribute Gifts - Friends of Acadia or mailed to Friends of Acadia, P.O. Box 45, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609.



## VINCENT WEBB, JR.

Vincent “Jeff” Comas Webb Jr., a decorated and patriotic veteran, died peacefully, at home, on May 12. He was the son of Dr. Vincent Cosmas Webb and Margaret English Webb, born in Glen Cove, NY on April 28, 1947.

Jeff’s trajectory through life was marked by notable achievements and pivotal moments. Following his education at Friends Academy in Locust Valley, NY and Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA, he responded to the call of duty by enlisting in the Army in 1969. Serving with valor and distinction, he contributed to the war efforts in Vietnam as a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment. He was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service.

Upon his return, Jeff pursued a bachelor’s degree at The Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, while concurrently working at Smokey Joe’s, a local institution. In



1974, he married Marjorie Harrison, and they moved to Greenwich, CT. Jeff's professional journey included positions at Honeywell, Solomon Brothers and E.F. Hutton before ultimately finding great personal and professional success in Real Estate Development.

In 2006, Jeff embarked on a new chapter of his life, uniting in marriage with Lynda Montgomery. Together, they built a life and a home in Wilton, CT. Jeff retired and devoted time to his passions for horticulture, marksmanship at the Weston Gun Club, and shared travel adventures with Lynda.

Jeff's legacy of love and dedication endures through his devoted wife, Lynda, and his children, Marjorie Childress (Ryan), Alexandra Clark, and Peter Webb (Claire). He is also mourned by his sister, Chery Webb (Jacquie), and predeceased by his sister, Judy Kilmartin, and his son-in-law, Alistair Clark. Beyond his immediate family, Jeff's love extended to his cherished twelve grandchildren.

He was a member of Weston Gun Club and had been a member of Campfire Club of America and Round Hill Club. Jeff will be remembered for his steadfast kindness and unwavering integrity.

RLTW (Rangers Lead The Way), a motto that encapsulates Jeff's resolute spirit and leadership, serves as a fitting testament to his enduring legacy. Though he is no longer with us, Jeff's memory will continue to inspire generations to come, serving as a beacon of honor and service.

A memorial service to celebrate Jeff's life and legacy will be held at 11 a.m. on June 14, 2024 at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich (108 Sound Beach Ave., Old Greenwich, CT). At a later date, the family will hold a private interment service at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of sending flowers, please consider supporting Dr. Anil Rustgi's Esophageal Cancer Research Lab at The Herbert Irving Cancer Center at Columbia University Medical Center. Please use this link to donate online: <https://medicine.givenow.columbia.edu/?alloc=17839#> and add "Dr. Anil Rustgi Lab" in the special instructions. If sending a check, make checks payable to "The Trustees of Columbia University" and indicate "In memory of Jeff Webb" on the memo line and mail to: Columbia University Medical Center, Office of Development, Attention: Dawn de Leon, 516 West 168th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10032.



JOANNE GRIFFIN

Joanne Warner Griffin, 86, passed away peacefully on April 8 in the house she called home for more than 50 years. She was with her family and friends when her four-year battle with Parkinson's finally took its toll.

Joanne was born on July 22, 1937 in Fargo, North Dakota to parents Raymond Darrow Warner and Gertrude Toole Warner. Returning to her mother's east coast roots, she graduated with honors from Sarah Lawrence College in 1958. Upon graduation, she began a career in television as an assistant producer on various Goodson and Todman game shows, including What's My Line, Match Game, Play Your Hunch and To Tell the Truth. She continued her television career working with the game show legend Merv Griffin, whom she called a mentor and a friend.

While working in New York, she met the love of her life, Richard "Dick" Griffin, and they married on October 13, 1962. Joanne and Dick spent the next ten years living in their Christopher Street apartment in Greenwich Village and frequenting their favorite spots including The White Horse Tavern, Julius' and their favorite late-night burger joint, the famous Corner Bistro.

In 1971 shortly before the birth of their third son, Joanne and Dick made the move to a quieter life in Riverside, Connecticut. It didn't take long for their young family to assimilate into the summers at Tods Point, OGRCC Soccer, Cub Scouts and OGYC Sailing.

Feeling the urge to pursue her lifelong love of cooking, she partnered in running Cooks Corner in Greenwich. Over the next two decades she taught and catered for many of the town's families and continued cooking her famous grissini for hundreds of lucky customers.

After retiring, there was no slowing down as Joanne and Dick took their love of travel to every continent, including Antarctica, while on dozens of cruises and barge trips.

Joanne was active in her beloved town of Greenwich, regularly volunteering at Greenwich Hospital and working countless blood drives for the American Red Cross. As a devout Catholic she attended Mass at St. Catherine's Church every Sunday until her illness made it too difficult.

In addition to her three boys, four grandsons, and the 56 years of marriage to her husband, it was her friendships that she truly cherished. From her walks with friends at the beach, and her perfectly planned dinner parties, to her crazy-competitive bridge group and laugh-out-loud Turkey of the Month club, she was continually surrounded by an army of loved ones.

Joanne is survived by her loving family, including son Charles D. Griffin and wife Petra of Reseda, California, son Bradley W. Griffin and wife Martha of Charlotte, North Carolina, and son Alexander T. Griffin and wife Elizabeth of Augusta, Georgia, and grandsons William, Jackson, Owen and Warner Griffin.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of St. Catherine of Siena Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Red Cross - [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or (800) 733-2767.



CAROL BECK

May 9, 1939 - February 18, 2024

As a longtime friend remarked at her passing, "Carol was a true original and that mold is now permanently broken." Carol Beck Colmer, nee Carol Marie Keeler, passed away February 18, after a challenging two-year battle with cancer. She was 84 years old and left this world gently and with grace, holding the hands of her two children.

Carol was born in Brooklyn, NY, and grew up in Greenwich, CT. She graduated from Greenwich Academy, a place near and dear to her heart, in 1958. She then attended Marymount College and, after graduation, worked in public relations at Eastern Airlines. In 1977, she settled in Windham in New York's Catskill Mountains and lived there for the rest of her life. Carol was a superior athlete and an avid traveler, exploring far and wide in places like Dubai, Egypt, India, Central America, throughout Europe and the U.S., and anywhere else "that seemed interesting!"

Carol was predeceased by her parents, Helen Quinn and Paul Keeler, and her beloved husband of 20 years, Bryan "Hugh" Colmer (d. 2016). She is survived by her two children, daughter, Cameron (John), and son, John (Amy), and four grandchildren: Charlie, Jack, Fred, and Julia. Carol is also survived by her siblings, Susan (Jim) of Greenwich, Paul (Nancy) of Stamford, John (Christine) of Wycoff NJ, Helenmarie (Dan) of Alexandria VA, and Christopher (Claudia) of Naples, FL, and many nieces, nephews, countless cousins, and literally hundreds of close friends from all over the world.

She will be remembered as someone of boundless energy and generosity, always the first to help someone in need. She was devoted to and deeply beloved by the Sai Baba community of New York City and Puttaparthi, India, and many Indian students were educated as a direct result of her financial support and encouragement. Carol was an outlier in every respect, and the world is a smaller place without her. We will always hold the memory of her spirit and indomitable force close to our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sri Sathya Sai Hrudayalaya Tutoring Centre via Jerry Stepkowski at 917-406-1609.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary Church, 178 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 24.



RUWE HALSEY

8/10/45 - 9/28/23

Ruwe Halsey, 78, of Riverside, CT went to his eternal rest on September 28, 2023 after a brief but brave battle with cancer. He is the son of the late Bettyjane (Ruwe) and Bates Halsey. Ruwe lived practically all of his life in the Riverside/Greenwich area.

Ruwe was educated in the Greenwich Public Schools, beginning with Riverside School, then Eastern Junior High School, Greenwich Country Day School and finishing with high school at Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA. He attended Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, graduating in 1967. He also earned his MBA from the University of Connecticut.

After graduating from college, Ruwe spent the next 5-6 years living in San Francisco where he met and married his wife of 52 years, Jo Marie Frank. In San Francisco, he was employed as a Stock Broker and Life Insurance Salesman. Upon his return to Connecticut, he was employed at the family business, the Ruwe Pencil Company. Ruwe was also employed in marine sales at Hitchcock Marine in Bridgeport, CT and Beacon Point Marine in Cos Cob, CT.

Ruwe leaves behind his wife, Jo Marie, their children, Jason R. Halsey and Rebecca M. McCollam (John); his grandchildren who affectionately knew him as "Papa Mallard," Drayk H. Bowen, Dylan H. Bowen and Dallas L. Bowen and his sisters, Wendy H. Otto (Charles) and Sally J. Halsey.

Ruwe had a lifelong passion for woodworking and made numerous clocks, bookshelves, fences and sheds. He also loved watching sports of all types; and was never happier than when he was watching his children and grandchildren play, even if it was on TV.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, June 4, at 11 a.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 200 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT.

Ruwe will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Deerfield Academy or Bowdoin College, Class of 1967 Scholarship Fund.

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# Art with Heart: Impressionism in Childhood Development

By Dmitri Wright

A Painting is Worth a Thousand Words...

Introduced in France in the middle of the 19th century Impressionist art is marvelous to look at. It is arguably the most famous and consequential artistic movement of the last two centuries. Witness its prominent place in many of the world’s leading museums. Impressionism has had an outsized influence on other styles of art and our culture.

Think Claude Monet’s ethereal water lilies ubiquitous on tote bags, umbrellas and t-shirts and his home in Giverny which is a major tourist destination; Edgar Degas’s signature bathers and his dancing ballerinas that grace many walls in poster form; Auguste Renoir’s delightful compositions of pretty women and sensuous nudes; Marie Cassatt’s charming scenes of mothers and children engaged in everyday family life, and Vincent Van Gogh’s dramatic sunflower series created during his Impressionist period and considered among the most famous art works in history.

Unlike previous more classical forms of painting that were often based on hierarchical models of academic painting that had been taught in European academies, Impressionism was inspired more by the heart and the moment – spontaneous impressions of



subjects. The Impressionists broke from established norms which enabled them to be freer to experiment with light and color. They used short, bold and typically colorful brush strokes. Scenes did not have to be perfect, but rather subjective and imaginative.

Impressionism is the bridge between classical and modern art forms. It is the mortar that holds those worlds together. And it offers valuable educational and developmental opportunities.

It is widely accepted that knowledge of classical music helps children in their mastery of STEM courses. Art holds several equally important benefits which is why it is important for children to be introduced to it, whether in school, camp or through community youth programs. Fortunately, there are many opportunities in Greenwich and the surrounding area for children to experience it.

Experimenting with the Impressionist art style is a

wonderful way for children to be introduced to art. Their imagination will be piqued with the freedom to capture a moment in time, and to view life and nature their own way, infused with heart, color and joy.

In my experience, there is an artist in every child with a voice desiring to speak visually and with abandon. Teaching art to children using the timeless universal concepts used by the Impressionists has given me immense joy and the satisfaction of

seeing children free to express their own visual narratives by building upon their natural abilities.

In my summer camp classes at Greenwich Historical Society’s Art & History Camp, children learn about the principles of Impressionism through the styles favored by artists who were members of the Cos Cob Art Colony, the first Impressionist art colony in Connecticut.

Artists include Elmer Livingston MacRae who lived at Holley House, now Bush-Holley House, the legendary Childe Hassam, and J. Alden Weir who spent summers teaching at Holley House and John Henry Twachtman, who lived nearby on Round Hill Road. Each of these artists is represented in the Historical Society’s collections.

Working together and using their imaginations, the children create landscapes, compose still lives and re-create a 12-foot-tall masterpiece by Elmer Livingston MacRae. They also practice portraiture and craft a series of self-portraits in a variety of different artistic styles and mediums.

These experiences help children to develop valuable cognitive and sensory skills that are useful at every stage in life. Among the most important are visualization, creativity, imagination, and curiosity for constructing scenes that speak to

their emotions and heart. Hand-eye coordination and problem-solving capabilities are strengthened as they experiment with colors, shapes and materials in developing their own canvases. All of which helps to build their confidence and self-esteem.

The awe and wonder are a terrific balm for their days that are overly dependent on devices. Fortunately, technology such as AI will never replace the experiences they will have been exposed to with art ‘in the moment’ and with heart.

*Greenwich resident Dmitri Wright is the Master Artist/Instructor for Weir Farm National Historical Park, the only park dedicated to American Impressionism. In the tradition of John Henry Twachtman, founder of the Cos Cob Art Colony, Wright is the first artist-in-residence instructing and lecturing at the Greenwich Historical Society, the birthplace of American Impressionism, where he served on the board of trustees of the museum and teaches at Art & History Camp. He also instructs at Silvermine Art School. Wright won the national scholarship at Cooper Union and the Max Beckman International Scholar Program at Brooklyn Museum Art School and was valedictorian at the Newark School of Fine & Industrial Arts, majoring in Fine Art.*

## Submitted News & Releases

### Christ Church Summer Clothing Drive



Get ready for summer! Liberations House needs summer clothing for adults and children, men and women, all sizes. Edit your closet and drop off new or gently used, clean summer clothing or purchase new items on Amazon Liberations Wishlist Amazon Donations Website: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IHPGKH85LOPYM?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IHPGKH85LOPYM?ref=wl_share). Please drop outside the Christ Church

Greenwich Parish Office in the marked boxes. 254 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT Also Volunteer to sort clothing: Saturday, June 22, 9 am – 12 noon

This Summer Clothing Drive is going to Liberation House, provider of substance abuse rehabilitation services in a residential setting for women and children, as well as in another venue for men.

