

POLICE & FIRE
Police Dive Team Trains



The Greenwich Police Department's Dive Team trains year-round, including in freezing conditions. Equipped with thermal drysuits and specialized gear, they remain prepared for emergency response.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

Town Encourages Vigilance Against Vehicle Thefts

There has been an increase in motor vehicle thefts in town. Residents are advised to lock their vehicles, remove keys or key fobs, and avoid leaving valuables inside or in view. Report suspicious activity to 203-622-8004 or TIPS@greenwichct.gov.

FROM TOWN HALL
Town Engineers Keep Infrastructure Strong



National Engineers Week runs from February 16-22, recognizing the engineers who design and maintain critical infrastructure. In Greenwich, the Department of Public Works Engineering team manages stormwater systems, bridge maintenance, and other essential projects. Their work supports the town's infrastructure and public safety.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Public Works

Free Tax Help Available at Town Hall

Free tax preparation assistance is available through the AARP Foundation in the Hayton Room on the third floor of Greenwich Town Hall. The service, open to all, runs by appointment only from Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., until April 11. To schedule, call 203-594-6058 or email greenwichtaxaid@gmail.com.

Greenwich St. Patrick's Parade

The Board of Selectmen approved road closures for the annual St. Patrick's Parade on March 23. The

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Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community." Aldo Leopold, an American writer, philosopher, naturalist, scientist, ecologist, forester, conservationist, and environmentalist.

From his "The Sand County Almanac" 1949.



Photo by Dan Utzinger: Greenwich High School freshman Zuri Faison gets ready to take a shot during a varsity girls basketball game against host Fairfield Warde on Feb. 17, 2025. The Cardinals defeated the Mustangs, 47-26.

Cardinals Girls Basketball Outstanding Record of 18-1

BY DAVID FIERRO

Having its best regular season in program history, Greenwich High School's girls basketball team added another impressive win to its ledger on Feb. 17, upending

host Fairfield Warde, 47-26, in an FCIAC game.

With the win, the Cardinals raised their record to 18-1 overall and 13-1 in the FCIAC. The Cardinals close out their regular

season on Feb. 19 when they will celebrate their Senior Night against Brien McMahon at 7 p.m.

In second place in the FCIAC, Greenwich will receive the No. 2 seed in the FCIAC Basketball

Tournament, which begins on Feb. 22 at Fairfield Ludlowe with the quarterfinal-round taking place. The Cardinals will play the seventh-seeded team in the FCIAC Tournament quarterfinals.



Photo by David Fierro: Greenwich High School senior point guard Matt Maloney dribbles the ball toward the basket during a varsity boys basketball game against Fairfield Warde on Greenwich High School on Feb. 17, 2025. Greenwich won, 59-58.

Teenagers Make Mistakes

BY EMILY RAUDENBUSH GUM

One of the most important lessons I have learned as an educator recently actually stems from my role as the mother of two young boys. Like most parents, I have faced moments where I have read less-than-flattering comments about my sons on report cards or received calls about something they did wrong during the day. I admit my boys can be a handful, and I am grateful for those teachers

The solution is in knowing our students, and their incredible potential, personally and collectively.

who know and love them every day. But, it does make me step back and wonder: are our schools designed for the children that we have, or for the idealized version of them?

This question keeps me humble as a school leader, and it changes the way I interact with parents whose children are in my school. I know that, more than anything else, families want their child to be in a school that is designed for their individual child to thrive, not some ideal of their child. This is why we say at our school that we set out day by day to be a place for the actual teenagers who we have, not the teenagers who we wish existed, and our actual teenagers make mistakes.

There is a book, 10 to 25: The Science of Motivating Young People, recently published by

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COLUMN

Heart Health: The Lifesaving Power of CPR and First Aid

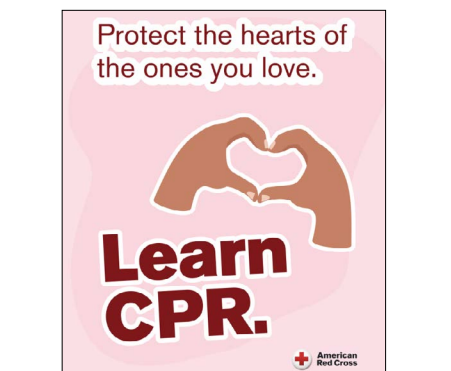
BY STEPHANIE DUNN ASHLEY

As February rolls around each year, we're reminded that it's Heart Health Month—a time dedicated to raising awareness about cardiovascular health and the simple yet powerful steps we can take to protect our hearts. While many people focus on diet, exercise, and regular medical check-ups, there's another crucial aspect of heart health that often goes overlooked: the importance of learning CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and first aid.

As a trained EMT and CPR instructor, I know firsthand that these lifesaving skills not only empower individuals to act in emergencies but also significantly improve survival rates for those experiencing cardiac arrest. The reality is, without immediate intervention, a person's chances of survival decrease by about 10% with each passing minute during a cardiac arrest. This is where CPR and first aid come into play.

Despite its proven effectiveness, I know many people may feel hesitant or unsure about performing CPR. This hesitation often stems from fear of doing it incorrectly. By equipping ourselves with the knowledge and skills to perform CPR, we become valuable first responders who can make a significant difference in a crisis. Numerous organizations,

Let this Heart Health Month be a reminder of the power we hold to make a positive impact on the health and safety of our communities.



including the American Red Cross, offer CPR certification courses that provide hands-on training and practical guidance. These courses not only teach the proper techniques but also

build confidence, ensuring that participants are ready to act decisively in emergencies.

I am so proud of our Metro New York North Chapter Board Members who have completed their CPR/First Aid training. These volunteers are part of the nearly 7000 community members across our chapter who completed lifesaving training to be prepared to support others.

As we observe Heart Health Month this February, let us not only focus on our personal heart health but also commit to learning the lifesaving skills of CPR and first aid. These skills are not just valuable—they are essential. By taking the time to get trained, we can be ready to act in emergencies and potentially save lives.

Remember, cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. When it does, every second counts. By becoming trained in CPR and first aid, you can be the difference between life and death for someone in need. Let this Heart Health Month be a reminder of the power we hold to make a positive impact on the health and safety of our communities.

Let's take action, learn these critical skills, and be prepared to save lives.

Stephanie Dunn Ashley is the Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Metro New York North Chapter.

COLUMN

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

G.E.M.S.—Gratitude, Exercise, Meditation and Service—are simple things we can do for ourselves when we're feeling disconnected or discouraged. G.E.M.S. raise our bodies' natural levels of dopamine, serotonin, oxytocin and endorphins—our bodies' feel-good chemicals. Best of all, G.E.M.S. are immediately available and free of cost.

It is impossible to be anxious and grateful at the same time. The neurons in your brain fire in either one direction or the other. If you name three things you are grateful for when you sense anxiety creeping in, you will gently shift the blood flow in your brain. Do this before you go to bed and you will sleep better.

You don't have to run a race to get a

G.E.M.S.



runner's high. Exercise in any form works. Dancing, walking, yoga, even climbing a flight of stairs benefits your mind and body.

Meditation activates the calming part of your nervous system. It helps you respond to life, rather than react to it. Service—doing something for someone else—activates the parts of our brain that feel connected to others, and purposeful.

G.E.M.S. can travel with you wherever you go. Jenna, a col- lege student, referred to gratitude, exercise, meditation and service as "the gems in her pocket" during her study abroad, valuable tools she could use to handle the normal fears and anxieties that come from being in a new place.

Excerpted from Jill Woolworth's book, The Waterwheel, available at Diane's Books, Dogwood Bookstore, Amazon, and barnesandnoble.com.

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The Sugar Maple: More Than Just Pretty Leaves

By JANET McMAHON
“In October, a maple tree before your window lights up your room like a great lamp. Even on cloudy days, its presence helps to dispel the gloom.”
-John Burroughs, American Naturalist

Take a walk through any New England woods, and chances are you will encounter a sugar maple tree. In the spring, its buds begin to open, revealing its magnificent and imposing structure. In the summer, its majestic canopy is a welcome respite for birds and other woodland creatures. In the fall, its leaves transform into the golden, jewel-toned ephemera depicted by Burroughs, before it falls to the forest floor. In the winter, grayed and bare, the maple lies dormant it seems - or is it?

Maple trees belong to the genus *Acer* and there are approximately 132 species of maples. Most maples are native to Asia, but there are about 14 species native to the Northeast United States and three species native to Connecticut and Greenwich specifically. Perhaps the most ubiquitous maple on Greenwich Land Trust’s 82 preserves is the Sugar Maple, or *Acer saccharum*.

One can easily identify a sugar maple tree by its unmistakable leaf: deciduous, up to 20 cm (7.9 in) long with its characteristic five lobes borne in opposite pairs. It’s the symbol proudly displayed on the Canadian flag and on Vermont’s quarter, and rightfully so: The sugar maple is an extremely important species to the ecology of many forests in northern United States and Canada. As previously mentioned, it provides food and shelter for many animals, particularly insects, increasing biodiversity. Its fallen leaves enrich the soil with minerals, making it less acidic and easier for plants to access nutrients. They also help prevent soil erosion, manage surface water runoff and filter pollutants from the air and water.

In addition to its environmental significance, sugar maple trees are harvested for their timber. Sugar maple wood is dense and durable, so it is an excellent material to make furniture, flooring, plywood, and veneer. A hearty tree that can withstand - and actually flourish in - harsh winters, maples are also widely used as ornamental trees on lawns, streets and parks. They are easy to transplant, propagate and grow, not to mention easy on the eyes in autumn. But exercise care when using road salt and de-icer around these trees, as they do not tolerate them well!

Perhaps the most widely known sugar maple by-product, however, is its delicious maple syrup. Thousands of years ago, the Indigenous peoples from Canada all the way to

the Northeastern United States discovered how to harness the clear, sweet sap from the tree and turn it into maple syrup. Traditionally, they used the syrup to cure meats, as a sweetening agent and as an anesthetic. It was later used as a trade

item with early European settlers, to whom they also taught this craft. Only recently has it become a popular complement to pancakes and waffles!

So how exactly does one make maple syrup?

*While the sugar maple tree is a thing of great beauty, the *Acer saccharum* is so much more than that. Even, and especially, in winter, the sugar maple is a vitally important part of our everyday life.*



The glorious *Acer saccharum* in Fall



A tapped *Acer saccharum* with sap being collected



A sugar maple tree in Fisher Field, one of GLT’s properties

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COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

What To Grab In a Fire?

By ANNE W. SEMMES

There is a frightening image takeaway from those California fires, of a homeowner seeing her photo albums on fire with photos aflame flying down the street past the skeletons of houses. Other families hurry off with works of art, paintings, heirlooms of sorts. The desperation is seen of the homeowners, their arms full of precious parts of their lives. It all brought back that family tragedy in my youth when my grandmother Mamá's house burned to the ground.

Her lovely Georgian style house was next door to ours in backcountry. And on the night of the fire, my two big sisters and I had watched it burn from our upstairs balcony. The tall flames lit up the sky, and the smoke choked us and lingered for two days. My family could only stand in the front yard with my grandmother, clad in her bathrobe - a dreary tableau, watching her beautiful and elegant new house burn to the ground. We never knew what the cause was. The guess was something electrical, but it was never proven.

Mamá had been sleeping soundly in her big four-poster when she smelled smoke and she and her housekeeper, Lizzie, had to run for their lives. She even had to leave her little dog behind who made a wrong turn. Gone were a house filled with antiques and Orientals and paintings gathered over a lifetime of travel and accumulated good taste. And especially gone were her generation of photographs that would have been so intriguing for her descendants to see!

To replace her lost furnishings in her next house

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Surviving pink porcelain cream pitcher. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

rebuilt on site Mamá went to the local antique stores, but the glamour of her earlier possessions was gone, and the comparisons continued down through the years. "But you should have seen the first mahogany dining table, the first Chippendale chairs, the first Persian rugs they would say. My mother would often suddenly remember a piece of silver here, a rare piece of ivory there, and say, "Oh, yes, they were lost in the fire."

There were only three items found intact in the rubble. Of my generation I've come away with two of the three - a small figurine, an Italian blue and green enameled dinner bell my grandmother used to summon the help at dinner, and a small pink porcelain cream pitcher that sits on my dressing table, scorched on one side. They are Pompeian treasures.

For residents like myself

directions for escaping a home-on-fire does not include saving the things I love so much, and for me that is my photographs of a lifetime. I have that Grab and Go direction sheet that includes: Basic Electronics like phone charger, a LED flashlight. Backup eyeglasses, birth certificate, driver license, credit cards, Medicare cards, marriage certification. But nowhere does it list photographs!

Yes, I understand I am not of the generation that has their lifetime of photos on their iPhones. I am of the generation that has an attic full of albums and boxes upon boxes of loose photographs, all awaiting organizing! Must this caustic and catastrophic California fire be alerting me that I must choose a selection of photos that tell my story and that of my children and friends all in one carryable album?

I so love theme albums, of travels, of family events. And I'm busily building an album of my soccer star granddaughter photos of her playing through the years! My kids are not likely to peruse my travel articles, but surely, they would get a kick out of my Amazon trips, of seeing me zip-wire flying from one rainforest tree to another. Or traipsing across the Sahara Desert determining where to plant a million trees!

But, yes, there is that silver necklace with a pendant holding a precious photo of my brother Tommy, aged 8, who died before I was born. And then there's that photo of me and my young son standing next to Vice President George H.W. Bush before his fireplace mantel in Kennebunkport, Maine. And, surely on my grab list must be that small surviving pink porcelain cream pitcher!

COLUMN

Infectious Disease Outbreaks Spark Renewed Concerns—But Not About COVID



By RUSSELL R. BARKSDALE, JR

Once the wealthiest state inThe current surge in infectious diseases is reigniting critical discussions surrounding vaccination coverage and global disease transmission. Notably, this increase is not related to COVID-19 and extends beyond the United States, underscoring the persistent threat of infectious pathogens in a globally interconnected world.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019, infectious disease specialists and public health economists have been closely monitoring epidemiological patterns to anticipate future outbreaks. Optimistically, advancements in surveillance, diagnostics, and response protocols have been strengthened to contain infectious threats; however, the resurgence of multiple pathogens this season should be disconcerting—especially when they were believed to be eradicated in the United States. Experts had anticipated that future outbreaks would be sporadic and contained; however, emerging trends emphasize the need for continuous vigilance and adaptive response strategies.

Connecticut is currently facing what public health officials are calling a “quad-demic,” with significant case

increases in three of the four—norovirus, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Thankfully, COVID-19 cases have declined. The concurrent circulation of these viruses places considerable strain on hospitals, schools, and workplaces, potentially disrupting essential services. Although the newest COVID-19 variant, B.1.1.7 (commonly referred to as the UK variant), remains active, severe cases have declined in comparison to the other three viral pathogens currently in circulation. Beyond seasonal respiratory viruses, additional infectious disease outbreaks present further challenges to public health infrastructures.

In Kansas, one of the largest tuberculosis (TB) outbreaks in U.S. history is unfolding, with over 70 latent TB cases identified and more than 300 individuals actively undergoing monitoring, testing, and treatment. Latent TB infections, while asymptomatic, pose a significant risk for future disease activation, necessitating early intervention. Notably, drug-resistant TB strains have re-emerged in the same region that experienced an outbreak from 2021 to 2022. These resistant strains complicate treatment efforts and highlight the ongoing threat of antimicrobial resistance. Although TB cases

in the U.S. are frequently linked to global transmission, the Kansas outbreak accounts for less than 1% of all national cases. Epidemiological data indicate that approximately two-thirds of TB cases in the U.S. are identified in individuals born outside the country.

Simultaneously, Texas is experiencing a measles outbreak, with at least 40 confirmed cases, frequently affecting school-aged children. Alarmingly, some cases have required hospitalization. This resurgence is particularly concerning given that measles was declared eliminated from the United States in 2000 due to widespread vaccination efforts. However, declining immunization rates since the COVID-19 pandemic have created conditions conducive to measles transmission. Reports indicate that vaccine exemption requests in Texas have doubled between 2018 and 2024, further exacerbating vulnerability to outbreaks.

Beyond the United States, emerging infectious disease threats are being reported across Europe. In the past five months, four EU/EEA countries (Finland, Germany, Poland, and Spain) and the United Kingdom have detected a genetically linked cluster of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) in

environmental surveillance samples. Reportedly, this marks the first documented presence of cVDPV2 in environmental samples in these regions, raising concerns about potential transmission in Europe and the United States.

The precise drivers behind the rise in measles, tuberculosis, and polio detections remain complex and multifactorial. Potential contributing factors include declining vaccination rates, increased global mobility, population displacement, and growing anti-vaccine sentiment. Given the political sensitivity surrounding these issues, scientific analysis must remain objective and evidence-based, avoiding speculative conclusions.

Regardless of the underlying causes, healthcare systems must be prepared to rapidly identify, isolate, treat, and trace infectious cases to mitigate disease spread. The stakes remain high, and complacency is not an option. A proactive, science-driven public health response is imperative to safeguarding communities. As we have seen with COVID-19, the spread of infectious diseases from outside of the U.S. can quickly cross our borders.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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parade will follow its usual route from Town Hall to Greenwich Avenue, with Father Richard Murphy serving as grand marshal. A St. Patrick’s Day flag-raising ceremony will be held at Town Hall on March 17.

Town Earns Silver Designation for Sustainability



The Sustainable CT display at Town Hall, open through February, outlines the town’s efforts in achieving a Silver designation from the Sustainable CT program with 935 points in 2024. The exhibit highlights key initiatives, including energy efficiency and climate resilience projects, which contributed to this recognition. It also features the final project of an intern who supported environmental conservation, wetlands monitoring, and biodiversity preservation throughout her internship.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Conservation Commission

Snow Sculpture Contest Offers Creative Fun

The 13th annual Snow Sculpture Contest, hosted by the Department of Parks and Recreation, is open to residents until March 7. Participants are asked to submit photos of their snow sculptures for a chance to win prizes. The contest is open to individuals 18 and older, with parents/guardians allowed to submit on behalf of minors.

New Task Force Advances Ice Rink

A new task force is being created to oversee the construction of a new ice rink in Greenwich, building on previous work and incorporating new ideas. The task force will include members from various local committees and advisory roles to evaluate the location and finalize plans. This effort aims to replace the outdated Dorothy Hamill Rink, addressing the growing demand for ice time in the community.

AROUND TOWN Developers Challenge Conditions for Housing Project

The developers of a residential project on Mason Street are suing the Planning & Zoning Commission over conditions it imposed on the approval, including restrictions on affordable unit sizes and the removal of retail space. They argue these conditions violate state law 8-30g, which limits changes to affordable housing projects unless related to health or safety. The lawsuit seeks to overturn the conditions and approve the project without restrictions.

Temporary Speed Signs Improve Safety



Temporary flashing speed feedback signs have been installed on Valley Road near the River Road Extension/Schofield Street intersection to improve safety. The signs will remain for six months to monitor their effectiveness. Long-term solutions are still being evaluated.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Department of Public Works

New Development Proposed for Old Greenwich

A pre-application has been submitted to demolish the building at 189 Sound Beach Avenue in Old Greenwich, which dates back to 1910. The proposed project involves constructing a two-and-a-half-story commercial office building with an attic for storage and mechanicals. The property is located within the recently approved Old Greenwich Village District and has existing non-conformities regarding lot coverage, parking, and office use.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS Greenwich Embraces Food Waste Solutions

Starting January 1, 2025, businesses and institutions in Greenwich that produce over 26 tons of organic waste annually must comply with Connecticut’s Commercial Organics Recycling Law, requiring the diversion of food scraps and other organic materials from landfills to composting or anaerobic digestion. The law encourages food donation before recycling any remaining organic waste. Local departments and organizations are providing assistance to help businesses comply and reduce food waste.

CLC Opens Golf Outing Registration



Children’s Learning Centers of Fairfield County (CLC) is accepting registrations for its 9th Annual Golf Outing on May 29 at The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. The event includes a shotgun start at 9 a.m., breakfast, greens fees, contests, and a luncheon, with proceeds supporting early childhood education programs. Sponsorship opportunities are available, and registration details can be found at <https://bit.ly/CLC2025GolfOuting>

Photo Credit: Callalily Studios

Breed Family Continues Ice Cream Tradition

The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich held its 17th annual Valentine’s Day Ice Cream Social in honor of Rebecca Breed, a former First Selectman and BGCG’s 2019 Champion of Youth. The event, made possible by the Breed family’s continued support, allowed children to enjoy a variety of ice cream and toppings. Over 200 attendees participated, celebrating the tradition and Breed’s ongoing impact on the community.

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Supports Community

The Lions Club of Greenwich will hold its 62nd annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 8, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Greenwich High School Student Center. The event will offer unlimited pancakes, sausages, and drinks, along with entertainment, a bake sale, and free eye screenings for children. Proceeds will support the club’s local and regional service projects, with tickets available in advance or at the door.

Safety Town Registration Now Open



The American Red Cross Metro New York North Chapter is offering its annual Safety Town program for children entering kindergarten and first grade. The weeklong course, held at the Dorothy Hamill Rink in two sessions from June 16–20 and June 23–27, teaches safety and accident prevention through classroom instruction and hands-on activities. Registration is open until May 30, with details available online or via email at SafetyTown.GNY@redcross.org.

Photo Credit: First Selectman Camillo’s Community Connections

Temple Sholom Hosts Mitzvah Day



On February 2, Temple Sholom held its annual Mitzvah Day with over 200 volunteers participating in various service projects. The volunteers worked on tasks benefiting local organizations in Greenwich and international causes, including meal preparation, assembling toiletry packs, sorting food, and crafting items

for Israel. The event was organized by the Norma Perlstein z’l Social Action Committee and focused on “tikkun olam”, or “repairing the world.”

Photo Credit: Temple Sholom

Fundraiser Supports LGBTQ+ Community Resources

Christian Meskers is co-hosting a fundraiser for Triangle Community Center (TCC), a nonprofit that supports the LGBTQ+ community in Fairfield County, on March 1 at Troupe429 in Norwalk. The event is free, but donations will support TCC’s programs, including food, housing, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ individuals. The fundraiser is also partnered with the Leonard-Litz LGBTQ+ Foundation, which provides grants for various community initiatives.

ACME Donations Support Food Banks

Recent donations from ACME and Kings stores in Greenwich, Riverside, and Old Greenwich totaled \$3,000 to support food banks and meal distribution programs.

PEOPLE IN TOWN Kevin McCarthy Retires After 27 Years



Kevin McCarthy retired after 27 years as director of the Perrot Memorial Library in Old Greenwich. Trish Tomlinson has succeeded him as the new director. February 3 was declared Kevin McCarthy Day in recognition of his service.

Photo Credit: Jessica Reid

Pollinator Pathway Supports Habitat Protection

Donna Merrill, founder of Pollinator Pathway, will give a presentation on March 4, 2025, at the Greenwich Library Black Box Theatre at 7:00 p.m. The talk will cover the importance of pollinators and steps to support their habitats. Registration is required, and attendees will receive a free native seed ball. Register here: <https://greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/13182230>

SCHOOLS GA Spreads Love and Appreciation

Ahead of Valentine’s Day, Greenwich Academy students made cards for patients at Memorial Sloan Kettering, faculty, and staff. Upper School students delivered cards to the dining, facilities, and security teams. The school participated in various acts of appreciation across its community.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Academy

Donations Support Summer Meal Program

Greenwich Public Schools received 120 \$25 gift cards from the Nourishing Neighbors Program and GENYouth. These cards will help fund Neighbor to Neighbor’s Summer Supplement Program, which assists over 300 families during the summer months.

SPORTS GHS Girls Basketball Prepares for Tournament



Greenwich High School’s girls basketball team secured a 47-26 victory over Fairfield Warde on Feb. 17, improving their record to 18-1 overall and 13-1 in the FCIAC. Freshman Zuri Faison led the way with 18 points, while Madi Utzinger added 12 and Mikayla Kiernan scored nine. With the win, the Cardinals are in second place in the FCIAC and will enter the FCIAC Tournament as the No. 2 seed.

Photo Credit: Dan Utzinger

Greenwich Clinches Fourth Straight Win



Greenwich High School boys basketball team secured a 59-58 victory over Fairfield Warde on Feb. 17, 2025, marking their fourth consecutive win. The Cardinals, led by Matt Maloney’s 25 points and Sandro Scott’s 18, held off a late surge from Warde after a tight contest. With an 11-8 overall record and 9-5 in the FCIAC, Greenwich heads into the FCIAC Tournament, having built confidence from recent close wins.

Photo Credit: David Fierro

GHS Girls Basketball Victory vs Westhill



Greenwich High School’s girls basketball team defeated Westhill 40-8 on Feb. 14, improving their record to 17-1. The win puts them in a three-way tie with Ridgefield and Fairfield Warde for first place in the FCIAC, with two regular season games remaining. The team’s balanced scoring and strong defense were key to the victory.

Photo Credit: Dan Utzinger

GHS Boys Basketball Continues Winning Streak



Greenwich High’s boys basketball team has won three consecutive games and six of their last seven, with an overall record of 10-8 and an 8-5 mark in the FCIAC. In a recent 60-42 victory over Westhill, senior Matt Maloney scored 25 points, and junior Sandro Scott added 18, helping to extend their win streak. With two regular season games remaining, the Cardinals are aiming for a top-six finish in the FCIAC to qualify for the postseason.

Photo Credit: David Fierro

Brunswick Hockey Triumphs in Crucial Victory



Brunswick School’s hockey team won 3-2 over Berkshire School on Feb. 15, securing their 21st victory of the season. The Bruins trailed 2-1 after the second period but rallied in the third with goals from Cam Minella and Oliver Czaja. With two weeks left in the regular season, Brunswick holds the sixth seed for the Elite 8 Hockey Tournament.

