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POLICE, FIRE, & EMS

Last Thursday afternoon, the town's fire administration arranged for an external company to professionally clean and inspect the firefighting gear of all personnel. This meticulous process included the equipment of both the Round Hill volunteer fire company and their career firefighter counterparts.

In late June on I-95, a tractor-trailer collided with Engine 1, causing a secondary multi-vehicle crash. Several individuals were extricated from their vehicles and transported for medical attention, including three firefighters who sustained non-life-threatening injuries. The Connecticut State Police are investigating the incident. All three firefighters have since been released from Stamford Hospital and are recovering.

Greenwich Police Officers Brooke Lombardo and Nolan Heintz, along with Emergency Management Director Joseph Laucella, completed the CERT Train the Trainer course and are now qualified to train others. The CERT program educates the community on disaster preparedness and provides training in basic response skills. Director Laucella aims to expand the program's membership and community involvement.

On July 3rd, the GFD responded to reports of flames from the roof of the Mill Complex on Pemberwick Road. Firefighters arrived quickly, attacked the fire, and evacuated the building occupants. There were no injuries, and the response minimized damage to several businesses. The Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of the fire.

Greenwich EMS received the 2024 Mission Lifeline Gold Award from the American Heart Association for its prehospital cardiac care. For four years, they have maintained high standards in early heart attack and stroke detection through collaboration with Greenwich Police and Greenwich Hospital. This recognition underscores their commitment to making Greenwich a HeartSafe Community.

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Greenwich Parks and Recreation's 4th Annual

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First Half 2024 Real Estate Market



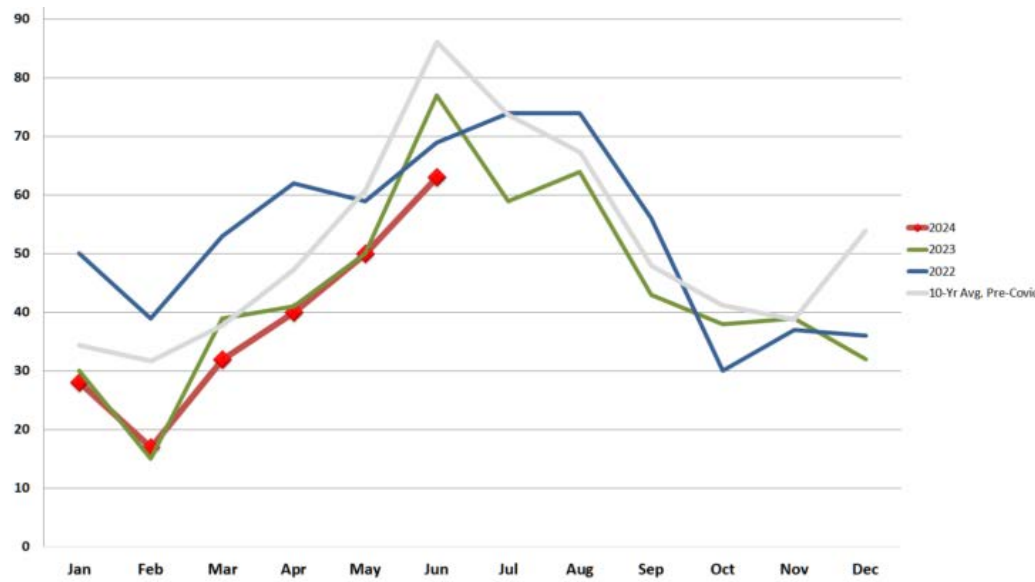
BY MARK PRUNER

So, what's going to happen in the second half of 2024? If you take a look at history of the last 25 years, our second half sales are about 10% higher than the first half. Since our first half sales were only 230 sales, that would tend to indicate that we would end 2024 with about 483 sales. This means that you would have to go all the way back to the Great Recession year of 2009 to find a lower annual sales number.

If, however, we go back to the last three years, then the second half numbers are pretty similar to the first half numbers, which means that we would be looking at an even lower number of annualized sales at 460 sales. If you add in the fact that our inventory is 158 single family homes, up only slightly from the very low inventory of 146 houses that we had at the end of the first half of 2023; and our market is looking pretty bleak, if you are a glass half-full type.

On the other hand, you can also argue that we are in a very hot market for the inventory that we do have. While our house inventory is up 8% over what we had in 2023 at this time; we are still down 78% from the inventory that we had at this time in 2019. We don't have a lot to sell, but we have lots of buyers looking to buy.

Just about every other indicator shows that 2024 is a tighter and more pro-seller



Sales continue to go up in June 2024, which is normal, they just didn't jump as much as they usually do in June, resulting in lower sales in the first half.

market than we had last year:

Our median sales price YTD is up from \$2.55 million last year to \$2.73 million this year or an increase of 7.1%

Our days on market is down from last year's very low 33 days on market to an even lower 21 days on market, i.e., last year the median house took just over a month to get to a non-contingent contract. This year it only takes three weeks.

Our median sales price to assessment ratio, arguably our best indicator of house appreciation, is up 13.9% since last year

Our median dollar/sf is up 14.4% over last year from \$667/sf to \$775/sf this year

Our sales price to original list price ratio is the only indicator that isn't up from last year, which is because it was already very high. This year, and last year, the median

house is selling for 100.0% of the original list price.

The bottom line is that we have a tighter market than we had in the first half of last year. For me, these last 6 weeks have been the busiest I have ever had in my real estate career. With 5 out of 7 listings going to contract and a couple of those closed already, it's been really busy. (Thanks to all the rest of the Greenwich Streets team here at Compass) There were a couple of small signs in our June market that the Greenwich real estate market may be changing.

As noted above, our weekly inventory finally exceeded the inventory in the prior year, which we've seen very little of in the last three years. It's not a lot more inventory, but it is staying above last year's, while our contracts are dropping. Then again, contracts normally drop in June and July as people switch into vacation mode.

So far this year, the Bridgeport-Norwalk-Stamford MSA has been one of the top

ten hottest markets in the country, and Greenwich has been doing its share to make it that way. The worrying sign if you are a seller is that inventory may finally be increasing in Greenwich as it has already done in much of the rest of the country.

If we get more inventory, and contracts continue to fall, we may be headed back to a more normal market, but we have a long way to go. As noted, inventory is still way down. If you just take the June sales and annualize them, you have the same or lower months of supply than if you look at sales YTD, so any movement back to a more balanced market has a good way to go, before we see anything like normal.

What we could be seeing is the bottom of the market if you are a buyer. With inventory staying steady when it normally falls and fewer contracts, we may go from combat buying to just a really tight market. The question is: is this drop just the

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COLUMN

It's a Big World Out There



BY ICY FRANTZ

"It's summer!" holler the hydrangea's gazing at me from the side of our home - or at least that is what I hear when I encounter their beautiful blues, precious pinks, and wholesome whites.

This year they have arrived in abundance.

That was not the case last summer. I remember waiting patiently for their buds to transform, which happened quietly and sparingly, as if they were considering taking a season off.

And I am sure there is some scientific reason for this, or maybe I did not prune correctly or adequately reinforce the soil. I don't know.

I would like to think that hydrangeas, like us, need time off to recharge and refuel so that they can come back stronger, more vibrant, and more beautiful.

I have just returned from my own time off - a week away - and I highly recommend it.

To be honest, I am not much of a vacationer. I am a homebody, which may sound boring, but simply stated means - I like to be home.

I like my routine, my cats luxuriously lounging across the keyboard at my computer, and my dogs nudging me to throw a ball from the back porch.

I like to climb into my own bed at night with my electric heating pad - even when it's 90 degrees and my daily

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Memorable Art and Soundscapes Experience

BY LIZ LEAMY

The Bruce Museum and The Greens at Greenwich joined forces to host a unique event in which attendees were able to experience making sound with instruments while also viewing the museum's remarkable collections and art installations, designating this as a memorable venture in every respect.

Aptly titled 'An Afternoon of Wellness: Connect, Explore, Experience-Linking Art and Music,' this sold-out event represented the third of a four-part series of this kind that has been jointly hosted by the Bruce and The Greens at Greenwich and is slated to run through September.

This event involved all of its 20 attendees being guided through through three of the museum's amazing current exhibits, 'The Golden Hour' by Jennifer Angus, Andy Warhol's 'Small is Beautiful' and Tara Donovan's 'Aggregations' by Corinne Flax, The Bruce Museum Manager of School and Community Partnerships and Caroline Greco, Program Director at The Greens at Greenwich who is a Music Therapist and licensed Creative Arts Therapist, as they played such instruments as tambourines, drums, bell and egg shakers, rain sticks, a flute and harmonica in response to all of the different artwork.

Environmental Quote of the Week

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

Wonders exist in a backyard garden, where bees take the measure of a flower's electric fields, leafhoppers send vibrational melodies through the stems of plants, and birds behold the hidden palates of purples and

"We're exploring sound and the different elements and aspects of music," said Greco. "In this experience, we're all very much part of a whole, which is such a beautiful and meaningful thing."

Throughout this nearly two-hour event, everyone there, including Flax and Greco, observed and took in the art as they responded to it with their own unique rhythmic and emotive musical expressions designating this as an experience in which each individual could tap into their emotions from a whole different perspective.

"Art evokes feeling," said Flax. "This is a reaction to the presence of the artist in the art."

At the same time, it was also interesting to see how participants reacted to each of the different exhibits.

Jennifer Angus' immersive site-specific installation, 'The Golden Hour,' with its remarkable patterns involving textiles, wallpaper and other materials, objects and insects done amidst bright orange, yellow and red backdrops, many of the participants responded with audible gusto, playing their instruments with notable energy and vigor. (This exhibit is scheduled to run through September at the museum.)

"She's amazing," said Flax about the Lansing, Michigan-

purples...Wilderness is not distant. We are continually immersed in it. It is there for us to imagine, to savor and to protect." Ed Yong, British journalist and writer, from his 2023 book, "An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us."



Participants at the Bruce Museum and The Greens at Greenwich joint event involving the playing of instruments while experience the art at the museum. In this photo, they are viewing Jennifer Angus' exhibition 'The Golden Hour,' which will be on view through September. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

based artist. "Seeing her work is like reading music on the wall and throughout this whole space."

Meanwhile, participants appeared shift into a slightly different gear while viewing Andy Warhol's 'Small is Beautiful' collection featuring some of his most iconic work such as the Brillo box and Campbell Soup can pieces (that will run there through October), reacting in a much more meditative and contemplative fashion while walking through the two rooms displaying his iconic work.

Additionally, many in the group seemed to have a more subdued reaction to Tara Donovan's stunning large-scale material white/ecru sculpture that filled up much of the large picturesque room at the Bruce with its floor-to-ceiling windows (and will be on display through March 2025) as they played their instruments in a

rather reticent manner. (Donovan is based in Brooklyn, New York)

In regard to this piece, one of the participants explained she, in turn, was reacting to the proportion of its size in relation to the room.

All in all, this was an incredible event, with virtually everyone appearing to have a truly marvelous time.

"For me, the interactive feel of this event has been very interesting. It's a different feeling and experience and it brings in a whole other type of audience," said Helen Grace of Greenwich. "I also found playing the instruments while seeing all of the art to be very peaceful and calming."

Upon conclusion of the soundscapes and art tour, participants were then lead to a large 'classroom' where they could sit down, relax and eat the selection of delicious cheese, fruit

and sandwiches from Aux Delices Foods, which has a location at the Bruce Museum, as well as in Greenwich, Riverside, Westport and Darien.

Afterward, participants were given paper and colored pencils which they used to draw their interpretations of four beautiful instrumental musical pieces by Wolfgang Mozart, Philip Glass, George Gershwin and Felix Mendelssohn, respectively, marking the final chapter of this memorable afternoon event that started at 4pm.

"The arts are an important part of one's health and well being and it's all about looking at a piece of art and wondering 'what does it say to me?'" said Maria Scaros, Executive Director of The Greens at Greenwich. "Art needs to be in life in some shape or form and it's important to appreciate all the ways to look at art."

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Connecticut's Stone Walls - An Archeological Treasure

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

Those stone walls found about our town are a most distinctive feature, and they have a distinctive history, in fact layers of history tracing back to the last ice age! Here to tell that tale last Sunday was ecologist and climate change Professor Dr. Mitch Wagener of Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. "The ice ages are important for humans and also important for the story of the stone walls because we are the children of the ice ages."

Wagener is a captivating speaker, often referring to his academic years in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has spoken at the Bruce Museum once before which sponsors the Fred Elser Sunday Science lecture series held at the seaside center of Innis Arden Cottage at Greenwich Point.

"Now 16,000 years ago, Connecticut in general would've looked something like this." He shows a photo of Greenland - "We would be about a mile thick layer of ice...at the glacial maximum before the global climate changed and the ice began to melt in place... And when the glaciers began to melt, anything they carried or pushed stayed put. That's where the stones got here."

So that melting ice contained "a lot of pulverized rock called glacial flour because it's kind of the consistency of flour like you make bread from," he says. What might look muddy is "ground up rock." And then he shows a telling panorama titled "Primary Succession" that spells out how that bare rock-to-become stones eventually becomes buried underground. "And you see the beginning of a forest coming up through it."

"And if it's Connecticut,

"The ice ages are important for humans and also important for the story of the stone walls because we are the children of the ice ages."

it's a forest, it's called Primary Succession," he tells. "But it takes hundreds of years for primary succession. Pine trees are actually mid succession here because pines seedlings need lots of sunlight to get started. And so gradually the pines are replaced by hardwood trees that can tolerate some shade and eventually get oak and hickory."

"So, as of 10,000 years ago the first Native Americans arrived... They moved around from location to location with the seasons and where the food resources were. And so therefore their houses were not permanent structures - they were able to move around to corn growing season, to fishing season, to whatever season it was."

"They did not have domestic animals. They didn't need to build obstructions to keep those animals out," he said. But "When the Europeans came, they were bringing their farm animals, their horses and goats and chickens and ducks and geese and sheep and cows. They also brought a culture that suggests expressing ownership of a property was to improve it in some fashion, and to improve that area meant building walls around it, so you know which part is yours and which parts are the next guy's over there."

So, there were a lot of tree felling to build those walls, and those houses. All fine for those British colonists "because the

wood and the wood lots were owned only by the people of wealth back in Britain...So by 1776 during the American Revolution, the farmers found that they were running out of wood for warming their houses." But interestingly, continues Wagener, "after every spring frost, after the snows clear, they would find a field full of round stones as if Satan himself had deposited them to test the hearts of the righteous."

And so, "one of the jobs first thing in the spring was to go and pick up those stones and take them to the edge of the field. And so, the first stone walls, many of them were shaped like the wooden fences they replaced. They'd have like a snake rail stone fence only because you don't want to carry that stone any farther than you have to - you throw it over the fence."

But "Later on, they realized that goats and sheep were pretty good at climbing stone fences, and so they had to come up with some new thing to discourage them." Wire rails were placed on the stone walls (barbed wire was yet to be invented). But then with time those small farmers realized, "They couldn't make much of a living on their small holding farms - they wanted to do other things." And fancier stone walls were now surrounding churches and homes "because they look nicer than the ones that are out in the farm fields."

Add to those influences



What Connecticut would have looked like after the glacier melted. Contributed photo.

Cyrus McCormick's invention of a mechanical reaper used for harvesting wheat and other grass crops. "Stone wall constrained rectangles were too small...So if a farmer is going to continue to farm his area, he had to either take those stones somewhere else to open the fields or bury them... Or they could go out west and in the Ohio Valley where they had larger spaces without their walls, and so a lot of the farms were abandoned - and what happens is Secondary Succession and the trees come back."

"So that is where the stone walls came from," he concludes. "They were part of agricultural history early on and then became an impediment that was too hard to deal with. And so, the farmers went elsewhere to do other things."

Wagener had earlier shared a high-altitude photographic study of how many walls there are in Connecticut - "and it was 20,347 miles of stone walls which is about 33 feet per acre for the whole state." A U.S. Department of Agriculture estimate from a hundred years ago, he found to



The early settlers utilizing found stones to mark off their farmland. Contributed photo.

have "about the same number." He cites those stone walls as "archeological - they'll be there for future archeologists to find, and so they have an outsized presence in our psyche." He confesses to having "collected a bunch of stones" and made his own "personal stone wall" in front of his house in Bethel. "I wasn't going to steal over people's stones," he notes. But whenever he's "digging around and doing gardening and stuff in the backyard" and "hits a nice big rock" he'll "put it aside. I figure I'm going to add it to my collection."

Pollinator Pathways at Edgehill



Edgehill residents Cristine Munroe, Irene Fischl and Kay Minton help release butterflies into Edgehill's chemical-free pollinator garden after a lecture at the community.

Meadowscaping, tapestry lawns, grassland—whatever the name, people everywhere are creating pollinator gardens and gaining appreciation for their vital role in our ecosystem. At Edgehill, a continuing care retirement community in Stamford, residents have been on a mission to combat the decline of vital pollinator species, such as bees and butterflies.

The Grounds Committee at Edgehill, comprised of

landscape-minded residents, spent much of last year's gardening season transforming a meadow into a pollinator haven. Inspired by an article about pollinator pathways, chairwoman and Edgehill resident Jean May created an opportunity to enhance the community's already impressive garden spaces.

Resident Laura Godown is a volunteer at Mill River Park. She faced off against invasive mugwort that had overrun

Edgehill's meadow. Two years ago, targeted herbicide treatment cleared the way for native grasses and wildflowers to thrive.

Now, bright orange asclepias (butterfly weed) and purple monarda (bee balm) fill the meadow, attracting bees and other pollinators. With the help of local high school students, the Grounds Committee has meticulously cleared areas by hand and planted hundreds of pollinator-friendly plants. They

even ordered a special blend of meadow grass, along with seeds for daisies, black-eyed Susans and asters, ensuring a colorful and textured landscape throughout the season.

The meadow's appearance evolves with the seasons, delighting both residents and passersby. But the true joy comes from witnessing the garden's impact on pollinators. As Godown explains, "The garden creates a chemical-free zone where native insects and bees can thrive. Seeing bees swarming the asclepias brings a sense of fulfillment, knowing they are creating vital habitat for native species."

Edgehill's pollinator garden is a beautiful space—a testament to the community's dedication to preserving biodiversity and fostering a healthier environment. As residents continue on this mission, they take great pride in their accomplishment, witnessing more bees and butterflies gracing the community meadows, and looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labor continue to blossom.

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The Greenwich RTM: A Unique Form of Local Government

By MIKE ABRAHAMS

Horst Tebbe introduced the Retired Men's Association June 26 speaker, Alexis Voulgaris, moderator of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting (RTM), speaking on the topic "Greenwich RTM: A Unique Form of Local Government." Alexis has been a member of the RTM since 2005. She is a representative from District 6, and prior to that was a licensed social worker. She provided an insightful presentation on this distinctive form of local government. The RTM, established in 1933, serves as Greenwich's legislative body, comprising 230 members across 12 districts.



Moderator Alexis Voulgaris spoke about the history and present operations of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting.

She first looked at the RTM's historical context and structure. The RTM emerged from the New England town meeting tradition, transitioning from an open-to-all system to a representative one due to the growing population. This change aimed to maintain fair representation while adapting to demographic shifts. The concept was carefully studied before implementation in Greenwich, with a committee appointed in 1931 to analyze its feasibility. The first RTM election in 1933 saw high engagement, a trait that is also seen in the present day. In 2023, over 300 candidates vied for 230 seats, demonstrating sustained community interest in local governance.

The RTM holds significant responsibilities. It approves expenditures over \$5,000, reviews and approves the town budget, passes ordinances, and acts as the final planning authority on municipal improvements. While nonpartisan, the RTM is not apolitical. Recent terms have seen a slight shift towards a center-left orientation, mirroring changes in the town's voter demographics.

Voulgaris highlighted the RTM's large size as a key strength, allowing for diverse representation and opinions. Greenwich's 230-member RTM is significantly larger than those of neighboring towns, enabling broader community participation in local government. Recent notable actions by the RTM include approving a \$501 million town budget, passing a noise ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers in summer, and approving funding for a road safety study. The RTM demonstrated remarkable adaptability during the Covid-19 pandemic, never missed a scheduled meeting and quickly transitioned to virtual and

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hybrid formats. This required significant technological upgrades and procedural adaptations.

Voulgaris discussed several challenges facing the RTM and local government. These include an increase in citizen-initiated ordinances, the need to balance diverse opinions while maintaining civil discourse, and ongoing debates over perennial issues, such as sidewalk construction. She also noted the RTM's role in addressing contemporary concerns, like the recent leaf blower ordinance.

The presentation clarified the RTM's relationship with other governmental entities. These include the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET). The RTM can approve or reduce, but not increase, budget amounts proposed by the BET. Regarding the Board of Education, the RTM approves a total sum for operations but cannot direct specific allocations within that sum. It has more control over capital expenditures for education.

The RTM operates with a modest budget of about \$60,000, with a significant portion allocated to technical costs for hybrid meetings. The Town Clerk's office serves as staff for the RTM, handling administrative tasks.

Throughout her presentation, Voulgaris emphasized the importance of civic engagement and the unique opportunity the RTM provides for residents to participate in local government. She encouraged attendees to follow the RTM's work and consider running for seats in their districts.

In response to many questions from the audience, Ms. Voulgaris provided the following additional information. Although the size of the RTM is fixed, the distribution of members among districts can change based on the number of electors. RTM members prepare for debates by reviewing committee reports and recommendations, as issues are vetted by various committees before full RTM meetings. For capital spending projects like resurfacing pickleball courts, the process begins with the relevant department recognizing public interest and adding the project to the Capital Improvement Plan queue. It then goes through the Board of Estimate and Taxation for approval before reaching the RTM. The RTM previously considered increasing the \$5,000 threshold for expenditures requiring RTM approval to \$25,000 but decided against it due to concerns about how it would affect smaller departments. A consent calendar is used to streamline approvals for smaller amounts.

Regarding redistricting, the current 12 districts are considered to work well and represent all sections of town. The number of delegates per district can change, but redistricting is not currently being considered. The RTM is nonpartisan, and members don't typically caucus based on party affiliation. The large size of the RTM (230 members) makes it difficult for special interest groups to drive decisions. For leaf blower noise complaints, residents are advised to call the police non-emergency number.

Until Memorial Day 2025, only warnings will be issued as part of a grace period built into the ordinance. Regarding utility cables "wrapping" neighborhoods, there was insufficient information to provide a specific answer, as it might involve private companies outside the scope of town departments. While there are no current proposals for ordinances regarding electric bicycles, scooters, and lithium battery risks, it takes just 20 interested residents to put an item on the RTM call.

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

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100 Things to Do in Connecticut Before You Die

By MIKE TEBAY

On July 3 Bob Meaney introduced the speaker at the Retired Men's Association, Anastasia Mills Healy. Anastasia has researched unusual and fascinating sites in our state. She's the author of a new book, "100 Things to Do in Connecticut Before You Die." Anastasia is a former editor at Conde Nast magazines, and has covered Connecticut for Timeout, Lonely Planet and Business Insider. She has knowledge about the whole state, and is ready to help us residents of the extreme southwest corner of the state open our minds about what is out there in the great beyond, interesting sites and activities across Connecticut.

Healy introduced her presentation by noting that, as a travel writer, she researched the state extensively during the pandemic, speaking with museum curators, librarians, and others to uncover fascinating stories and places. Her first book, "Secret Connecticut, a Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure," tells 84 stories that most people don't know about the state.

Her new book covers five categories: food and drink, music and entertainment, sports and recreation, culture and history, and shopping and fashion. Healy aimed to include places representative of different areas, with longevity and high quality. She highlighted some tourism promotions like Connecticut Open House Day in early June, when about 200 places offer free admission or special programming. The Connecticut Art Trail Passport allows access to 24 arts institutions for \$35/year. She also noted that many librarians, including Greenwich, offer museum passes.