- Adult and Children’s (sizes I-10) Clothing
  - Shorts (all sizes)
  - T-shirts and tanks (all sizes)
  - Sandals and flip flops (all sizes)
  - Baseball hats
- New Adult Clothing (in new packaging)
  - Underwear (all sizes)
  - Bras (all sizes)
  - Socks
- New Toiletries
  - Deodorant
  - Chapstick with SPF
  - Sunscreen
- Gently Used Miscellaneous
  - Umbrellas
  - Sunglasses

### Horizons at Brunswick School Awareness and Giving Day

First Selectman Fred Camillo has officially declared Friday, May 17, 2024, as Horizons at Brunswick School Awareness and Giving Day, recognizing the significant impact of Horizons at Brunswick in the community.

Entering its 11th year, Horizons at Brunswick addresses a wide range of needs for under-resourced boys from Greenwich Public Schools in kindergarten through eighth grade. This six-week summer program, held on Brunswick’s campuses, offers a comprehensive curriculum that includes reading, math, and STEAM classes. Additionally, the program provides transportation, two nutritious meals daily, swimming lessons, and enriching field trips. The support extends beyond the summer with six Saturdays throughout the school year, offering ongoing assistance to the boys and their families, resulting in remarkable and measurable progress.

The success of the program is evident – many Horizons boys thrive at Greenwich High School, excelling academically with many enrolling in honors and AP courses.

In recognition of its valuable contributions to the Town of Greenwich, First Selectman

Camillo honors Horizons at Brunswick, acknowledging the program’s dedication to fostering educational equity and supporting the development of young boys in the community.

For additional press inquiries and questions, contact: Marianne Ho Barnum, ([mbarnum@brunswickschool.org](mailto:mbarnum@brunswickschool.org)) Executive Director, Horizons at Brunswick. To donate, please click here: Horizons at Brunswick Giving Day.

About Horizons at Brunswick: Horizons at Brunswick School works every day to advance educational equity in Greenwich. It serves kindergarten through eighth grade Greenwich public school boys from under-resourced communities who perform at or below grade level upon kindergarten entry. The program inspires the joy of learning with high-quality academic and cultural enrichment and builds nine-plus-year community relationships between students, teachers, families, and schools.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook. For more information on Horizons at Brunswick School, or how to donate, please visit our website ([horizonsatwick.org](http://horizonsatwick.org)) or email [horizons@brunswickschool.org](mailto:horizons@brunswickschool.org).

### Neighbor to Neighbor Receives \$115,000 Grant from the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation

Neighbor to Neighbor, a dedicated and compassionate organization committed to serving the Greenwich community, is happy to announce the receipt of a generous grant from the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation to bolster its initiatives aimed at providing essential items and holiday programs to those in need.

The Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation awarded Neighbor to Neighbor a \$115,000 grant to fund essential items such as shampoos, soaps, feminine products, household cleaning supplies, and more. The funding will enhance the nonprofit’s ability to make a significant impact on the lives of Greenwich residents in need.

The grant comes at a critical time for Neighbor to Neighbor when the need for personal care items and household cleaning supplies are higher than ever. The nonprofit will utilize the funds to provide a wider range of essential items to vulnerable families and individuals in the Greenwich community.

In addition to supporting daily necessities, the grant will enable Neighbor to Neighbor to continue their annual backpack distribution program for the upcoming back-to-school season as well as their holiday programs. During the holiday season, Neighbor to Neighbor hosts a Thanksgiving distribution and also provides holiday bags for all families.

“With this funding we can continue to provide personal care items and basic living essentials in a dignified way,” said Neighbor to Neighbor Executive Director, K. Brent Hill. “This is a fundamental component of what we do at Neighbor to Neighbor. We look forward to spreading holiday cheer and continuing our mission with the help from the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation.”

Neighbor to Neighbor remains committed to serving those in need with dignity and respect. For more information about the nonprofit, visit their website at <https://www.ntngreenwich.org/>

### Choirs Celebrate 90th Anniversary

Christ Church Greenwich celebrates the 90th anniversary of its choirs with a special concert on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 5:00 PM. The event will feature performances by six combined choirs and alumni, conducted by James O’Donnell from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, Philip Moore, former Organist at York Minster, Jamie Hitel, Director of Music, and Jonathan Vaughn, Associate Director of Music.

Over 100 choir members, ranging from ages 5 to 80, will perform a diverse program including works by Henry Purcell, Hubert Parry, Charles Villiers Stanford, Lynda Randle, Undine Smith Moore, John Rutter, and Judith Weir. The new Harrison and

Harrison organ, with 86 stops, will enhance the concert’s sound.

The choral program at Christ Church, led by Jamie Hitel and Jonathan Vaughn, provides music for over 100 services annually. The program is praised for its high quality, akin to any English cathedral choir. The choirs also follow the Royal School of Church Music curriculum, achieving significant awards in music theory, choral technique, and liturgy.

Tickets for the concert are available at \$25 for general admission and \$50 for sponsors, with free admission for students. For more information, visit the ticket site.

### Lifestyle Icon Martha Stewart and Celebrated Interior Designer Stephen Sills



Martha Stewart and Stephen Sills with Spring Fete committee.

The historic barn at backcountry’s Highland Farm was bustling with over 200 enthusiastic guests as Martha Stewart and Stephen Sills discussed their favorite homes, gardens and interiors at Greenwich Historical Society’s annual Spring Fete on May 16. Conducted in a casual and engaging ‘fireside-chat’ manner, Stewart and Sills spoke endearingly about their shared love of historic properties, including Stewart’s restored home ‘Skylands’ in Seal Harbor, Maine, originally built for Edsel Ford, her majestic Bedford N.Y. farm, and those of several of Sills’ clients and friends whose interiors evoke his masterful synthesis of classic and modern style. Tori Mellott, Style Director of Frederick Magazine, introduced the Stewart and Sills, and moderated a spirited audience Q&A following their presentation.

Spring Fete event Co-Chairs Susannah Heyworth, Alexandra Kittle and Erica Maher Seyverman made welcome remarks followed by Vice-Chairs Lauren duPont and Catherine Tompkins, who emphasized the importance of

the event to raise critical funds for the Historical Society’s art and education programs, as well as expanding its Education Garden, where local students, campers and families can explore the history and uses of Colonial-era plants and American Impressionist perennial flowers.

Funds raised from the event also support educational programs and resources accessible to all students and teachers in Greenwich schools; stewardship of the National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, landscape and gardens; and award-winning American art and history exhibitions.

Presenting Sponsor VanderHorn Architects completed a recent renovation of the deck stairs and windows on the southern facing side of the historic barn.

Catering for the prior evening’s festive Patron Party, also held at the barn, as well as the Designer Breakfast was provided by Marcia Selgen. For more information: <https://greenwichhistory.org/spring-fete/>



# SPORTS

## Brunswick lacrosse storms past Staples to finish regular season undefeated 16-0

By BRUNSWICK SCHOOL

Brunswick clinched its second-ever undefeated varsity lacrosse regular season – and first under coaches David Bruce and Brendan Gilsenan – with an 11-5 win over Staples on Tuesday afternoon.

The first quarter ended in a 1-1 stalemate. There was no shot clock, so it was a quarter of long possessions for the Wreckers and great defense for the Bruins.

Staples scored quickly to start the second and that was its last of the half. Brunswick's offense found its footing and got six goals past a strong Staples' goalie. Casey Quinson and Payton Anderson led the charge, helping give the Bruins a 7-2 advantage at halftime.

Brunswick controlled play in the third quarter with three goals to the host team's zero. The Bruins used the lack of shot clock to their advantage and ran long offensive possessions. The third quarter ended with Brunswick holding a 10-2 lead.

After few goals from the Wreckers in the fourth and the Bruins' lone goal thanks to a hard drive to the net by Emmett Meagher, Brunswick's sideline had plenty to celebrate as time expired on the regular season.

Focus now shifts to the semi-finals of the Prep Nationals Tournament on Friday night, when the Bruins will take to Cosby Field in the 7:30 p.m. slot. They will play Salisbury School in the Friday's semifinal-round of the Prep Nationals.



Photo courtesy of Brunswick School: Brunswick's Lucas Garcia, left, on the attack for the Bruins during a road matchup against Staples from Westport. Behind a strong second half, the Bruins registered an 11-5 victory.

## GCDS boys track and field team places first at Championships; GCDS girls team finishes 4th

Greenwich Country Day School's boys track and field team won its first Fairchester Athletic Association championship on May 11 at Brunswick School, finishing with a team score of 147 points to capture the team title.

Host Brunswick School finished a close second in the team standings with 144 points. Greenwich Country Day School's girls team placed a fourth in the team standings at the FAA Championships, its highest ranking at the league meet to date.

"In the span of four years, our seniors have set a brilliant example of the joy of training to become excellent in this sport," said Peter Heinz, head coach of the track and field team at GCDS. "Now, the results of their efforts speak for themselves. These athletes, without a track or a dedicated place to practice, have built a team culture that prizes its members and celebrates everyone's progress. No surprise, the team has grown and grown."

Over the course of the meet, there were 11 school records, six wins and 14 All-

FAA performances. The Boys Team scoring was led by GCDS's fearsome sprint squad – senior Steve Paul and sophomore Liam Kennon combined to score 28 points in the 100 and 200-meter dashes. Liam, Eli Rosen, and Nicholas Triplett combined for 20 more points in the 400-meter run. The sprinters punctuated their efforts over a long day by winning the 4x400-meter relay with an impressive time of 3:28.98.

The field events were key to the win for GCDS. Hurdler Chase Richards, a senior, led the way for a young crew of hurdlers, who combined to score nine points in the 110 hurdles and 14 in the 300-meter hurdles. Elijah Canty, a freshman, excelled in the jumps and was the joint-top scorer of the meet.

Elijah scored 26 points in 30 minutes. In the middle of his high jump progression, he took a break to lead off the second place 4x1, walked back over to the high jump where he secured the win, and then promptly jogged over to the long jump area in time to jump into the finals, where he ultimately placed second. Elijah capped his



Photo provided by Greenwich Country Day School: Greenwich Country Day School's boys and girls track and field team gathers after a fine performance at the FAA Championships, held at Brunswick School on May 11, 2024. The GCDS boys squad won the team championship at the FAA Championships.

FAA season with an impressive 43-00.5 triple jump to secure his second win of the day. Cooper Edwards and Seneca Greenwood, made crucial contributions in the throws, capping off a true team effort for the Tigers.

The girls team scoring was led by the distance squad – eighth-grader Gisele Putka and

senior Kendall Collier, who hammered away on behalf of their team. Gisele scored 22 points, winning the 800-meter run and Kendall pushed the pace on the way to 12 points in the 3000-meter race and the 1500-meter run. Freshmen and sophomore runners chipped in points in the field events and relays, setting three impressive

school records in the process: Katie Culvahouse, a freshman, equaled her school record high jump of 4-06 and the Girls 4x100 and 4x400 of Mia Secko-Thompson, a sophomore, senior Celine Silvera, sophomore Lila Malone and freshman Katie Culvahouse also finished with school records.

"There is nothing more

powerful in sports than watching athletes set goals, work towards them, and achieve those goals surrounded by the cheers and excitement of teammates," said Tim Helstein, GCDS Director of Athletics. "Yesterday was that day and another historic moment in GCDS athletics history."

## Cardinals baseball getting set to play in state tournament

**Cardinals baseball team getting set to play in Class LL state tournament after losing to Staples in FCIAC quarterfinal-round**

By DAVID FIERRO

Following a 2-5 start to its season, the Greenwich High School baseball team experienced a resurgence, going 10-3 over its final 15 games of the regular season to earn the No. 2 seed in the FCIAC Tournament and a home game against seventh-seeded Staples.

Yet, the Wreckers are the team the Cardinals have had the most trouble with this season.

Going into their FCIAC Tournament quarterfinal-round game against the Wreckers on May

17 at Greenwich's Havemeyer Field, the Cardinals were 0-2 against Staples, while being shutout in both games.

Unfortunately for the Cardinals, that pattern continued in the FCIAC quarterfinals on May 17, as Staples broke open a close game the final three innings, posting a dominant 15-0 win.

Staples then lost to Trumbull, 3-0, in the FCIAC Tournament semifinals. Trumbull plays Wilton in tonight's 7 p.m. FCIAC Tournament final at Cubeta Stadium in Stamford. In the FCIAC quarterfinal-round matchup, the game was scoreless after three innings, but Staples scored two runs in the fourth inning, added three more in the fifth inning and

three in the sixth, before scoring seven times in the seventh.

"They have a potent lineup and they've had our number this year," Greenwich coach Adrian Arango said of Staples. "We've had trouble with them all year. That's three losses to them with no runs scored."

Second baseman Jules Cisero went 3 for 4 with a home run, two RBIs and two runs scored, while Staples teammate Noah Saed, a third baseman, had two hits, a homer, two runs scored and five RBIs.

Andrew Oppenheimer had two hits and two runs scored, while outfielder Jack Farren was 2 for 4 with one run scored and two RBIs in the winning effort. Catcher Jake

Goldshore homered and drove in three runs for the Wreckers, who are 3-0 against the Cardinals this season.

Senior right-hander Tommy Passamano pitched five innings for GHS, allowing five runs after throwing three scoreless innings to start the FCIAC quarterfinal.