Photo Credit: Brunswick School

Brunswick Wrestling Earns Impressive Second



Brunswick School’s wrestling team placed second at the 2025 WNEISWA East Championships, earning 233.5 points. Junior co-captain Jack Degl won the 165-pound title and was named the tournament’s most outstanding wrestler. Five other Brunswick wrestlers secured second-place finishes, and all 14 team members placed in the top four in their weight classes.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Sports Beat

Tigers Rally to Victory Over GA



The Greenwich Country Day School girls basketball team struggled early in the 2024-2025 season, but has since found a rhythm, winning six of their last seven games. With a 7-11 overall record and a 3-4 mark in the Fairchester Athletic Association, they are now in fifth place as the league tournament approaches. Their most recent victory, a 64-30 win over Greenwich Academy, showcased their dominant play, with Brianna McDermott scoring 19 points to lead the way.

Photo Credit: David Fierro

GHS Boys Basketball Eyes Playoffs



Greenwich High School’s boys basketball team has an 8-8 record with four games remaining, including three FCIAC matchups. The Cardinals are in sixth place in the FCIAC and are aiming for a spot in the FCIAC and CIAC Division II tournaments. Their recent performance includes a 61-44 victory over Norwalk and a 61-55 win against Stamford, with standout performances from Matt Maloney and Sandro Scott.

Photo Credit: Ben Harper/Chaos Crew Media

FROM HARTFORD Governor Proposes Expanded Property Tax Relief

Governor Ned Lamont’s fiscal year 2026/2027 budget proposal includes raising the property tax credit to \$350 and expanding eligibility to more income tax filers, benefiting around 800,000 taxpayers with \$85 million in relief. The full credit will be available to single filers earning up to \$70,000 and joint filers earning up to \$100,000, with a phase-out for higher incomes. The proposal is currently under review by the legislature’s Appropriations and Finance Committees.

ACROSS CT Rescued Seal Pup

A gray seal pup found on Chapel Street in New Haven is recovering at Mystic Aquarium after being rescued by aquarium staff and state officials. The underweight and dehydrated seal is on a specialized treatment plan and receiving a diluted fish formula. Officials plan to release the seal back into the wild once it recovers.

OUR NEIGHBORS Baby Anteater Named Kayapó After Vote



The baby Giant Anteater has been named Kayapó, after the Indigenous people of Brazil. Kayapó is active, climbing and exploring with the guidance of her mother, Pana. The name reflects the connection between wildlife and conservation efforts.

Photo Credit: Beardsley Zoo

I-95 Busiest Commute

Interstate 95 southbound through Stamford is now the busiest interstate corridor in the U.S., with drivers losing about 150 hours annually due to congestion, according to INRIX’s 2024 report. The Connecticut Department of Transportation plans to add auxiliary lanes between Exits 6 and 7 by year’s end and is conducting long-term studies for further improvements.



Friends of Nathaniel Witherell's Jim Mullins & Troudy Gouse

Cultivating Joy and Wellness Through Greenery

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Every week, Friends of Nathaniel Witherell volunteers, Jim Mullins and Troudy Gouse, dedicate their time and care to over 50 thriving plants at The Nathaniel Witherell skilled nursing facility in Greenwich. This dynamic duo ensures that the lush greenery throughout the home remains vibrant and healthy. Their work goes beyond watering and pruning - it's a heartfelt effort that significantly enhances the well-being of the residents.

Live plants play an invaluable role in creating a positive and healing environment within the nursing facility. Beyond their aesthetic appeal, indoor plants act as natural air purifiers, removing carbon dioxide and toxins commonly found in indoor air. For residents, this means breathing cleaner air, enjoying a calming atmosphere, and finding joy in the presence of living greenery.

Friends of Nathaniel Witherell recognizes the power of plants to transform spaces and lives. By

supporting the care of these plants, the organization enriches the daily experiences of residents, creating a sense of home and connection to nature. Thanks to Jim and Henry's dedication, The Nathaniel Witherell community continues to flourish - one leaf at a time.

Volunteers are always welcome at Friends of 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/>.

Dedicated Duo Robert and Lisa Rooney



Mike Howe, Robert and Lisa Rooney. Mike gets the lay of the land from the Rooney's.

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Since 2018, Robert and Lisa Rooney have been a steadfast part of the Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich family, delivering not just meals but also companionship and kindness every Friday. Their dedication goes beyond simply dropping off food - it's about building relationships and making a difference, one visit at a time.

For the Rooneys, their route is a team effort. Robert takes the wheel while Lisa ensures that one special client gets the extra time and conversation they look forward to each week. As Robert continues with the deliveries, Lisa and the client share stories, laughter, and the warmth of a growing friendship. Once the route is complete, Robert returns, and together they say their goodbyes until the next week - always

leaving behind smiles and a sense of connection.

The bond they have formed over the years has been profound, not just for the client but for the Rooneys as well. Their commitment to Meals-on-Wheels is a testament to the power of human connection and the lasting impact of a simple act of kindness.

Their story is a beautiful reminder that Meals-on-Wheels is about more than just nourishment - it's about community, care, and the friendships that make all the difference.

If you would like to support Meals-on-Wheels by volunteering, partnering on a project, or making a financial contribution—please contact the organization at 203-869-1312, via email at mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com, or the website mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org.

Meals for Kids in Crisis

On February 6th, the Greenwich Rotary Club continued its monthly initiative of providing meals to the children at Kids in Crisis. A special thank you to Sunaina Shrivastava and her husband, Gaurav Jain, for delivering this month's meal. Their kindness and dedication ensure that these children have warm, nourishing food to enjoy.

This initiative reflects the Club's unwavering commitment to serving the community. By coming together each month, Greenwich Rotary members help provide comfort and care to children in need. It is through the dedication of individuals like Sunaina, Gaurav, and many others that this important work continues.



Sunaina Shrivastava her Husband Gaurav Jain and Kids Crisis team

NAMI Family-to-Family Class Offers Free Support for Families of Those with Mental Illness

Families of individuals living with mental health conditions often struggle to find resources, guidance, and a community that understands their challenges. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Southwest Connecticut is offering a free eight-week Family-to-Family course designed to provide education, support, and practical tools to help family members navigate the complexities of mental illness.

Starting March 15 and running through May 17, the program will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich. The course is open to family members, significant others, and close friends of individuals facing mental health challenges.

NAMI Family-to-Family is an evidence-based program that has been shown to improve problem-solving skills, resilience, and the overall well-being of participants. Research indicates that the program helps caregivers better understand mental health conditions while equipping them

with strategies to handle crises, communicate effectively, and advocate for their loved ones.

What makes the program unique is its peer-led structure. Family members who have experienced the challenges firsthand lead the sessions, offering both expertise and personal insight. The course includes presentations, group discussions, and interactive exercises that help participants process their experiences and develop actionable skills.

"This course empowers families with knowledge, skills, and support from others who have been in their shoes," NAMI Southwest Connecticut states on its website.

The program is free, but space is limited. Those interested in attending can find more information or register at www.namisouthwestct.org.

For families struggling to support a loved one with a mental illness, resources like NAMI Family-to-Family offer vital knowledge and community, reducing the sense of isolation that often accompanies caregiving.

OK to Delay Hosts Screen Freedom Family Night

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Sunday March 2, 4-6 PM, Arch Street Teen Center

An opportunity for the whole family to connect on **how to have a healthy relationship with technology**. Best suited for kids 9 to 13 years old.

Join Ginko and OK to Delay for a special Screen Freedom Family Night in Greenwich, CT at Arch Street Teen Center featuring Larissa May (aka Larz), digital wellbeing trailblazer, Founder of #HalfTheStory and CEO of Ginko (a digital wellness support tool for families - Launching Soon!).

Here's what you can expect:

- A meaningful, guided family conversation on tech and wellbeing
- Q&A with Larz
- Fun snacks (like candy & popcorn bar)!
- Sneak peak of the new wellness app Ginko

Get your ticket - this is one digital deep-dive you won't want to miss! 🌟

GET TICKETS \$20/FAMILY

oktodelay.org/screen-freedom-family-night-with-ok-to-delay-ginko

Greenwich-based nonprofit OK to Delay is launching its first family-focused event, Screen Freedom Family Night, in partnership with digital wellness pioneer Larissa May. The event, set for Sunday, March 2, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Arch Street Teen Center, will offer an engaging evening designed to foster healthier relationships with technology for children and parents alike.

May, a globally recognized advocate for digital well-being, has been featured on Oprah, CNBC, and TODAY for her work in youth-centric advocacy and social media policy. Known online as Larz, she founded #HalfTheStory, a nonprofit that promotes balanced tech use among young people. She will lead a guided family conversation on digital wellness, helping parents and tweens navigate the complexities of social media and smartphone use.

The event will also include interactive screen-free activities, including icebreakers for kids, a candy and popcorn bar, and opportunities for families to discuss their experiences with tech. OK to Delay executive

directors Ariella Feldman and Jessica Hirsch say the event is a direct response to community requests for a family-oriented digital wellness discussion.

"This is exactly the kind of event our families have been asking for," said Hirsch. "Parents have told us they want something they can bring their child or tween to because these conversations about tech and well-being are difficult and constant. Having someone young and well-known like Larissa can help bridge the communication gap between parent and child."

OK to Delay, a national nonprofit headquartered in Greenwich, has 19 active chapters across nine states. The organization supports parents in promoting delayed access to smartphones and social media during middle school years through education and community-based events.

Tickets for Screen Freedom Family Night are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ok-to-delay-x-ptac-screen-freedom-family-night-tickets-1120645453719?aff=oddtcreator>

Courtroom Drama

Before Jack Nicholson, Tom Cruise, and Demi Moore captivated audiences in the 1992 film A Few Good Men, there was Aaron Sorkin's award-winning Broadway play. The stage version will run at Curtain Call's Dressing Room Theatre in Stamford from March 6 through 23.

Inspired by true events, A Few Good Men traces its origins to the case of Private First Class William Alvarado, a Marine at Guantanamo Bay who alleged misconduct involving unauthorized weapons fire into Cuban territory. His subsequent near-fatal hazing and the legal fallout caught the attention of Sorkin's sister, Deborah Sorkin, a JAG Corps attorney.

The play follows the trial of two Marines accused in the death

of a fellow Marine. Their defense attorney, initially indifferent, is pushed by a determined female colleague to challenge military protocol and uncover the truth.

"I have been a huge fan of the play since seeing it on Broadway," said Lou Ursone, Curtain Call's executive director. Debra Lee Failla, the director, praised the cast's dedication, noting, "They've brought new dimensions to the script."

The 17-member cast includes newcomers Austin Carnes, Charlie Harper, and Hunter Smith, among others.

Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at CurtainCallinc.com or by calling 203-461-6358.

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By DR. MAXWELL GRANT

Like many pastors, I have a heart for the lonely. After all, the prophets and Jesus certainly knew forsakenness, and Scripture does not flinch in naming their anguish.

It's no way to live, and I wouldn't wish it on anyone.

But diagnosing it may be more complicated than we admit.

For starters, we shouldn't confuse loneliness with solitude, its relieved and peaceful cousin. (As the Puritan George Swinnock once observed: "Solitude is a release to the soul that was imprisoned in company.")

I'm enough of an introvert, myself, to know that just because someone at the party always seems to gravitate to one of the corners of the room, it doesn't necessarily mean that they're lonely — they may just be saving their own social battery life from an all too familiar drain. Quite correctly, in fact.

By contrast, loneliness is more of a longing.

Lately, I've started to wonder if more of us are feeling it than we may quite realize.

Faith communities may be seeing signs of loneliness in the steady uptick of seekers, particularly those who come either explicitly "for community" (which is a good place to start, though

The Lonely Crowd

Maybe all the causes and culprits we might name—work-life balance, a sense of division with our neighbors, the seemingly endless potential for distraction in our time — have left us frantically trying to repopulate our circles of care and fast-track the work of connecting so we can feel (the relief of) connection.

a tricky one to remain).

More poignantly, it may be arriving at our doorstep in those looking for something they can't quite put into words.

We do need each other—faith has always reminded us of this—and the search for something on the other side of language is well represented in the devotional literature of all traditions.

But faith communities are used to the little cues when someone settles in to a worship service or feels heard and understood in a conversation — how their shoulders drop, their faces rest, or their eyes track as something resonates with them.

Those holy moments still happen.

Unless, of course, they don't.

When they don't, visitors rarely leave in a huff, put off by something they've heard or by the

formality or informality of a particular service.

They're more like people who wander into local school play but don't know any of the actors, live in the town, or even love the play. Under those circumstances, the best it can hope to be is "very nice," a kind of sweet diversion.

Inevitably, it isn't enough.

After the service, they shake a few hands, smile dutifully, and leave as strangers to continue their search elsewhere, their hearts unwarmed, and their steps to the parking lot treading a distinctly solitary way.

Watching them go, I sometimes think: there's that longing again.

These days, I feel like I'm seeing it more often.

What it can look like within a faith community is a whole other column, but yes, it's among us, too.

Ironically, it makes me wonder if the solitude seekers might be the ones who have it right.

Maybe all the causes and culprits we might name—work-life balance, a sense of division with our neighbors, the seemingly endless potential for distraction in our time — have left us frantically trying to repopulate our circles of care and fast-track the work of connecting so we can feel (the relief of) connection.

Those are good reasons to be a seeker.

They also make it more challenging to be a finder, especially when what we're hoping for is not so much to find as to know that we've been found.

What if we tried the opposite approach: learning to lean into the stillness and to hear a voice that speaks and heals from within that stillness?

What if we stayed put and kept mum long enough for new forms of familiarity and contentment to break through our boredom and dissatisfaction, and slowly work their claims on us?

Could it be that the solution is less "church" (by whatever name we call a community) and more God?

Lonely or not, we might just find what we're looking for.

Rev. Maxwell Grant, PhD has been Senior Minister of Second Congregational Church of Greenwich since 2012 and a pastor in the United Church of Christ since 2007. He also serves as Board Chair of the Congregational Library and Archives in Boston, and as the Moderator of the Fairfield West Association of the UCC.

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. *Water Baptism Class: February 16, 10am.*

Baptist

First Baptist Church

10 Northfield St.;
203-869-7988

www.firstbaptistgreenwich.com

Sunday Services: 11:30am, Facebook Live or for Devotion: 11-11:25am (Dial in 701- 802-5355, Access code 360922). *Anchor Night! for Young Adults: February 21, 7pm.*

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. AI and the Soul: Faith-Centered Strategies for Technology in Daily Life Date: Friday, February 21, 6:30pm, The Mansion at St. Philip's, Norwalk, young-catholicprofessionals.org/chapter/fairfield-county.*

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). Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or ParishPartners@stc-sta.org. St. Catherine's Players' "The Wizard of Oz": March 1, 2, 7, 9 (Fri 8pm, Sat 7pm, Sun 2pm), scp.ludus.com.

St. Mary Church

178 Greenwich Ave.;
203-869-9393

www.stmarygreenwich.org

Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm. *New Day Bereavement Program: Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm, through March 18. Mardi Gras Party: Friday, February 28, 6pm, \$50 p/person.*

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. Men's Ministry: Saturday, March 1, 12pm.*

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.*

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. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. *February Friends-giving: through February 28.*

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. *Winter Yoga: Fridays, 9-10am (\$20/week). Moms' Group Coffee: Saturday, February 22, 10am. Teddy Bear Story Hour at Coffee for Good: Saturday, March 1, 8am. Shrove Sunday: March 2, 11:30am.*

Episcopal

Anglican Church of the Advent

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

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

Christ Church Greenwich

254 E. Putnam Ave;
203-869-6600

www.christchurchgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, 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 Rob Mathes: Sundays, Feb 23, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 5pm. Joyful Noise with Anna Leinbach: Sundays, March 9, April 6, May 11, June 1.*

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

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.;
203-637-2447

www.stpaulsriverside.org

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs – drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. *Special organ concert with Jonathan Vaughn: Sunday, February 22, 5pm.*

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. "The War in my Backyard": TEENS Shabbat Dinner: Friday, Feb. 28, 7:30pm; Shabbat: March 1, 12:15pm.*

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, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: Saturdays, 10am, on Zoom. Unlocking the Jewish Prayer Book with Rabbi David: Sunday, Feb. 23, 5pm.*

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. *Shabbat Morning Services: Saturday, Feb. 22, 10am. GRS Reads: "Palestine 1936": Thursday, February 27, 12pm, RSVP to Admin@GRS.org.*

Temple Sholom

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

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Musical Shabbat with Mikhal & Ella: Friday, February 21, 6:30pm. PreK-2nd Grade Youth Program: Live Animal Experience: Sunday, February 23, 11:30am. Women's Musar Class: Mindfulness in Jewish Texts with Rabbi Gisel: Tuesday, February 25, 6:30pm. Together Shabbat for Young Families: Friday, February 28, 5:30pm.*

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

Dingetown Community Church

376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

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

Revive Church

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

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

Stanwich Church

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

Sunday 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). *Metaphysics, Spiritual Philosophy & Self Unfoldment Course: Sunday, March 2, 12:30-2pm, \$30/class (First Sunday of each Month).*

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. *Welcome to Trinity Greenwich: Sunday, February 23, 5:30pm. TY High School Winter Retreat: February 28 – March 2, Trinity Ministry Center.*

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Book Club: Friday, February 21, 9:15am.*

Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave.
203-861-7555

www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sundays, 8:45am, 10:45am & 4:30pm, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

Living Hope Community Church

38 West End Ave;
203-637-3669

www.LivingHope.org

In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopect.org/resources/alpha.

Heavey/Lambrecht Wedding



Wedding Announcement

Anastasia Josephine Heavey married Walker Christian Lambrecht on Dec. 28, 2024. The traditional Greek Orthodox ceremony took place in the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England, Boston, MA. A reception followed at the Boston landmark building The Tower. Ana is the daughter of Greenwich Police Chief Jim Heavey and his wife, Kia Heavey. She and Walker met as undergraduate students at Northeastern University. The couple honeymooned in New Orleans and resides in Boston.

COLUMN

The Bible is a Story about Migrants



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

In many ways, the Bible is a migrants book. It tells stories of people who for one reason or another were driven to cross borders, to flee from where they were, and to find safety and protection in a new land.

God called Abraham and Sarah to leave their home in Ur of the Chaldees and to venture to a distant land called Canaan, where God promised that one day they would have more descendants than all the stars in the skies.

Moses led the Israelites from captivity and slavery in Egypt on a forty-year odyssey that led him to the Promise Land. Ruth followed Naomi to a foreign land, where there was no certainty that they would be cared for or even welcomed.

Joseph's brothers threw him in a pit used to trap animals and then sold him as a slave to a caravan that took him to Egypt. In that distant land, he rose from suffering in a prison to overseeing the Egyptian economy and all of Pharaoh's farm production. This foreigner saved the Egyptians from famine and the people of neighboring nations as well.

Centuries later, Joseph was warned in a dream to take his young wife, Mary, and their newborn son, Jesus, from Bethlehem to Egypt in order to escape the wrath of Herod. Herod had all of the children age two and younger in Palestine put to

death for fear that a king had been born to the Jewish people, who would usurp his power.

Had Joseph and Mary not left with their infant son, Jesus, there would be no Messiah, no future hope from God, no birth to the world's largest religion, and no hospitals, as these were originally founded by Christians as hospices to care for ailing pilgrims walking to holy sites.

There would be no universities. The great universities were started in Europe and later in the United States to educate clergy. Much of Western art, music, and sculpture would not exist as much of it was supported by the Church and depicted biblical themes.

There would be little learning as it was monks working throughout the day copying manuscripts during the Dark Ages that allowed the great works of antiquity to be preserved and shared.

Countless acts of service to the poor and needy would never have taken place had Jesus not lived and shared his life-giving message of compassion, inclusion, love, forgiveness, and hope.

Over and over again, the Bible admonishes its readers to care for migrants and the poor. "The author of Deuteronomy records God saying, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this." (Deut. 24:21-22)

Again, God admonishes, "You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God

redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this." (Deut. 24:17-18)

Bono, the frontman of the Irish rock group U2 and a committed Christian and an outspoken philanthropist, spoke at the 2006 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. "It's no coincidence," he said, "that in the scriptures, poverty is mentioned more than 2,100 times."

"It's not an accident. That's a lot of airtime, 2,100 mentions. You know the only time Christ is judgmental is on the subject of the poor," notes Bono, adding, "As you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." (Matt: 25:40)

At Christ Church Greenwich we just had a mission team return from Cuba, where we support an Episcopal church in Holguin, the country's third largest city. The people there are suffering from the worst economic crisis since the Cuban Revolution took place in 1959. Over a million Cubans have fled the impoverished and failing country.

Another group has just visited the Endupoto Primary School outside the city of Arusha in Tanzania, which our church helped to found over a decade ago. It began as a one room school, and it now has a campus with over 800 students.

The needs around the world are enormous. No church, community, state, or country can do but a fraction of what needs to be done. But this is holy work, and people in need are close to the heart of God.

Migrants are a huge worldwide economic concern. No country can exist without borders. Not even the richest country in the world can support all

the people who would like to enter it. But we must try to help some of those who come to us and who might thrive and enrich our country.

Migration is never easy. It often involves great hardship and enormous risk. It is never a first choice. People prefer to stay in their familiar settings. But war, violence, poverty, political unrest, persecution, and climate disasters force people to relocate.

Branding most migrants as criminals is despicable and unworthy of Jews, Christians, and religious people to do. Many migrants risk their lives to find a more secure, better life for their children.

There is an evolving movement called Christian Nationalism that is a political effort which is predominantly white and lightly tethered to the Bible. It's about putting country and family first. It has no problem with weapons or violence, if needed to maintain our way of life.

It does not deserve the title "Christian" for at the heart of the Judeo-Christian tradition is a respect for the dignity of all people, including the vulnerable, the poor, widows, orphans, aliens, and migrants.

While we cannot accept countless foreign people into our country, we should treat everyone with respect, and try to provide help as we are able. Remember that you, too, were once a migrant, a foreigner, an alien from a different land. Let's put what the Bible really says into practice.

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie serves as Rector of Christ Church Greenwich, is a husband, father, writer, traveler, and student of different cultures, who has been fortunate to travel extensively and learn from many peoples and environments.

COLUMN

No Time Like the Present

What blessings do we not acquire because we delay until too late?



By RABBI MITCHELL HURVITZ

Back in December, I was in Charleston to officiate for a wedding. Joyously, Roseanne, my daughters, son-in-law, and granddaughter joined me for a few extra vacation days. We visited the sites and walked together along the river.

We came across a Charleston traditional treasure - their sweetgrass baskets. We learned that sweetgrass basketry is one of the nation's oldest and most beautiful handicrafts of African origin.

For more than 300 years, people in Charleston have been weaving these unique baskets, which are sold worldwide. The tradition of weaving them has been passed down through the generations in the African American community. The baskets weave together different grasses: bulrush, palm, and sweetgrass, ancient plants mentioned in the Bible and found in Africa and the Low country of South Carolina.

When I returned home to Connecticut and studied that week's Torah portion, the sweetgrass basket came to mind. We read the famous biblical story about Jacob, which highlights family relationships, strife, and renewal.

Isaac and Rebecca had twin sons, Jacob and Esau. The Book of Genesis describes how, from the beginning of their sibling relationship, the brothers struggled with each other even before birth while

sharing space within Rebecca's womb.

When Rebecca gave birth, Esau emerged first. He was "red, hairy, and fully developed." He was named Esau, which means "complete." The younger twin had gripped at his older brother's ankle in a bid to emerge from the womb first. He was fair-skinned and a skinny baby. He was named Jacob, which means "ankle."

Esau was wild, aggressive, and impatient. Jacob was learned, thoughtful, and deliberate in his actions. The tension between the brothers grew more intense after Esau, feeling an immediate desire for food, sold his birthright to Jacob for a soup pot.

The birthright narrative culminates when Jacob disguises himself as his hairy brother, Esau, and convinces his blind father that he is Esau and should receive his father's blessing for the firstborn. After Jacob "steals" Esau's blessing and leaves his father's presence, Esau comes to his father seeking his blessing for the firstborn. When he learns of Jacob's trickery, he vows in great anger to take revenge on his brother.

Jacob flees from his family home and makes his way to Haran, where he falls in love with Rachel and is determined to marry her. But, "Jacob the Trickster" is tricked into marrying Rachel's sister, Leah.

As time passed, Jacob built up his family and fortune, and after twenty-one years away from his home, God told Jacob to return to the Promised Land. Jacob's family gathered their belongings and

began traveling. But Jacob fears the confrontation that will inevitably come with his twin brother.

When the reunion time arrives, Jacob decides to protect his family and possessions by sending them to the other side of the river, Jabbok. He also sends gifts to Esau in hopes of mollifying Esau.

Almost ready to confront Esau, Jacob suddenly decides to go and retrieve small jars from his possessions. The Talmudic Sages ask and answer: "Why did Jacob decide to retrieve such trivial possessions? He only sought out the small jars because Jacob wanted to delay the inevitable."

Like most of us, we often wish to defer complex challenges and make excuses. Also, we may not be at a place mentally where we can forgive and be forgiven and are ready to let go of the "small jars" of grievances we have been carrying around. But we cannot avoid the inevitable. Jacob realizes that there is "no time like the present."

We might want to delay, but this often serves no purpose. And, like the challenging interpersonal relationship between Jacob and Esau, we must also find the strength to address challenges we might have within our sacred relationships with others.