Starting in Fairfield County, Healy mentioned **Greenwich Avenue** as the best retail street in the state. She highlighted Aquila's Nest Vineyards in Newtown, noting there are 22 wineries on Connecticut's wine trail. **The Sheffield Island clam bake** combines quintessential New England experiences - being on the water, visiting a lighthouse, and enjoying a clam bake. In Westport, Healy shared a surprising connection to "**The Great Gatsby**," F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald honeymooned there, and the Longshore Club building inspired Gatsby's mansion. Healy noted that the famous fashion designer, Christian Siriano, has an atelier in Westport. Near New Haven, she recommended the **Thimble Islands** sightseeing tour, **Yale's** free world-class museums, and of course, the **pizza**.

Anastasia has researched unusual and fascinating sites in our state.

Moving to Middlesex County, Healy discussed **Gillette Castle**, now a state park, built by eccentric actor William Gillette who played Sherlock Holmes. She suggested **Essex** as an ideal day trip, highlighting the historic **Griswold Inn** (opened 1776), where you can stay and also enjoy terrific food, and the **Connecticut River Museum**, featuring the history of Adrian Block, who sailed up the Connecticut River six years before the Mayflower landed.

In New London County, Healy mentioned **pick-your-own farms for lavender and tulips** in New Preston, and **sunflowers** in Griswold. She also highlighted **Dinosaur Place**, with 50 life-size dinosaur statues, as fun for adults too. For Windham County, Healy shared the little-known fact that Samuel Huntington of Scotland, Connecticut, was technically president of the United States under the Articles of Confederation eight years before the Constitution replaced the Articles and George Washington became president. She also recommended the massive **antiques marketplace** in Putnam.

In Tolland County, Healy suggested visiting the **Nathan Hale Homestead**. For car racing enthusiasts, she noted several options to drive or watch races, including **Lime Rock Park**. Hartford County offerings included the **Wadsworth Atheneum Museum**, free tours of the **State Capitol**, the Museum of Connecticut History and the fascinating Old Newgate Prison. This **abandoned copper mine** was used as a makeshift prison in pre-Revolutionary times, with prisoners initially simply thrown down the shaft and left. For garden enthusiasts, Healy highly recommended visiting **Elizabeth Park's rose garden** in Hartford, featuring 800 varieties and 15,000 roses. In Greenwich, she noted Sleepy Cat Farm as a beautiful private garden, which is occasionally open to the public through the Garden Conservancy.

An intriguing attraction is **Hogpen Hill Farms** in Woodbury, where data visualization expert Edward Tufte has created 100 sculptures on his 234-acre property, including a Stonehenge-inspired installation. Healy highlighted two world-class chamber music festivals: the **Norfolk Chamber Music Festival** (Yale Summer School of Music), and Music

Mountain in Falls Village.

Throughout her talk, Healy emphasized lesser-known attractions and encouraged exploration beyond well-trodden tourist spots. She noted how many sites support local businesses and nonprofits, adding another layer of value to visiting.

In the Q&A, an audience member asked about the Stonington/Mystic area. Healy praised **Stonington Borough** as one of her favorite places and mentioned **Mystic Seaport**, the **Aquarium**, and **Enders Island** as worthy attractions. Another audience member shared information about the **Connecticut Sea Music Festival**, a four-day event in Essex featuring historical lectures, concerts, and performances in early June.

When asked about Stamford, Healy enthusiastically recommended the "**Fish Church**" (First Presbyterian Church) as her favorite attraction there. Designed by architect Robert Harrison and inspired by Sainte-Chapelle in Paris, the church features stunning stained-glass work and unique acoustics due to its fish-shaped design.

The talk emphasized the value of exploring one's own state or region, as even long-time residents can discover new and exciting places close to home. Healy's books and presentations serve not only as travel guides but also as invitations to develop a deeper appreciation for Connecticut's rich history, culture, and natural beauty.

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

The RMA's upcoming panel discussion, "Successful Aging at Home and in Our Community," moderated by Steven Katz, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. Steven Katz, president of Sterling Home Health Care and chair of the Commission on Aging for the Town of Greenwich, will lead a panel discussion of local experts on different theories of successful aging and practical steps that may help us age well. Discussions will focus on quality of life, behavioral adaptations, helpful resources, common stressors, and cognitive and physical wellbeing. Katz will be joined by three health care professionals.

Roni Lang, LCSW, is a clinical social worker with over 40 years' experience in the field of clinical

social work with specialty in aging and family caregiving. She is currently with the Department of Psychiatry at Greenwich Hospital providing psychotherapy to older adults and their families.

Dr. James Pallett is board certified in Internal Medicine and is the medical director of the Hospitalist Program at Greenwich Hospital. He graduated from the University of Edinburgh Medical School in 2003 and worked with Doctors Without Borders in the Central African Republic and Haiti. He currently leads a group of 32 physicians and advanced provider practitioners who provide inpatient care 24/7/365 within the Yale New Haven Health System.

Linda Ziac, founder and president of the Caregiver Resource Center, is a CT licensed and nationally certified professional, with over 49 years of experience in the health and mental health field. In 1990, Ziac had a vision of creating a place where seniors, people with special needs, and their loved ones could turn for support, find answers to their questions, and engage trained professionals to help them navigate the often confusing and overwhelming healthcare maze.

To stream the panel discussion moderated by Steven Katz at 11 AM on Wednesday, July 17, click on <https://bit.ly/301Bj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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

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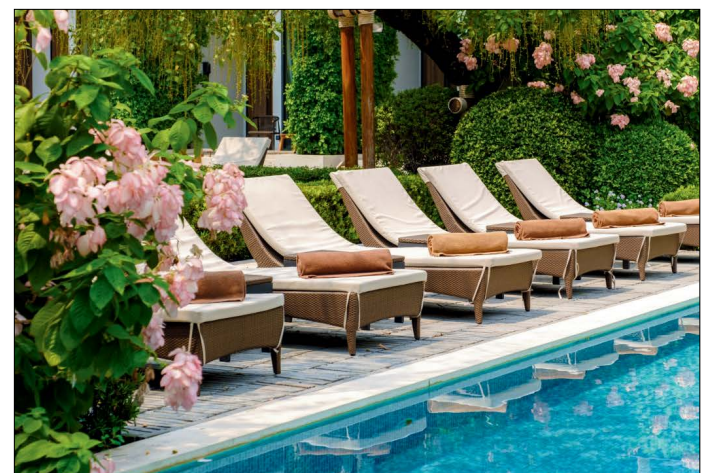
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In an age when we use keystrokes instead of footsteps to acquire what we want, it's easy to undervalue the impact of shopping, eating, and getting services locally. With the rise of large-scale businesses and e-commerce, it can seem like small businesses are unable to compete. However, supporting these local establishments is critical for the sustainability and vitality of our communities.

One of the most significant ways supporting local businesses benefits the economy is by keeping money within the community. When you purchase goods or services from a local business, the money you spend stays within the community, circulating through the local economy. This creates jobs and other opportunities while helping to support the infrastructure of the area. Studies show that for every \$100 spent at a local business, \$68 stays in the community.

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Small businesses are the backbone of many communities, providing jobs and creating opportunities for entrepreneurs. By staying local, you directly support these business owners, helping them thrive. The success of these entrepreneurs means a healthier economy and better job opportunities for people in the community. These entrepreneurs sponsor local events, fostering connections and building trust.

We encourage you to not simply stay home and do all your shopping on-line. This does not help our store owners. Use the internet to research what you want to get and then call a local store that carries the item.

These local businesses are owned by our neighbors and friends. For years we have asked them to support so many non-profit events or sports' team fundraising efforts and they have generally responded positively.

Small businesses play a significant role in supporting local community charities and causes. Local businesses benefit from a strong community, so the owners tend to be more engaged members of the community themselves. Small businesses donate 250% more than large businesses to local nonprofits and community causes, creating a positive cycle of giving back.

Yes, you can easily buy a book online, but is it really too much trouble to call Diane's Books, order it, then swing by Grigg Street to pick it up?

When you buy local you tend to develop a relationship with those establishments you frequent which leads to better customer service and experience. We have all been frustrated by calling an 800 number to return a poorly purchased item, then been transferred four different times only to give up and re-gift the item for someone's birthday.

Buying local and supporting small businesses is at the core of our local economy and is such an important part of what makes Greenwich, well, Greenwich. If we did not have stores such as Sophia's, McArdle's, Diane's Books, and many others, the feel of our community would be very different indeed.

It is not just the merchants – we need to support our local restaurants as well.

We hope you will join us in supporting as many local businesses as possible.

By supporting small businesses and shopping small, you support real people who are passionate about their work and actually care about you.

Encourage others to think globally, shop small, and support local businesses to fund a better tomorrow.

Editorial Page

LETTER

Carnival Time is Now

Dear Neighbors,
Come on down! From Wednesday July 10 thru Saturday July 13, 6pm - 10pm, the Ferris wheel will be whirring, the pizza frita sizzling, the crowds buzzing, the Dunking Booth dunking, the music playing, the diners

dining and the community celebrating on the grounds of the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes in Riverside. Invite your friends and family to join the party, the annual Carnival of Fun. Parking nearby or at Eastern Middle School where a shuttle

bus will deliver you to the Carnival and return you to the parking area after you have had your fill of rides, games, foods, and the nightly live entertainment under the big tent. Thanks to all the generous sponsors and to the hundreds of volunteers, the

parish staff, and, especially, to Fred Durante, the face of the Carnival for years, who infuses his spirit and works relentlessly to make it happen. Come on down! For more info: www.stc-sta.org

Pam Sloane

LETTER

Has Greenwich Reached a Tipping Point ?

To the Quality of Life in Greenwich, its overdevelopment, being pushed by 8-30g and town capacity to take sewerage with storm water away...i.e. flooding in the streets, basements, schools, ... watersheds.

Many would like to ask town leaders, elected and appointed representatives, at all levels of local, state, and federal govt on town overdevelopment, how have they addressed flooding issues to our residential health & safety; to the destruction of natural resources, wetlands, trees, harbors & shorelines, and; to the damage, costs, to existing properties....NOTE: POCDs (Plan of Conservation & Development) have identified 'flooding' as one of the #1 issues in town the past 25+ years!

Three (3) questions one asks:

1. 'Has Greenwich reached a Tipping Point?' – not to the merits of Greenwich unheralded buildout, but, importantly, to saving precious

resources and natural assets, improve quality of residential health and safety, and, importantly, manage serious flood impact & destruction in streets, homes, schools... to existing home owners & property values.

Has ToG reached a 'tipping point' of overdevelopment in its capacity to take away what may be the illicit 'comingling' of sewerage with storm water (rain) away in storms of 1" rainfall in 1-2 hours, that close beaches – are there violations/ responsibilities outlined in its state of CT MS-4 Permit?

2. Are land use application approvals taking town into urban sprawl, adding traffic congestion and population explosions – a metropolitan Frankenstein, exacerbating flood conditions & storm water removal, health & safety issues, adding environmental pollution fill and erosion - 'fill' into valued harbors, wetlands, contaminating rivers &

shorelines, in to schools & neighborhoods...to what is becoming the destruction of town's natural resources, negatively impacting quality of life and ...property values? Land Use application approvals without requiring the necessary infrastructure sewer capacity, underground storm water systems, not just at Grass Island.

3. Should there be a 'moratorium' on large-scale development, including 8-30g, until Grass Island plant and town's pumping stations have been fixed for capacity, state inspected, along w/other steps taken to manage serious flooding... & for town to show leadership, take a stand with other like towns to the courts, & what was done @ Post Rd Iron Works project in 2016?

Simply, has town reached its capacity to take away what may be the illicit 'comingling' of sewerage and storm water at Grass Island plant and handful of pumping stations

– of mixing sewerage and storm water in 1-2" rainfall - in 2-3 hours of storm events that are now more frequent to 1, 2, 5 and 10 year durations – not the spurious 100-year storms - required by town's CT state MS-4 drainage permit?

Upon review of recent newspaper articles, has the ToG reached a 'tipping point' of overdevelopment? Question: Where does that storm rain water go of 1-2" + in 1-2 + hours that close beaches?

Might there be better, alternative ways to explore, fix, mitigate, manage flood conditions, other than 75-year reliance of town's DPW Flood & Erosion Control Board, created 75-years ago to fix in 1957-1958?

*Respectfully submitted,
by Peter Quigley – 5-term
(2008-2024) RTM Land Use
Committee, Representative Town
Meeting, Member of First Harbor
Commission – 2013 – 2016*

LETTER

Tina Courpas is the Best Choice

Dear Editors,

I am writing to explain why Tina Courpas is the best choice to represent the voters of the 149th district.

Tina has been very clear about what she would do differently than Democrat incumbent Rachel Khanna. Ms. Khanna voted for the "Work Live Ride" bill, which created incentives to expand state control of zoning. While Tina shares my commitment to expanding our affordable housing stock, I agree with Tina that dictates from Hartford are not the way to do it, and Tina Courpas would have voted against this bill.

Ms. Khanna also voted to spend an additional \$360 million on higher education and non-profits as part of the 2024 budget, using one-time Federal funds for recurring costs, outside the formal budget process. Tina understands that Connecticut's profligate

spending in the 2010s drove many businesses and citizens to leave. Unlike Ms. Khanna, Tina would have voted for fiscal discipline.

At a time where public safety has been eroded by Democrat policies restricting police and eliminating juvenile prosecution, Ms. Khanna voted against allowing police to pull over a driver visibly smoking cannabis. Tina Courpas would have voted to support our police.

Ms. Khanna recently voted to remove the US citizenry designation from Connecticut drivers' licenses, thereby eroding the integrity of our elections. Tina would have voted to retain the US citizenry designation, in which she and I share such pride.

I know Tina Courpas and her family personally. The daughter of Greek immigrants, Tina is a graduate of Columbia Law School and is entirely

self-made. Tina and her sister shared all caregiving responsibilities for their 89-year-old mother, who recently passed away. Tina also co-parents four bright and wonderful children with her ex-husband, and will bring the same grace and civility to Hartford. Finally, Tina Courpas has had two decades of rigorous private sector experience and run two successful non-profits, experience that provides her with a solid foundation for understanding the issues she will deal with in Harford as the Representative for District 149.

Tina knows that Greenwich, and Connecticut, need government that supports and enables a robust private sector with livable tax and regulatory burdens. Tina knows that we need to spur faster private sector growth (GSP grew only 0.4% from 2018-23 and Connecticut ranked 50th –

dead last – in business growth over that period). Tina knows that we need to transfer policies from our highest performing schools, including charters, to our schools that are struggling. Tina knows that Connecticut has been a net beneficiary of COVID migration because of the safety, beauty and more moderate property tax burden of our communities, relative to New York. And like me, Tina supports a woman's Right to Choose.

I am sure Rachel Khanna is well intentioned, but I do not think she understands the consequences to her constituents of her votes on these important issues. Tina Courpas has my vote, and she should have yours too.

*Best regards,
Virginia Genereux, Voter in
the 149th District, Greenwich, CT*

LETTER

Dear Joe, please go.

At the recent presidential debate we saw a monster of personal depravity, a bloviating narcissist, an outright liar, a twice impeached president, a man convicted of 34 felonies, rape charges and corporate fraud, a man who gave away secrets in the Oval office to Russia's foreign minister, Lavrov, a man who accepted dictator Putin's word on security issues over our own services' assessments and what was the reaction?

We know: it was eye-shielding disbelief at the inability of our sitting president to make his case and rebut the lies and misstatements of the former president and now wannabe dictator.

I am one of those who

applaud Joe Biden's life-long service to our country, his amazing bi-partisan achievements in office, the Recovery act, the Infrastructure act, the Chip act, the anti-inflation act. It is a phenomenal record.

But, oh dear, here's the 'but' – swing voters in swing states, seeing nothing other than outrageous misinformation from outlets such as Fox News, don't realize that wage increases have outstripped inflation, that proper border control was nixed by Trump to ensure he had a campaign issue, that crime rates are way down - and on it goes, most importantly on the question crucial to one half of our population, that the right of women to healthcare privacy is

in jeopardy. Because of our electoral structure it is these swing voters who are the ones who will decide who will be our next president and right now the polls tell us that they swing Trump.

But this is to fall into normal politics, the disagreement on issues. That is absolutely not what this election is about. For only the second time in the history of the country are we facing an existential question and it is about the very nature of the republic. Anyone who has read "Project 25" knows that our very democracy is in peril. And our president knows that full well.

What he seems not to know is that he is not the candidate

who can save us from an authoritarian catastrophe. All voters will see for the rest of the campaign is a great president in sad decline, repeat after repeat of debate incoherence. We cannot ignore the clear decline of an old man. Good reading from a teleprompter doesn't cut it.

Please, Mr. President, step aside. Giving the reins to a younger person (and there are many great candidates) will surely cement your legacy in the history of our country.

*John Blankley
Former member of the BET
and candidate for state offices*

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COLUMN American Independence Changed the World

By FRANCIS AMBROGIO

This year, I spent another Independence Day away from home – this time, in Germany. Like anyone not at home, I missed family cookouts (my Army buddies from the South would go ballistic if I were to call anything that doesn't meet their stringent standards a "barbecue"), and I missed American fireworks and beer – actually, I take that back... German beer, on the whole, is superior. As someone who grew up in Greenwich, I missed the parades and the bunting, as well as the exciting Salute to Veterans that was part of our town's annual pageantry for so many years. But this longing is simply part of the life of a soldier, or really, anyone who is far from home.

That said, I spent this July 4th in a special way. The world is small, and with our modern technologies, it's even smaller. By chance, an old comrade of mine from my service in Korea was here in Germany. Mr. Yang, Sung-Sang, or "Joey," was the interpreter in our headquarters back then, and since his sister and her

family live in Germany, he visits a few times a year. Joey, who grew up in the United States for many years, served as an officer in the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, and now facilitates the day-to-day interactions between the Korean and American militaries, is a living, breathing link in the ROK-US alliance.

In my current assignment, I observe, coach, and train US, NATO, and Ukrainian troops. We create challenging, stressful, and realistic training scenarios to test them and help them improve their readiness for war. This training is the groundwork of our alliances and partnerships. The more ready our troops are, and the more seamlessly we are able to operate alongside one another, the more likely we will be able to prevent war – and if it were to break out, to win.

Given my current role, as well as the work I'd done with Joey, spending the 4th with Korean and German friends carried a unique resonance. We don't use the term "free world" as much as we used to

during the Cold War, but that idea still matters. For all of our differences, the US and the many nations it calls friends hold so, so much in common. On that foundation of values, we have built a world more free, open, and prosperous than any generation before us could possibly have imagined. I saw this in person on the 4th here in Germany, and I see it daily here, as I saw it when I was stationed in Korea.

It is easy for us – especially in the United States – to take this world and its benefits for granted. A few weeks ago, I road tripped across Lithuania with a rugby teammate from Greenwich High School. I could not help but notice, everywhere I looked, the Lithuanians' collective effort to move on from their country's past domination by Soviet Russia, and the tyranny, stagnation, and degeneration that came with it. Just walking down a street in Vilnius or Kaunas or any other city, or even driving through the countryside, the architecture and the infrastructure speak to this effort – and loudly.

My Independence Day this year was a direct result – on a personal level – of the world we and our allies have built.

New, shining buildings stand next to the proudly restored edifices of Lithuania's first independent period as a republic during the 1920s and 30s. Yet all around, one can see the crumbling detritus of the Soviets' shoddy construction. Roads and sidewalks are not simply fixed or maintained – they are completely ripped up and replaced, such as the Soviets' habit of making things of poor quality. Memorials to heroes who bravely fought for independence are ubiquitous, and perhaps the nation's most poignant commemoration is the almost haunting Hill of Crosses – a pilgrimage site where Lithuanians have prayed for their fallen who struggled against the domination of Russian tsars, Nazi maniacs, and Soviet



commissars. I myself have worked with Lithuanian soldiers – and they were, without question, some of the finest troopers I have ever encountered. As they put it: "We have had neighbors." The Lithuanians, still relatively new members of the free world, certainly do not take it for granted.

My Independence Day this year was a direct result – on a personal level – of the world we and our allies have

built. Thanks to this world, an American Army officer and his old Korean comrade celebrated the United States' independence in Germany. It's worth noting that Germany was once our enemy not only in one, but two world wars – and now they are the closest of allies. No other great power in history has done what the United States has in helping defeated enemies rebuild, stand on their own two feet, and become friends. There is a reason that other countries want to be part of the free world. I was fortunate enough to celebrate our holiday here, far from home but among friends, and to reflect in real time on what we have built, and what we still stand for.

Francis Ambrogio is a Cos Cob native who currently serves as a cavalry officer in the US Army. He graduated from Greenwich High School in 2011 and the US Military Academy at West Point in 2015, and he is currently stationed in Bavaria, Germany. The opinions expressed are his own.

COLUMN

And Then There Were Two



By CADBURY FITZPATRICK

Warning: Some sadness ahead.

Logan is gone, and Bear and I are left to carry on without him.

Logan warned me that this day would come, and now that it has, I am beginning to realize that he had been preparing me for this moment for some time. But that has not made it any easier.

Bear is almost a full year old now, full of energy and bursting with unbridled curiosity. I have come to see the world and life with our human family afresh through the eyes of that rambunctious little black and white canine companion. Bear is confused, now, over Logan's absence, and

concerned about the obvious impact that it is having on me and on our humans. He is looking to me for guidance, as I had done with Logan for so very many years. In my heart, I worry that I am not ready.

Then Logan's words of many months ago return to me:

"Cadbury, you are about to embark on what I hope will be a very long, and I know will be a very rewarding, journey as the older dog, friend and mentor to Bear. This is a role that will seem strange to you at first, but I am confident that you will ultimately embrace it and find it to be one of the most satisfying roles you will ever play."

"But I am not ready," I had protested at the time, "You have been the one to give me wise advice and counsel. I am still in the learning phase; I do not see how I can teach Bear even a fraction of what you have taught me over the years."

"None of us is ever really prepared for life," said Logan (I recall him smiling at the time). "It comes as it wills, when it wills. We have no choice but to greet it with whatever skills and talents we possess. We are called upon to do our best with what we have, at the moment and in the moment. If we simply do that, all will be as it is meant to be."

"The time has come, your time has come, to be for Bear what I hope I have been for you. Embrace the challenge. I promise you, whatever effort you put into it will be rewarded many times over."

Logan had then continued, "When I came into this family myself as a puppy, my older dog, Charlie, had already lost his older dog, Buddy. And I had lost Charlie before you arrived. Charlie spoke to me of the emptiness he experienced when he was alone, and of how my arrival (and yes, I was apparently just as annoying as Bear) gave

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him a new sense of meaning and purpose. I experienced that sense of emptiness and loss when Charlie died, and later found true joy in helping you along your journey of growth and discovery."

"The gift I have been given is the chance to meet and get to know Bear, and to know that your transition from younger dog to older dog will be easier, as you will be spared the pain of loneliness, even for the very shortest of time. That warms my heart and gives me comfort."

At that moment, my

reverie was interrupted by a nudge from that very same Bear of whom Logan had been speaking.

"Cadbury," said Bear, who has now learned to speak and frankly never seems to stop talking, "what are you thinking about? You look like your mind is very far away from here."

I looked down (not that far down, as Bear has grown to be almost as tall as I am) into that ebony black face of his with those big, bright brown eyes looking quizzically and expectantly into mine, and I knew

instantly that the time had come, ready or not, to take up the mantle of elder dog, for better or for worse.

"I was thinking of Logan," I said, "and how pleased he was that you had come into our family. We both miss him terribly, and that is actually a good thing, because it speaks to the positive impact he had on our lives. He wouldn't want us to forget him – we couldn't anyway – but he would want us to focus on the here and now, to take care of each other, and especially our humans, who as you can see are also deeply feeling his loss."