"Tommy pitched out of some huge jams early, he kept us in it," Arango said. "We're down 2-0 going into the fifth, the game was tight and Tommy did everything we could to keep us in it."

With the game scoreless, Staples took the lead in the top of the fourth inning. Cisero hit a two-run home run over the left center field fence, giving the Wreckers a 2-0 lead. In the fifth inning, Saed

smashed a three-run homer to left field, upping Staples' advantage to 5-0.

Farren delivered a two-run single to key Staples' three-run sixth inning and Goldshore homered during the Wreckers' seven-run seventh. Senior Troy Goodwin, junior Lucas Meinelt and sophomore Luke Tocci combined to pitch the final three innings for the Cards.

"One thing about the FCIAC is one team is only going to be happy at the end," Arango noted. "We have the state tournament and we have 10 days to prepare. We've been very resilient, we started 2-5 and here we are as the No. 2 seed in the FCIAC."

Ranked 14th in Class LL

Greenwich (12-9) will get a home game in the first round of the LL state tournament next week.

"We're going to have a home game in the state tournament and hopefully, this will fuel us," Arango said. "We thought it would be a tight game, the last few innings the game got away from us."

Once again, Staples was led on the mound by hard-throwing junior left-hander Kai Nee. He allowed only one hit in five innings, while striking out 11 batters and walking just two to earn the win.

"This year, we haven't been given much of a chance by anybody, but this has been a resilient group. We have great leadership, we have great captains," Arango said.

## Greenwich High tennis repeats as champions

By DAVID FIERRO

Champions again.

Coming off a 2023 season in which it went undefeated, while capturing the FCIAC and Class LL Tournament championships, the Greenwich High School boys tennis team is well on its way to duplicating last season's success this spring.

Top-seeded Greenwich's 4-2 win over New Canaan in the championship match of the FCIAC Boys Tennis Tournament on May 20th at Wilton High School, gave the Cardinals their second straight conference tournament title and 18th overall, the most in the FCIAC.

Greenwich, which went a perfect 22-0 one season ago, sports a record of 18-0 so far this spring. Monday's FCIAC Tournament final featured outstanding play from the successful squads.

"It was an extraordinarily tight match and both teams have a tremendous amount of respect for each other," Greenwich coach Ray Marshall said. "New Canaan is a top-notch program led by Ben Young, who is a really good coach and a squad of great guys both on the court and off. I'm kind of happy they're in the L division for states and wish them the best of luck."

The Cardinals, who beat Darien in the FCIAC semifinals in a rematch of the 2023 conference tournament final, won three of the four singles matches and took a key doubles match to earn the title win against the Rams.

Manuel Galli Specos, Matthew Hunt and Elias Orrell each won their singles matches for the Cardinals versus the Rams. Galli Specos, a junior, won his No. 2 singles match in straight sets

against New Canaan's William Sweet.

"Manuel at 2, walked out looking so confident and poised and while he had played his opponent before, he seemed to be playing at the top of his game with a quick two set win," Marshall said.

Hunt, a junior, was on top of his game as well, defeating New Canaan's Nick Brillo, 6-2, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

"I was nervous at first but once I settled in and figured him out it was pretty much smooth sailing from there," Hunt said. "He has a trick game, hitting mostly forehands so I had to figure a way to draw him out of that corner and expose his biggest weakness, his backhand."

"I brought energy from the start and as coach likes to say, I started slowly squeezing as the

match went on to take the energy out of him," Hunt continued. "A big key was to make sure I kept him out of the match by bringing a lot of and not letting him string together points in a row."

"Today, Matt was on his game and won decisively," added Marshall, who noted that Hunt and Brillo "had a very tight three-set match three weeks ago."

Sophomore Elias Orrell gave Greenwich a 6-3, 6-0 win against Alexander Powers at fourth singles.

"Perhaps the lineup story of the day was Elias Orrell playing in his first postseason match, which he found out about only 20 minutes before his match began, when our number four singles player said his knee was bothering him," Marshall noted. "After a somewhat nervous start, Elias figured out his opponents' game

plan and took the first set and six straight games in the second set."

New Canaan's singles victory came from sophomore Jackson Mountford, who edged Cardinals junior Alexander Salib, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, at No. 1.

"Alex Salib played really well and took the second set off the New Canaan top singles player (something I don't think has happened very often this season)," Marshall said.

At No. 1 doubles, senior Harrison Wolfe and junior Rohan Mittal of GHS lost a tough 6-2, 6-3 match against Nathan Smock/ Kevin Zou. Wolfe and Mittal have paced Greenwich's doubles teams this season. Senior Bruce Lunder and sophomore Volodymyr Dombrovskyi of Greenwich played Julian Doshi/Jack McDonough at second doubles, which was not completed. Lunder/Dombrovskyi

won the opening set, 7-5, lost the second set 4-6 and were up in the third set, 2-1.

The clinching match came at third doubles, where GHS juniors Ishan Ambastha/Daniel Lee came back to defeat Avery Cotton and Tommy Fox, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

"The magic was back on our favorite court up at Wilton," Marshall noted. "Last year, third doubles won their match the deciding seventh match... And this year, Daniel and Ishan came back from a sit down to win the next two sets and clinch the FCIAC title."

Heading into the upcoming CIAC Class LL Tournament, Greenwich has won 40 consecutive matches dating back to last season.



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7 Orchard Drive	Greenwich	\$5,495,000	Sat 2-4 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
633 Steamboat Road #5	Greenwich	\$4,195,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
86 Sherwood Place	Greenwich	\$899,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
17 Highland Farm Road	Greenwich	\$2,199,000	Sat 11-1 PM	Sotheby's
1 Douglas Drive	Greenwich	\$1,350,000	Sun 12-2 PM	The Bridge Realty Inc.

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Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
50 Lafayette Place 1G	\$475,000	\$605	785		1	1	South Parkway
1 Douglas Drive	\$1,350,000	\$624	2,162		3	2	Glenville
6 Center Road	\$1,650,000	\$871	1,895	0.19	2	2	Old Greenwich
155 Field Point Road 3S	\$1,795,000	\$759	2,365	0	3	3	South of Post Road
17 Maple Drive	\$2,060,000	\$877	2,350	0.15	4	3	Old Greenwich
177 Elm Street 177	\$2,095,000	\$790	2,652	0.16	3	3	South of Post Road
123 Lockwood Road	\$2,295,000	\$809	2,838	0.32	4	3	Riverside
1 Old Church Road 5	\$2,295,000	\$580	3,958		3	3	South Parkway
7 INTERLAKEN Road	\$2,495,000	\$407	6,123	2.06	4	5	South Parkway
50 Highmeadow Road	\$2,650,000	\$746	3,550	0.28	4	3	Old Greenwich
18 Shore Acre Drive	\$2,950,000	\$982	3,004	0.19	5	3	Old Greenwich
50 Old Stone Bridge Road	\$2,950,000	\$744	3,964	1	5	3	Cos Cob
900 Lake Avenue	\$3,550,000	\$590	6,016	2	5	5	North Parkway
44 Orchard Drive	\$3,895,000	\$1,089	3,576	0.28	4	3	South of Post Road
295 Riversville Road	\$3,895,000	\$891	4,371	2.61	6	5	South Parkway
87 Dingtletown Road	\$4,395,000	\$750	5,863	2.26	6	5	South Parkway
46 Burying Hill Road	\$4,500,000	\$743	6,054	4.43	5	6	North Parkway
17 Bramble Lane	\$5,295,000	\$884	5,991	0.29	6	6	Riverside
30 Brookridge Drive	\$6,000,000	\$1,207	4,972	4.32	4	4	South Parkway
12 Lindsay Drive	\$6,150,000	\$920	6,687	2	5	4	South Parkway
22 Angus Lane	\$6,495,000	\$799	8,131	1.45	6	6	South Parkway
145 Milbank Avenue	\$6,495,000	\$1,049	6,194	0.26	3	5	South of Post Road
530 Round Hill Road	\$7,500,000	\$1,080	6,943	4.37	6	6	North Parkway
29 Field Point Drive	\$7,950,000	\$1,188	6,690	1.13	4	5	South of Post Road
530 Round Hill Road	\$13,000,000	\$1,872	6,943	13.93	6	6	North Parkway
5 & 7 John Street	\$28,500,000			14.94	4	12	North Parkway

**NEW SALES**  
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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
9 Weaver Street 4	\$365,000	\$365,000	\$365,000	25	1	1		665
1465 Putnam Ave 313	\$385,000	\$385,000	\$410,000	13	1	1		650
5 Putnam Hill Road 2A	\$549,000	\$519,900	\$495,000	86	2	1		1,080
26 Curt Terrace	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,350,000	14	4	3	0.28	1,883
172 Field Point Road 1	\$1,795,000	\$1,599,000	\$1,599,000	64	4	3		2,609
16 Butler Street	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,805,000	12	4	2	0.17	2,024
38 Cary Road	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,841,000	19	3	3	0.19	2,276
165 Shore Road D	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000	\$2,200,000	21	3	3	0	1,790
23 Ballwood Road	\$2,395,000	\$2,395,000	\$2,350,000	17	5	4	0.42	2,590
5 Northridge Road	\$3,495,000	\$3,438,000	\$3,300,000	57	5	5	0.24	5,200
1 Seagate Road	\$4,995,000	\$4,995,000	\$4,995,000	7	4	5	0.9	4,159
16 Hedgerow Lane	\$6,750,000	\$6,750,000	\$6,000,000	15	6	6	2.11	7,743
62 Ridge Street	\$7,595,000	\$6,995,000	\$6,700,000	34	5	6	0.32	7,254
32 Meadowcroft Lane	\$15,000,000	\$14,495,000	\$11,700,000	379	7	8	2.2	13,355

GUEST COLUMN

## Navigating the New Real Estate Landscape in Greenwich

BY JAMES HOFFMAN

Sellers of real estate in Greenwich need to know that commissions sessions are negotiable. The recent NAR settlement Connecticut is a \$418M agreed to payout to home sellers. The plaintiffs claimed that the leading real estate trade association for real estate brokers and agents conspired to require home sellers to pay the broker commission representing the buyer of their house in violation of antitrust law.

The settlement requires the NAR to prohibit broker compensation to the buyer's agent on the multiple listing service or MLS, which will take effect toward the end of this year.

Sellers will no longer be required to pay the buyer broker commissions to the buyers agent. Real estate brokers must establish written representation agreements with their clients.

Again, commissions have always been negotiable. My firm, Greenwich Connecticut Properties, LLC, has always provided full service real estate services at 4% not 5% or 6% as other firms have offered.

Our commission structure provides for a 2% commision to the seller and a 2% commission for the buyer.

fewer sales of single family homes than in the last eight years with the median sale price at \$2.5M and condo sale price median at \$700,000 with total sales volume down over 30%.

*Sellers of real estate in Greenwich need to know that commissions sessions are negotiable.*

In general, Connecticut real estate is showing listings down by 26% year to date. Greenwich Connecticut Properties have sold within 22 days of their listing date with homes selling quicker than homes nationwide which averaged 54 days on the market.

As stated, inventory is at an all time low and in Greenwich, with interest rates over 7%, it is no wonder that the cost of buying a home is out of the range of many buyers especially younger buyers.

It is truly a sellers real estate market !

James B. Hoffman is the Managing Broker at Greenwich Connecticut Properties, LLC.



# Grace Notes: Song since 1967

By MICHAEL LaGAMMA

At the May 15th meeting of the Retired Men's Association, Peter Uhry introduced The Grace Notes. The Grace Notes is an all-female cappella group based in Greenwich, 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 time spent at home learning and memorizing the music. They are out singing in the community at least two days a month, often performing for two venues back-to-back. 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 performing members with two more who joined this spring. Two members have been singing in The Grace Notes for over 30 years!

The following singers performed at the RMA event:

Jennifer Andrews  
Claire Cohen  
Robin Edelston  
Anne Marcus  
Maggie McGirr  
Laura Pavlovich  
Katie Stallard  
Hannah Tsatsonis  
Judy Gilmartin Wilsey



The Grace Notes performed arrangements of popular songs from the 1920s through the 1970s in four-part harmony.

## Two members have been singing in The Grace Notes for over 30 years!

They treated the audience to a compilation of songs including:

1. You Make Me Feel So Young
2. Dream a Little Dream of Me
3. Making Whoopie
4. Big Yellow Taxi
5. Embraceable You
6. I've Got Rhythm
7. A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square
8. The Beatles Medley
9. Sway
10. Happy Together

The group was then asked for an encore performance which was a rousing rendition of "Sisters."

In the Q&A session that followed, the Grace Notes revealed that although they usually perform in four-part harmony, occasionally they go to as many as six parts. They perform twice a month, sometimes more, and have also provided quartets to sing to the homebound and their caregivers. They are a purely community and service group, and do not participate in competitions. Although they currently have eleven members, they would like to grow a bit larger to be able to handle situations of illness or scheduling conflicts. They recruit by word of mouth. Prospective members are asked to learn two arrangements and are given two weeks to prepare for an audition for the group. For more information about

The Grace Notes, visit their website: <http://www.thegracenotes.com/>

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

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "Getting Schooled on Baseball's Greatest Rivalries," by Kelley Franco Thropp, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. Springtime means baseball, and baseball means rivalries. Kelley Franco invites you to enjoy a one-hour crash course on baseball's greatest rivalries. We will discuss Levels 101, 201, 301, and 401 of the fiercest clashes in the game. There will be trivia and chances to show off your baseball acumen. We will cover the well-known rivalries - Yankees/Red Sox and Dodgers/Giants, but we will also dig deep into other matchups including Cubs/Cardinals, Ted Williams/Joe DiMaggio, and some off-the-field surprises. Both casual and serious baseball fans will enjoy this engaging presentation.