The Sages also note that the delay in pursuit of reconciliation can be too long, and the opportunity lost. Forgiveness and seeking forgiveness can have an expiration date. It is better to do what you might not be able to do tomorrow. All you know is your "Today."

When reading the story of Jacob, we are to understand the instinct to delay and the reality that

we must not give in to this desire.

Only "Today" can we share words of appreciation and empathy.

Only "Today" is the day we can share our love, kindness, and forgiveness.

Only "Today" is the day we can make our lives significant because one knows not what the morrow might bring.

A midrash on this moment in Jacob's life when one must proactively choose to move forward, teaches about a Rabbi who is asked by his student, "What does the Rabbi consider to be the most important item to prioritize in life?" The Rabbi answers the student: "Whatever I am engaged in at the specific moment."

Jacob meets with his twin brother, and both siblings receive the blessings of reconciliation.

What blessings do we not acquire because we delay until too late?

We don't want to stand by the graveside of a loved one and regret what we didn't say or do, and now it's too late. We don't want to dwell within our final resting place, surrounded by loved ones, who we also delayed too long in ensuring they knew of our love.

Sacred relationships require us to weave together our torn relationships so that they may become baskets of love, forgiveness, and reconciliation rather than small jars of grievance.

Shabbat Shalom.

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

The Sentinel does not charge for obituaries because every life in our community deserves to be honored and remembered without financial barriers. By providing this service at no cost, we ensure that families can share their loved ones' stories freely, preserving their legacies as part of Greenwich's history.
 To submit an obituary email Caroll@GreenwichSentinel.com



FRANK MOORE
Frank Moore’s celebration of life service will be held Friday, February 28th, at 1:00 pm at Church of the Saviour UMC, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118.

Frank Horace Moore II, aged 92, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 25th, 2025. Frank was born in 1932 in New York City, New York but spent summers in the Adirondacks with his cousins at his beloved family camp. He loved to photograph wildflowers, his favorite being Indian pipes and pitcher plants. He loved nothing better than to pack sandwiches and climb Silver Lake Mountain or hike up the Bluffs and look out over the lake. Frank’s lyrical whistle could be heard through the woods as he walked the paths.

Frank attended Harvard University, majoring in business and finance. He fondly reminisced about having Tom Lehr as his math professor. He went on to earn his MBA at Northwestern University.

Frank Moore moved to Riverside, Connecticut, with his first wife, MaryAnn Thorsen Moore (who predeceased him) while working for IBM. There, he raised his three children—Kathryn (Kathy), Frank III (Buzz), and Elizabeth (Beth). Later while working at The Singer Corporation, he met his second wife, Peggy Braeden Moore and had two children—Charles (Charlie) and Douglas (Doug). Frank ended his long career working at numerous Fortune 500 Companies as an expert in data security and compliance.

In retirement, Frank returned to his childhood home of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Frank was best known for his many philanthropic activities. His most beloved ones were ushering at the Cleveland Symphony at Severance Hall and serving at his church. Frank is a proud graduate of EFM (Education for Ministry). He was an active member of several service organizations including the Rotary Club Intl., the Masons, and Sons of the American Revolution. He had an avid interest in American History which he furthered by his involvement in historical reenactments and Road Scholar trips.

Frank is survived by his third wife, Norma Moore, his five children and their spouses and his grandchildren: Kathryn and Christopher Perry, their son Benjamin Perry and his wife Erin Mayer, and their son Erik Perry; Frank Moore III and Nichola Bott and their children Kaitlin Moore, Andrew Moore, and Susan Moore; Elizabeth and Wayne Stochaj and their children Kimberly Stochaj and Madelyn Stochaj; and Charles Moore and Doug Moore and his daughter Sophie Moore.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to The Rotary Foundation or The Cleveland Orchestra. Find more information at <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation> and <https://www.clevelandorchestra.com/>.



RETTINA CARLUCCI
 Rettina “Tina” E. Carlucci (nee Cecio) passed away on February 14, at the age of 82. Born in Greenwich on June 12, 1942 to Michael and Elizabeth Cecio (nee Frattarola). Tina was a lifelong resident of Greenwich, where she worked as a special education teacher; she also worked with the City of Stamford’s Department of Urban Redevelopment and was a bookkeeper for her family’s construction business Cecio Brothers. In her younger years she was an avid golfer and even was the President of

the Bruce Golf Course Women’s 9 Holers. Highly involved in Town baseball, she was the first female President of the Greenwich Jr. Babe Ruth League. Tina enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, going on drives, enjoying her home in Florida, needlepoint, and a good Christmas movie in July.

She was predeceased by her husband Leonard Carlucci in 2006. She is survived by her beloved son, Leonard “Lenny” Carlucci and his wife Kaitlyn, cherished granddaughter, Michaela Carlucci and loving sister, Michele Pastore (Thomas) and her nieces and nephews.

To honor Rettina’s life, family and friends gathered on Wednesday at Coxé & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich, CT. A Funeral Service was held at the funeral home on Thursday, followed by committal at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, www.stjude.org



JOSEPH RICCIARDI, SR.
 June 16, 1932 - February 13, 2025

With deep gratitude for a life well-lived and with great sadness, we share the passing of Joseph Alfred Ricciardi, Sr., who died surrounded by family, on February 13, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Joseph grew up in Greenwich, CT, as one of six children in an Italian family. His devotion to God, family, and baseball were firm throughout his life. He served as an altar boy at St. Roch’s Church and dreamed of playing professional baseball. While that particular dream was not realized, his love of the game never left him. In 2009, Joseph was recognized on the Greenwich Old Timer’s Honor Roll for athletic contributions-a testimony of his lifelong commitment to playing sports and helping young people pursue their dreams.

Joseph and his brother, Gerald, worked hard together to build their construction company, Ricciardi Brothers, Inc. The legacy of their company is a great one. Ricciardi Brothers, Inc. operated for over 50 years and provided for many families, while also contributing much to Greenwich’s infrastructure, including subdivisions, roads, utilities, stone walls, homesites, landscaping, paving and concrete work.

In addition to building a business, Joseph was committed to serving the community. He was a member of the Representative Town Meeting for over a decade, served as a local and state Sachem for the Improved Order of the Red Men, and spent countless hours collecting for Alzheimer’s research.

A humble man, Joseph enjoyed the simple pleasures of his mother’s home cooking and chocolate ice cream, a good sandwich and a handful of pistachios, history books and playing golf, Christmas lights and birthdays at Red Lobster. He lived 92 years and had endless stories to tell for each one of them. He shared stories that always seemed to give the listener a leg up in life, a bit of wisdom to make their own path less strenuous. These stories live on in all who were blessed to know him.

Joseph Ricciardi Sr. fought the good fight, he finished the race, and he kept his faith. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Carmella (Nellie) Ricciardi, and father, Alfred Ricciardi, his sister, Matilda Mecca, brother William Ricciardi, sister, Lucille Ciccone, and sister, Virginia LaVersa.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Marie Ricciardi, his brother, Gerald Ricciardi, his son, Joseph Ricciardi, Jr. (Carol) and his daughter, Maria Louise Hines (Terry), as well as seven grandchildren, Lindsay (Hadley), Asha (Dave), Scooter (Sam), Abigail (Timothy), Andrew (Alexis), Joy (Jared), and Grace, as well as four great-grandchildren, Mykerson, Leander, June, and Gia.

A memorial service was held Sunday, February 16, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A private burial will be held at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Greenwich, CT.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial scholarship is being established for Greenwich High School students. Donations can be sent to Maria Hines, please email her for address: mhines272@gmail.com

PATRICIA GEISMAR
 MAY 22, 1928 -
 FEBRUARY 11, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Pat W. Geismar, beloved mother, grandmother, great-

grandmother, aunt, great-aunt, and friend to many.

Pat led a life well-lived, in every sense of the word. She connected with so many people over the years. Her intellect, curiosity, strong work ethic, determination, sense of service to the greater community, and sheer energy propelled her into a variety of work and social experiences and adventures her entire life.

Pat graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1950. Her strong ties to her alma mater had her engaged with various activities over the decades. Pat returned to get her Masters degree when her three children were in junior high and high school. She was a guidance counselor at Greenwich High School for many years, where she created strong ties with both her students and colleagues.

Pat was a dedicated member of the Junior League and involved in many fundraising activities, as well as being a mentor for young women recently moved to town. Pat was instrumental in establishing Hill House in Riverside and remained on the Board for many years. She was also instrumental in fundraising for the creation and maintenance of Children’s Day School in Riverside.

Pat took her fundraising skills and acumen to Edgehill, where she lived for her last 14 years. Twice annually she conducted the fundraising drive that benetted the staff. Pat also was head of the residents’ council and wrote a newsletter for Edgehill for many years.

Pat was a long-time member of the Riverside Yacht Club, sailing and playing tennis starting in the ‘60s. The First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich was an important aspect of Pat’s life. She was fully engaged with the church for many decades as a deacon, volunteer, decorator of the church at Christmas, an alto in the choir and player of handbells. Pat sang in every Messiah from the beginning through to Christmas 2022. During Covid, she sang along on Zoom.

The list of Pat’s achievements could go on and on...she did a lot in her 96+ years.

Pat’s love of learning and adventure never wavered. She was well-read, intellectually engaged, musically inclined and loved to travel. Her travels took her all over the world, starting with her husband, Dick, and friends, and adding in the family as it grew. She loved active holidays with hiking or biking (even horse back riding). And to prove she could do it, Pat did an 8- day Outward Bound course in Maine, complete with sea kayaking, rock climbing, a ropes course, and jumping off the dock at Hurricane Island at low tide when she was in her 60s.

The coast of Maine where Pat and Dick built a house in 1987 became a gathering spot for family and friends over the years. Pat loved to be on the coast, where there was space, bird song, and a broad horizon.

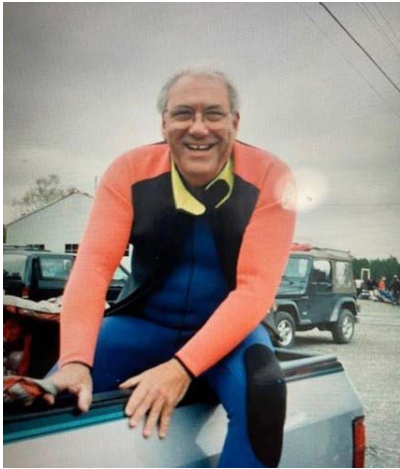
Pat’s love of life and vitality was a never-ending source of energy that she shared with her family, friends, colleagues, fellow committee members, students and all those who came in contact with her. She always took interest in who you were, and what you had to say, no matter where you came from. She would take time to listen.

Nature and the outdoors was so important to her being. She loved to walk and was walking Tod’s Point just last fall with her great-granddaughter. The sun, the wind, the vistas, the stars were all integral to her soul.

Pat was married to Dick Geismar (d. July 10, 2010) and has children: John (Susan) of Minot, Maine; Beth (Torsten) of Ashland, Oregon; and Nancy of Revelstoke, British Columbia. Grandchildren: Emily, Anna, James, Bradley, Hanna and Kira; and great-grandchildren: Penny, Cole, Grace and Cooper.

We will miss her light, her love, and her presence in our lives.

There will be a Celebration of Life service at the First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich on Wednesday, May 21 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Hill House, 10 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878. Pat’s good works and care for her community live on!



EUGENE RINALDI
 Eugene John Rinaldi, a longtime resident of Riverside and Brookfield, CT passed away on January 29 at the Candlewood Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center in New Milford, CT, surrounded by his family. The cause

of death was pancreatic cancer. He was eighty-five years old.

Gene was born in the Bronx, NY to Eugene and Della Rinaldi on November 30, 1939. In his teens, he moved with his family to Greenwich, CT and graduated from Greenwich High School. He proudly served in the Navy for six years and later attained a degree in the sciences from Charter Oak State College. He owned and was the sole operator of Accurate Construction Estimates.

Gene was an avid fly fisherman and also relished travel. Highlights included a safari in Africa, tours of national parks and visits to Italy, where he researched his family’s history. As an ardent fan of the Yankees, he cherished having seen Don Larsen’s no hitter in the 1956 World Series. A life-long reader, Gene enjoyed comparing Jeopardy answers with his sisters and completing the New York Times Sunday crossword. He was the official organizer of family gatherings and a lover of all things Italian. Gene possessed a natural wit, and dinner in a restaurant typically involved the neighboring tables, since his jokes and story telling captivated near-by diners.

He is survived by his son Mark Jon Rinaldi of Portland, Maine, his longtime companion, Marcie Wolosoff of Brookfield, CT, his sisters, Regina Grimes of Wilmington, NC, Mary Michael Swet of Hamden, CT and Dorothy Sirbono of Greenwich, CT, as well as his brothers-in-law Peter Swet and Paul Sirbono, loving nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

There will be a Memorial Mass at St. Mary’s Church in Greenwich, CT. The date is to be announced.



ELIZABETH BOURDIN
 October 3, 1959 - January 28, 2025.

On January 28 Elizabeth Miller Phillips Boudin, MD, passed peacefully ending her courageous battle with breast cancer. She was 65.

Born in New York City. She spent her early youth in Geneva, Switzerland. The family returned to live in Riverside, CT where she attended Greenwich Academy. Elizabeth graduated from Simmons University and eventually continued her career in Human Resources including stops at Korn Ferry and UMES.

This bright, cheerful former debutant was preceded in death by her grandparents, Edith and Bill Miller and parents, Marilyn and George Phillips all of Easton.

Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Noel; son, Mark of Easton; brother, John; niece, Claire of Maine; numerous nephews; in laws; loving cherished friends; and many Fun Groups. Her light shines bright for all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, please support in any way possible the fight to cure cancer.

A celebration of her life will be held at Christ Church, 111 S. Harrison Street, Easton, MD 21601 (410-822-2677) on March 15, 2025, starting at 10 a.m.



ANNE BALTREN
 1943 - 2025

Anne M. Baltren, 81, of Stamford, CT, passed away earlier this week, leaving behind a legacy of love, learning, and adventure.

A dedicated educator, Anne spent her entire career teaching elementary school and middle school English in the Greenwich school system, inspiring generations of students with her passion for reading and learning. She extended her love of teaching beyond the classroom, spending summers in Lithuania-her ancestral homeland-training fellow educators, a role she cherished with immense pride. Born and raised in Orange, MA, Anne was the daughter of the late Nellie and Albert Baltren Sr., and a proud graduate of Mahar Regional High School. She went on to earn her undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts and her master’s in teaching from Michigan State

University.

A lifelong tennis enthusiast, Anne rarely missed an opportunity to enjoy the sport she adored, including her annual tradition of attending the U.S. Open with dear friends. She was also an active participant in sports, playing tennis regularly and, more recently, embracing pickleball. Beyond playing, she was an avid sports fan, who loved watching a wide range of games and was a devoted supporter of New England sports teams.

She was an avid traveler, who embraced the world with curiosity, exploring countless destinations near and far. Her love for New York City was profound, and she treasured the time spent there with friends and family, especially taking in Broadway performances-including one just days before her passing-and sharing the city’s vibrancy with her nieces while they lived there.

Her devotion to family was unwavering, and she cherished every moment spent with loved ones. A lifelong reader, she shared her love of books through her years of volunteer work at Darien Book Aid. She also found solace and joy at the beach, where she could always be found enjoying the serenity of the ocean.

She was predeceased by her parents and her brothers, Albert Baltren Jr. and Peter Baltren. She is survived by her sister, Jane Baltren of Orange, MA; her sister-in-law, Mary Blanchard (Edward) of Hubbardston, MA; her nieces, Katherine Howell (Erik) of Kennebunkport, ME, and Anne P. Baltren of Biddeford, ME; her nephew, Michael Baltren (Felicia) of Vista, CA; two grandnieces, Quinn Howell and Jordin Fischer; and many close friends in Connecticut.

A private Mass will be held by the family, and a celebration of life will be planned for later this spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Darien Book Aid or World Central Kitchen, two organizations that reflect Anne’s passion for literacy and global service.



GEORGE FRIEND

George Antony Friend, “Tony”, age 81, is survived by his sister, Lynn Elise Friend, his daughter Genevieve Christine Friend and is grandfather to Corina, Connor, and Chloe, son Robert George Friend, and daughter-in-law Stacey A. Friend. George is also survived by his former wife Lynn Friend and his girlfriend, Merle LeBlanc. George is son of the late Lionel “Don” Bernard Friend and Elise Genevieve Schlosser Friend and nephew to the late Louise Josephine Schlosser Smith.

George was very proud to have served in the U.S. Coast Guard, and he also was a proud Veteran. His favorite time in the Coast Guard was when he was stationed at the North Brother Island Lighthouse in the East River, NYC. George always had a passion for the water; in his teens he had one of the first Boston Whaler boats off the production line. He was very active in the Boy Scouts, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Greenwich Yacht Club. George always enjoyed boating and spending a lot of time on Long Island Sound. A proud moment was when he let his 8-year-old Granddaughter, Corina, drive a boat all by herself. It was debatable who had the bigger smile on their face, George or Corina. George loved and had many dogs throughout his life. He loved and cherished his current dog, Princey, who will now have a forever home with Robert.

In his later years, George suffered from Parkinsons. For the last seven months, George lived in a care facility in a suburb of Cleveland, OH, five minutes from his son, Robert. Robert and Princey visited George almost daily and brought him his favorite foods: blooming onion, guacamole, and chips, or just guacamole and a spoon. George loved the visits by Robert and always looked forward to the next visit.

George had an alternative sense of humor and decided that he would say goodbye to us in the wee hours on New Year’s Day 2025 - He wanted the whole world to celebrate. George will be laid to rest in a family plot in Kensico Cemetery, in Valhalla, NY.

In memory of George, and instead of flowers, the family is asking to please make a donation to your favorite animal shelter. We recommend Parma SPCA no-kill shelter (216) 351-7387 www.northeastohiospca.org

A Celebration of Life will be held at Greenwich Boat & Yacht Club, 9 Grass Island Road, Greenwich, CT on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 4-7 p.m.

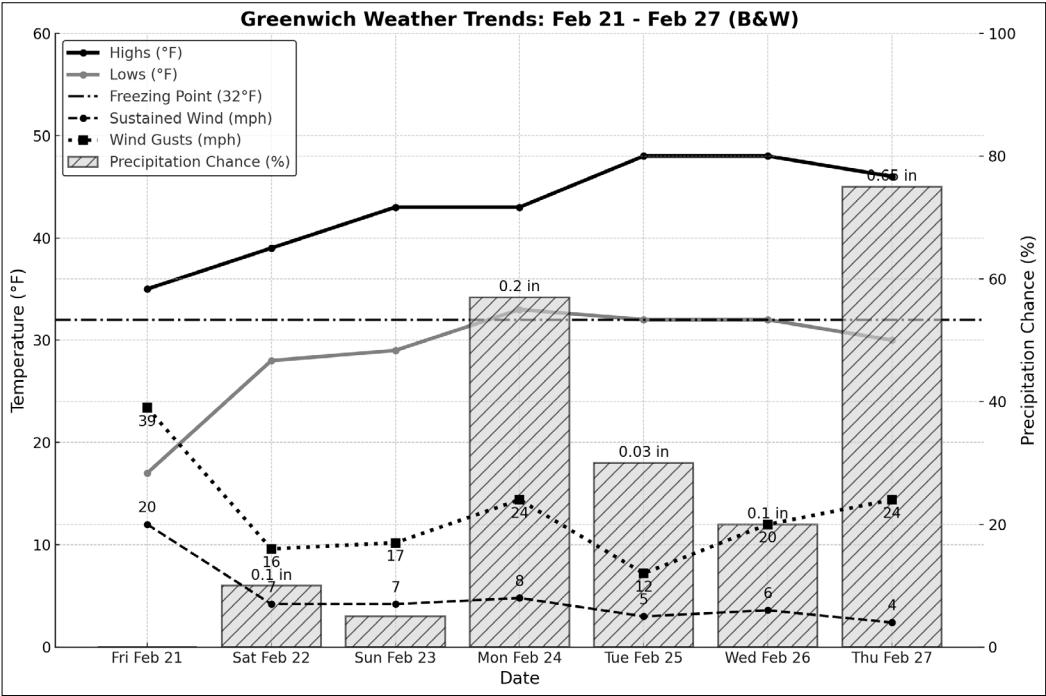
Greenwich Weather Forecast: Here's What to Expect

By Emma Barhydt

As Greenwich continues to embrace winter's crisp charm and we prepare to bid farewell to February, residents can look forward to a week filled with chilly breezes, moments of sunshine, and the occasional chance of rain. Whether you're planning outdoor activities or staying cozy indoors, here's the detailed forecast to help you prepare for the week ahead.

Friday, February 21: Expect a windy day with a high of 35°F. Winds will come from the northwest at 20 mph, with gusts reaching up to 39 mph. By evening, temperatures will drop significantly to 17°F, with winds easing slightly to 12 mph and gusts up to 29 mph. The sky will remain clear throughout the day and night, with no rain expected.

Saturday, February 22: The weekend begins with sunny skies and a high of



39°F. Winds will be light from the west-southwest at 7 mph, with gusts up to 16 mph. The day will remain dry. Overnight, skies will turn partly cloudy, and temperatures will lower to 28°F. Winds will continue at 7 mph, gusting to 14 mph, with a small chance of rain as cloud cover increases to

56%. Sunday, February 23: Partly sunny skies will prevail with temperatures reaching 43°F. Winds will remain steady from the west at 7 mph, with gusts up to 17 mph. There is a very low chance of rain, and cloud cover will be around 42%. Nighttime

will bring mostly clear skies with temperatures dropping to 29°F. Winds will be light, coming from the east-northeast at 2 mph, and cloud cover will rise to 55%. Monday, February 24: Monday will be mostly cloudy, with a high of 43°F. A passing shower is expected in the afternoon,

with a 57% chance of rain. Winds will blow at 8 mph, gusting up to 24 mph. In the evening, skies will clear to partly cloudy, and temperatures will lower to 33°F. Winds will persist at 8 mph with gusts up to 16 mph, and no rain is expected overnight.

Tuesday, February 25: Temperatures will climb into the upper 40s under mostly cloudy skies. Winds will remain light, and there is a small chance of rain during the day. Overnight, skies will become overcast, bringing about 0.03 inches of light rain. Nighttime temperatures will fall to the low 30s, accompanied by continued light winds.

Wednesday, February 26: Wednesday will feature some sun breaking through the clouds, with temperatures peaking at 48°F. Winds from the northwest will remain light at 6 mph, with gusts reaching up to 20 mph. A small chance of

rain persists. At night, temperatures will drop to 32°F under clear skies, with light northwest winds and almost no chance of rain.

Thursday, February 27: Cloudy conditions are expected throughout the day, with a high of 46°F. Winds from the southeast will blow at 4 mph, with gusts up to 13 mph. There is a 25% chance of rain during the day. In the evening, temperatures will drop sharply to 30°F, with rain expected overnight. There is a 75% chance of precipitation, including 0.41 inches of rain and 0.24 inches of ice, totaling 0.65 inches. Winds will shift to the east-northeast at 10 mph, gusting up to 24 mph, and cloud cover will remain at 100%.

With fluctuating temperatures, breezy days, and a potential icy end to the week, Greenwich residents should keep an eye on changing conditions.

Nationally: The Week Ahead

By Emma Barhydt

Northeast:

The Northeast is expected to experience a gradual warming trend throughout the week. Starting Friday, February 21, temperatures will be cold with highs around 37°F (3°C) in Stamford, CT, under partly sunny skies. As the weekend progresses, temperatures will rise, reaching the mid-40s by Sunday, February 23. The warming trend continues into the week, with highs approaching 50°F (10°C) by midweek. Expect a mix of sun and clouds, with increasing cloudiness toward the end of the week. No significant precipitation is anticipated during this period.

Southeast:

The Southeast will enjoy mild and pleasant

conditions throughout the week. Atlanta, GA, will see mostly sunny skies on Friday, February 21, with highs around 47°F (8°C). Temperatures will gradually increase, reaching the low 70s by Tuesday, February 25. The region can expect a mix of sun and clouds, with a chance of showers returning by Thursday, February 27.

Midwest:

The Midwest is set to experience a warming trend after a cold start. Chicago, IL, will have very cold conditions on Friday, February 21, with highs around 25°F (-4°C). However, temperatures will rise over the weekend, reaching 40°F (5°C) by Sunday, February 23. The warming continues into the week, with highs in the mid-40s and a mix of sun and clouds. No significant precipitation is

expected during this period.

Southwest:

The Southwest will experience unseasonably warm and dry conditions. Phoenix, AZ, will see temperatures climbing from the upper 70s on Friday, February 21, to the low 90s by midweek. Skies will remain mostly sunny throughout the week, providing excellent conditions for outdoor activities.

Northwest:

The Northwest will face a series of wet weather systems. Seattle, WA, can expect cloudy skies with brief showers beginning midday on Friday, February 21. Rain and breezy conditions will persist through the weekend, with temperatures in the mid-50s. The pattern of occasional rain and clouds continues into the week, with a slight

warming trend by midweek.

West Coast:

The West Coast, particularly California, will enjoy mild and stable weather. Los Angeles, CA, will experience mostly sunny and pleasant conditions on Friday, February 21, with highs around 78°F (25°C). These favorable conditions will persist throughout the week, with temperatures remaining in the mid to upper 70s and plenty of sunshine.

Please note that weather conditions can change rapidly. It's advisable to check the latest forecasts from reliable sources such as the National Weather Service and AccuWeather for the most up-to-date information.

