

The Local News You Need to Know

ALERT! PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER

Greenwich residents should brace for an Arctic chill set to grip the region this week. A deep trough of frigid air descending from Canada, “that’s going to set the stage for the coldest air we’ve seen all season for a lot of us,” says meteorologist Ryan Hall. The week will be generally clear and sunny with wind gusts maxing out at 25 mph, but generally forecasted to have wind speeds in the single digits. When temperatures drop, residents can stay warm at designated heating centers in Greenwich. See the full story on page 16.

POLICE & FIRE

PATROLMAN HISLER COMPLETES PROBATION



Patrolman Hisler has completed his probationary period with CCFPP, fulfilling training requirements in salvage, traffic control, scene management, and introductory firefighting. He passed the probationary exam and will now proceed to Firefighter I training. CCFPP, a volunteer fire service organization, has served Greenwich since 1927. Photo Credit: Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol

ELLIS, FRANKS EARN Q ENDORSEMENT



Patrolmen Ellis and Franks successfully obtained their Q endorsement, allowing them to operate fire apparatus. This achievement required extensive practice and preparation. In the coming months, they will undergo additional driver training to qualify for operating Patrol 2. Photo Credit: Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol

SIX OFFICERS EARN KEY PROMOTIONS



Chief Heavey announced the promotion of six officers within the department. Deputy Chief Bonney now leads the Administrative and Professional Standards Bureau, Captain Smyth oversees the Support Services Division, and Lieutenant Bucci has assumed the role of Support Services Commanding Officer. Lieutenant Lyman now leads Platoon A in patrol, while Sergeants Greco and Perusse serve as Desk Sergeants in the Patrol Division. (see page 11 for full story)

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

“The most important fact about Spaceship Earth: an instruction book didn’t come with it.”

The late Buckminster Fuller, American architect, author, and inventor who emphasized the need for humanity to work together to take care of Earth. (1895-1983).

Hamill Rink Debate Heads to RTM After Four Residents’ Challenge MI Status



A rendering of a re-imagined Dorothy Hamill rink by architect firm JLG, experts in the niche hockey arena space.

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

The Representative Town Meeting (RTM) of Greenwich will convene on January 21 at 8:00 p.m. for its first meeting of the year. The session will cover 18 resolutions spanning appointments, funding requests, and community development projects.

On the table at that meeting is the future of skating in Greenwich and the issue of correcting problems with a baseball field wrapped together in Dorothy Hamill rink project, which received Municipal Improvment (MI) status from Planning and Zoning last month.

Four Byram residents—Al Shehadi, Joseph Kantorski, Liz Eckert, and Lucy Von Brachel—invoked a rarely used provision of the town charter to bring the rink replacement project MI status to a full RTM vote, forcing the body to approve or reject the proposal already greenlit by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The project, which proposes constructing a new rink on the current site of Strazza Field and relocating the field to the existing rink site once the old facility is demolished, has drawn praise and some criticism. This plan is aimed at maintaining

uninterrupted use of the rink during construction and reducing impacts on neighboring Sherman Avenue properties.

“This rink is Greenwich’s heart,” said Bill Drake, Chairman of the Rink User Committee for Design and Planning. “It’s where generations have come together, and it’s time we ensure it’s safe for generations to come.” First Selectman Fred Camillo echoed this sentiment, recalling his own childhood skating there: “I’ve seen how it’s been piecemealed together over the years. Today, it falls short against any other rink in Fairfield County, and probably in the state of Connecticut. It’s

become an embarrassment.”

The rink currently serves more than 3,000 skaters annually, including figure skaters, youth hockey players, and recreational skaters. However, its aging infrastructure has left it unable to meet modern demands. Among the most pressing issues are the rink’s undersized ice surface, inadequate locker rooms, shared bathrooms, and outdated mechanical systems.

Nancy Thompson Lundy, a longtime Greenwich resident and former president of the Windy Hill Skating Club, recounted in a letter to the

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Yale Alum Singers Spanning 72 Years



The full force of the world renown Yale Glee Club (YGC) filled the chancel of Christ Church last Sunday afternoon. “We had about 300 people in attendance,” said YGC alum (and *Sentinel* columnist) Clay Kaufman. “The Alumni Chorus included alumni spanning from the class of 2016 back to 1956.” And “Including the current Glee Club students, that meant that we covered the class of ’56 through the class of ’28 - over 72 years of Yale singing. It was so great to have the students and alumni sing three songs together at the end.”

There were those traditional Yale songs sung over the years. And “There was a song from the Philippines, where the YGC is headed on tour during Spring Break in March,” noted Kaufman. And surely au curreant -with that hit Bob Dylan movie showing - the group sang “a relatively new arrangement of the Bob Dylan song, ‘The Times They Are A Changin.’”

“What a treat it was,” added Kaufman who sang with the Alumni Chorus, “and what a tribute to the opportunities music creates. After the concert, we held a singing dinner with over 130 people, giving alumni and students a chance for more camaraderie, after singing together on stage.”

RTC Preps for Leadership Transition

By ANNE WHITE

As the Republican Town Committee (RTC) gears up for a pivotal election cycle, the focus has turned to Michael Hahn, who announced his candidacy for the position of chairman in a letter to RTC members on Jan. 15. Hahn, a seasoned political strategist with nearly two decades of experience in Republican politics, seeks to lead the RTC following current Chair Jerry Cincotta’s decision to step down due to medical reasons. The vote to determine the next chair will take place on Jan. 29.

Hahn, who has been actively involved in Connecticut politics since 2003, brings a wealth of experience to the table. In a call made to Hahn by the *Sentinel*, Hahn outlined his vision for the RTC, emphasizing collaboration and a grassroots approach. “I’m committed to creating an environment where our party and candidates can thrive,” Hahn stated. “The Republican Party should engage with our constituents to understand their needs and concerns.”

In his Jan. 15 letter to RTC members, Hahn reaffirmed his dedication to transparency and empowering local voices. He highlighted his history of managing successful state campaigns and co-founding the CT Young Republicans as a testament to his leadership capabilities. “Together, we can build a strong platform that not only promotes qualified and passionate candidates but also ensures that our party remains a positive force in Greenwich,” he wrote.

The upcoming vote comes after a tremendously successful term for the RTC under Cincotta’s leadership. While his election as chairman may have been contentious, Cincotta guided the committee to significant electoral victories in Greenwich. Under his leadership, Senator Ryan Fazio won his seat by a commanding 2,000 votes, a remarkable improvement from the narrow 89-vote margin two years prior. Additionally, Cincotta spearheaded efforts to reverse legislative seat losses, regaining the 149th district for Republicans with Tina Courpas’s election. Hahn acknowledged

these achievements and expressed optimism about continuing this momentum. “Debate and discussion are essential,” he said. “Purity tests don’t move conversations forward. Healthy debate does.”

Hahn’s strategy for the RTC revolves around maintaining a focus on local issues and building on the successes of candidates like Ryan Fazio and Tina Courpas. “Our voters care about what affects them daily,” he noted. “From zoning to energy policy, local matters resonate more than national debates.” He added, “Greenwich is a community where decisions on local issues, like education and land use, have a direct and immediate impact on families. When we stay focused on these matters, we build trust and achieve results that benefit everyone.”

The committee’s agenda for 2025 includes elections for key positions such as First Selectman, Board of Estimate and Taxation, Board of Education, and the Representative Town Meeting. Hahn emphasized the importance of fielding strong candidates for these roles, stating, “We’re developing good slates of

candidates who represent solid, basic principles.”

Reflecting on Cincotta’s tenure, Hahn praised the outgoing chairman’s efforts. “Jerry was elected under extraordinary circumstances and gave everyone a chance to voice their opinions,” he said. “He worked tirelessly to unify the committee, and I plan to continue that effort.”

Hahn also underscored the importance of maintaining civility in political discourse. “This is a committee of high-functioning individuals who should be able to talk to each other like adults,” he said. “Our neighbors, friends, and sometimes family deserve respect, even when we disagree.”

As the January 29 vote approaches, Hahn’s candidacy has garnered significant attention. While he anticipates some dissent within the committee, he remains focused on the broader goal of strengthening the RTC and advancing Republican values in Greenwich. “This is about more than one election cycle,” Hahn concluded. “It’s about building on the foundation for the future.”

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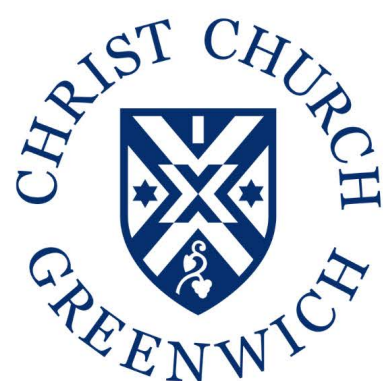
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RMA Presents “From Intuition to Insight: A Journey in Street Photography”



One of many fascinating examples of Jean-Marc Bara’s street photography

By Rick Donohue

A ward - winning photographer Jean-Marc Bara, whose work has garnered international recognition for his striking images captured in New York City and around the world, delivered an enlightening presentation on the art of street photography at the meeting of the Retired Men’s Association on January 8. Drawing from his transition from a successful career in corporate banking and finance to pursuing photography in retirement, Bara shared insights that demonstrated how a lifetime of analytical thinking could merge with artistic sensibility to create compelling street photography. The presentation, titled “From Intuition to Insight: A Journey in Street Photography,” offered attendees a masterclass in seeing the extraordinary within the ordinary.

Bara began by tracing his path from a successful career in corporate banking and finance at institutions like Chase Manhattan Bank and Young & Rubicam to his discovery of photography in retirement. His introduction to the Stamford Photography Club, where he met his mentor, marked the beginning of a transformation that would lead him to master one of photography’s most challenging genres. With an engineer’s precision and an artist’s eye, Bara developed a distinctive approach to street photography that combines technical excellence with emotional resonance.

At the core of his presentation, Bara emphasized that street photography is fundamentally about capturing candid moments in public spaces. He explained that while the genre demands authenticity through unstaged and unmanipulated images, it allows for traditional adjustments such as cropping, exposure corrections, and perspective adjustments. These technical refinements, he stressed, should serve to enhance rather than alter the truth of the moment captured. The presentation’s title reflected his dual approach: the intuitive act of capturing fleeting moments and the analytical process of understanding why certain images resonate deeply with viewers.

Bara’s background as analytical, strategic, and pattern-seeking is manifested in his distinctive photographic style. Where others might see chaos in busy street scenes, he finds order and structure. His images often employ sophisticated visual techniques: frames within frames that draw the eye to key elements, patterns that create rhythm across the frame, and their deliberate disruption that adds tension and interest. His masterful use of shadows, silhouettes, and light transforms complex urban scenes into striking compositions that often verge on the abstract.

One of the most fascinating

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aspects of his work is his exploration of ambiguity in photography. Bara explained how ambiguous images serve as visual puzzles that engage viewers by challenging their perceptions. These images create what he calls the “prolonged gaze” - moments where viewers linger, working to understand what they’re seeing, leading to a satisfying moment of recognition. He achieves this through various techniques, including the use of reflections, unusual perspectives, and layered compositions that reveal different meanings depending on how they’re viewed.

Throughout his talk, Bara emphasized the ethical considerations that guide his work. He spoke passionately about the importance of maintaining transparency while photographing, avoiding exploitation of vulnerable subjects, and respecting the dignity of those he photographs. His approach to photographing homeless individuals is particularly thoughtful - he either refrains entirely or ensures their dignity is preserved. When capturing street performers, he makes a point of contributing to their work, recognizing that they are part of his creative process.

The question-and-answer session revealed additional layers of Bara’s expertise. When asked about photographing subjects beyond adults, particularly children, he provided a nuanced discussion of the ethical considerations involved. He explained how he navigates the sensitivities around photographing minors, typically ensuring parent awareness, and shared how human figures can serve multiple purposes in compositions, from providing scale in architectural shots to adding emotional resonance to landscape photography. He noted that effective street photography doesn’t always require visible human subjects - sometimes the mere suggestion of human presence through environmental details can be equally powerful.

The topic of smartphone photography sparked an engaging discussion about technology and accessibility. While acknowledging that modern phones offer remarkable image quality, Bara detailed both their advantages and limitations. He recommended smartphones for beginners due to their convenience and discretion but explained how their tendency to over-process images can be managed through alternative camera apps. His own preference remains with traditional cameras, specifically his Sony Alpha One paired with a 35mm lens, which he praised for its versatility in street

photography.

Bara’s technical insights proved particularly valuable when discussing his commitment to fixed focal-length photography. The 35mm lens, he explained, not only provides a natural perspective close to human vision but also forces photographers to engage more intimately with their subjects. He shared his workflow for managing an impressive archive of nearly 100,000 images, using a combination of Lightroom and AI-powered Excire Search software,

demonstrating how modern technology can enhance traditional photographic practices without compromising artistic integrity.

When asked about applying his principles to other photography genres, Bara emphasized the universal importance of developing intuition while maintaining technical proficiency. He maintains an active presence on Instagram (@candid_stroller) and his website (<https://jmbaraphoto.com>), where he shares both his work and insights. His published book about a Venetian boatyard exemplifies his approach to documentary photography. Working entirely in the digital realm with Capture One Pro and Photoshop, he maintains a strict ethical standard. While he’ll adjust technical aspects of an image, he never adds or removes elements, ensuring each photograph remains a truthful record of the moment it captures.

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

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “Shen’s Unlikely Journey: From Confucian China to the Court of Louis XIV” by Robert Henrey, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Please note that this and all future RMA presentations will be held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

It was a first – a young Chinese scholar’s venture into a politically fractious and religiously divided Europe awakening to the Scientific Revolution. It was the most unlikely of journeys: shipwreck, teaching the French king the use of chopsticks, kissing the Pope’s feet at the behest of his Jesuit mentors, helping publish the first European book dedicated to Confucian wisdom, having his portrait painted by order of the English king, and sipping port as a reward for explaining away Chinese books at Oxford. It’s a tragic yet inspiring story, recounted as a novel but based on the real lives of remarkable people dedicated to bridging the

great cultural divide.

Robert Henrey describes this most unusual of journeys from China to the West in his recent book, “Shen’s Unlikely Journey.” Henrey will comment on how issues that would bedevil the West’s relationship with China were already present in the closing decades of the 17th century. These include each side’s conviction that theirs was the one-and-only divinely ordained culture, China’s policy of dedicating its superior craftsmanship to the goal of accumulating wealth through one-sided foreign trade, welcoming foreigners only to the extent that they provided useful scientific and technological information, pursuing territorial expansion to include Tibet and Taiwan, China’s feelings of vulnerability arising from its deep cultural attachment to a centralized imperial system that was periodically challenged by internal rebellions and foreign invaders – the Mongols, the Manchus and the Japanese – and finally a belief in the West that the only way to open Chinese to foreign influence and profitable trade was to do so by force.

Professionally, Mr. Henrey enjoyed a long career in finance. At the New York City office of Coopers and Lybrand, he headed the firm’s International Tax Consulting Practice and wrote numerous articles on foreign exchange. Since his retirement he has pursued a lifelong scholarly interest in history and linguistics – through writing and lecturing and most recently with a particular focus on Western encounters with Asian cultures.

Robert and his wife Lisette are both graduates of Oxford University, have resided in France, England and in the 1970s in Singapore, and traveled extensively. They have one child, two grandchildren, and live in Greenwich.

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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The Future of Education is Adaptability

By Emily Raudenbush Gum

Human-scale education—it’s a phrase that almost feels redundant. Should we really have to specify that the education we are after is designed for the cultivation of people? As a school leader, I would argue that too much of what happens in schools is driven by a different set of design standards. Sometimes that means we reduce our expectations of who we actually know kids to be: complex and plagued by setbacks but extraordinary in their capacities and growth. If you haven’t recently been utterly taken aback by the creativity and synthetic thinking of a child (of any age), then I encourage you to slow down and listen with this intent to one of the children in your life. Or, it could mean that we don’t plan ahead for the setbacks that are inevitable. Have you ever met a person who didn’t experience some ups and downs in their lives? Of course not! Why would we allow schools to not take this into account? As just one example, think of a report card that tallies to an overall cumulative GPA. No wonder we are stressing out our kids. The system has no capacity to acknowledge even one bad term for a student and set it to the side, capturing only

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that kid at their best. I hope my point is beginning to be clear: we need schools that continually ask themselves whether what they are doing is great for the overall cultivation of children as we know them in all of their wonderful complexity. We need schools that are adaptive to any evidence that they are not living up to this ideal. To accomplish this, we need to acknowledge that schools lose too much of their humanity when they are not designed to be human-scale.

The tools that have come from the work of “design thinking”—whether through Stanford’s Design School or elsewhere in management thinking—have very little to do with aesthetics and everything to do with intentionality. When it comes to school transformation, perhaps the key missing component is humility. I don’t mean to sound harsh. School leaders and teachers are among the most selfless and generous members of our communities. But as institutions, schools struggle with adaptability. We move slowly and prefer what has worked before. At the institutional level, I think it is fair to describe this as a lack of humility. We believe that what we have is awesome or at least good enough and aren’t willing to name the problems

and challenges and set realistic expectations for change.

Let’s be precise in our thinking about this. Design standards are not design constraints. All good design has constraints: budget, time, place, and so on. To design is to be realistic about constraints while remaining focused on the best possible instantiation of those design standards. Design standards name the values of our mission. Every institution has design standards; and you get what you design for. Schools are complex social ecosystems and there are expectations for student behaviour, hallway etiquette, eating together, the role of the arts and beauty, sportsmanship, models of authority, just to name a few. All of these components are outside of the core competency of schools: teaching content and skills for academic development. It would be a mistake to pretend that these design standards are somehow secondary. Instead, we need to accept that they are

primary, as all of the excellent work around school culture and the social-emotional learning of children has done.

So, what is the core design standard of human-scale education? The answer is quite simple; children are interacting with adults who know them well and champion their success. Schools, in their most basic form, are

intergenerational communities rooted in a place and organized around a mission. We call that mission education because we believe that humans have an incredible capacity to live up to the dignity of that term, educate: to be called and nourished forth. Herein is the design constraint. What does it really mean for a child to be deeply known and believed in?

Teachers are mentors. Consider the research findings of late around what sets apart the super achievers in global education: Finland, Estonia, and so on. One observation that emerged has to do with the

phenomenon of looping. Looping happens when students are with teachers for multiple years in a row. As Adam Grant put this in a recent New York Times article, “Instead of specializing just in their subjects, teachers also get to specialize in their students. Their role evolves from instructor to coach and mentor.” I lead a relatively small high school of 330 students. Schools like ours have felt the pressure of larger schools to ensure that every teacher is singular in their specific area of competence to ensure student test outcomes, and this collegiate model of differentiated excellence does have its clear benefits. However, research lends itself to the belief that it is possible to have tremendous academic outcomes for students and also strive for comprehensive and integrated thriving. For this more robust outcome, which our school has striven after for 175 years, schools need design standards which ensure students of all ages are known and championed, and

that takes mentors in human-scale, adaptable schools.

As technologies arise, Artificial Intelligence tutors not least, it is crucial that we stay focused on the design standards that will lead to the outcomes that we want for our children. We want our kids to do their very best and be acknowledged for it across many areas of life, and we want the structures around our kids to make sure that things are going well for them and that challenges are addressed. These outcomes are best addressed by design standards that take seriously how wonderfully complex people are. When we do this, we might be challenged to find that the future of education is not grand and complexified but is instead interpersonal, adaptable, and human-scale.

Emily Raudenbush Gum is the 12th Head of School at The Frederick Gunn School in Washington, CT, celebrating its 175th year.

Empowering Young Women to Lead with Confidence



By Russell R. Barksdale, Jr

High school is a pivotal time in a young woman’s life, marked by academic, social, spiritual, and personal growth. These years should provide a secure environment where she can explore her passions, build meaningful connections, and prepare for the future. At Sacred Heart Greenwich, we offer more than just a learning space; we create a community where young women are supported and inspired to thrive with confidence and purpose.

A collaborative environment is essential for young women to overcome challenges and

seize opportunities. At Sacred Heart Greenwich, we celebrate individuality while fostering a culture of respect and support. Through retreats, advisory meetings, service experiences, and diverse extracurricular activities—from athletics to the arts—every student builds lasting connections that bolster her academic and personal growth. This sense of belonging empowers her to voice her ideas confidently and engage deeply with her passions.

It is also an important time to explore different interests. Our wide range of electives—from visual and performing arts, media studies, science research, and journalism—encourages students to explore creative, intellectual, and artistic pursuits, fostering self-discovery and leadership. Whether sculpting, coding, or competing on the field, Sacred Heart Greenwich students are inspired to think critically and creatively, expressing themselves with confidence.

Leadership development is integral to our mission. Programs

I understand the transformative power of a Sacred Heart education. My team is committed to supporting each young woman’s personal, academic, and leadership development, helping her to forge a unique path with confidence.

like Student Council, Peer Leadership, and the Leadership Academy, along with student-led clubs such as robotics, Model UN, and sustainability initiatives, enable students to pursue their passions while honing essential skills like critical thinking and collaboration. Our athletic, arts, and science programs further instill teamwork, discipline, and self-expression—key qualities for future leaders. These experiences prepare students to excel in college and beyond, equipping her to inspire change and lead with purpose.

Faith and community service are cornerstones of the Sacred Heart Greenwich experience. We encourage young women to

make positive impacts on their communities, developing empathy, responsibility, and leadership skills through hands-on projects and partnerships. Guided by our faith-based mission, they learn to navigate life with integrity and humility through prayer, reflection, service, and retreats. They also have the opportunity to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, deepening their faith and commitment to service.

In today’s interconnected world, a global perspective is essential. Sacred Heart Greenwich is part of a network of schools in over 40 countries, offering opportunities for international and domestic exchange programs. Our Global Scholars program and cross-cultural initiatives broaden horizons, fostering global awareness and preparing students to become compassionate leaders in a global society.

Graduates leave Sacred Heart Greenwich with a strong academic foundation, a confident sense of self, and a lifelong sisterhood. They are courageous, confident, and ready to make meaningful contributions to the world. For families seeking a high school experience that blends academic excellence, leadership, service, athletics, arts, and faith within a supportive community, Sacred Heart Greenwich is where young women thrive.

As the Head of the Upper School and a Sacred Heart Network alumna, I understand the transformative power of a Sacred Heart education. My team is committed to supporting each young woman’s personal, academic, and leadership development, helping her to forge a unique path with confidence.

Meghan McMahon, Head of Upper School for Sacred Heart Greenwich is the educational

leader of the Upper School, ensuring students’ educational, physical, social, psychological, and spiritual needs are met through an innovative and robust curriculum that will prepare them for college as well as their future careers. In addition, she oversees programs to support educators and oversee the coordination of the co-curricular and extra-curricular activity programs. McMahon, a graduate of the Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, holds a Bachelor of Arts from the College of the Holy Cross, a Master of Arts in Teaching and History from Tufts University, and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Columbia University, Teachers College.

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Friends of Nathaniel Witherell: Bringing Art to Life with Darby Cartun

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Friends of Nathaniel Witherell host a monthly art lecture series led by the brilliant Darby Cartun, an art historian and lifelong lover of the arts at The Nathaniel Witherell. These lectures dive deep into the masterpieces of classic artists such as Monet, Picasso, Rembrandt, Chagall, and Michelangelo. With her infectious passion, Cartun meticulously unpacks the stories, inspirations, and creative processes behind these timeless works, sparking curiosity and joy among her audience.

Darby Cartun is no stranger to enriching lives through art. A longtime Greenwich resident and esteemed local radio talk show host, she has devoted her career to making art accessible and engaging for people of all ages. Her work extends beyond The Nathaniel Witherell, as she also teaches lifetime learners at Norwalk Community College and has delivered lectures at over 20 assisted living facilities in Fairfield County. Wherever she goes, Cartun brings art to life with her dynamic storytelling and insightful analysis.

Cartun's impact on older adults is profound as is her belief in the transformative power of lifelong learning. She finds her older students to be remarkably engaged and insightful, bringing their own experiences and perspectives to the discussion.

The benefits of Cartun's art education for older adults cannot be overstated. Her lectures

provide intellectual stimulation, emotional connection, and a sense of community. For residents of nursing homes, who may face isolation or cognitive challenges, such programs can be a lifeline to creativity and curiosity. Art has the power to evoke memories, foster discussions, and inspire new ways of seeing the world—all of which contribute to a higher quality of life.

Darby Cartun's lectures at The Nathaniel Witherell are more than just presentations; they are vibrant celebrations of art and humanity. Thanks to her tireless efforts and the support of the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, older adults can continue to learn, explore, and find joy through the beauty of art.

Volunteers are always welcome at The Nathaniel Witherell. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Tate, Director of Resident and Volunteer Services, at mary.tate@witherell.org or 203-618-4228. There are many opportunities to suit your interests and schedules, including arts and crafts, games, gift shop, and a variety of other activities.

For further information about Friends of Nathaniel Witherell and supporting these vital experiences we provide to those at The Nathaniel Witherell, call Lisa Harding, Director of Development, Advancement & Fundraising at 203-618-4227 or lisa.harding@friendsofnw.org Please also visit our website at https://friendsofnathanielwitherell.org/.



Darby Cartun

Meals-on-Wheels celebrates Ronald Rembaum!

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich celebrates Ronald Rembaum! Ron has been delivering more than just meals for 11 years as a volunteer driver for Meals-on-Wheels. "I enjoy it," Ron shares, reflecting on his dedication to helping others in need. "It makes me feel good, and I have the time—that's why I started driving in the first place."

His commitment and kindness make a meaningful difference in the lives of those he serves. Meals-on-Wheels is so fortunate to have Ron as a member of our community. If you would like to support Meals-on-Wheels by volunteering, partnering on a project, or making a financial contribution—please contact us at 203-869-1312, via email at mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com, or our website mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org.



Meals-on-Wheels driver, Ronald Rembaum

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Riko's Pizza Raises Over \$26,000 for Breast Cancer Alliance

Rico Imbrogno, co-founder and CEO of Riko's Pizza, recently presented Breast Cancer Alliance ("BCA") President Karen Colella with a check for \$26,500. These funds are a direct result of Riko's month-long partnership with BCA to support the organization's annual Go For Pink campaign and its lifesaving work.