Kelley Franco is a baseball media entrepreneur and her company is Three Inning Fan LLC. She hosts her own baseball podcast, "A Date in October with KFT." She has been a guest lecturer at the Baseball Hall of Fame and a baseball contributor on CNN's Financial Network. Follow her on Twitter and Instagram at @threeinningfan to catch her "Three Inning Minute" videos,

which feature snippets about the legal, transactional, and nostalgic side of baseball in one minute each. Her webpage is [www.threeinningfan.com](http://www.threeinningfan.com). By day, Kelley is a practicing attorney in New Canaan, Connecticut at her firm, Franco and Associates.

To stream the presentation by Kelley Franco Thropp at 11 AM on Wednesday, May 29, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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

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# A Teen Steps Up to Answer the Call of Veterans—United in Service

By Ella Whitridge

My name is Ella Whitridge, and I am a 16-year-old student at Greenwich High School. On March 29th, I attended the Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony with my mom at the American Legion Post 29 in Glenville, an area in Greenwich, CT. The room was filled with Veterans and patriots who humbly told their stories of service. It was inspiring for me to hear from these heroes in person. The space, however, was anything but inspiring: dreary tile flooring, bland cinder block walls, broken kitchen equipment, and problematic bathrooms.

Mr. Peter LeBeau, the Commander of American Legion Post 29, came to talk to me. He said that this American Legion Post, where local Veterans have their monthly meetings, hold events like their pancake fundraisers, and host

different organizations' get-togethers, "really needs help. We need a new floor covering due to asbestos tiles, a coat of paint, a functioning kitchen, and working bathrooms." He humbly asked, "Would you want to help us?"

Mr. LeBeau mentioned that the property, owned by the Town of Greenwich and leased to the American Legion, has fallen into disrepair. He has tried over several years to get the Town to allocate funds to refurbish this space, but to no avail.

With all the people in the room, including elected officials, I was surprised that Mr. LeBeau, a Vietnam Veteran and Commander of this Post, would ask for my help. But as I thought about it, I concluded that I represent the future of America and it is up to me and people my age to protect Our Freedom for our own generation and generations to come.

I would like to answer the call and be a strong voice for the Veterans in our town. I have put together a plan, built my team of fellow students (as pictured), and will be raising funds to renovate the American Legion Post 29. We look forward to getting quick approval from the Town and are excited to get started.

As Memorial Day approaches, we are getting ready to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and salute those who are with us. It is our turn to say thank you with our own service!

Please visit our website to get on our email list for project and GoFundMe fundraising updates: [www.TeensAnswerTheCall.org](http://www.TeensAnswerTheCall.org)

If you would like to donate directly to the American Legion at this time, please feel free to send a check written out to "American Legion Post 29" to 248 Glenville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831-4154.





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**MONDAY, MAY 27th @ 10AM**

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# Welcome to Safety Town!

## Registration Open for 2024 American Red Cross Safety Town



Children's pedal cars line up in Safety Town, ready for young participants to learn crucial safety skills in a fun and engaging environment at the American Red Cross Safety Town program. Registration for the 2024 sessions is now open.

By ANNE WHITE

The American Red Cross Metro New York North Chapter has announced the opening of registration for the 2024 Safety Town program. This one-week safety education initiative, designed for children entering kindergarten or first grade in the fall, will take place from June 10-14 and June 17-21 at the Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink in Greenwich, Connecticut. With the sessions just a few weeks away, now is the perfect time for parents to sign up and ensure their children gain vital safety skills in a fun and engaging environment.

Safety Town aims to teach young children essential safety awareness and accident prevention skills through engaging and interactive activities. According to Stephanie Dunn Ashley, CEO of the American Red Cross Metro NY North Chapter, “Each year, dozens of children complete Safety Town where they meet their community helpers and learn safety tips to help them in school and the community.”

The importance of Safety Town cannot be overstated. In today’s fast-paced world, children are exposed to various potential dangers, from traffic accidents to household emergencies. Programs like Safety Town equip them with the knowledge and confidence to navigate these situations safely. By learning directly from experts such as police officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel, children gain firsthand insights into safety practices that can prevent accidents and save lives.

The program features a variety of activities under the guidance of Red Cross instructors, police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and other community helpers. Children participate in both indoor classroom settings and an outdoor, kid-sized “Safety Town” layout. This layout includes buildings, crosswalks, sidewalks, and street markings, providing a realistic environment for learning.

Participants are provided with bike safety helmets, which they use throughout the week and take home afterward. Activities include riding pedal cars, walking through the town,

and exploring simulated environments such as a grocery store. Children also have the opportunity to tour an ambulance, fire truck, and police car, enhancing their understanding of these emergency vehicles and the roles of first responders.

Daily lessons are complemented by take-home handouts and additional reference materials for parents and caregivers. At the conclusion of each week, graduates receive a Safety Town diploma, marking their successful completion of the program.

Imagine the excitement on a child’s face as they climb into a fire truck or take a ride in a pedal car through a miniaturized town. These hands-on experiences not only make learning enjoyable but also leave lasting impressions that reinforce safety lessons. The interactive nature of Safety Town helps children retain what they’ve learned, ensuring they can recall and apply these skills when needed.

The 2024 sessions are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the morning session, and from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the afternoon session. The cost for participation is \$215, which includes all materials and a bike helmet. Scholarships are available for those in need, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to benefit from this invaluable program.

With registration closing on May 31, 2024, parents are encouraged to sign up their children as soon as possible to secure a spot. Interested parties can apply online at Safety Town Registration. For more information, inquiries can be directed to [SafetyTown.GNY@redcross.org](mailto:SafetyTown.GNY@redcross.org).

As the start date approaches, anticipation is building for what promises to be another successful year of Safety Town. Parents can look forward to their children gaining practical safety knowledge while having a great time. The skills learned at Safety Town not only help protect the children but also contribute to creating a safer, more informed community.

Safety Town is more than just a program; it’s a foundational experience that prepares children for the real world. By instilling safety awareness at a young age, the American Red Cross is fostering a generation of safety-conscious individuals who are ready to face everyday challenges with confidence. The countdown to Safety Town is on!

*“Each year, dozens of children complete Safety Town where they meet their community helpers and learn safety tips to help them in school and the community.” – Stephanie Dunn Ashley, CEO, American Red Cross Metro NY North Chapter*



The American Red Cross welcomes children to Safety Town, an educational environment where young participants learn essential safety skills. Held at the Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink, Safety Town features realistic setups with miniature buildings, crosswalks, and street markings. Children interact with community helpers like police officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel while enjoying activities such as riding pedal cars and exploring emergency vehicles. This program aims to teach safety awareness and accident prevention to children entering kindergarten or first grade. Registration for the 2024 sessions is open until May 31.



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Safety Town is a comprehensive one-week safety education program offered every summer by the American Red Cross Metro NY North Chapter that teaches awareness and accident prevention skills to children entering kindergarten in the fall. This event will be hosted in person in 2024.

Under guidance of classroom teachers and with the help of representatives from the police, fire, EMS departments and other community helpers, children learn safety tips in a classroom setting and are fitted with their own bike safety helmet that they keep.

Daily lessons include handouts and additional reference information for parents and caregivers. At the end of each week of training, the graduates receive a Safety Town diploma.

Space is limited\*. Registration now open.  
To register, please visit <https://SafetyTown2024.givesmart.com> or scan the QR Code  
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30 ORANGE

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### Fluff n' Fold

#### PROMPT

Please tell Mr. Dawson your reason for having only one garment in the washing machine.

#### WINNER

Marc My Words

I stumbled towards the kitchen like a zombie except it was not brains I craved, but coffee. I walked carefully so as not to slip in my fuzzy bed socks on the wood floor, when I felt that unmistakable *squish* between my toes. Now, there is no way I would subject other laundry to one of Tabby's hairballs, nor would I part with my fuzzy bed socks. So into the wash they went – solo.

#### RUNNER UP

Olivia Pointe

I must confess, my dedication to impeccably clean laundry often leads me to operate the washing machine for even a single item. This might seem unusual, but the thought of waiting to accumulate a full load while a garment remains soiled is simply unbearable to me.

#### HONORABLE MENTIONS

Roger Knopf

You may be aware, the historic rivalry between our house and West Wing culminated in last night's spirited yet ill-advised midnight prank. Unfortunately, our ceremonial house banner fell victim, becoming a canvas for various unsanctioned artistic expressions. With the annual Founder's Day Parade imminent, immediate action was required to restore our banner's dignity. Hence, the lone wash cycle.

Olivia Pointe

I find myself in a peculiar situation involving our shared laundry facility. You see, last night, in a twist of fate only seen in the finest of comedic dramas, I managed to spill my entire dinner—spaghetti and meatballs, no less—right onto my lap. It was a spectacular display, worthy of a slow-motion replay. And there I was, the unwitting star of my own slapstick routine, draped in marinara and pasta.

#### IN NEXT WEEK'S SENTINEL

Winners of the May 17 Competition:

**Folderal**

## CALLING ALL LITERARY GENIUSES, MIRTHMAKERS, HUMORISTS, AND AFICIONADOS – OUR CLEVER SENTINEL READERS!

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:

### Parking Lot Powwow

#### PROMPT

What did I tell you in the parking lot at Mohegan Sun? (LIMIT: 125 words.)

#### EXAMPLE

I told you, the blue chips are only worth a dollar. Remember I said it was the opposite of stocks? In stock trading, the blue chips are the big guys, but in poker chips, they are the little guys. Remember how I told you that? We were standing right here, and you said you knew that and I should stop treating you like an idiot. Remember?

And then what did you do? You held onto the blue chips and threw away all your black chips on idiotic bets.

I hope you like instant ramen noodles because for the next month, we'll be living off the case of them I stashed in the basement in case of societal collapse...

**Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, May 30, 2024.**

Winners will be announced in the June 7 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.*



# Classified Ads

## HELP WANTED

### GREENWICH: PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH TELECOMMUNICATOR

Answer and respond to 911 emergency and non-emergency radio and telephone calls for police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and other associated services in the Town of Greenwich.

**Education and Experience:** High School Diploma plus three years of professional experience in the provision of services using computer technology in a fast-paced environment, or in the provision of public safety services.

**Qualifications:** Demonstrated knowledge of the geographic boundaries of the Town, including location of streets, important buildings and subdivisions.

**For more info:** [governmentjobs.com/careers/greenwichct/jobs/4381005/public-safety-dispatch-telecommunicator](http://governmentjobs.com/careers/greenwichct/jobs/4381005/public-safety-dispatch-telecommunicator)

## HELP WANTED

### NEW CANAAN: GROUNDSKEEPER, ORGANIC GARDENER

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](mailto:lisa@finishingwell.com)

## HELP WANTED

### GREENWICH: GRILL COOK AND/OR SANDWICH MAKER/FRONT COUNTER HELP.

Part time \$16+ depending on experience. Saturdays a must. Call 203-661-3354 or email [Themakeriecafe@gmail.com](mailto:Themakeriecafe@gmail.com)

## FOR SALE

**600K - Ft Myers Home 3/2, 4 minutes from beach.** 14845 Mahoe Ct. Fully insurable with low HOA. [forsyth.rebecca@proton.me](mailto:forsyth.rebecca@proton.me)

## SERVICES

### LIVE MUSIC FOR YOUR EVENT

Vinyl Notice: The Ultimate Dance & Funk Experience! Let Vinyl Notice turn your event into the highlight of the year! Whether it's a corporate gala, a private wedding, or any celebration in between, we're here to bring the groove and make your special occasion truly sensational. For info, visit [vinylnoticect.com](http://vinylnoticect.com)

## SERVICES

**CUSTOM SHIRTS AND HATS OUTFIT YOUR** team or employees with custom-embroidered or printed apparel. Take advantage of our Spring Special: 10% off orders of 24 pieces or more. Visit us at [logosgreenwich.com](http://logosgreenwich.com)

## 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 a light! P.S. Bonus points if you can make the community editor snort coffee through their nose!

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classified/](http://GreenwichSentinel.com/classified/)**  
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# Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

## MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

### SATURDAY, MAY 25

**10:30**  
Cos Cob VFW Post 10112 Memorial Ceremony. Cos Cob Dock VFW Memorial on Strickland Road, Cos Cob. All are welcome.

### SUNDAY, MAY 26

**1:00pm**  
Byram Veterans Association Annual Parade & Ceremony. Byram Veterans Club to Byram-Shubert Library.

**5:00pm**  
Glenville Memorial Day Parade, followed by service. From Walker Court to the Glenville Fire House.

### MONDAY, MAY 27

**8:00am**  
Greenwich American Legion Post 29 Wreath laying Ceremony. Indian Harbor Yacht Club.

**10:00am**  
Byram Veterans Association's annual Memorial Service. At the Memorial Grove in Eugene Morlot Memorial Park.

**10:00am**  
Old Greenwich Memorial Day Parade. Sound Beach Avenue to Binney Park.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, MAY 24

**7:30 p.m.**  
Live Music Night: Cooked Up. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com

### SATURDAY, MAY 25

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

**10 a.m.**  
GHS Class of 2003 20-Year Reunion. OG Social Club, Sound Beach Ave. \$50. eventbrite.com/e/855444937837

**10 a.m. - 10 p.m.**  
Greenwich Town Party. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, 100 Arch St. greenwichtownparty.org.