"Would now be a good time to take some toys and go out to the yard and run around?" asked Bear.

"Yes," I said with a short laugh, "but since I am so much older than you, I get a head start."

Logan FitzPatrick
2009-2024

COLUMN

The Intersection of Power, Popularity and Pure Values



By MITCHELL M. HURVITZ

History records many examples of political leaders who make themselves out to appear as if they merely wish to lead the people they serve – but instead want to establish their autocratic power for their self-serving ends.

The Book of Numbers records the story of ancient Israelite demagogue wannabes:

• Korach...Datan and Aviram... all arose before Moses along with two hundred and fifty men from the people of Israel, every one of them princes of the congregation, members of the assembly, and men of renown. They gathered against Moses and Aaron and said: "Don't you have enough?! The entire congregation is holy, and God is in their midst. Why, then, do both of you exercise rule over the congregation of God?!"

Known to us as the "Korach Rebellion," this incident is the first serious challenge to Moses and Aaron's leadership since the Israelites' exodus from Egyptian bondage. The rebels accuse Moses and Aaron of being despots and practicing nepotism, and they hope to utilize a "populist" threat to assume political rule for themselves.

Rabbinic commentary on the "Korach Rebellion" places the incident as occurring soon after the "Sin of the Spies," the incident by which God determines that the slave generation will not be allowed to enter the "Promised Land." The ancient rabbis note that before the "Sin of Spies," the Israelites had never experienced significant negative consequences due to their circumstances. Even after the sin of the "Golden Calf," few suffered God's wrath because Moses succeeded in convincing God to be merciful. During these "good times," there was little risk that any Israelite would tolerate insurrection against Moses and Aaron. Subsequently, power seekers like Korach, Datan, and Aviram had to bide their time. However, after the "Sin of the Spies," the rebels saw their opportunity to seize the power they desired.

The "Korach Rebellion" was defeated because God (who knows the true intentions of one's heart and mind) understood that the rebels were demagogues; so God caused, upon Moses' prompting, the earth to "swallow up" the rebels. The medieval rabbinic commentator Ramban notes that "intense feelings of disappointment and dejection propelled the plans of the malcontents." The warning is that when people confront challenging circumstances, there is a too common temptation to allow the "smoldering cinder of dissatisfaction" to lead to

following people who offer little than their ambitions for power.

Korach, Datan, and Aviram are biblical paradigms for the people who are democratic in their tone and populist in their content, desiring to capture the hearts of the discontented so that they might grab political power. The Talmud notes:

• For Heaven's sake, all disagreements will, in the end, be established. However, disagreements not for Heaven's sake will not be established. What are examples of disagreements that are for Heaven's sake? The disputes between Hillel and Shammai. What is an example of a disagreement, not for Heaven's sake? Korach and all of his cohorts vs. Moses and Aaron.

The Talmud tells us to appreciate anyone with sincere motives and moral concerns. Hillel and Shammai often disagreed strongly with one another, but their motives were always pure. Korach and his cohorts possessed: "insincere motives, such as the goal of securing rule for the love of supremacy. They yield nothing of permanence; they sought honor and power for themselves and perished in the end."

What becomes fascinating in rabbinic commentary is that many rabbis over the centuries asserted that the claims of Korach and his cohorts may have had merit. However, God disqualified them because they had impure and insincere motives, and

"The Talmud tells us to appreciate anyone with sincere motives and moral concerns."

they achieved nothing.

God rejects power-hungry populists who possess self-serving intentions, and we should know from human history the dangers of demagogues and similarly reject them. Early in our Nation's history, George Washington wrote a letter to Marquis de Lafayette explaining why he left retirement to oversee the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Washington stated his primary concern was to prevent a demagogue from gaining power in the politically unstable young Nation, thus risking that the United States of America would be murdered in its infancy. Washington wrote of this concern against the "aspiring demagogue who will not consult the interest of his country so much as his own ambitious views." Washington and other framers of the United States Constitution insisted that our Nation create adequate checks and balances against despotism and tyranny while adopting the power of impeachment.

Demagogues were the threat at our Nation's birth and remained a primary threat as our Nation had its challenges and "growing pains." In 1838, Abraham Lincoln warned against the "men of ambition" and his fear that his fellow Americans, disaffected from

their government, might turn to an "Alexander, a Caesar, or a Napoleon." Lincoln advised to avoid this inclination to follow the people who crave power and instead remain "united with each other, attached to the government and laws."

Unfortunately, our Nation still finds itself drawn to demagogues on both the political left and right. These individuals acquire power and popularity by arousing the emotions, passions, and prejudices within those they lead and projecting an image of caring for their people. Still, their lust for power primarily drives them. These demagogues are narcissistic and lack humility.

It would be nice if God could simply come and "swallow up" the worst of the demagogues, but, unfortunately, we need to discern best who is a threat to our overall public's best interests. Checks and balances need to stay firmly in place, and anyone utilizing prejudicial language needs to be called out. Many people can significantly disagree on a political issue. If they argue for Heaven's Sake, we should learn to be civil and consider the arguments. But, those who do not argue for Heaven's Sake should be roundly rejected for those who do.

LETTER

Thank you Mayor Marino



By FRED CAMILLO

On Sunday, June 30th, 2024, we gathered on the Greenwich-Port Chester border

to remember the tragic fire that occurred at Gulliver's 50 years ago.

I want to thank Port Chester Mayor Luis Marino and Port Chester Village Manager Stuart Rabin for partnering with our Town to make the remembrance a reality. It was an example of the close relationship between our two communities that has long existed and that continues to grow.

I also want to thank the fire and police departments

of both Greenwich and Port Chester as well as the many volunteers who attended the ceremony. Several were there that surreal night long ago fighting the fire and rescuing so many, including colleagues that were hospitalized due to smoke inhalation. These first responders, our neighbors, friends, and relatives, experienced something that night that has stayed with them for five decades.

Finally, to the relatives of the

24 young people that perished in the blaze back in 1974, I pledge to continue to work with our friends in Port Chester to get a memorial plaque, sign, or statue placed near the sight so that the memory of the 24 men and women, and the modern day building codes as well as state and Federal laws that followed in the wake of the tragedy, will be acknowledged by all who travel by this location. These codes and laws have saved the lives of untold numbers of

people over the past 50 years due to capacity limits for indoor spaces, construction materials, and sprinkler systems as well as the requirement of more than one entrance and exit, things that were not present or required in 1974.

May God bless the victims we lost that day, may He continue to look over their loved ones who never stop thinking about what might have been had this tragic event

never happened, and may He continue to bless all those first responders that night and every one that has responded to alarms since that night and who will continue to respond, so that tragedies like the Gullivers fire become something in the distant past.

Fred Camillo
First Selectman
Town of Greenwich

COLUMN

The Surprising Link Between Water and Your Brain Power

By TERESA ALASIO MD

Ever wondered why you're feeling foggy-headed, or why your afternoon productivity plummets? The answer might be as simple as a glass of water. Water makes up a whopping 60 to 70 percent of our body weight. Yet, shockingly, up to 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated, and seniors are especially at risk.

Dehydration doesn't just make you thirsty—it affects your brain in profound ways. Even being just 1% dehydrated can cause a 5% decrease in cognitive function. And if you hit 2%, you could start experiencing short-term memory loss and trouble with basic math. Prolonged dehydration? That can cause your brain cells to shrink, a condition common among elderly individuals who have been

dehydrated for years.

Recognize the Signs

It's crucial to recognize the telltale signs of dehydration to avoid these debilitating effects. Typical symptoms include a dry mouth, dark urine, fatigue, dizziness, a rapid heart rate, and muscle cramps. Thirst, surprisingly, isn't always the most reliable indicator. Your brain could be crying out for water long before you feel thirsty.

Mental symptoms of dehydration are even more startling. Depression, afternoon fatigue, sleep issues, poor focus, short-term and working memory decline, lack of mental clarity, and even hallucinations can all be linked to inadequate hydration.

The Brain's Dependence on Water

Since the brain cannot store water, it's essential to continuously hydrate. A well-hydrated brain functions at its best, helping you think faster, focus more clearly, and maintain better mental clarity. Dehydration can be incredibly dangerous, particularly for the elderly, leading to severe health issues like seizures and kidney problems.

How Much Water?

To prevent dehydration, drink plenty of fluids and eat foods high in water such as fruits and vegetables. Aim for at least 6 to 8 cups of water each day, more if you're in a hot climate or engaging in vigorous exercise. The old adage of eight glasses a day is a good start, but there's more to it.

Water and Electrolytes: A Perfect Pair

Don't forget about electrolytes—key minerals like sodium, potassium, and magnesium that regulate your heartbeat, blood pressure, fluid balance, and muscle contractions. Dehydration can lead to an electrolyte imbalance, so it's vital to consume foods that help maintain these levels.

Fruits and veggies are your best friends in this fight. They can help you avoid electrolyte imbalance while keeping you hydrated. Around 20 percent of your daily water intake comes from food. Here are some top hydrating options:

- Cucumbers: 96% water
- Tomatoes: 95% water
- Spinach: 93% water
- Watermelon: 92% water
- Mushrooms: 92% water

- Cantaloupe: 91% water

- Broccoli: 90% water

- Peaches: 88% water

- Brussels sprouts: 86 % water

Three Tips to Boost Your Hydration

1. Simply Increase Your Water Intake: Make a conscious effort to drink more water throughout the day.

2. Add Some Flavor: Enjoy herbal teas and flavored seltzers to keep things interesting.

3. Keep Track: Use a daily log or a wearable device like a Fitbit to make proper hydration a habit.

The Bottom Line

We all lose water daily through sweat, bathroom breaks, and even breathing. It can be easy to let your fluid intake slide,

especially when you're busy. But keeping hydrated isn't just about quenching your thirst—it's about keeping your brain sharp and your body healthy. So, grab that glass of water and toast to your brain health. Your mind and body will thank you.

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COLUMN

HSS Provides Spine Patients a Lifeline



By STEVEN J. MCANANY, MD

When I was 16 years old, I had a waterskiing accident in which I suffered a serious spinal injury. The accident left me with debilitating pain and dysfunction from foot drop. I quickly went from being a recruited athlete to being unable to walk down the halls at my high school.

I had spine surgery along with restoration of mobility, and over time, was fortunate to resume normal living and return to sports. It was a hallmark moment for me, going from being disabled back to normal. I had been interested in being a doctor for some time but following the accident, I was inspired to help others recover just as I had. My goal was to become a spine surgeon, and I've spent the last 18-plus years realizing that goal.

Back and Neck: \$120 Billion

Back and neck care represents \$100-120 billion in annualized healthcare costs,

which places a tremendous burden on the healthcare system. With the rise in screen and phone use, I'm seeing more patients present with neck and lower back pathology. Humans are not constructed to look down at our devices all the time; it's not an ergonomic position.

The most common spine conditions we see at HSS are degenerative conditions of the spine. Disc herniations often cause these conditions in the neck or lower back. Some patients present with arm or leg pain, tingling or weakness. The most common procedures I handle involve the cervical spine, requiring cervical disc replacement or cervical discectomy infusion. These procedures represent about 70 percent of my practice.

Patients come to see me because pain is a strong motivator. Yet, pain alone doesn't dictate the need for surgery. Through imaging and other exploration, we often find a more concerning sensory symptom, which may indicate a more profound problem such as spinal cord compression or dysfunction. We can manage patient back and neck pain through physical therapy,

medications and injections. When we find more serious conditions, we start to think about how surgery can help treat these symptoms.

Treatment Pyramid

We treat each patient based on where she or he is in their patient journey. Do they have an acute problem, a sub-acute problem or a chronic issue? Our treatment protocols are guided by their current physical state and the types of treatment modalities they may have already tried to address their condition.

We consider our approach as a treatment pyramid, with the surgeon at the top. The broader base of the pyramid includes non-invasive modalities such as physical therapy, medical management and lifestyle modifications, such as weight loss if needed. As you move up the pyramid, we increase the level of treatment invasiveness to include elements such as physiatry and pain management, perhaps using interventional injections. Once a patient progresses through this level, if their condition has not improved and their symptoms match the imaging findings, we start to have a surgical discussion.

My guiding principle is to do the smallest surgery least invasively to restore the greatest amount of function.

Cutting-Edge Treatments

During my surgical training, I was lucky enough to work with specialists who were at the forefront of developing and advancing minimally invasive spine surgery. Minimally invasive surgery offers a host of benefits: faster recoveries, less impact on surrounding tissues, and less collateral damage from surgeries. As I began my practice, I wanted to focus on pushing minimally invasive techniques forward. My guiding principle is to do the smallest surgery least invasively to restore the greatest amount of function.

In terms of new technologies, we're using tiny incisions, tubes and even microscopes during a procedure for greater visibility and to avoid cutting through muscle from the anterior or lateral positions.

Robotics and Navigation

The goal of spine surgery

with robotics is to improve the accuracy in placing pedicle screws, which we insert in the lumbar thoracic spine as part of a fusion procedure. Historically, a surgeon using a freehand technique with anatomic landmarks, experience and training would have an accuracy rate of 97 percent. Robotics can help us boost that figure to 98, 99 or 100 percent accuracy. There are exciting developments on the horizon for robotics.

Next Generation Treatments

HSS is also partnering with spine device manufacturers who are focused on developing the next generation of spine treatment technologies. Through these collaborations, we have an opportunity to try new technologies, share results with our peers, help determine the best applications, improve innovations, and push the envelope.

HSS is also involved with

different spine societies which host informative meetings. These affiliations offer a peer review process where we learn from other experts about what's working, what's not and the latest available technologies.

At HSS, our most rewarding experience is treating patients suffering for a long time. Many have had medications or injections from other providers and are bouncing around the medical ecosystem. Some have been told they are not surgical candidates, and nothing can be done to help them. They're at the end of their rope and seek definitive care and treatments to return to the life they used to live.

A common refrain from patients at their initial post-op visit is, "Why did it take me so long to find you? I suffered for so long, and now I'm better." If a patient tells me I'm 90 percent better than I was pre-surgery and feels better each day, that's an ideal outcome.

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conversations with Pete our postman. And I like to make my coffee exactly the way I like it, and then drink it from my favorite mug.

And if I am being completely honest, being at home feels safe. Flying makes me nervous, changing time zones is exhausting, the logistics of travel are frustrating, and packing and unpacking - and then packing and unpacking, and then packing and unpacking again - my carry-on with a week's worth of clothes...is annoying.

Is it all worth it?

Much has been said about the benefits of time off. Even the very act of planning a break can be valuable. Our mind gets uncluttered, our stress levels drop, and without attending to a long list of to-do's, we are able to be more creative and more productive.

And if you need convincing, Lin-Manuel Miranda conceived of Hamilton while on vacation.

"It's no accident that the best idea I've ever had in my life - perhaps maybe the best one I'll ever have in my life - came to me on vacation," he shared. "The moment my brain got a moment's rest, Hamilton walked into it."

And although Hamilton did not walk into my uncluttered brain while I was away, I did have moments where I was enlightened by new

Without rest, our lives are achy and unsustainable, and we want more than to sustain - we want to thrive.

learning and broader thinking.

Let's start with the fanny pack that I brought with me - and, as the name suggests, belongs on the fanny. What I learned on our trip is that the fanny pack is no longer worn on the fanny but rather across the chest. Fascinating.

And I was reminded that it's a big world out there and that there are many ways to live a life, and that my way may not be the best way. And how different my life would be had I been born in a small fishing village in Norway or on a farm at the foot of a glacier rather than in the United States, just outside of New York City.

And that change in perspective is a gift. It makes me more humble - and even grateful - knowing I really had no part in that decision. And although looking out my window at the Long Island Sound is beyond breathtaking, so is the view from the top of a mountain or along the cobblestoned streets of an ancient civilization.

I worry when I travel that I will eat too much and come home heavier, but somehow, I always feel lighter, no matter what the scale says. Because those worries that weigh me down are lifted, as if the distance traveled has allowed me to unload and unleash.

It's strange. I do not even realize the weight until it's gone, because I had grown so accustomed to it. All of those things that felt critically important seem to shift into proper place and no longer feel critical.

And going away pushes me out of my comfort zone, and going away with my husband makes me stare down my greatest fears.

He is an adventurer at heart. Me, not so much.

So whether it is hanging off the side of a cliff, feeling the turbulent air from the inside the cabin of a fixed blade aircraft, or breathing deeply from a sea kayak in rough waters, it reminds me that I am alive, and I am always better for having pushed through that which had been holding me back.

On vacation, the sometimes-fledging spiritual part of me ignites. I look out at the pure beauty of a fjord created thousands and thousands of years ago by a retreating glacier and stand in awe of the perfection. Or I count the number of places of worship that are constructed everywhere, no matter how small the settlement, quaint the hamlet or how large the city. These places are lovely and divine and they reinforce my faith and

chip away at my own doubt.

It is clear to me that time away is valuable. But even time spent doing less is beneficial.

I take an exercise class in town, and a very fit instructor mentioned to me that her body is always sore. She said she creeps out of bed in the morning, muscles aching.

I asked her if she ever took a day off? Well, no.

And yet, our bodies, like our minds and souls, need time to recover.

So, whether it's airplane mode or do not disturb on your iPhone, or your company voicemail stating, "Hi you have reached ... I will be out of the office until ...," we need to pause and unplug.

Without rest, our lives are achy and unsustainable, and we want more than to sustain - we want to thrive.

"You're back!" shout the hydrangeas, strutting their stuff proudly in a breeze. I toss my bursting carry-on aside, tired from the travel, happy to see the cats waiting for me at the computer and the dogs eyeing me from the back porch with balls in their mouths.

And this simple moment, the return, may be my favorite part of any journey, because being away gives me the chance to miss what I have, and long for that which I have taken for granted.

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THE NEWS

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Community Photo Contest will run from July 1 to July 31, 2024, inviting residents to submit photos of the town's parks and recreational facilities. Participants must be 18 or older, with up to four high-quality, filter-free photos per person, taken within Greenwich and free of identifiable individuals. Winners, announced in mid-August, will receive prizes, and entries may be used by the department for various purposes. Please contact pnrecs@greenwichct.gov with any questions. Submit photos here: <https://www.greenwichct.gov/FormCenter/Parks-and-Rec-29/Photo-ContestLove-of-PR-309>

Visitors to Town Hall can view the Wallace Center Members Summer Art Show in the first-floor hallway until August. The exhibit features various paintings by Wallace Center members, formerly known as the Greenwich Senior Center, available for purchase. The paintings are on display during regular Town Hall hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 4 pm.

The Alliance Française of Greenwich will raise the French flag at Greenwich Town Hall on July 12th to celebrate Bastille Day, marking the storming of the Bastille in 1789. The ceremony will include a proclamation, national anthems, and recognition of student projects honoring the Marquis de Lafayette's visit. Upcoming events related to Lafayette's tour will also be noted.

AROUND TOWN

On June 30, the Greenwich community and neighboring areas commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Gulliver's NightClub Fire, with officials reflecting on the event. The tragedy led to advancements in fire prevention, building safety, and first responder training. Mayor Luis A. Marino and First Selectman Fred Camillo were thanked for organizing the event.

A reminder now that summer and hot weather are both in full swing. The National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) warns that drowning can happen quickly and silently, often within 20 to 60 seconds. If a child is missing, check the pool first. Every second counts.

Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and the local administration are organizing a ceremony to honor Korean War veterans, with details to be finalized soon. The aim is to gather information from veterans and their families for recognition. Contact Ken Borsuk at ken.borsuk@greenwichct.gov or 203-622-7702 for more information.

With the school year ending, families relying on the district's free lunch program can access state-sponsored assistance to ensure their children are fed during the summer. Free meals for children aged 18 and under will be available at various locations, which can be found online or by texting "SUMMER MEALS" to 914-342-7744.

The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes Parish will host the annual Carnival of Fun from July 10 to July 13. The event will include live music, games, rides, a nightly 50/50 cash prize raffle, and food from local vendors. Proceeds will support the parish's social services, including food and clothing distribution and aid for Ukraine.

The Greenwich Board of Selectmen will join the Greenwich Youth Conservation Program (GYCP) teens to plant trees at Greenwich Point, showing support for the summer work program managed by the Greenwich Departments of Human Services and Parks and Recreation. Established in 1978, the GYCP involves local teens in conservation projects and provides job experience. The event is scheduled for July 16, with a rain date of July 17, and interested attendees are encouraged to RSVP.

On Tuesday, the Connecticut Mosquito Management Program announced that mosquitoes near the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center in Old Greenwich tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV), the first detection in Greenwich this year. Similar cases have been reported in nearby towns, and Greenwich has implemented a larviciding program to reduce mosquito populations. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that WNV is the leading mosquito-borne disease in the U.S., with no vaccines or specific treatments available.

Palmer Hill Road in Greenwich may receive a "scenic roadway" designation, offering greater protection from future alterations and public works projects. The application, submitted by two District 12 Representative Town Meeting members, emphasizes the road's historical significance, including an old stone bridge over the Mianus River. If approved, any changes to the road would require additional public input and approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Plans for a new residential development in Glenville, involving a two-and-a-half-story building with 15 rental units, are facing criticism due to concerns over the removal of the Mansion's porte-cochere and several old trees. The Mansion, built in 1886, would be preserved as part of the project. The proposal is currently under review by the town's Historic District Commission to ensure it aligns with the Historic Overlay Zone guidelines.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

After a recent health-related leave, Lucy Langley, Co-Executive Director of The Undies Project, has decided to retire. Langley co-founded The Undies Project in 2015, providing new underwear to those in need, distributing nearly 600,000 undergarments to over 50 organizations in the Tri-State Area. Since moving to Greenwich in 2002, Langley has been a volunteer, working to build and sustain the non-profit organization.

Greenwich's annual sidewalk sales,

organized by the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, will host nearly 100 vendors on Greenwich Avenue and nearby streets until Sunday, July 14. Sponsored by Orthopaedic and Neurosurgery Specialists, the event runs daily from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. except on July 14, when it closes at 5 p.m. Shoppers are advised to wear comfortable shoes and utilize alternative parking options due to expected congestion along the Avenue.

Last weekend, ten students from Christ Church Greenwich, led by Youth Director Josh Barton, participated in the Midnight Run. They packed food, including turkey and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, at the church. Then, they drove to New York City at night to distribute these meals and socks to those in need.

Greenwich Versailles Farm donated a variety of fresh produce to Neighbor to Neighbor, including kale, Swiss chard, and buttercrunch lettuce. This contribution supports local families with nutritious greens.

The Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament Fundraiser was held at the Greenwich Country Club with support from players, donors, co-chairs Peter Carlson, Melissa Graham, and Dave Osborn, and lead sponsors Aristeia Capital, L.L.C., and FLOWCODE. Winners were recognized, and there is anticipation for next year's event.

Summer Friday Hours began at the Main Library last Friday. From July 5 through August 30, the library will close at 5 PM each Friday. Visitors should come early to get their weekend reading materials.

Ashley Rodon, Bob Capazzo, and Adam Vohra met with First Selectman Fred Camillo to discuss The Rodon Foundation's work and upcoming events, including a planned event in Greenwich on September 30. The foundation, associated with New York Yankees' pitcher Carlos Rodon, is a registered 501(c)3 organization. The meeting aimed to support their efforts and explore collaboration.



Last weekend marked the grand reopening of Greenwich Animal Hospital, a key provider of animal care since the 1950s, following significant renovations. The event also featured Adopt-A-Dog, which received a positive response for its pet adoption efforts. The hospital's updated facility aims to better serve animals and support adoption initiatives. *[Local Businesses and Non Profits: Greenwich Animal Hospital: photo from Fred Camillo, community connections]*

Neighbor to Neighbor has surpassed 8,000 deliveries through its partnership with DoorDash's Project DASH, part of a national total of over 6 million deliveries. Since 2022, Neighbor to Neighbor has used DoorDash to provide weekly food deliveries to over 130 households in Greenwich. The organization acknowledges the support of the Greenwich Department of Human Services, particularly in assisting individuals with disabilities.