GoForPink is BCA's month-long initiative during Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, during which partners throughout the country donate a percentage of proceeds to BCA. 100% of proceeds from this initiative will go directly to the funding of innovative, cutting-edge breast cancer research in 2025.

Throughout the month of October, Riko's Pizza – both corporate stores and franchise locations – donated 10% of all sales on Tuesdays to BCA. Customers, new and old, came out for 'Dough-Nation' Tuesdays, which raised \$26,500 this year to support Breast Cancer Alliance. Riko's also sold co-branded pink t-shirts, used specially-designed pink pizza

boxes for takeout orders, and hosted dedicated events at select locations.

"We are incredibly grateful to Rico, Luigi, and the entire Riko's Pizza team for their partnership over the past three years and their unwavering dedication to BCA's mission. The generosity of the Riko's team and their loyal customers was truly inspiring. Through their efforts, such as providing pink pizza boxes and selling pink t-shirts throughout October, they not only raised awareness about breast cancer but also contributed vital funds that will support cutting-edge breast cancer research, breast surgical fellowships, and screening and support for underserved communities," said Karen Colella, BCA President, Board of Directors.

"Riko's Pizza is a proud supporter of the essential programs and research the Breast Cancer Alliance provides, and we are thrilled to present more than \$26,000 to help further their mission," said Rico Imbrogno, co-founder and CEO of Riko's Pizza.



Rico Imbrogno, CEO of Riko's Pizza, and Riko's staff present a donation of \$26,500 to Breast Cancer Alliance.

"We couldn't have raised these funds without all our dedicated franchisees and incredibly generous customers. Since partnering with the amazing BCA team, our pink pizza boxes and 'Dough-Nation' Tuesdays have become a staple that our staff and customers look forward to every October. Riko's is committed to the communities and people in the towns where we live and work,

and this initiative is just one of the many ways we can give back. We're extremely grateful for all the positivity and support we received in October to make this goal a reality."

To learn more about Breast Cancer Alliance, visit breastcanceralliance.org.

For more information about Riko's Pizza, visit www.rikospizza.com.

RELEASE

YMCA Instructors Adaptive Swim Instruction Training With Swim Angelfish

This summer, the YMCA of Greenwich announced the launch of its new Adaptive Swim Lessons program, designed to help individuals with disabilities achieve safety and independence in the water. Led by the YMCA of Greenwich swim school staff certified by Swim Angelfish, the global leader in adaptive swim instruction. The program provides tailored swim lessons for individuals with ADHD, Autism, Down Syndrome, and other emotional, physical, or sensory challenges.

Thanks to a generous grant awarded to the YMCA of Greenwich from the Abilis Community Foundation, the YMCA of Greenwich certified its swim school instructors in the Adaptive Swim Whisperers® Program this past July.

"The Abilis Community Foundation is happy to have been able to support the Greenwich YMCA in building this wonderful program that provides adaptive swim instruction classes for our community. We look forward to hearing additional success stories from them," said Hal Ritch, President of the Abilis Community Foundation.

Through the Swim Whisperers® Adaptive Aquatics Training, instructors learn how to adapt their teaching methods

to each swimmer's individual needs, helping swimmers with disabilities overcome common challenges and achieve swimming success more quickly and comfortably.

"The instructors who are now certified in the Adaptive Swim Whisperers program will greatly impact swimmers of all abilities at the YMCA of Greenwich. They have the tools to assess and identify underlying obstacles and implement strategies for swim success," said Ailene Tisser, Co-Founder of Swim Angelfish.

The YMCA of Greenwich offers both private and semi-private adaptive swim lessons, with options for 30 or 60-minute sessions depending on preference. In private lessons with certified instructors, individuals experience customized instruction focused on building a strong foundation of basic swimming skills and swim stroke techniques. The goal is to nurture and develop each swimmer's potential while ensuring safety and comfort in the water.

With a focus on individualized instruction, the program aims to empower swimmers with the skills they need to enjoy water activities safely and independently. The YMCA of Greenwich aims to help

children and adults progress their swimming skills and provide them with opportunities to join inclusive swim lessons as the program develops.

Maja Dubois, grandparent of a child who has participated in adaptive lessons at the YMCA of Greenwich, shared their positive experience: "We are so grateful for the Adaptive Swim Program at the YMCA of Greenwich and for my grandson's incredible instructor. After being fearful of the water due to past experiences, my 4 ½-year-old grandson, who has slight sensory issues, now trusts his instructor completely and is becoming an enthusiastic and confident swimmer—happily submerging his head and making big progress with each lesson!"

For more information about the Adaptive Swim Lessons program at the YMCA of Greenwich or to schedule a lesson, visit greenwichymca.org/programs/aquatics/adaptive.

The YMCA of Greenwich is one of the largest community-based organizations in Greenwich, CT. Founded in 1916, the YMCA of Greenwich offers programs and services that promote and sustain healthy living, youth development, and social responsibility to nurture the potential of everyone in our community. The YMCA

is a membership organization that welcomes people of all genders, ages, races, ethnicities, religions, abilities, and financial circumstances. With the "Y For All Membership" program, membership and program rates are based on total household income and circumstance. To learn more about the YMCA of Greenwich, visit: www.greenwichymca.org.

The Abilis Community Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization dedicated to the charitable and educational purposes of helping people with developmental disabilities who work and live in lower Fairfield County. The Foundation provides funding to Abilis, Inc. and a limited number of select non-profit partners who commit to improve the quality of life of individuals with disabilities through an annual grant process.

Swim Angelfish is the global leader in adaptive swim instruction, creating educational resources and advocating for the necessity of specifically trained instructors for the growing population of swimmers with special needs. For over 20 years, Swim Angelfish has been dedicated to reducing drowning statistics by teaching children of all abilities how to swim safely and independently.

RELEASE

Burns Supper Jan. 25 at First Presbyterian

On or near January 25 every year since 1801, people around the world have been paying homage to Scottish national poet Robert Burns, most famous for writing "Auld Lang Syne," at an event called a Burns Supper.

The Presbyterian Church has historic ties to Scotland, and the Greenwich Burns Supper is a fundraiser for First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich. With 75-100 attendees, it has been called the largest Burns Supper in Connecticut. The Greenwich Pipe Band will kick off the lively evening with a rousing performance followed by a buffet dinner and

Burns' songs performed by Scottish singer Lesley Craigie.

Who Was Robert Burns?

Robert Burns was a famous (and infamous) 18th-century Scottish poet with far-reaching influence on American writers and songwriters. Bob Dylan has acknowledged that Burns' "A Red, Red Rose" was his single most important inspiration; John Steinbeck got the title for "Of Mice and Men" from "To a Mouse," and J. D. Salinger's inspiration for the title "Catcher in the Rye" was Burns' "Comin' Through the Rye." Michael Jackson's opus "Thriller" was inspired by Burns'

"Tam o' Shanter." Burns' songs and poems have been translated into more languages than any other works except for Shakespeare and the Bible.

EVENT DETAILS

Burns Supper
Saturday, January 25, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
1 West Putnam Avenue
6 p.m.-9 p.m.
\$35 FPCG members, \$65 nonmembers; prices go up to \$45 and \$75 after January 17
Tickets include a three-course meal, entertainment, non-alcoholic drinks, and a whisky toast.
<https://www.fpcg.org/burns>



First Selectman Asks for Vocal Support of Rink



By Fred Camillo

After several decades of debate, and during a time when the Dorothy Hamill Rink is near the end of its useful life, the plan to replace the 53-year-old ice rink received Municipal Improvement (MI) status from the Planning and Zoning Commission with conditions that have to be met.

But now that approval has been appealed to the RTM by four Byram residents, one

of whom actually voted for the current plan in place as a member of the rink committee.

We worked hard to get input from residents for several years. The Town put out a survey to thousands of people that came back overwhelmingly with more than 84 percent in favor of flipping the rink onto where the baseball field is currently located. This would give us not only a more affordable option, as it will cost more to rebuild the rink in its current spot due to the ledgerock underneath the building, but it will also allow us the opportunity to put solar panels on the roof, something that is not possible in the present location.

Moreover, the flip would allow us to continue to offer programs at the rink that would not have to be shut down for two years like they would be

if we had to renovate in the current location. The flip also gives us the opportunity to give the town its first ever showcase baseball field for public use.

In 2005, the Greenwich Baseball Foundation, of which I was a founding member, entertained Murray Cook from Major League Baseball and a former general manager of the New York Yankees. We visited the site and he showed us where a new baseball field should be placed because the current location is not good for the players because the sun gets directly in a batter’s eyes.

The proposed flip would put the field in a position that we were told would be optimal for the players, allowing Greenwich to have a showcase field to host tournaments and benefit our local athletes.

In addition to all of the much

needed and positive elements of a new rink and baseball field, this project as proposed, includes many amenities that would benefit the residents of Byram. The proposed project includes more green space and a walking track/sidewalk that would go around the whole property. This would be a tremendous opportunity for people to get outdoors and enjoy themselves in this beautiful area, something that Byram residents currently do not have.

We also intend to finally enhance the memorial grove that is dedicated to the memory of local men who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We want this memorial grove to get its proper attention through signage and other enhancements. Additionally, a sidewalk would connect the enhanced playground that is so

popular with our young families with the walking trails and the parking lot, making everything more accessible.

Lastly, as I have stated from the beginning, we will be making this a public – private partnership so Town taxpayers do not have to cover the whole cost. Millions of dollars have been pledged from local citizens and we will make an official announcement about that shortly after the project receives final approval.

The public private partnership also includes money for the baseball field that will bring the final price tag down considerably. Delaying this project any longer runs the risk of needing an emergency appropriation of several more million dollars when and if the rink finally expires and it also risks additional money being

needed due to the inflation caused by yet more delays.

The people of Greenwich have waited long enough. They have expressed their desire for a new rink, which would bring it up to the standards of other towns. The rink is considered the worst rink in Fairfield County. Greenwich can and should do better. This project will address that.

Please contact the RTM to express your support for this needed project at this. Use this link to send your comments: <https://www.greenwichct.gov/FormCenter/RTM-ALL-Forms-82/Contact-All-RTM-Members-341>

More information about the project is available <https://www.greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/47536/To-the-friends-of-skating-in-Greenwich-1-10-25>.

LETTER

Urge the RTM to Support the Skating Rink Project

To the Editor,

The Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink has long been a cornerstone of the Greenwich community, serving as a gathering place for skaters of all ages and skill levels since its opening in 1971. Its history, significance, and the vital role it plays for more than 3,000 annual users make it an irreplaceable asset to our town. On this foundation, it is imperative that the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) vote in favor of the proposed \$24 million project to replace the aging facility.

The support for this project is overwhelming. A public survey conducted by the Sports Facilities Advisory revealed

that 84% of respondents backed the proposal. Additionally, 136 letters of support were submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission, compared to just eight opposing letters. This strong endorsement from residents across Greenwich reflects the community’s recognition of the rink’s value and the urgent need for its replacement.

The current rink, while cherished, has reached the end of its usable lifespan. Originally constructed as an outdoor facility and enclosed in 1976, it was never designed to meet the demands of a modern skating rink. Its substandard ice dimensions, inadequate locker rooms, and outdated systems

long-standing issues with the current facility. Moreover, the reoriented baseball field will resolve safety and usability concerns, including sunlight interference for players and insufficient dimensions.

This project is not merely about building a modern facility; it is about preserving and enhancing a vital community space. The new rink will feature a regulation-size ice surface, modern locker rooms, and energy-efficient systems, including solar panels. It will accommodate figure skating, youth and adult hockey leagues, public skating sessions, and other recreational opportunities that bring residents together.

Opponents of the project

have expressed concerns about potential impacts on the Byram Veterans Memorial Tree Grove. However, these concerns have been thoroughly addressed. The grove is permanently protected by a land covenant, and architects have ensured that green space in the park will slightly increase. Enhancements to the grove, including signage and improved pathways, will elevate its prominence and accessibility.

Failing to act now risks more than just increased maintenance costs—it risks losing the programs, traditions, and opportunities that have defined the Dorothy Hamill Rink for generations. A two-year closure without a new

plan in place would dismantle the programs and community connections that depend on this facility, potentially causing irreparable harm.

The RTM has a unique opportunity to secure the future of an iconic Greenwich institution. This project is backed by expert studies, thoughtful planning, and overwhelming community support. Voting in favor of the Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink replacement ensures that this vital space will continue to serve generations of residents.

David J. Lancaster

LETTER

Greenwich Ave: Never Say Never

To the Editor,

Many of the intersections on Greenwich Avenue are becoming more dangerous by the day.

It is no secret that both motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic has increased exponentially since “the good old days” when cops directed

traffic on the Avenue.

While the controversial bump outs were designed as traffic calming measures there continues to be debate as to their effectiveness.

What is both dangerous and frightening is that a vast majority of pedestrians are taking “the right of way” far

too literally. Many are not even hesitating when they reach the curb to see if is safe to step off - what happened to the 11th commandment of look both ways before crossing? It is as if they are daring drivers by not glancing their way, rather just continuing to walk, sip their coffee, talk to their companions

or look at their phones as they step off the curb even when cars are already in the intersection.

Perhaps fully trained police officers are not necessary to direct traffic and pedestrians however some lower cost, formal traffic authority at key intersections during high volume hours six days a week

seems to be an option that should be seriously considered.

With the amount of building that expected to continue happening in town this situation is only going to get worse.

It is not acceptable to just dismiss these concerns and say “it’s never going to happen“, regarding bringing traffic

officers back to the Avenue.

The police on bicycles are a great addition to security on Greenwich Avenue but they have a minimal at best impact on traffic safety, which is sorely needed.

Adele Rota

LETTER

Support the Rink and Future of Byram

To the Editor,

Byram has evolved into one of the most vibrant and desirable areas in Greenwich, thanks to years of thoughtful investment in its facilities and infrastructure. The transformation is evident in the community’s standout amenities—the renovated Byram Park, the addition of the Byram Pool, the upgraded Byram Shubert Library, and the state-of-the-art New Lebanon School. These projects have not only improved quality of life but have also enhanced Byram’s appeal as a place to live and

raise a family.

Now, we have the opportunity to continue that momentum with the proposed replacement of the Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink. This project is the next logical step in building a community that supports recreation, fosters connections, and provides opportunities for all residents.

The Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink has been a centerpiece of Greenwich for over 50 years, serving generations of skaters, hockey players, and families. However, its aging infrastructure and

outdated design are no longer sustainable. With substandard ice dimensions, inadequate locker rooms, and outdated systems, the current facility is falling short of the community’s needs.

The proposed \$24 million project is more than an upgrade—it is an investment in Byram’s future. The plan includes a regulation-size rink, modern locker rooms, energy-efficient systems, and improved public amenities. By building the new facility on the existing baseball field and relocating the field after construction, the

project minimizes disruption while addressing long-standing deficiencies in both the rink and the ballfield.

Just as the Byram Pool has become a summer destination and the New Lebanon School has set a standard for education, the new Dorothy Hamill Rink will elevate recreational opportunities in Greenwich. It will attract skaters from across town and beyond, foster community pride, and enhance property values in the area.

This project enjoys widespread support. For Byram residents, this is a chance to

continue the momentum of past successes and ensure the area remains a desirable and thriving part of Greenwich.

However, this vision can only become a reality with community action. The Representative Town Meeting (RTM) will soon vote on this project, and your voice can make a difference. Contact your RTM representatives today and urge them to vote in favor of the Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink replacement. Remind them of the positive impact past projects like the Byram Pool and New Lebanon School have had on the

area and emphasize how this rink will build on that legacy.

Byram is a shining example of what thoughtful planning and investment can achieve. With your support, we can ensure that the Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink continues to serve future generations and solidifies Byram’s reputation as one of the best places to live in Greenwich. Let the RTM know that this project matters to you, your neighbors, and the future of our community.

Ashley Turner-Newi

LETTER

Leave the Rink Where it Stands Now

To the Editor,

As a lifelong Byram resident, home owner, business owner, and U.S. Army veteran, I fought for this country, I fight for this neighborhood, and I fight for the 13 service members who gave their lives for our freedom.

If you have never served then you may not have as deep an understanding that the fight is not about war. It is actually about peace. If you have ever

spent any length of time visiting the grove located at Eugene Morlot Park then you will know how peaceful it is there.

I understand that an argument has been made that the new rink poses no threat of destruction to the grove of memorial trees. But you have to admit that the encroachment on the site is glaringly obvious.

If you build this new rink at the

proposed scale in this location then you will rob these veterans of the peace that the current site provides. Is your money and ice time worth more than the peace of the Byram boy who risked and lost their life to ensure yours?

There are a lot of people making decisions about this project who are not from the neighborhood, they do not live in the neighborhood and, therefore, they do not have a vested interest in the

neighborhood. It is obvious to me that this proposed project is not serving a public interest. It is serving a private interest and that is not what this space is for.

Byram is important and it always has been. Byram’s history is important and its residents are important. I don’t know how to make you care about other people, but I do know that lost friends, neighbors, and brothers are worth way

more than any amount of money and lost ice time. I hope that at the very least you will take that into consideration.

I urge you to keep the rink in its current location and to not encroach upon the peacefulness of Morlot park. Let the Byram boys rest, in peaceful open space, under the quiet shade of the sycamore trees.

Robert Kristoff

TAX NOTICE	TAX NOTICE
CONSOLIDATED REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES	SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLES PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
<p>TOWN OF GREENWICH</p> <p>THIS IS A REMINDER FROM YOUR TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p>The Second Installment of Town Real Property and Sewage System Maintenance Taxes are due January 1, 2025 and must be paid by February 3, 2025. Delinquent taxes are subject to an interest charge of 1.5 % per month (A fraction of a month is defined by statute as a whole month) from the installment due date. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.</p> <p>Taxes may be paid by mail or at the Tax Collector Office, Town Hall located at 101 Field Point Road, from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. You may pay online with a credit card or electronic check (ACH/EFT). A convenience fee is charged by the provider for this service. Any taxpayer who pays by check must submit the second half remittance stub with the payment and the canceled check will be the receipt.</p>	<p>The Tax Collector of the Town of Greenwich hereby gives notice that any person who registered a Motor Vehicle between October 2, 2023 and July 31, 2024 is liable for the payment of property taxes due January 1, 2025 and must be paid by February 3, 2025 without penalty as per Public Act 76-338 as amended (as enacted by the Connecticut State Legislature). Taxes are delinquent if not paid by February 3, 2025, subject to interest at the rate of 1.5 % per month (A fraction of a month is defined by statute as a whole month) from the due date. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.</p> <p>Taxes may be paid by mail or at the Tax Collector Office, Town Hall located at 101 Field Point Road, from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. You may pay online with a credit card or electronic check (ACH/EFT). A convenience fee is charged by the provider of this service. Any taxpayer who pays by check must submit the second half remittance stub with the payment and the canceled check will be the receipt.</p> <p>Tax Collector Town of Greenwich</p>

COLUMN



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

The Bible is the greatest book ever placed in human hands. It has a wonderful reputation. Most people that I have met would like to read it at least once in their lifetime. No book has so influenced Western civilization. In fact, it's hard to understand much of Western culture without a knowledge of the Bible.

The question is how to get started. At Christ Church Greenwich we have over 200 of our members and some friends from beyond reading either the entire Bible or the New Testament, Proverbs, and Psalms in 2025. If you would like to join us, you are most welcome. We will provide you with a reading plan and tips

on how to get started.

You can visit our website at www.christchurchgreenwich.org or email me directly at: mzabriskie@christchurchgreenwich.org The Bible is actually a library composed of 66 books, 39 in the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

Much of this library was written between the 9-6th centuries B.C., and 1-2nd centuries A.D., but the oral tradition and various writings were composed over perhaps a 1,200 year period.

Reading the entire Bible is an eye opener. There are strange, wonderful stories and a wide variety of teaching. Much of it should not be taken literally. Throughout there are different depictions of God.

Sometimes, God is portrayed as angry, vengeful, and impatient. At other times, God appears merciful, patient and extremely compassionate. Christians read the Bible through the lens of both the Old and New Testament, but favor the view of God as depicted

in the New Testament.

I recommend reading the Bible using one of our two reading plans, which allot for reading a portion of the New Testament each day. Those who merely start with the first book of the Bible (Genesis) and try to read completely through to the book of Revelation, rarely make it far in the Bible. There are, after all, portions of the Old Testament that lack significant spiritual reward.

You can read through the entire Bible in 30 minutes a day using our reading plan or through the entire New Testament by devoting 10 minutes a day to read it. It will be one of the most spiritually rewarding experiences of your life.

You can also participate in The Bible Challenge by listening to the Bible on Audible or Spotify, or on CDs (Johnny Cash has recorded the entire New Testament on CD). If you spend a lot of time walking you dog or driving your car or commuting to work, you can listen to the Bible.

I favor reading a printed copy of the Bible, but others like to read

it on a Kindle, computer, or iPhone. The Christ Church Bible Challenge (available at the app story) is free and can be downloaded on your phone with the daily readings. This makes Bible reading easy.

We are offering forums (from 11:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.) each Sunday and a weekly email to inspire and offer insights for all Bible Challenge participants. There is no cost, and all of this is open to those outside the parish as well as our church members to participate and enjoy.

Reading Scripture is an art. It is a creative enterprise that requires imagination. It is not a scientific, objective area of study. At times, it is like spiritual mountain climbing.

As we engage Scripture, God's Word lays a claim on our life, and it transforms us and makes us a new people. But like every arena of art, reading Scripture is difficult, especially the Old Testament, and it takes patience to get the hang of it.

If reading Scripture is an art, then like every form of art we must learn this art by becoming

an apprentice to a teacher. When we begin reading the Bible, we engage what Karl Barth, perhaps the greatest theologian of the past century, called "the strange new world within the Bible."

We need assistance to comprehend strange stories of the Bible such as:

- why one of first two children in the Bible ends up killing his sibling
 - why Abraham passed his wife off as his sister and why he nearly sacrificed his own son to God
 - why God was willing to destroy the world with a flood except for Noah and his family
 - why Moses and the Israelites took 40 years of wandering in the wilderness to make a trip that would normally take two weeks on foot
 - why Judas could have spent several years with Jesus and yet went on to betray him
 - why Peter, who seems so fickle, became the rock upon which Jesus built his Church
- The Bible is full of different genres of literature. Therefore,

the Bible cannot be read like the front page of a newspaper. Even a newspaper has different genres of writing with investigative reporting, editorials, opinion pieces, theater reviews, obituaries, classified ads, and comics.

Likewise the Bible is full of different forms of writing with myths, legends, history, biography, autobiography, poetry, hymns, parables, laws, regulations, dietary codes, genealogies, commandments, diatribes, letters, sermons, and apocalyptic writings.

Hence, there is a value to discussing what you are reading with others and being able to ask questions and learn more. We are holding in person gatherings throughout the week, and I am leading one from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays via Zoom for the first six weeks just to help people get started and ask questions. No question will be too basic. We invite you to join us.

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie loves reading the Bible and helping others discover the joy and wisdom found within it.

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. *Anchor Night! for Young Adults January 17, 7pm. HT Discover - Sunday Session: January 19: 9:30am. Fire In The Night: January 24, 6pm.*

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. *Sacred Heart Parish Youth Ministry meeting: Saturday, January 18, 6pm.*

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). *St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes Friends of Music present a concert entitled Alexander Wieczorek and Friends: Sunday, January 19, 2pm, Admission free, donations are welcome.*

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. *New Day Bereavement Program: Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm, January 21 to March 18.*

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. *Emmaus mini retreat: Saturday, January 18, 9:30am.*

St. Timothy Chapel

1034 North St; 203-869-5421

Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am. *Christmas Eve Mass - Dec. 24: 5pm.*

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. *We are currently accepting donations (new or gently used) for Gianna's House. Gianna's House is location in Brewster, NY and helps women who are facing unexpected pregnancy with their needs and the needs of their babies. Large boxes will be placed by the doors for donations until February 17.*

St. Roch Church

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

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist

11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencect.org/greenwich

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

COMMUNITY

First Church of Round Hill

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

Round Hill Community Church

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children's Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. *Round Hill Art & Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm.*

CONGREGATIONAL

The First Congregational Church

108 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-1791
www.fccog.org

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Livestreaming 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.

North Greenwich Congregational

606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
 (Instagram photos and videos @north_greenwich_church)

Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, in person.

Second Congregational Church

139 E Putnam Ave; 203-869-9311
www.2cc.org

Sunday worship: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children's Chapel during worship 10:30am worship. *Sunday of Service: January 19, 11:45am-2pm, Please join us to help assemble hygiene packs to be distributed by Church World Service. Out of this World VBS: Monday, January 20, 9-11:30am.*

EPISCOPAL

Anglican Church of the Advent

606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432
facebook.com/greenwichanglican

Christ Church Greenwich

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sund, 9am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Joyful Noise with Anna Leinbach: Sundays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 9, April 6, May 11, June 1. Comedy Night: Friday, January 24, 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 all the new beginnings brought by the fall in the company of one another and of our Lord. Every Sunday features joyful preaching by our clergy, Father Justin and Rev. Phoebe, beautiful music by our director of music, Marnus Greyling, and the St. Barnabas Choir, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. Our exciting Sunday School programs for kids take place every Sunday during the 10am service: Children's Church for kids 4-8 years old, and YC (Youth Church) for those 9+.* *Children are also always welcome in church, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Come kick off your fall in faith.* 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

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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. Kabbala & Challah: Thursdays, 9:15am, \$20 p/class. *Marriage & After Life - Shabbat Dinner: January 17 & 18, RSVP by Jan. 15.*

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. *Shabbat Service: Friday, Jan. 24, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Meet the Midrash: Saturday, Jan. 25, 10am, on Zoom.*

Greenwich Reform Synagogue

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

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

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. *Itsy Bitsy Playgroup: Fall Session: Fridays, Sept. 6-Nov. 22*, 9:15am. Shabbat Mishpacha: Saturday, Jan. 25, 11am. Comedy Night: Saturday, Jan. 25, 7:30pm. 3rd-5th Grade Youth Program: Challah Baking: Sunday, Jan. 26, 11:30am.*

LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran Church

286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466
www.firststpaul.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 revivedcm@gmail.com.