**12 - 5 p.m.**  
Trimper Gallery Grand Re-Opening. 40 West Putnam Avenue. 203-622-0500. trimpergallery.com

**1 p.m.**  
Science Solvers: Shell Explorers (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, May 26. brucemuseum.org

### MONDAY, MAY 27

**8:15 a.m.**  
The 60th Annual Jim Fixx Memorial Day Run. Central Greenwich. runsignup.com/Race/CT/Greenwich/JimFixxMemorialDay5MileRun

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

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

**6 p.m.**  
Greenwich Communities Public Forum on the project for Strickland Road. Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom. greenwichct.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=9947&month=5&year=2024&day=28&calType=0

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

**9:30 a.m.**  
Friends of Greenwich Point: 'Mindfulness in Nature' Class. Seaside Garden, Tod's Point. Free. Register. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

**11 a.m.**  
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Kelly Franco Thropp, Attorney; "Getting Schooled on Baseball's Greatest Rivalries". First Presbyterian Church, 1 W. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

**2:30 - 6 p.m.**  
Old Greenwich Farmers Market Opening Day. Living Hope Community Church (parking lot), 38 West End Ave. Rain or shine. Wednesdays through Oct. 30. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com

**5 p.m.**  
Alliance Française of Greenwich: French Cinémathèque - lively discussions on French films. Via Zoom. afgreenwich.org

**7 p.m.**  
Perrot Memorial Library: Talk: "We're Not Broken: Changing the Autism Conversation," by Eric Garcia. On Zoom. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x20. lisat@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

### THURSDAY, MAY 30

**11:30 a.m.**  
Pathways Open House & Member Appreciation Party - All clients, staff, volunteers & members of the community are welcome. Pathways, 8 Sinawoy Rd. pways.org/openhouse

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

**6:30 p.m.**  
Music on the Great Lawn: Chasing Romeo. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free, Members & children under 18y/o; \$10, Non-Members. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

**7 p.m.**  
'Learn Before You Leave: For Teens Preparing for College' - a panel about campus safety for rising college students and their parents. Greenwich Library Marx Family Black Box Theater. Free. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/12146639

**7 p.m.**  
Perrot P.I.s: May Meeting – "The Hound of the Baskervilles". Perrot Memorial Library 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

### FRIDAY, MAY 31

**4:30 p.m.**  
Meet & Greet event with Artist Katie DeGroot on the installation of "The Promenade of the Trees". Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Ave. Free. 203- 625-6550. kpetrov@greenwich-library.org

**5:30 p.m.**  
An Evening at the Farmstead. Greenwich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve, 370 Round Hill Rd. gltrust.org/calendars/an-evening-at-the-farmstead

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

**2 - 4 p.m.**  
Artists' Talk: Mapping the Invisible. Flinn Gallery at Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Ave. - 2nd Flr. 203-622-7947. flinnngallery.com.

**2 - 5 p.m.**  
'Frolic In The Forest' fundraiser. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$35, Members; \$45, Non-Members; Free, ages 2 & under and over 65. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

**5 p.m.**  
'Joy!' An Anniversary Celebration Concert. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E. Putnam Ave. \$25. community-concerts-of-greenwich.square.site

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

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

**9:30 a.m.**  
Greenwich Land Trust: Trails Day Hike at Mianus River Park. Mianus River Park parking lot, 450 Cognewaugh Rd. gltrust.org/calendars

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

**1 p.m.**  
Protecting Plants Ecologically (Ages 12 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. \$25. greenwich.audubon.org/events

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

**2 p.m.**  
Fred Elser First Sunday Science: Project Limulus. Floren Family Environmental Center at Innis Arden Cottage, Tod's Point. Free. No beach pass if attending this event. bruce-museum.org

**2 p.m.**  
The Byram Veterans Women's Auxiliary's 'Ladies High Tea'. Byram Veterans Association, 300 Delavan Ave. \$40 in advance; \$45 at the door; \$12 for ages 7-13; Free for ages 6 & under. 203-531-9846.

### THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 7:

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

### THROUGH WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

**2:30 - 6 p.m.**  
Old Greenwich Farmers Market. Living Hope Community Church (parking lot), 38 West End Ave. Rain or shine. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com

### THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 23

**9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Greenwich Farmers' Market. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). greenwich-farmersmarketct.com.

### MONDAY - FRIDAY

**3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. info@ archstreet.org. archstreet.org

### TUESDAYS:

**10 a.m.**  
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; 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 24

**9:30 a.m.**  
Senior Chinese Book Discussion Group. Online. ywang@greenwichlibrary.org.

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

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

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

**5 p.m.**  
Libraries Early Close.

### Saturday, May 25

Libraries Closed.

### Sunday, May 26

Libraries Closed.

### Monday, May 27

Libraries Closed.

### Tuesday, May 28

### All Day

Oral History Project Scavenger Hunt.

### 10 a.m.

Learn About Online News Services: PressReader, NYT, and WSJ. Learning Lab.

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

**10:30 a.m.**  
Spanish Storytime. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.

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

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

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

**5 p.m.**  
Meditation & Breathing with Gail. On Zoom.

### Wednesday, May 29

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

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

**11 a.m.**  
Early Walkers. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

**1 p.m.**  
Julie Jason's Investment Basics III: Research Tools. Online.

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

**4 p.m.**  
Science Girls!: Linguistics (Grades 3-5). Children's Constellation Room.

### Thursday, May 30

**10 a.m.**  
Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library - Outside.

### 11 a.m.

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

**1:30 p.m.**  
Innovative Crochet. Innovation Lab.

**3:45 p.m.**  
Early Readers Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

**4 p.m.**  
Tai Chi for Kids. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

**5 p.m.**  
Reading Room Closed. Reading Room.

**7 p.m.**  
Learn Before You Leave: For Teens Preparing for College. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

### Friday, May 31

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

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

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

### 4:30 p.m.

Meet the Artist: Katie DeGroot. Reading Room. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/12510722

**7 p.m.**  
Friends Friday Films: "Ferrari". Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

### Saturday, June 1

**10 a.m.**  
Cos Con '24. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

### 10 a.m.

Pokemon Gaming. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883.

### 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. csberman@greenwichlibrary.org

### 11:30 a.m.

Comic Trivia. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

### 1 p.m.

Come meet Archie Comics: Nancy Silberkleit. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

### 2 p.m.

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

### 2 p.m.

Flinn Gallery Artists' Talk. Flinn Gallery. 203-622-7947. flinnngallery.com.

### 3 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

### Sunday, June 2

### 3 p.m.

Friends Performing Arts Presents: Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/10891382

## GREENWICH HOSPITAL

greenwichhospital.org/events 888-305-9253

### Wednesday, May 29

### 1:30 p.m

Parkinson's Support Group. Long Ridge Medical Center, 260 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford. Zoom option available. Free.

### Saturday, June 1

### 9 a.m.

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

### 9:30 a.m.

AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital. \$20.

### Monday, June 3

### 9 a.m.

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

### Tuesday, June 4

### 6 p.m.

Talk: Diabetes Medication: Managing Blood Glucose. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

### Wednesday, June 5

### 1:30 p.m.

Parkinson's Support Group. Long Ridge Medical Center, 260 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford. Zoom option available. Free.

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• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational



# Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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 24

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

AMasonic Lodge, 354 Post Road, Darien.

## Saturday, May 25

8 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

## Monday, May 27

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

## Tuesday, May 28

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

## Wednesday, May 29

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Italian Center, 1620 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

12 - 5 p.m.

American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Rd., Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

12 - 5 p.m.

American Legion Post 979, 40 Bell Rd., Scarsdale, NY.

## Friday, May 31

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cancer Support Community Greater NY & CT at Gildas Club, 80 Maple Ave., White Plains, NY.

2 - 6 p.m.

Thomas H Slater Center, 2 Fisher Ct, White Plains, NY.

## Saturday, June 1

7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Church of Latter-Day Saints - New Canaan, 682 South Ave., New Canaan.

## TOWN MEETINGS greenwichct.gov/calendar

## Friday, May 24

9:30 a.m.

PTA Council Public Forum: Antisemitism and Hate: The Impact On Our Kids. Via Zoom.

## Tuesday, May 28

1 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing. Via Zoom.

4 p.m.

Labor Contracts Committee Meeting. Gisborne Room.

6 p.m.

Greenwich Communities Strickland Road Public Forum In-Person @ Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

7 p.m.

Change of date: First Selectman's Youth Commission Board Meeting. Cone Room.

## Wednesday, May 29

4 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting. Via Zoom.

Thursday, May 30

6 p.m.

Hybrid Public Hearing on Greenwich Avenue ADA Improvements. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7 p.m.

Budget Overview Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

## Friday, May 31

12 p.m.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation Presentation. Town Hall Meeting Room.

## Sunday, June 2

1 p.m.

Pride Month Flag Raising CeremonyFront steps of Town Hall.

## SAVE THE DATE

## Saturday, June 1

6:30 p.m.

Family Centers' "Through the Looking Glass" benefit. familycenters.org/product/wonderland

Monday, June 3

10:30 a.m.

Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing. Griffith E. Harris Golf Course. greenwichchamber.com

## Thursday, June 6

5:30 p.m.

Inspirica's Spring Soiree. The Loading Dock, Stamford. e.givesmart.com/events/ws5

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. Stoneybrooke, 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

11 a.m.

The Center for Family Justice's 'Fairways to Hope'. Mill River Country Club, Stratford. secure.qgiv.com/for/fairways-tohope2024/event/foh

## Monday, June 24

11:30 a.m.

YWCA Greenwich Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament Fundraiser. Greenwich Country Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/annualgolftournament2024

## Saturday, July 13

6 p.m.

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

## Tuesday, Sept. 17

11 a.m.

Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Golf Outing. GlenArbor Golf Club, Bedford, NY. breastcanceralliance.org

## Sunday, Oct. 6

11:30 a.m.

YWCA Greenwich Walk the Walk Against Domestic Violence. Bruce Park. ywcagreenwich.org/events/walk-the-walk-against-domestic-violence-2024

## Wednesday, Oct. 23

11 a.m.

Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show. Westchester Country Club, NY. breastcanceralliance.org

## Our Neighboring Towns

## FRIDAY, MAY 21

11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Y'Seedfolks', a puppet adaptation. Stepping Stones Museum for Children - Mathews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk. Through Sunday, May 26. steppingstonesmuseum.org

2 & 4 p.m.

"Seedfolks", a puppet adaptation. Stepping Stones Museum for Children - Mathews Park, 303 West Ave., Norwalk. (Saturday, May 25 & Sunday, May 26 at 11am & 2pm). steppingstonesmuseum.org

4 p.m.

Paint Tiny Art. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

4:30 p.m.

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

4:30 p.m.

Teen Financial Literacy, Part II. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7:30 p.m.

Curtain Call's Summer Youth Theatre: 'Enchanted Cabaret' Fundraiser. The Dressing

Room Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave, Stamford. curtaincallinc.com

## SATURDAY, MAY 25

11 a.m.

Combo Yoga: Hatha and Kundalini. Ferguson Library - South End Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

## MONDAY, MAY 27

All Week

Paleontology Week. Stepping Stones Museum for Children - Mathews Park, 303 West Ave., Norwalk. (Through June 2). steppingstonesmuseum.org

## TUESDAY, MAY 28

3:45 p.m.

Cookies & Coloring: Adult Edition. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.

An Evening with Doug Melville, Author of "Invisible Generals: Rediscovering Family Legacy, and a Quest to Honor America's First Black Generals". Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

6 - 9 p.m.

Curtain Call's Summer Youth Theatre Auditions for 'Beauty & The Beast'. Kweskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave, Stamford. (No appointments:

auditioning actors will be seen in the order they arrive/sign in). curtaincallinc.com

7 p.m.

Trivia Night. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

## THURSDAY, MAY 30

6 - 8 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

'The Community Arts Bash' Creating Community Through the Arts. The Norwalk Art Space, 455 West Ave., Norwalk. thenorwalkartspace.org.

## FRIDAY, MAY 31

6 - 11 p.m.

Ethos Stamford Greek Festival. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 1230 Newfield Ave., Stamford. (Saturday, June 1, 12-11pm & Sunday, June 2, 12-8pm). ethosgreekfestival.com

8:30 p.m.

Summer Movies In The Park: "Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom". Mill River Park, 1010 Washington Blvd., Stamford. millriverpark.org/summer-movies

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**SUNDAY, MAY 26**  
Form up: 4:30 p.m.  
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Parade Route: Glenville Street from Walker Court down to the Glenville Fire House. Parade participants should form up on Walker Court at 4:30 PM.