GrahamBerries, organic blueberries from Abilis, are available for a limited time at locations in Greenwich. Berries can be purchased from Abilis Gardens & Gifts, The Café at Greenwich Library, Island Beach Concession Stand, Cos Cob Firehouse, Old Greenwich Farmers Market, and Greenwich Town Hall. 50 Glenville Street, Greenwich, Connecticut. Sourced from "Blueberry Hill" farm in New York, these berries are named after Graham Orzulak, an Abilis community member. Priced at \$12 per quart, \$8 per pint, and \$5 per half-pint, orders can be placed by calling Abilis Gardens & Gifts at 203-531-GIFT.

A Greenwich restaurant, L'Escale, has been honored with Wine Spectator's 2024 Best of Award of Excellence, joining 3,700 global establishments. The awards recognize restaurants with extensive and well-curated wine lists, categorized into three tiers: Award of Excellence, Best of Award of Excellence, and Grand Award. L'Escale's recognition places it among 1,531 restaurants worldwide that demonstrate exceptional wine programs.

Barbara's House in Greenwich received an \$85,000 state grant to support summer mental health programming for the next two years. This funding is part of a \$2 million allocation to various local entities under the Connecticut State Department of Education's Summer Mental Health Supports Grant program, funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This grant is the third round of ARPA-funded grants for improving access to mental health services for Connecticut's youth.

"James," a novel by Percival Everett, provides the perspective of Jim, a runaway slave from "Huckleberry Finn," and has been selected for this year's Greenwich Reads Together program. Everett will visit Greenwich in October to discuss the book, which has been well-received by major publications. The program includes various activities and discussions, with registration for the event opening in September.

The Greenwich Historical Society acquired "Front Porch," a painting by John Henry Twachtman from 1896-1899, depicting his home's entrance on Round Hill Road, linked to the Cos Cob Art Colony. This acquisition underscores their dedication to preserving this influential period in American art, celebrated with a donor reception in June. Notably, John Nelson, a contributor, resides in Twachtman's former home, adding a personal connection to the artistic legacy of the region.

The League of Women Voters Greenwich

honored four individuals at their annual dinner at Riverside Yacht Club on June 5. LB Savitz received the Mary Award for dedication to the League and community, named after Mary Sullivan and Mary Lou Woods. Deirdre Kamrani was recognized with the Burnett Award for contributions strengthening LWV Greenwich, while Mary Hegarty and Fred DeCaro received the Community Impact Award for promoting civic engagement.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Ella Whitridge, a 16-year-old student at Greenwich High School, observed the deteriorated condition of American Legion Post 29 in Glenville and initiated a fundraiser for its cleanup. Located at 248 Glenville Road and owned by Greenwich, the project received initial approval from the Board of Selectmen on June 27 but requires further town approvals and funding. First Selectman Fred Camillo intends to allocate funds for repairs, and Whitridge established www.teensanswerthecall.org for donation updates.

Seaman Seth Kim graduated as the top performer from Recruit Training Command on June 20, receiving the Military Excellence Award (MEA). Kim emphasized that achieving this award represents a crucial achievement in his naval career, reflecting on the goals he set with his family before entering boot camp. He aimed to excel daily as a recruit and views winning the MEA as a humbling yet empowering validation of his dedication and future potential.

SCHOOLS



Greenwich Public Schools announced the appointment of Mrs. Lauren Bird as the new assistant principal at Cos Cob School. Mrs. Bird brings 15 years of educational experience in Connecticut and will work with Principal Kerry Gavin to support the school community and achieve its goals. She previously served as assistant principal at Cider Mill and Miller-Driscoll Schools in Wilton and holds degrees in Elementary Education, Curriculum and Instruction, and Educational Leadership from the University of Connecticut.



Greenwich Public Schools has announced the appointment of Mr. David Cheris as the new assistant principal at Parkway School, effective immediately. Cheris, who has 16 years of experience in education, will support Principal Mary Grandville and the school community. He replaces Mr. Matthew Cerruto, who has transferred to Western Middle School.

Greenwich Public Schools' nurses have secured a new labor agreement with a 7.5 percent salary increase over three years, alongside higher healthcare costs. Represented by United Public Services Employees Union, Unit 90, the contract was approved by the Representative Town Meeting on June 10 and runs through 2027. It includes annual wage hikes of 2.5 percent, increased healthcare contributions, revised snow day policies, and seniority-based criteria for summer school assignments.

Don Smith from Western Middle School has been chosen as Greenwich's nominee for the 2025 Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award, highlighting his dedication. The Connecticut State Department of Education will assess candidates statewide over the summer and announce the award in the fall. Smith's commitment to inclusivity and positive impact on students and staff at WMS was noted in the school newsletter.

The Greenwich High School chess team, led by president Maximillian Lu and co-captain Elias Orrell, won the 2024 Connecticut State Scholastic Chess Club of the Year award. They achieved success in the FCICL league and the state high school championship. Additionally, Maximillian Lu was inducted into the Connecticut State Chess Hall of Fame for his contributions to the game.

SPORTS

The Greenwich Croquet Club held the 34th Greenwich Invitational 6-Wicket Croquet Tournament at Bruce Park, attracting players nationwide. The event, sanctioned by the US Croquet Association, featured competitive play across two levels and highlighted croquet's unique handicap system. Membership in the club has significantly grown, with most members now being Greenwich residents.

Colin Zeller, a standout midfielder for Greenwich High School, achieved USA Lacrosse/CHSCA All-State Class LL First Team recognition for his impressive performance during the 2024 season, contributing significantly to the

team's offensive prowess and leadership as one of the captains. The Cardinals, led by Zeller and his teammates including George Weiksner, who earned USA Lacrosse/CHSCA Academic All-America honors, concluded their season with a 10-9 record, reaching the quarterfinal rounds of both the FCIC and CIAC Class LL Tournaments.

Maggie Bacigalupo and Payton Sfreddo, graduates of Sacred Heart Greenwich, were named 2024 USA Lacrosse/CHSCA All-America honorees for their contributions to the varsity lacrosse team. The team finished the season with a 15-3 record, ranking 16th nationally in the USA Lacrosse High School Girls' National Top 25 Rankings.

Emma Abbazia, a recent graduate of Greenwich High School, earned CHSCA/USA Lacrosse Connecticut 2024 All-America recognition for her exceptional performance during the Cardinals' girls lacrosse season, where she contributed significantly to both offensive play and team success. Abbazia, committed to the University of Maryland for lacrosse, concluded her high school career with notable achievements including surpassing 200 career goals and leading Greenwich to competitive tournament appearances.

Greenwich Academy's Varsity A lacrosse team capped a successful season by winning the FAA Tournament title, with multiple players earning All-NEPSAC honors. Dylan Casazza led the team's offensive charge, accumulating 101 points and securing a place on the All-NEPSAC Team, while teammates Katie Barr and Lila Cabot received recognition for their contributions to the team's achievements.

LOCAL POLITICS

Greenwich's State Representatives have announced funding for upgrades to the Greenwich Library's elevators. A consultant's report from 2023 highlighted the need for these improvements, which are estimated to cost \$865,000 and will include safety enhancements and ADA compliance. The Greenwich House Delegation secured \$400,000 for the project.

The Republican primary in Town is on August 13. Verify your voter information and ensure you are registered. Absentee ballots are available from July 23, and in-person early voting at Town Hall is available for seven days before the primary.

FROM HARTFORD

On Tuesday, Attorney General William Tong launched an investigation into Capulet Entertainment after numerous complaints about the abrupt collapse of the "Capulet Fest 2024" music festival. The event, originally set for June 28-30 at Thompson Motor Speedway, was relocated to a smaller indoor venue in Hartford one day before its start, leading to many band withdrawals and the cancellation of the final day. The Attorney General's office has demanded information from Capulet Entertainment regarding the planning, venue change, and refunds.

ACROSS CT

Avoid Shorebird Nesting Areas

State environmental officials are urging beachgoers to avoid shorebird nesting areas, as these birds are protected by law. DEEP has marked and closed certain nesting sites, advising the public to stay at least 25 feet away. Recreational activities are banned at three state-owned sites to prevent disturbances to nesting birds.

Trader Joe's Recalls Scented Candle

Trader Joe's has recalled its "Mango Tangerine Scented Candle" due to a burn risk from an unexpected flame pattern. Customers are advised to stop using the candle and return it for a full refund. No injuries or fires have been reported, but there have been online accounts of the issue. Contact (626) 599-3817 or <https://www.traderjoes.com/home/contact-us/product-feedback> with any question.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Stamford Health Launches Firefighter Cancer Program

Stamford Health has launched a pilot program to address the significant cancer risk faced by firefighters. This initiative involves specialized health screenings and care tailored to the unique risks of the profession. The program aims to improve overall wellness and is expected to expand to more departments across Connecticut.

Green & Tonic Expands to Stamford

Green & Tonic will open a new location at 54 West Park Place, Stamford in August 2024, with additional stores planned for Glenville and Old Greenwich this year. The plant-based eatery offers a gluten-free menu, including custom salads and meal boxes. Established in 2012, Green & Tonic now has six locations across Fairfield and Westchester counties.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Fred Camillo has a quote at the bottom of his emails that we have enjoyed reading for years. We wanted to share it with you:

**Talent is God-given; be humble.
Fame is man-given; be grateful.
Conceit is self-given; be careful.**

-John Wooden

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. *Wednesday Nights at Harvest Time: Each Wednesday in July there will be great worship, the Word, and fellowship, at 7pm. Creative Team Open Call: Saturday, July 13, 9:30am. Pastor Mary Bard & Liberty Worship: Wednesday, July 17, 7pm. Anchor Night! for Young Adults: Friday, July 19, 7pm.*

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. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. 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 with questions. Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 & March 14), stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose. New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There's no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes or even Catholic, you just need to be registered. If interested, please contact Parish Partners at (203-637-3661, ext. 375). *Language Mass Summer Schedule: French language Mass will be on hiatus for the month of August and will resume in September at St. Agnes Chapel. For the month of July, the Spanish language Mass will take place in St. Agnes Chapel at 9:30am. The Italian language Mass will be on hiatus for the months of July & August and will resume in September at St. Agnes Chapel. 'Back to School' Drive for JFS of Greenwich Newcomers. Carnival of Fun: Friday, July 12, 6-11pm & Saturday, July 13, 5-11pm.*

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.

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
christiansciencet.org/greenwich

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

COMMUNITY

First Church of Round Hill
464 Round Hill Rd;
203-629-3876
www.firstchurchofroundhill.com

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. *Summer Worship Schedule: July 28. Fall Worship Schedule resumes Sept. 8.*

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children's Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. *Back To School Drive for JFS of Greenwich Newcomers: items will need to be delivered by Thursday, July 18, roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/breakfast-run-4rem.*

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. *Beach Services: June 9 to August 25, 8-9am, Greenwich Point Beach. Women's Fellowship Socials: June 24 to Aug. 26, 5:30-7pm, Sue Baker Pavilion, Tod's Point. Junior/Senior/College Pilgrim and Advisors Reunion Church Auditorium: July 20, 5-8pm.*

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 in our air-conditioned Chapel at 9:30am. Children's Chapel during worship.

EPISCOPAL

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

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

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

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

son or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this mid-week service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Celebrate our 275th with Dinner and Dancing: Friday, Sept. 13, 6:30pm.*

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. Summer Sundays feature preaching by our priest in charge, the Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp, and the music of Marnus Greyling. Children are always welcome in church, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Come take a breath with us this summer.* Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

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

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs - drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. *The first in a weekly three part series led by Pastor Emilie entitled "What Does the Bible ACTUALLY Say About Gender & Sexuality?": Thursday, July 11, 18 & 25, 7-8:30pm, on Zoom. Worship in the Meadow: Sunday, July 14, 9:30am.*

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

JEWISH

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

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. *Shabbat Luncheon: Saturday, July 13, 11:30am, Services begin 9am, RSVP at maryashie@chabadgreenwich.org.*

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

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-8:30pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: Saturdays, 10-11:30am, on Zoom. *Beach Shabbat Service: Friday, July 19, 7-9, Tod's Point Beach.*

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Summer Shabbat Services: Services are held most Friday nights in the GRS sanctuary. In addition, several Shabbat services in July and August will be held at the home of GRS member families, featuring bring-your-own picnic dinners. For dates and location, contact Vera@GRS.org. Family Shabbat Picnic Services: July 19, at the home of GRS member families, for details and to RSVP, contact Vera@GRS.org.*

Temple Sholom

300 E. Putnam Ave.;
203-869-7191
www.templesholom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Shabbat Study: Saturdays, July 13, 20 & 27*, 9am, via Zoom. Game Night: Mah Jongg & Canasta hosted by Sisterhood: Monday, July 15, 7-9:15pm. Lunch 'n Learn: Mini-Series with Rabbi Gisel: Tuesday, July 16 12pm.*

LUTHERAN

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

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

METHODIST

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

In-person & Online Worship Service every Sunday, 10am, followed by a time of Fellowship. Wednesday Noonday Prayer & Wednesday Evening Bible Study. (Details at diamondhill.com).

First United Methodist Church
59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584
www.fumcgreenwich.com

Sunday Worship, 9:30am (except the last Sunday of the month at 10:30am). Virtual Daily Gathering: Mon-Fri, 3pm, Zoom. Talking with Your Hands: Mon, 3pm. Reading this World as a Christian: Tue, 3pm. Back to Rock - music with Mr. Bruce: Tue, 3pm, via Zoom. Reading the Shape of Scripture: Wed, 3pm, via Zoom. Spring Bible Study: Thu, 3pm, via Zoom. Tea & Talk: Fri 3pm, via Zoom.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal
42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

Worship via teleconference: Sun, 11am and until further notice (Dial-in number: 425-436-6380, Access code: 612220).

NONDENOMINATIONAL

Dineletown Community Church
376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

Sunday Service: 10:30am. Philip Antinone - Chaplain.

Revive Church

90 Harding Rd., Old Greenwich (Old Greenwich Civic Center)
www.myrevive.org

Worship Service: Sun, 10am, Holiday Inn 980 Hope St, Stamford. Online Sermons available on Facebook (facebook.com/myrevivechurchgreenwich) and on Youtube. All groups are online. Direct any prayer needs to the prayer chain at 203-536-2686 or revivecfm@gmail.com.

Stanwich Church

202 Taconic Rd.; 203-661-4420
www.stanwichchurch.org

Sunday Evening Worship Service: 6pm at Stanwich Church, unless otherwise noted. Nursery is offered when at Stanwich Church. *July 7: Praise and Worship Night outdoors at Winfield Street Coffee, 96 Broad St., Stamford; July 14: Teach and Equip Night with Richard Williams from Pivot Ministries, teaching on John 8:36 and how we can live out our freedom in Christ; July 21: Communion and Fellowship Night with games, food, and live music featuring guest pianist Jon Werking from Liberty University School of Music; July 28: Prayer and Share Night focused on finding freedom in Christ as we pray for those who are bound physically, emotionally, and spiritually. *In case of inclement weather, July 7 moves to Stanwich Church; check website for updates: stanwichchurch.org.*

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

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Spiritual, Psychic & Healing Fair: Saturday, July 13, 11am-4pm, Free admission. Virtual Healing Service: Thursday, July 18, 7-7:30pm, Contact: CSDPastor@gmail.com for Zoom Link.*

Trinity Church

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

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich; 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. *Serving with the Fuller Center: July 13 & August 24, 12-3pm. SummerQuest 2024: July 29 to August 3, 8am-1pm.*

PRESBYTERIAN

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Beach Services: June 16 to July 28, 8:30am. Women's Book Club: Friday, July 19.*

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

Worship: Sundays, 8:45 & 10:45am, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

Living Hope Community Church

38 West End Ave;
203-637-3669
www.LivingHopect.org

In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm. Online. Register and more information: livinghopect.org/resources/alpha. *Old Greenwich Farmers Market: Wednesdays through October 30, 2:30-6pm, Rain or shine, oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com. Body Life Basics - New Member Class: Sunday, June 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 8:30-9:30am. Delta course Co-Ed Lunchtime: Wednesday, July 17 & 24, 12-1:30pm.*

Obituaries



IDA PETRONE

Ida Adelina Petrone (Cervi), a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on July 7 at her home in Cos Cob, CT, surrounded by her loving family.

The daughter of the late Ernest and Carmella (DeMarco) Cervi, Ida was born December 3, 1929, in Port Chester, NY. Ida lived a life full of love, joy, and dedication to her family. She met her husband Joseph Petrone, a World War II veteran, in 1947 while working at his music store in Port Chester. They were married in January 1948 at St. Roch's Church in Greenwich and moved to Cos Cob soon after, where they raised their three children. Ida has been a beloved fixture in Cos Cob ever since.

Ida cherished her family—her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—and will always be remembered for her special love and devotion. She enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, and her favorite place to be was in her loving home, surrounded by family. Alongside her grandchildren, she became an avid fan of professional wrestling and the New York Yankees. Rarely seen without her favorite apron, Ida had a passion for baking and was widely known for her amazing cookies, which she readily shared with everyone she encountered. Four generations of her family were fortunate to enjoy her beautifully wrapped home-baked cookies, a staple at every special occasion.

Ida is survived by her three children, Joseph Petrone (Angel), John Petrone (Michael Cohen), and JoAnn Fronio; her five grandchildren, Michael (Kendra), Kevin, and Joseph Petrone (Ania), Joseph Fronio (Maura) and Jennifer Fronio Colabella (Michael); and her eleven great-grandchildren, Ava, Mickey, Vincent, Raymond, Annabelle and Joey-Mae Petrone, Erin, Seamus and Kasey Fronio, and Mikey and Johnny Colabella; her sister Ann DeMarco and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband, parents, son-in-law John Fronio, Jr., and her siblings Amelia Stingone and Raymond, Dominick, and Ernest Cervi.

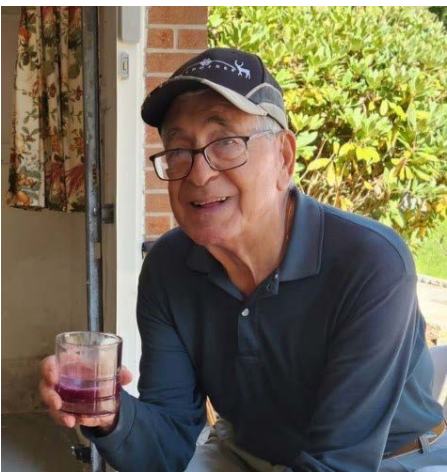
We are blessed to have had Ida in our lives for so many years. Though she will be missed every day, her love and the beautiful memories we share will remain in our hearts forever.

A funeral mass for family and friends was held at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside on July 10. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org

The family would like to thank her loving caregiver, E. Katerine Kakhidze, who was a guardian angel to Ida.

To leave an online condolence, please visit lacerenzafh.com



JOSEPH DE VITA

Joseph De Vita, of Greenwich, passed away July 7 at age 94. He was born in Rose, Italy on April 16, 1930, to Eugenio and Angelina De Vita. Joseph immigrated to the US in 1955 and began working for DeLuca Construction, where he was a superintendent. Upon retirement, he returned to work as a Project Manager for Xhema Construction.

Joseph was an avid golfer, often found on Hubbard Heights or The Griff. He, along with his loving wife of 70 years, Rose, enjoyed many beautiful winters in Naples, Florida, along with travel to destinations around the world. The couple also took to the dance floor and were an amazing team of ballroom dancers. Joseph loved to tend to his garden, most proud of his fig tree, and he would enjoy making his homemade wine and soppresata.

Joseph leaves behind his devoted wife, Rose, his cherished son Carmine De Vita and his wife Barbara, along with dear grandchildren, Michael De Vita (Melissa) and Lisa Salvatore (Michael) and great grandchildren, Isabella, Leonardo, Charlie and Giulia.

To honor Joseph's life, family and friends gathered on Thursday at Cox & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. A service will take

place Friday at Ilam. Entombment will follow at Putnam Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Parsonage Cottage & Nathaniel Witherell for their exemplary care. For more information or to place an online condolence, coxeandgraziano.com



MARGARET MEYERS

Margaret Dewey Meyers (Peg) passed away peacefully in the presence of her family to be with the Lord on June 27, at the age of 89.

Born July 2, 1934, she was raised in Greenwich, Connecticut. She met and married Bill Meyers in 1955. In 1969 they moved from Somers, New York, to East Chatham, where they raised their 3 children.

Peggy worked as a secretary at the Chatham doctor's office on Jones Avenue, volunteered for the food pantry, and was an active member of the East Chatham Church.

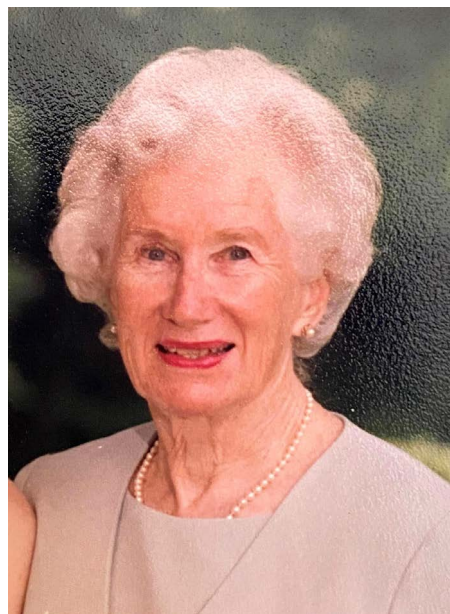
She enjoyed reading, doing jigsaw puzzles, ironing, and keeping up with game shows. She greatly valued the friendships she made over the years. It was meaningful for her to get together "with the girls" regularly as well as keeping in contact by phone and cheering up friends with cards sent for all occasions. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and making Christmas special for them.

She was predeceased by her parents, her siblings, Ida and Ben, and her loving husband of 64 years, Bill.

She is survived by her children Bruce (Sarah), Jay (Cindy), and Lori (Nick) Bervy; as well as 6 grandchildren Matthew (Kristina), Lindsay, Chris (MaryAnn), Kevin, Bethany (Kal) and Elizabeth (Dominic); two step-granddaughters and 3 step-great-grandchildren. Special thank you to Bethany Margaret for her medical guidance and compassion, especially in her Grandma's final days.

Calling hours were Monday at French, Gifford, Preiter & Blas Funeral Home in Chatham. Services took place Tuesday morning at the East Chatham United Methodist Church followed by interment at the Mountain View Cemetery in New Concord. A celebration of life followed in honor of her 90th birthday at Jay & Cindy's home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the East Chatham Methodist Church PO Box 158, East Chatham, NY 12060. Condolences can be conveyed at frenchblas.com



MARY HYSON

Mary Toohy Hyson, longtime resident of Cos Cob, passed away peacefully on June 24. She spent her 93 years well, always looking on the bright side of things and greeting everyone with a smile. Ever warm and welcoming, Mary strove to find the good in all people.

Mary was one of five children born to Loretta and John Joseph Toohy. Raised in Rye NY. She attended Resurrection School and Rye High School, and was a 1951 graduate of Wellesley College. Her childhood and college friends were peers she kept close throughout her many years.

Mary worked at IBM World Trade as an executive assistant and as a bilingual secretary at United Nations headquarters. Later in life, she spent many years working for investment professionals, GE Capital and GE Investments until retiring in 1995.

The love of Mary's life was a classic Wellesley-MIT match. In 1961, mutual college friends introduced Mary to Frank Hyson. They quickly realized their friends' good judgement and married the following spring. The couple lived in Rye before moving to Cos Cob.

Mary invested her boundless energy in her family. She always tried to pack as much as she could into a vacation, outing or daily life. She combined playdates with her tennis game, and

her daughters got to know every park with a tennis court in Greenwich. She was close to her siblings and developed rich bonds with Frank's family as well.