Stanwich Church

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

Sunday Morning Worship Service: *9am & 10:45am. Kids Ministry for grades 5 and under, and Student Ministry for grades 6 and above, are offered. Live stream and recorded media are available at stanwichchurch.org. We'd love to meet you here!*

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 Mediumship class - The Joy of Mediumship: Jan. 20, 27 & Feb. 3, 7-9pm, \$120, CSDPastor@gmail.com. Virtual Children's Lyceum: Sunday, January 19, 9:30am. Burning Bowl Ceremony with Rev. Liz Hoy, NST: Sunday, January 19, 11am.*

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. *Connecticut Men's Breakfast: Saturday, January 18, 8am. TY Middle School Winter Retreat: January 24-26, Trinity Ministry Center.*

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *New Member Orientation: Wednesday, January 22.*


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DONALD SYLVESTER

JANE GANNON

Jane F. Gannon of Bloomfield, formerly of Byram, Cos Cob, and Chatham, MA, passed away on January 10. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Jane was born in Brooklyn, NY on April 20, 1936, the daughter of Henry and Rita (Randazzo) Saraniero. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 59 years, John, and is survived by a loving and devoted family and many friends.

Jane was a graduate of Greenwich High School and the Wood Secretarial School in New York City. She began her working career as a secretary for the Society of Plastics Engineers and several Greenwich law firms. In 1956, Jane married John J. Gannon at Sacred Heart Church in Byram. When her family began to grow, Jane set her job aside and fully devoted herself to raising her children. she later resumed her professional career and became the Office Manager for Greenwich Anesthesiology Associates – a position she held for 23 years from the time the practice opened until her retirement in 1999.

Jane was an active volunteer throughout her life, starting with her children's schools and organizations including St. Catherine's Elementary School, Cos Cob Elementary School, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, and Central Junior High School. She was a teacher for Literacy Volunteers of America, a driver for Call-A-Ride in Chatham, an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharistic at a hospital, and a Hospice Volunteer. Jane was an unwavering advocate for the life of the unborn and traveled to Washington, DC for multiple March for Life gatherings. On Pro-Life and other family issues, her courage and resolve provide an enduring legacy that will inspire current and future generations of her family.

Jane most enjoyed spending time with family and friends and was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Kind and generous in her thoughts, prayers, and deeds, Jane will be remembered for her devout faith, integrity, and candor. She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Jane is survived by her children: Cathleen Gannon; Sharon Gannon; John (Florence) Gannon, Jr.; Deborah (Martin) Armenta; Thomas (Mary) Gannon; Rev. Brian Gannon; and Stephen Gannon, along with twelve grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, her brother Robert, and sister-in-law Joan Saraniero.

The family extends their deep gratitude to the staff at Duncaster Retirement Community and especially the Dogwood neighborhood for the exceptional, kind, and loving care they provided for our mom.

Calling hours were on Thursday, January 16 at Abriola Parkview Funeral Home, Trumbull. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main St., Trumbull, on Friday, January 17 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Greenwich. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the Family Institute of Connecticut (Hartford) and Little Sisters of the Poor (Enfield).

EDWARD SCHACHTER

September 10, 1923 – January 10, 2025
Edward "Eddie" Schachter, affectionately known as Eddie, passed away peacefully on January 10, at the remarkable age of 101, surrounded by his loving family. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Eddie's extraordinary life was marked by resilience, love, and generosity.

Eddie was born in Germany and arrived in the United States on December 31, 1938, after fleeing the persecution of Jews during the Holocaust. Alongside his parents and older sister, Hilda, he found refuge in Washington Heights, where they joined a community of fellow refugees. Eddie completed high school there before serving his adopted country as an Army Military Police officer and interpreter. During his service, he proudly became a U.S. citizen.

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Eddie's entrepreneurial journey began with selling army and navy surplus goods in White Plains, NY. In 1956, he purchased a small men's haberdashery, Richard of Greenwich. Through relentless hard work, determination, and the support of a talented team that included his daughter, Susan, Eddie transformed Richards into one of the world's finest clothing stores. He treated every customer like family and extended the same warmth to his employees, fostering a legacy of kindness and connection.

In 1949, Eddie married the love of his life, Lucy, and together they built a beautiful life in Stamford, CT, where they spent 70 cherished years. Eddie's greatest joy was his family and friends, but he also found delight in his work, playing tennis, golf, and cards, and indulging his passion for cars. Known for his infectious energy, Eddie was always the life of the party.

A man of immense generosity, Eddie dedicated his time and resources to causes close to his heart. He was involved with organizations such as UJA, TID Breakthrough (Formerly known as JDRF), Hadassah, and HIAS, reflecting his commitment to giving back and honoring those who helped him along his journey. He was also deeply proud of his contributions as a board member of the Putnam Trust Bank and being named Rotary Man of the Year-an accolade he considered one of his life's greatest honors.

In 2015, Eddie and Lucy retired to Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where they formed lasting friendships and enjoyed a vibrant community at Devonshire. After Lucy's passing, Eddie found joy once more with his special companion, Shirley.

Eddie is survived by his devoted daughter, Susan Fleisher (Laurent Martinez), his beloved granddaughter, Samantha, and her fiancé Eric Silver, along with many dear friends. The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Jutta Baxter for her years of loving care for both Lucy and Eddie.

Eddie's life exemplified his motto: "Work hard, play hard." He will be remembered as a kind, loving man, with an uncanny ability to make others feel special. The world is a brighter place for having had Eddie in it, and his legacy of love and generosity will endure.

The Funeral Service was held on Monday, January 13, at Congregation Agudath Sholom, Stamford. The Interment followed at Agudath Sholom Cemetery, in Stamford.

In memory of Eddie's legacy, donations may be made to HIAS, TID Breakthrough (Formerly known as JDRF), or UJA Stamford, CT.

DANIEL GOVE

May 5, 1963 - January 7, 2025

Daniel John Gove, age 63, a life long Greenwich resident died peacefully, January 7. Daniel was born on May 5, 1963. Daniel was predeceased by his parents, Daniel and Eileen Gove. Daniel is survived by his brothers, Warren (Carol), Russell (Caroline) Gove, and his sister, Elizabeth Silver (Ken).

Daniel was a Greenwich High School graduate. During the summer months, Daniel often could be found at either Todd's Point or on Island Beach. Daniel loved watching the NFL, motorcycle racing, and listening to his favorite artist, Eric Clapton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, January 15 at St. Mary's Church, Greenwich. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Greenwich Home Hospice.

STEPHEN CORMAN

Corman, Stephen ("Steve"), 87, a longtime resident of Stamford, CT (born and raised in Dorchester in Boston, MA and then also lived in Milton, Newton, and Wellesley, MA and in Greenwich, CT) passed away on December 31, 2024 at the Fairfield County House.

He was born June 15, 1937 to the late Barbara (née Bishop) and Rueben ("Robert") Corman. He graduated from Boston Latin School (1954) and MIT (bachelor's degree in 1958 / master's degree in 1961). Steve then enjoyed a very successful career as engineer for IBM for nearly 30 years in both product development and marketing in Boston, MA, where he met his late beloved wife of over 40 years Betsy (née Rubin), and Gaithersburg, MD. Upon his retirement, he started a second

career of nearly 25 years in volunteerism and philanthropy, which he pursued alongside Betsy until her passing in 2015, and their financial support was rarely unaccompanied by further contribution of their great time, talent, and expertise. His work began focused on healthcare when he was treated for prostate cancer at Greenwich Hospital (where he went on to, among so many other things, establish the Stephen and Betsy Corman Center for Palliative Care and the Stephen Corman Prostate Cancer Early Detection Initiative). He also championed care in urology and oncology as well as palliative and hospice care though service with and support of many other organizations (including The Schwartz Center, NASPCC, and ACS, which awarded him its Courage Award). He also branched out to focus on education (BLS, MIT, Yale, and the Strassler Center at Clark University.) Further, Steve also supported a myriad of social causes (including Westport Country Playhouse, WSHU, Camp Hill Foundation, My Friend Abby, Bruce Museum, and Education for All Children, through which he sponsored high school and college education for 5 Kenyan students and visited them in Kenya). Steve additionally supported his love of the outdoors through the AMC, including with the creation of the Stephen & Betsy Corman AMC Harriman Outdoor Center. Steve mixed with both of his careers many of his personal passions, including motorcycles & classic cars, gardening & home improvement, and hiking, especially in the White Mountains.

Mr. Corman was predeceased by his devoted wife Betsy. He is survived by his loving sisters Janet Hoffman of Lake Worth Beach, FL and Irene ("Renee") Thomas of Plymouth, MA and sister-in-law Deborah Rubin Cooper of Schuylkill Haven, PA. He also leaves behind 8 adoring nieces and nephews and many more grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held privately with memorial celebration of life services to be held in his honor in both CT & MA at a later date in the spring. No visitation (shiva) is scheduled at this time. Donations in Steve's memory may be made to any of the many organizations that he

L. THOMAS MELLY

L. Thomas Melly, 94, of Sarasota, FL, passed away at home before dawn on Saturday, December 28, 2024.

He was born in New York City to his parents Lee Thomas Melly of Bronxville, NY, and Ruth D'Aran Melly of Short Hills, NJ. Raised in Short Hills, Tom was deeply influenced by both his father's seven years of unemployment during the Depression, and his mother's death when Tom was just 11, following her long struggle with cancer. Tom, and his older sister Ann, pressed forward to later realize extraordinary personal success and achievement built on a foundation of the generosity of extended family and friends, luck and sheer tenacity.

Tom is survived by his second wife Judy Hershey Melly, and her children Eric (and his wife Jackie, and her daughters Jessica and Samantha), and Lisa (and her husband Dave, and their daughters Marissa and Vanessa). Tom is predeceased by his first wife Alice Pack Melly, and they are survived by their son Tom (and his wife Brooks and their three children Tom, Caroline, and Madeline), their daughter Laura Melly, their son Lee (and wife Trish), and son David (and his wife Erica, and their son Liam). Tom graduated from The Hill School (PA), and Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY), where he received a degree in economics. He then served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, attaining the rank of First Lieutenant, and later earned an MBA from New York University's Leonard Stern School of Business.

Tom's career flowed from American Cyanamid to General Reinsurance Corp., and on to the odd-lot brokerage DeCoppet and Doremus, where he served as senior associate broker. He became a member of the New York Stock Exchange in 1959. In 1968 he joined Goldman Sachs & Co. as their 20th partner, and head of floor trading operations. He concurrently served on the board of arbitration for the New York Stock Exchange. Tom left Goldman Sachs in 1984 to spend time with his beloved sister Ann, who later died of cancer at age 59. Ann had her own remarkable ascendant story that carried her from Wellesley College and Cornell Medical School to a career in microbiological research and teaching at Vanderbilt University (TN), where she earned her PhD. Tom credited his own success to a combination of luck and education, and he devoted much of his life to educational and community service organizations. He joined the board of directors at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in 1981, served as chairman from 1987-1997, and was awarded numerous honors for his transformative contributions to the colleges. He was the only person to be named Trustee Chairman Emeritus there and was active in that role to the very end of his life. He also worked nationally to advance higher education as a board member of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, serving as their chairman from 2006-2007.

COLUMN

Faith, Politics & Unity: Fostering Connection and Respect



By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

I wrote this week’s column on January 6 – the fourth anniversary of the 2021 Capitol Riot. I vividly recall the day that a mob of President Trump supporters descended on the U.S. Capitol and attempted to interfere with the certification of electoral votes from the 2020 presidential election. The rioters assaulted the Capitol police force, smashed through windows and doors, ransacked the building and destroyed property, and sent members of Congress and their staff into hiding in offices and bunkers. Approximately 140 members of law enforcement were assaulted.

In 1992, I directly experienced the Rodney King Los Angeles Riot while running the Magen David Hebrew School on Pico Boulevard. I had under my care 33 Hebrew School students who had taken their bus from elementary school to the Temple before the eruption of violence. While gunshots rang out and buildings burned, I brought the children into the Sanctuary. Eventually, a police officer arrived to serve as a solo guard in front of the Temple, but it was the scariest experience of my life.

As a result, I understand the terror that innocents must have experienced during the Capitol Riot. Vice President Pence and his family were evacuated from the Senate chambers, and some members of Congress were escorted to an underground bunker. Others had to barricade themselves in offices or shelters in the House chamber. National Guard members eventually secured the perimeter and

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facilitated law enforcement to clear the chambers and offices of the U.S. Capitol.

The danger of mob mentality that fuels riots is that the passion of the rioter subverts the law. Rioters allow themselves permission to be destructive to property and people, causing harm, injury, and even death. The victims need to shelter, hide in fear, and hope to survive until the madness has passed. All of this is the truth about riots, including the Capital Riot, the BLM Riots, and the Rodney King Riot.

During the Capital Riot, President Trump was in the White House and posted a video message on social media in which he repeated his false claims of election fraud. However, he also told his supporters to “go home in peace.” For many, the feelings about President Trump’s reelection are pretty intense. I have intense feelings about President Trump; however, as a Pulpit Rabbi, I do not like it when religion and politics become too intertwined.

In the U.S., we have established the separation of church and state in our Constitution. The stated principles in the First Amendment prohibit the government from establishing any religion and protect people’s right to choose or choose not to worship with any religion. The two declared clauses, the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause, comprise the separation of Church and State.

For the past 30 years, on multiple occasions, I have been encouraged to be more “political” on the Temple Sholom pulpit. However, the individuals providing this encouragement almost always assume that my message will agree with their views. I have never been told in my career: “Rabbi, I thought you gave a great sermon even though I completely disagreed with you.”

In any meaningful democracy, there needs to be

an accurate reflection of its citizenry, and religious affinity groups should advocate for moral positions they feel are especially important. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals wrote: “Religion includes a way of life as well as beliefs upon the nature of the world...” Then, they quoted the Christian Testament of James for the admonitions to be “doers of the word and not hearers only...”

The United States Catholic Conference proclaims as part of its formal mission: “It is the church’s role as a community of faith to call attention to the moral and religious dimension of secular issues, to keep alive the values of the Gospel as a norm for social and political life, and to point out the demands of the Christian faith for a just transformation of society.”

While the Internal Revenue Code prohibits tax-exempt religious organizations from campaigning for or against a particular candidate for public office, this rule is often subtly, sometimes blatantly, pushed aside. An overt defiance movement to the Internal Revenue Code policy, known as Pulpit Freedom Sunday, has clergy mailing their overt political candidate sermons to the IRS.

Alexis de Tocqueville’s writings heavily influence my views on politics and the pulpit. In the 1830s, this young Frenchman visited the United States to see how our experiment in liberty was working out. He wrote a book entitled: “Democracy in America,” and Tocqueville was surprised by how religion and democracy could effectively coexist. He observed that the religious leaders were careful not to become involved with party politics. Religious leaders understood that the essence of politics was divisive, and instead, they focused on strengthening families, creating communities and charities, building schools, and encouraging active citizenship.

Tocqueville observed what he called “habits of the heart” and that these habits fostered the effective sustaining of the common good. Tocqueville asserted that a democratic society needs a way of mediating conflicts and a sense of shared identity. Politics could focus on conflicts, but religion is on “shared belonging.” Tocqueville additionally asserted: “In proportion as a nation assumes a democratic condition... it becomes more and more dangerous to connect religion with political institutions.”

I remember the mob mentality, the violence, and the fear of the Capitol Riot. All riots quickly become lawless. However, we have a law of the land of Separation of Church and State that prevails, and the First Amendment constrains my views about the Capital Riot and other riots.

For my rabbinite, I am concerned about how to foster connectivity with one another and still address the critical moral agenda items of our time. An environment needs to foster very respectful dialogue and facilitate “arguments for the sake of heaven.” The more effectively we are connected, the better our ability to permit and even appreciate serious disagreements is. Ultimately, one hope is that the “congregational family” can hold on to their love for each other and validate their feelings for those they love, even when serious disagreements occur.

As our country undergoes transitions this month, let’s be mindful of the holy parameters we wish to foster for practical discussion. Politics often creates conflicts of interest, whereas religion is intended to promote shared responsibilities.

Shabbat Shalom.

Temple Sholom’s Senior Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz is a scholar, teacher, community activist and preacher, and is recognized as one of the prominent religious leaders in the area and beyond. A frequent guest speaker at synagogues and churches, study groups, community institutions and universities, he is a charismatic personality who engages individuals and stimulates hearts and minds. His teachings can be found in the Sentinel and in other local and national publications.

Obituaries

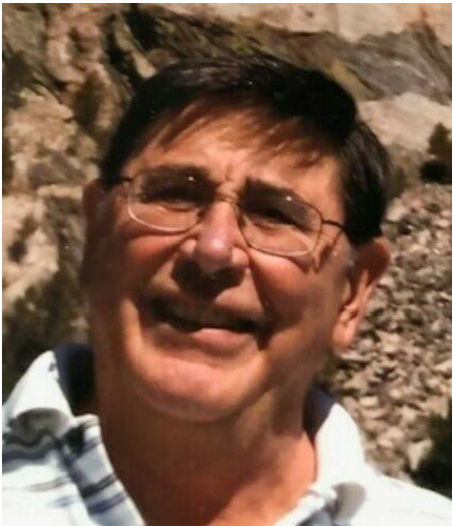
Tom also served on the boards of The Greenwich Health Association, and The Family Centers, including chairmanships at both, as well as board member of the United Way of Greenwich, the Greenwich Emergency Medical Service, Outward Bound, USA, and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

Tom was a member of many clubs during his lifetime, including The Meadows Country Club, The Mill Reef Club, The University Club, The Round Hill Club, Bald Peak Colony Club, Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich Field Club, Riverside Yacht Club, and New York Racquet Club.

Tom was an athlete who had a passion for any form of competition. He and Alice were accomplished sailors who raced locally and cruised many parts of the world. He enjoyed squash and tennis and became an avid golfer in his retirement. Tom was remarkably well-traveled, and he and Judy especially loved expeditionary scientific and educational adventures. Tom was gregarious, and a loyal lifelong friend to many. And he loved both his immediate and extended families.

Tom was also tough and resilient. He endured and overcame many serious health issues throughout his life, yet he always managed to live in the present moment. He was an active investor, Missouri farmer (taught by Judy), and philanthropist to the very end.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2050 Oak Street, Sarasota, FL 34237. A link to a livestream webcast of the service will be available on the church’s website (<https://firstpressarasota.org>). Contributions in Tom’s memory may be made to Hobart and William Smith Colleges - L. Thomas Melly Scholarship in the notation line - 300 Pulteney Street, Geneva, NY 14458.



JOHN BAMBINO

John Bambino, a lifelong Greenwich resident, Air Force and Greenwich Police Department veteran, marathon runner and proud father, grandfather and loving husband, passed away on December 27 following an illness.

John Bambino was born to Rose and Albert Bambino on January 14, 1941, at United Hospital Port Chester, NY. He graduated high school in 1958 and served in the U.S. Air Force for four years in Texas, Mississippi, The Philippines and Oklahoma.

After his time in the military, John joined the Greenwich Police force where he served for 21 years. Given the nickname “the Babe” by his colleagues, he worked in the patrol and traffic divisions in the accident car and was considered to be one of the most competent accident investigators, always both thorough and precise. John attended The Traffic Institute at Northwestern University.

Upon retiring from the Greenwich Police Department John completed his Bachelor’s degree as an Accounting major at Fairfield University, and joined a multinational company where he held the role of senior accountant in reinsurance.

Always devoted to community service, John went on to work in the Greenwich Public School District as a substitute teacher which he saw as a way of contributing back to the town he considered his own “Bedford Falls” from the famed holiday movie “It’s A Wonderful Life.”

John married his wife Barbara Wasil (1966) who

he described as “the most caring and loving person in the world.” Their travels together and with friends took them to Quebec City, Italy, Sicily, Switzerland, England and France. They especially loved Sienna where they dined in the piazza. They visited Maine twice a year and also took a 7-week trip driving across the United States where they visited national parks, attended baseball games in numerous parks and even made time for the Iowa State Fair.

They had two children, Diane and Matthew, with eight grandchildren between them who John said, “all gave him reasons to be proud.” Diane (whose spouse is also named Matthew) lives in the Pacific Northwest and has five children. Their oldest son Gabe attends college on academic scholarship, their two daughters Clair-Elise and Maria are ballerinas, their daughter Carolina recently completed culinary school and is employed as a sous chef and their son Jesse, a recent graduate of Cedarcrest High School.

Matthew (whose spouse is Shanon) has three sons: Jacob, who is pursuing a degree in Engineering at Villanova, Maddox, who is studying Business at Georgetown and Rowan who attends Eastern Middle School.

Additional survivors include his sister Karolina and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank John’s doctors and staff for their kind and compassionate care.

A Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday, January 14 at Saint Catherine’s – Saint Agnes Church, Riverside, CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in John’s memory to a charity of their choice.

JANET WILSON

Janet Bowden Wilson, 89, died peacefully with her family on Thursday, December 26, 2024 at The Marshes on Skidaway Island.

Janet was born in New York City, the eldest of two daughters of William Bowden and Bernice Davis Bowden of Greenwich, CT. She was educated at Andover Academy, Smith College, and Manhattanville College where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Anthropology.

In 1964 Janet married Claude A. Wilson Jr. of Monroe, NC in Manhattan and they resided in Greenwich, CT, until 1994 when they relocated to Savannah, GA.

Throughout her life, Janet was an active volunteer at the Live Oak Public Libraries, the Telfair Museum, the Davenport House and other public institutions. She also played tennis competitively throughout her life.

Janet is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Wilson of Brooklyn, son Marshall Wilson of Brooklyn, and sister Anne Morris of Palos Verdes, CA.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church on Skidaway Island.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you consider a donation to the Live Oak Public Library.



JENNIFER FENTON-JONES

Jennifer Fenton-Jones of Harvard, Mass., died peacefully on December 23 after a four-year struggle with cancer. She was 56 years old. Born in Concord, Massachusetts, Jenny grew up in Fairfield County,

Connecticut graduating from Greenwich High School in 1986. From there, she would attend Colby College, Boston University, and Manhattanville College where she earned a Master’s degree in Education. For close to 10 years, she taught special education at The Haynes School in Sudbury, MA and The Carlisle Public School in Carlisle before retiring to raise her four children full time.

Jenny had many strengths, but none were greater than being a mother. It was a role she embraced with great enthusiasm, and she always encouraged her children to be loving, collaborative, and independent. It was okay to make mistakes, but as she indicated on many occasions, “If your poop stinks, I’ll tell you.”

Always in search of the “perfect” home, Jenny moved her family all over Eastern Massachusetts from Acton to Carlisle to Groton to Concord and finally to Harvard. Once in Harvard, she claimed she had found the house and the town she had always wanted. Regardless, wherever she went, she made wonderful, long lasting friends who appreciated her warmth and optimism, even the nurses and doctors at Dana Farber and Mass General adored her.

Outside of her dedication to family, Jenny believed in volunteering her time to causes she believed in, and it’s no surprise those causes usually involved children. She served as a substitute teacher at The Nashoba Brooks School in Concord, MA, she chaired the Annual Family Trees Celebration at The Concord Museum, and she volunteered weekly at The Hildreth Elementary School library before becoming ill. She was a “pacesetter” for The Jimmy Fund Walk, participating in the 2021 and 2022 fundraisers.

A lover of stories, Jenny was always reading and treasured her membership in the Women of Candleberry Book Club. She also loved science fiction movies and, to the amazement of her husband, trashy television, with a commitment to programs such as Ink Master, Below Deck, Love It or List It, The Price is Right, and Let’s Make a Deal. Her favorite book was Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follet; her favorite movie was Out of Africa.

Jenny leaves behind her devoted husband, Chris; her four adoring children: Carter, Lysbet, Holly and Trevor; her loving sister, Pam; her mother, Barbara; her stepfather, Bruce; and her father, Dean. She is predeceased by her brother, Dwight Fenton.

The funeral and burial will be private, for family only, but a Celebration of Life is planned for the spring in Harvard, details to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.



ROBERT GILBERT

Robert Harold Gilbert, WWII veteran, Seagram Company executive, Bama football fan, and golfer extraordinaire, was born in rural Alabama over a century ago on April 15, 1924. He was the third child born to Flora Gruner and Charles Gilbert who were hard-working cotton farmers. When Bob was barely tall enough to reach the plow handles, he and his older brother Charles helped their father plow the fields by taking turns leading the mule team. They also helped with tree felling with the boys working together on one side of the cross-saw. His older sister Letitia and younger sister Sarah helped with the farm chores

as well. Bob attended the one-room schoolhouse in Brilliant until the family moved to Tuscaloosa when Bob was 8 due to the Depression woes for cotton farmers. After Bob’s father contracted TB working at the VA Hospital, the family’s financial situation became even more dire. One year a Salvation Army basket was their only Christmas.

Bob always worked, spending summers helping on his uncle’s cotton farm or working for his aunt’s service station in Memphis. When he was a senior in high school he worked in a paper mill at night. Bob was crazy about sports, especially basketball and football which he played at Tuscaloosa County High.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Bob enlisted in the Navy where he served on the USS Charles Carroll, an amphibious transport which made the invasion of Omaha Beach in France, and later Okinawa in the Pacific. After his Naval service ended, Bob returned to “sweet home Alabama” where he attended the University of Alabama on the GI Bill. After his marriage to Bettye Lawrence in 1946, the couple moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where Bob worked at a service station during the day and attended night classes at the Atlanta division of the University of Georgia (now Georgia State).

After graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Bob began working for Joseph E. Seagram & Sons in Louisville, Kentucky, where his daughter Barbara was born in 1954. He joined his wife and in-laws in attending horse races, especially the Kentucky Derby. His work in the quality control lab led to a promotion to New York City, followed by another advancement to Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. In 1971 Bob was promoted to Director of Quality Control of Domestic Brands. The Alabama farm boy now had an office overlooking Park Avenue at the Seagram Building in Manhattan.