Following the parade, there will be a brief ceremony and wreath laying at the Veterans Monument adjacent to the Fire House. Refreshments will be served at the 9th District Veterans Association building following the ceremony.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinber

ACROSS

- 1 Substance with a low pH  
5 Dole (out)  
9 Doja Cat song that inspired a viral TikTok dance  
14 “Win or go home” NBA playoff matchup  
16 Billowy outer garment  
17 “Can I go now?”  
18 Crushing losses  
19 Loose-leaf  
20 Cylindrical salad veggie  
21 Unagi and anago, in Japanese cuisine  
22 Egg layers  
24 Accept a lesser option  
27 Condition whose “C” stands for compulsive  
29 Pop star Grande  
31 Crab \_\_\_\_\_ (appetizer made with cream cheese)  
33 Number of countries on Hispaniola  
34 Fill up, as a dishwasher  
36 Gumbo vegetable  
37 “Ugh, this happens to me all the time”  
40 Honolulu’s island

- 41 \_\_\_\_\_ and sciences  
42 Writer Huang or actress de Armas  
43 Skintight one-piece garment  
45 What might catch an embarrassing sound bite  
48 Part of FWIW  
49 On the fence  
52 Like un-washed hair now?”  
53 Bickering  
55 Hinge profile features, informally  
57 Inc. cousin  
58 Trick into revealing one’s SSN, say  
59 Hearing test?  
61 Brief appearance  
62 “Be that as it may ...”  
63 Direct the course of  
64 Fallon’s predecessor  
65 Torah holders  
DOWN  
1 Novelist Christie  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ fair (college event)  
3 “You can trust me now!”  
4 Morning condensation  
5 Monster with snakes for hair  
6 Bring to mind  
7 Core belief  
8 U-turn from WSW  
9 Vet, as a job applicant

- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ vera  
11 “I feel like we’ve met before”  
12 Important number for some seniors  
13 Approves  
15 “Gimme a \_\_\_\_\_!”  
23 Accompanied to the door  
25 Theme park shuttles  
26 \_\_\_\_\_ Liberty  
28 Paternity test sample  
30 Neither here \_\_\_\_\_ there  
32 Really unpack  
34 “A-leaping” aristocrats  
35 \_\_\_\_\_repeated  
37 What’s worn with a red suit  
38 Metaphor for a tale  
39 Language similar to Thai

- 40 Yes, in French  
44 Hanya Yanagihara, for the novel “A Little Life”  
45 “Abso-lutely zero chance!”  
46 “Let me check with them”  
47 Rides a bike  
50 Ahead by a point  
51 Puerto \_\_\_\_\_ (San Juan resident)  
54 “Makes sense”  
56 Home for pigs  
58 Machines with CPUs  
59 \$1,000,000, colloquially  
60 Doja Cat’s record label

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

A	R	C		O	K	T	H	E	N		M	A	L	E
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Astrology for Next Week

GEMINI

22 May-21 June With Jupiter, the planet of success, expansion and good fortune, now in your birth sign alongside the Sun and Venus you could not wish for a better alignment of the planets. It is, however, up to you what you choose to do with them. Think big and aim high.

CANCER

22 June-23 July Keep your problems in perspective, especially as you’re about to embark on a more introspective phase. At times you wish life could be easier but wishing won’t make it happen. View your problems as opportunities and that is what they will become.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug The emphasis is on friendships and group activities so if you are the kind of Leo who tends to go it alone you could be at a disadvantage. There is nothing to fear from joining forces with like-minded people. On the contrary, there is everything to gain.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept Jupiter’s transit of the career angle of your chart means you’ll be moving up in the world and how high you go depends on how ambitious you choose to be. Don’t feel sorry for those you leave behind. Would they feel sorry for you if the roles were reversed?

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct The planets are giving you a choice: stand by your principles and lose out financially or reject what you believe in and earn a fortune. If you pick the latter just remember that no matter how much money you make you won’t be able to buy your principles back.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov Some questions take longer to answer than others and as expansive Jupiter enters one of the more introspective areas of your chart you must give yourself time to consider the problems that have been occupying your mind. Solutions won’t be hard to find.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec Partners and loved ones may seem to have been making life hard for you but most likely it’s because they realise you need to toughen up to deal successfully with life’s many challenges. As from today you’ll not only toughen up but lighten up too. You’ll go far.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan It’s not like you to fear challenges but for some reason you do. Whatever the cause, don’t dwell on it. As usual you’ll rise to the occasion and show everyone why you’re such a star. Courage and confidence, of which you have plenty, will carry you through.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb Your luck is about to turn – a lot. Jupiter alongside the Sun and Venus in the most dynamic area of your chart suggests you will sense a change in your fortunes. What would you do if you knew you could not fail? Could this be the time to give it a try?

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March The more others try to talk you down or persuade you that certain goals are beyond your reach the more you must prove them wrong. Yours is a particularly sensitive sign but sometimes brickbats and criticism can inspire you to new heights of success.

ARIES

21 March-20 April Jupiter’s change of signs will encourage you to open up and show the world you’ve nothing to hide. Even if you have, the best way to keep some things secret is to be totally honest about others. Pretend you don’t have a care in the world – and you won’t.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May Jupiter has left your sign but that doesn’t mean your lucky streak is over. Far from it. The area of your chart Jupiter is now in relates to material things, including how much you earn, so if you’ve ever wanted to be rich now is the time to get serious about it.

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Math course, briefly  
5. (K) Mo. before April  
8. (K) Tiny molecular unit  
12. (K) “Those \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday’s fries”  
13. Teamwork destroyer  
14. (K) Indoor water carrier  
15. (K) What too much water will do  
17. City planner’s map  
18. Dude  
19. (K) Blue \_\_\_\_\_ (DC Comics hero)  
21. Thanksgiving maize (2 words)  
25. Dainty table lace  
26. Alternative to a convertible  
30. (K) Electric fish  
31. Little shelter  
32. Irrigation tool

33. Best-of-the-best athlete  
36. (K) Absolutely stun  
38. Cloth napkins and such (2 words)  
40. Jungle expedition  
43. (K) “\_\_\_\_\_ Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas”  
44. Get ready for a test  
45. (K) Contest using a strong rope (3 words)  
50. Old movie film holder  
51. (K) Bonfire remnant  
52. Small amount  
53. An ivy league school  
54. Inked skin art, briefly  
55. Rain extremely hard  
DOWN  
1. (K) You and me make this

2. Put the pedal to the metal  
3. Intense anger  
4. (K) Burrowing rodent pet  
5. (K) Crenshaw or honeydew  
6. (K) “A long time \_\_\_\_\_ in a galaxy far, far away ...”  
7. (K) Ship? No, much smaller  
8. Add supplementary material  
9. Make lean  
10. (K) Whitish gemstone  
11. Allot  
16. Wear away  
20. Goof up  
21. (K) The start of an invention  
22. The Christmas season  
23. (K) Type of pickle  
24. Grouchy, mannerless person

27. “That’s better \_\_\_\_\_ nothing”  
28. Creep like melted butter  
29. Hammer end  
31. Natural home  
34. (K) It unites sheets of paper  
35. Sticky road goo  
36. Quartet member  
37. Outcast  
39. (K) Number of black pawns in chess  
40. (K) Nimble  
41. Carpet installer’s math calculation  
42. (K) Be touchy?  
46. (K) Old Glory’s land  
47. Deep sorrow and pain  
48. (K) Enjoyed marshmallows with ketchup  
49. (K) Powerful male on a farm

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

You might do this if pushed too far?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1	R	A	H		5	T	U	D	S		9	A	S	H
10	K	E		P	A	T	E	N		16	G	N	U	
15	D	I	S		S	I	P	A	T	E		17	R	O
19	O	N	I	O	N		15	H	E	E	25	H	A	W
21	T	W	O		22	A	C	R	E					
23	S	P	A		26	F	O	N	T		27	R	A	C
31	K	U	N		30	F	U		30	N	E	W	A	Y
35	I	N	T	O		36	T	H	R	O		38	A	R
					39	U	V	E	A		40	Y		
41	P	A	S	T	O	R	S		41	L	E	G	I	
45	O	N	E		45	D	E	S	P	E	R	A	D	O
49	E	T	A		49	K	A	L	E	S		50	M	O
53	I	S			53	A	R	E	N	T		55	E	L

Previous riddle answer:

“I’m on a roll!”  
20-D) HERE

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
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40	41	42					43					
44						45	46			47	48	49
50						51				52		
53						54				55		

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

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- 1 bigger than average (8)  
2 thin Japanese mattresses (6)  
3 tropical Florida wetlands (10)  
4 holding on to (9)  
5 person renting a place (6)  
6 surpass expectations (5)  
7 trains follow them (6)