Along with her sister Peggy, Mary planned frequent adventures for the cousins. Every school holiday was a chance to go to a museum or park. Following a pattern from childhood, she ensured her daughters loved trips to the library as much as she did. Her love of libraries was the focus of her volunteer activities over many years. Mary volunteered in the Greenwich Catholic School library, served on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Cos Cob Library, and spent many wonderful Tuesday afternoons with the Sit-n-Stitch craft group.

Mary lived out her faith through service as a Religious Education teacher, Eucharistic Minister, St Agnes Guild member, and cooking for Pacific House as a member of St Agnes Parish. Active in Girl Scouts while growing up, she was a leader for troops in Rye and Greenwich.

Mary is survived by her sister Margaret Sweeney (Robert), daughters Kathleen (Dave Accurso), Rosemary (David Junius), and Anne (Matt Southworth). She treasured all her grandchildren: Mary (Jason), Caroline, Christianne, Joseph, Finbar, Clare, Isaac, Lia and CJ as well as many nieces and nephews. Sister-in-law Helen Miller (Clayton) was a beloved friend. Mary was predeceased by her brothers J. Thomas Toohy, Msgr William J. Toohy and R. Peter Toohy.



VERA STRBA

January 9 1936 - June 22, 2024

Vera Strba, born in Greenwich, passed away at home surrounded by her family, she was 88. Vera was the daughter of the late Ferdinand and Jessie Critch Cotrone. She was a well-remembered school bus driver and office manager at The Family Center.

After retirement, Vera took up golf and enjoyed playing at The Griff with her many friends. As a lover of flowers and gardens, she volunteered at The Greenwich Botanical Center. Never one to sit still, she traveled to many countries, admiring art and history. She loved books, movies, and going to New York to see Broadway shows.

Vera is survived by her sister, Winifred Sperling, daughters Susan Strba and Amy Biedscheid, son-in-law Rick, grandchildren Sara, Hanna, Zachary and Molly, many nieces and nephews, and last but not least, her beloved cat, Brody. She is predeceased by her husband Woody, daughter Beth, granddaughter Ali, siblings Raymond and Ambrose Cotrone, Louise Keating and Flora Ryan.

The family would like to thank Dr. Sunil Rana and Greenwich Hospital for their kindness and care.

Contributions may be made to the Byram Shubert Library.

A celebration of her fantastic life will be held at her Greenwich home on Saturday, July 13 from 2-6 p.m.



DOLORES COLLINS

Dolores Lee Collins, age 93, passed away peacefully at her home in Greenwich on June 16. Her passing marks the end of an extraordinary journey filled with love and adventure.

Dolores was predeceased by her beloved husband of 67 years, Norman Collins, in 2019, her cherished daughter, Janet Drumm, in 2020, and three of her siblings (Nadine Lueker, Norma McMillan and Ronald Salmans). She is survived by her daughter, Gail Khosla, and her husband Victor, along with their sons Grant, Charles, and Duncan; her son, David Collins, and his wife Tammy, along with their daughter Brooke; her son-in-law, Roger Drumm, and his sons Brian and Michael; her sister, Carol Criss; her sister-in-law, Roberta Shoup; and many nieces and nephews.

Born in Garden City, Kansas on September 8, 1930, and raised on a ranch in Cimarron, Kansas,

Dolores was valedictorian of her high school class and studied at Kansas State University, graduating in 1952. During her first week at college, she met Norman at a debate club meeting, beginning a lifelong partnership. They married shortly after graduation and quickly started their lifelong journey that would take them all over the world. Norman's career, initially as a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and later with the Ford Foundation, led them to live over two decades abroad on four different continents. They resided in Naples, Italy; Santiago, Chile; New Delhi, India; and Mexico City, Mexico, as well as five different states before ultimately retiring to their fifty-year home in Greenwich, CT.

Dolores had an insatiable thirst for knowledge, an unquenchable curiosity, and a deep love for different cultures. In every nation she lived in, she became fluent in the local language, fully immersing herself in the culture and community. Her voracious appetite for reading saw her devour countless books on world history, autobiographies, and art and culture, always eager to learn more. Dolores experienced numerous historically significant events firsthand including: the Dust Bowl in western Kansas during the 1930s; the post-war transformation in Naples in the early 1960s; civil unrest in Berkeley, CA in the late 1960s; political turbulence in Chile in the early 1970s before and after Allende's election, yet leaving prior to the military coup; the rapprochement of American-China relations from her seat in Beijing during the early 1970s; and the 1970s State of Emergency in India when Prime Minister Indira Gandhi suspended constitutional rights and governed authoritatively. Dolores relished an exciting life and loved giving her children a front-row seat to world events.

Deeply committed to education, Dolores began her career as a teacher and taught in schools around the world. She also tirelessly advocated for early childhood education and volunteered wherever she lived. Dolores had a unique gift for making a wide assortment of friends; this eclectic group included outspoken Chilean artists Norman helped escape from a military dictatorship, Indian villagers as Norman set up rural agricultural programs, the global expat community, and her Greenwich circle. She loved playing tennis, bridge, and board games; taking long walks, car trips, and exotic travel; and her hobbies of cooking and gardening. Her warmth, humor, and love for her family were her signature qualities—they will be dearly missed.

In her later years, Dolores cherished the time she spent with Norman, her children, and her grandchildren. She loved watching their sports competitions and piano recitals, and hosting birthday parties, Christmas Eve bellingring, and family gatherings. The extended family rarely missed a holiday celebration—her customary present of Christmas pajamas were, however, never forgotten—and they loved spending Sunday afternoons together, cheering on the sport of the season. She was, in particular, an ardent Kansas State Wildcat fan.

Dolores Lee Collins leaves behind her dear friends all over the world and a legacy of curiosity, kindness, open-heartedness, and an appreciation for life's adventures. She was extremely grateful for the companionship and care provided by her longtime caregiver, good friend, and honorary family member, Manana Gilashvili. Their nightly competitive Jeopardy matches were a cherished tradition. Dolores will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of Dolores' life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, to honor her joyful spirit, her family asks you to engage in something that brings you joy, and to share that joy with others in your life.

ELSIE MADURI

Elsie Maduri of Cos Cob passed away peacefully July 1. She was born January 14, 1928, in Greenwich, CT to Joseph and Antoinette DeRose. Elsie is predeceased by her husband, Peter Maduri, two brothers, William and Wallace DeRose, and her sister, Shirley Garofalo, and one great-granddaughter, Zoe.

Elsie worked at Food Mart (Greenwich Food Center) for many years. She was a legend in the kitchen, those who were fortunate enough to visit Grove Street always left with a full belly and smile on their face. She was the "Cook du Jour" in Greenwich Time on May 5, 2004. She loved playing canasta with family. Mom adored her children and grandchildren. She was a Eucharistic Minister for St. Catherine's Church and volunteered at Hill House. Our mom loved going to tag sales and playing bingo.

Elsie is survived by her three sons, Peter (Donna), Joe (Judy), and Frank (Robin). Seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Joseph DeRose.

To honor Elsie's life, family and friends gathered Wednesday, July 10 at Castiglione Funeral Home in Greenwich. A funeral mass was held on Thursday, July 11 at Saint Catherine Church, Riverside. Entombment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hill House, 10 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878.

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A Viewing of 'Hard Miles' Touched the Hearts of the Greenwich Community

By **ELLIE SILEO**

The Arch Street Teen Center collaborated with the Town of Greenwich Youth Services Bureau and the Greenwich Active Transportation Task Force to host a free screening of Star Matthew Modine's new film, *Hard Miles*. This event was accompanied by a bicycle demonstration, food trucks, an ice cream truck, and a live Q&A session with the star himself and attracted many viewers.

Matthew Modine is esteemed for his iconic starring roles in *Stranger Things*, *Full Metal Jacket*, *Oppenheimer*, and so much more. Last week, Greenwich was extremely grateful to experience a viewing of *Hard Miles* and a question and answer session to follow.

Matthew Modine has roots in Greenwich with his past of working in Glenville and returned to share and discuss *Hard Miles* with our town.

In a pre-screening interview with Star Matthew Modine, he began with a telling of the motives of the film: "One first of all never knows how a story you tell is going to land on the listener, but one hopes that a story like this fills them with hope and a sense of possibility." Modine continues with the reflection that, "We're living in a difficult time where there seems to be a lot of pessimism and fear and what I believe *Hard Miles* does upon viewing is give people a sense of

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hope and possibility that through hard work, determination, and working together as a group, you can accomplish a goal."

As the heartfelt film takes its course, the young boys learn the "Peloton" method of cycling. Modine explains that "the Peloton, which means a small ball, is when you ride you're drafting off the person in front of you and they're blocking the wind so it makes it easier for you to pedal and then everyone has their turn in the front of the line."

Modine shares that the Peloton method is meant to "inspire young people to remind them that in order to accomplish a goal you have to put in effort and work together as a group."

Annie Murphy, a Greenwich High School graduate, responded to the film by saying that "The movie had a very accurate script. Although it was a feel-good inspiring movie, it still felt very real and resonated with the way kids really act today. Honestly, the story is applicable to anyone."

In agreement with Murphy, Skylar Pickerstein, a rising Greenwich High School senior, said that "The message of *Hard*

Miles is so powerful and as a current high school student, I can surely say it would be good for all kids and teens to watch this film and learn something from it."

Paired with the theme of the film, Modine acknowledges that "boys seem to kind of lose their minds between ages 14 and 18, they make a lot of mistakes, they do and say things that are sometimes inappropriate, and what's important is that we not give up on them."

The entire community of Greenwich is responsible for supporting, understanding, and celebrating the children and young adults of our town. Modine shares the understanding that "It's something that you have to go through and parents know that, police officers know that, the justice system knows that and so we just mustn't give up on them."

Fred Camillo, First Selectman of Greenwich, also weighed in during the post-screening Q&A to share an important message to "Care, follow through, and keep going." This message is extremely important to support any member of the Greenwich community, especially the young adults.

Not only does Modine hope that young people will be inspired but he also recognizes "the social workers that work so hard to help young people get through those difficult moments in their lives. It's inspiring for them because it's a celebration of them and their work that sometimes goes unnoticed and oftentimes unappreciated. I hope the film is an inspiration for those people as well."

Modine's starring role in *Hard Miles*, Greg Townsend, has a line in the film that says "What overcomes hard luck is hard work." This resonates with the message of the film with hope that young members of the community will keep this in mind in their future endeavors.

Throughout the viewing of the film, the boys fall in love with the adventure and the reward from biking and the viewers fall in love with seeing their growth. The power and accuracy of this film is unmatched.

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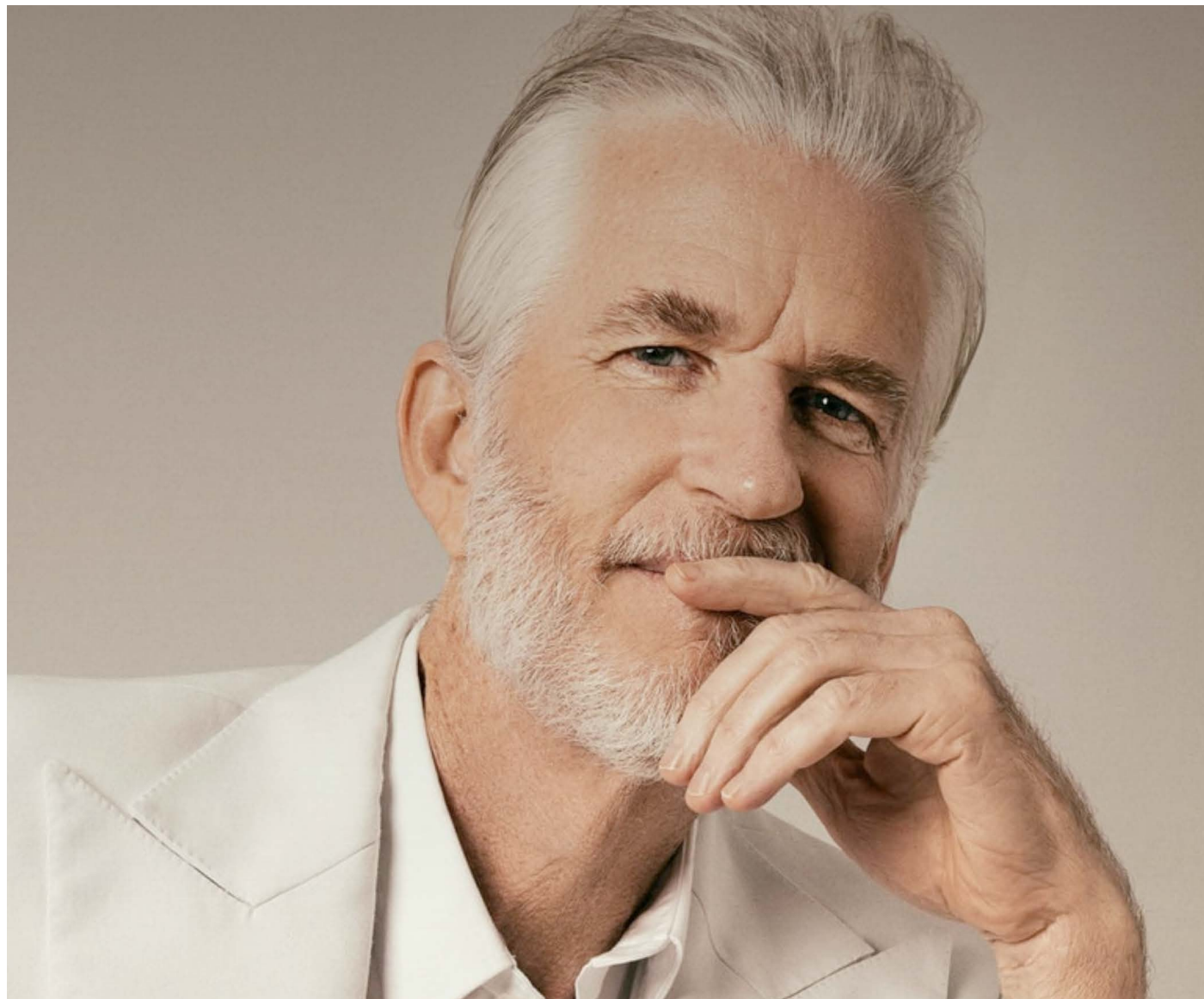
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regular summer slowdown or does it indicate something more fundamental about the market?

We do have more inventory that could come on the market, as many sellers are gridlocked. They would list their house if they had something to buy. If these frustrated sellers start listing their house, then the buyers of these houses can also list their houses. The result could be a quicker return to normalcy than others might think.

If you are a buyer, you might think that proper thing to do is to wait for this potential upcoming inventory, which should lead to lower prices. Doing so would likely be a major mistake. Our market is so tight that it has a long way to go, before we start to see excess inventory.

The one exception to this over \$10 million where we have 29 listings and only 9 sales so far this year. Our inventory at this ultra-high-end is up 5 listings from last year, but sales are also up from 5 sales in the first half last year to 9 sales this year. Contracts are also up from 3 last year to 5 this year. So, more inventory has led to more contracts and more sales.

Also, our ultra-high-end market is a market of micro-markets. Buyers that want 10-acres for their horses are not going to buy an acre on the water and vice versa. While this is true in all price categories, as you go up in price the fragmentation of the inventory becomes greater. So yes, we have 19 months of supply over \$10 million, but this is down from 28.8 months at this time last year.

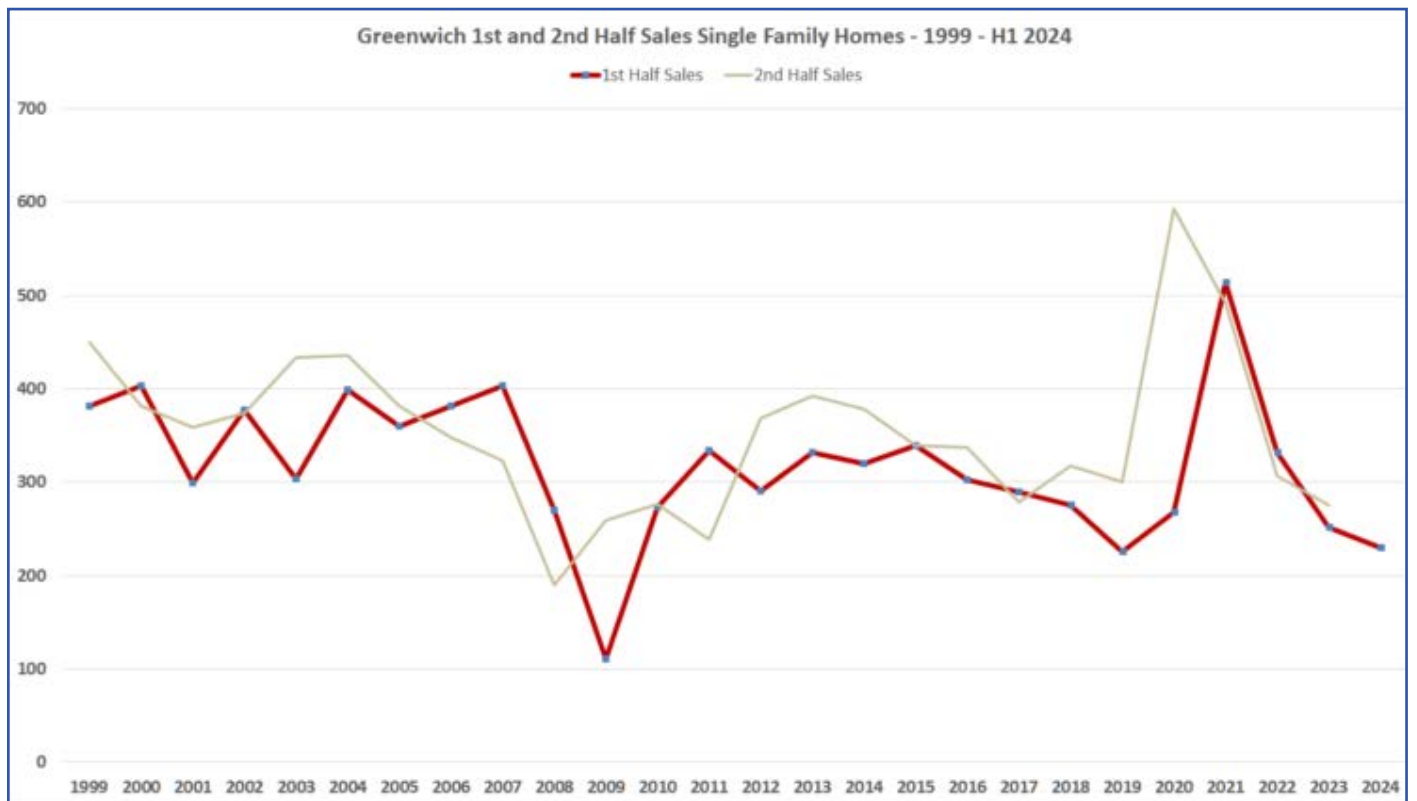
For the rest of the market, we are averaging 2.4 months of supply, a true super-seller's market. If the market really is slowing, then MoS will go up. However, barring a major economic issue, it's going to be awhile before we get back to anything like a normal market. Also, barring that major economic dislocation, house prices are more likely to continue to go up rather than down.

One slowdown in sales that can be fairly confidentially predicted is a drop in our October 2024 sales. Uncertainty slows markets and at this point, our quadrennial presidential elections and all the legislative race, means that people will hesitate to close in October, but you can also expect a post-election jump up in sales once the uncertainty is removed.

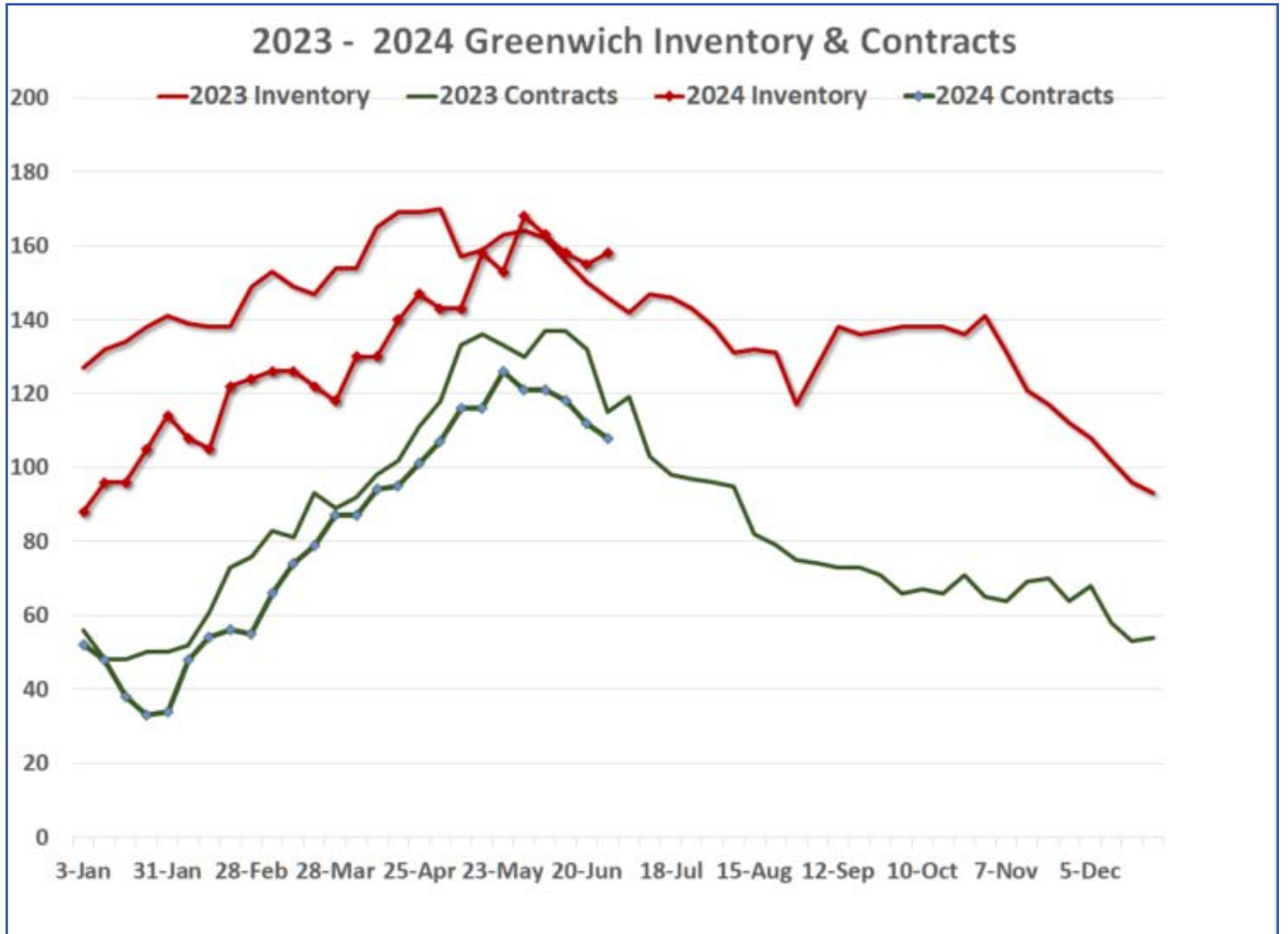
Prices may not continue to go up the 14.4% increase in price/sf that we've seen so far this year, but the odds of prices increasing are much greater than that they will fall or even stay flat. Buyers who wait are very likely to have to pay even more and most of our buyers aren't using mortgages to purchase their houses, so falling interest rates may be of little value to those buyers. For buyers under \$1 million, where many buyers still use mortgage financing, you have a choice of 4 houses. Even if this doubles, you'd still only have 8 houses to choose from.