Bob became a commuter after he and his second wife Emily Storey moved to Greenwich, CT. They enjoyed vacation travel and golf until her untimely death in 1979 from cancer. After Bob became Director of International Quality Control in 1982, his work took him to Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Japan, Korea, Australia, and New Zealand.

Bob golfed whenever and wherever he could with Myrtle Beach, SC, being his usual vacation golfing destination for several decades. Vail Golf Course became a favorite location after Bob and Carolyn Coulter were married there in 1983. When Bob retired from Seagram in 1986, he was able to head to the Bruce, now the Griff, nearly every day. Bob served on the Men’s Club Board of Directors as Handicap and Tournament Chairman. Bob was very supportive of Carolyn’s career as a kindergarten teacher at North Mianus School, and after she retired in 2004 Bob was actively involved in her volunteering, helping with many deliveries of Smith College Scholarship Fund pecans.

Bob’s love of road trips involved sightseeing visits to 49 states in addition to yearly trips to Carolyn’s family in Colorado and to his family in the South. Bob was always physically active; he walked 18 holes of golf carrying his golf bag for as long as he was able; riding in a cart was OK but playing only 9 holes was not considered “real” golf. Bob was an accomplished chef, and he enjoyed serving Southern specialties to family and friends.

Bob remained mentally sharp by reading, by solving daily Sudoku puzzles (even the 5 stars) and by working the New York Times crossword puzzles. Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune were favorite TV shows along with SEC college football, the NFL games, and the PGA tour. After Bob was no longer able to golf, there was always a challenging 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle on the dining room table. When he turned 99, Bob finally decided 500-piece jigsaws puzzles would be considered an acceptable challenge.

Bob’s daughter Barbara, who lives in Naples, Florida, with her husband Doug, custom designed special jigsaws which father/daughter enjoyed working together on her frequent visits. On December 22, 2024, four months short of his 101st birthday, Bob passed away peacefully with hospice support in his own home surrounded by love.

A celebration of his life will be held later. Roll Tide!

Police Promotions Ceremony Recognizes Greenwich’s Finest



On January 9, the Greenwich Police Department gathered at the Performing Arts Center to honor six officers advancing to new roles within the department. The ceremony, held on National Police Appreciation Day, celebrated the achievements of these dedicated public servants, whose collective decades of experience underscore their commitment to protecting and serving the Greenwich community.

Police Chief Jim Heavey addressed the assembled officers, families, and dignitaries, emphasizing the importance of leadership at every level of the department. “Today, we especially offer sincere thanks to the courageous men and women who represent the best of our society,” Heavey stated. “To those being promoted, you are about to accept

the challenge of the most important supervisory rank in the department. Your leadership will shape the future of the Greenwich Police Department.”

Captain James Bonney: A Legacy of Service

Captain James Bonney, originally from Commack, NY, began his career with the Greenwich Police Department in 1990. Over 34 years, Bonney has demonstrated versatility, serving in roles ranging from patrol officer to marine section sergeant. He has earned numerous commendations, including Officer of the Year for his lifesaving efforts during a water rescue and a Chief’s Commendation for intercepting a bank robbery suspect.

In addition to his police work, Bonney contributes to the community as a member of the Greenwich Pipe Band and the Byram Shore Boat Club. He resides in Greenwich with his wife, Alicia, and their three children, James, William, and Cassidy.

Lieutenant Patrick Smyth: Expertise in Traffic Safety

Lieutenant Patrick Smyth, a Bronx native, joined the Greenwich Police Department in 1997 after beginning his career with the NYPD. A graduate of Iona College, Smyth became a subject matter expert in traffic safety, earning the AAA Gold Award. He has led efforts in the Traffic Section and served as one of the department’s motorcycle officers.

Smyth’s professionalism and empathy have garnered numerous letters of appreciation throughout his career. He is married to Kelley Smyth and resides in

Greenwich.

Sergeant Daniel Bucci: Commitment to Training and Community Safety

Sergeant Daniel Bucci, a Trumbull native and University of Central Florida graduate, joined the department in 2011. Known for his leadership in women’s self-defense programs, Bucci is one of the few officers certified by Gracie University to teach Gracie Women’s Self-Defense.

His investigative skills have been pivotal, as demonstrated by his work identifying and arresting suspects in a statewide burglary spree. Bucci’s efforts have earned him the Investigator’s Ribbon and multiple Officer of the Month awards. He lives in Greenwich with his wife, Sarah.

Sergeant Jason Lyman: Lifesaving Leadership

Sergeant Jason Lyman, an Eagle Scout and University of New Haven graduate, has been with the department since 2007. His dedication to public safety was recognized in 2023 when he received the Lifesaving Award for performing CPR, leading the town to declare May 14 as “Jason Lyman Day.”

Lyman is a Crisis Intervention Team member and PEER Program leader. He resides in Newtown with his wife, Jessica, and their son, Asher.

Detective Brian Perusse: Expertise in Complex Investigations

Detective Brian Perusse, a Stratford native and Norwalk Community College graduate, joined the department in 2004. His expertise in advanced crime scene processing and interview techniques has

led to significant arrests, including those of bank robbery and homicide suspects.

A three-time Officer of the Month recipient, Perusse balances his demanding career with family life in Greenwich, where he lives with his wife, Tiffany, and their three children.

Officer Andrew Greco: A Homegrown Leader

Officer Andrew Greco, a Greenwich native and University of Connecticut graduate, has served his hometown since 2013. His dedication to community engagement and public safety earned him recognition as Officer of the Year in 2016.

Greco’s extensive training includes marine division operations and crisis intervention. Outside of work, he enjoys outdoor activities, cooking, and hosting gatherings with family and friends. He lives in Greenwich with his wife, Lane, and their daughter, Grace.

Leadership and Gratitude

Chief Heavey concluded the ceremony with a heartfelt message to the families in attendance. “We truly appreciate you lending your loved ones to us to help keep the Town of Greenwich safe,” he said. “Congratulations and best of luck to those promoted. Please keep all of our officers safe.”

The promotions of these officers highlight the department’s emphasis on professionalism, community service, and leadership. Their collective achievements serve as a testament to the Greenwich Police Department’s unwavering commitment to excellence.

Greenwich EMS Mourns the Loss of Founding Executive Director Charlee Tufts



Greenwich Emergency Medical Service, Inc (GEMS) is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Charlee Tufts, its Founding Executive Director and Chief of Service. Charlee, was instrumental in

establishing Greenwich EMS in 1986, and dedicated over three decades to leading the organization with unparalleled vision, compassion, and commitment to the community. She retired in 2017, leaving behind a legacy of excellence in emergency medical care.

Under Charlee’s leadership, GEMS grew into a model of prehospital care, renowned for its professionalism, innovation, and lifesaving impact. Her determination to provide Greenwich with world-class emergency medical services revolutionized prehospital care and continues to benefit countless residents today. Among her many achievements, GEMS became the first ambulance service in New England to implement 12-lead EKG capability in 1995, a

groundbreaking advancement at the time. She also ensured Greenwich was the first community in the state to earn the HEARTSafe Designation, underscoring her dedication to public health and safety.

Charlee’s influence extended beyond Greenwich EMS. She played pivotal roles in numerous state committees and associations dedicated to enhancing EMS services across the region. Her expertise and passion set new standards for emergency care and served as an inspiration to countless EMTs and paramedics.

“Charlee Tufts was a trailblazer and an inspiration to all of us,” said Executive Director Tracy Schietinger. “Her contributions to emergency medical services and to the Greenwich

community are immeasurable. Charlee’s legacy lives on in the lives she saved, the organization she built, and the many people she inspired.”

Beyond her professional achievements, Charlee was a beloved mentor, leader, and friend whose compassion extended far beyond her work. Her tireless advocacy for public health and safety remains a cornerstone of GEMS’ mission.

GEMS offers its deepest condolences to Charlee’s family, friends, and all who were fortunate to know and work alongside her. Charlee’s family is planning a memorial service to celebrate her life and legacy in the coming months.”

For more information on GEMS, please visit www.greenwichems.org.

RTM MEETING From Page 1

Sentinel how the community rallied in the 1980s to fundraise for rink improvements. With Hamill herself performing in a sold-out ice show, they raised \$45,000 to secure town-matched funds for renovations.

“Now it is time for a total reset,” Lundy wrote. “Add a new chapter to this story.” (see her letter on the editorial page)

The \$24 million proposal, dubbed “the flip,” allows skating programs to continue uninterrupted, avoids costly temporary facilities, and improves the orientation and size of the baseball field.

“Right now, the baseball field faces directly into the sun, making play difficult and even unsafe,” Drake noted. The reoriented field would meet regulation standards, providing better opportunities for local athletes.

The new rink design also incorporates modern amenities, including regulation-size ice, expanded locker rooms with showers, and energy-efficient features like solar panels.

A public survey conducted by Sports Facilities Advisory revealed that 84% of respondents favored the proposed plan, while emails to the Planning and Zoning Commission showed 136 letters in support compared to just eight against.

Proponents of the rink plan, including Loh and Lundy, have urged the community to reach out to RTM members ahead of the vote to ensure their voices are heard.

“This vote is essentially a referendum on this project,” Loh wrote in a recent Sentinel letter (see full letter on this week’s editorial page). “Approval of this site plan is a necessary step in the progress of this project.”

As Greenwich takes this pivotal step, the decision made by the RTM will not only shape the future of the Dorothy Hamill Rink but will also set a precedent for how the town approaches large-scale community projects in the years ahead.

COMPLETE AGENDA OVERVIEW

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Jenny Larkin is nominated as a Regular Member for a term expiring October 31, 2029.

FAIR RENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Russell Naiman is nominated as a Regular Member for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

Christina Vanderlip is nominated as an Alternate Member for a term expiring July 1, 2027.

Niels Pennings is nominated as an Alternate Member for a term expiring July 1, 2026.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY APPOINTMENT

Gordon Hinshalwood is nominated as a Regular Member for a term expiring October 31, 2028.

ALARMS APPEAL BOARD APPOINTMENT

Kenneth Mifflin is nominated as a Regular Member for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FUNDING REQUESTS

\$19,800 for fire safety improvements, funded through the Election Excellence grant.

\$140,800 for polling place accessibility improvements, also funded by the Election Excellence grant.

\$17,236.35 for professional and special services, funded by a state grant accepted by the RTM in December 2024.

COHEN EASTERN GREENWICH CIVIC CENTER DONATION

Acceptance of a \$45,165 gift of furniture from the Parks and Recreation Foundation to furnish two rooms in the new facility.

NATHANIEL WITHERELL NURSING FACILITY FUNDING

\$60,000 for tray line system upgrades.

GLENVILLE CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Acceptance of a \$252,076 gift from the Belpointe

Foundation for the installation of 36 decorative light poles.

FLOOD MITIGATION SUB-GRANTS

Approval of federal sub-grants to elevate flood-prone homes at 5 North Way, Old Greenwich, and 4 Apple Tree Lane, Riverside.

GREENWICH LIBRARY ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION

\$120,000 for the modernization of three elevators.

OLD GREENWICH SCHOOL EXPANSION

\$1,965,000 is requested to support the school’s expansion and renovation project.

OLD GREENWICH SCHOOL BOND AUTHORIZATION

Authorization for the issuance of \$1,965,000 in bonds to fund the school expansion.

DOROTHY HAMILL SKATING RINK REPLACEMENT

A municipal improvement application for the construction of a new rink and the relocation of Strazza Field within Eugene Morlot Memorial Park.

GREENWICH LIBRARY BOND AUTHORIZATION

Authorization for the issuance of \$120,000 in bonds for the elevator modernization project.

VETERANS MEMORIAL TREE GROVE PRESERVATION

The RTM will vote to ensure no impact on the protected tree grove within Eugene Morlot Memorial Park.

PLANNING FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Review of a gift valued at \$252,076 for decorative light pole installations.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDING REQUEST

Acceptance of a \$45,165 furniture donation for the new civic center.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Appropriations related to public safety and environmental resilience.



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NEWS BRIEFS
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GREENWICH POLICE ALERT RESIDENTS SAFELY

The Greenwich Police Department is warning residents about a text scam involving unpaid parking fines. Officials clarified that the town does not request payments through text messages. An investigation into the scam is ongoing.

FROM TOWN HALL

GREENWICH OPENS PARK RENAMING SURVEY

The Town of Greenwich plans to rename the open space on the Pomerance and Tuchman properties. A survey is available for residents to suggest names based on the site’s history, geography, or other relevant aspects, including keeping the current name. The survey will remain open for two weeks. Survey: <https://www.greenwichct.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2693>

TOWN SEEKS APPROVAL FOR SAFER SPEED LIMIT

Greenwich is seeking state approval to set a 25 mph speed limit on Pilgrim Drive, a residential road that currently has no limit on the town’s side. The proposal may face challenges as Port Chester enforces a 30 mph townwide limit, including its section of the road. The Board of Selectmen approved the request unanimously to address resident concerns about speeding.

GREENWICH AFFIRMS RETAIL SPACE FOCUS

The Planning & Zoning Commission in Greenwich denied a request to amend zoning laws to convert the second-floor retail space of Saks Fifth Avenue at 200 Greenwich Avenue into office space. The property owner argued that the second-floor retail area was underperforming, but the commission determined the proposed change would address only a specific vacancy issue and could set an undesirable precedent. The second-floor space must remain retail or find another use within existing zoning regulations.

SCALED-DOWN DEVELOPMENT APPROVED

A new proposal for 240 Greenwich Avenue reduces the project to a three-story building with 12 residential units and 2,500 square feet of office space, replacing earlier plans for a larger development. The historic 1916 Beaux-Arts bank building on the site will be preserved. The current plans include 77 parking spaces, and a traffic study indicates no significant impact on local roadways.

AROUND TOWN

GREENWICH LIBRARY WELCOMES THOMAS FRIEDMAN FOR SIGNATURE SERIES

Greenwich Library will host New York Times foreign affairs correspondent Thomas Friedman on February 20 at 7 p.m. in the Berkley Theater. Friedman will present “The Big Trends Shaping the World Today: Economics, Technology, and Geopolitics.” Registration is required and opens January 30 at greenwichlibrary.org. A three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, Friedman is known for his analysis of global issues and bestselling books, including The World is Flat. The event is free, with books available for purchase and signing. A livestream will be offered, but the event will not be recorded. This Signature Series program is supported by community donations.

SMARUS WELLING PRESERVE’S BIODIVERSITY

The Smarus Welling Preserve protects 20 acres of upland forest, streams, and wetlands between Porchuck Road and the Merritt Parkway. Donated in 1978, the preserve supports diverse flora such as oaks, sugar maples, and trillium, and is home to deer, wild turkeys, and raptors. Its geological variety contributes to low invasive species pressure and rich ecological diversity.

STEWARDS MAINTAIN LAND TRUST STANDARDS

Greenwich Land Trust’s Volunteer Stewards inspected properties throughout 2024 to ensure compliance with conservation standards. Tasks included monitoring boundaries, identifying invasive species, and submitting detailed inspection reports. These efforts support GLT’s adherence to Land Trust Alliance accreditation standards, essential for protecting open space in perpetuity.

NORTH STREET BRIDGE UPGRADE PLANNED

The Greenwich Department of Public Works has proposed a 12-week summer detour plan for the North Street Bridge replacement project, requiring a full road closure starting after June 9. The plan includes a 2.7-mile detour route and traffic management measures, with construction expected to last 10 months, concluding in fall 2025. The Board of Selectmen will vote on the proposal on January 23 after a public feedback period.

KING STREET FACILITY TRANSFORMING

RegalCare at Greenwich, a 75-bed nursing home on King Street, closed in 2021 after Hurricane Ida caused severe damage, including water leakage and a power failure. The property is undergoing renovations to become a 20-unit assisted living facility with upgraded

interiors, landscaping, and amenities like a gym and recreation room, with no building expansion planned. Town approval is required for the project, which is owned by Laurelton Properties LLC and Howard Ripps.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

UNITE AGAINST DEVASTATING WILDFIRES

California is experiencing some of the largest wildfires in its history, with hurricane-force winds spreading flames rapidly across Los Angeles County and surrounding areas. Over 180,000 residents are under evacuation orders, thousands of structures have been destroyed, and critical infrastructure, including power and water systems, has been severely impacted. You can help by donating to the Red Cross to support wildfire relief efforts, volunteering to assist emergency operations, and sharing updates about the crisis on social media to raise awareness. Visit redcross.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS for more details.

TOD’S POINT SAILING SCHOOL OPENS



Tod’s Point Sailing School has opened registration for its 2025 summer classes, offering sailing lessons, private instruction, and equipment rentals, including sailboats, kayaks, and paddleboards. The school also provides summer job opportunities for qualified applicants. Community support helps maintain affordability and accessibility for all participants. Photo Credit: Tod’s Point Sailing School

FILM FESTIVAL PARTNERS WITH MUSEUM

The Greenwich-based Focus on French Cinema and The Bruce Museum have partnered to celebrate 20 years of the film festival with screenings of French films throughout the year. The first event, a screening of “The Pursuit of Endurance – On the Shoulders of Shackleton”, will take place on January 26 at 2 p.m. in The Bruce Museum’s auditorium, followed by a talk with the film’s producer, Luc Hardy. Tickets are available online, with more screenings to be announced.

QUEEN WILLA FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS FAMILIES

Garden Catering will launch “Queen Willa’s Countdown to the Bell” in January, selling \$5 coupon booklets to benefit LivFree, Circle of Care, and Swim Across America – Fairfield County, organizations supporting families of children with cancer. Proceeds will assist these nonprofits in providing resources, experiences, and care for affected families. Booklets will be available starting January 13, 2025, and coupons can be redeemed in February.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

TEENS CLIMBING KILIMANJARO SUPPORT SCHOOL

Fourteen-year-olds Diego Placido and Theo Ho are preparing to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in February, training for the physical and altitude challenges of the 20,000-foot summit. They are also fundraising to support a local Tanzanian school, aiming to raise \$10,000 for necessities like computers, food, and building repairs. Their GoFundMe campaign has surpassed \$7,700, with plans to deliver supplies directly to the school.

SCOUTS EARN BADGES AT CAMP

Over 50 Scouts gathered at Greenwich Scouting’s Camp Seton for a merit badge workshop, focusing on skills such as first aid, emergency preparedness, traffic safety, and search-and-rescue. The event included practical stations led by first responders, featuring activities like assembling first aid kits, learning emergency protocols, and witnessing K-9 demonstrations. The day provided Scouts with opportunities to earn essential badges required for Eagle Scout advancement.

PIONEERING GEMS FOUNDER TUFTS HONORED

Charlee Tufts, founding executive director and chief of service of Greenwich Emergency Medical Service (GEMS), has died at 79. Tufts established GEMS in 1986 and led it for over 30 years, implementing innovations like 12-lead EKG technology and achieving Connecticut’s first HEARTSafe Designation. A memorial service will be held in her honor in the coming months.

SCHOOLS

DANCING FOR DC

Greenwich eighth graders take an annual trip to Washington, D.C., to learn about the federal government, supported by community fundraising efforts. On January 24, the Greenwich Public Schools’ 8th Grade DC Trip Scholarship Fund and the Greenwich Alliance for Education will host the “Dancing for DC” fundraiser from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Greenwich Social Club. Tickets are \$50, with proceeds funding scholarships for students to participate in the trip. More details and tickets: <https://greenwichalliance.org/ogscj>(<https://greenwichalliance.org/ogsc>)

GHS SENIOR EARNS SCIENCE HONOR

Greenwich High School senior Ashley Malkin has been named one of the top 300 scholars in the 2025 Regeneron Science Talent Search, earning a \$2,000 award and another \$2,000 for her school. Her project focuses on developing a polymersome for blood-brain barrier transport using a machine learning model. The competition selected scholars from nearly 2,500 applicants worldwide, with finalists to be announced on January 23.

SACRED HEART PARTNERS WITH MILKMATE

Sacred Heart Greenwich has partnered with MilkMate to become the first independent school to install its breast-pumping technology, providing faculty with a dedicated space and equipment to streamline

the process. The collaboration also offers students externship opportunities in entrepreneurship and innovation, enhancing real-world learning. This initiative reflects the school’s focus on creating a supportive environment for faculty and fostering experiential education for students.

STUDENTS SHINE IN PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP

Third and fourth graders at Sacred Heart Greenwich are participating in the Arc Stages workshop. Actors from Arc Stages performed at the school and worked with students in classrooms to help them write plays based on the theme “Courage and Confidence.” The program focuses on storytelling and skill development in communication and collaboration.

SACRED HEART STUDENTS WIN BIG

Students from Sacred Heart Greenwich earned numerous awards in the Connecticut COLT Artwork Contest, which promotes world language study among K-12 students. Winners included Alice B. ’32, Ella B. ’33, Violet D. ’31, Julia T. ’29, and Vivianna L. ’25, among others, across categories like posters, 3D art, and digital projects. The contest’s theme was “Connect for the Love of Languages.”

SACRED HEART STUDENTS SHINE BRIGHT

Sacred Heart Greenwich Upper School’s Mock Trial Club competed at the Bridgeport Courthouse in two rounds against Fairfield Ludlowe and St. Joseph’s. Students represented both Prosecution and Defense teams, practicing legal arguments in a courtroom setting. The event provided practical exposure to courtroom procedures.

SHG PROPOSES CHICKEN COOP

Sacred Heart Greenwich is seeking approval to build a chicken coop to support its agricultural program. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the proposal on January 22 at 4 p.m. The coop, measuring 8.5 by 20 feet, would be located in the northeast corner of the campus at 1177 King St. Plans indicate it will house no more than 10 chickens to hatch chicks this spring. Eggs will not be sold, and no slaughtering is planned. The structure complies with setback regulations and includes stormwater management features. Further details are available in the meeting’s tentative agenda.

PATRICK LAI NAMED FINANCE DIRECTOR

Patrick Lai has been promoted to director of finance for Greenwich Public Schools, where he will oversee budgeting, accounting, payroll, and financial reporting in accordance with district policies and regulations. Lai joined the district in 2023 as a financial analyst and later served as budget management director. Previously, he worked at IBM for 28 years, most recently as chief financial officer for IBM Technology Support Services.

SPORTS

GHS BASKETBALL DOMINATES DEFENSIVE PLAY

Greenwich High School’s girls basketball team improved to 8-0 with a dominant 48-17 win over Wilton, fueled by a stifling defense that has shut out three opponents in first quarters this season. Freshman center Zuri Faison led the balanced scoring effort, while the Cardinals’ aggressive play and versatility continue to drive their success.

CARDINALS SHOWCASE GROWTH IN DEFEAT

Greenwich High School girls ice hockey showed strong improvement in a hard-fought 3-1 loss to Stamford/Westhill/Staples, with Aubrey Roth scoring the Cardinals’ lone goal on a power play. Despite the defeat, coach Doug Jebb praised the team’s progress in puck movement, defensive play, and teamwork.

CARDINALS SHINE DESPITE TOUGH LOSS

Greenwich High School’s boys basketball team held a commanding lead over St. Joseph for most of the game, but Cadets senior guard TJ Wright’s 30-point performance, including his 1,000th career point, propelled St. Joseph to a 70-63 comeback win on Jan. 8. Despite the loss, Greenwich showed significant improvement and rebounded with a 62-53 victory against Wilton on Jan. 10.

CARDINALS TRIUMPH IN OVERTIME VICTORY

Greenwich High School’s girls basketball team remained undefeated at 7-0 after a thrilling 50-45 overtime win against St. Joseph High School. Freshman Zuri Faison led the Cardinals with 25 points, including a dominant performance in the second half and overtime.

TIGERS DOMINATE HAMDEN HALL VICTORY

Sacred Heart Greenwich’s basketball team secured a 54-46 victory over Hamden Hall on Jan. 8, improving their overall record to 7-2 and remaining undefeated in FAA play. Key contributions came from junior guard Eva Wilkerson, who led with 14 points and 10 rebounds, alongside standout performances from Lucianna Parrotta, Ava Curto, and Aisha Hassan.

CARDINALS SHOW STRENGTH EARLY SEASON

Greenwich High School’s boys hockey team holds a 2-2-1 record five games into the season, showing resilience with close losses to strong opponents and convincing wins against Northwest Catholic and Woodstock Academy. In their recent 2-2 tie against North Haven, junior forward Teddy Johnson led with two goals, supported by strong defensive play and standout goaltending from Luka Priatka.

LOCAL POLITICS

LWV GREENWICH HOSTS ECONOMIC POLICY DISCUSSION

The League of Women Voters (LWV) Greenwich will host a virtual program titled “Tariffs, Taxes and the Trump Economy” on January 22 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Larry Kantor, former Head of Research for Barclays Capital and Federal Reserve Economist, will discuss the economic policies of the new administration, including their impact on inflation, trade, and taxation. Registrants may submit questions in advance. A Zoom link will be provided on the morning of the event. Attendance is free, but donations are encouraged to support future programs. Registration is available online.