SOLUTIONS

BRI	OU	IZ	CHI	ERG
DES	LES	EV	CEL	ED
EX	FUT	NG	TS	UT
ONS	DES	CL	LA	SEE

Previous Answers: 1. CARBS 2. EGYPT 3. PERIDOT  
4. COMMENDABLE 5. BROWNS 6. DAPPLED 7. INTIMIDATED 7/20



# SUDOKU

1		3	2
3			1
4		2	3

2	4		
3		4	2
	2		
4			1

	3		
4		3	
3		1	
2		4	3

		1	2
1	2		3
3		2	
		3	

## Sudoku

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

### Easy

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

### Hard

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

### Very Hard

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

### Easy

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

### Hard

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

### Very Hard

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

## COLORING CHALLENGE



## Sudoku answers

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

Bottom row – Very Hard

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

Bottom row – Hard

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

Bottom row – Easy

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

Top row – Very Hard

3	2	2	6	8	6	8	3	9	1
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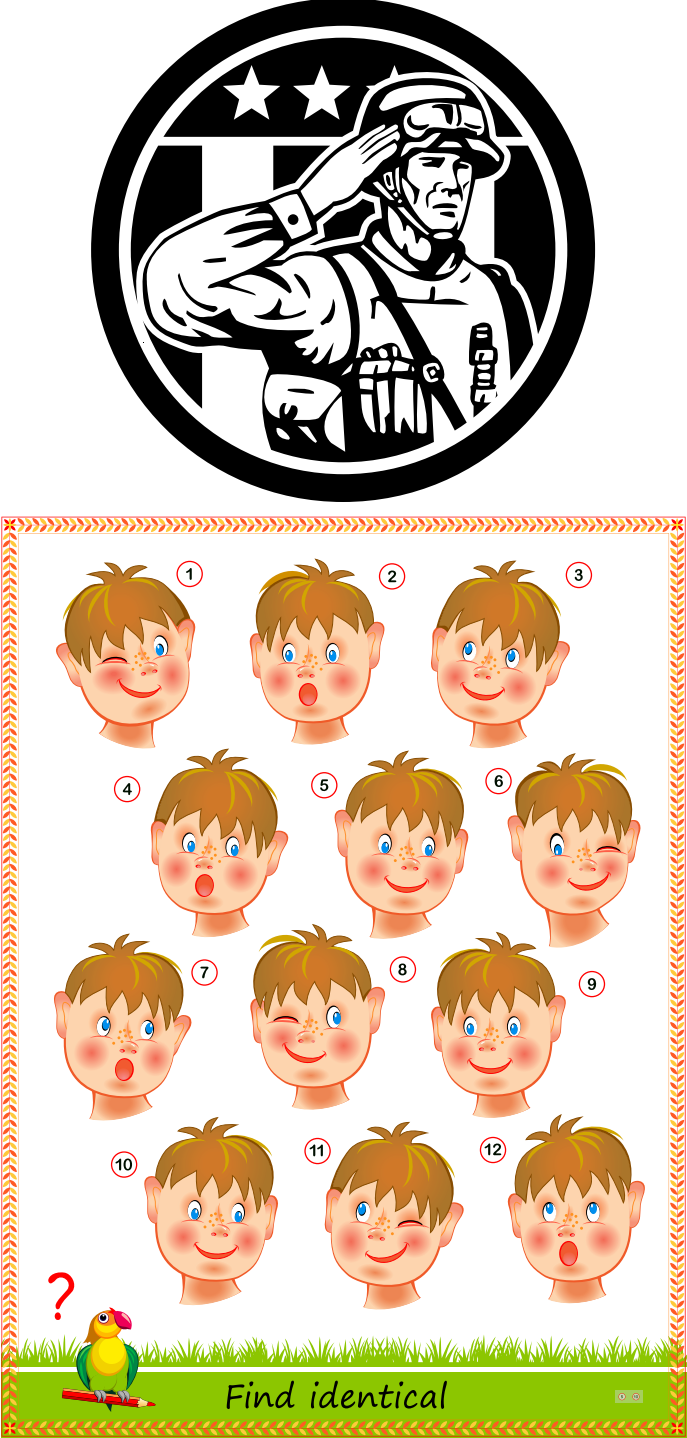
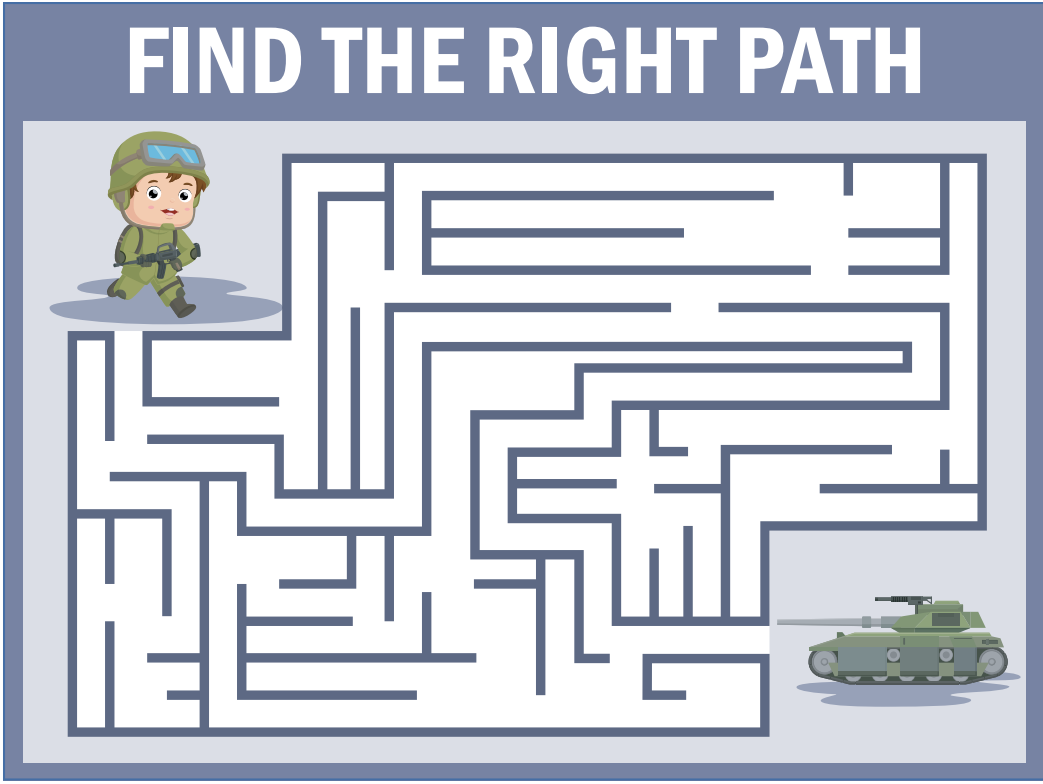
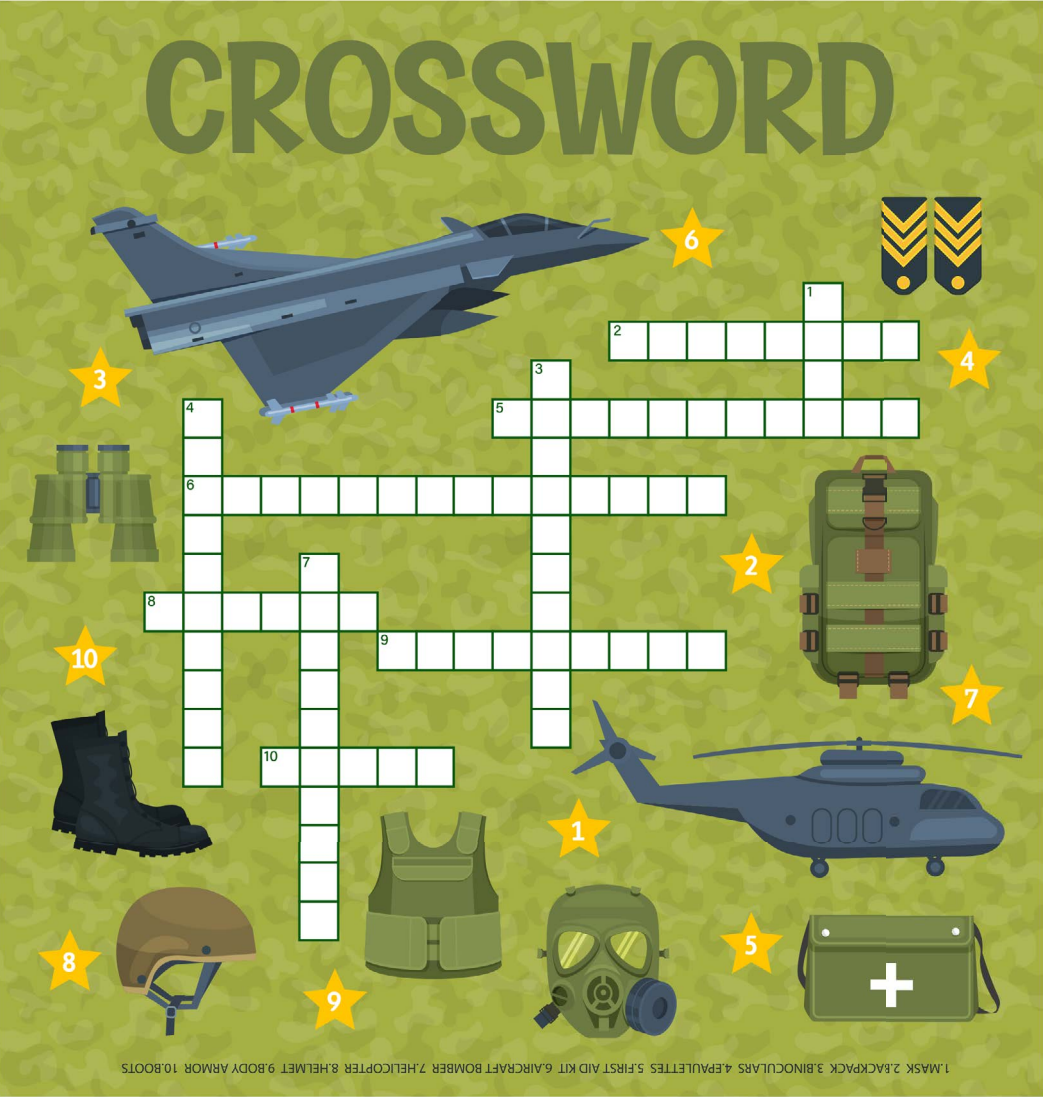
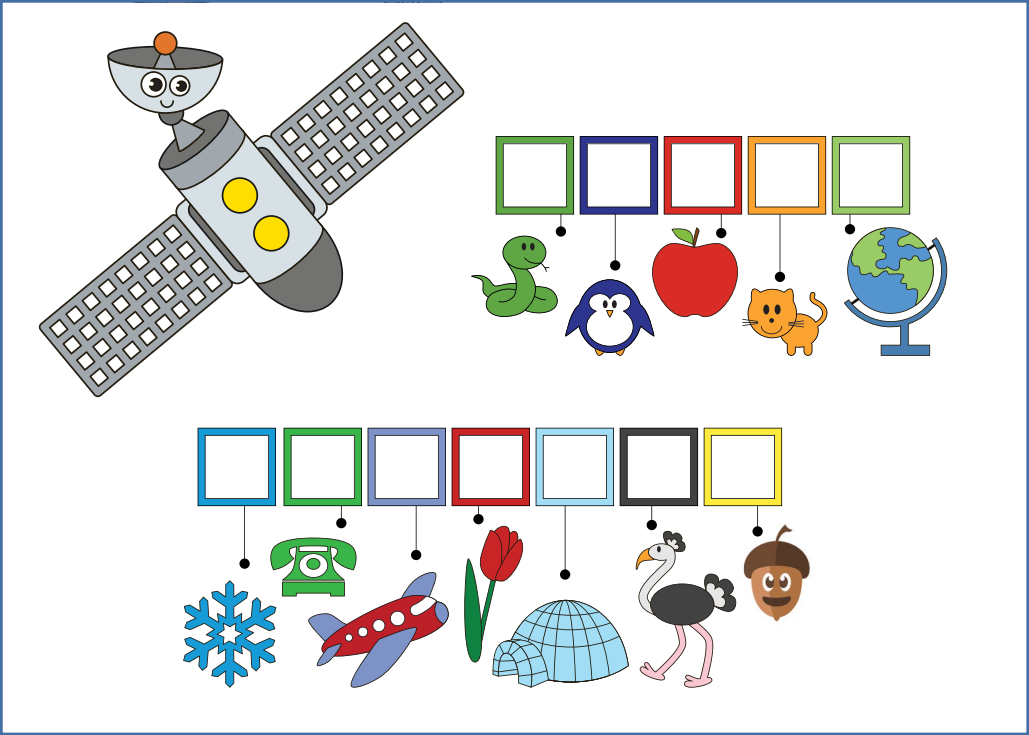
Top row – Hard

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Top row – Easy



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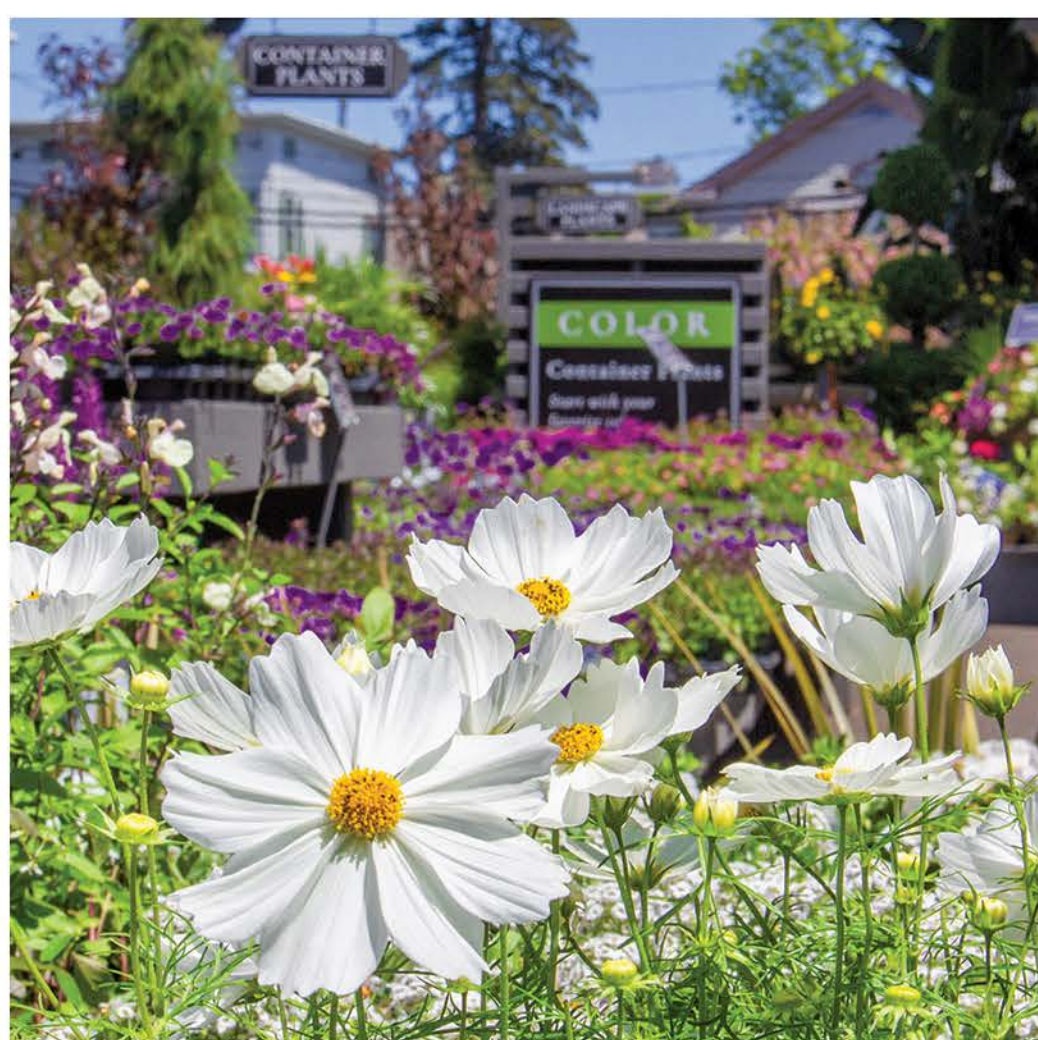
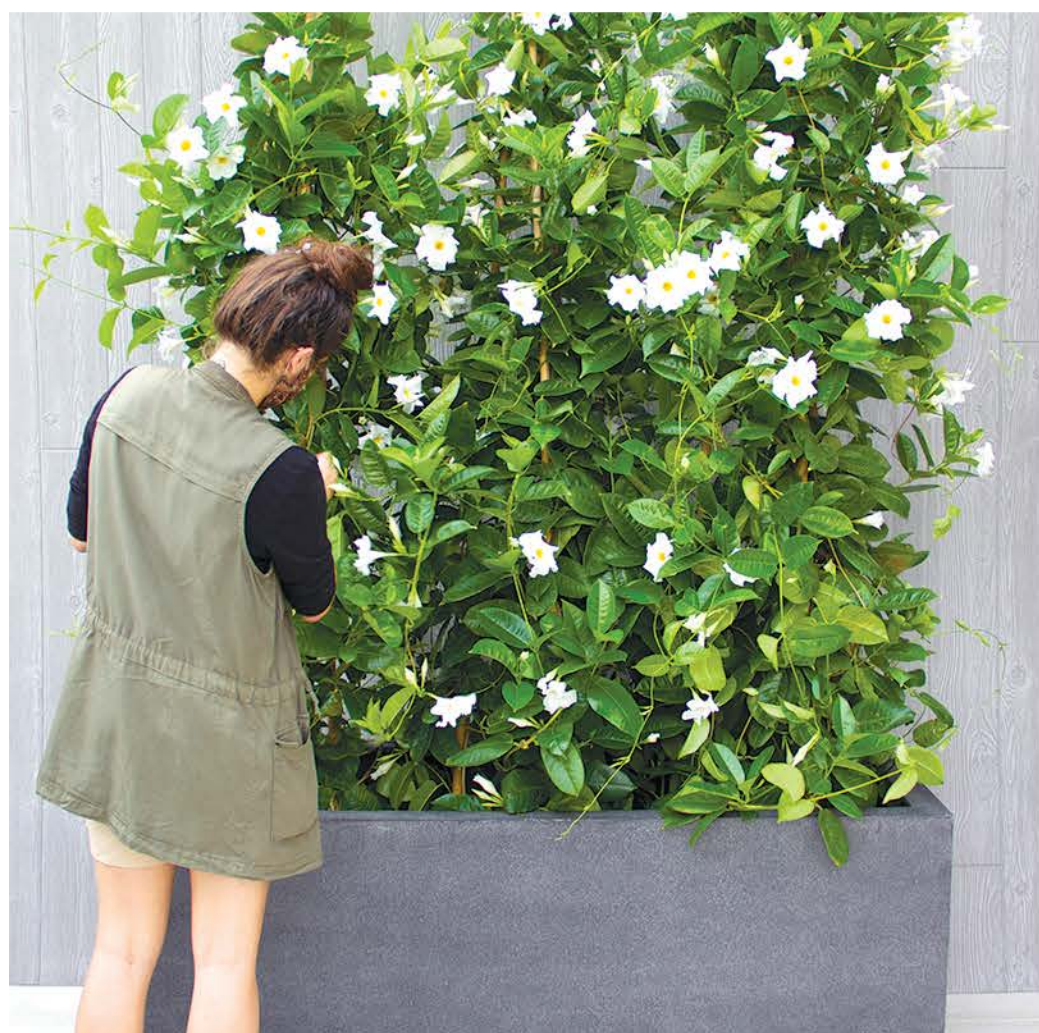