If you like a house, be ready to move, as it may be a while, before that next perfect house comes on the market.

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Dropping first half sales continue a three-year trend, but the big questions is what will the second half of 2024 bring.



Inventory finally exceeds last year's inventory, but only by a small amount, still it's a trend in the right direction. Contracts continue below last year's numbers.

Y-o-Y '24 vs '23	Inventory	Contracts	Mo. Solds	Mo. Solds+ Contracts	YTD Solds	YTD+ Contracts	Mos of Supply	Mos w/ Contracts	Last Mo. Annlzd
< \$600K	-1	0	-1	-1	-4	-4	.	.	.
\$600-\$800K	-3	-3	1	-2	-6	-9	-0.9	-0.4	-3.5
\$800K-\$1M	-4	-2	1	-1	-2	-4	-1.6	-1.3	-1.2
\$1-\$1.5M	2	-10	-6	-16	-13	-23	1.2	1.0	1.8
\$1.5-\$2M	6	-3	1	-2	3	0	0.8	0.9	0.4
\$2-\$3M	2	1	-6	-5	-4	-3	0.4	0.3	0.6
\$3-\$4M	2	11	-2	9	0	11	0.4	-0.3	0.7
\$4-\$5M	-4	-4	-3	-7	-3	-7	-0.5	-0.3	0.3
\$5-6.5M	-1	4	-3	1	-1	3	0.1	-0.9	14.8
\$6.5-\$10M	8	-3	3	0	0	-3	3.2	3.1	-0.6
> \$10M	5	2	1	3	4	6	-9.5	-7.0	-2.3
TOTAL	12	-7	-14	-21	-26	-33	0.7	0.6	0.6
% change	8%	-6%	-18%	-11%	-10%	-9%	21%	19%	32%
		Pro-Seller	Pro-Buyer						

Inventory is only getting tighter below \$1M, while it is up in most other price categories. The lower inventory has led to lower sales under \$1M.

Inventory as of 6/30/24	Inventory	Contracts	Last Mo. Solds	Last Mo Solds+ Contracts	YTD Solds	YTD+ Contracts	Mos Supply	Mos w/ Contracts	Last Mo. Annlzd
< \$600K	0	1	0	1	0	1	.	.	.
\$600-\$800K	1	0	2	2	4	4	1.5	1.9	0.5
\$800K-\$1M	3	3	5	8	11	14	1.6	1.6	0.6
\$1-\$1.5M	7	10	3	13	20	30	2.1	1.8	2.3
\$1.5-\$2M	18	10	14	24	39	49	2.8	2.8	1.3
\$2-\$3M	24	25	14	39	51	76	2.8	2.4	1.7
\$3-\$4M	19	22	8	30	32	54	3.6	2.6	2.4
\$4-\$5M	13	11	6	17	29	40	2.7	2.4	2.2
\$5-6.5M	20	12	1	13	16	28	7.5	5.4	20.0
\$6.5-\$10M	24	9	7	16	15	24	9.6	7.5	3.4
> \$10M	29	5	3	8	9	14	19.3	15.5	9.7
TOTAL	158	108	63	171	226	334	4.2	3.5	2.5

Our inventory was 158 single family homes up from last year, while our contracts were only 108, down from last year.

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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
160 Putnam Park	\$799,000	\$739,000	\$715,000	92	3	2		1,700
453 Putnam Avenue 3i	\$779,500	\$779,500	\$830,000	19	2	2	0	1,464
86 Sherwood Place	\$899,000	\$899,000	\$950,000	16	3	1	0.1	1,268
5 Glen Street 403	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$960,000	62	3	3	0	3,001
2 Putnam Hill 4G	\$1,195,000	\$1,195,000	\$1,144,880	65	2	2		1,580
58 Hunt Terrace	\$1,149,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,236,000	10	3	2	0.23	1,359
38 Hartford Avenue	\$1,599,000	\$1,599,000	\$1,475,000	24	4	3	0.17	3,626
33 Lafayette Court 1F	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,500,000	17	3	2		1,932
25 Sound Beach Avenue	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,600,000	8	3	2	0.14	1,740
180 Bible Street	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	\$1,700,000	55	4	4	1.06	3,904
25 Hassake Road	\$1,649,000	\$1,649,000	\$1,725,000	34	4	3	0.17	2,417
284 Riversville Road	\$2,195,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,775,000	243	5	4	2	4,332
174 Cat Rock Road	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,950,000	14	4	3	1.01	2,575
1 Old Church Road 5	\$2,295,000	\$2,295,000	\$2,250,000	33	3	3		3,958
55 Stag Lane	\$3,250,000	\$2,695,000	\$2,600,000	79	5	3	4.43	3,576
50 Highmeadow Road	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,705,000	14	4	3	0.28	3,550
382 North Street	\$3,300,000	\$2,950,000	\$2,950,000	197	4	4	2.39	3,615
403 Taconic Road	\$4,400,000	\$3,300,000	\$3,000,000	308	4	2	9.39	2,920
37 Rockwood Lane	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$3,105,000	11	4	4	1.08	3,233
27 Stoney Ridge Lane	\$3,295,000	\$3,295,000	\$3,576,000	8	5	3	0.3	3,458
153 Elm Street	\$3,450,000	\$3,450,000	\$3,800,000	17	4	5	0.14	3,737
26 Memory Lane	\$4,295,000	\$4,295,000	\$4,121,000	109	5	5	5	6,347
672 Lake Avenue	\$4,725,000	\$4,725,000	\$4,625,000	193	5	5	2	4,947
58 Perkins Road	\$5,685,000	\$5,375,000	\$5,100,000	139	5	5	3.12	9,000
20 Langhorne Lane	\$5,495,000	\$5,495,000	\$5,495,000	216	6	5	5.02	9,100
17 Oneida Drive	\$6,895,000	\$6,895,000	\$6,895,000	24	4	4	0.44	4,977
398 Stanwich Road	\$6,830,000	\$6,830,000	\$7,000,000	12	6	7	2	13,591
24 Highland Farm Road	\$7,795,000	\$7,795,000	\$7,730,000	46	6	6	5.46	9,488

NEW LISTINGS for TWO WEEKS

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Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
351 Pemberwick Road 109	\$440,000	\$654	673		1	1	Glenville
158 Putnam Park 158	\$569,000	\$569	1,000		1	1	South of Post
25 Elm Street 12	\$700,000	\$724	967	0	2	1	South of Post
34 Francis Lane	\$769,000	\$574	1,340	0.17	4	2	Glenville
138 Byram Road 1	\$880,000	\$487	1,808		3	2	Byram
5 Pilgrim Drive	\$899,000	\$411	2,186	0.45	3	2	Glenville
44 Gerry Street	\$975,000	\$430	2,268	0.12	3	2	South of Post
47 Lafayette Place 5H	\$995,000	\$915	1,087		2	2	South Parkway
12 Idlewild Manor 12	\$1,150,000	\$595	1,932	0	3	2	South of Post
2 Watchtower Lane	\$1,250,000	\$668	1,872	0.33	3	1	Old Greenwich
15 Thornhill Road	\$1,250,000	\$425	2,940	0.23	6	3	Riverside
40 Woodland Drive C	\$1,359,000	\$632	2,152		3	2	South of Post
630 Steamboat Road 3CN	\$1,495,000				2	2	South of Post
14 Sinaway Road	\$1,499,777	\$600	2,500	0.11	4	2	Cos Cob
19 Lakeview Drive	\$1,550,000	\$1,437	1,079	0.42	3	2	Riverside
24 Hickory Drive	\$1,595,000	\$485	3,287	0.41	4	3	Pemberwick
108 Havemeyer Place	\$1,625,000	\$1,042	1,559		3	2	South of Post
36 DUNWOODIE Place	\$1,895,000	\$621	3,051	02.07	5	3	South Parkway
18 Shore Road	\$2,095,000	\$990	2,117	0.44	3	2	Old Greenwich
2 Stormy Circle Drive	\$2,199,000	\$444	4,954	0.4	3	5	Byram
4 Stanwich Road	\$2,199,000	\$661	3,326	4	4	4	North Parkway
6 Dunwoodie Place	\$2,350,000	\$399	5,891	02.05	5	5	South Parkway
80 Porchuck Road	\$2,395,000	\$869	2,757	0.83	3	3	North Parkway
64 Londonderry Drive	\$2,495,000	\$628	3,972	2.24	4	4	North Parkway
210 Bedford Road	\$2,495,000	\$992	2,515	1.25	4	3	North Parkway
1 Club Road	\$2,995,000	\$882	3,395	0.6	5	2	Riverside
86 Elm Street A	\$2,995,000	\$873	3,429	0	3	3	South of Post
3 Finney Knoll Lane	\$3,495,000	\$760	4,600	0.22	4	4	Riverside
23 Chieftans Road	\$3,850,000	\$642	5,999	0.87	4	3	North Parkway
91 Cherry Valley Road	\$3,950,000	\$650	6,075	4	5	6	North Parkway
19 Overlook Drive	\$4,050,000	\$631	6,421	0.36	5	5	South of Post
40 Ridgeview Avenue	\$4,195,000	\$767	5,466	1.82	5	6	South Parkway
100 Peckslad Road	\$4,395,000	\$662	6,637	1.73	5	3	South Parkway
50 Sumner Road	\$4,995,000	\$683	7,314	5.6	6	7	North Parkway
6 Benedict Place	\$5,000,000	\$1,471	3,400	0.2	4	3	South Parkway
28 Thunder Mountain Road	\$6,550,000	\$894	7,323	2	7	7	South Parkway
0 Rich Island	\$7,495,000	\$2,646	2,833	0.5	6	4	Byram
248 Round Hill Road	\$11,900,000	\$1,204	9,887	3.41	5	6	South Parkway
14 Dewart Road	\$13,995,000	\$1,198	11,678	2.17	6	7	South Parkway
35-37 Andrews Farm Road	\$14,500,000	\$1,174	12,351	8	8	8	North Parkway
543 Stanwich Road	\$17,495,000	\$1,005	17,408	4	8	8	North Parkway

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FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

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

Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
30 Brookridge Drive	Greenwich	\$6,000,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
6 Benedict Place	Greenwich	\$5,000,000	Sat 12-2 PM	Sotheby's
26 Highview Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$2,550,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
36 Dunwoodie Place	Greenwich	\$1,895,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
47 Lafayette Place #5H	Greenwich	\$995,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Brown Harris Stevens
45 Sound Beach Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$7,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
45 Sound Beach Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$1,650,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
17 Highland Farm Road	Greenwich	\$1,899,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
50 N Old Stone Bridge Rd	Cos Cob	\$2,650,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
12 Idlewild Manor #12	Greenwich	\$1,150,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Brown Harris Stevens
158 Putnam Park #158	Greenwich	\$569,000	Sun 12-2 PM	William Raveis
138 Byram Road #1	Greenwich	\$880,000	Sun 2-4 PM	Sotheby's

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ARTEMIS
Goddess of the Hunt and Wild Animals
Roman name: Diana



APOLLO
God of Music, Poetry and Healing
Roman name: Phoebus



ATHENA
Goddess of Wisdom
Roman name: Minerva



ZEUS
The most powerful god, God of thunder
Roman name: Jupiter



ARES
God of War
Roman name: Mars



DIONYSUS
God of Wine
Roman name: Bacchus



HADES
God of Death, Ruler of the Underworld
Roman name: Pluto



DEMETER
Goddess of the Earth and Agriculture
Roman name: Ceres



POSEIDON
God of the Sea
Roman name: Neptune



HERA
Wife to Zeus, Goddess of Marriage and family
Roman name: Juno

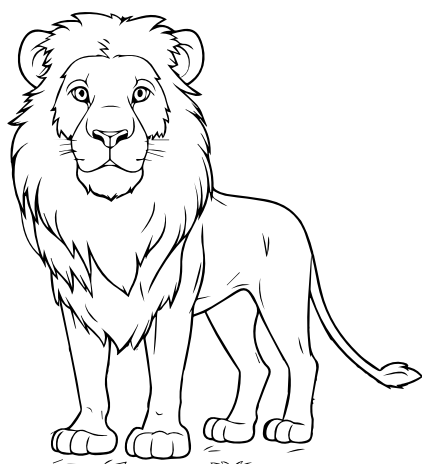
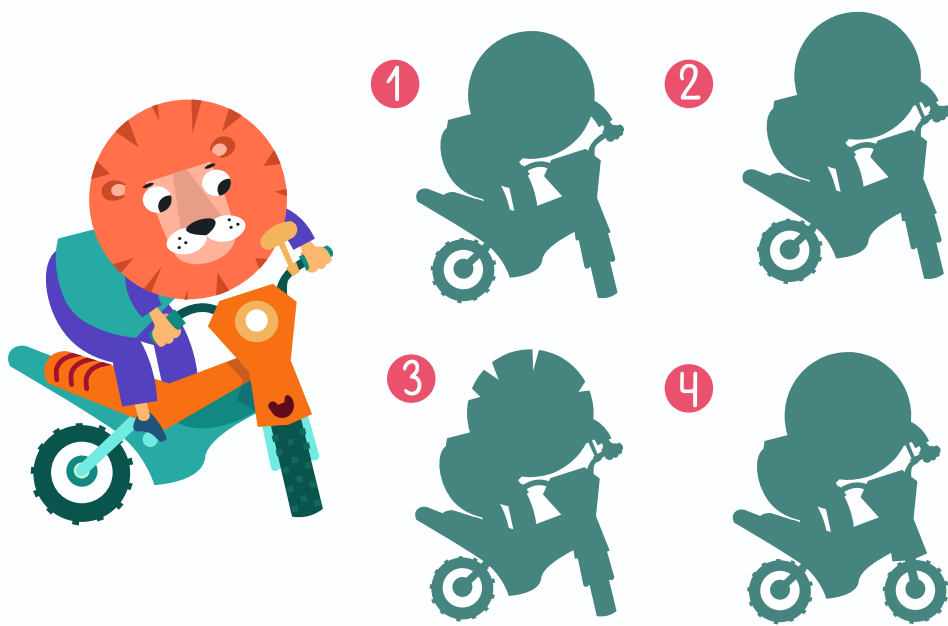


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Goddess of Love and Beauty
Roman name: Venus

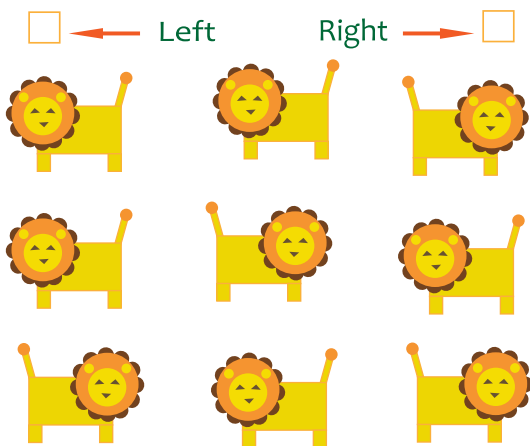


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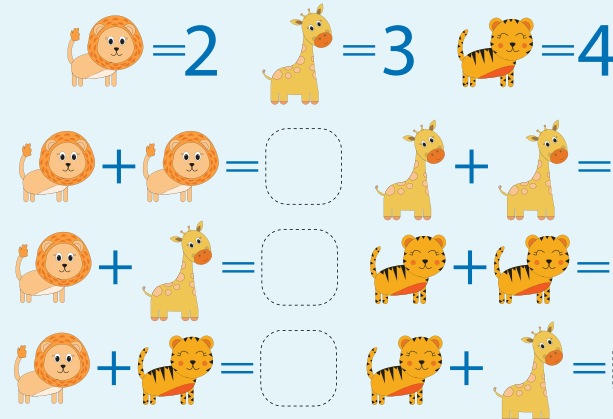
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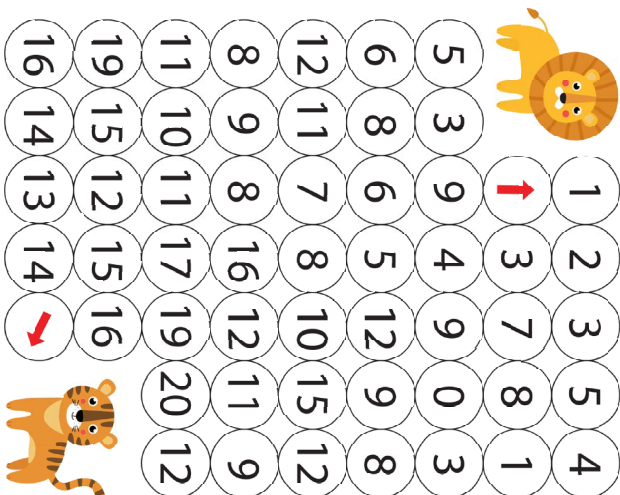
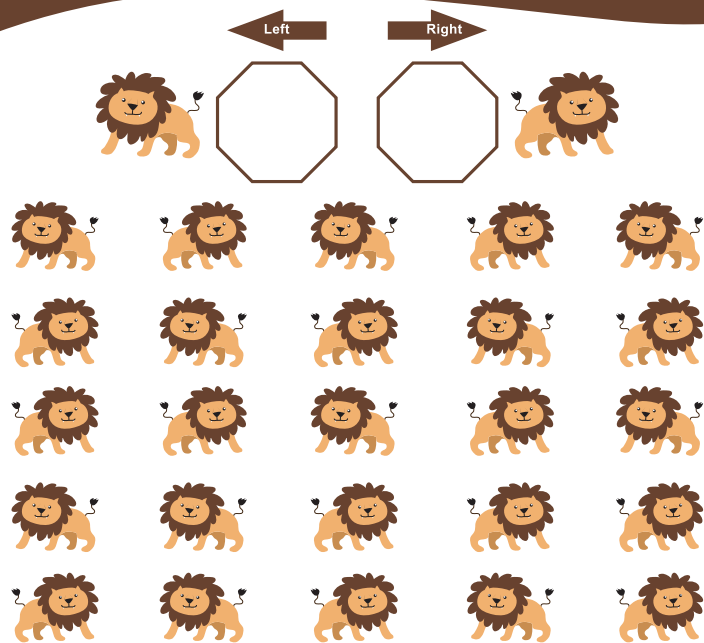


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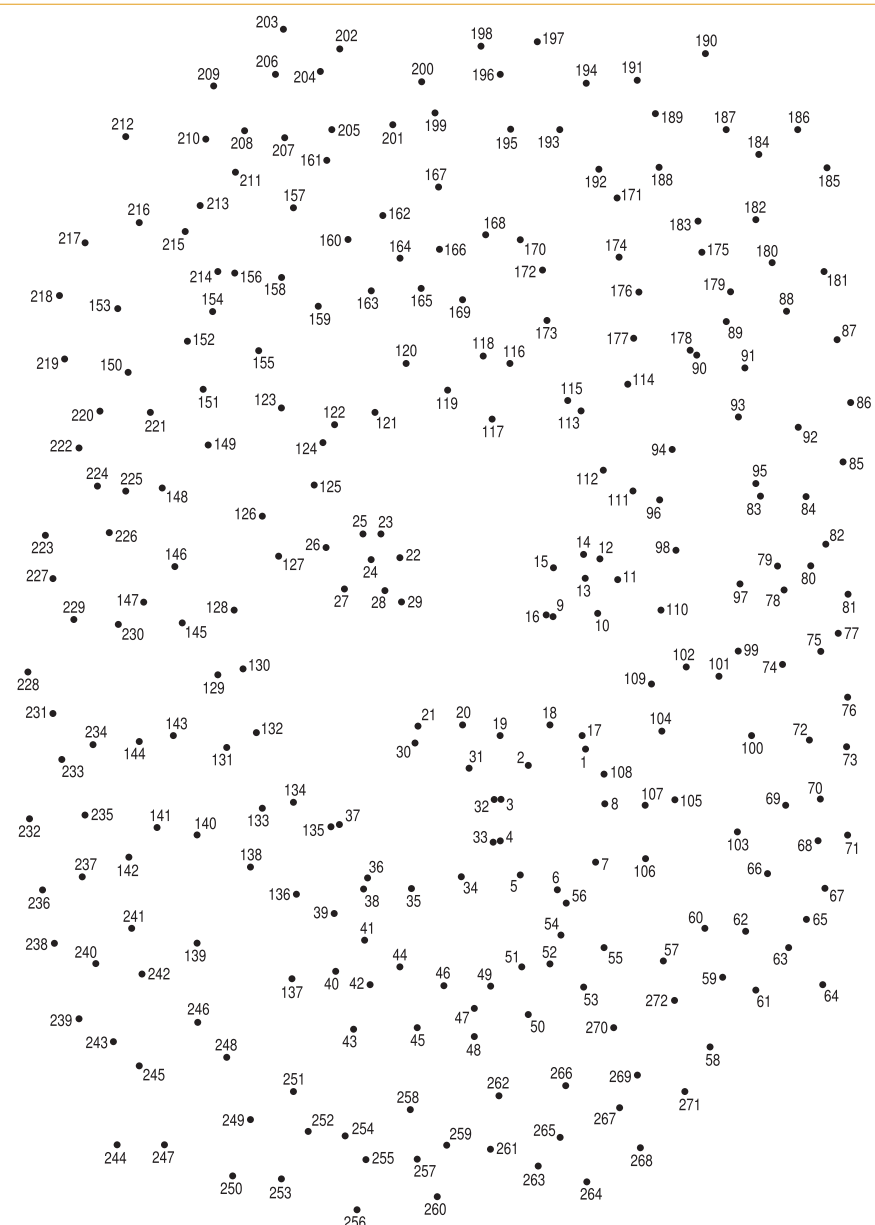
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Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

FRIDAY, JULY 12

9 a.m.
The Alliance Française of Greenwich: Bastille Day Flag Raising. Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Rd. 203-629-1340. afgreenwich@gmail.com. afgreenwich.org

9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Sidewalk Sales. Greenwich Avenue & side streets. Through July 14 (Saturday: 9:30am-7pm, Sunday: 10am-5pm). greenwichchamber.com/events

10 a.m.
Greenwich Newcomers Club's Fresh Air Friday Walking Group. Tod's Point -second concession. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

10:30 a.m.
Voices Center of Resilience: Mindful Moment Meditation. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

4 p.m.
Thank Greenwich It's Friday (TGIF): Bad Movie Night: "Good Burger" (Rated PG). Drop-in - For ages 8-13. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-8802. perrotlibrary.org

5:30 p.m.
The Greenwich Art Society presents: Artwork by Enrico Viselli. The Burton Young Health and Beauty Center, 43 Greenwich Ave. 203-629-1533. greenwichartsociety.org

6 - 11 p.m.
St. Catherine's 'Carnival of Fun'. St. Catherine of Siena Church, 4 Riverside Ave. Through Saturday, July 13 (Friday, 6-11pm; Saturday, 5-11pm). stc-sta.org/carnival-of-fun

7:30 p.m.
Outdoor Movie Nights: "E.T." The Banksville Community House, 12 Bankville Ave. Members, free; Non-Members, \$5. (Complimentary popcorn). 203-622-9597. thebch.org

SATURDAY, JULY 13

7:30 a.m.
The 35th Annual One-Mile Swim. Tod's Point. \$55 per person. gscevents.org

9:30 a.m.
Yoga @ the Library. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org.