FROM HARTFORD

CARVANA SETTLEMENT BENEFITS CONNECTICUT CONSUMERS

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong announced a \$1.5 million settlement with Carvana following hundreds of consumer complaints about delays in vehicle registration, payment issues, and misrepresented car conditions. The settlement includes \$1 million for customer restitution and a \$500,000 penalty, with terms requiring Carvana to comply with state laws and improve customer service



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NEW LISTINGS
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Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
7 River Rd Boat Slip D-14	\$136,500				0	0	Cos Cob
125 Bowman Drive	\$1,649,000	\$554	\$2,975	1.19	7	4	Glenville
51 Forest Avenue 94	\$1,795,000	\$733	\$2,449	0	3	3	Old Greenwich
50 Sound View Drive 2N	\$3,895,000	\$972	\$4,006		3	4	South of Post
81 Hendrie Avenue	\$4,100,000	\$1,016	\$4,035	0.35	5	5	Riverside
70 Sumner Road	\$5,495,000	\$588	\$9,340	4	6	6	North Parkway
34 Dublin Hill Drive	\$9,495,000	\$1,022	\$9,295	3.24	5	7	South Parkway
14 Meadow Drive	\$9,750,000	\$1,028	\$9,483	3.2	10	6	South Parkway

NEW SALES
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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
56 Sherwood Place 9	\$1,195,000	\$1,195,000	\$1,350,000	6	2	2		1,514
40 W Elm Street 2D	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	22	2	2		1,465
15 Zaccheus Mead Ln	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,100,000	31	5	4	0.94	4,171
12 River Lane	\$2,225,000	\$2,175,000	\$2,225,000	137	4	2	0.25	2,653
16 Dandy Drive	\$2,350,000	\$2,095,000	\$1,990,000	135	4	4	0.62	4,952
210 Bedford Road	\$2,495,000	\$2,495,000	\$2,200,000	16	4	3	1.25	2,515
26 Maher Avenue	\$2,995,000	\$2,995,000	\$2,900,000	28	4	3	0.23	3,102
26 Tomac Avenue	\$4,375,000	\$4,275,000	\$3,906,000	173	4	5	0.48	3,757
4 Shoreham Club Rd	\$5,250,000	\$5,125,000	\$4,875,000	46	5	4	0.28	3,580
139 North Street	\$7,890,000	\$7,690,000	\$7,450,000	99	5	5	0.77	8,646
1 Deer Lane	\$10,950,000	\$9,750,000	\$8,900,000	189	6	8	1.86	9,300
200 Clapboard Ridge	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$14,500,000	203	6	7	8.14	10,422

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2024 Real Estate Sales By School District



By Mark Pruner

GREENWICH 2024 SALES DOWN, PRICES UP IN MOST NEIGHBORHOODS

When you look at Greenwich sales by neighborhood, you see some distinct differences. In 2024, most neighborhoods saw higher sales prices and lower inventory as demand exceeded inventory by a wide margin. This doesn't appear to be the case in the Parkway districts and Julian Curtiss districts, but both of which saw big drops in their average sales prices in 2024. Look closer and both areas look pretty hot.

First the standard disclaimer. I'm using the school district boundaries, because they are more useful than Greenwich's 12 voting districts, which can ramble all over the place. I also prefer looking at sales by school districts, rather than the 11 districts that the GMLS uses. The main reason is that a third of all the sales reported on our MLS are in the South Parkway section. This section runs from the Merritt Parkway to the Post Road and from the Stamford border in the east to the New York state line in the west. The school districts divide this huge area into three school districts, Parkway, North Street and Glenville, which means better neighborhood analysis. When discussing these districts, I'm dropping the "school" since I'm only interested in the borders rather than the elementary school that gives each district its name.

MOST SALES

The North Street district in central mid-country continues to be the district with the most sales. It had 105 sales this year, but this was down slightly from last year's 108 sales. This is also the district with the biggest drop in inventory going from 19 listings at the end of 2023 to only 8 listings at end of 2024.

Those two stats are connected. Lower inventory has led to lower sales in the North Street district. It's actually remarkable that it did as well as it did given the drop in inventory. Demand held up well, while supply dropped resulting in the average sales price going up. Last year the average sales price in the North Street district was up to \$4.21 million, an increase of \$594,336 over last year's average sales price or 16.4% in one year.

The next highest district for sales is the Parkway district with 93 house sales. This district is basically backcountry plus much of the 2-acre zone just south of the Merritt Parkway. When looking at the map, you might say of course there would be a lot of sales there, the Parkway district is by far our largest district. It has over a third of our land mass. It is, however, our lowest density zone as houses sit on 4 acres and 2 acres. Backcountry has by far the highest number of listings with 33 houses on the market at year end. The next highest district is Julian Curtiss with

only 13 listings. You could also argue that the Parkway district is less pro-seller than other areas as it has our lowest sales price to original list price ratio. The average house in the Parkway district sells for 96.5% of its original list price. Also, the average sales price/s.f. is only \$680/s.f., which is exceeded by most of the districts further south. A major factor as to why the Parkway district has a middle of the road price/s.f. is that most of those houses have a lot of s.f. Additional square feet, particularly in older homes and home styles that are less favored by today's younger buyers sell for less per square foot. (As discussed in more detail below)

HIGHEST PRICE

You can look at highest price two ways; the house that sold for the most money and the district that has the highest average price. In 2024, the house that sold for the highest price on the Greenwich Multiple Listing Service was 21 Vista Drive that sold for \$31.5 million. This was formerly Ivanka Trump's house, and it had been on and off the market for several years. When the house sold, it was not actively listed. As a sign of how much appreciation we are seeing, 21 Vista Drive was lasted in July of 2023 for \$29.9 million and didn't sell. The rising market and very low inventory resulted in a sales price that was more than the \$29.9M that it was listed for in 2023.

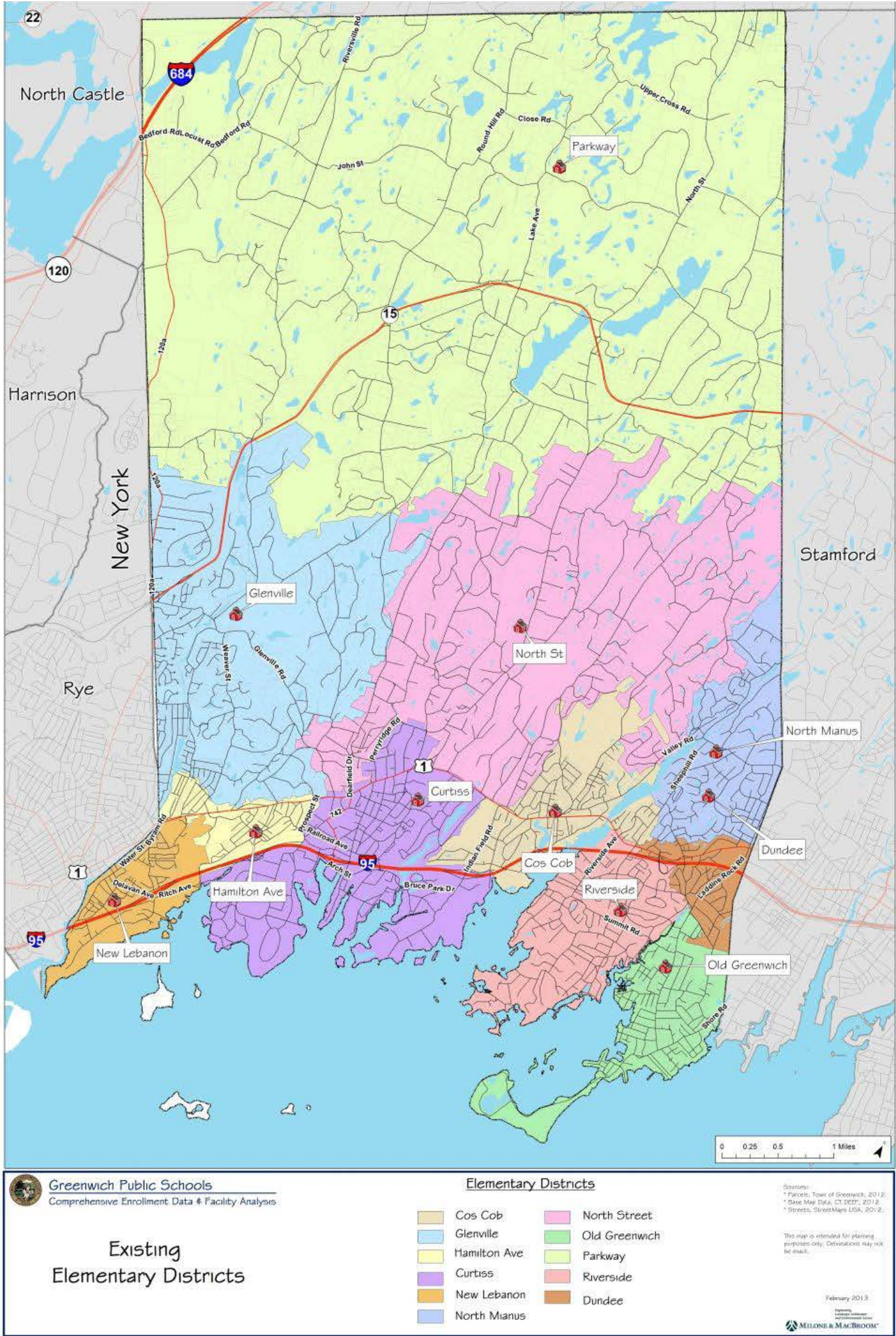
That sale and five more sale over \$10 million meant that the Julian Curtiss district had both the highest sales and the highest average sales price at \$4.91 million. Averages can be deceptive. The Julian Curtiss District had 47 sales. As mentioned, 6 of these sales were for were in our gated waterfront communities and went for over \$10 million. The district also had 12 sales under \$2 million. The median for all sales in this district was \$3.28 million, well below the \$4.91 million average sales price.

The next highest average sales price was in the Parkway district \$4.34 million. These were the only two districts with average sales prices over \$4 million. The Parkway district also had by far the largest average house size of 6,400 s.f. This compares to the Julian Curtiss district where the average house size was only 4,356 s.f.

HIGHEST PRICE/S.F.

You might think that the Julian Curtis district with the highest priced house and the highest average price for house would also have the highest price/s.f. and you'd almost be right. People love waterfront houses and are willing to pay a premium for them to the tune of \$1,021/s.f. For those houses not on the water in the Julian Curtiss district, which is most of them, people also really like living close to Greenwich Avenue with its shops and restaurants. However, it turns out that Old Greenwich has the highest price/s.f. at \$1,040/sf. In OG, you get a fair amount of waterfront, but you also get the village of Old Greenwich and two great parks in Greenwich Point and Binney Park.

It was a great place for



24 vs 23 Solds										
istrict	Count	Sum of Sold Price	Min of Sold Price	Max of Sold Price	Avg. of SqFt	Avg. of DOM	Avg. of Sold Price	Avg. of Sold Price/SqFt	Avg. of SP/OLP	
Cos Cob	-1	\$ 8,359,949	\$ 253,000	\$ 465,000	190	- 1	\$ 261,248	\$ 54	-3.4%	
Dundee	-4	\$ 5,781,317	\$ 172,500	\$ 440,000	10	- 14	\$ 64,648	\$ 34	-3.5%	
Glenville	-17	\$ 39,356,526	\$ 185,000	\$ 695,000	99	- 19	\$ 115,494	\$ 13	-0.1%	
Hamilton Avenue	-3	\$ 2,537,250	\$ 35,000	\$ 200,000	29	- 6	\$ 31,929	\$ 66	7.7%	
Julian Curtiss	11	\$ 63,954,402	\$ 75,000	\$ 107,330,000	187	- 1	\$ 3,277,658	\$ 279	1.8%	
New Lebanon	-1	\$ 2,765,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,750,000	621	- 23	\$ 243,889	\$ 96	0.3%	
North Mianus	-9	\$ 16,213,482	\$ 390,000	\$ 660,000	162	- 29	\$ 24,631	\$ 58	4.3%	
North Street	-3	\$ 51,544,494	\$ 660,250	\$ 1,250,000	281	- 16	\$ 594,336	\$ 97	2.3%	
Old Greenwich	7	\$ 52,079,230	\$ 275,000	\$ 2,099,096	545	- 57	\$ 655,076	\$ 42	2.2%	
Parkway	-8	\$ 100,726,109	\$ 325,000	\$ 13,750,000	717	- 66	\$ 653,638	\$ 9	2.7%	
Riverside	1	\$ 35,823,468	\$ 549,000	\$ 3,700,000	436	5	\$ 624,759	\$ 80	-1.9%	
Grand Total	-27	\$ 77,996,945	\$ 15,000	\$ 107,330,000	18	- 27	\$ 28,673	\$ 40	1.3%	
Pro-Buyer			Pro-Seller							

Russ and me to grow up and it is arguably the hottest place on the east coast for successful young families. In Old Greenwich, the average sales price to original list price is 103.6%, also the highest in Greenwich. Median days on market is only 13 days to contract and many of the houses don't make it to market as there are many private sales, two of which were by our Greenwich Streets Team. (Stay tuned for the report on the private sales market next month.)

MOST AFFORDABLE HOUSES

So where can you find the most affordable houses? The short answer is not anywhere in Greenwich. Right now, we have no single-family homes listed for less than \$1 million. Last year we had 30 sales under \$1 million, but this was out of 500 sales or only 6% of our sales. All but 8 of those 30 sales were in the New Lebanon, Hamilton Avenue and Glenville districts.

Our most affordable houses are in the southeast corner in the New Lebanon and Hamilton districts, but in reality, it is only the New Lebanon district, where we

had 17 sales under \$1 million compared to only 4 sales in the Hamilton Avenue district. We did have 57 sales in the Glenville district, but the lowest priced sale was for \$750,000 and only 10 Glenville houses sold for less than \$1 million.

It's great that we are seeing house prices rise for our long-term homeowners. Lots of people have lots of equity in their houses. Even people who only bought in the last 5 years have seen major appreciation. In 2019, our median sales price was \$1.87 million, by 2024, the median price had risen to \$2.88 million. This is a 54.4% increase in 5 years. One of the great things I've always

liked about Greenwich is the diversity of people that live here. It's just an interesting place to live, but arguably, it's getting a little less interesting as fewer and fewer people of all types are able to afford to buy a house here.

In coming weeks, I'll write about how we can keep Greenwich interesting with a diversity of housing and prices. If you have any thoughts, feel free to send them along.

Mark Pruner, along with his brother Russ Pruner, are the founders of the Greenwich Streets Team at Compass Real Estate. He can be reached at 203-817-2871 or mark.pruner@compass.com.

2024 YE INVENTORY					
District	Count	Sum of List Price	Avg. of CDOM	Avg. of List Price	Avg. of List Price/SqFt
Cos Cob	2	\$ 4,645,000	69	\$ 2,322,500	\$ 687
Dundee	2	\$ 5,494,995	162	\$ 2,747,498	\$ 835
Glenville	10	\$ 63,400,000	127	\$ 6,340,000	\$ 794
Hamilton Avenue	1	\$ 1,099,000	29	\$ 1,099,000	
Julian Curtiss	13	\$ 168,829,000	324	\$ 12,986,846	\$ 1,401
New Lebanon	4	\$ 43,489,000	150	\$ 10,872,250	\$ 1,847
North Mianus	3	\$ 10,470,000	87	\$ 3,490,000	\$ 576
North Street	8	\$ 56,179,000	160	\$ 7,022,375	\$ 816
Old Greenwich	5	\$ 32,444,000	118	\$ 6,488,800	\$ 1,374
Parkway	33	\$ 342,288,000	258	\$ 10,372,364	\$ 1,057
Riverside	4	\$ 34,290,000	389	\$ 8,572,500	\$ 1,052
Grand Total	85	\$ 762,627,995	221	\$ 8,972,094	\$ 1,081

2024 YE CONTRACTS					
District	Count	Sum of List Price	Avg. of DOM	Avg. of List Price	Avg. of List Price/SqFt
Cos Cob	5	\$ 9,218,000	96	\$ 1,843,600	\$ 807
Glenville	7	\$ 21,865,000	59	\$ 3,123,571	\$ 626
Julian Curtiss	5	\$ 25,935,000	152	\$ 5,187,000	\$ 875
New Lebanon	1	\$ 2,195,000	179	\$ 2,195,000	\$ 443
North Mianus	3	\$ 6,982,500	212	\$ 2,327,500	\$ 806
North Street	8	\$ 61,370,000	192	\$ 7,671,250	\$ 967
Old Greenwich	3	\$ 10,699,000	125	\$ 3,566,333	\$ 1,093
Parkway	9	\$ 58,079,000	98	\$ 6,453,222	\$ 856
Riverside	4	\$ 12,340,000	91	\$ 3,085,000	\$ 741
Grand Total	45	\$ 208,683,500	125	\$ 4,637,411	\$ 830

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Local Weather: The Week Ahead

By Emma Barhydt

Greenwich is wrapping up the week on a warmer-than-average note.

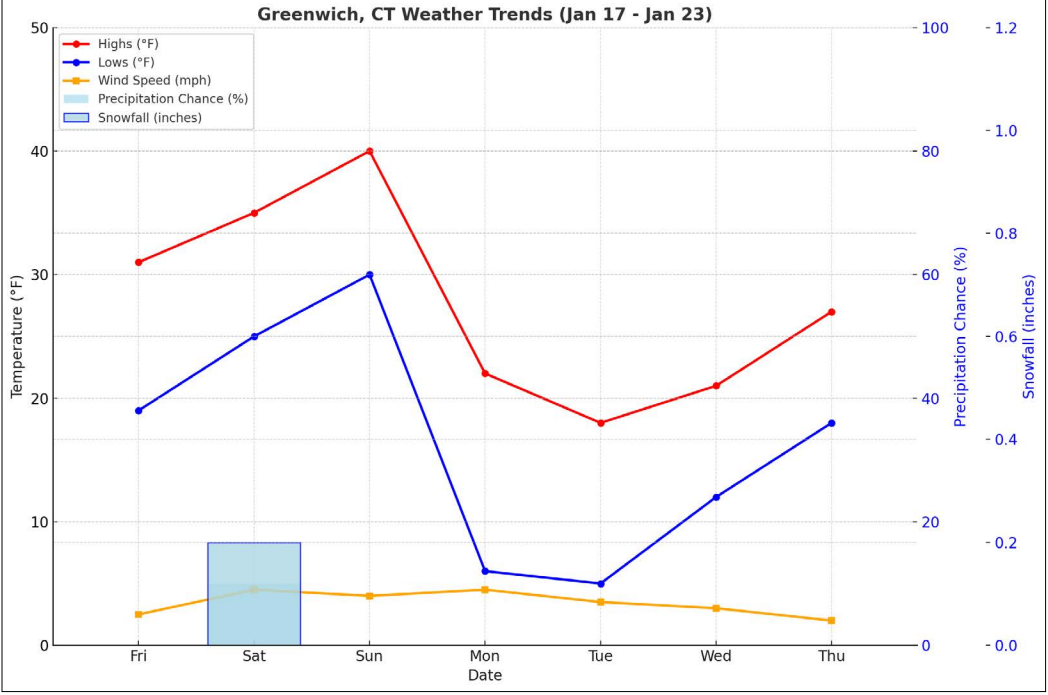
Friday, January 17, will bring partly sunny skies with a high of 41°F and a low of 31°F. Winds will remain manageable, with gusts staying under 20 mph.

Saturday, January 18, takes a turn for the dreary, featuring overcast skies and a breezy afternoon rain. Highs will again reach 41°F, with the rain tapering off by evening as temperatures settle at 36°F.

Sunday, January 19, continues the warmer trend with a high of 38°F, but the day will be marked by rain, flurries, and a chance for snow accumulation in the afternoon. Exercise caution while driving. By evening, a blast of arctic air will roll in, sending temperatures plummeting to 18°F and bringing a renewed chance for snow as winter tightens its grip for the week ahead.

A deep trough of frigid air descending from Canada, “that’s going to set the stage for the coldest air we’ve seen all season for a lot of us,” says meteorologist Ryan Hall. The week will be generally clear and sunny with wind gusts maxing out at 25 mph, but generally forecasted to have wind speeds in the single digits. When temperatures drop, residents can stay warm at

	Friday	41° 31°	Partly sunny and not as cold
	Saturday	42° 36°	Cloudy and breezy; a little afternoon rain
	Sunday	38° 18°	Some sun, then turning cloudy with a bit of snow and rain at times in the afternoon; there is the potential for accumulating snow and slippery travel
	Monday	22° 6°	Mostly sunny and very cold
	Tuesday	18° 5°	Partly sunny and very cold
	Wednesday	21° 12°	Very cold with a blend of sun and clouds
	Thu, Jan 23	27° 18°	Plenty of sun, but cold



Location	Address	Hours of Operation
Greenwich Library	101 W. Putnam Avenue	9am to 9pm
Perrot Memorial Library	90 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich	9am to 6pm
Cos Cob Library	5 Sinawoy Road, Cos Cob	9am to 5pm
Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center	449 Pemburk Road	Mon-Fri: 9 AM-9 PM; Sat: 9 AM-7:30 PM; Sun: 9 AM-5:30 PM
Greenwich Public Safety Complex	11 Bruce Place	Daily: 9 AM-11 PM
Town Hall	101 Field Point Road	Mon-Fri: 8 AM-4 PM

designated heating centers in Greenwich.

Monday, January 20’s high of 22°F will be accompanied by clear skies and steady winds averaging

9 mph, with occasional gusts reaching 24 mph. Overnight, the mercury will plummet to 6°F under mostly clear skies.

Tuesday, January 21

will deliver the harshest cold of the week, with daytime highs just making it to 18°F and nighttime lows dipping to a chilling 5°F. While wind speeds

Residents should be prepared for bitterly cold conditions not seen since the 1980s in Connecticut.

will slightly ease, the day will bring increased cloud cover, averaging 44%, before clearing again in the evening.

Temperatures are on the rise, with a steady warming trend expected through the end of the week. Wednesday will feature clear skies, a high of 21°F, and a low of 12°F. Thursday ushers in more sunshine, with temperatures climbing to a high of 27°F and a low of 18°F. By Friday, the warming continues under sunny skies, reaching a high of 31°F and a low of 19°F. Each day will bring a noticeable boost in warmth as the week progresses.

These temperatures are significantly below the seasonal average for Greenwich. The coldest day this year is expected to be 10°F colder than the same day last year, marking an unusually harsh January cold snap. The national weather service recommends to, “Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing, and a hat. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold. Try to stay

dry and out of the wind.” To protect your home during extreme cold, insulate exposed pipes and allow faucets to drip to prevent freezing and potential pipe bursts. Check on elderly or vulnerable neighbors to ensure they have adequate heat and essential supplies. A quick visit or phone call can make a significant difference in their safety and comfort. Don’t forget about your pets—bring them indoors to keep them safe from the harsh temperatures. With temperatures this low, roads can become icy even without precipitation.

Drive cautiously, avoid sudden braking, and keep an emergency kit in your car, including blankets, a flashlight, and snacks. For additional assistance, residents can contact the Greenwich Police Department’s non-emergency line at 203-622-8000. Heating center updates and further resources will be shared on the Town of Greenwich website. If you are experiencing an emergency please call 911.

Nationally: The Week Ahead

By Emma Barhydt

Beginning on Friday January 17th, we will be seeing a small ridge of warm air traveling across the United States which will give way to bitterly cold temps beginning in the evening on January 19th. This coming week, we are going to see some of the coldest air all season for many across the United States.

NORTHEAST: Saturday and Sunday, January 18 and 19 will see temperatures that are slightly warmer than average for the region before quickly dropping in the evening on Sunday, leading to deep freeze temps through the rest of the week following the national trend of incredibly cold temps. An Alberta clipper passing through the great lakes region January 18 will bring some lake effect snow to New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Northern Maine. Saturday will also see some moisture coming up

from the Gulf of Mexico, resulting in rain for the southern portion of the Northeast.

SOUTHEAST: Saturday and Sunday, January 18 and 19 will see temperatures that are slightly warmer than average for the region. East of Houston through western Georgia and Florida may even see temps of 10 degrees above average. Saturday will also see some moisture for the area, likely resulting in some Thunderstorms in Louisiana and Mississippi before moving west and dropping heavy rain over much of the Southeast. Some of the incredibly cold temps will be moving towards the Southeast as early as Sunday evening. The coldest air will begin to touch the panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas beginning Monday, this arctic air will move into the southern region of Texas by the end of the day on Tuesday. Midweek will see snow and a wintery mix from Texas through the Carolinas. Temps will rise midweek but continue to be

extremely cold through the end of the week.

MIDWEST: Saturday, January 18 will see temperatures that are slightly warmer than average for the region and a small Alberta clipper move through the area. These temps will move through quickly, touching the Ohio River Valley region Saturday and Sunday January 19 before giving way to the trough of arctic air moving through. Montana, Minnesota, and the Dakotas will begin to feel the effects of the arctic blast beginning on Saturday with temps likely as low as -20 degrees. The coldest air will set up in the midwest on Monday. Temps will rise midweek to average temps for the region.

SOUTHWEST: The Southwest will see below average temperatures beginning on Sunday, January 19. The region will not be experiencing significant wind or precipitation events during this time.

NORTHWEST: The Northwest will see temperatures significantly below average beginning on Saturday, January 18. Temps will begin to return to normal by the end of the day on Tuesday, January 21. The region will not be experiencing significant wind or precipitation events during this time.

WEST COAST: Most of the West Coast will see temperatures slightly below average beginning on Saturday, January 18 excluding western Nevada and much of California. Over the course of the weekend and through this coming week, we are starting to see the major wind storms die down that have been afflicting much of California. Eastern Colorado is forecasted to see some of the lowest temps of its entire season during this cold snap. Alaska, however, will be seeing temps significantly above average at this time.