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How Dirty Money From Fentanyl Sales Is Flowing Through China

U.S. officials have uncovered a sophisticated money-laundering network linking Chinese brokers and Mexican drug cartels, facilitating the flow of fentanyl profits. These brokers utilize underground banking systems and apps like WeChat to collect and launder drug money, complicating efforts to combat the opioid crisis.

Europe Flails for Response After Trump Blames Kyiv for Ukraine War

European leaders are grappling with President Trump's unexpected decision to blame Ukraine for the ongoing war with Russia, a significant shift in U.S. foreign policy. This development has exposed internal divisions within Europe and highlighted its reliance on U.S. leadership in NATO, prompting calls for a unified approach to the crisis.

An Investing Riddle: Stocks Are in Turmoil but Stock Markets Aren't

Despite the S&P 500's modest 4.2% gain year-to-date, individual stocks within the index have experienced significant volatility, particularly in the technology sector. Factors such as the rise of Chinese AI and the Trump administration's tariff policies have contributed to this disparity, with

company-specific news driving stock performance more than broad market trends.

The Battle for Overhead Bins Is Raging. These Are the Rules to Play By.

Air travelers are facing increasing challenges with overhead bin space, leading to conflicts and delays. Proper carry-on etiquette, including placing larger items in overhead bins and smaller ones under seats, is essential to alleviate these issues and ensure a smoother boarding process.

U.S., Russia Forge New Path on Ukraine After First High-Level Talks

The United States and Russia have initiated a new diplomatic approach to address the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, following their first high-level talks. This development signifies a potential shift in international efforts to resolve the crisis, though specific details of the discussions remain undisclosed.

Trump's Tariff Proposals Would Cut German Growth, Bundesbank's Nagel Says

Bundesbank President Joachim Nagel has expressed concerns that President Trump's proposed tariffs could negatively impact Germany's economic growth. The tariffs, particularly on automotive exports, pose a significant risk to the German economy, which relies heavily on its export sector.

Trump Wants to Bring Down Treasury Yields

President Trump has indicated a desire to reduce Treasury yields to lower borrowing costs and stimulate economic activity. This approach involves influencing Federal Reserve policies and implementing measures to make U.S. debt more attractive to investors.

Trump's Push for Peace in Ukraine

President Trump is actively pursuing peace negotiations to resolve the conflict in Ukraine, engaging directly with Russian leadership. This initiative marks a significant shift in U.S. foreign policy, aiming to de-escalate tensions and establish stability in the region.

OPINION: Trump, Andrew Jackson and the Politics of Crisis by Peggy Noonan

Peggy Noonan draws parallels between President Trump's leadership and that of Andrew Jackson, particularly in their approaches to national crises. She examines how both presidents navigated challenges to assert executive authority and shape the political landscape.

OPINION: NATO Is Ukraine's Future and Always Will Be

Holman W. Jenkins, Jr. argues that acknowledging Ukraine's inevitable integration into NATO is essential for resolving the ongoing conflict with Russia. He suggests that clear communication

of this reality could deter further aggression and stabilize the region.

OPINION: The GOP's DOGE Test

Kimberley A. Strassel critiques Republican lawmakers for advocating fiscal responsibility while simultaneously supporting wasteful spending projects, using the example of the DOGE initiative. She calls for genuine commitment to reducing government waste rather than indulging in politically convenient expenditures.

OPINION: Germany's Election Dodges Its Climate Debacle

Joseph C. Sternberg discusses how mainstream German political parties are avoiding substantive debate on the country's failing green energy policies during election campaigns. He highlights the economic repercussions of these policies and the political reluctance to address them candidly.

OPINION: If Indians and Pakistanis Can Relocate, Why Can't Gazans?

Sadanand Dhume explores historical instances of population transfers, such as between India and Pakistan, to question the feasibility of relocating Gazans as a solution to ongoing conflicts. He presents this controversial idea as a potential path to lasting peace in the region.

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Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
7 River Road 306	\$825,000	\$743	1,110	0	2	2	Cos Cob
3 Relay Court	\$875,000	\$930	941		2	1	Cos Cob
22 Osee Place	\$945,000	\$765	1,235	0.22	2	1	Cos Cob
24 Maplewood Drive	\$1,195,000	\$978	1,222	0.2	3	1	Cos Cob
23 Old Wagon Road	\$1,495,000	\$631	2,371	0.28	4	2	Old Greenwich
42 Sherwood Avenue	\$2,495,000	\$668	3,736	2.01	5	3	North Parkway
968 Lake Avenue	\$2,895,000	\$507	5,713	4.79	5	4	North Parkway
182 Milbank Avenue 4	\$3,595,000	\$1,013	3,550		3	3	South of Post
29 Lockwood Drive	\$4,995,000	\$1,165	4,286	0.27	5	5	Old Greenwich
19 Parsonage Road	\$5,800,000	\$1,033	5,615	1.01	6	7	South Parkway
65 Hunting Ridge Road	\$7,495,000	\$823	9,112	6.18	7	7	North Parkway
7 Dairy Road	\$14,750,000	\$1,205	12,239	2.11	7	9	South Parkway

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25 W Elm Street 66	\$749,000	\$749,000	\$725,000	30	2	1		985
11 Orchard Place A	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,550,000	68	5	3	0.26	3,800
86 Mary Lane	\$3,190,000	\$3,190,000	\$3,100,000	9	5	5	0.3	5,400
81 Hendrie Avenue	\$4,100,000	\$4,100,000	\$4,250,000	23	5	5	0.35	4,035
568 Riversville Road	\$5,775,000	\$5,475,000	\$5,050,000	97	6	7	4	7,222
218 Clapboard Ridge	\$15,800,000	\$15,800,000	\$15,400,000	77	8	8	5.11	12,386

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615 Westover Road	Stamford	\$1,600,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
22 Osee Place	Cos Cob	\$945,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
14 Tyler Lane	Riverside	\$2,795,000	Sun 2-4 PM	BHHS New England
42 Sherwood Avenue	Greenwich	\$2,495,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
3 Vista Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$5,850,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
3 Vista Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$5,850,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
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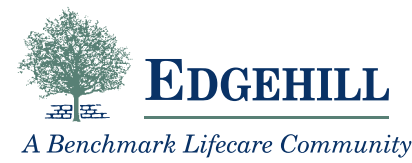
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Greenwich Rentals: Same Tight Market



By Mark Pruner

Greenwich rentals in 2024 looked very similar to 2023 with 750 rentals last year compared to 755 rentals in 2023. This compares to an average of 829 rentals per year going back to 2007. So, this year we are down about 10% from our average. We're down, because inventory is down, and the market continues to be tight, but then the rental market in Greenwich is almost always tight.

Going back to 2007, we've had four "abnormal" periods; two up and two down. Rentals dipped in the go-go digits' decade; people bought rather than rented. In 2007 at the peak of house sales, we had only 684 rentals, which was 17% below the average for our next 16 years. When the Great Recession killed the economy, rentals showed their counter-cyclical nature and ticked up in 2008 and then took off in 2009 and 2010 with 959 and 962 rentals in those two years.

When people are uncertain, they rent rather than buy. This was also one of only three periods where we saw Greenwich house prices drop in the last 50 years. Renting looks pretty good, when your house purchase might be worth less next year.

As people started to recover from the Great Recession, we saw seven years of "normal" rentals close to the 829 rental average. Then came Covid, and rentals skyrocketed. In 2020, we had 1,041 rentals on the GMLS, which was 26% above the average. We would have had more, but there were only so many people who wanted to rent out their houses and condos.

Having said that, a couple of hundred homeowners who hadn't ever considered renting their Greenwich homes decided that at the prices tenant were willing to pay, these homeowners figured they could hang out in their second homes and rent out their Greenwich home.

This year continues the unique nature of the Greenwich rental market, but in a different way. Our rental inventory has shrunk this year compared to last year, while the number of rentals has been nearly flat. At present, we have 90 rental listings on the Greenwich MLS. This is down from the 137 listings that we had in November 2023 and 122 that we had in September 2024. (NB: The careful reader will note that I just compared February 2024 to September 2024 to November 2023. I usually only write about rentals a couple of times per year, unlike houses that I write about a couple of times per month. As a result, the stats about rentals don't tend to match up with the exact same month in the prior year. The dissimilar months comparison still illustrates what is going on with rental as rental inventory is a flatter sine wave pattern, unlikely the peaky house inventory.)

Our rental inventory, like house inventory, tends to peak in the late spring and into the summer. While the 90 listings are low for Greenwich it is still more than double the inventory that we had in April 2020, when we reached an all-time low of 42 listings during the heart of Covid.

You would think with fewer listings and more leases signed that, we would see our days on the market fall, and you'd be right. It is not quite as low as what we saw in 2021 and 2022, when rentals were only staying on the market for an average of 30 days, but it is still a strong indicator of a landlord's market. For 2024 we had an So far this year, we are looking at a DOM of 39 days. That's down from last year's DOM of 46 days and well below our 17-year average of 68 days on the market.

When mortgage interest rates go up and economic times are uncertain, people rent. What's unusual this time is that our single-family home sales

market is tight at the same time due to record low inventory.

In 2024, with a similar total number of leases, we saw flat lease signings numbers in just about every price range. The two exceptions were rentals from \$4,000 to \$6,000 where a drop of 19 rentals meant a drop of 11% in activity. The other price range where the number of rentals dropped is the over \$20,000/mo rentals where the number of rentals dropped from 56 rentals in 2023 to only 34 rentals in 2024.

Most of the rentals under \$4,000 are apartments, often with shared hallways and elevators, which is not what people wanted during Covid, so rentals under \$4,000 fell during Covid. Close quarters during Covid were not the only reason that rentals under \$4,000 fell. The number of rentals under \$4,000 and particularly under \$2,000 also fell because of the rise in rental prices, moving these rentals into higher price ranges. We saw that again this year as rentals from \$4,000 to \$6,000 fell by 19 rentals as mentioned above, but rentals from \$6,000 to \$8,000 went up by 27 listings. Same houses renting for more.

In 2019, we had 71 rentals under \$2,000. In 2024, we had 23 rentals under \$2,000, which is actually an increase from 2023's low price range of 20 rentals under \$2,000. We have lots of demand to absorb this increase in inventory. (NB: Stats on the low-end of the Greenwich rental market should always be taken with a large grain of salt as many of Greenwich's lower priced rentals don't get listed on the Greenwich MLS where all the numbers in this report come from.)

Over \$20,000 per month pre-Covid, we had 18 rentals in 2019. When Covid hit in March of 2020, the number of high-end rentals jumped to 71, an increase of 294% in one year. High-end rentals dropped back to 52 rentals in 2021 and 47 rentals in 2022. Part of the drop in rentals is that people who rented in 2020, renewed their leases and stayed safe in their large rentals with lots of land in 2021 and 2022. In 2023, we had 56 rentals over \$20K/month as inventory started to come back on the market.

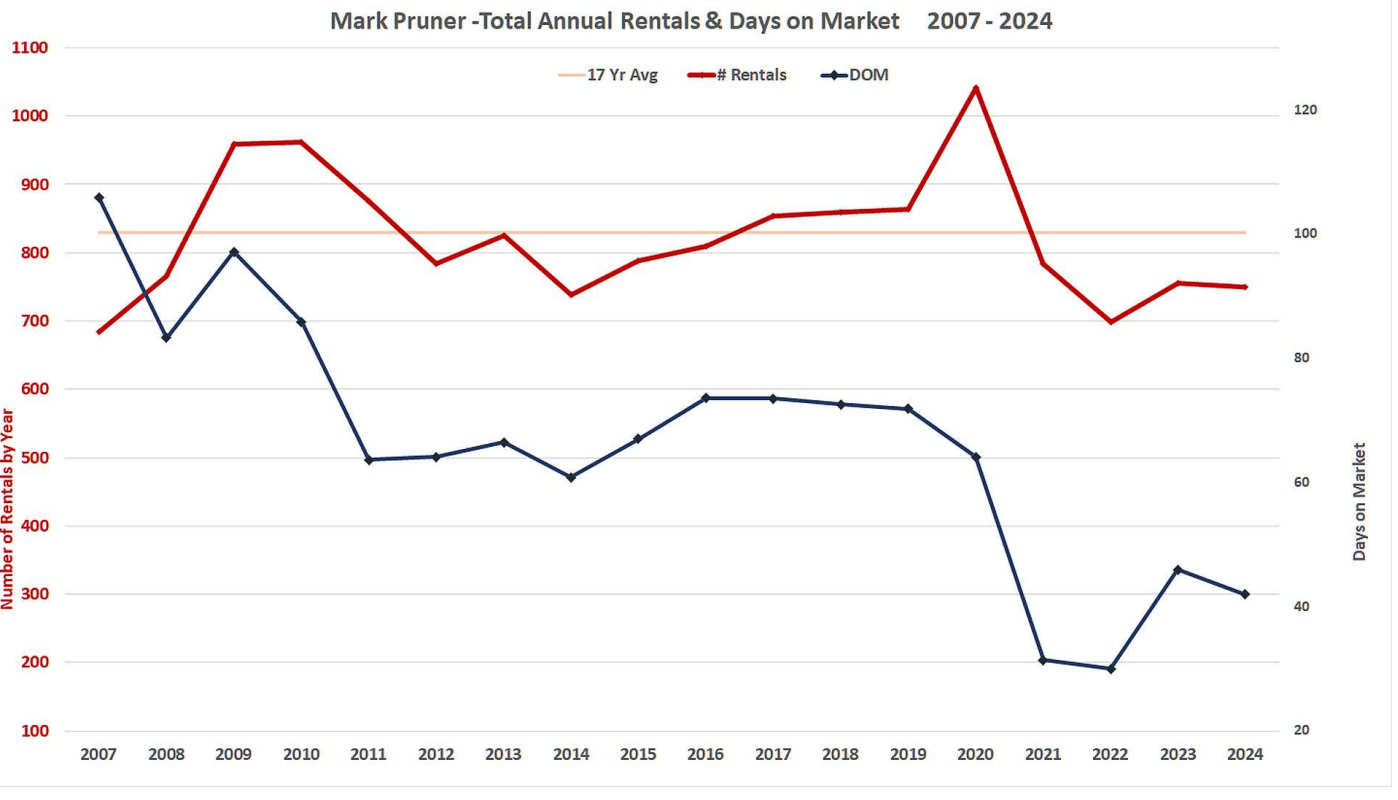
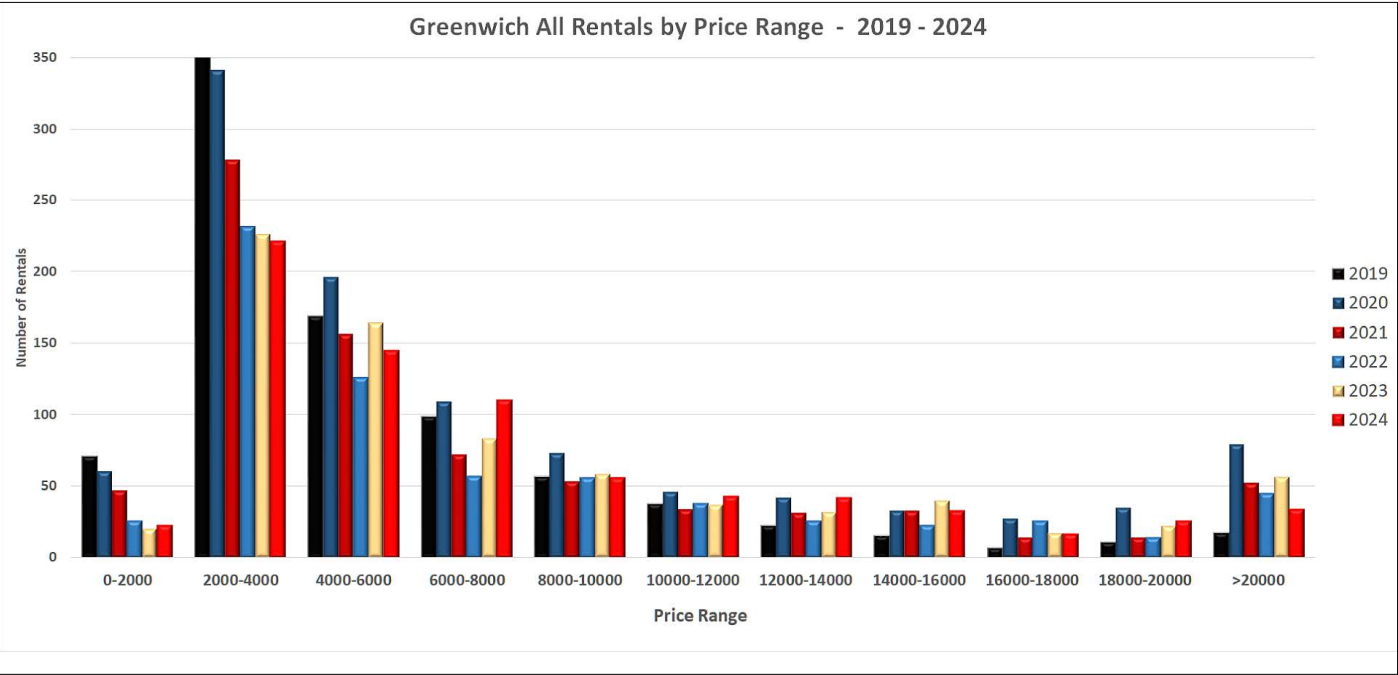
Last year we had only 34 rentals over \$20,000/month. Of those 34 high-end rentals, 13 of them were summer rentals. Traditionally, summer rentals went from Memorial Day to Labor Day. With more people working from home, summer rentals may now start May 1 and run to September 30th or even into October. Our highest rental this year was a backcountry summer rental that went for \$80,000/month.

Most of our rentals are concentrated in our smaller zones. Of course, part of that "concentration" when you look at a map is an optical illusion, as 14 lots in the R-12 zone in Old Greenwich could fit into one RA-4 zoned lot in backcountry. We have four areas where our rentals concentrate: South of the Post Road (27.5%), South of the Parkway (15.6%), Old Greenwich (14.9%), and Cos Cob (11.3%). Curiously, Riverside has only about half of the rentals that Old Greenwich had in 2024.

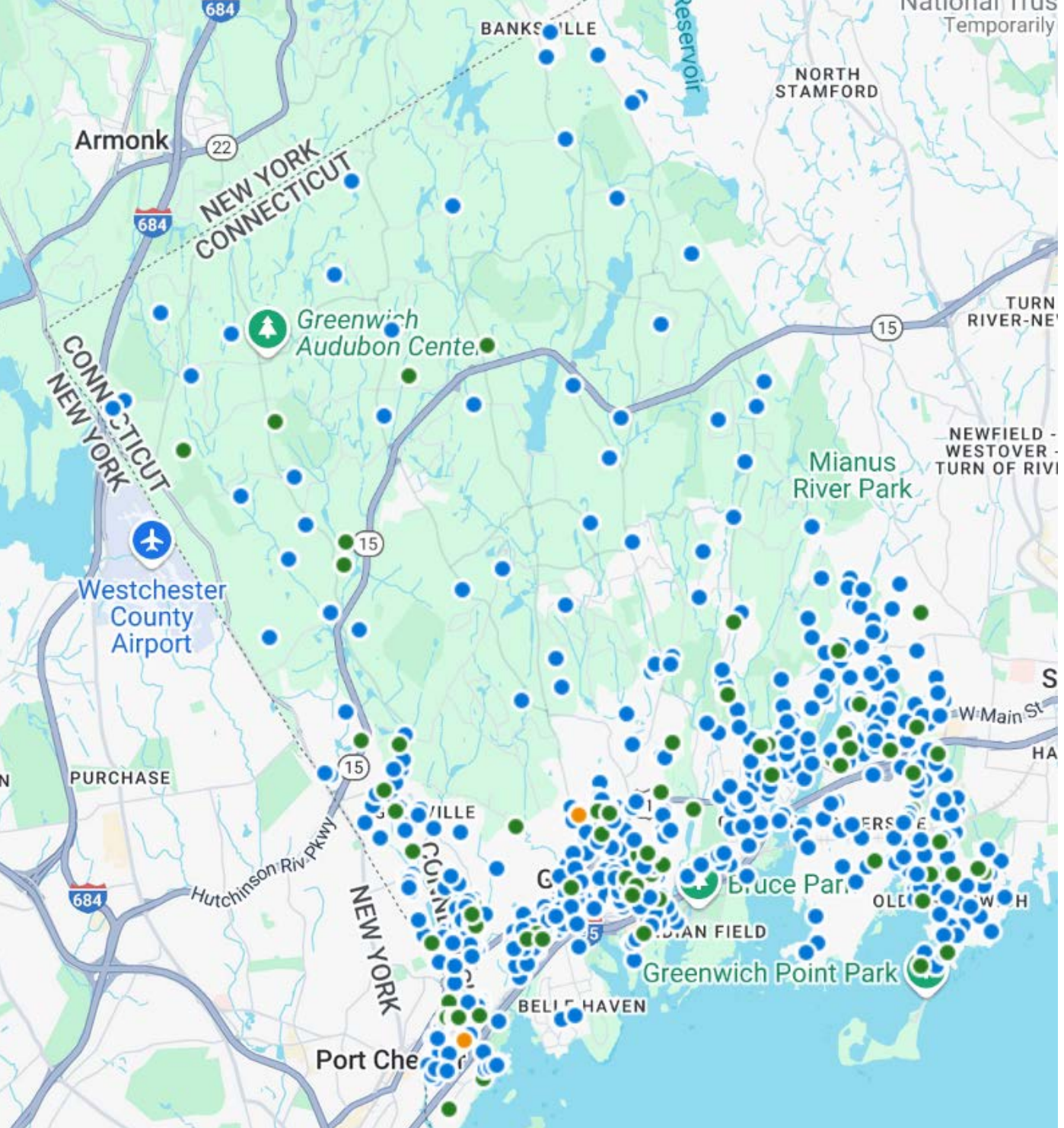
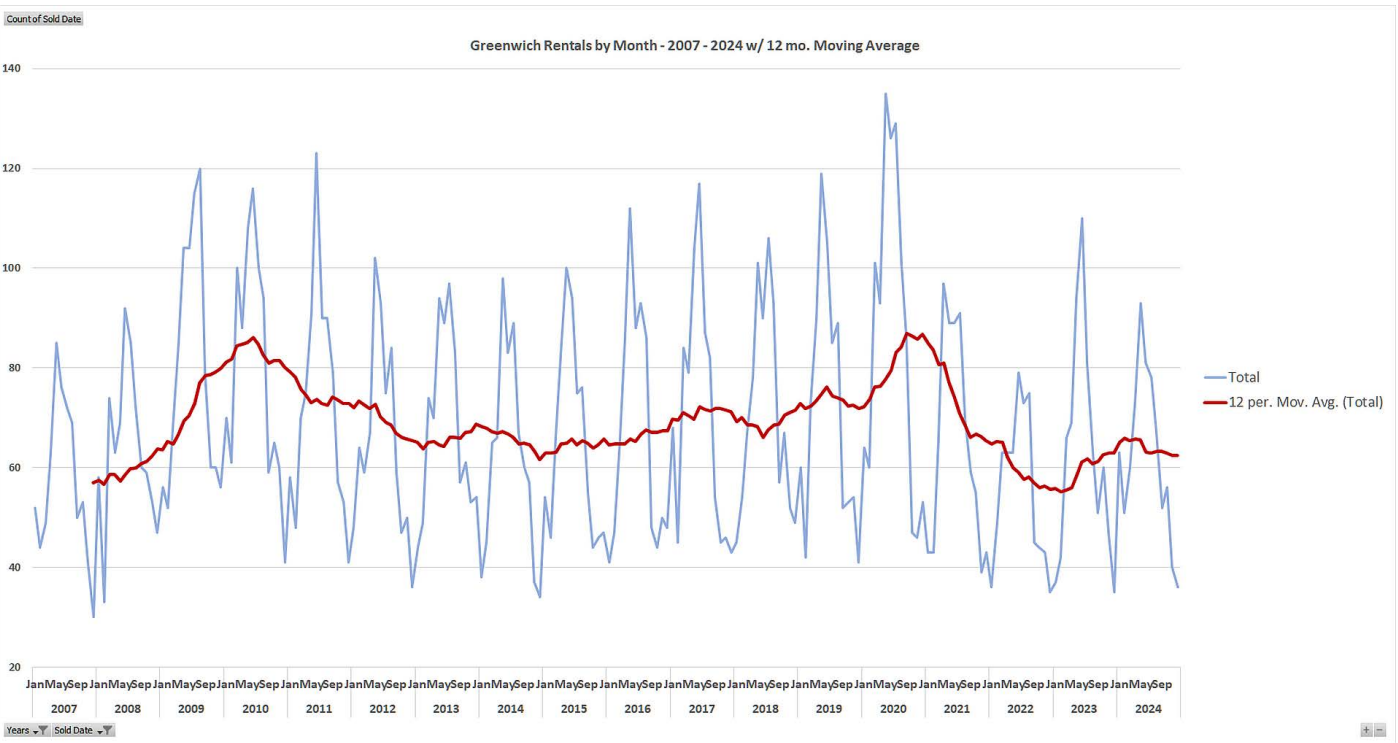
While we had slightly fewer rentals our days on market was still historically low, so finding the perfect rental is tough.

When you look at where rental inventory is concentrated, most of it is concentrated along or near the Post Road. Byram and Pemberwick also have a fair number of rentals. Downtown continues to be the place to find rentals. Having said that if you compare backcountry's 33 signed leases in 2024 to only 5 houses in inventory, you need to be ready to move quickly, when the right rental comes on north of the Merritt. Then again given our low inventory and high demand, that is true of every part of town.