9 - 10 & 10 - 11 a.m.
Home Run Heroes Youth T-Ball Clinic (through August 17). YMCA of Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. greenwichymca.org/youth-sports

1 p.m.
Science Solvers: Cicadas (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, July 14. brucemuseum.org

SUNDAY, JULY 14

10 a.m.
Friends of Greenwich Point Summer Concert: Jumpin' Jams. Founders Rock at Greenwich Point. Free. For inclement weather information, visit instagram.com/friendsofgreenwichpoint

4 p.m.
Concert on the Sound Series: Dixieland Jazz Band. Island Beach/Ferry (Departs Dock at 4pm, returns @ 6pm). Park Pass/Ferry Fees Apply. Rain date: July 21. For weather postponement/cancellation information: 203-861-6100 (after 4pm). greenwichct.gov/2084/Summer-Concerts

6 p.m.
BackCountry Jazz presents Greenwich Jazz Festival. Great Lawn location provided with ticket confirmation. Free. RSVP. classy.org/event/greenwich-jazz-festival-2024-july-14/e599083

MONDAY, JULY 15

10 a.m.
Pinkalicious Dance Camp - for 3-6 years old (July 15-19). Petite Ballet at Beam & Barre, 241 E. Putnam Ave. petiteballet.com

6 p.m.
The Chapel Choir of Downing College Cambridge concert. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 954 Lake Ave. 203-661-5526. stbarnabasgreenwich.org

6:45 p.m.
Family Movie Night: "Under the Boardwalk". Outdoors at the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center (In the event of rain, the movie will be moved indoors). greenwichct.gov

TUESDAY, JULY 16

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

3:30 p.m.
Using Wildlife Motion Cameras. Greenwich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve, 370 Round Hill Rd. gltrust.org/upcoming-events

4 p.m.
Debate Club (For Ages 9-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. By registration only. Stop by the Youth Services Desk to sign up, or call 203-637-8802. perrotlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

10 a.m.
Garlic & Shallots: Late Season Care & Harvesting. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$10, GBC Members; \$20, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

11 a.m.
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Panel on Aging: Dr. Steven Katz, Roni Lang, Dr. James Pallett, Linda Ziac, "Successful Aging at Home and in Our Community". First Presbyterian Church, 1 W. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Exploring Entrepreneurship: Business Start-up/Preplanning. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

7 p.m.
Book Talk: "The Ark of Taste," by Giselle Kennedy Lord and David S. Shields. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org.

7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series: Just Sixties. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. Free & open to all. Rain date: Thursday, July 18. For weather postponement/cancellation information: 203-861-6100 (after 4pm). greenwichct.gov/2084/Summer-Concerts

THURSDAY, JULY 18

9:30 a.m.
Houseplant Clinic. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. No registration needed. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

12 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Ready To Grow: Getting Your Business To the Next Level. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

1 p.m.
Discover the Art of Gel Printmaking. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org.

2 p.m.
'Lifetime of Looking' - art appreciation program for adults experiencing cognitive decline and their caregivers. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. Advanced registration required. 203-413-6741. kholko@brucemuseum.org.

6 p.m.

Bruce Presents: How Bugs Shaped Art: Exploring the Role of Insects in Art History-with Dr. Carol Anelli. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

FRIDAY, JULY 19

4 p.m.
Thank Greenwich It's Friday (TGIF): "Apocalypse Life Skills". Drop-in - For ages 9-13. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-8802. perrotlibrary.org

SATURDAY, JULY 20

1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Repeating Patterns (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, July 21. brucemuseum.org

8:30 p.m.
Perrot Memorial Library: Movies in Binney Park: "Luca". Free. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org.

THROUGH MONDAY, JULY 15
Greenwich Tree Conservancy's 'Treasured Trees' Nominations. The deadline to submit nominations is Sunday, June 30. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

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). greenwichfarmersmarketct.com.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

TUESDAYS:

10 a.m.
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; 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@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, July 12

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

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

1 p.m.
Innovative Crochet - Intermediate Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

2 p.m.
Crafternoon. Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.

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

5 p.m.
Greenwich Library - Early Close.

6 p.m.
Adventure Awaits! Escape Room.

Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

Saturday, July 13

10 a.m.
Storytime. Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.

10:30 a.m.
Adventures Under the Sea with Scuba Diver Charles Adams. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

1 p.m.
Cloak and Dagger Book Club. (This Book Club will meet temporarily at the Byram Shubert Library, during the Cos Cob renovation). 203-622-6883.

3 p.m.
Art Opening Reception: "Summer Reflections": Paintings by Susan Pascale. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

Monday, July 15

10 a.m.
Summer Courtyard Storytime. Baxter Courtyard.

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

2 p.m.
Battle of the Books Reading Club with Ms. Flynn: "Pax" by Sara Pennypacker. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

3 p.m.
Gene-ius of Taste: CT Science Center. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

6:30 p.m.
Painting in the Stacks. Cos Cob Library Turret.

Tuesday, July 16

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.

1:15 p.m.
Baby Lapsit: Registration Required. Children's Constellation Room.

4 p.m.
Minute to Win It (Grades 2-5). Children's Constellation Room.

5 p.m.
International Book Club. On Zoom.

Wednesday, July 17

10 a.m.
Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Turret.

10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Career Coach: MS EXCEL. Byram Shubert Library Lot.

10 a.m.
Summer Courtyard Storytime. Baxter Courtyard.

3 p.m.
Meet the Animals: Registration Required. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

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

NOTICE TO PAY TAX

The Tax Collector of the Town of Greenwich hereby gives notice that Real Estate First Half, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle, Sewer System Maintenance and Improvement tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2023 of the Town of Greenwich is due and payable July 1, 2024 and may be paid during the month of July without penalty. Tax is delinquent if not paid by August 1, 2024 and subject to interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month (a partial month is considered a full month CGS 12-145) from the due date of July 1, 2024. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Tax may be paid by mail or online at www.greenwichct.gov. A convenience fee is charged by the provider for this service. Tax bills are issued in the name of owner of record. Tax Bills are scheduled to be mailed June 14, 2024. Notify the Tax Collector office if you do not receive a bill. Failure to receive a bill does not exempt you from liability (CGS 12-146).

Heather Smeriglio
Tax Collector
Greenwich, Connecticut
203-622-7891

3:30 p.m.
Teen Craft Club. Teen Commons.

4 p.m.
Adventure Storytime (Outside). Cos Cob Library Front Lawn.

4:30 p.m.
Meet the Animals: Registration Required. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Thursday, July 4

3 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners (Grades 7-12). 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

3:30 p.m.
Kinder...Set...Go. Children's Constellation Room.

4 p.m.
Expert Yo Yo Demonstration. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

6 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons for Experienced Players (Grades 7-12). 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

7 p.m.
"Vaccines: What You Need to Know Now" with Mary Keller RN, MPH Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

7 p.m.
Facebook Marketplace Mastery: How to Sell without Stress with Lindsay Potter. Online.

Friday, July 19

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

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

3:30 p.m.
Shark Week! - Intro to 3D Printing. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

5 p.m.
Greenwich Library - Early Close.

Saturday, July 20

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

11 a.m.
Adult Summer Reading: Speed Jigsaw Puzzle Competition. Marx Family Black Box Theater. sschugmann@greenwichlibrary.org.

11 a.m.
Dancing on the Lawn with Kaiholunua Dance Group. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org.

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

1 p.m.
Scavenger Hunt Saturday. Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

2 p.m.
Jerry's Movies: "Doubt" (2008 Movie). Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

Sunday, July 21

3 p.m.
Peterson Concert: Jimmy Greene Quintet. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org.

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

Saturday, July 20

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

Monday, July 22

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

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR:
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Everyday, all day
• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road. The weatherproof bin is located outside of the Parish Hall.

• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.
Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Catherine of Siena's parking area across the street from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave.

(Non-perishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or store bought).

Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Food Drive at St. Paul's Episcopal Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: RedCrossBlood.org

Friday, July 12

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Broad River Church, 163 New Canaan Ave., Norwalk.

12 - 4:30 p.m.
Port Chester Senior Center, 222 Grace Church St., Port Chester, NY.

Saturday, July 13

8 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Archangels Greek Orthodox Church, 1527 Bedford Street, Stamford.

Monday, July 15

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg., 216 Halstead Ave., Harrison, NY.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church Stamford, 1101 Bedford St., Stamford.

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

Tuesday, July 16

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

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

Wednesday, July 17

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Acrisure, 90 S Ridge St., Rye Brook, NY.

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
44 Broadway, 44 South Broadway, White Plains, NY.

TOWN MEETINGS:
greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, July 15

10 a.m.
BET IAC & OPEB Meeting.

10 a.m.
BET IAC Meeting. Town

Hall Mazza Room.

12 p.m.
Nathaniel Witherell Finance Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, July 16

9 a.m.
BET Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

9 a.m.
BET Regular Meeting.

7 p.m.
Board of Human Services Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

Wednesday, July 17

11:30 a.m.
Rink User Committee Meeting. Town Hall Cone Room.

6 p.m.
Harbor Management Commission Regular Meeting.

Thursday, July 18

8:30 a.m.
Canceled: Active Transportation Task Force Meeting.

11 a.m.
FS Sustainability Committee Meeting Offsite Retreat. Asnes Barn at Greenwich Audubon.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, July 13

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

Monday, Sept. 9

9 a.m.
Voices Center of Resilience NYC Symposium. New York Marriott Downtown, NYC. voicescenter.org

Friday, Sept. 13

6 p.m.
Christ Church Greenwich 275th Anniversary Celebration. christchurchgreenwich.org

6:30 p.m.
At Home in Greenwich Gala. Delamar Greenwich Harbor. athomeingreenwich.org

Monday, Sept. 16

8 a.m.
Annual Greenwich Council, BSA - Perry L. Burns Memorial Golf Tournament. Round Hill Club. greenwichscouting.org/24PBMGFT

Tuesday, Sept. 17

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

Friday, Sept. 20

6 p.m.
Greenwich United Way's "Brew Ha Ha". Eagle Hill School. greenwichunitedway.org

Saturday, Oct. 5

Greenwich Riding & Trails Association's "Day in the Country" Horse Show. thegrta.org/day-in-the-country-2024

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

Monday, Oct. 7

12:30 p.m.
Greenwich United Way's 8th Annual Golf Tournament. Tamarack Country Club. greenwichunitedway.org

Sunday, Oct. 13

Walk/Run for Abilis - 1-Mile Walk & 5K Run. abilis.us

Saturday, Oct. 19

2 p.m.
REACH Prep 30 Years Anniversary Gala. Belle Haven Club. reachprep.org

Sunday, Oct. 20

6 p.m.
Greenwich Land Trust's "Go Wild! Family Field Day." gltrust.org/special-event/go-wild-family-field-day

Wednesday, Oct. 23

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

Thursday, Oct. 24

6 p.m.
Greenwich Historical Society's History in the Making Award. Belle Haven Club. greenwichhistory.org/history-in-the-making

Saturday, Oct. 26

ICC (India Cultural Center) Gala Benefit - 'A Celebration Of Light'. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. iccgreenwich.org

Saturday, Nov. 16
Greenwich Riding & Trails Association's "Silver Horse Ball". Greenwich Country Club. thegrta.org/silver-horse-ball-2024

Saturday, Nov. 9
• YWCA Greenwich's 'The Fall Party'. Belle Haven Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/the-fall-party-2024

6 p.m.
Special Education Legal Fund S.E.L.F. Homecoming 6th Anniversary Gala. Arch Street Teen Center. bit.ly/SELHomecoming

Wednesday, Nov. 13

6 p.m.
GIFF (Greenwich International Film Festival) 10-Year Anniversary. l'escale restaurant, Greenwich. greenwichfilm.org

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, JULY 12

10 a.m.
Self-Portraits using Symbolism class (Fridays through Aug. 9). The Norwalk Art Space, 455 West Ave., Norwalk. Free & open to students 12-18 years old. Register. thenorwalkartspace.org

2 p.m.
Friday Flicks: "Kung Fu Panda 4". Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
First Fridays: Eat My Hat performs. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Admission is free, no reservation required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

7 p.m.
Mary Poppins The Broadway Musical. Summer Theatre of New Canaan, 11 Farm Rd., New Canaan. Through July 28. stonc.org/mary-poppins

7:30 p.m.
Shakespeare on the Green: Taming of the Shrew. Curtain Call, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Through July 21. curtaincallstamford.ludus.com/index.php

SATURDAY, JULY 13

11 a.m.
Engineering for Kids. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

11 a.m.
Doggy Social Hour. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch (Lawn), Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

1 p.m.
Raising Chickens in Your Backyard. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

3:30 p.m.
Extend Your Growing Season. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

SUNDAY, JULY 14

5 p.m.
Summer Series: The Artie Tobia Band. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

MONDAY, JULY 15

1 p.m.
Knit & Needles Knitting Club. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

4 p.m.
Monday Movies Double Feature: "Mean Girls". Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

TUESDAY, JULY 16

3:45 p.m.
Cookies & Coloring. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

10:30 a.m.
Preschool Digital Day Camp. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

5 p.m.
Open Lab: Resume Assistance. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6 p.m.
'Are You Ready for Retirement?'. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Lecture Series Lecture Series: Wolf Conservation Efforts with Jim Knox, Education Curator & Rob Thomas, Animal Curator. Hanson Building, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. \$10. beardsleyzoo.org

THURSDAY, JULY 18

3:30 p.m.
Popcorn & Movies: Moana. Ferguson Library - South End Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

4:30 p.m.
Make Color-Changing Slime. Ferguson Library - West Side Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

FRIDAY, JULY 19

1 p.m.
Nature Camp: Endangered Species. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

2 p.m.
Friday Flicks: "Trolls Band Together". Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Beats Bennett. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Beyond's partner
- 6 Tolstoy's Karenina
- 10 Revolutionary Guevara
- 13 Floodgate
- 15 King in a Shakespeare tragedy
- 16 ___ the groundwork
- 17 "The Birdcage" star Nathan, on the gridiron?
- 19 Valuable rock
- 20 Acura model
- 21 Gets the better of
- 23 Many were played in the '90s
- 24 Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
- 27 As well as
- 28 "Only Murders in the Building" star Martin, at a track meet?
- 33 Abhors
- 36 Book jacket blurb
- 37 Nike competitor
- 38 Lift up
- 41 Most bronzed
- 43 "Here on Gilligan's ___" (end of an old TV theme song)
- 44 Wrath
- 46 Lots of land

- 10 Become less clear
- 11 Triangular instrument
- 12 Peepers
- 14 "___: The Smartest Guys in the Room" (documentary about an energy company)
- 18 Acquire
- 22 Add value to
- 25 Pen point
- 26 Make a sweater, say
- 28 Party animal
- 29 Where to find Walla Walla, Wash.
- 30 Indian state known for its beaches
- 31 Ascend
- 32 "Ink"
- 33 Next in line
- 34 "Not to mention ..."
- 35 Is deceitful

- 39 Man's makeup in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 40 Thus
- 42 A Bobbsey twin
- 45 Sixth sense: Abbr.
- 48 Summer treat on a stick
- 49 Pianist and radio host John
- 50 Being broadcast
- 53 Shrink in fear
- 54 Some designer bags
- 55 Like a tight race
- 56 Tiff
- 57 Ring up?
- 58 In ___ straits
- 60 Nibble away
- 61 Waffle maker
- 64 Base of the decimal system
- 65 Camp bed

7/13

Sporting Group by Gary Larson

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Astrology for Next Week

CANCER

22 June-23 July Identify your number one priority and focus on it to the exclusion of all else. There may be 1,001 interesting things going on but with disruptive Uranus so strong if you let your attention wander you'll find it hard to catch up. Shut off your senses from outside influences.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug You like to be in control but you're smart enough to realise that a lighter touch may be needed, especially when dealing with people who don't take kindly to being told what to do. This week, especially, you must be subtle. Cracking the whip will get you nowhere.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept With changes planet Uranus so prominent you can expect some kind of disruption over the next few days - but it will be the sort that results in good things. New theories and ideas will also interest you. Study them carefully - they could change your life.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct You may find it tricky to make decisions but once you've chosen a course of action no force on earth can stop you from taking it. Positive aspects to Uranus mean the time to act is now, while your rivals are off guard. The quicker you move, the richer you could be.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov You have too much of one thing and not enough of another and because your life is so unbalanced there's a danger you'll tip over either this way or that. The planets will help you to take remedial action - if you don't do it by choice, it will be done for you.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec Your professional and social standing will receive a boost and you could soon find yourself moving up on the work front or breaking into circles closed to you in the past. Just remember that work isn't everything. People must come first, not power and prestige.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan Some sort of ending is imminent but it doesn't have to be negative. In fact, with the Sun and Mars positively linked to changes planet Uranus there's every chance this particular ending will also mark a new beginning. So stop worrying and start looking for the silver lining.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb Aim for your highest ideal and don't let anyone tell you to be more materialistic or ambitious. The world is full of people fighting to get ahead but you're too intelligent to get caught up in the rat race. If you're happy with what you're doing nothing else matters.

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March Travel and social plans are likely to be disrupted but don't get cross as it could work in your favour. Try not to switch off your mind if you're stuck in traffic: keep your eyes and ears open and something will catch your attention and send you off in a new direction - eventually.

ARIES

21 March-20 April You don't have to understand why someone's being obstructive, you just have to do something about it. With Uranus energised by your ruler Mars and the Sun you won't hesitate to apply pressure of your own and there can only be one winner in this battle of wills - you.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May You can't run away from your troubles, nor should you want to as the planets will make it easy for you to deal with them once and for all. If you make radical changes of your own volition now you won't be forced into changes you may not enjoy. Be bold.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June You may not be able to do what you want to do now but in a few days you'll look back and thank your lucky stars your options were limited. Those who were allowed to follow their desires will look at you in envy for having the good sense to stay clear.

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1. (K) "Hold it right there!"
- 5. Not even ajar
- 9. (K) It can be grape or strawberry flavored
- 12. (K) Volcano feature
- 13. U-turn from difficulty
- 14. Best starting pitcher
- 15. Rocks in need of refinement
- 16. "That ends my prayer"
- 17. (K) Start for "school" or "heat"
- 18. Internet gateway
- 20. (K) Bad winter weather
- 22. With 36-Across, Chewbacca's friend
- 23. (K) "Magic ___ House" (book series)
- 25. (K) Lumberjacks' tool
- 27. (K) Alvin and the Chipmunks or the Jonas Brothers

- 29. (K) Trade
- 33. Wander
- 35. Words that end an engagement? (2 words)
- 36. See 22-Across
- 37. (K) Create apps from scratch
- 38. Back muscles
- 40. (K) Splinter from "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" is one
- 41. (K) Squeal on someone
- 43. (K) URL ending, often
- 45. Experimented with
- 48. (K) Plates on the table
- 51. (K) Scorching
- 52. (K) Thing that leads to an invention
- 55. Barbecue grill nugget
- 56. (K) Had ribs with no sauce
- 57. Carefully select and gather
- 58. Sax variety
- 59. Suffix with "organ" or "real"

- 60. Hefty reference volume
- 61. (K) Kick back and relax
- DOWN
- 1. Stuff in a pig's belly
- 2. Starchy Pacific plant
- 3. (K) Where a halo is located
- 4. (K) Angel hair or farfalle
- 5. (K) Animal that can honk horns and clap
- 6. (K) A sandwich meat
- 7. (K) ___ as directed
- 8s. English 101 subject
- 9. Mocking comment
- 10. Farming measurement
- 11. Swimming competition
- 19. (K) "The ___ and the Grasshopper" (fable)
- 21. (K) Fewer
- 23. Kind of massive wave

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

When trying to save money?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

High light highlight?
6-D) STAR

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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 tree shredder (7)
- 2 "handy" digit (6)
- 3 fibber (11)
- 4 knocked off the shine (7)
- 5 unwell (6)
- 6 like grapevine news (10)
- 7 1950s TV star Lucille (4)

SOLUTIONS

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ND	LL	SEC	FED	LER

Previous Answers: 1. LEGROOM 2. PITT 3. CATHERINE
4. ARIZONA 5. STUFFED 6. PANERA 7. TOASTINESS

7/25

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

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SUDOKU

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Sudoku

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

Easy

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Hard

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Very Hard

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Easy

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		2				3		
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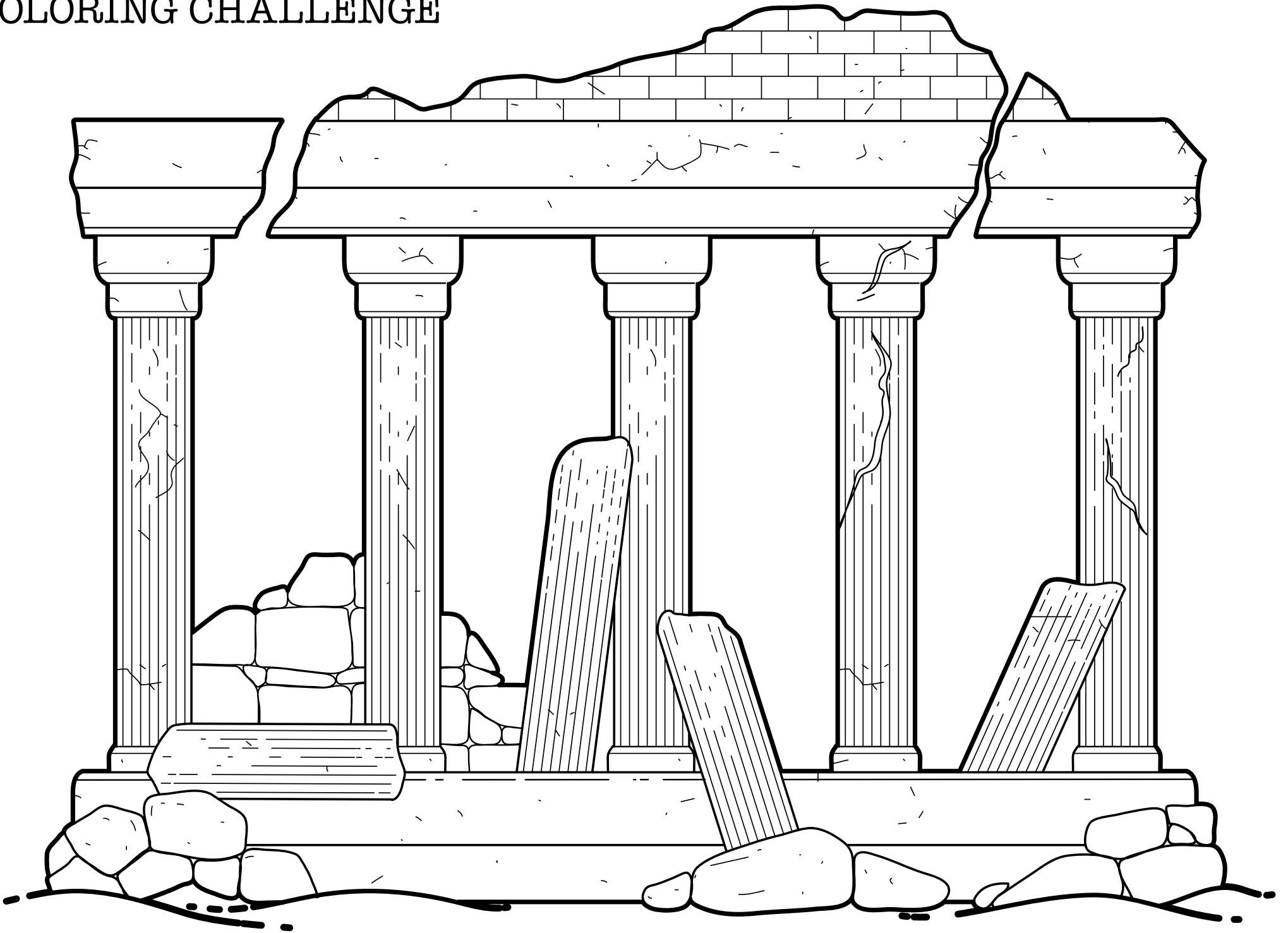
Hard