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AGGREGATED NEWS FROM WSJ.COM & ECONOMIST

Getty Museum Withstands Wildfires with Advanced Preparedness

According to the Wall Street Journal’s Kelly Crow, the J. Paul Getty Museum has successfully defended its two campuses—Getty Villa and Getty Center—from encroaching wildfires in Los Angeles. Utilizing fire-resistant architecture, advanced sprinkler systems, and dedicated staff patrolling the grounds, the museum safeguarded its art collection and facilities from significant damage despite flames reaching within six feet of the Getty Villa. Both campuses have remained secure due to the museum’s \$9.1 billion endowment-funded precautions, which include concrete walls, fire-resistant roofs, and a robust water tank system for emergencies. See full story here: https://www.wsj.com/arts-culture/fine-art/getty-museum-los-angeles-fires-villa-center-1f600dae?mod=trending_now_news_1

Israel and Hamas Agree to Temporary Ceasefire in Gaza Strip

According to the Wall Street Journal’s Summer Said and Carrie Keller-Lynn, Israel and Hamas have reached an agreement to pause fighting in the Gaza Strip. Arab mediators and Israeli officials confirmed the deal, which begins with an exchange of hostages for Palestinian prisoners, with broader negotiations to follow. https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/israel-hamas-ceasefire-deal-gaza-hostage-release-cdf9ba32?mod=Searchresults_pos6&page=1

Chinese Hackers Exploit U.S. Infrastructure, Cyber Networks

According to the Economist: Officials say a Chinese hacking group dubbed Salt Typhoon compromised at least eight of America’s telecoms networks. The intruders stole the call-record metadata of a “large number” of Americans. They gained access to the wiretap requests of security agencies—meaning they could work out if any Chinese spies or agents were under American surveillance. And they targeted phones used by officials and politicians, reportedly including Donald Trump, J.D. Vance and members of the Biden administration and the Harris-Walz campaign. Read the full story online here: https://www.economist.com/china/2024/12/12/chinese-hackers-are-deep-inside-americas-telecoms-networks

Tulsi Gabbard’s Intelligence Nomination Draws Mixed Reactions from Senate Republicans

According to the Wall Street Journal’s Vivian Salama, former Hawaii Representative Tulsi Gabbard’s nomination as director of national intelligence has raised concerns among Senate Republicans regarding her qualifications and understanding of key national security issues. Private meetings revealed instances where Gabbard struggled with details of surveillance laws, including conflating elements of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). Read the full story online here: https://www.wsj.com/politics/national-security/tulsi-gabbard-national-intelligence-senate-confirmation-concerns-a42bd35f?mod=trending_now_news_3

FDA Bans Artificial Dye Red 3 From Food Products

According to the Wall Street Journal’s Roshan Fernandez and Jesse Newman, the FDA banned the use of Red No. 3 in food and ingested drugs due to its links to cancer in animals. The move affects thousands of products, requiring reformulation by 2027. Consumer-advocacy groups petitioned the FDA to revoke approval of Red 3, citing studies linking the dye to cancer in rats. Despite the FDA’s position that the risks don’t extend to humans, the ban aligns with growing scrutiny on artificial additives. The dye is banned in most European products. For the full story, visit online: https://www.wsj.com/health/healthcare/fda-bans-artificial-dye-red-3-from-food-26c9c0e1?mod=latest_headlines

Elite M.B.A. Graduates Face Lengthy Job Searches

According to the Wall Street Journal’s Lindsay Ellis, 23% of Harvard Business School M.B.A. graduates from 2024 were still seeking employment three months after graduation, a significant rise from previous years. The challenging job market reflects reduced recruiting from major employers like Amazon, Google, and McKinsey, which have scaled back hiring due to changing business needs. https://www.wsj.com/lifestyle/careers/harvard-mba-employment-rate-job-hunt-difficulty-addf3ec?mod=trending_now_news_4

U.S. Tightens Chip Restrictions on Chinese Companies

According to the Wall Street Journal’s Liza Lin and Asa Fitch, the Biden administration introduced new rules requiring non-U.S. chip makers like Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. to obtain licenses for shipping advanced semiconductors to China. The restrictions aim to limit China’s use of artificial intelligence for military and technological advancements. https://www.wsj.com/politics/national-security/u-s-further-tightens-chip-restrictions-adds-chinese-firms-to-blacklist-d7ff3a8?mod=latest_headlines

South Korea Arrests Impeached President Yoon

South Korean authorities detained former President Yoon Suk Yeol following his controversial declaration of martial law last month.

U.S. to Remove Cuba From Terror List in Prisoner Deal

The Biden administration announced plans to remove Cuba from the state sponsors of terrorism list as part of an agreement to release political prisoners.

FDA Proposes Front-Label Rule for Food Packaging

The FDA introduced a proposed rule mandating that food manufacturers display certain nutritional information prominently on the front of product packages.

Thin Ice Arriving March 6

A Peek at Alaska’s Warming Wilderness

By Anne White

The polar bear, as far as museum exhibits go, might just be the king of charisma. Towering and white, disappearing in snowbanks (when there’s snow), they’re as much a symbol of Arctic survival as they are a sign that something’s seriously wrong up north. Enter [On Thin Ice: Alaska’s Warming Wilderness](#), the Bruce Museum’s latest effort to help us care about things that are simultaneously far away and way too close for comfort. Opening March 6, 2025, this exhibit doesn’t just tell you about climate change—it shows you. And, as it turns out, it’s a real eye-opener.

“Alaska is warming more rapidly than any other state, with cascading consequences for its wildlife and ecosystems,” says Daniel Ksepka, Ph.D., the Bruce Museum’s curator of science. “At the surface, unspoiled ecosystems seem to extend to the horizon in all directions. Yet, in reality, the landscape is shifting right before our eyes.”

DRUNKEN TREES AND OTHER ARCTIC ODDITIES

Sean Murtha, the museum’s exhibition artist, has built scale models that make the drama of Alaska’s wilderness hard to ignore. Picture this: a forest full of trees that have given up standing straight and now lean at random angles, thanks to thawing permafrost. They call it a “drunken forest.”

Another model shows geometric depressions forming as ice wedges break apart the frozen soil, like nature’s version



Polar Bear. *Ursus Maritimus*. Bruce Museum Collection 2019.15.01

The Bruce Museum has a knack for making big issues feel personal.

of a botched tile job.

“These models show intact and altered landscapes that reveal the profound impact of climate change,” Ksepka explains. “Alongside, the exhibition presents the remarkable animals that rely on these environments.”

And what animals they are. There’s “Charlie,” a half-ton polar bear who’s here to

remind us that melting sea ice isn’t just an abstract idea—it’s a daily crisis. Polar bears use sea ice for everything from hunting seals to lounging around (a pastime we can all appreciate). Without it, they’re stuck on land, which is bad news for them and worse news for the humans they run into.

Then there’s the muskox, a shaggy throwback to the Ice

Age that looks like it wandered off the set of Star Wars. These hardy beasts survive thanks to qiviut, a wool so warm it makes cashmere look like polyester. But even they’re vulnerable when warmer weather causes rain to fall on snow, creating icy layers that lock their food beneath a frozen crust. It’s like finding your fridge sealed shut with superglue.



Alaskan Muskox are reminiscent of Star Wars Bantas.

Other Arctic stars include tundra wolves, caribou, Arctic foxes, and the willow ptarmigan, Alaska’s state bird. Each one brings its own survival story, and the exhibit gives you a front-row seat to the challenges they face.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

If you’ve got kids—or if you just like knowing what caribou fur feels like—this exhibition has you covered. There’s a station where you can touch natural history objects, another where you match footprints to the animals that made them, and even an audio feature that plays animal calls. (Pro tip: Practice your best wolf howl before you go. It’ll make the experience that much better.)

For the digitally inclined, there’s a touch screen interactive that lets visitors pledge to reduce their carbon footprints. Small steps, like cutting back on energy use, can add up and save you money. Your chance to help save the Arctic one light switch at a time.

“This exhibition illustrates the urgent need for action to address climate change and to protect the delicate ecosystems of Alaska and beyond,” says Ksepka. “What happens in Alaska will affect us all.”

FROM GREENWICH TO THE ARCTIC

The Bruce Museum has a knack for making big issues feel personal. With support from Cambridge Trust, CT Department of Economic and Community Development, CT Humanities, and the Charles M. and Deborah G. Royce Exhibition Fund, [On Thin Ice](#) combines art, science, and a little bit of humor to keep visitors engaged. Whether you come for the polar bear or stay for the “drunken trees,” you’ll leave with a new appreciation for Alaska’s wonders—and its woes.

After all, the Arctic might feel far away, but its challenges are already knocking on our door. The exhibit begins March 6 and runs through October 19, 2025. Don’t wait too long to visit.



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10 & 11 a.m.
Sensory Storytime (Ages 18 months-48 months). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

3 p.m.
FeederWatch Fridays. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. All Ages. Free. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

4 p.m.
Escape Jim Henson's Labyrinth (Ages 8-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

12 p.m.
Colonial Crafts: Make a “Quill” in the Time Travelers KidStudio. *Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events*

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

2 p.m.
Remembering America's Revolution on its 250th Birthday: Ensuring the Promise Endures. *Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. \$15, members; \$20, non-members. greenwichhistory.org/events*

SUNDAY, JAN. 19

1 p.m.
Guided Gallery Tour: Greenwich During the Revolutionary War: A Frontier Town on the Front Line. *Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free with museum admission. Through March 9. greenwichhistory.org/events*

2:30 p.m.
Concert featuring organist and pianist Alexander Wieczorek, with violinist Alexis Walls and soprano/pianist Liya Petrides. St. Catherine of Siena Church, 4 Riverside Ave. Admission is free but donations will be welcomed. Light refreshments will be served. Music.Director@stc-sta.org.

MONDAY, JAN. 20

12 - 4 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Acts of Community Service for Animals – Fun Fur All. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

10 & 11 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings: Impressions of Nature (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, Jan. 22. brucemuseum.org

12 p.m.
Voices Center of Resilience (VOICES) Community Focus Group. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

4 p.m.
Debate Club (For Ages 9-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

9:30 a.m.
Houseplant Clinic - Walk-in program. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

10 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings Junior: Impressions of Nature (ages 12 Months-30 Months). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. First come, first served. brucemuseum.org

11 a.m.
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Robert Henery, Author, “Shen's Unlikely Journey.” Christ Church, 254 E. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.
Colonial Crafts: Make a Revolutionary Tricorn Hat in the Time Travelers KidStudio. *Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events*

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

5:30 p.m.
League of Women Voters of Greenwich: “Tariffs, Taxes and the Trump Economy.” Via Zoom. Free. Register. lwwgreenwich.org

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

11 a.m.
Art Show Opening by Chris Duncan ft. Live Birds of Prey. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free. greenwich.audubon.org/events

12 p.m.
Voices Center of Resilience

(VOICES): Bereavement Group for Those Who Have Lost a Loved One in the Past 3 Years. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

12 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Marketing Made Simple: Emails Sales Funnel. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

2 p.m.
Lifetime of Looking: Seasonal Scenes - an art appreciation program for adults experiencing cognitive decline & their caregivers. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Sign up. 203-413-6741. kholko@brucemuseum.org. brucemuseum.org.

7 p.m.
The Coretta Scott King & Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Conversation: A Vital Conversation about Women's Health Equity. *YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. Free. Register. 203-869-6501, ext. 104. s.quartey@ywcagreenwich.org. ywcagreenwich.org*

7 p.m.
Lecture: “Electoral Systems: USA, France and UK presented by Dan Silkman. Byram Shubert Library, 21 Mead Ave. Free & open to the pubic. 203-531-0426.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24

10 & 11 a.m.
Sensory Storytime (Ages 18 months-48 months). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

12 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Financial Foundations: Office Hour: Questions about W-2's and 1099's. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

3 p.m.
FeederWatch Fridays. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. All Ages. Free. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

4 p.m.
Apocalypse Life Skills: Sustainable Hanging Pots (Ages 8-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

5 p.m.
Night at the Museum – Wild Wetlands (creative boxed dinner & themed treats for kids; beer, wine & light bites for adults). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr.

brucemuseum.org.

6:30 p.m.
Comedy Night - Meghan Hanley and Moody McCarthy. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E. Putnam Ave. \$50. christchurchgreenwich.org/upcoming-events

7 p.m.
Greenwich Public Schools' 8th Grade DC Trip Scholarship Fund and the Greenwich Alliance for Education's Dancing for DC. Old Greenwich Social Club. \$50. *GREENWICHALLIANCE.ORG/OGSC*

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

12 p.m.
Colonial Crafts: Make Paper Quilling Cards in the Time Travelers KidStudio. *Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events*

1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Foil Prints (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Jan. 26. brucemuseum.org

6 p.m.
Greenwich Burns Supper fundraiser. First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, 1 W. Putnam Ave. \$35, members; \$65, nonmembers (\$45 & \$75 after Jan. 17). 203-869-8686. fpcg.org/burns

7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night. Temple Sholom, 300 E. Putnam Ave. \$30, Temple members/ SMNS Parents; \$40, non-members. gina.cristino@templesholom.com. templesholom.com.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

1 p.m.
Guided Gallery Tour: Greenwich During the Revolutionary War: A Frontier Town on the Front Line. *Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free with museum admission. Through March 9. greenwichhistory.org/events*

2 p.m.
Bruce Experiences: French Film Series: The Pursuit Of Endurance. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

2 p.m.
Artist Talk with Joanne Dugan, Amanda Marchand, Anne Arden McDonald, Liz Nielsen. Flinn Gallery. 203-622-7947. flinngallery.com

THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

“Camera-less” Art Exhibit. Flinn Gallery - Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Ave., 2nd Floor. 203-622-7947. flinngallery.com

SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 13

8 - 11 a.m.
Safe Roads Sunday program at Tod's Point. Traffic will be restricted on the road leading to the Point to allow walkers, joggers and cyclists to enjoy a traffic-free loop that starts and ends at the entrance to the main parking lots. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

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.

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SPORTS

Cardinals girls ice hockey team turns in strong Effort vs. Stamford-Westhill-Staples

By DAVID FIERRO

As the season has progressed, the Greenwich High School girls ice hockey team has continued to show significant improvement with the latest example coming on Jan. 9 when it hosted a formidable, combined squad of Stamford/Westhill/Staples at Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink.

The Cardinals produced a strong effort against Stamford/Westhill/Staples, which has emerged as one of the top teams in the FCIAC and state in recent seasons, generating plenty of shots on goal, while experiencing a tight, two goal loss, with the final goal coming in the final minute.

Behind two first period goals, visiting Stamford-Westhill-Staples skated to a 3-1 victory over Greenwich, improving its record to 4-2-1 overall and 2-1 in the FCIAC.

Greenwich, which had won two consecutive games going into their matchup against FCIAC foe Stamford/Westhill/Staples, has an overall record of 4-6 and is 2-2 in the FCIAC.

“We competed really hard and what we’re seeing is a tremendous rate of improvement from three weeks ago,” Greenwich coach Doug Jebb said. “We’re passing the

puck better, we’re understanding the speed of the game. I like the direction we’re going.”

Senior captain Aubrey Roth, who centers the first line, scored Greenwich’s goal. Sophomore forward Eleanor Fine and freshman defender Miren Woolven assisted on Roth’s goal, which occurred in the second period.

Visiting Stamford-Westhill-Staples, received one goal apiece from senior captain Alexandra Hackett, junior Ella Pearle and senior captain Anne Leydon.

“I thought we played a great game,” Roth said. “Overall, we played strong.”

Both teams were charged with seven penalties, so power play opportunities were plentiful for each squad. Greenwich’s goal with 6:33 remaining in the second period was the result of a power play. Roth tipped in a rebound off a shot by Fine, cutting Stamford/Westhill/Staples’ lead to 2-1.

“We were able to work together as a team,” Roth said of the Cardinals’ play, especially in the second period. “We were passing to each other and we were able to move the goalie, we were shooting low, which is a thing we practice in practice and that’s how we were able to



06878 Photography by Antonio Monteiro: Aubrey Roth of the Greenwich High School varsity girls ice hockey team, left, gets ready to take a shot on goal during a game against Stamford-Westhill-Staples at Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink.

capitalize.”

Stamford/Westhill/Staples went on a power play late in the second period, but the score remained 2-1, as freshman goalie Eleanor Woolven made several key saves, while being well supported by Greenwich’s defensive athletes.

“We tried to just play post out, so we wanted to emphasize covering back door and the post and not get drawn too far out,” said GHS senior defender/captain Lexi Carino, who along with Miren Woolven, Hailey Dreher and Carlyn Duffy

helped paced the squad’s stellar defensive effort. “Slot is where most of the goals have been scored this season, so we’ve really been trying to move defensively.”

Greenwich went on a 5-on-3 power play following a pair of Stamford/Westhill/Staples penalties and threatened to tally the equalizer. Yet goalie McCaffrey Tuttle, a sophomore, helped the visitors maintain their one-goal advantage.

Both teams exhibited solid puck movement, a sound forecheck and effective defensive

play throughout.

“They’re very strong, we competed really well,” Jebb said. “Just a shot here and a shot there and it would have been a tie ballgame. Their goalie played really well, made a couple of really key saves. There’s a lot of improvement and there’s a lot to hang our hat on.”

Scoring on an empty-netter with only 44.4 seconds left in the third period, SWS took a 3-1 lead. Leydon scored the game’s final goal, with Pearle receiving the assist.

Hackett gave SWS a 1-0 edge with a goal at the 6:12 mark of the opening period. Pearle and Leydon were each credited with assists on the game-opening goal.

Controlling the puck on a breakout, Pearle skated toward the goal on a 1-on-1 situation with Eleanor Woolven and snapped a shot from between the circles that found the back of the net, making it 2-0 in favor of Stamford-Westhill-Staples with 49 seconds to go in the first period.

Greenwich’s best moments came in the second and third periods, as they were able to generate shots on goal and draw several SWS penalties, resulting in power play chances.

“I think we played hard, they are a good team, but we were able to bond with each other on the ice,” Carino said. “We talked a lot, moved the puck around and were able to get a good goal off that. I think the offense did a good job of forechecking.”

Prior to playing SWS, GHS posted wins on the road against Woodstock Academy and Guilford.

The Cards beat Woodstock Academy, 4-3 and topped Guilford, 3-2.

“I think we’re definitely a better team than the first day,” Roth noted. “We’re working together more, we’re able to execute more. I think a big issue at the beginning of the season is we haven’t been able to score a lot of goals, but I think we fixed that issue and that showed in our recent victories.”

Greenwich visits West Haven on Tuesday for a 5:30 p.m. matchup.

“We have a big game against West Haven, which is a big game for states,” Roth said. “West Haven is a great team, but I think we can pull it out if we work hard.”

Said Carino: “We have good momentum, we’re playing more as a team, more as a unit and we’ve finally jelled.”

Cardinals boys basketball team drops tough matchup against St. Joseph at home

By DAVID FIERRO

Greenwich High School’s boys basketball team held a double-digit lead on St. Joseph for most of the first half and was ahead for the majority of the second half, yet unfortunately for the Cardinals, Cadets senior guard TJ Wright found his shooting form.

Wright scored 18 of his game-high 30 points in the second half, including the 1,000th point of his impressive career, enabling St. Joseph to earn a 70-63 comeback win over host Greenwich in an FCIAC game held on Jan. 8.

The loss dropped Greenwich’s record to 1-5 overall, however, GHS bounced back from the tough loss and defeated Wilton on the road on Jan. 10, 62-53. Therefore, Greenwich’s record currently stands at 2-5 overall and 1-2 in the FCIAC.

Against St. Joseph on Wednesday (Jan. 8), senior guard/captain Matthew Maloney scored a team-high 22 points and junior guard/forward Sandro Scott poured in 21 points for the Cardinals, who despite the loss, showed several positive signs.

“I just talked to the kids about being positive, because they took huge strides from Saturday (a 55-39 loss to Fairfield Ludlowe at New Canaan High School on Jan. 4),” Greenwich coach Bill Brehm said. “From last Saturday to today was leaps and bounds. They played as a team, they executed what we were asking them to do.”

Senior guard/captain Blake Martin totaled 12 points, eight of which came during the first half for Greenwich, which held leads of 18-9, 28-16 and 32-21 on St. Joseph in the first half. The Cardinals also had leads of 39-28 in the third quarter and 54-46 in the fourth.

“The offense didn’t look great against Fairfield Ludlowe and I think we made a lot of steps that will lead to success later on in the season,” said Maloney, who also served as one of the Cards’ soccer team’s captains in the fall. “We don’t have a lot of experienced guys on this team, so we are making good steps toward being a good offensive team.”

Wright scored his 1,000th

career point for St. Joseph by making a layup with 4:11 remaining in the fourth quarter, a basket giving the Cadets a 56-54 lead. He made seven 3-pointers for the game on his way to his 30-point game.

Greenwich led St. Joe, 18-11, following the first quarter and went into halftime ahead, 35-28. The score after three quarters of play was 48-42 in favor of the Cardinals. Behind Wright’s stellar shooting, the Cadets outscored the Cardinals 28-15 in the fourth quarter and 42-28 during the second half.

“Credit to St. Joe’s they’ve got some good shooters, he (Wright) got his 1,000th point and hats off to them, they came back and played well in the second half,” Brehm said of St. Joseph. “We just didn’t take care of the ball either, too many turnovers.”

A layup by Maloney, a basket off an offensive rebound by junior center Michael Golden and a layup from Martin gave GHS a 24-14 lead on St. Joseph early in the second quarter. The visitors closed to within 32-28 on a 3-pointer from the corner from Wright and a basket off a putback late in the second quarter. Maloney put the Cards up by seven points at 35-28 when he swished a 3-point in the final minute of the second quarter.

Golden scored four points and led Greenwich on the offensive and defensive backboards. Sophomore guard Tyler added two points and senior guard/captain Guy Germain made a foul shot for a point for the hosts. Maloney, Martin, Ryan Brennan, Germain and senior Oliver Suppo are the Cardinals’ senior captains. Suppo is currently sidelined with a thumb injury and should be back in action late in the season.

Greenwich began the third quarter with four straight points thanks to layups off strong drives from Scott, which capped a 7-0 run, making it 39-28. Another Scott basket put GHS on top, 45-36 late in the third quarter.

Martin drove to the basket and scored, giving Greenwich a 54-46 early in the fourth quarter. Then the



06878 Photography by Antonio Monteiro: Greenwich High School senior guard Matthew Maloney, left, dribbles the ball down the court while being guarded by St. Joseph senior guard Jermaine Hatchett during an FCIAC basketball game held on Jan. 8, 2025, at Greenwich High School. St. Joseph came back to beat Greenwich, 70-63.



06878 Photography by Antonio Monteiro: Greenwich’s Sandro Scott shoots a layup.

Cadets made their move. A 3-pointer by junior guard Lemeik Black, followed by a shot from beyond the arc by Wright tied the score at 54-54. Wright’s layup, giving the Cadets a 56-54 edge at the 4:11 mark of the final quarter gave the visitors the lead for good.

Jermaine Hatchett, a senior guard, scored nine points and junior guard Jayden Febus had 13 points for St. Joseph.

“TJ Wright is a good player and we let him get going and he started draining 3s,” Maloney said.

Said Brehm: “They’re good shooters, we thought in the first half some of our zone

traps went well, we kind of went back to them a little bit, but one or two possessions didn’t win or lose the game.”

Added Maloney: “We are going to carry on to Wilton and put up a good fight against them. They are another good FCIAC team and we want to get a good win.”

Maloney’s words rang true as Greenwich got back on the winning track against Wilton on Jan. 10 with its 62-53 road win.

Greenwich’s next game is Tuesday (Jan. 14) against Bridgeport Central. The Cards will then host New Canaan on Jan. 17.



Photo by Antonio Monteiro/06878 Photography: Blake Martin, a Greenwich senior guard, drives to the basket for a layup against visiting St. Joseph on Jan. 8, 2025. The Cardinals lost the game at GHS, 70-63.

The image displays four 4x4 grids, each representing a different state of a 4x4 grid puzzle. The numbers are color-coded: blue for 2, yellow for 4, green for 3, and red for 1.

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THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER BY A.A. MILNE

CHAPTER IV

IN WHICH A Search Is Organdized, and Piglet Nearly Meets the Heffalump Again

One day when Pooh was thinking, he thought he would go and see Eeyore, because he hadn't seen him since yesterday. And as he walked through the heather, singing to himself, he suddenly remembered that he hadn't seen Owl since the day before yesterday, so he thought that he would just look in at the Hundred Acre Wood on the way and see if Owl was at home.

Well, he went on singing, until he came to the part of the stream where the stepping-stones were, and when he was in the middle of the third stone he began to wonder how Kanga and Roo and Tigger were getting on, because they all lived together in a different part of the Forest. And he thought, "I haven't seen Roo for a long time, and if I don't see him today it will be a still longer time." So he sat down on the stone in the middle of the stream, and sang another verse of his song, while he wondered what to do.

The other verse of the song was like this:
I could spend a happy morning
Seeing Roo,
I could spend a happy morning
Being Pooh.
For it doesn't seem to matter,
If I don't get any fatter
(And I don't get any fatter),
What I do.



The sun was so delightfully warm, and the stone, which had been sitting in it for a long time, was so warm, too, that Pooh had almost decided to go on being Pooh in the middle of the stream for the rest of the morning, when he remembered Rabbit.

"Rabbit," said Pooh to himself. "I like talking to Rabbit. He talks about sensible things. He doesn't use long, difficult words, like Owl. He uses short, easy words, like 'What about lunch?' and 'Help yourself, Pooh.' I suppose really, I ought to go and see Rabbit."

Which made him think of another verse:
Oh, I like his way of talking,
Yes, I do.
It's the nicest way of talking
Just for two.
And a Help-yourself with Rabbit
Though it may become a habit,
Is a pleasant sort of habit
For a Pooh.

So when he had sung this, he got up off his stone, walked back across the stream, and set off for Rabbit's house.

But he hadn't got far before he began to say to himself:

"Yes, but suppose Rabbit is out?"
"Or suppose I get stuck in his front door again, coming out, as I did once when his front door wasn't big enough?"

"Because I know I'm not getting fatter, but his front door may be getting thinner."

"So wouldn't it be better if——"

And all the time he was saying things like this he was going more and more westerly,

without thinking ... until suddenly he found himself at his own front door again.

And it was eleven o'clock.
Which was Time-for-a-little-something...

Half an hour later he was doing what he had always really meant to do, he was stumping off to Piglet's house. And as he walked, he wiped his mouth with the back of his paw, and sang rather a fluffy song through the fur. It went like this:

I could spend a happy morning
Seeing Piglet.
And I couldn't spend a happy morning
Not seeing Piglet.
And it doesn't seem to matter
If I don't see Owl and Eeyore
(or any of the others),
And I'm not going to see Owl or Eeyore
(or any of the others)
Or Christopher Robin.

Written down, like this, it doesn't seem a very good song, but coming through pale fawn fluff at about half-past eleven on a very sunny morning, it seemed to Pooh to be one of the best songs he had ever sung. So he went on singing it.

Piglet was busy digging a small hole in the ground outside his house.



"Hallo, Piglet," said Pooh.

"Hallo, Pooh," said Piglet, giving a jump of surprise. "I knew it was you."

"So did I," said Pooh. "What are you doing?"