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Elvis at 90: The Music of Elvis Presley

At the February 12th meeting of the Retired Men’s Association Tim Brooks introduced acclaimed author Will Friedwald, who presented “Elvis at 90: The Music of Elvis Presley.” Friedwald began by praising Brooks as a leading scholar of American music and the early recording industry, particularly highlighting Brooks’s book on early Black recording artists as a seminal work. The lecture then transitioned to Elvis Presley, framing his story in three acts and a prelude.

Prelude: 1935-1953
Act I –
Breakthrough: 1954-1958
Act II – Hollywood: 1958-1967
Act III – Return of the King: 1968-1977

The prelude covered Elvis’s early years, while Act I described his rise to fame, from his first record in 1954 to his being drafted into the Army in 1958. This period is considered by some as Elvis’s golden age, a view the speaker respects but disagrees with. The second act encompassed Elvis’s Hollywood years, a period often criticized even by ardent fans. The final act starts with the 1968 Comeback Special, marking a return to form and a period of incredible momentum until the mid-1970s, after which Elvis’s decline began, culminating in his death in 1977 at age 42.

Prelude
Elvis was born January 8, 1935 in Tupelo, Mississippi to Vernon and Gladys Presley. The family’s struggles during the Depression were highlighted, with Vernon being at one point imprisoned for forging a check. This early hardship marked Elvis’s childhood. Later, the family moved to a housing project in Memphis in 1949, signaling an improvement in their financial situation. At this time, Elvis was already deeply immersed in music, buying records and studying various styles.
Despite his passion, no one seemed to encourage Elvis’s musical pursuits. Described as shy and retiring, Elvis possessed an inner confidence that propelled him forward. His favorite music was gospel, particularly quartets, a genre that experienced a boom during his youth. Elvis initially aspired to join a gospel quartet like the Blackwoods. Another influence was Captain Marvel Jr., a comic book character from whom Elvis supposedly drew inspiration for his haircut and later for his stage attire.

Breakthrough
In the summer of 1953 Elvis walked into Sun Records, a small local recording studio. The studio had two functions: recording anyone who wanted to make a record or a greeting, for a fee; and issuing a few records



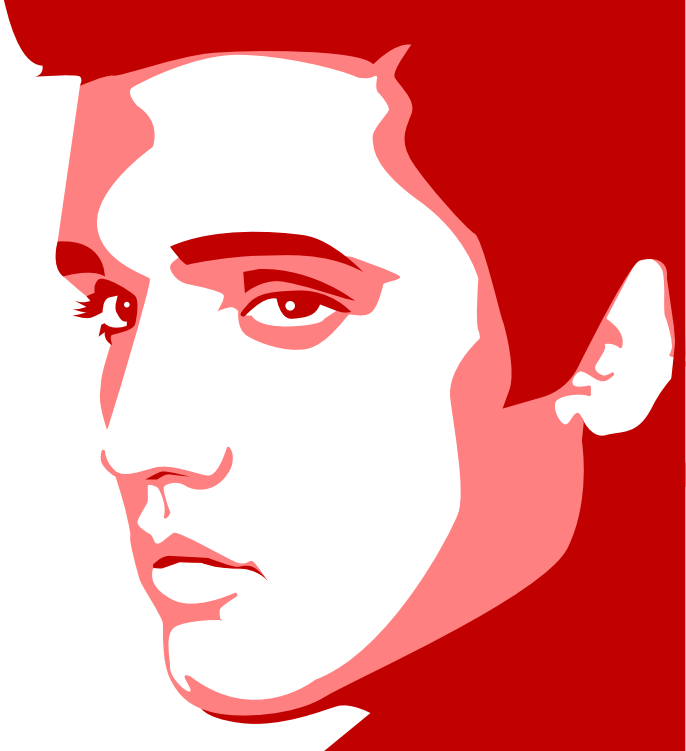
Author Will Friedwald speaking on the career of Elvis Presley.

Described as shy and retiring, Elvis possessed an inner confidence that propelled him forward.

commercially. Elvis’s arrival was recounted through a dialogue involving Marion Keisker, the receptionist and owner Sam Phillips’s assistant. B.B. King’s quote about the young Elvis’s dynamic talent and unique approach to music, which he likened to that of Frank Sinatra, was also shared.

Sam Phillips recognized Elvis’s talent but struggled to define it. Elvis experimented with many genres, including R&B, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, gospel, country, and blues. He recorded a variety of songs for Sun Records, many of which have been released. His first record, “That’s All Right,” a reimagining of Arthur Crudup’s blues tune, was described as a transformative interpretation rather than a mere cover. Elvis’s first record became a local hit, largely due to DJ George Klein’s airplay on a Memphis radio station. The audience response was overwhelming, leading to Elvis being brought to the station for an on-air interview. This success led to a contract with the Louisiana Hayride, a radio show and concert tour that served as a farm club for the Grand Ole Opry. It was also during this time that he was heard by Colonel Tom Parker, an experienced promoter who became his manager.

Elvis’ popularity soared during the next few years. An indication of how popular he became was when RCA offered Sun Records \$35,000 for his contract. That was the most ever offered for a recording artist contract at that time. Elvis signed with RCA in late 1955. In 1956 RCA had Elvis appear in his



first movie, a bit part in which he sang “Love Me Tender.” The song became a huge success. During this time Elvis recorded numerous songs for RCA, often teen-oriented, like “Wear My Ring Around Your Neck” and “Teddy Bear.” Parker booked Elvis on several network television shows, including the Ed Sullivan Show, which received its largest audience share ever at the time. RCA tried to market Elvis as a rebel when in reality he was really deferential.

Hollywood
Elvis was drafted into the army in 1958, choosing to serve as an ordinary G.I. rather than a celebrity entertainer. Later that year his mother, to whom he was very close, passed away, which affected him deeply. While in the Army Elvis encountered three

things that were to influence his life: martial arts, amphetamines, and Priscilla Beaulieu (born Priscilla Wagner), who he would later marry.

Once Elvis was out of the Army Colonel Parker initiated a bidding war for Elvis to appear on a TV show. At that time \$12-15,000 was the standard payment. Elvis received \$125,000 to appear on a Frank Sinatra special. It drew a huge audience.

Colonel Parker realized that the greatest amount of revenue with the least amount of work is in films. So he had Elvis concentrate on movies. Elvis starred in 30 films over a 12-year period. Many of them were cheaply made, and this phase of his career is widely recognized as his least creative.

Return of the King
During this final phase Elvis made two additional movies. His TV special “Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii” (1973) was broadcast worldwide and was the most watched TV special up to that time. Friedwald ended with “The American Trilogy” segment in which Elvis featured three songs, one of the Union, one of the Confederacy and one of African American culture. Through this performance Elvis tried to bring everyone together, being all inclusive.

A brief Question and Answer segment followed the presentation.
The talk can be viewed by going to the RMA website at <https://greenwichrma.org>, and clicking on “Speakers.”

Breaking Glass: Tales From the Witch of Wall Street
The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “Breaking Glass: Tales from the Witch of Wall Street” by Patricia Chadwick, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, February 26, 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.

Breaking Glass: Tales From the Witch of Wall Street is Patricia Walsh Chadwick’s second book, and is a sequel to her first book, “Little Sister, A Memoir,” the story of her growing up in a staunchly religious Catholic community-turned-cult. One hundred people, including thirty-nine children, comprised the cult which was led by an excommunicated Jesuit priest and a married woman. Patricia was evicted from her

home at the age of seventeen, due to a crush she had developed on a man in the community. She got her first job as a receptionist at a brokerage firm in Boston, where she developed her attraction to the stock market, memorizing every stock symbol on the NYSE. Within months she was scouring the news ticker for information on the stocks that the brokers owned for their customers. Rung by rung, she clawed her way up the ladder in that male bastion known as Wall Street, all the while taking courses at Boston University and Wharton.

Moving to New York in 1975, she quickly rose through the ranks of analyst to portfolio manager and was soon managing billions of dollars in pension and endowment assets. Her relentless drive earned her the moniker “Witch of Wall Street.” At the age of forty-five, she gave birth to twins, while continuing forward in her career, becoming a global partner at Invesco. At the turn of the millennium she made the decision to leave Wall Street to spend time with her children, and within a couple of years had embarked on a second career as a corporate board director and an expert witness.

In 2016, Patricia co-founded Anchor Health Initiative, a healthcare firm that serves the needs of the LGBTQ community in Connecticut. She remains the pro-bono CEO of the organization.
To stream the presentation by Patricia Chadwick at 11 AM on Wednesday, February 26, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79. The public is also invited to attend the presentation in person at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue.

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.

RMA speaker presentations are presented as a community service at no cost to in-person or Zoom attendees, regardless of gender. Any member of the public who would like to receive a weekly email announcement of future speakers should send a request to members@greenwichrma.org. The RMA urges all eligible individuals to consider becoming a member of our great organization, and thereby enjoy all the available fellowship, volunteer, and community service opportunities which the RMA offers to its members. For further information, go to <https://greenwichrma.org/>, or contact info@greenwichrma.org.

Calling all sophisticates, literary enthusiasts, and our very clever Sentinel readers!
Enter to Win Cash Prizes in our Cross-Over Contest!

Sentinel Literary Competition

FEBRUARY Challenge #225: Literary Love or The Bard

February is the month of love—but not all love stories are the same. This month, we challenge you to put your literary wit to the test with two bite-sized contests inspired by classic literature. Join in our cross-over contest for both New Canaan & Greenwich.

For ages 15 & Under: "Love Letters from Storybook Characters"

The winner receives \$25 and publication in the Sentinel!

Prompt: Ever wonder what Cinderella’s glass slipper might write to her foot? Or what the Big Bad Wolf’s love note to Little Red Riding Hood would say? In 50 words or fewer, write a Valentine’s message from one famous storybook character to another—whether romantic, funny, or just plain weird!

EXAMPLES:

Dear Humpty Dumpty,
You may have had a great fall,
But to me, you’re the greatest of all!
Cracked or whole, you’re still my friend—
Little Miss Muffet

Dear Puss in Boots,
I like your hat. I like your boots. I like the way you trick people with big words. If I had nine lives, I’d spend them all going on adventures with you. Your fan, Jack (from the Beanstalk)

For ages 16 & Up: "Shakespeare in Six or Twelve Words"

Winners receive \$100 and \$50 and publication!

Prompt: The Bard was a master of love, tragedy, and mischief—now it’s your turn. Summarize any Shakespearean love story in just six or twelve words - your choice. Whether it’s “Much Ado: Enemies, rumors, wedding, still single”; Hamlet: “Dad’s ghost returns. Bad idea, everyone”; or Macbeth: "Witches whisper fate, Daggers gleam, guilt stains his hands— All is lost." Make it clever, poetic, or laugh-out-loud funny!

Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2025. Winners announced in the March 7, 2025 issue.

How to Enter: Craft your clever response to this month’s prompt, then visit www.GreenwichSentinel.com/sentinel-writing-competition to submit it. Multiple entries are welcome, and pseudonyms are accepted—giving you the freedom to be as inventive as you like.





JOYFUL NOISE



Back by popular demand! Come to this casual, uplifting Eucharist worship service series called “Joyful Noise.” The liturgy is led by our clergy and the music is contemporary, led by famed Christian musician and producer, Rob Mathes, once a month, or Soloist/Violinist, Anna Leinbach, on alternate dates.

All are welcome!

Anna Leinbach

**Sundays
Feb. 16
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April 6
May 11
June 1**

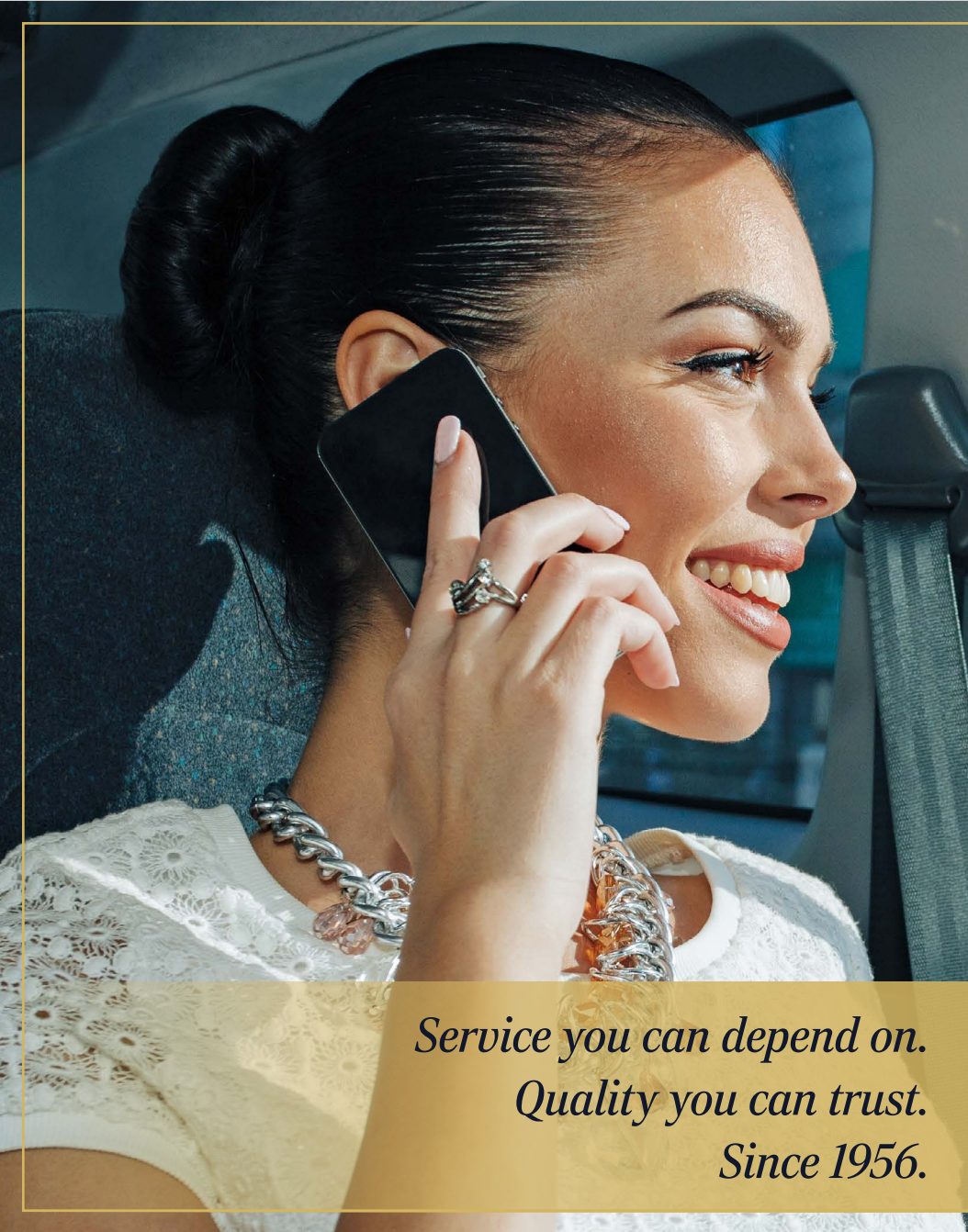
with Anna Leinbach
5:00 - 6:00 pm | Chapel

Rob Mathes

**Sundays
February 23
March 30
April 27
May 25
June 29**

with Rob Mathes
5:00 - 6:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

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

4 p.m.
Creative Ventures: Hanging Stars (Ages 7-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

9:30 a.m.
Teen Pickleball Tournament. YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. Adults: \$20, Teens: \$10. Register. ywcaग्रn.org/CPR

10 a.m.
CSOPA Portrait Workshop (for Ages 5-9). Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Greenwich Scouting’s Wilderness Survival Day. Ernest Thompson Seton Scout Reservation, 363 Riversville Road, Greenwich. Register. greenwichscouting.org/WSD25

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

1 p.m.
Rescheduled from Feb. 15: Birding at the Bruce Museum with Greenwich Audubon. Tour goes from the Bruce Park Playground to Audubon’s neighboring Oneida Sanctuary. Free. RSVP. brucemuseum.org.

1 p.m.
Science Solvers: Rainbow Minerals (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Jan. 12. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.
CSOPA Portrait Workshop (for Adults). Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$75, GBC Family Members; \$90, Non-Members. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

5 p.m.
Owl Prowl with Greenwich Audubon. Greenwich Botanical Center. Free, GBC & Audubon Members; \$20, Non-Members. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

9 a.m.
Greenwich Town Ice Skating Competition. Dorothy Hamill Rink, 1 Sue Merz Way, Greenwich. greenwichct.gov/149/Parks-Recreation

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/ghs-events

3 p.m.
ICC Greenwich: Preteen Pottery Party. Stamford, 1012 Hope St., Stamford. \$35. iccgreenwich.org

2 p.m.
Bruce Experiences: French Film Series: “–1874, The Birth of Impressionism” with the Alliance Française of Greenwich. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$10. brucemuseum.org.

5 p.m.
Organ concert with Jonathan Vaughn. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 200 Riverside Ave. 203-637-2447. stpaulsriverside.org

MONDAY, FEB. 24

5 p.m.
Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC): Business Essentials: Avoiding the 10 Most Common Legal Mistakes. Online. Free.

Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

7 p.m.
Percival Everett’s “James” & Mark Twain’s “Jim”: Reimagining & Subverting Mark Twain’s Masterpiece. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. judy@perrotlibrary.org

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

9:30 a.m.
Perrot Memorial Library: Perrot Walks at Tod’s Point. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

10 & 11 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings: Shapes (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

10:30 a.m.
Riverside Garden Club Meeting: Winter Social Gathering. Location TBD. riversidectgardenclub.org

11:30 a.m.
The Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center: Agents of Change. Online. Free. cpacinc.org/events.aspx

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

6:30 p.m.
“The Disengaged Teen” with Authors Jenny Anderson and Rebecca Winthrop. Athena Books, 228 Sound Beach Ave. eventbrite.com/e/1242342743589

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

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

10 a.m.
Forcing Tulips in Winter with Rosanne Ber- man. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free, GBC Member; \$15, Non-Member. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

11 a.m.
Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich: Patricia Chadwick, Author, “Glass Ceiling: The Witch of Wall Street.” Christ Church, 254 E. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.
Colonial Dress Up in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

4 p.m.
Crafting Connections - Chemo Port Pillows for Stamford Hospital (Ages 9-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

10 a.m.
Open Knitting Drop-In Program. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. perrotlibrary.org

10 a.m.
All About Vegetable Gardening Series - How To Start A Kitchen Garden For Beginners. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$10, GBC & GCG Members; \$20, Non-Members. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

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.

6 p.m.
Pollinator Potluck: Green Energy - A Win For Birds! Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free. RSVP required. greenwich.audubon.org/events

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

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 Room: Escape Wonderland (Ages 8-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

6 p.m.
Teen Night Takeover. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Alliance for Education’s Trivia Challenge Benefit. Tamarack Country Club, 55 Locust Rd. greenwichalliance.org/trivia-challenge-2025

8 p.m.
St. Catherine’s Players’ “The Wizard of Oz”. St. Catherine of Siena Church, 4 Riverside Ave. Performances: March 1, 2, 7, 9 (Fri 8pm, Sat 7pm, Sun 2pm). scp.ludus.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8 a.m.
Teddy Bear Story with Jenny. Coffee for Good, 48 Maple Ave., Greenwich. 2cc.org

9 a.m.
Meet for Coffee at the Bruce: Beena Kamlani. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

9 a.m.
Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Fit in the Forest. Mianus River Park, 450 Cognewaugh Rd., Greenwich. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

11 a.m.
Maple Sugar Day. Greenwich Land Trust 370 Round Hill Road. \$10. gltrust.org/upcoming-events

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

2 p.m.
ICC Greenwich: The Art of Henna -- A Class for Kids 8 to Adult. Crawford Mansion, 122 N. Ridge St., Rye Brook, NY. \$20. iccgreenwich.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
“My Story, Our Future” exhibit - through March 2. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

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.
Fred Elser First Sunday Science: Climate Change in CT. Innis Arden Cottage, Tod’s Point. Free. No park pass needed. brucemuseum.org.

2 p.m.
Ok to Delay x Ginko: Screen Freedom Family Night. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St.

[23.18. eventbrite.com/e/1120645453719](https://23.18.eventbrite.com/e/1120645453719)

2 p.m.
A concert of choral music by Mozart, Handel, and Udell. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 200 Riverside Ave, Riverside. Free. 203-637-2447. emilie.finn@stpaulsriverside.org

3 p.m.
Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony concert. First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. \$35, adults; \$5, students. 203-637-4725. chamberplayersofthegso.org

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.org/news/composting-at-rhcc

12:15 p.m.
Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org

6 - 7:30 p.m.
Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks – moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.org

6:30 p.m.
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and

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primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with be-havioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support

2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Aging Well - an informal conver-sation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. round-hillcommunitychurch.org

THURSDAYS:

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Con-gregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a dona-tion made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experiencetaichi.org

3 - 7 p.m.
Arch Street After School Program-ming (All Ages) – every Thursday starting Feb. 22. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. archstreet.org

5 - 7 p.m.
Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in middle & high school. Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Rd, Wilton. Free. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Book Exchange – choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recy-cling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4every-one.org

GREENWICH LIBRARIES: green-wichlibrary.org

Friday, Feb. 21

9:30 a.m.
Senior Chinese Book Discussion Group. Online. ywang@greenwichli-brary.org.

3 p.m.
Innovator-in-Residence: Building the Ultimate Chess Set. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: “The League.” Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwich-library.org.

Saturday, Feb. 22

9:30 a.m.
AARP Tax Help. 2nd Floor Meet-ing Room. Appointments are NOT required. 203-622-7900.

10 a.m.
Blooming Beginnings!: Art, Move-ment & Mindfulness (ages 3-5). Chil-dren’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.

11 a.m.
Puppet Show with Mr. Rogers: “The Shining Knight to the Rescue”. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

2 p.m.
PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Inno-vation Lab. 203-622-7979. innova-tionlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

Monday, Feb. 24

9:30 a.m.
Little Learners (Registration Re-quired). Children’s Constellation Room.

11 a.m.
All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11:30 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening. Commu-nity Room #5.

1 p.m.
Fiction Addiction: Lunchtime Edi-tion. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

3:15 p.m.
Nutmeg Book Club with Ms. Flynn “Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?” by Leslie Connor. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

4 p.m.
Innovation Lab for Kids: Circuit Sticker Sketchbooks. Innovation Lab.

4:30 p.m.
Book Wizards Book Club. Cos Cob Library Turret.

7 p.m.
The Golden Age of Hollywood. Online.

7 p.m.
What Lights You Up? Illuminate Your Career Path with Mary Olson-Men-zel. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

11 a.m.
Storytime with Patty (Birth – Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

1:15 p.m.
Baby Lapsit (Registration Required). Children’s Constellation Room.

4 p.m.
Book Explorers Book Club. Cos Cob Library Turret.

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

7 p.m.
En Roads Climate Workshop. Learn-ing Lab.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

9:30 a.m.
Movers & Shakers (Registration Required). Children’s Constellation Room.

10 a.m.
Baby Lapsit in the Stacks. Cos Cob Library Turret.

11 a.m.
Early Walkers in the Stacks! Cos Cob Library Turret.

1 p.m.
LaserLab: Design & Create. Innova-tion Lab.

4 p.m.
Legos @ the Library with Deirdre. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

4 p.m.
Page Turners Book Club. Teen Com-mons.

Thursday, Feb. 27

10 a.m.
Japanese Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.
Sensory Storytime (Registration Required). Children’s Constellation Room.

11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab.

11:30 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online.

5 p.m.
The Great Nut Butter Debate. Chil-dren’s Constellation Room.

6 p.m.
AI for the Real World. Learning Lab.

7 p.m.
Ashforth Children’s Concert: Cele-brating Lunar New Year with Asian Music led by Darwin and Friends. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Friday, Feb. 28

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

3 p.m.
Innovator-in-Residence: Building the Ultimate Chess Set. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: “The Dead Don’t Hurt.” Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, March 1

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
AARP Tax Help. 2nd Floor Meet-ing Room. Appointments are NOT required. 203-622-7900.

10 a.m.
Satur-yay! Storytime. Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.

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

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

2 p.m.
Chess for All with Ian. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

2 p.m.
Flinn Reeves Lecture - Unveiling Creativity: The Artistic Journey of Christo and Jeanne-Claude. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/13735220

2 p.m.
PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Inno-vation Lab. 203-622-7979. innova-tionlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL: green-wichhospital.org/events

888-305-9253

Monday, Feb. 24

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

Wednesday, Feb. 26

1:30 p.m.
Parkinson’s Disease Support Group - for people with Parkinson’s, their families and caregivers. 260 Long Ridge Road, Stamford. Free.

Saturday, March 1

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

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org

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

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

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.
Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Cath-erine of Siena’s parking area across the street from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave. (Non-perishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or store bought).

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Red-CrossBlood.org

Friday, Feb. 21

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Italian Center, 1620 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Village of Mamaroneck, 1 Harbor Island Park, Mamaroneck, NY.

12 - 5 p.m.
Port Chester Senior Center, 222 Grace Church St., Port Chester, NY.

Sunday, Feb. 23

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Monday, Feb. 24

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

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

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Westchester Medical Center Ma-ria Fareri Children’s Hospital, 100 Woods Rd., Valhalla, NY.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

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

12 - 5 p.m.
American Legion Post 347, 1 Locust Ave., Flint Park, Larchmont, NY.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

2:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Eastchester High School, 2 Stewart Pl., Eastchester, NY.

Thursday, Feb. 27

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Iona University, 715 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY.