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Very Hard

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COLORING CHALLENGE



Sudoku answers

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

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Bottom row - Hard

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Bottom row - Easy

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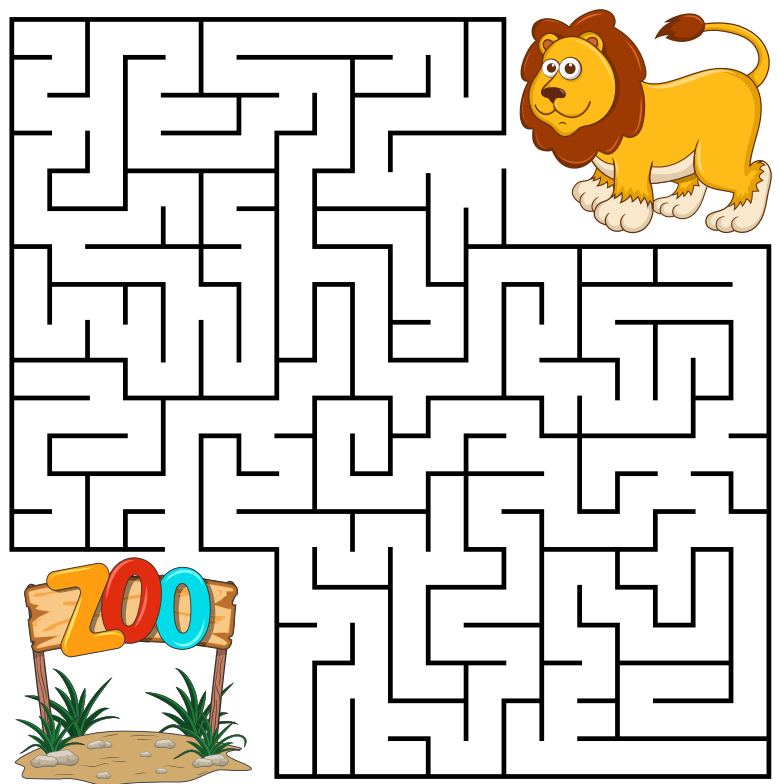
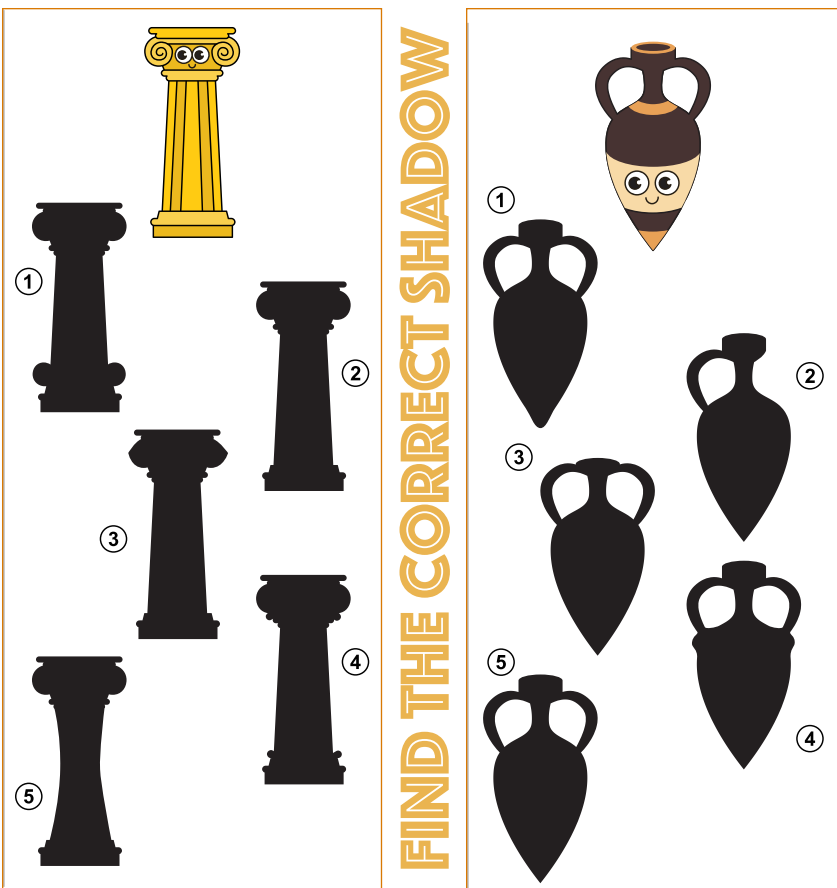
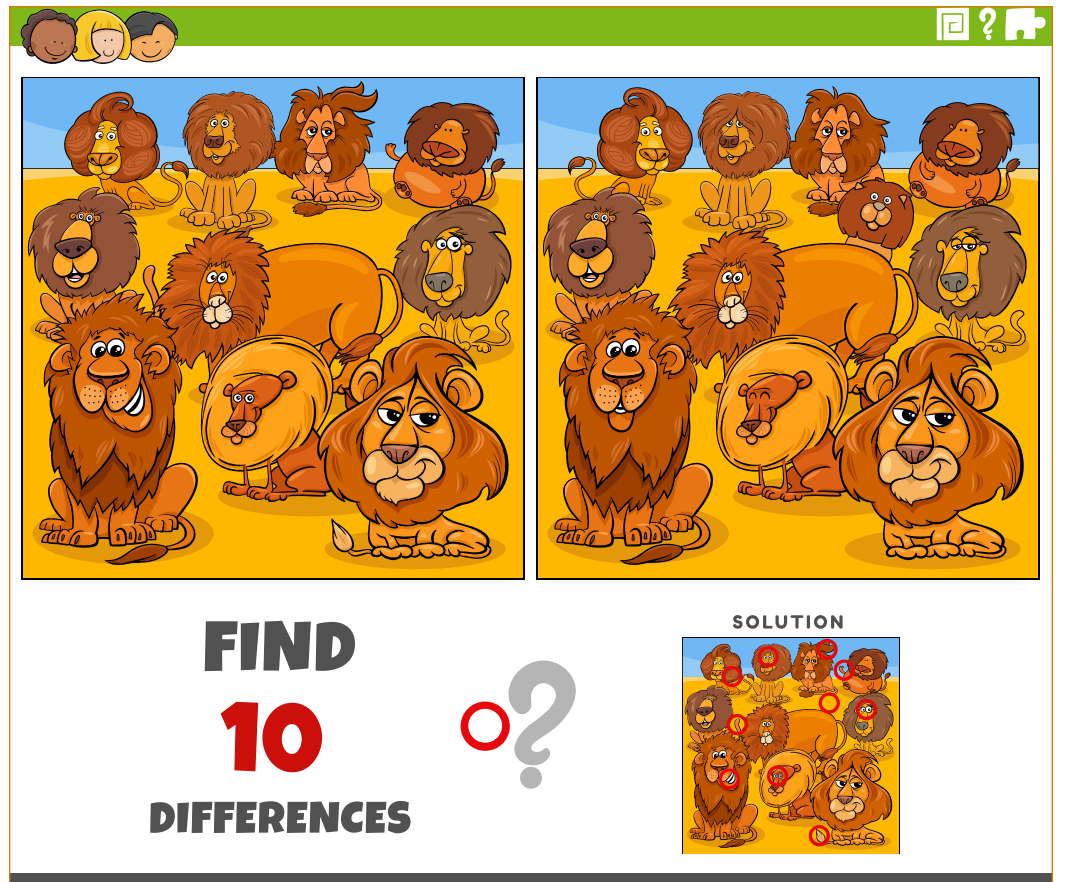
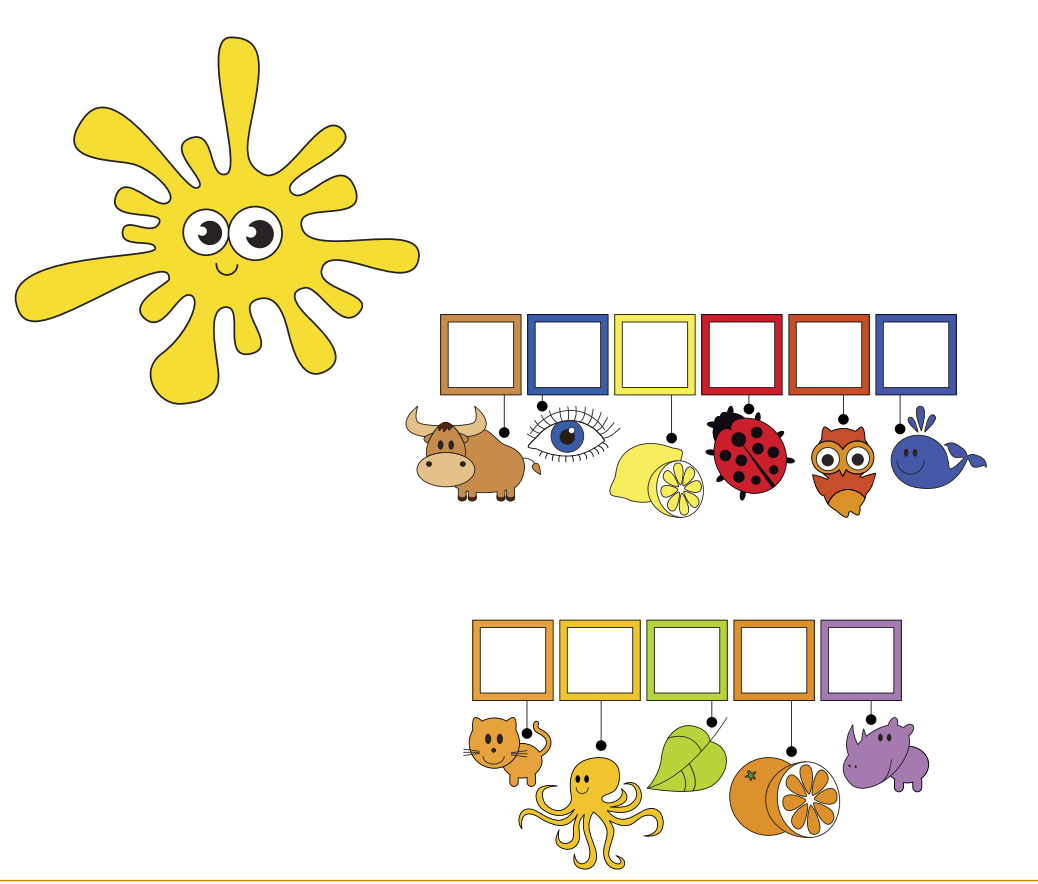
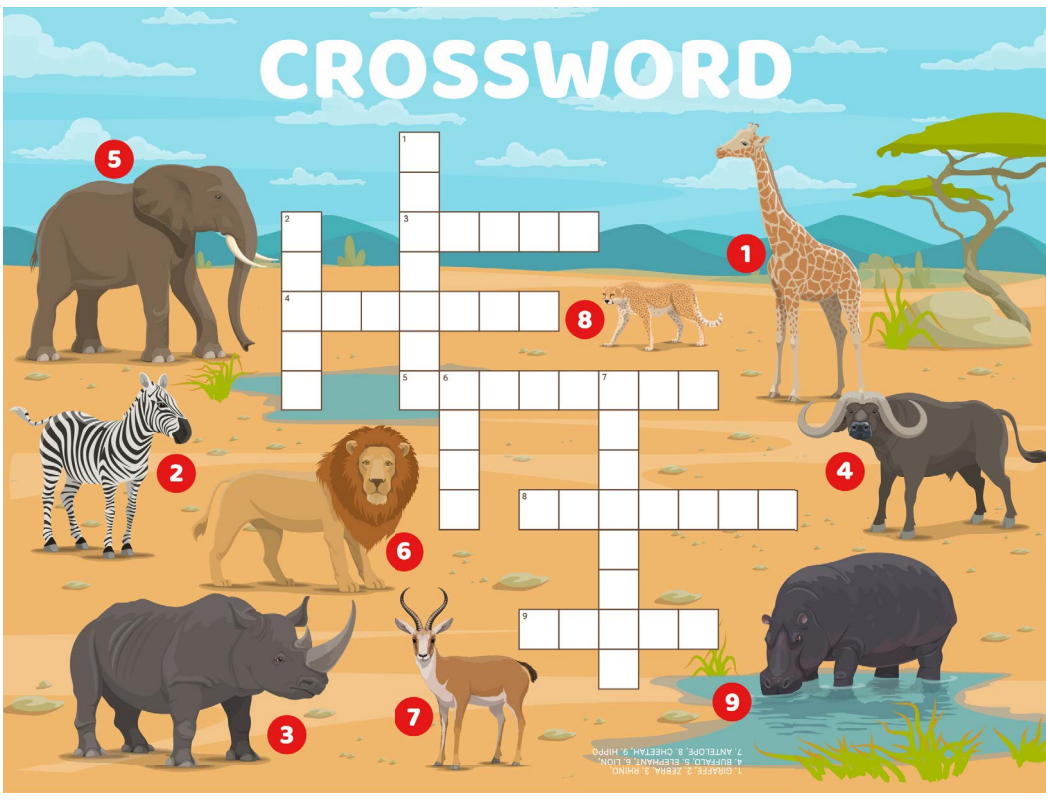
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Top row - Hard

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Top row - Easy

PUZZLES



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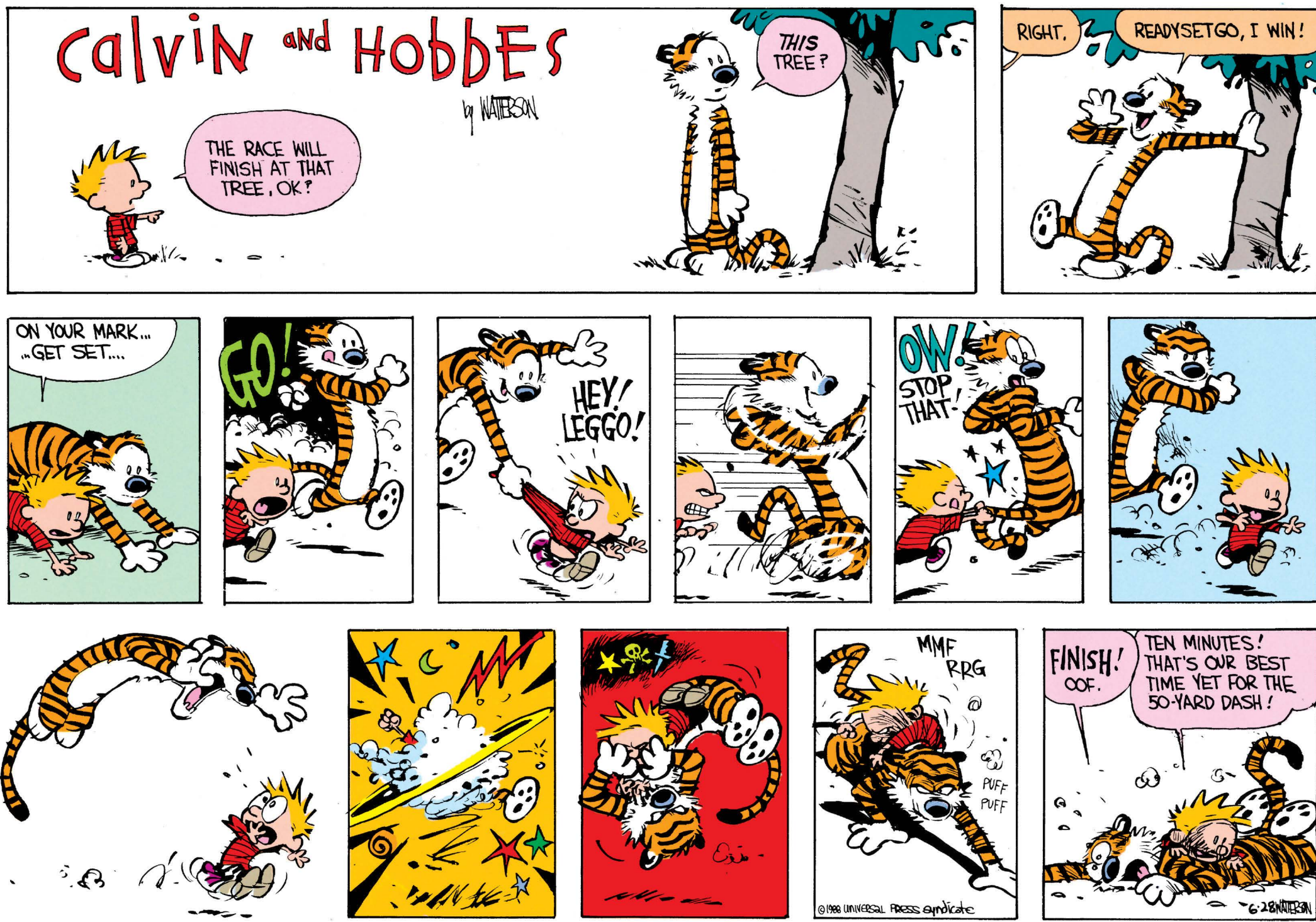
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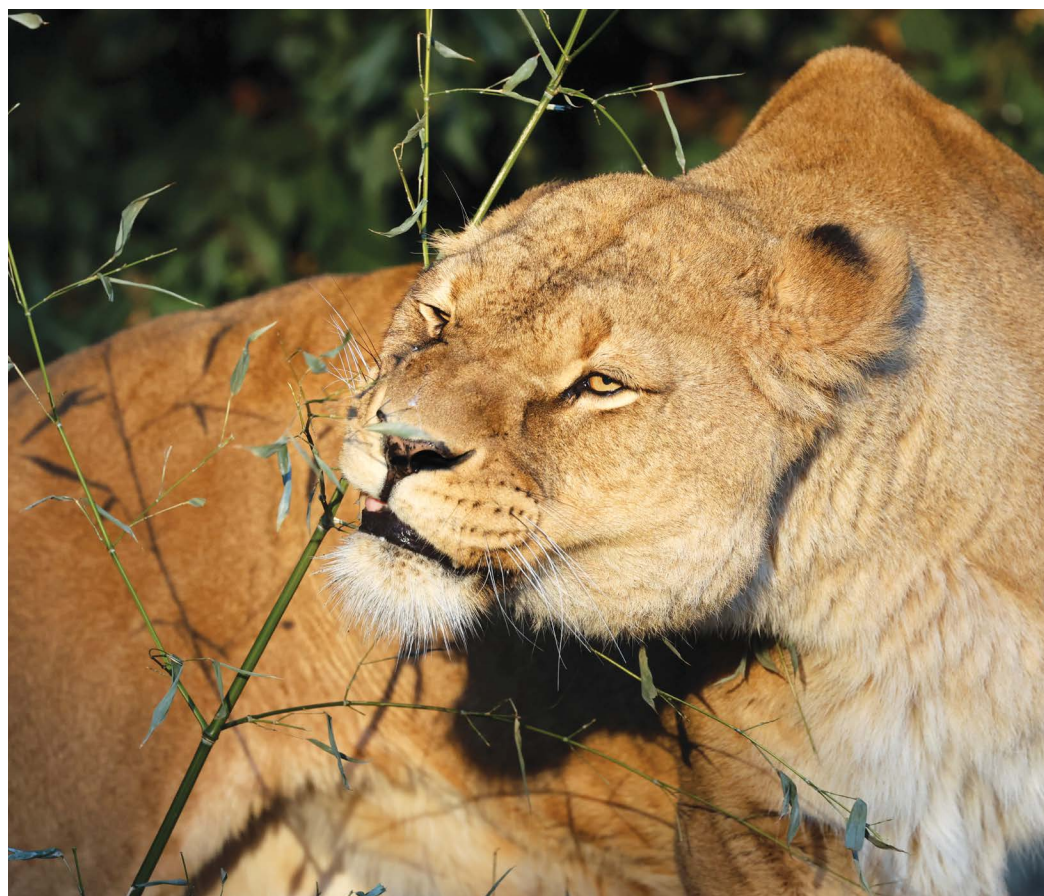
A Big Cat That Was a Fixture in the Ancient World

BY JIM KNOX

If you were to ask most kids and adults the difference between tigers and lions, they would invariably respond that tigers are orange with black stripes and lions are tan or golden brown in color. They would then inform you that tigers live in Asia and lions live in Africa. Aside from some anomalies in coat color, they would be correct. It is also true that all the world's tigers live in Asia. Lions, however, might surprise you. Although most of the world's lions live in the eastern and southern regions of Africa, these great cats are more widespread than you might suspect, and they hide their secrets well.

The Asiatic or Asian Lion (*Panthera leo persica*) is simultaneously a beast of legend and mystery. At a casual glance, this big cat is one and the same with its African cousins, yet a studious eye begins to tease out the subtle distinctions among these great cats. Unlike its better-known cousin, the Asian Lion typically sports a fine peppering of black or buff-gray spots in its coat. Aside from certain skull differences, males possess shorter, more sparse manes, rarely exceeding four inches in length, leaving their ears visible. All Asian Lions also possess a much larger tail tuft, a skin fold along their abdomen and typically attain smaller sizes than their African counterparts with males rarely exceeding 9.5 feet in length and 380 pounds in weight.

Inhabiting the fertile crescent and hunting the Tigris and Euphrates River Valleys for millennia, the Asian Lion has witnessed the birth of civilization, served as a competitor, lethal adversary, and timeless source of inspiration to humanity from our earliest days. Ranging into Europe from Albania and Greece eastward, their range



The Asian Lion

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wrapped around the entire Mediterranean basin. From present day Turkey, Palestine, Syria, and Egypt. To the east they ranged through present day Iran, Iraq, through the Caucasus and beyond to present day Pakistan and India.

With such an immense range encompassing the known civilized world for myriad cultures, the lion became synonymous with the sheer power, awe, and majesty of the wild world. This was the beast of the forests and limitless wilderness beyond the horizon—its untamed likeness adorning shields, coats of arms and royal crests. It was also the

ultimate beast of dread—taking human and animal prey alike before 50,000 spectators at the Great Colosseum and hundreds of other lesser venues across the entirety of the Roman Empire.

Yet, fear of this lethal predator, economic losses from predation of domestic stock due to overhunting of the lion's natural prey, and unsustainable capture of lions for the arena, led to inexorable population declines over the centuries. As early as 350 BC Aristotle referred to the lion of ancient Greece as, "A scarce animal not found in many places." By the 10th century AD lions had disappeared from

much of the Caucasus region. Predictably, their successive population extinctions cascaded; disappearing from Turkey by the 1870's, Syria by 1895, and Iran by 1944. By the twentieth century, their range that had spanned across Europe and Asia had contracted to a tiny remnant area within India's Gir Forest. Today, this protected population lives in the grasslands and deciduous forests of Gir National Park—once the royal hunting grounds of maharajas—and surrounding areas of the Indian State of Gujarat.

While this decline is not unexpected and parallels that of nearly all apex predators worldwide, there is reason

for hope. From a perilously low population of as little as 10 animals, Asian lions have held on with an unmatched tenacity. Thanks to rigorous and pioneering protection efforts which include the relocation of human settlements and domestic stock and the protection of their hoofed prey species and forest habitat from fuel wood collection, the great cats have slowly increased their numbers over the last several decades to exceed the 500 individual mark. In recent years they have even extended their range beyond Gir National Park. The most recent survey in 2020 revealed lions had established six satellite populations in Gujarat and the population had reached a modern era high of 674 animals!

Buoyed by this success the Indian government has initiated bold lion reintroduction initiatives to Kuno and Barda Wildlife Sanctuaries, to safeguard against the risk of natural disasters such as forest fires or epidemics threatening these majestic cats.

Having lived alongside these great cats for thousands of years, what can we learn from them and how can we

apply that knowledge to our own lives? In contrast to its perceived image, the Asian Lion is generally a retiring creature, with the ability to live alongside humans with rare exhibition of aggression. Capable of unmatched power, it engages when it must. Taking advantage of favorable conditions, these big cats expand their territories when opportunity presents itself. Social creatures, they access resources together and extend protection to the other members of their pride. Perhaps most significantly, when these cats get figuratively knocked down, they get back up. Clawing their way back from a worldwide population the size of a single pride, the Asian Lion is a true survivor. If we ever doubt our abilities, we only must look to these great cats to reaffirm that we are capable of roaring back from even the most daunting challenge.

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