"I'm planting a haycorn, Pooh, so that it can grow up into an oak-tree, and have lots of haycorns just outside the front door instead of having to walk miles and miles, do you see, Pooh?"

"Supposing it doesn't?" said Pooh.

"It will, because Christopher Robin says it will, so that's why I'm planting it."

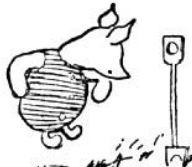
"Well," said Pooh, "if I plant a honeycomb outside my house, then it will grow up into a beehive."

Piglet wasn't quite sure about this.
"Or a piece of a honeycomb," said Pooh, "so as not to waste too much. Only then I might only get a piece of a beehive, and it might be the wrong piece, where the bees were buzzing and not hunnying. Bother."

Piglet agreed that that would be rather bothering.

"Besides, Pooh, it's a very difficult thing, planting unless you know how to do it," he said; and he put the acorn in the hole he had made, and covered it up with earth, and jumped on it.

"I do know," said Pooh, "because Christopher Robin gave me a mastershalum



seed, and I planted it, and I'm going to have mastershalums all over the front door."

"I thought they were called nasturtiums," said Piglet timidly, as he went on jumping.

"No," said Pooh. "Not these. These are called mastershalums."

When Piglet had finished jumping, he wiped his paws on his front, and said, "What shall we do now?" and Pooh said, "Let's go and see Kanga and Roo and Tigger," and

Piglet said, "Y-yes. L-lets"—because he was still a little anxious about Tigger, who was a Very Bouncy Animal, with a way of saying How-do-you-do, which always left your ears full of sand, even after Kanga had said, "Gently, Tigger dear," and had helped you up again. So they set off for Kanga's house.

Now it happened that Kanga had felt rather motherly that morning, and Wanting



to Count Things—like Roo's vests, and how many pieces of soap there were left, and the two clean spots in Tigger's feeder; so she had sent them out with a packet of watercress sandwiches for Roo and a packet of extract-of-malt sandwiches for Tigger, to have a nice long morning in the Forest not getting into mischief. And off they had gone.

And as they went, Tigger told Roo (who wanted to know) all about the things that



Tiggers could do.
"Can they fly?" asked Roo.
"Yes," said Tigger, "they're very good flyers, Tiggers are. Stornry good flyers."
"Oo!" said Roo. "Can they fly as well as Owl?"
"Yes," said Tigger. "Only they don't want to."
"Why don't they want to?"
"Well, they just don't like it, somehow."
Roo couldn't understand this, because he thought it would be lovely to be able to fly, but Tigger said it was difficult to explain to anybody who wasn't a Tigger himself.
"Well," said Roo, "can they jump as far as Kangas?"
"Yes," said Tigger. "When they want to."
"I love jumping," said Roo. "Let's see who can jump farthest, you or me."
"I can," said Tigger. "But we mustn't stop now, or we shall be late."
"Late for what?"
"For whatever we want to be in time for," said Tigger, hurrying on.

In a little while they came to the Six Pine Trees.

"I can swim," said Roo. "I fell into the river, and I swimmied. Can Tiggers swim?"

"Of course they can. Tiggers can do everything."

"Can they climb trees better than Pooh?" asked Roo, stopping under the tallest Pine Tree, and looking up at it.

"Climbing trees is what they do best," said Tigger. "Much better than Poohs."

"Could they climb this one?"

"They're always climbing trees like that," said Tigger. "Up and down all day."

"Oo, Tigger, are they really?"

"I'll show you," said Tigger bravely, "and you can sit on my back and watch me." For of all the things which he had said Tiggers could do, the only one he felt really certain about suddenly was climbing trees.

"Oo, Tigger, oo, Tigger, oo, Tigger!" squeaked Roo excitedly.

So he sat on Tigger's back and up they went.

And for the first ten feet Tigger said

happily to himself, "Up we go!"

And for the next ten feet he said:

"I always said Tiggers could climb trees."

And for the next ten feet he said:

"Not that it's easy, mind you."

And for the next ten feet he said:

"Of course, there's the coming-down too. Backwards."

And then he said:

"Which will be difficult ...

"Unless one fell ...

"when it would be ...

"EASY."

And at the word "easy" the branch he was standing on broke suddenly, and he just managed to clutch at the one above him as he felt himself going ... and then slowly he got his chin over it ... and then one back paw ... and then the other ... until at last he was sitting on it, breathing very quickly, and wishing that he had gone in for swimming instead.

Roo climbed off, and sat down next to him.

"Oo, Tigger," he said excitedly, "are we at the top?"

"No," said Tigger.

"Are we going to the top?"

"No," said Tigger.

"Oh!" said Roo rather sadly. And then he went on hopefully: "That was a lovely bit just now, when you pretended we were going to fall-bump-to-the-bottom, and we didn't. Will you do that bit again?"

"NO," said Tigger.

Roo was silent for a little while, and then he said, "Shall we eat our sandwiches, Tigger?" And Tigger said, "Yes, where are they?" And Roo said, "At the bottom of the tree." And Tigger said, "I don't think we'd better eat them just yet." So they didn't.

By and by Pooh and Piglet came along. Pooh was telling Piglet in a singing voice that it didn't seem to matter, if he didn't get any fatter, and he didn't think he was getting any fatter, what he did; and Piglet was wondering how long it would be before his haycorn came up.

"Look, Pooh!" said Piglet suddenly. "There's something in ... one of the Pine Trees."

"So ... there is!" said Pooh, looking up wonderingly. "There's an Animal."

Piglet took Pooh's arm, in case Pooh was frightened.

"Is it One of the Fiercer Animals?" he said, looking the other way.

Pooh nodded.

"It's a Jagular," he said.

"What do Jagulars do?" asked Piglet, hoping that they wouldn't.

"They hide in the branches of trees, and drop on you as you go underneath," said Pooh. "Christopher Robin told me."

"Perhaps we better hadn't go underneath, Pooh. In case he dropped and hurt himself."

"They don't hurt themselves," said Pooh. "'They're such very good droppers.'"

Piglet still felt that to be underneath a Very Good Dropper would be a Mistake, and he was just going to hurry back for something which he had forgotten when the Jagular called out to them.

"Help! Help!" it called.

"That's what Jagulars always do," said Pooh, much interested. "They call 'Help! Help!' and then when you look up, they drop on you."

"I'm looking down," cried Piglet loudly, so as the Jagular shouldn't do the wrong thing by accident.

Something very excited next to the Jagular heard him, and squeaked:

"Pooh and Piglet! Pooh and Piglet!"

All of a sudden Piglet felt that it was a much nicer day than he had thought it was. All warm and sunny——

"Pooh!" he cried. "I believe it's Tigger and Roo!"

"So it is," said Pooh. "I thought it was a Jagular and another Jagular."

"Hallo, Roo!" called Piglet. "What are you doing?"

"We can't get down, we can't get down!" cried Roo. "Isn't it fun? Pooh, isn't it fun, Tigger and I are living in a tree, like Owl, and we're going to stay here for ever and ever. I can see Piglet's house. Piglet, I can see your house from here. Aren't we high? Is Owl's house as high up as this?"

"How did you get there, Roo?" asked Piglet.

"On Tigger's back! And Tiggers can't climb downwards, because their tails get in the way, only upwards, and Tigger forgot about that when we started, and he's only just remembered. So we've got to stay here for ever and ever—unless we go higher. What did you say, Tigger? Oh, Tigger says if we go higher we shan't be able to see Piglet's house so well, so we're going to stop here."

"Piglet," said Pooh solemnly, when he had heard all this, "what shall we do?" And he began to eat Tigger's sandwiches.

"Are they stuck?" asked Piglet anxiously.

Pooh nodded.

"Couldn't you climb up to them?"

"I might, Piglet, and I might bring Roo down on my back, but I couldn't bring Tigger down. So we must think of something else." And in a thoughtful way he began to eat Roo's sandwiches, too.

Whether he would have thought of anything before he had finished the last sandwich, I don't know, but he had just got to the last but one when there was a crackling in the bracken, and Christopher Robin and Eeyore came strolling along together.

"I shouldn't be surprised if it hailed a good deal tomorrow," Eeyore was saying. "Blizzards and what-not. Being fine today doesn't Mean Anything. It has no sig—what's that word? Well, it has none of that. It's just a small piece of weather."

"There's Pooh!" said Christopher Robin, who didn't much mind what it did tomorrow, as long as he was out in it. "Hallo, Pooh!"

"It's Christopher Robin!" said Piglet. "He'll know what to do."

They hurried up to him.

"Oh, Christopher Robin," began Pooh.

"And Eeyore," said Eeyore.

"Tigger and Roo are right up the Six Pine Trees, and they can't get down, and——"

"And I was just saying," put in Piglet, "that if only Christopher Robin——"

"And Eeyore——"

"If only you were here, then we could think of something to do."

Christopher Robin looked up at Tigger and Roo, and tried to think of something.

"I thought," said Piglet earnestly, "that if Eeyore stood at the bottom of the tree, and if Pooh stood on Eeyore's back, and if I stood on Pooh's

shoulders——"

"And if Eeyore's back snapped suddenly, then we could all laugh. Ha ha! Amusing in a quiet way," said Eeyore, "but not really helpful."

"Well," said Piglet meekly, "I thought——"

"Would it break your back, Eeyore?" asked Pooh, very much surprised.

"That's what would be so interesting, Pooh. Not being quite sure till afterwards."

Pooh said "Oh!" and they all began to think again.

"I've got an idea!" cried Christopher Robin suddenly.

"Listen to this, Piglet," said Eeyore, "and then you'll know what we're trying to do."

"I'll take off my tunic and we'll each hold a corner, and then Roo and Tigger can jump into it, and it will be all soft and bouncy for them, and they won't hurt themselves."

"Getting Tigger down," said Eeyore, "and Not hurting anybody. Keep those two ideas in your head, Piglet, and you'll be all right."

But Piglet wasn't listening, he was so agog at the thought of seeing Christopher Robin's blue braces again. He had only seen them once before, when he was much younger, and, being a little over-excited by them, had had to go to bed half an hour earlier than usual; and he had always wondered since if they were really as blue and as bracing as he had thought them. So when Christopher Robin took his tunic off, and they were, he felt quite friendly to Eeyore again, and held the corner of the tunic next to him and smiled happily at him. And Eeyore whispered back: "I'm not saying there won't be an Accident now, mind you. They're funny things, Accidents. You never have them till you're having them."

When Roo understood what he had to do, he was wildly excited, and cried out: "Tigger, Tigger, we're going to jump! Look at me jumping, Tigger! Like flying, my jumping will be. Can Tiggers do it?" And he squeaked out: "I'm coming, Christopher Robin!" and he jumped—straight into the middle of the tunic. And he was going so fast that he bounced up again almost as high as where he was before—and went on bouncing and saying, "Oo!" for quite a long time—and then at last he stopped and said, "Oo, lovely!" And they put him on the ground.

"Come on, Tigger," he called out. "It's easy."

But Tigger was holding on to the branch and saying to himself: "It's all very well for Jumping Animals like Kangas, but it's quite different for Swimming Animals like Tiggers." And he thought of himself floating on his back down a river, or striking out from one island to another, and he felt that that was really the life for a Tigger.

"Come along," called Christopher Robin. "You'll be all right."

"Just wait a moment," said Tigger nervously. "Small piece of bark in my eye." And he moved slowly along his branch.

"Come on, it's easy!" squeaked Roo. And suddenly Tigger found how easy it was.

"Ow!" he shouted as the tree flew past him.

"Look out!" cried Christopher Robin to the others.

There was a crash, and a tearing noise, and a confused heap of everybody on the ground.

Christopher Robin and Pooh and Piglet picked themselves up first, and then they picked Tigger up, and underneath everybody else was Eeyore.

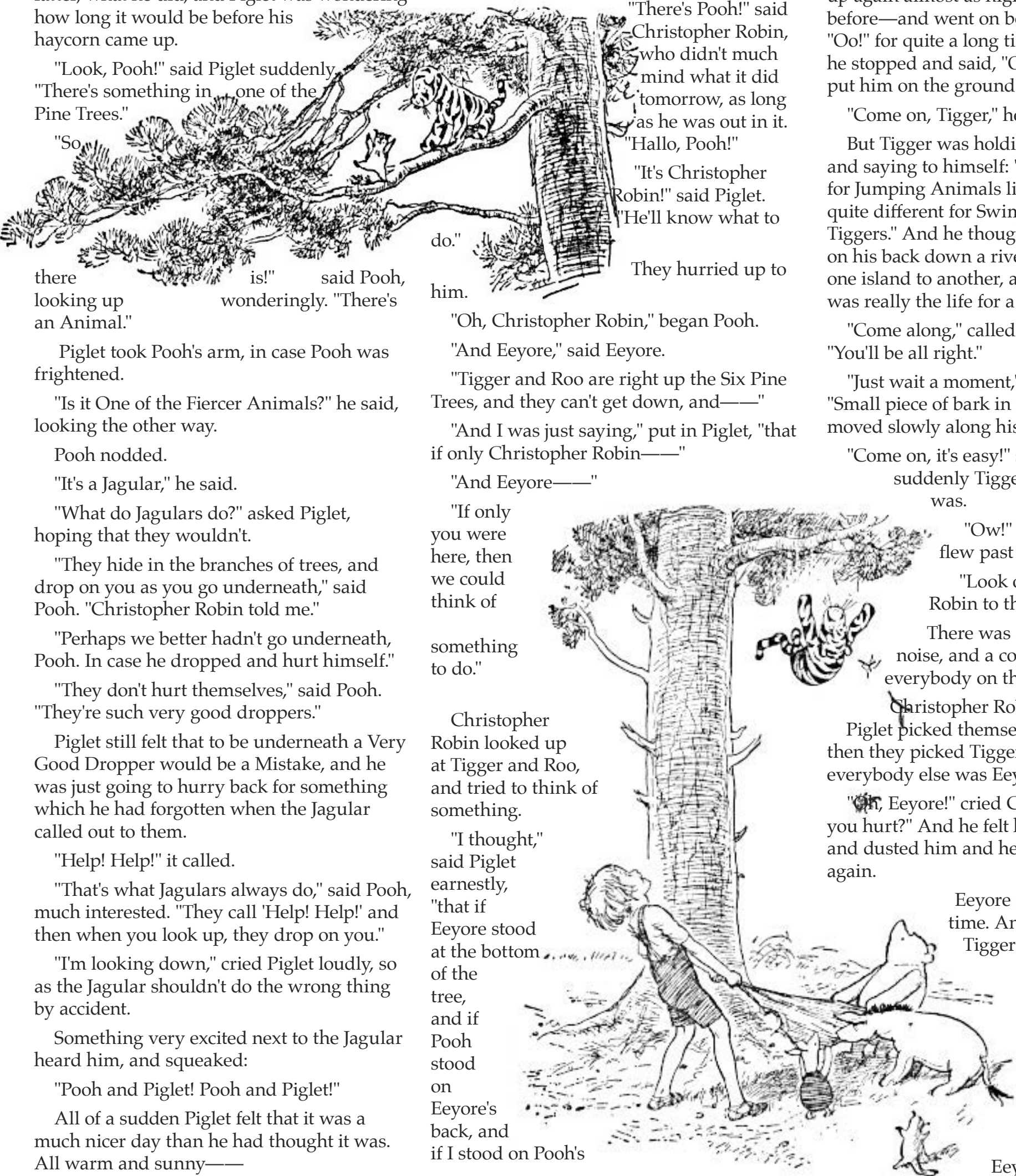
"Oh, Eeyore!" cried Christopher Robin. "Are you hurt?" And he felt him rather anxiously, and dusted him and helped him to stand up again.

Eeyore said nothing for a long time. And then he said: "Is Tigger there?"

Tigger was there, feeling Bouncy again already.

"Yes," said Christopher Robin. "Tigger's here."

"Well, just thank him for me," said Eeyore.



Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 In unison
6 Indonesian tourist destination
10 Salon sound
14 E-cigarette user
15 “Die Hard” actor
Rickman
16 Lounge around
17 Geographic area around the South Pole
20 “Really?!”
21 Crash investiga-tors?
22 Dream Team jersey letters
23 Polo shirt brand
25 Fitting
27 Outfielder’s highlight reel play
33 Palindromic Indian flour
36 Chimpanzee, e.g.
37 In ____ of (replacing)
38 Blameless person’s feeling
42 Feathery fashion statements
43 Pop star Rita
44 Concert hall section
45 Its door always opens at 9 a.m.
49 ____ Kosh
B’gosh
50 Reliably profitable product

- 55 “Oh really?!” ____ who?”
57 Gretel’s brother
61 Dog food brand
62 100% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, say
65 Prayer’s last word
66 Idyllic garden
67 Animal life
68 Ship’s pole
69 Woodcutting tools
70 “WandaVi-sion” actress
Elizabeth

DOWN

- 1 Be of use
2 Stark who was crowned queen in “Game of Thrones”
3 Vision-related
4 “Super cool!”
5 Slip up
6 Cake maker’s mixture
7 Landed
8 Doily fabric
9 Machu Picchu builder
10 Type of 35mm camera
11 “Go to the back of the line!”
12 Societal woes
13 Earnest request
18 ____ Field (Mets’ ballpark)
19 Apple on a desktop?
24 Mark from an old injury
26 “Ancient” diet

- 28 Waterway through Panama
29 Shipping company
30 Instant, briefly
31 Gospel’s Winans
32 Color
33 Baseball’s Moises or Felipe
34 Pot covers for afternoon socials
35 To-do list items
38 Network with national “Hockey Night” broadcasts
39 Sound from a baby or dove
40 “The Lord of the Rings” menace
41 Varieties

- 46 “Crazy to run into you here!”
47 Atlantic and Pacific, for two
48 Math class after trig
51 Kosher : Judaism :: ____ : Islam
52 Santa ____ (man with a prominent list)
53 Offer a take
54 “I’m Every ____” (Chaka Khan hit)
55 Ponzi scheme, say
56 Name hidden in “Her Majesty”
58 Tennis server’s stat
59 Zilch
60 Whole lot
63 Explosive letters
64 Exec focused on money

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Fore-sees by Drew Schmenner

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Horoscopes

This week, Mercury in Capricorn sextiles Venus in Pisces on Sunday, creating a harmonious atmosphere for social gatherings, celebrations, and creative pursuits. This alignment enhances opportunities for meaningful connections. As the Sun enters Aquarius on January 19th, it ushers in a period of innovation and intellectual exploration. This transit encourages embracing new ideas, seeking individuality, and pushing boundaries.

Aries - Aries, for you, this week marks a period of heightened potential for planning and envisioning the future. Aries may find this an opportune time for focused reflection and goal setting. This week be sure to enjoy leisure activities and creative pursuits.

Taurus - The sun moving into Aquarius marks a four-week period favorable for career advancement and business growth, Taurus. This shift provides opportunities to secure a promotion, transition to a better role, or expand a business. This week will house a supportive environment for social gatherings and celebrating milestones. Be mindful to both professional progress and meaningful connections.

Gemini - The sun moves into Aquarius, is initiating a four-week period focused on exploration and learning for you, Gemini. This is an ideal time for intellectual pursuits, as new interests or subjects may capture attention, leading to deeper engagement and expertise. This week is a good time for shared meals, games, or celebrations.

Cancer -Cancer, the sun moving into Aquarius brings you opportunities for financial growth, including business income, investments, and family gifts. Over the next four weeks, it’s a good time to review your financial portfolio, meet with an adviser, and discuss finances with family members. This week, also allow yourself to enjoy celebrations, and positive connections with friends and family.

Leo - The sun entering Aquarius marks a four-week period that may present opportunities to expand social and professional networks, Leo. During this time, there may be chances to connect with influential people, potential business partners, and possibly romantic interests. This week is a favorable time for attending social events or gatherings.

Virgo - This week emphasizes the benefits of social connections and personal progress. The sun entering Aquarius this week marks a four-week period for addressing challenges, improving habits, and making meaningful strides in well-being. This week you’ll be able to create opportunities for social interactions and collaboration for yourself, Virgo, don’t ignore them.

Libra - On Sunday, January 19, the sun moves

into Aquarius, beginning a four-week phase that encourages creativity and strengthens connections with family, especially children. This period offers favorable conditions for artistic expression and expanding family plans, with increased interaction from younger relatives. This week you will have enhanced opportunities for social activities and entertainment, such as attending performances, trying new activities, or enjoying leisure time with friends and family.

Scorpio - For you, Scorpio, the sun moving into Aquarius is highlighting areas related to home and family. This period also offers increased opportunities for buying property, completing home renovations, or navigating household changes, such as someone moving in or out. This week will be a favorable time for organizing social gatherings or requesting help from others.

Sagittarius - Sagittarius, the sun moving into Aquarius is ushering in a period of communication and resolution of past disagreements, especially with family and neighbors. This time may also bring an increase in correspondence, including emails and texts, and the arrival of long-awaited documents or contracts. You will also have good opportunities for social events or new connections, possibly leading to friendships or romantic prospects.

Capricorn - The sun moves out of your sign, Capricorn, and into neighboring Aquarius this week. This change brings a four-week period with potential financial opportunities, including new income sources, job offers, or promotions. During this time, you may also receive unexpected financial gifts. This week you will experience enhanced social interactions and make it easier to connect with others, particularly for Capricorn, whose charm and presence may lead to valuable relationships or networking opportunities.

Aquarius - This week you welcome the sun in your sign, Aquarius! This move marks the beginning of a four-week period focused on exponential growth through new experiences. The more you engage with new people, places, and activities, the more likely you are to see positive outcomes. This week will offer you an opportunity to connect with others for creative or recreational purposes, especially those turning hobbies into profitable ventures.

Pisces - The sun shifting into Aquarius this week could provide a time for personal growth, clarity, and the opportunity to release past negative emotions and limiting beliefs, especially through practices like meditation. This week may bring a special invitation or access to a hard-to-get event, with a friend or family member helping to make the experience enjoyable.

Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Grooves to pop music
5. (K) ____, Crackle and Pop (Rice Krispies mascots)
9. (K) Receive ownership of
12. (K) Region
13. (K) Throw a baseball with force
14. (K) Produce an egg
15. Any lived-in home
17. (K) Biblical flood vessel
18. Funky dance
19. (K) Part of a suitcase
21. (K) Sound enhancer for an electric guitar
22. Envy or pride, for example
23. Talk
26. Cancel a choice
31. It can cause one’s head to swell

32. (K) Ford foursome
33. Prosecute
34. (K) Something near your keyboard (2 words)
36. (K) Take in visually
37. (K) Suffix with “invent” or “act”
38. (K) “__ be my pleasure to help!”
41. Brownie add-in, sometimes
44. (K) Type of U.S. military member
48. (K) Have a sickness
49. One worth imitating (2 words)
51. (K) Words that turn a miss into a Mrs. (2 words)
52. “__ go brag!”
53. (K) Dalmatian doctors
54. (K) Number that makes division simple
55. Reason for an IOU note

56. “With the greatest of ____”
DOWN
1. Sharp hook of a wire fence
2. (K) Chocolate cookie name
3. (K) Mexican money unit
4. Antelope with a fat, stubby nose
5. Type of bath for ewe? (2 words)
6. Sister in a convent
7. (K) Curved part of a foot
8. Greatly satisfies
9. (K) Happiness
10. (K) ____ Grey tea
11. (K) Youngster
16. (K) Barely lit, as a dark room
20. Zero, at the World Cup
23. (K) Diamond or emerald, for example
24. (K) “Many moons ____ ...”
25. A clear, seasoned broth

27. (K) “1989” or “Midnights,” for a Swiftie
28. Riverbed deposit
29. (K) Hint for an actor
30. (K) Football holder
32. Like a number of professors
35. (K) Simba, to Mufasa
39. Bagpiper’s cap
40. (K) Controlled the SUV
41. (K) “You’re walking too fast!”
42. Trusted helper
43. (K) Ripped apart
45. (K) Creative thought
46. (K) Brooklyn NBA team
47. (K) “Who ____ could it be?”
50. Ad-____ (improvise)

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

Finish to a singles match?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

It can be well-placed?
29-A) PAIL

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

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- 1 intense (9)
2 largest deer family member (5)
3 casual outfit (9)
4 hive workers (9)
5 following a crooked path (10)
6 takes a break (8)
7 tool for “plumbing” (5)

SOLUTIONS

- _____

LEV	STR	FUL	GZA	UIT
EYB	ING	ATS	ES	MOO
ESS	SE	GG	ESS	ZI
SWE	EL	EES	HON	REC

Previous Answers: 1. BOMBING 2. SEARED 3. RENEGADE
4. INGRAINED 5. GLIMMERING 6. ANTIBODIES 7. PROPOSAL 8/24

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The presidential inauguration is an exciting day when a new President of the United States officially begins their job. This special ceremony happens every four years on January 20 and has a long history dating back to the first U.S. President, George Washington, in 1789.

An inauguration is like a big welcome party where the new president takes an oath, or promise, to lead the country the best way they can. The words of the oath come from the U.S. Constitution and are always the same. The president promises to "faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States" and to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution."

Once the president says these words, they officially take office. Whether it's a grand event or a simpler one during tough times, the inauguration always marks the beginning of a new chapter for the nation.

The first inauguration happened in New York City, which was

the capital of the United States in 1789. George Washington stood on a balcony and took the oath in front of cheering crowds. He began a tradition that has continued for over 230 years.

Some inaugural speeches are so powerful that their words are remembered forever. In 1865, Abraham Lincoln gave his second inaugural address during the Civil War, saying, "With malice toward none, with charity for all... let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds."

In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke to a nation suffering from the Great Depression. He reassured Americans with the famous line, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural speech inspired the nation when he said, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

In 1981, Ronald Reagan's address emphasized hope and unity, stating, "We are too great a nation to limit ourselves to small dreams."

Barack Obama, in his 2009 inaugural address, reminded the country of its strength, saying, "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America."

The modern inauguration happens on the steps of the U.S.

Capitol in Washington, D.C., and millions of people watch it on TV or online. After taking the oath, the president gives a speech to share their plans for the future. There is often a parade, musical performances, and celebrations like an inaugural ball.