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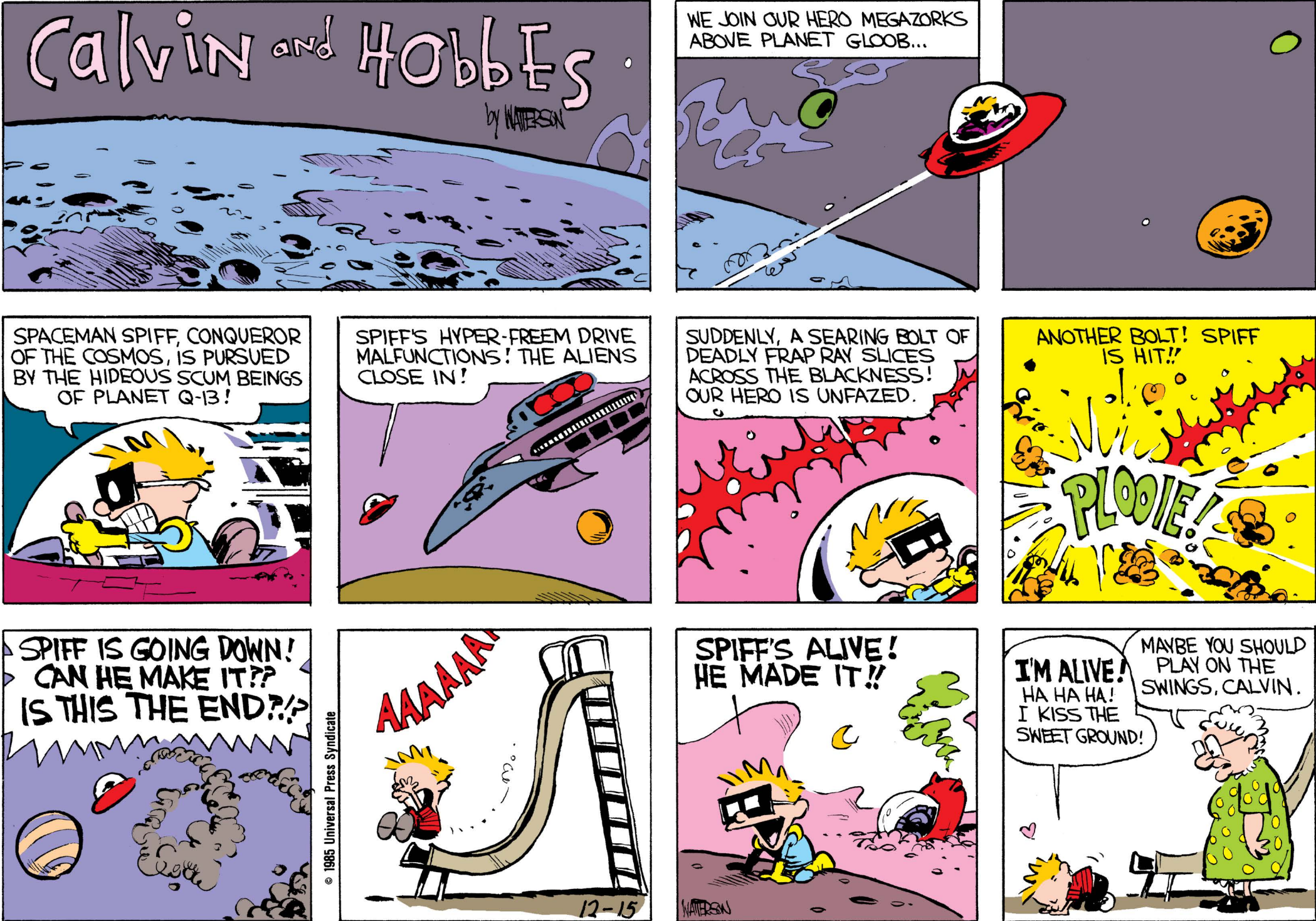
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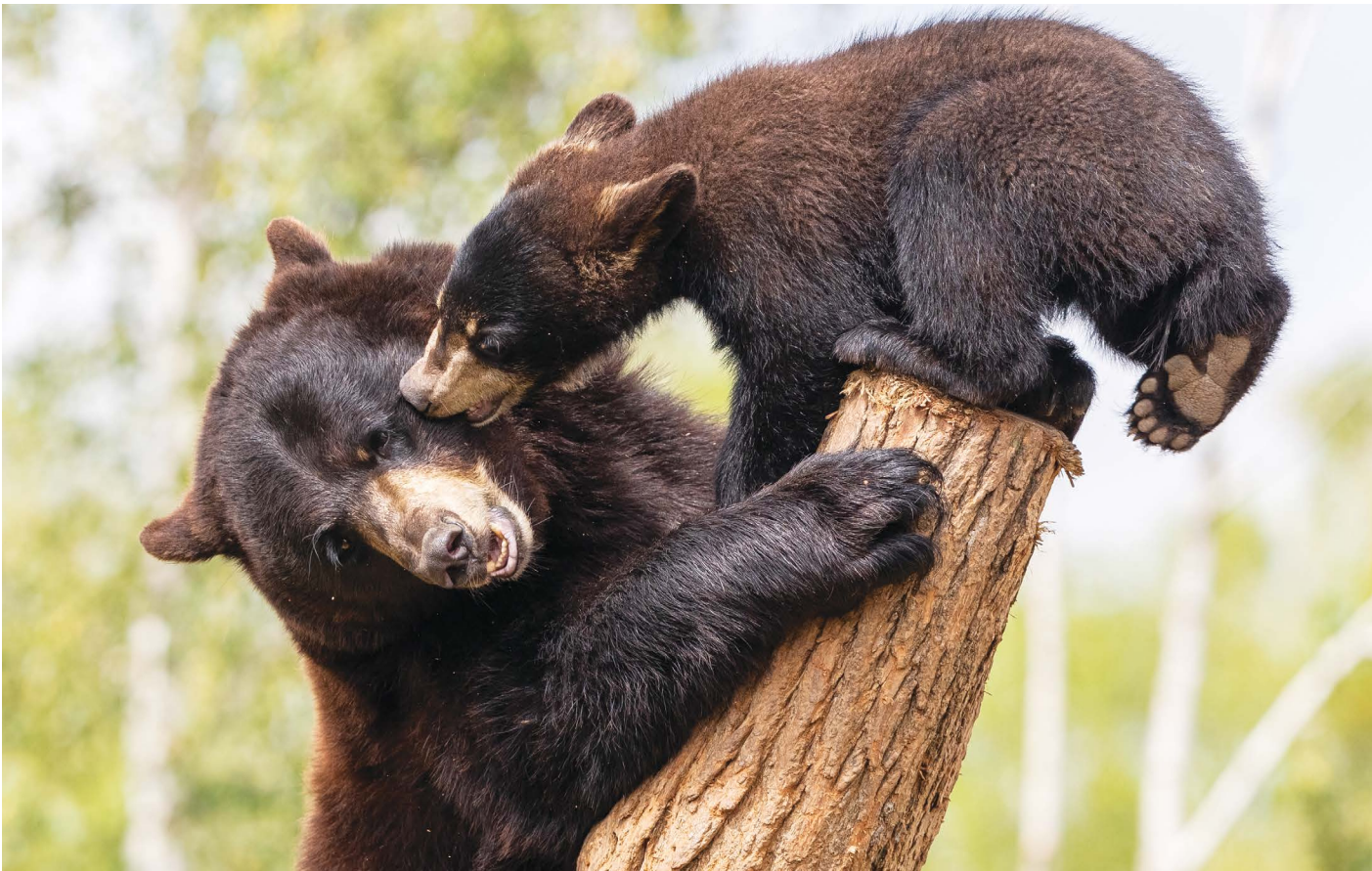
# An Intelligent and Resourceful Neighbor

By Jim Knox

Every April we begin to hear them—the accounts from our fellow Fairfield County residents. Whether overheard in line at the post office, grocery shopping, or speaking with a neighbor, invariably our paths cross with someone who has had a sighting. One neighbor saw one eating her cat food on the back deck. Another had one demolish her brand-new squirrel-proof bird feeder. Yet another saw a mom with cubs crossing the street near the end of the cul-de-sac.

If you live in Fairfield County, you have a neighbor you may have yet to meet. Spring is when our wild neighbor is on the move. The American Black bear, *Ursus americanus*, also known as the American bear, is no lightweight. Reaching between 6-8 feet in length and averaging weights of between 200-500 pounds, Black bears are New England's largest terrestrial carnivore. Displaying sexual dimorphism in which males attain greater sizes than females, large males entering hibernation may reach 600 pounds in weight, with exceptionally large individuals tipping the scales at weights up to 900 pounds!

Though classified as carnivores, behaviorally, Black bears are classic omnivores, consuming everything from Prickly Pear cactus, to ants, to Moose calves! What's more, a Black bear selects from the menu not with its eyes...but with its nose. Following their legendary sense of smell to a meal, Black bears can detect apples ripening in orchards five miles away! With the ability to outrun a Cottontail rabbit, swim as fast as a beaver, and climb as well as any raccoon, these bruins are the decathletes of the bear tribe. Found throughout our home state of Connecticut, all of New England, and most of the United States, the Black bear is one of the



The American Black Bear

*There is a comeback creature living in Fairfield County that can follow its legendary sense of smell to a meal five miles away. What's more, it can swim as fast as a beaver and even outrun a rabbit!*

planet's most adaptable and successful mammals.

Though built like other members of the world's eight bear species, possessing a massive, fur-covered body with immensely powerful muscular limbs, sharp claws and a short tail, Black bears exhibit greater color variation than their kin. Ranging in color from solid black to black with a white chest blaze, to brown (aka Cinnamon) these bears are highly varied in appearance. With small populations such as "Blue" phase Black Bears in Southeastern Alaska, and white-furred "Spirit Bears" inhabiting South Coastal Brithish Columbia, the Black bear is a species exhibiting great diversity. Similarly, Black bears are masters of adaptation, surviving and thriving in virtually every habitat type in North

America. Even their bodies reflect their status as one of nature's great generalists. Whereas bears of the Sonoran Desert generally possess smaller body size and less bulk to dissipate body heat, bears of the Northern Hardwood forests of New Hampshire, attain much greater size and bulk.

While their physical adaptations serve them well from the Alaskan Panhandle to the Florida Keys, it is the behavioral bear which earns my full respect. Intelligent, resourceful, and responsive to opportunity, Black bears can live in close proximity to humans. In fact, they are so adaptable, this might be even closer than you think. After clawing their way back from local extinction (known as extirpation) in the Nutmeg State, Black bears have made a huge comeback. From an

estimated 10-12 bears in the state's Northwest corner in the 1980's, to an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 bears today, these bruins have increased their population 100-fold! Where do 1,200 animals live in a state the size of Connecticut? The answer is, pretty much wherever they want. Although historically utilizing earthen dens, hollowed out root dens at the base of mature hardwoods, and caves, Black bears have settled into excellent, new accommodations quite nicely. Commonly utilizing dense brush piles, enlarged woodchuck burrows under sheds and barns, and even crawl spaces under home decks in which to hibernate for the winter, these creatures of wilderness have become creatures of suburbia!

With the maturation of

Connecticut forests now exceeding 60% tree cover throughout the state, the increased nut production aids the bears and the other species such as White-tailed deer, Wild turkeys and Gray squirrels that eat the acorns, Hickory nuts, and other abundant foods of the forests.



As we get reacquainted with our large neighbors, it is incumbent upon us to be good neighbors. A little knowledge goes a long way toward keeping both bears and humans safe, happy, and healthy. This knowledge comes in the form of bear awareness.

From keeping your dogs leashed when hiking, to taking down bird feeders seasonally, to knowing how to react to surprise encounters with bruins, bear awareness takes many forms, and they are all wise measures to keep people, pets, and bears safe and healthy. For more information on bear awareness, please visit Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo's website ([www.beardsleyzoo.org](http://www.beardsleyzoo.org)) for upcoming bear lectures and other programs this spring.

In the American Black bear, we have a neighbor who can shape their habits to survive in wilderness, suburbia, or even at the edges of cities. If we can employ even a fraction of the bruin's resourcefulness, persistence, and hallmark adaptability, we too can enjoy the kind of success that is "bearly" matched.

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