Friday, Feb. 28

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, Lawton Street, New Rochelle, NY.

Sunday, March 2

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, Feb. 24

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

6:30 p.m.
BET.

6:30 p.m.
Board of Health Regular Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

7 p.m.
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

12 p.m.
New Date: First Selectman’s Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

4 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

4 p.m.
Labor Contracts Committee Meeting. Gisborne Room.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

12 p.m.
FS Antisemitism and Anti-Hate Task Force Meeting. Cone Room.

6:30 p.m.
Cancelled: Board of Parks and Recre-ation Meeting.

7 p.m.
PZBA Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 27

10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen Meeting In Per-son at Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

11 a.m.
Virtual Public Tree Hearing - Booth Court. Zoom.

12 p.m.
Nathaniel Witherell Finance Com-mittee Meeting.

7 p.m.
Budget Overview Committee Meet-ing. Mazza Room.

Monday, March 3

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

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, Feb. 27

6 p.m.
Girls With Impact Trailblazer & Future Innovators Fundraising Gala. Lescale at the Delamar. give.girlswith-impact.org/event/2025-trailblazer-ga-la/e650022

Friday, Feb. 28

6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Alliance for Education’s Trivia Challenge Benefit. Tama-rack Country Club, 55 Locust Rd. greenwichalliance.org/trivia-chal-lenge-2025

6:30 p.m.
Kids In Crisis’ An Après Ski Soirée The Loading Dock 375 Fairfield Ave, Stamford. kidsincrisis.org/sub/events

Wednesday, March 5

5:30 p.m.
YWCA Greenwich’s Women Who Inspire Awards. Greenwich Coun-try Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/2025-women-who-inspire-awards

Saturday, March 8

6 p.m.
Greenwich Hibernian Association’s St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance. Knights of Columbus Hall, 37 West Putnam Ave. greenwichhibernians.org/dinner-dance

Sunday, March 23

2 p.m.
Greenwich St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Beginning at the Greenwich Town Hall. greenwichhibernians.org

Friday, March 28

6:30 p.m.
GEMS (Greenwich Emergency Med-ical Service) 4th Annual Back to the 80’s: To Save A Life Gala. Greenwich Country Day School. greenwichems.org/events/back-to-the-80s

Sunday, March 30

2 p.m.
Special Education Legal Fund (S.E.L.F) and SEEK CT’s (Special Education Equity for Kids of CT) Re-source Fair. Stamford JCC. eventbrite.com/e/1096645178249

Friday, April 4

6 p.m.
Person to Person’s Spring Benefit “Rising Together.” Serafresca at the Italian Center, Stamford. bit.ly/Ris-ingTogetherBenefit

Thursday, April 24
Neighbor to Neighbor 50th Anni-versary. Hyatt Regency, Greenwich. ntngreenwich.org/50th-anniversa-ry-save-the-date

Saturday, April 26

9 a.m.
The Center for Family Justice’s 13th Annual Walk A Mile in Her Shoes. Downtown Fairfield Train Station. centerforfamilyjustice.org

6 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity 40th Anniver-sary Gala. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. habitatcfc.org

6 p.m.
American Red Cross Greater New York Region’s Red & White Ball: A Salute to Service and Valor. Riverside Yacht Club. e.givesmart.com/events/DoN/page/order-form2

Thursday, May 1

11 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich’s Old Bags Lun-

cheon 20th Anniversary. Belle Haven Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/old-bags-luncheon-20th-anniversary

• Greenwich Arts Council’s “Art to the Avenue.” greenwichartscouncil.org

Sunday, May 4
Breast Cancer Alliance 5K Run/Walk. breastcanceralliance.org

Friday, May 9

6 p.m.
YMCA of Greenwich’s An Evening in Las Vegas Annual Gala. Greenwich Country Club. greenwichymca.org/events

Friday, May 16

7:30 a.m.
B1C’s 12th Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. secure.qgiv.com/for/b1cbenefitbreak-fast2025/event/12thannualspringben-efitbreakfast

Saturday, May 17

7 p.m.
Spring for Abilis Gala. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/GGE/

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

4 p.m.
Sip & Paint Junior. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonli-brary.org

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Kids Helping Kids’ 3rd Annual Hope Day - a mental health fair. UCONN Stamford, 1 University Pl, Stamford. Free & open to all. kidshelpingkidsct.org

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friends of the Ferguson Library Mini Golf. Ferguson Library - Harry Ben-nett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. Also held, Sunday, Feb. 23, 10am-4pm. fergusonlibrary.org

7:30 p.m.
Music of Memory and Reconciliation - with Orchestra Lumos. Stamford Center for the Arts, 61 Atlantic St., Stamford. orchestralumos.org/mu-sic-of-memory-and-reconciliation

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

1 p.m.
Celebration of International Moth-er Language Day. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonli-brary.org

MONDAY, FEB. 24

5:30 p.m.
Meet Local CT General Assembly Members. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. ferguson-library.org

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

4 p.m.
Teens Cook with Chef Ivan. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergu-sonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.
Meet Bethonie Butler, Author of Black TV: Five Decades of Ground-breaking Television from Soul Train to Black-ish and Beyond, a Black History Month Program. Via Zoom. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo: Frog-Watch Virtual Training. Online. Free, with suggested donation. Register. beardsleyzoo.org/frog-watch.html

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

6 p.m.
Life Skills Series: Finding Fulfilling Retirement. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Soul•Fête: A Culinary Immersion - celebrating Black American history. Carriage Barn Arts Center, 681 South Ave., New Canaan. star-ct.org/soulfete

7 p.m.
The Explorers: A New History of America in Ten Expeditions with Amanda Bellows. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

6 - 8 p.m.
Lawyers in Libraries: meet with a volunteer attorney. Ferguson Main Library, 2nd Floor Study Room 1. Book an appointment: 203-351-8221. fergusonlibrary.org

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

6 p.m.
Filmaker and producer Jake Gorst presents the remastered 1959 classic “American Look”. New Canaan Muse-um and Historical Society, 13 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan. lp.constantcon-tactpages.com/ev/reg/3fsp8hm

THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER BY A.A. MILNE

CHAPTER IX

IN WHICH Eeyore Finds the Wolery and Owl Moves Into It

Pooh had wandered into the Hundred Acre Wood, and was standing in front of what had once been Owl's House. It didn't look at all like a house now; it looked like a tree which had been blown down; and as soon as a house looks like that, it is time you tried to find another one. Pooh had had a Mysterious Missage underneath his front door that morning, saying, "I AM SCERCHING FOR A NEW HOUSE FOR OWL SO HAD YOU RABBIT," and while he was wondering what it meant, Rabbit had come in and read it for him.

"I'm leaving one for all the others," said Rabbit, "and telling them what it means, and they'll all search too. I'm in a hurry, good-bye." And he had run off.

Pooh followed slowly. He had something better to do than to find a new house for Owl; he had to make up a Pooh song about the old one. Because he had promised Piglet days and days ago that he would, and whenever he and Piglet had met since, Piglet didn't actually say anything, but you knew at once why he didn't; and if anybody mentioned Hums or Trees or String or Storms-in-the-Night, Piglet's nose went all pink at the tip and he talked about something quite different in a hurried sort of way.



"But it isn't Easy," said Pooh to himself, as he looked at what had once been Owl's House. "Because Poetry and Hums aren't things which you get, they're things which get you. And all you can do is to go where they can find you."

He waited hopefully....

"Well," said Pooh after a long wait, "I shall begin 'Here lies a tree' because it does, and then I'll see what happens."

This is what happened.

*Here lies a tree which Owl (a bird)
Was fond of when it stood on end,
And Owl was talking to a friend
Called Me (in case you hadn't heard)
When something Oo occurred.
For lo! the wind was blusterous
And flattened out his favourite tree;
And things looked bad for him and we—
Looked bad, I mean, for he and us—
I've never known them wuss.
Then Piglet (PIGLET) thought a thing:
"Courage!" he said. "There's always hope.
I want a thinnish piece of rope.
Or, if there isn't any bring
A thickish piece of string."*

*So to the letter-box he rose,
While Pooh and Owl said "Oh!" and
"Hum!"
And where the letters always come
(Called "LETTERS ONLY") Piglet sqoze
His head and then his toes.
O gallant Piglet (PIGLET)! Ho!
Did Piglet tremble? Did he blinch?
No, No, he struggled inch by inch
Through LETTERS ONLY, as I know
Because I saw him go.
He ran and ran, and then he stood
And shouted, "Help for Owl, a bird
And Pooh, a bear!" until he heard
The others coming through the wood
As quickly as they could.
"Help-help and Rescue!" Piglet cried
And showed the others where to go.
Sing ho! for Piglet (PIGLET) ho
And soon the door was opened wide
And we were both outside!
Sing ho! for Piglet, ho!
Ho!*

"So there it is," said Pooh, when he had sung this to himself three times. "It's come different from what I thought it would, but it's come. Now I must go and sing it to Piglet."

I AM SCERCHING FOR A NEW HOUSE FOR OWL SO HAD YOU RABBIT.

the other person's tail is only just in sight for the second half of the conversation."

"It's your fault, Eeyore. You've never been to see any of us. You just stay here in this one corner of the Forest waiting for the others to come to you. Why don't you go to them sometimes?"

Eeyore was silent for a little while, thinking.

"There may be something in what you say, Rabbit," he said at last. "I must move about more. I must come and go."

"That's right, Eeyore. Drop in on any of us at any time, when you feel like it."

"Thank-you, Rabbit. And if anybody says in a Loud Voice 'Bother, it's Eeyore,' I can drop out again."

Rabbit stood on one leg for a moment.

"Well," he said, "I must be going."

"Good-bye," said Eeyore.

"What? Oh, good-bye. And if you do come across a house for Owl, you must let us know."

"I will give my mind to it," said Eeyore.

Rabbit went.

Pooh had found Piglet, and they were walking back to the Hundred Acre Wood together.

"Piglet," said Pooh a little shyly, after they had walked for some time without saying anything.

"Yes, Pooh?"

"Do you remember when I said that a Respectful Pooh Song might be written about You Know What?"

"Did you, Pooh?" said Piglet, getting a little pink round the nose. "Oh, yes, I believe you did."

"It's been written, Piglet."

The pink went slowly up Piglet's nose to his ears, and settled there.

"Has it, Pooh?" he asked huskily. "About—about——That Time When?——Do you mean really written?"

"Yes, Piglet."

The tips of Piglet's ears glowed suddenly, and he tried to say something; but even after he had husked once or twice, nothing came out. So Pooh went on.

"There are seven verses in it."

"Seven?" said Piglet as carelessly as he could. "You don't often get seven verses in a Hum, do you, Pooh?"

"Never," said Pooh, "I don't suppose it's ever been heard of before."

"Do the Others know yet?" asked Piglet, stopping for a moment to pick up a stick and throw it away.

"No," said Pooh. "And I wondered which you would like best. For me to hum it now, or to wait till we find the others, and then hum it to all of you."

Piglet thought for a little.

"I think what I'd like best, Pooh, is I'd like you to hum it to me now—and—and then to hum it to all of us. Because then



Everybody would hear it, but I could say 'Oh, yes, Pooh's told me,' and pretend not to be listening."

So Pooh hummed it to him, all the seven verses and Piglet said nothing, but just stood and glowed. Never before had anyone sung ho for Piglet (PIGLET) ho all by himself. When it was over, he wanted to ask for one of the verses over again, but didn't quite like to. It was the verse beginning "O gallant Piglet," and it seemed to him a very thoughtful way of beginning a piece of poetry.

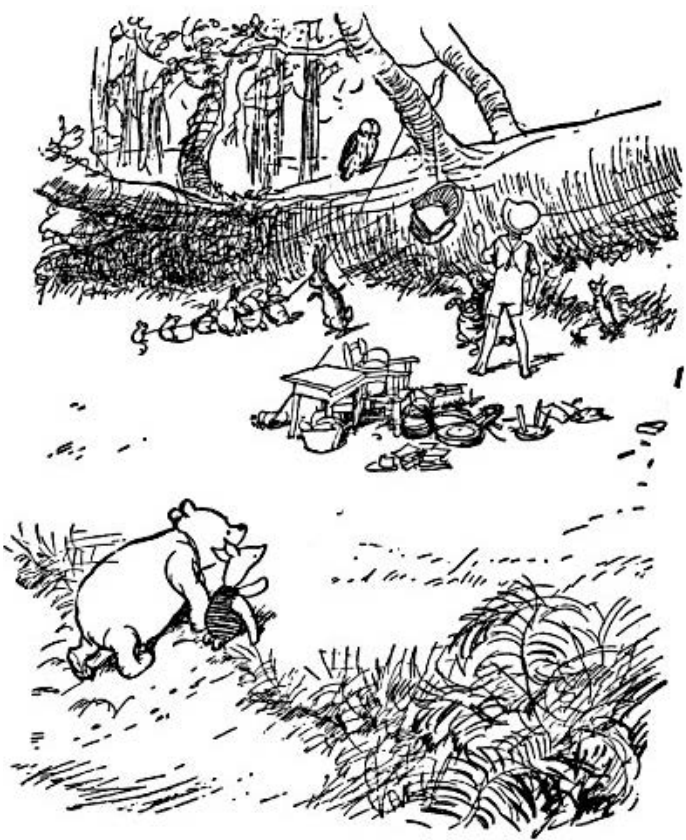
"Did I really do all that?" he said at last.

"Well," said Pooh, "in poetry—in a piece of poetry—well, you did it, Piglet, because the poetry says you did. And that's how people know."

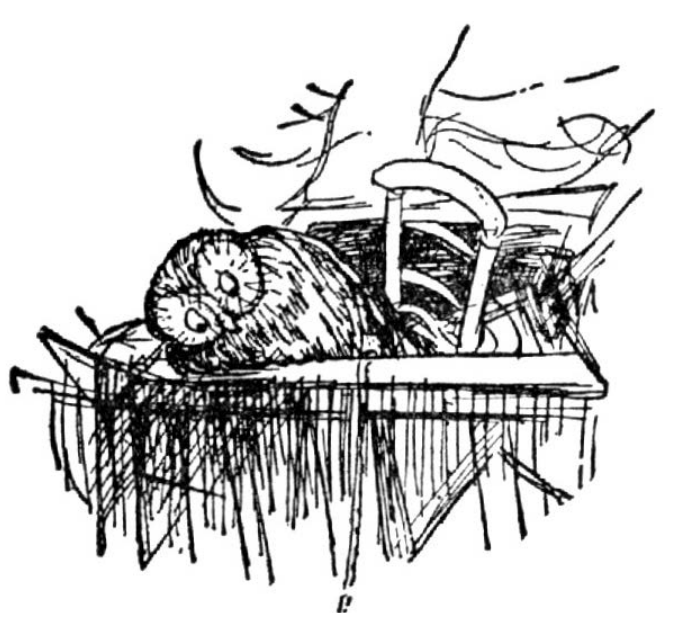
"Oh!" said Piglet. "Because I—I thought I did blinch a little. Just at first. And it says, 'Did he blinch no no.' That's why."

"You only blinched inside," said Pooh, "and that's the bravest way for a Very Small Animal not to blinch that there is."

Piglet sighed with happiness, and began to think about himself. He was BRAVE....



When they got to Owl's old house, they found everybody else there except Eeyore. Christopher Robin was telling them what to do, and Rabbit was telling them again directly afterwards, in case they hadn't heard, and then they were all doing it. They had got a rope and were pulling Owl's chairs and pictures and things out of his old house so as to be ready to put them into his new one. Kanga was down below tying the things on, and calling out to Owl, "You won't want this dirty old dish-cloth any more, will you, and what about this carpet, it's all in holes," and Owl was calling back indignantly, "Of course I do! It's just a question of arranging the furniture properly, and it isn't a dish-cloth, it's my shawl." Every now and then Roo fell in and came back on the rope with the next article, which flustered Kanga a little because she never knew where to look for him. So she got cross with Owl and said that his house was a Disgrace, all damp and dirty, and it was quite time it did tumble down. Look at that horrid bunch of toadstools growing out of the floor there! So Owl looked down, a little surprised because he didn't know about this, and then gave a short sarcastic laugh, and explained that that was his sponge, and that if people didn't know a perfectly ordinary bath-sponge when they saw it, things were coming to a pretty pass. "Well!" said Kanga, and Roo fell in quickly, crying, "I must see Owl's sponge! Oh, there it is! Oh, Owl! Owl, it isn't a sponge, it's a spudge! Do you know what a spudge is, Owl? It's when your sponge gets all——" and Kanga said, "Roo, dear!" very quickly, because that's not the way to talk to anybody who can spell TUESDAY.



But they were all quite happy when Pooh and Piglet came along, and they stopped working in order to have a little rest and listen to Pooh's new song. So then they all told Pooh how good it was, and Piglet said carelessly, "It *is* good, isn't it? I mean as a song."

"And what about the new house?" asked Pooh. "Have you found it, Owl?"

"He's found a name for it," said Christopher Robin, lazily nibbling at a piece of grass, "so now all he wants is the house."



"I am calling it this," said Owl importantly, and he showed them what he had been making. It was a square piece of board with the name of the house painted on it.

THE WOLERY

It was at this exciting moment that something came through the trees, and bumped into Owl. The board fell to the ground, and Piglet and Roo bent over it eagerly.

"Oh, it's you," said Owl crossly.

"Hallo, Eeyore!" said Rabbit. "There you are! Where have you been?" Eeyore took no notice of them.

"Good morning, Christopher Robin," he said, brushing away Roo and Piglet, and sitting down on THE WOLERY. "Are we alone?"



"Yes," said Christopher Robin, smiling to himself.

"I have been told—the news has worked through to my corner of the Forest—the damp bit down on the right which nobody wants—that a certain Person is looking for a house. I have found one for him."

"Ah, well done," said Rabbit kindly.

Eeyore looked round slowly at him, and then turned back to Christopher Robin.

"We have been joined by something," he said in a loud whisper. "But no matter. We can leave it behind. If you will come with me, Christopher Robin, I will show you the house."

Christopher Robin jumped up.

"Come on, Pooh," he said.

"Come on, Tigger!" cried Roo.

"Shall we go, Owl?" said Rabbit.

"Wait a moment," said Owl, picking up his notice-board, which had just come into sight again.

Eeyore waved them back.

"Christopher Robin and I are going for a Short Walk," he said, "not a Jostle. If he likes to bring Pooh and Piglet with him, I shall be glad of their company, but one must be able to Breathe."

"That's all right," said Rabbit, rather glad to be left in charge of something. "We'll go on getting the things out. Now then, Tigger, where's that rope? What's the matter, Owl?"

Owl, who had just discovered that his new address was THE SMUDGE, coughed at Eeyore sternly, but said nothing, and Eeyore, with most of THE WOLERY behind him, marched off with his friends.

So, in a little while, they came to the house which Eeyore had found, and for some minutes before they came to it, Piglet was nudging Pooh, and Pooh was nudging Piglet, and they were saying, "It is!" and "It can't be!" and "It is, really!" to each other.

And when they got there, it really was.

"There!" said Eeyore proudly, stopping them outside Piglet's house. "And the name on it, and everything!"

"Oh!" cried Christopher Robin, wondering whether to laugh or what.

"Just the house for Owl. Don't you think so, little Piglet?"



And then Piglet did a Noble Thing, and he did it in a sort of dream, while he was thinking of all the wonderful words Pooh had hummed about him.

"Yes, it's just the house for Owl," he said grandly. "And I hope he'll be very happy in it." And then he gulped twice, because he had been very happy in it himself.

"What do you think, Christopher Robin?" asked Eeyore a little anxiously, feeling that something wasn't quite right.

Christopher Robin had a question to ask first, and he was wondering how to ask it.

"Well," he said at last, "it's a very nice house, and if your own house is blown down, you must go somewhere else, mustn't you, Piglet? What would you do, if your house was blown down?"

Before Piglet could think, Pooh answered for him.

"He'd come and live with me," said Pooh, "wouldn't you, Piglet?"











Piglet squeezed his paw.

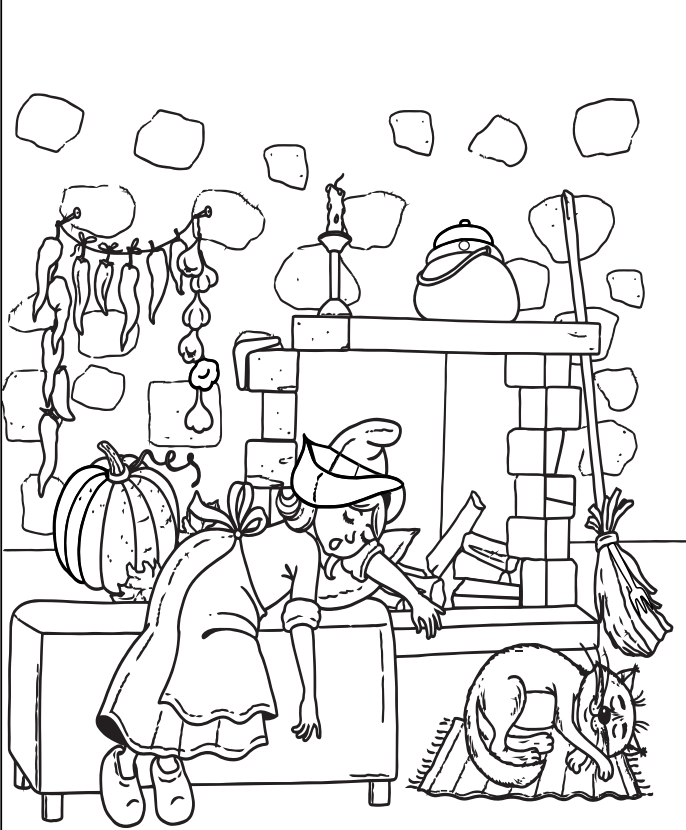
"Thank you, Pooh," he said, "I should love to."

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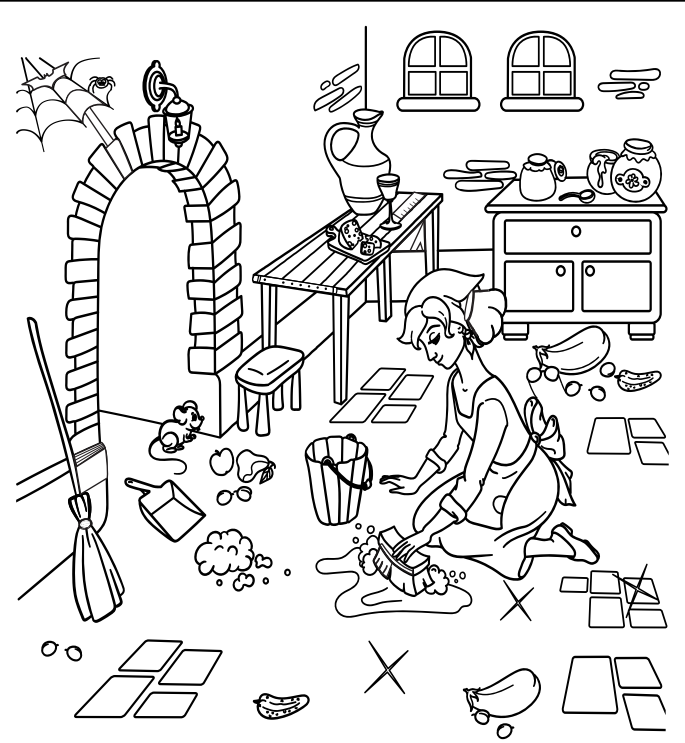
FIND ALL HIDDEN

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- lollipop
- ice cream
- groin
- bow tie
- croissant
- bone
- pepper
- palette
- book



FIND ALL HIDDEN

- pie
- boomerang
- fork
- banana
- bell
- drop
- ax
- canoe
- moon
- Popcorn



FIND ALL HIDDEN

- flute
- glasses
- shovel
- toothbrush
- ruler
- cook hat
- bat
- tent
- book
- badminton

Sudoku for Kids

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SUDOKU

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Sudoku answers

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Bottom row – Very Hard

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Bottom row – Hard

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Bottom row – Easy

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Universal Crossword

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- ACROSS**
1 Off drugs
6 Old movie channel
9 Popular tablet
13 Fibber McGee's broadcast medium, once
14 Warsaw native
15 Equine
23-Across
16 Etching agents
17 Truckloads
18 "No contest" or "not guilty"
19 Derby transaction
20 Hang on to first place
23 One has a day in May
24 "___ thy father ..."
25 Employer's posting
30 Where Arches National Park is
31 ___-to book
32 Homophone for "sense"
36 Dallas NBA player, briefly
37 Most cautious
40 Lubricating medium
41 Reduce drastically
43 Bit of cote chatter
44 Where a pig might be found?
45 "Don't let it happen!"
- 49 Take care of, as duties
50 Common words of commitment
51 Big ego, or what en-compasses
20-, 25- and 45-Across?
55 Serve that gets you a quick point
58 Like a certain tale or order
59 Similar
60 Full of holi-day spirit
62 Tiptop
63 What gets into a beach-goer's shoes
64 Noticeable navel
65 Where a fork might be encountered
66 Guess: Abbr.
67 Bunch of baby birds
DOWN
1 Grouch
2 Queen Anne's ___ (white plant)
3 Tweak the wording of
4 Subsidies and such
5 Person who never arrives
6 Informed
7 Get into gear?
8 Netflix's "The Kominsky"
9 Burst inward
10 Not as ruddy
11 Surface calculation
12 In need of a recharge
- 14 Friend
21 Steak city of Nebraska
22 Pass, as a bill
23 Abbr. on a citation, perhaps
25 Sounds of well-tuned engines
26 Abbr. in a citation
27 What flows from Mount Etna
28 Neither this ___ that
29 Once again?
33 Neophyte gamer
34 Polynesian image
35 Toy such as Rosebud
37 Roulette necessity
38 Geological span
39 Bulgaria's most popu-lous city
- 42 Freed, like peas
44 Debate position
46 Feeling relaxed
47 Grey Goose liquors
48 Occasional bit of work
49 Alabama city in civil rights history
51 Red carpet figure
52 Dr Pepper Museum's Texas home
53 Clue
54 Word after "deep" or "defensive"
55 Voice above tenor
56 Award talked about on "Mad Men"
57 Gave the once-over
61 Heming-way's "In ___ Time"

DUE TO A TIMING ERROR, LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS WERE NOT PUBLISHED. THE ISSUE HAS BEEN CORRECTED, AND THIS WEEK'S ANSWERS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE OVERSIGHT.

Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker July 12, 2021

- ACROSS**
1. Old-style "Awww, why did this happen to me?"
5. Fuel-efficiency stat
8. Fancy "See you later!"
12. Extremely deep sleep
13. (K) Not just my
14. (K) Sandwich type with no bread
15. (K) "This is the best day ___!"
16. Genetic letters
17. (K) Land unit
18. Congress part
20. Sunday services, for some
22. (K) Common deli meat
24. (K) Boarded (2 words)
27. Ninja, for one
32. (K) "I'm working ___!" (2 words)
33. (K) Mustang, for example
34. (K) Where Marco Polo traveled
35. City in Illinois
37. How romantic dinners are lit
38. Admit to the clergy
40. Type of oil
44. Everyday card charges
48. (K) Cleveland's state
49. (K) Palindromic body part
51. (K) Spoken out loud
52. (K) Be in charge
53. (K) Tiny puppy bite
54. (K) Was successfully fitted for
55. Arrows and BBs
56. (K) Explosive letters
57. (K) You can't ski without it
DOWN
1. (K) Powerful cards
2. The Beatles claimed it's all you need
3. (K) Prayer end
4. (K) City in Florida
5. Person who struts and sashays
6. (K) "Mallards like duckumen-taries" is one
7. (K) It's taught in English class
8. (K) First word of a famous Christmas poem
9. (K) Circle bits
10. Shipping container weight
11. (K) Zoo creatures
19. (K) Light brown color
21. (K) Basketball's need
23. (K) Plaque, ribbon or trophy
24. (K) Deity
25. (K) Binary code number
26. Facial twitch
28. Super-colorful 9-Down
29. (K) Suffix with "manner"
30. (K) Engine's necessity
31. (K) Unit of sunlight
33. Like any news happening now
36. (K) Word before "little" or "late"
37. (K) Cube you roll
39. Highly capable
40. (K) Coke, for one
41. "Pardon me ..."
42. "Anna and the King of ___"
43. Heading at the top of a list
45. (K) Make clothes crisp
46. Hawaiian tuber
47. A whole bunch
50. Yang's companion

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Noodle Around by Bruce Venzke

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Horoscopes

Weekly Horoscope: February 23-28, 2025 with purpose rather than urgency—true progress comes from deliberate choices.

Aquarius: Uncertainty may cloud your thoughts, making it difficult to find clarity. Allow time for answers to reveal themselves rather than forcing resolution. Creativity provides a necessary outlet, but be mindful of unrealistic expectations that could lead to disappointment. Patience and an open mind will bring the clarity you seek.

Pisces: Self-acceptance is key—embracing both strengths and vulnerabilities will influence how others treat you. Watch for imbalances in relationships and financial matters. Avoid overextending yourself or seeking validation at the expense of integrity. Protect your energy and trust your instincts when navigating complex situations.

Aries: Your intuition is sharp—listen to it. Emotions within relationships may reveal more than words. Express gratitude to those who support you, but keep financial and professional plans private until the timing is right. A magnetic presence draws others to you, but patience will determine whether these connections are lasting.

Taurus: Practicality will serve you well this week. Trust reason over impulse when making decisions in love, career, and finances. A mentor or authority figure may challenge your perspective—respond with integrity to earn respect. Redirect frustration into productive action, and allow patience to guide you forward.

Gemini: Balance structure with spontaneity. If restrictions feel oppressive, find ways to navigate them without reckless defiance. Past wounds may influence relationships, but awareness allows for healing. Financial and professional stability require discipline—consider whether current limitations are opportunities for growth or signals to forge a new path.

Cancer: Distinguish between obligations that require action and those that can wait. Stability comes from following proven paths rather than reacting to chaos. If stress builds, let go of unnecessary burdens before they overwhelm you. Move forward

Leo: Unresolved matters may resurface, demanding your attention. The balance between solitude and connection is delicate—seek relationships based on mutual trust and respect. A deep bond may emerge or rekindle, offering new opportunities in love or work. Align with those who support you to create lasting success.

Virgo: A distraction may tempt you away from responsibility, but avoidance will only create setbacks. Whether in career, finances, or relationships, face challenges directly. If progress feels slow, trust that steady effort leads to long-term stability. Collaboration will be key—seek out those who can help you stay on course.

Libra: Your ability to shape your reality is heightened. Be decisive in work and relationships, and trust your instincts to navigate tension. New opportunities are emerging, but discretion is necessary—keep your plans private until they are fully formed. Confidence and focus will lead you to success.

Scorpio: Release what no longer serves you before it weighs you down. Whether financial or emotional, burdens will feel heavier if left unchecked. Home and solitude offer refuge—lean on trusted support systems when needed. Resources should be protected rather than depleted; stability will come with patience.

Sagittarius: Reflection will reveal what is worth holding onto and what must be left behind. If a relationship or career path feels stagnant, clarity will come when you step back. Nostalgia should not cloud reality. This is a time for independence, creative exploration, and moving toward a future that aligns with your truth.

Capricorn: Take a step back and evaluate where your time and energy are being spent. If career progress feels blocked or relationships strained, reassess your priorities. Slow down and create space for balance—both in personal and professional pursuits. The right opportunities will come when you realign with what truly matters.

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

SOLUTIONS

- 1 accordion music (5)
2 pot of hot cheese (6)
3 dental cleaner (9)
4 Polk and Taft (10)
5 put out feelers (7)
6 pull back (9)
7 official launch (7)
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WEEK FIVE MONDAY

Saint Matthew was one of the twelve Apostles. He wrote about six years after the Lord's Ascension.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 25

The parable of the ten virgins and of the talents. The description of the last judgment.

25:1. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be like to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went out to meet the bridegroom and the bride.

25:2. And five of them were foolish and five wise.

25:3. But the five foolish, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them.

25:4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with the lamps.

25:5. And the bridegroom tarrying, they all slumbered and slept.

25:6. And at midnight there was a cry made: Behold the bridegroom cometh. Go ye forth to meet him.

25:7. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

25:8. And the foolish said to the wise: Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out.

25:9. The wise answered, saying: Lest perhaps there be not enough for us and for you, go ye rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves.

25:10. Now whilst they went to buy the bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage. And the door was shut.

25:11. But at last came also the other virgins, saying: Lord, Lord, open to us.

25:12. But he answering said: Amen I say to you, I know you not.

25:13. Watch ye therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour.

25:14. For even as a man going into a far country called his servants and delivered to them his goods;

25:15. And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to every one according to his proper ability: and immediately he took his journey.

25:16. And he that had received the five talents went his way and traded with the same and gained other five.

25:17. And in like manner he that had received the two gained other two.

25:18. But he that had received the one, going his way, digged into the earth and hid his lord's money.

25:19. But after a long time the lord of those servants came and reckoned with them.

25:20. And he that had received the five talents coming, brought other five talents, saying: Lord, thou didst deliver to me five talents. Behold I have gained other five over and above.

25:21. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

25:22. And he also that had received the two talents

came and said: Lord, thou deliverdst two talents to me. Behold I have gained other two.

25:23. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant: because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

25:24. But he that had received the one talent, came and said: Lord, I know that thou art a hard man; thou reapest where thou hast not sown and gatherest where thou hast not strewed.

25:25. And being afraid, I went and hid thy talent in the earth. Behold here thou hast that which is thine.

25:26. And his lord answering, said to him: Wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sow not and gather where I have not strewed.

25:27. Thou oughtest therefore to have committed my money to the bankers: and at my coming I should have received my own with usury.

25:28. Take ye away therefore the talent from him and give it him that hath ten talents.

25:29. For to every one that hath shall be given, and he shall abound: but from him that hath not, that also which he seemeth to have shall be taken away.

25:30. And the unprofitable servant, cast ye out into the exterior darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

25:31. And when the Son of man shall come in his majesty, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit upon the seat of his majesty.

25:32. And all nations shall be gathered together before him: and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats:

25:33. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left.

25:34. Then shall the king say to them that shall be on his right hand: Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess ye the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

25:35. For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in:

25:36. Naked, and you covered me: sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came to me.

25:37. Then shall the just answer him, saying: Lord, when did we see thee hungry and fed thee: thirsty and gave thee drink?

25:38. Or when did we see thee a stranger and took thee in? Or naked and covered thee?

25:39. Or when did we see thee sick or in prison and came to thee?

25:40. And the king answering shall say to them: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me.

25:41. Then he shall say to them also that shall be on his left hand: Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, which was prepared for the devil and his angels.

25:42. For I was hungry and you gave me not to eat: I was thirsty and you gave me not to drink.

25:43. I was a stranger and you took me not in: naked and you covered me not: sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

25:44. Then they also shall answer him, saying: Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to thee?

25:45. Then he shall answer them, saying: Amen: I say to you, as long as you did it not to one of these least, neither did you do it to me.

25:46. And these shall go

into everlasting punishment: but the just, into life everlasting.

PSALMS

Exaudiat te Dominus. A prayer for the king.

19:1. Unto the end. A psalm for David.

19:2. May the Lord hear thee in the day of tribulation: may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

19:3. May he send thee help from the sanctuary: and defend thee out of Sion.

19:4. May he be mindful of all thy sacrifices: and may thy whole burntoffering be made fat.

19:5. May he give thee according to thy own heart; and confirm all thy counsels.

19:6. We will rejoice in thy salvation; and in the name of our God we shall be exalted.

19:7. The Lord fulfil all thy petitions: now have I known that the Lord hath saved his anointed. He will hear him from his holy heaven: the salvation of his right hand is in powers.

19:8. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will call upon the name of the Lord, our God.

19:9. They are bound, and have fallen: but we are risen, and are set upright. O Lord, save the king: and hear us in the day that we shall call upon thee.

TUESDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 26

The Jews conspire against Christ. He is anointed by Mary. The treason of Judas. The last supper. The prayer in the garden. The apprehension of our Lord. His treatment in the house of Caiphaz.

26:1. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended all these words, he said to his disciples:

26:2. You know that after two days shall be the pasch: and the Son of man shall be delivered up to be crucified.

26:3. Then were gathered together the chief priests and ancients of the people, into the court of the high priest, who was called Caiphaz:

26:4. And they consulted together that by subtilty they might apprehend Jesus and put him to death.

26:5. But they said: Not on the festival day, lest perhaps there should be a tumult among the people.

26:6. And when Jesus was in Bethania, in the house of Simon the leper,

26:7. There came to him a woman having an alabaster box of precious ointment and poured it on his head as he was at table.

26:8. And the disciples seeing it had indignation, saying: To what purpose is this waste?

26:9. For this might have been sold for much and given to the poor.

26:10. And Jesus knowing it, said to them: Why do you trouble this woman? For she hath wrought a good work upon me.

26:11. For the poor you have always with you: but me you have not always.

26:12. For she in pouring this ointment on my body hath done it for my burial.

26:13. Amen I say to you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that also which she hath done shall be told for a memory of her.

26:14. Then went one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, to the chief priests.

26:15. And said to them: What will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? But they appointed him thirty pieces of silver.

26:16. And from thenceforth he sought opportunity to betray him.

26:17. And on the first day of the Azymes, the disciples came to Jesus, saying: Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the pasch?

26:18. But Jesus said: Go ye into the city to a certain man and say to him: The master saith, My time is near at hand. With thee I make the pasch with my disciples.

26:19. And the disciples did as Jesus appointed to them: and they prepared the pasch.

26:20. But when it was evening, he sat down with his twelve disciples.

26:21. And whilst they were eating, he said: Amen I say to you that one of you is about to betray me.

26:22. And they being very much troubled began every one to say: Is it I, Lord?

26:23. But he answering said: He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, he shall betray me.

26:24. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him. But woe to that man by whom the Son of man shall be betrayed. It were better for him, if that man had not been born.

26:25. And Judas that betrayed him answering, said:

Is it I, Rabbi? He saith to him: Thou hast said it.

26:26. And whilst they were at supper, Jesus took bread and blessed and broke and gave to his disciples and said: Take ye and eat. This is my body.

26:27. And taking the chalice, he gave thanks and gave to them, saying: Drink ye all of this.

26:28. For this is my blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many unto remission of sins.

26:29. And I say to you, I will not drink from henceforth of this fruit of the vine until that day when I shall drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.

26:30. And a hymn being said, they went out unto mount Olivet.

26:31. Then Jesus saith to them: All you shall be scandalized in me this night. For it is written: I will strike the shepherd: and the sheep of the flock shall be dispersed.

26:32. But after I shall be risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

26:33. And Peter answering, said to him: Although all shall be scandalized in thee, I will never be scandalized.

26:34. Jesus said to him: Amen I say to thee that in this night before the cock crow, thou wilt deny me thrice.

26:35. Peter saith to him: Yea, though I should die with thee, I will not deny thee. And in like manner said all the disciples.

26:36. Then Jesus came with them into a country place which is called Gethsemani. And he said to his disciples: Sit you here, till I go yonder and pray.

26:37. And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to grow sorrowful and to be sad.

26:38. Then he saith to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death. Stay you here and watch with me.

26:39. And going a little further, he fell upon his face, praying and saying: My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will but as thou wilt.

26:40. And he cometh to his disciples and findeth them asleep. And he saith to Peter: What? Could you not watch one hour with me?

26:41. Watch ye: and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

26:42. Again the second time, he went and prayed, saying: My Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, thy will be done.

26:43. And he cometh again and findeth them sleeping: for their eyes were heavy.

26:44. And leaving them, he went again: and he prayed the third time, saying the selfsame word.

26:45. Then he cometh to his disciples and said to them: Sleep ye now and take your rest. Behold the hour is at hand: and the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners.

26:46. Rise: let us go. Behold he is at hand that will betray me.

26:47. As he yet spoke, behold Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the ancients of the people.

26:48. And he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he. Hold him fast.

26:49. And forthwith coming to Jesus, he said: Hail, Rabbi. And he kissed him.

26:50. And Jesus said to him: Friend, whereto art thou come? Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and held him.

26:51. And behold one of them that were with Jesus, stretching forth his hand, drew out his sword: and striking the servant of the high priest, cut off his ear.

26:52. Then Jesus saith to him: Put up again thy sword into its place: for all that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

26:53. Thinkest thou that I cannot ask my Father, and he will give me presently more than twelve legions of angels?

26:54. How then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that so it must be done?

26:55. In that same hour, Jesus said to the multitudes: You are come out, as it were to a robber, with swords and clubs to apprehend me. I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple: and you laid not hands on me.

26:56. Now all this was done that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then the disciples, all leaving him, fled.

26:57. But they holding

Jesus led him to Caiphaz the high priest, where the scribes and the ancients were assembled.

26:58. And Peter followed him afar off, even to the court of the high priest, And going in, he sat with the servants, that he might see the end.

26:59. And the chief priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death.

26:60. And they found not, whereas many false witnesses had come in. And last of all there came two false witnesses:

26:61. And they said: This man said, I am able to destroy the temple of God and after three days to rebuild it.

26:62. And the high priest rising up, said to him: Answerest thou nothing to the things which these witness against thee?

26:63. But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest said to him: I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us if thou be the Christ the Son of God.

26:64. Jesus saith to him: Thou hast said it. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God and coming in the clouds of heaven.

26:65. Then the high priest rent his garments, saying: He hath blasphemed: What further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy.

26:66. What think you? But they answering, said: He is guilty of death.

26:67. Then did they spit in his face and buffeted him. And others struck his face with the palms of their hands,

26:68. Saying: Prophecy unto us, O Christ. Who is he that struck thee?

26:69. But Peter sat without in the court. And there came to him a servant maid, saying: Thou also wast with Jesus the Galilean.

26:70. But he denied before them all, saying: I know not what thou sayest.

26:71. And as he went out of the gate, another maid saw him; and she saith to them that were there: This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth.

26:72. And again he denied with an oath: I know not the man.

26:73. And after a little while, they came that stood by and said to Peter: Surely thou also art one of them. For even thy speech doth discover thee.

26:74. Then he began to curse and to swear that he knew not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

26:75. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus which he had said: Before the cock crow, thou wilt deny me thrice. And going forth, he wept bitterly.

PSALMS

Praise to God for Christ's exaltation after his passion.

20:1. Unto the end. A psalm for David.

20:2. In thy strength, O Lord, the king shall joy; and in thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly.

20:3. Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips.

20:4. For thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness: thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

20:5. He asked life of thee: and thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever.

20:6. His glory is great in thy salvation: glory and great beauty shalt thou lay upon him.

20:7. For thou shalt give him to be a blessing for ever and ever: thou shalt make him joyful in gladness with thy countenance.

20:8. For the king hopeth in the Lord: andthrough the mercy of the most High he whall not be moved.

20:9. Let thy hand be found by all thy enemies: let thy right hand find out all them that hate thee.

20:10. Thou shalt make them as an oven of fire, in the time of thy anger: the Lord shall trouble them in his wrath, and fire shall devour them.

20:11. Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth: and their seed from among the children of men.

20:12. For they have intended evils against thee: they have devised counsels which they have not been able to establish.

20:13. For thou shalt make them turn their back: in thy remnants thou shalt prepare their face.

20:14. Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thy own strength: we will sing and praise thy power.

WEDNESDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27

The continuation of the history of the passion of Christ. His death and burial.

27:1. And when morning was come, all the chief priests and ancients of the people took counsel against Jesus, that they might put him to death.

27:2. And they brought him bound and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

27:3. Then Judas, who betrayed him, seeing that he was condemned, repenting himself, brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and ancients,

27:4. Saying: I have sinned in betraying innocent blood. But they said: What is that to us? Look thou to it.

27:5. And casting down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed and went and hanged himself with an halter.

27:6. But the chief priests having taken the pieces of silver, said: It is not lawful to put them into the corbona, because it is the price of blood.

27:7. And after they had consulted together, they bought with them the potter's field, to be a burying place for strangers.

27:8. For this cause that field was called Haceldama, that is, the field of blood, even to this day.

27:9. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, saying: And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was prized, whom they prized of the children of Israel.

27:10. And they gave them unto the potter's field, as the Lord appointed to me.

27:11. And Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, saying: Art thou the king of the Jews? Jesus saith to him: Thou sayest it.

27:12. And when he was accused by the chief priests and ancients, he answered nothing.

27:13. Then Pilate saith to him: Dost not thou hear how great testimonies they allege against thee?

27:14. And he answered him to never a word, so that the governor wondered exceedingly.

27:15. Now upon the solemn day the governor was accustomed to release to the people one prisoner, whom they would.

27:16. And he had then a notorious prisoner that was called Barabbas.

27:17. They therefore being gathered together, Pilate said: Whom will you that I release to You: Barabbas, or Jesus that is called Christ?

27:18. For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

27:19. And as he was sitting in the place of judgment, his wife sent to him, saying: Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

27:20. But the chief priests and ancients persuaded the people that they should ask Barabbas and make Jesus away.

27:21. And the governor answering, said to them: Whether will you of the two to be released unto you? But they said: Barabbas.

27:22. Pilate saith to them: What shall I do then with Jesus that is called Christ? They say all: Let him be crucified.

27:23. The governor said to them: Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying: Let him be crucified.

27:24. And Pilate seeing that he prevailed nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, taking water washed his hands before the people, saying: I am innocent of the blood of this just man. Look you to it.

27:25. And the whole people answering, said: His blood be upon us and upon our children.

27:26. Then he released to them Barabbas: and having scourged Jesus, delivered him unto them to be crucified.

27:27. Then the soldiers of the governor, taking Jesus into the hall, gathered together unto him the whole band.

27:28. And stripping him, they put a scarlet cloak about him.

27:29. And plating a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And bowing the knee before him, they mocked him, saying: Hail, King of the Jews.

27:30. And spitting upon him, they took the reed and struck his head.

27:31. And after they had mocked him, they took off the cloak from him and put on him his own garments and led him away to crucify him.

27:32. And going out, they found a man of Cyrene, named Simon: him they forced to take up his cross.

27:33. And they came

to the place that is called Golgotha, which is the place of Calvary.

27:34. And they gave him wine to drink mingled with gall. And when he had tasted, he would not drink.

27:35. And after they had crucified him, they divided his garments, casting lots; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: They divided my garments among them; and upon my vesture they cast lots.

27:36. And they sat and watched him.

27:37. And they put over his head his cause written: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27:38. Then were crucified with him two thieves: one on the right hand and one on the left.

27:39. And they that passed by blasphemed him, wagging their heads,

27:40. And saying: Vah, thou that destroyest the temple of God and in three days dost rebuild it: save thy own self. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

27:41. In like manner also the chief priests, with the scribes and ancients, mocking said:

27:42. He saved others: himself he cannot save. If he be the king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross: and we will believe him.

27:43. He trusted in God: let him now deliver him if he will have him. For he said: I am the Son of God.

27:44. And the selfsame thing the thieves also that were crucified with him reproached him with.

27:45. Now from the sixth hour, there was darkness over the whole earth, until the ninth hour.

27:46. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabacthani? That is, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?

27:47. And some that stood there and heard said: This man calleth Elias.

27:48. And immediately one of them running took a sponge and filled it with vinegar and put it on a reed and gave him to drink.

27:49. And the others said: Let be. Let us see whether Elias will come to deliver him.

27:50. And Jesus again crying with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

27:51. And behold the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top even to the bottom: and the earth quaked and the rocks were rent.

27:52. And the graves were opened: and many bodies of the saints that had slept arose,

27:53. And coming out of the tombs after his resurrection, came into the holy city and appeared to many.

27:54. Now the centurion and they that were with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things that were done, were sore afraid, saying: Indeed this was the Son of God.

27:55. And there were there many women afar off, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

27:56. Among whom was Mary Magdalen and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

27:57. And when it was evening, there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus.

27:58. He went to Pilate and asked the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded that the body should be delivered.

27:59. And Joseph taking the body wrapped it up in a clean linen cloth:

27:60. And laid it in his own new monument, which he had hewed out in a rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the monument and went his way.

27:61. And there was there Mary Magdalen and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

27:62. And the next day, which followed the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees came together to Pilate,

27:63. Saying: Sir, we have remembered, that that seducer said, while he was yet alive: After three days I will rise again.

27:64. Command therefore the sepulchre to be guarded until the third day: lest perhaps his disciples come and steal him away and say to the people: He is risen from the dead. And the last error shall be worse than the first.

27:65. Pilate saith to them: You have a guard. Go, guard it as you know.

27:66. And they departing, made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone and setting guards.

PSALMS
Deus Deus meus.

Christ's passion: and the conversion of the Gentiles.

21:1. Unto the end, for the morning protection, a psalm for David.

21:2. O God my God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my sins.

The words of my sins... That is, the sins of the world, which I have taken upon myself, cry out against me, and are the cause of all my sufferings.

21:3. O my God, I shall cry by day, and thou wilt not hear: and by night, and it shall not be reputed as folly in me.

21:4. But thou dwellest in the holy place, the praise of Israel.

21:5. In thee have our fathers hoped: they have hoped, and thou hast delivered them.

21:6. They cried to thee, and they were saved: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

21:7. Bukt I am a worm, and no man: the reproach of men, and the outcast of the people.

21:8. All they that saw me have laughed me to scorn: they have spoken with the lips, and wagged the head.

21:9. He hoped in the Lord, let him deliver him: let him save him, seeing he delighteth in him.

21:10. For thou art he that hast drawn me out of the womb: my hope from the breasts of my mother.

21:11. I was cast upon thee from the womb. From my mother's womb thou art my God,

21:12. Depart not from me. For tribulation is very near: for there is none to help me.

21:13. Many calves have surrounded me: fat bulls have besieged me.

21:14. They have opened their mouths against me, as a lion ravening and roaring.

21:15. I am poured out like water; and all my bones are scattered. My heart is become like wax melting in the midst of my bowels.

21:16. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue hath cleaved to my jaws: and thou hast brought me down into the dust of death.

21:17. For many dogs have encompassed me: the council of the malignant hath besieged me. They have dug my hands and feet.

21:18. They have numbered all my bones. And they have looked and stared upon me.

21:19. They lparted my garments amongst them; and upon my vesture they cast lots.

21:20. But thou, O Lord, remove not thy help to a distance from me; look towards my defence.

21:21. Deliver, O God, my soul from the sword: my only one from the hand of the dog.

21:22. Save me from the lion's mouth; and my lowliness from the horns of the unicorns.

21:23. I will declare thy name to my brethren: in the midst of the church will I praise thee.

21:24. Ye that fear the Lord, praise him: all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him.

21:25. Let all the seed of Israel fear him: because he hath not slighted nor despised the supplication of the poor man. Neither hath he turned away his face form me: and when I cried to him he heard me.

21:26. With thee is my praise in a great church: I will pay my vows in the sight of them that fear him.

21:27. The poor shall eat and shall be filled: and they shall praise the Lord that seek him: their hearts shall live for ever and ever.