Even when the nation faces challenges, like a pandemic or political disagreements, the inauguration is a time for Americans to come together and celebrate democracy.

On January 20, the next president will take the oath of office, just as every president has for over 230 years. The event will include speeches and possibly performances from famous musicians, but some changes might happen to keep everyone safe.

You can watch the inauguration with your family on TV or online. It's a chance to see history in action and learn about how our country welcomes new leaders.

Inauguration Day is about more than one person—it's about the peaceful transfer of power and the country's commitment to democracy. As Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." The inauguration reminds everyone, even kids, that leadership is an important responsibility and that every generation has a role to play in shaping the future.

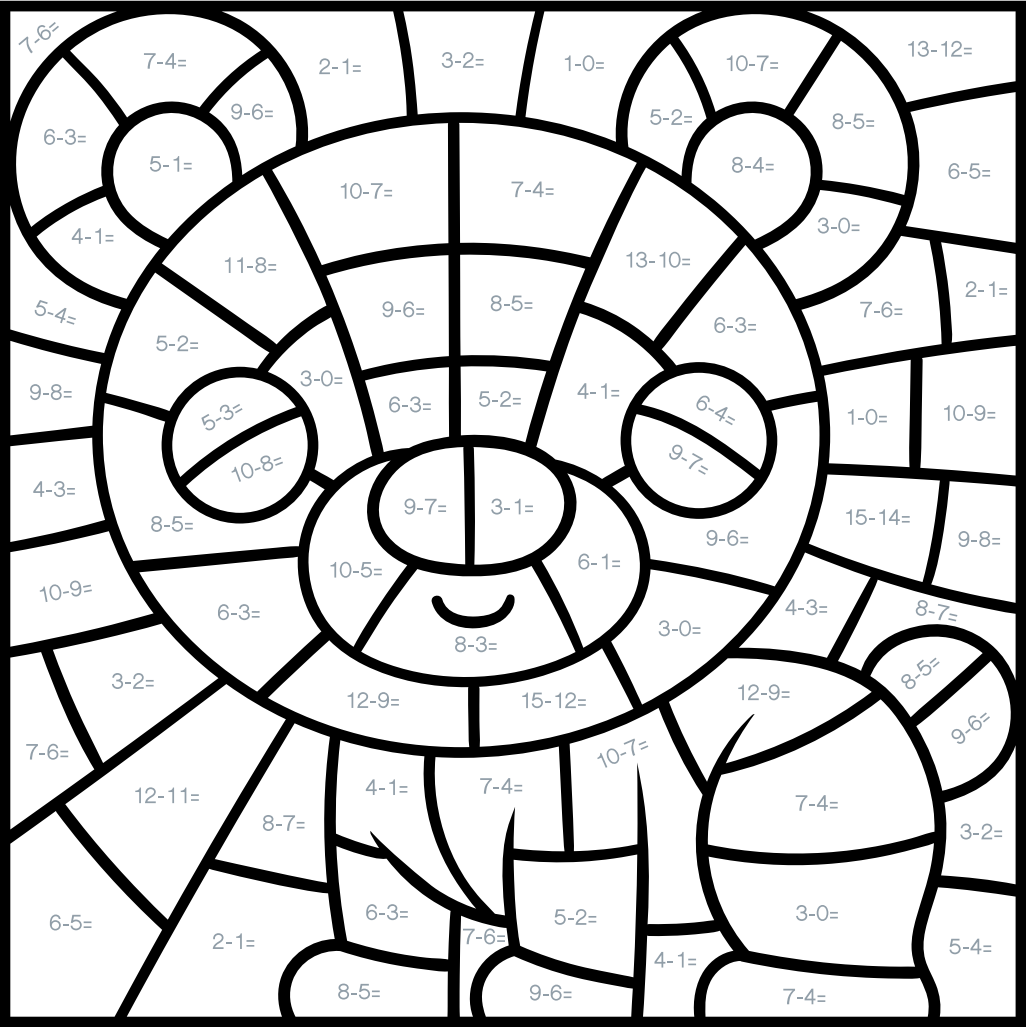
The same number represents the same letter. Crack the code and fill the grid.
To help you get started some words are already in place.






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ANSWER: 1=v, 2=a, 3=m, 4=b, 5=p, 6=s, 7=e, 8=n, 9=i, 10=l, 11=o, 12=g, 13=r, 14=h, 15=c, 16=j, 17=t, 18=k, 19=w, 20=d, 21=x, 22=z, 23=f, 24=u, 25=y, 26=q.

COLOR BY SUBTRACTION



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WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

MINI GAME FOR KIDS










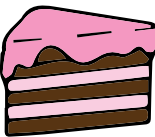


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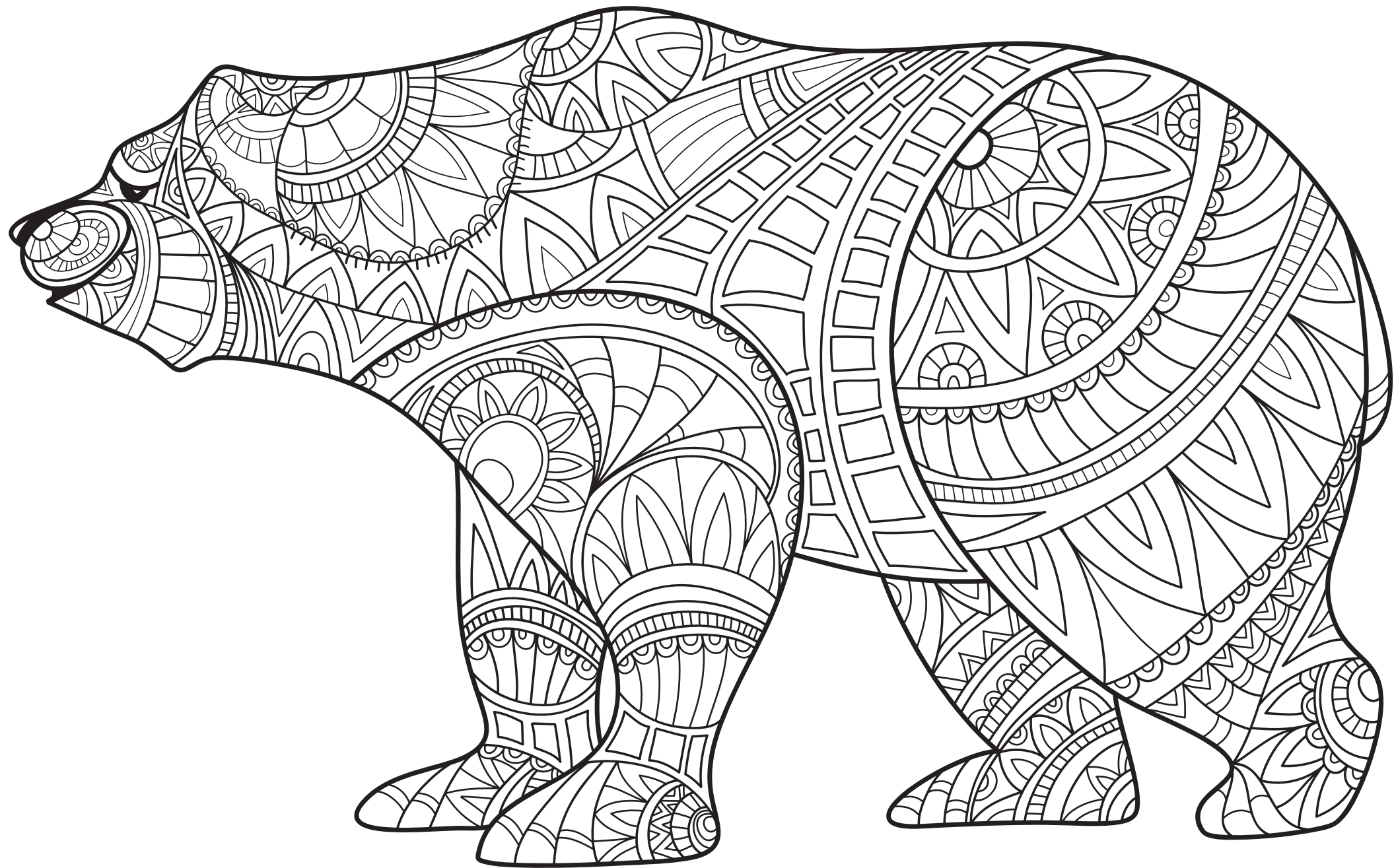
Crossword

Forest Animals

1. Owl
2. Beaver
3. Deer
4. Bat
5. Skunk
6. Bear
7. Squirrel
8. Hedgehog
9. Monkey
10. Fox
11. Skunk
12. Raccoon
13. Squirrel

LOWL 2\W\RTGOG 3\DEER 4\BAT 5\BADGER
6\BEAR 7\BEAVER 8\HEDGEHOG 9\MONKEY
10\FOX 11\SKUNK 12\RACCOON 13\SQUIRREL

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Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions from the box

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The owl is _____ the bed.
The ball is _____ the table.
The gift is _____ the dog.
The dog is _____ the table.
The ball is _____ the bag.
The cat is hiding _____ the bed.
The bag is _____ the table.



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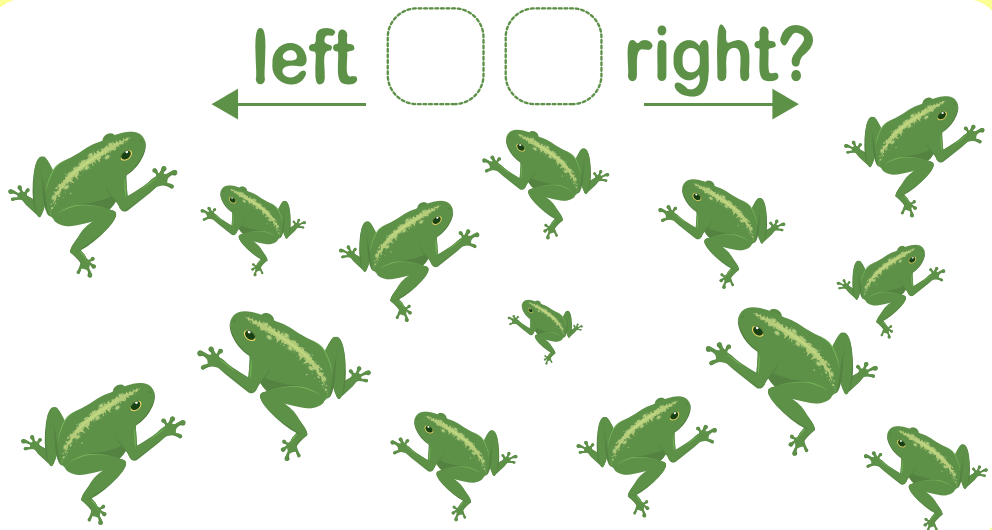
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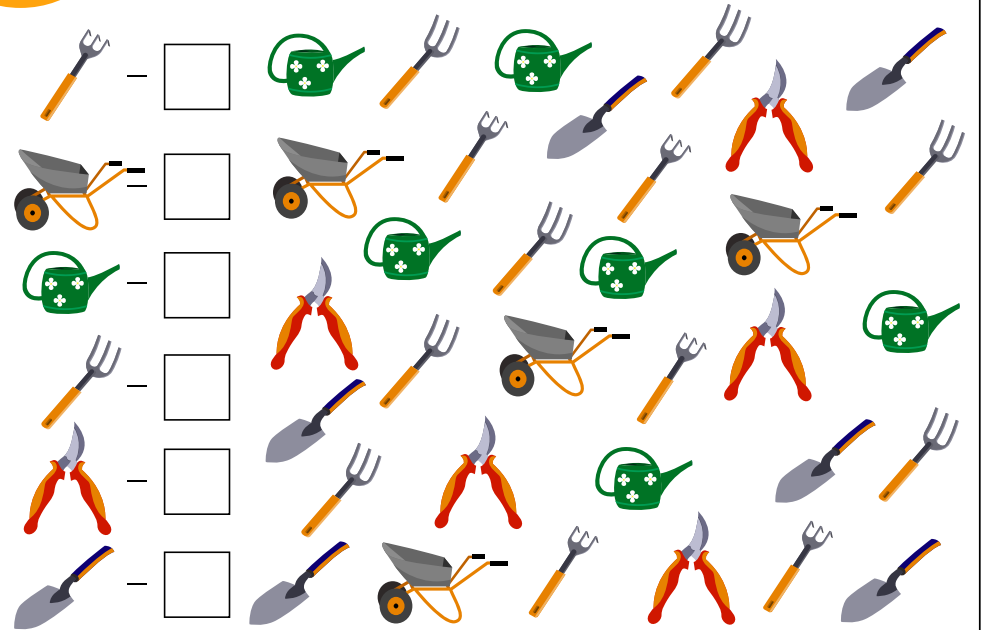


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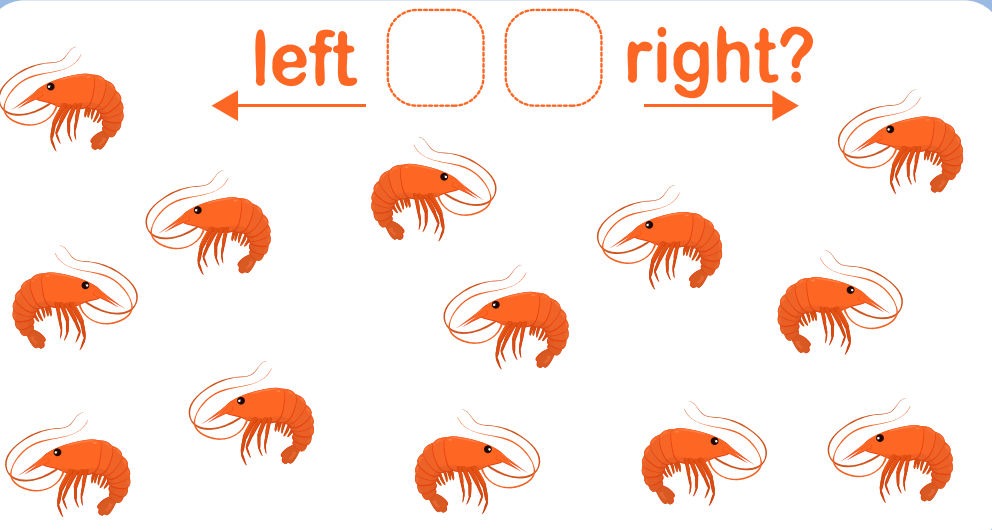


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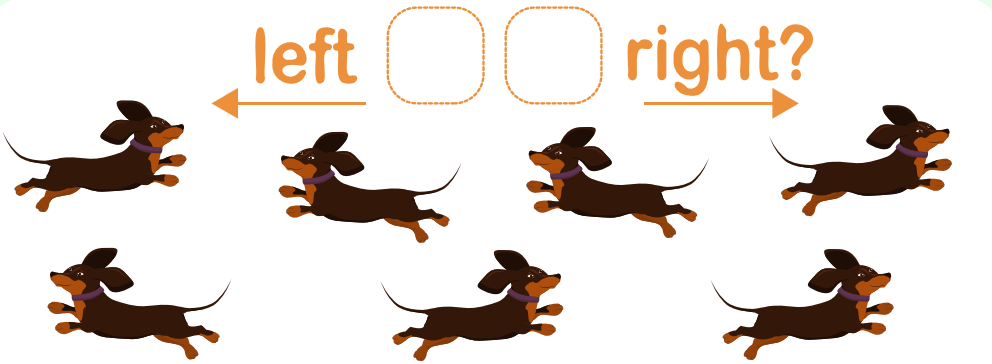
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The Sentinel Educational Pages

COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE AMERICAN BLACK BEAR

We Should All Nap Like the American Black Bear

By Jim Knox

As we reflect on all of that calorie-rich holiday food, and shiver at the mere thought of the mercury plunging outside our windows, we feel the beckoning of the couch and a long-awaited winter’s nap. If this notion appeals to you—I’m right there with you, and... we’re not alone. In fact, someone who likely shares our view, is a fellow Connecticut resident and periodic Greenwich guest star, the American Black Bear.

The American Black Bear, *Ursus americanus*, is Connecticut’s only bear and the sole representative of the bear family in the Eastern United States. Reaching lengths of 6.5 feet and weights of up to 650 pounds (with some huge males far exceeding this range), the Black Bear is no lightweight. Though classified as a carnivore, these bears are highly opportunistic omnivores and accordingly thrive throughout The Nutmeg State. Stocking up on calories, shunning winter’s frigid grasp and snoozing through the lean months is more than a pleasant notion, it’s a proven survival strategy which has served bears well for 30 million years.

While many of our resident species such as Red-tailed Hawks and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds migrate great distances to access plentiful food resources over the sparse New England winter months, Black Bears—lacking the ability to “take wing”, have adopted a highly-efficient survival strategy of their own. These bruins undergo a cold weather rest phase we colloquially call hibernation. Specifically, the bears enter a particular form of hibernation known as torpor. This enables them to vastly slow their metabolism to conserve precious energy released from accumulated energy-storing fat. With respiration rates as low as one breath per minute and heart rates as low as three beats per minute, we’re talking slow here.

Yet this remarkable physiological phenomenon is only possible through several key adaptations. At the conclusion of their all-consuming (I mean that literally), calorie-stocking foraging known as hyperphagia, Black Bears defecate and then groom their fur, consuming



Black bear getting ready to hibernate.

This amazing metabolic survival strategy is all predicated on one premise, gathering enough food to fuel to the process.

the fur along with indigestible plant roughage from their bedding such as leaves, bark and grasses. This roughage forms what is known as a fecal plug (nature’s road to efficiency often takes a detour through “gross”). This plug prevents the bear from fouling itself within its den during its long winter slumber. In practice, if the bears can forage well enough to build sufficient fat layers, and can find a denning location which affords them seclusion and some degree of shelter, they can enter the astoundingly deep sleep of torpor for months to come—without the need to eat, drink, or pass waste. When the weather warms sufficiently and food abounds, the bears awake and immediately resume foraging to once again sustain their huge

bodies. This amazing metabolic survival strategy is all predicated on one premise, gathering enough food to fuel to the process. Mother Nature has equipped bears with the overriding instinctual drive to forage, or search for food items utilizing their senses—especially their legendary sense of smell. I tend to think of bears as stomachs, equipped with teeth and claws, steered by a nose. A Black Bear’s sense of smell is so keen it can detect the nutritious honey and bee brood of a beehive from more than a mile away, and apples ripening in an orchard up to five miles away! I’m proud when I can detect my wife’s Toll House cookies baking from two rooms away.

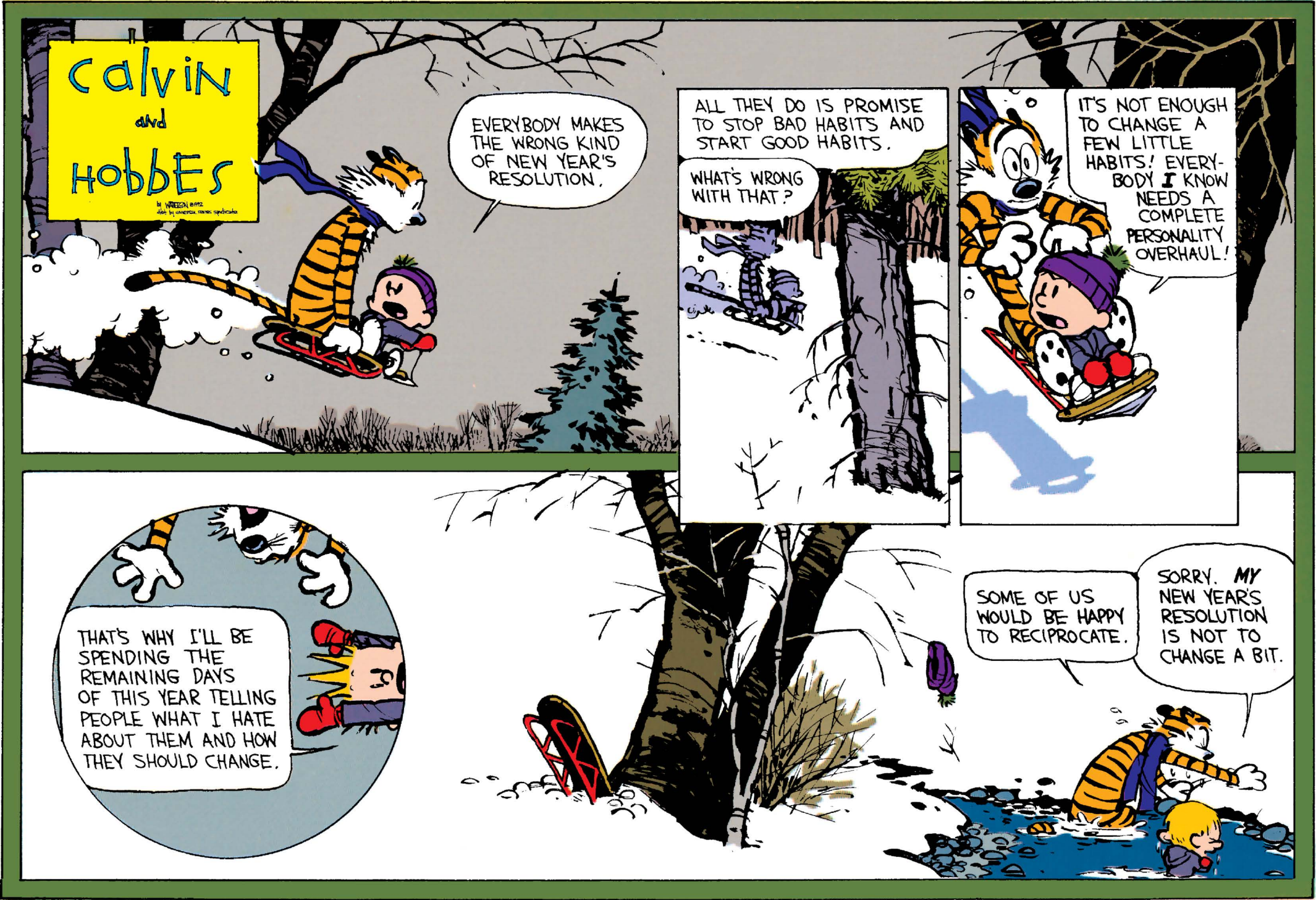
Due to the protection and regrowth of our Connecticut forests and the maturation of their nut production, known as mast, wildlife populations in The Nutmeg State have rebounded. When Gray squirrel and Wild turkey populations expand, our state’s top land predator reaps the rewards. Further bolstered by improved land use and conservation practices statewide, the bears have responded. As

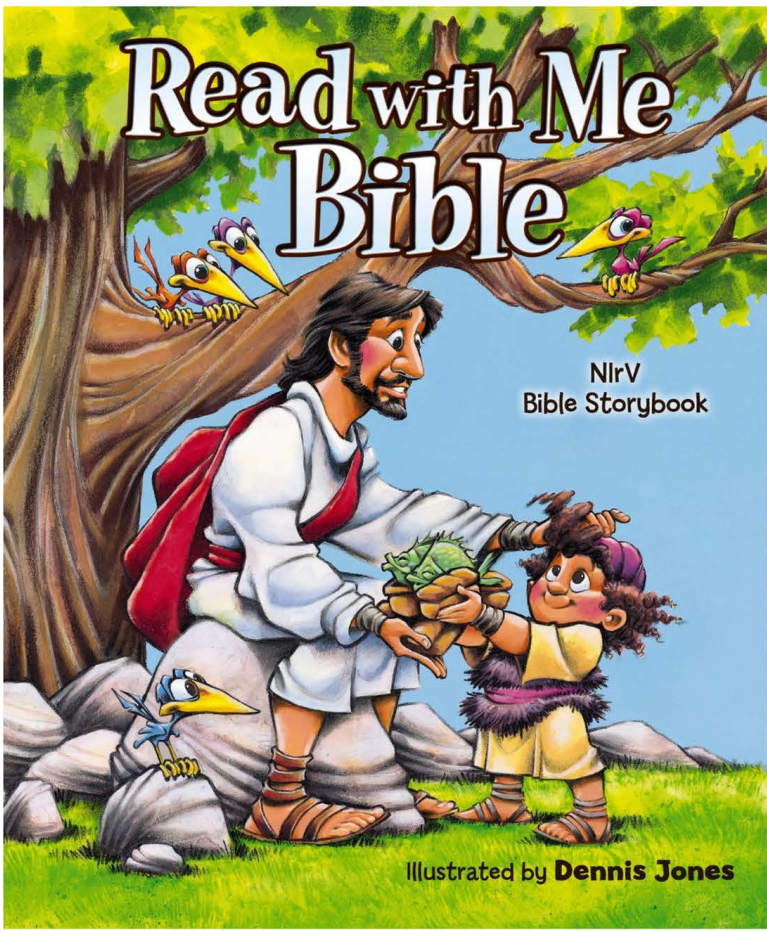
a child, I desperately hoped to see a bear during meadow hikes at Greenwich Audubon or beneath the Hemlocks of Mianus River Gorge. Extirpated, or extinct throughout their former range in Connecticut for decades, the Black Bear population has grown from a handful of bears in the 1980’s to a conservative 800 bruins in 2020. As a key species which provides essential ecological

balance, this is good news. Yet this good news comes with the challenge and the responsibility of coexisting peacefully with these magnificent creatures. Bear awareness keeps both humans and bears safe, and it takes many forms. From feeding your pets inside, to restricting bird feeding to bear hibernation months, to knowing how to react when encountering a Black Bear in the wild, or in your yard, bear awareness is essential. For more information on bear awareness in Connecticut, access the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s website: www.ct.gov/deep.

Nature constantly offers us lessons. They’re invaluable, they’re free and they don’t expire. In the American Black Bear, we have a creature which accesses resources as they become available, conserves energy in times of scarcity and adapts its behavioral patterns to be in concert with the world around it. At its essence, this is a strategy which has served a fellow species quite well for 30 million years. I believe it’s worthy of a closer look, and perhaps, a little emulation.

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