21:28. All the ends of the earth shall remember, and shall be converted to the Lord: And all the kindreds of the Gentiles shall adore in his sight.

21:29. For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he shall have dominion over the nations.

21:30. All the fat ones of the earth have eaten and have adored: all they that go down to the earth shall fall before him.

21:31. And to him my soul shall live: and my seed shall serve him.

21:32. There shall be declared to the Lord a generation to come: and the heavens shall shew forth his justice to a people that shall be born, which the Lord hath made.

THURSDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 28

The resurrection of Christ. His commission to his disciples.

28:1. And in the end of the sabbath, when it began to dawn towards the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalen and the other Mary, to see the sepulchre.

28:2. And behold there was a great earthquake. For an

angel of the Lord descended from heaven and coming rolled back the stone and sat upon it.

28:3. And his countenance was as lightning and his raiment as snow.

28:4. And for fear of him, the guards were struck with terror and became as dead men.

28:5. And the angel answering, said to the women: Fear not you: for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

28:6. He is not here. For he is risen, as he said. Come, and see the place where the Lord was laid.

28:7. And going quickly, tell ye his disciples that he is risen. And behold he will go before you into Galilee. There you shall see him. Lo, I have foretold it to you.

28:8. And they went out quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy, running to tell his disciples.

28:9. And behold, Jesus met them, saying: All hail. But they came up and took hold of his feet and adored him.

28:10. Then Jesus said to them: Fear not. Go, tell my brethren that they go into Galilee. There they shall see me.

28:11. Who when they were departed, behold, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests all things that had been done.

28:12. And they being assembled together with the ancients, taking counsel, gave a great sum of money to the soldiers,

28:13. Saying: Say you, His disciples came by night and stole him away when we were asleep.

28:14. And if the governor shall hear of this, we will persuade him and secure you.

28:15. So they taking the money, did as they were taught: and this word was spread abroad among the Jews even unto this day.

28:16. And the eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

28:17. And seeing him they adored: but some doubted.

28:18. And Jesus coming, spoke to them, saying: All power is given to me in heaven and in earth.

28:19. Going therefore, teach ye all nations: baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

28:20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.

PSALMS

Dominus regit me. God's spiritual benefits to faithful souls.

22:1. A psalm for David. The Lord ruleth me: and I shall want nothing.

Ruleth me... In Hebrew, Is my shepherd, viz., to feed, guide, and govern me.

22:2. He hath set me in a place of pasture. He hath brought me up, on the water of refreshment:

22:3. He hath converted my soul. He hath led me on the paths of justice, for his own name's sake.

22:4. For though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evils, for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they have comforted me.

22:5. Thou hast prepared a table before me against them that afflict me. Thou hast anointed my head with oil; and my chalice which inebreateth me, how goodly is it!

22:6. And thy mercy will follow me all the days of my life. And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord unto length of days.

FRIDAY

MARK CHAPTER 1

St. Mark, the disciple and interpreter of St. Peter (saith St. Jerome), according to what he heard from Peter himself, wrote at Rome a brief Gospel at the request of the Brethren, about ten years after our lord's Ascension; which when Peter had heard, he approved of it and with his authority published it to the church to be read.

The preaching of John the Baptist. Christ is baptized by him. He calls his disciples and works many miracles.

1:1. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

1:2. As it is written in Isaiaes the prophet: Behold I send my angel before thy face, who shall prepare the way before thee.

1:3. A voice of one crying in the desert: Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight his paths.

1:4. John was in the desert, baptizing and preaching the baptism of penance, unto remission of sins.

1:5. And there went out to him all the country of Judea and all they of Jerusalem and

were baptized by him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

1:6. And John was clothed camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins: and he ate locusts and wild honey.

1:7. And he preached, saying: There cometh after me one mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

1:8. I have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

1:9. And it came to pass, in those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in Jordan.

1:10. And forthwith coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens open and the Spirit as a dove descending and remaining on him.

1:11. And there came a voice from heaven: Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

1:12. And immediately the Spirit drove him out into the desert.

1:13. And he was in the desert forty days and forty nights, and was tempted by Satan. And he was with beasts: and the angels ministered to him.

1:14. And after that John was delivered up, Jesus came in Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

1:15. And saying: The time is accomplished and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel:

1:16. And passing by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother, casting nets into the sea for they were fishermen.

1:17. And Jesus said to them: Come after me; and I will make you to become fishers of men.

1:18. And immediately leaving their nets, they followed him.

1:19. And going on from thence a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who also were mending their nets in the ship:

1:20. And forthwith he called them. And leaving their father Zebedee in the ship with his hired men, they followed him.

1:21. And they entered into Capharnaum: and forthwith upon the sabbath days going into the synagogue, he taught them.

1:22. And they were astonished at his doctrine. For he was teaching them as one having power, and not as the scribes.

1:23. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

1:24. Saying: What have we to do with thee, Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know who thou art, the Holy One of God.

1:25. And Jesus threatened him, saying: Speak no more, and go out of the man.

1:26. And the unclean spirit, tearing him and crying out with a loud voice, went out of him.

1:27. And they were all amazed insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying: What thing is this? What is this new doctrine? For with power he commandeth even the unclean spirits: and they obey him.

1:28. And the fame of him was spread forthwith into all the country of Galilee.

1:29. And immediately going out of the synagogue they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

1:30. And Simon's wife's mother lay in a fit of a fever: and forthwith they tell him of her.

1:31. And coming to her, he lifted her up, taking her by the hand; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

1:32. And when it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all that were ill and that were possessed with devils.

1:33. And all the city was gathered together at the door.

1:34. And he healed many that were troubled with divers diseases. And he cast out many devils: and he suffered them not to speak, because they knew him.

1:35. And rising very early, going out, he went into a desert place: and there he prayed.

1:36. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

1:37. And when they had found him, they said to him: All seek for thee.

1:38. And he saith to them: Let us go into the neighbouring towns and cities, that I may preach there also; for to this purpose am I come.

1:39. And he was preaching in their synagogues and in all Galilee and casting out devils.

1:40. And there came a leper to him, beseeching him

and kneeling down, said to him: If thou wilt thou canst make me clean.

1:41. And Jesus, having compassion on him, stretched forth his hand and touching him saith to him: I will. Be thou made clean.

1:42. And when he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him: and he was made clean.

1:43. And he strictly charged him and forthwith sent him away.

1:44. And he saith to him: See thou tell no one; but go, shew thyself to the high priest and offer for thy cleansing the things that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

1:45. But he being gone out, began to publish and to blaze abroad the word: so that he could not openly go into the city, but was without in desert places. And they flocked to him from all sides.

PSALMS

Domini est terra.

Who are they that shall ascend to heaven: Christ's triumphant ascension thither.

23:1. On the first day of the week, a psalm for David. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof: the world, and all they that dwell therein.

23:2. For he hath founded it upon the seas; and hath prepared it upon the rivers.

23:3. Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?

23:4. The innocent in hands, and clean of heart, who hath not taken his soul in vain, nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbour.

23:5. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God his Saviour.

23:6. This is the generation of them that seek him, of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.

23:7. Lift up your gates, O ye lprinces, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in.

23:8. Who is this King of Glory? the Lord who is strong and mighty: the Lord mighty in battle.

23:9. Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in.

23:10. Who is this King of Glory? the Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.

SATURDAY

MARK CHAPTER 2

Christ heals the sick of the palsy. He calls Matthew and excuses his disciples.

2:1. And again he entered into Capharnaum after some days.

2:2. And it was heard that he was in the house. And many came together, so that there was no room: no, not even at the door. And he spoke to them the word.

2:3. And they came to him, bringing one sick of the palsy, who was carried by four.

2:4. And when they could not offer him unto him for the multitude, they uncovered the roof where he was: and opening it, they let down the bed wherein the man sick of the palsy lay.

2:5. And when Jesus had seen their faith, he saith to the sick of the palsy: Son, thy sins are forgiven thee.

2:6. And there were some of the scribes sitting there and thinking in their hearts:

2:7. Why doth this man speak thus? He blasphemeth. Who can forgive sins, but God only?

2:8. Which Jesus presently knowing in his spirit that they so thought within themselves, saith to them: Why think you these things in your hearts?

2:9. Which is easier, to say to the sick of the palsy: Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say: Arise, take up thy bed and walk?

2:10. But that you may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy):

2:11. I say to thee: Arise. Take up thy bed and go into thy house.

2:12. And immediately he arose and, taking up his bed, went his way in the sight of all: so that all wondered and glorified God, saying: We never saw the like.

2:13. And he went forth again to the sea side: and all the multitude came to him. And he taught them.

2:14. And when he was passing by, he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, sitting at the receipt of custom; and he saith to him: Follow me. And rising up, he followed him.

2:15. And it came to pass as he sat at meat in his house, many Publicans and sinners sat down together with Jesus and his disciples. For they, with Jesus who also followed him. For they were many, who also followed him.

2:16. And the scribes and the Pharisees, seeing that he ate with publicans and sinners, said to his disciples: Why doth your master eat

and drink with publicans and sinners?

2:17. Jesus hearing this, saith to them: They that are well have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. For I came not to call the just, but sinners.

2:18. And the disciples of John and the Pharisees used to fast. And they come and say to him: Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast; but thy disciples do not fast?

2:19. And Jesus saith to them: Can the children of the marriage fast, as long as the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

2:20. But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them: and then they shall fast in those days.

2:21. No man seweth a piece of raw cloth to an old garment: otherwise the new piecing taketh away from the old, and there is made a greater rent.

2:22. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: otherwise the wine will burst the bottles, and both the wine will be spilled and the bottles will be lost. But new wine must be put into new bottles.

2:23. And it came to pass again, as the Lord walked through the corn fields on the sabbath, that his disciples began to go forward and to pluck the ears of corn.

2:24. And the Pharisees said to him: Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?

2:25. And he said to them: Have you never read what David did when he had need and was hungry, himself and they that were with him?

2:26. How he went into the house of God, under Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the loaves of proposition, which was not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave to them who were with him?

2:27. And he said to them: The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.

2:28. Therefore the Son of man is Lord of the sabbath also.

PSALM

Ad te, Domine, levavi. A prayer for grace, mercy, and protection against our enemies.

24:1. Unto the end, a psalm for David. To thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.

24:2. In thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed.

24:3. Neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on thee shall be confounded.

24:4. Let all them be confounded that act unjust things without cause. Shew, O Lord, thy ways to me, and teach me thy paths.

This Week in History & Fun Things to Celebrate

From February 21 to February 28, some exciting things happened in the past, and some wacky and wonderful special days are coming up!

This Week in History

February 21, 1885 – The Washington Monument Opens

A long time ago, people wanted to honor the first U.S. president, George Washington, with a giant monument. After years of planning and building, the Washington Monument finally opened in Washington, D.C. It stands 555 feet tall—that’s taller than 92 giraffes stacked on top of each other! If you visit, you can take an elevator to the top and see the whole city.

February 20, 1962 – John Glenn orbits Earth

Okay, so this technically happened one day before our week, but it’s too cool to leave out! Astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth. He flew in a tiny spaceship called Friendship 7 and zoomed around our planet three times before safely splashing down in the ocean. His bravery helped NASA learn how to send astronauts to the moon just a few years later.

February 22, 1980 – The Miracle on Ice!

This might be the most exciting hockey game ever played! The U.S. Olympic hockey team, made up of young college players, faced off against the powerful Soviet Union team, who were expected to win. But guess what? The U.S. team pulled off a huge upset and won 4-3! People still call it the "Miracle on Ice," and it’s one of the greatest sports moments in American history.

February 24, 1928 – The First Academy Awards

Every year, Hollywood throws a big party called the Oscars to celebrate the best movies. But did you know the first Academy Awards happened in 1928? It was much smaller than

today’s fancy, star-filled event. Only 270 people attended, and the whole ceremony lasted just 15 minutes! Today, it’s one of the biggest nights in entertainment.

February 28, 1955 – Elvis Signs His First Record Deal

Before Elvis Presley became the "King of Rock and Roll," he was just a young singer from Mississippi. But on this day in 1955, he signed his first major record deal. Soon, his songs like "Hound Dog" and "Jailhouse Rock" made people want to dance all over the country. He even inspired the way singers perform today!

Fun and Wacky Holidays This Week!

February 21 – National Sticky Bun Day

Who loves sweet, gooey cinnamon rolls? This day is all about celebrating sticky buns, which are covered in caramel, cinnamon, and nuts. Maybe you can bake some with your family!

February 22 – National Cat Day (in the U.S.)

Even though International Cat Day is in August, Americans have their own Cat Day on February 22. It’s the perfect time to cuddle your cat, watch funny cat videos, or even visit a cat café if there’s one near you!

February 24 – National Tortilla Chip Day

Tortilla chips were invented by accident when a worker at a tortilla factory cut up some scraps, fried them, and sold them. Now, they’re a snack-time favorite! Celebrate by dipping some in salsa, guacamole, or cheese!

February 25 – Mardi Gras!

Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" in French, and it’s a day of parades, beads, and delicious food, especially in New Orleans! People wear colorful masks and costumes, throw big parties, and

eat yummy treats like King Cake. It’s the last big feast before Lent, a season of reflection for many people.

February 27 – International Polar Bear Day

Polar bears are the biggest bears in the world, and they need lots of sea ice to hunt and live. This day reminds us to take care of our planet so polar bears can thrive. You can celebrate by learning more about these amazing animals or making a polar bear craft!

February 28 – National Chocolate Soufflé Day

A soufflé is a fancy, fluffy dessert that’s super delicious. It puffs up like a balloon when baked and has a soft, melty center. If you love chocolate, today is a great day to try making one (or just eat some chocolate)!

Other Fun and Wacky Celebrations Coming This Week

February 22 – National Supermarket Employee Day

A day to appreciate the hardworking employees who keep our grocery stores running smoothly.

February 22 – National Cook a Sweet Potato Day

Encourages people to cook and enjoy nutritious and tasty sweet potatoes.

February 23 – National Dog Biscuit Day

A special day to treat your furry friend with a crunchy biscuit.

February 23 – National Banana Bread Day

A day to bake and enjoy warm, delicious banana bread.

February 25 – National Clam Chowder Day

Recognizes the comforting and hearty seafood soup, popular in New England.

February 25 – National Chocolate Covered Nut Day

A day to enjoy the sweet and crunchy combination of chocolate and nuts.

February 26 – National Letter to an Elder Day

Encourages writing a kind letter to an elder to brighten their day.

February 26 – National Set a Good Example Day

A day to promote kindness and positive actions that inspire others.

February 26 – National Tell a Fairy Tale Day

Celebrates the magic of storytelling and classic fairy tales.

February 26 – National Pistachio Day

A day to enjoy the tasty and nutritious green nut.

February 27 – National Retro Day

Encourages people to embrace nostalgia and celebrate past decades.

February 27 – National Toast Day (Last Thursday in February)

A day to appreciate the simple yet delicious food—toast!

February 27 – National Chili Day (Fourth Thursday in February)

Celebrates the spicy, savory dish loved across the country.

February 28 – National Tooth Fairy Day

Celebrates the mythical figure who collects lost teeth and leaves surprises for kids.

February 28 – National Floral Design Day

A day to appreciate the art of flower arranging and floral design.

February 28 – Rare Disease Day (Last Day in February)

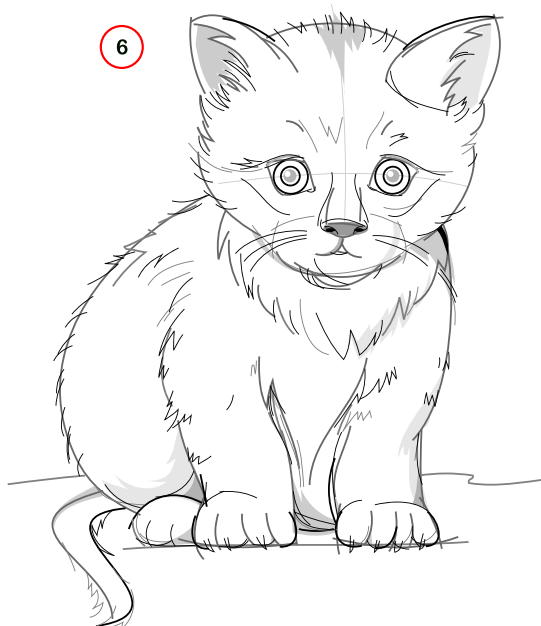
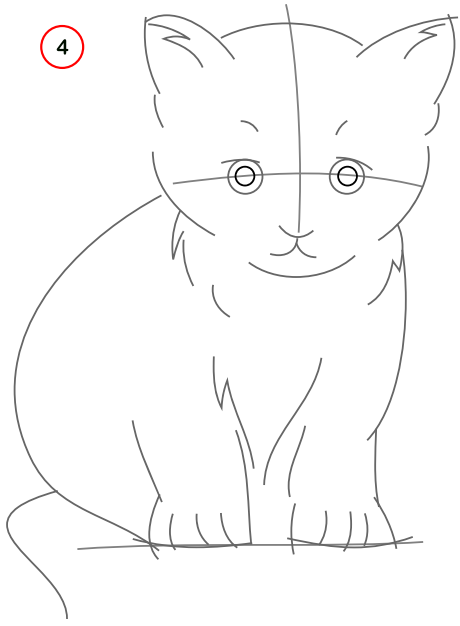
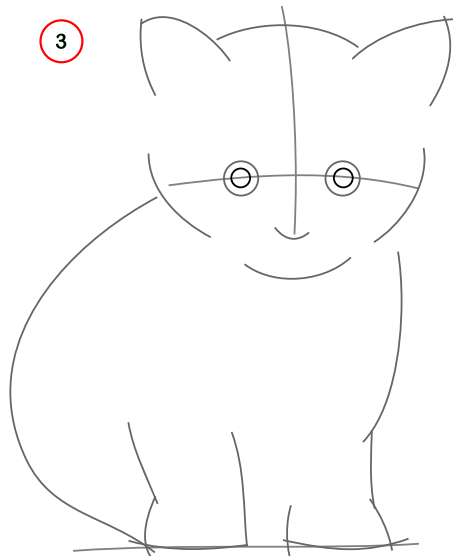
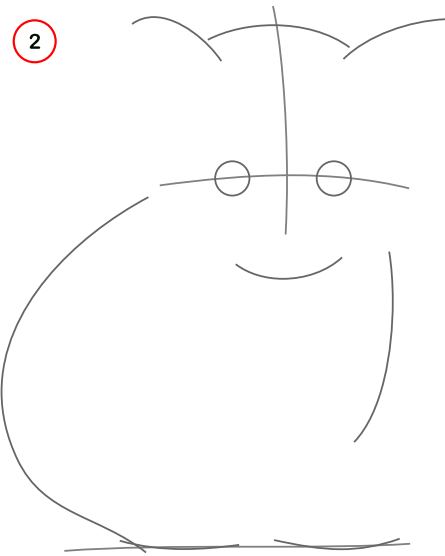
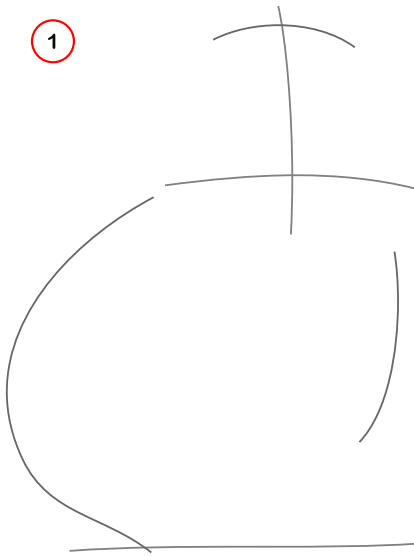
Raises awareness for rare diseases and the people affected by them.

February 28 – National Skip the Straw Day (Fourth Friday in February)

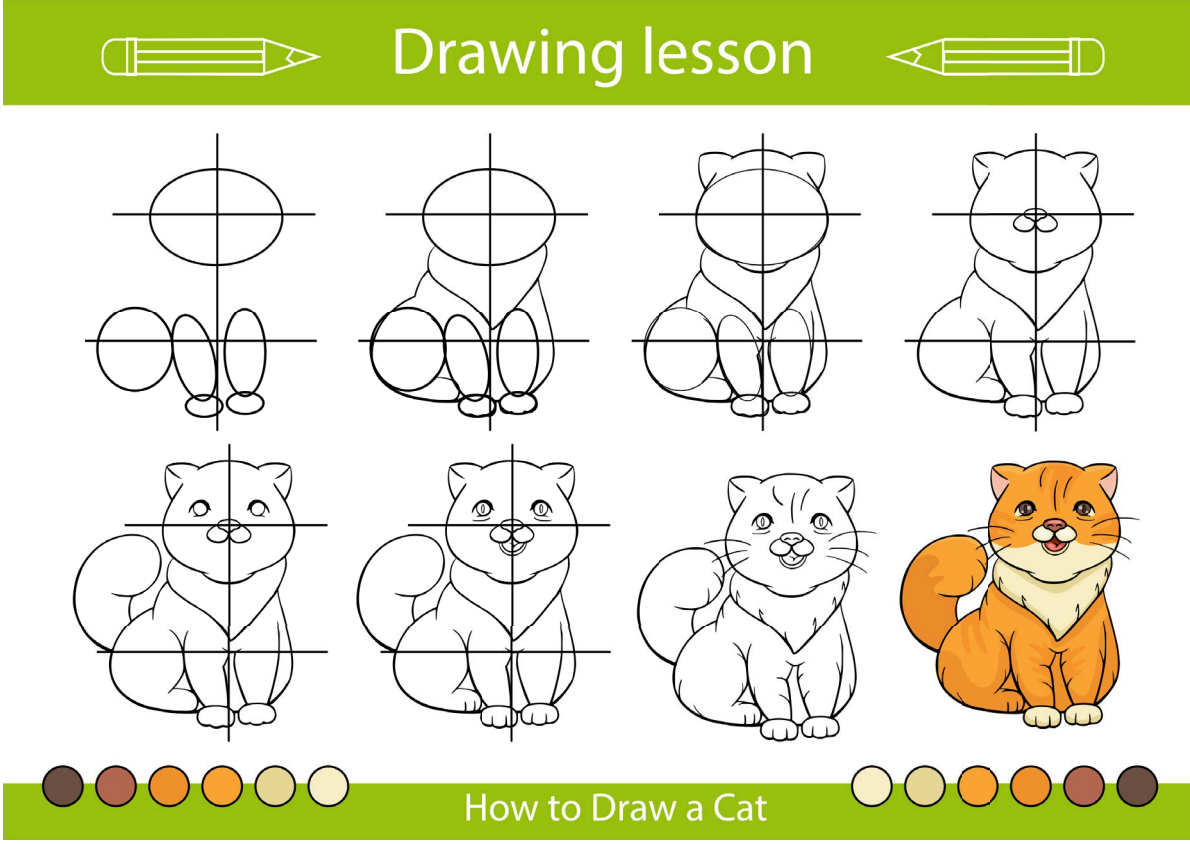
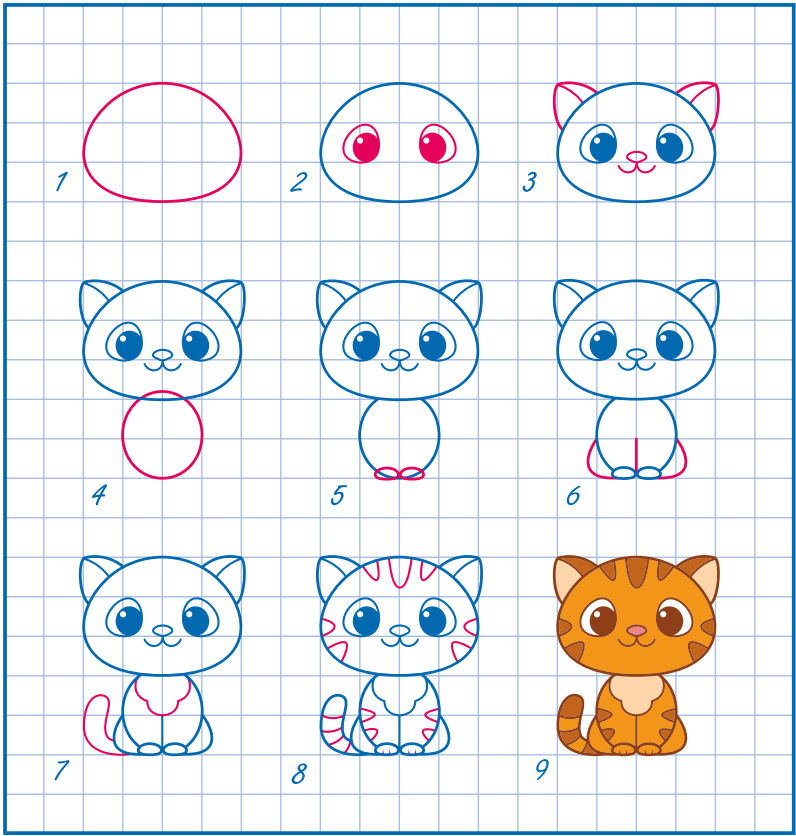
Encourages skipping plastic straws to help protect the environment.

How Will You Celebrate?

With so many cool things that happened this week in history and so many fun holidays to enjoy, there’s something for everyone! Whether you’re making tortilla chips, watching an old Oscar-winning movie, or cheering for polar bears, have fun and enjoy this exciting week!



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Find 12 differences



Color this stylized bobcat: Coloring engages both hemispheres of the brain, combining creativity with logic to enhance focus and reduce stress. The repetitive motion promotes mindfulness, helping to lower cortisol levels and improve mood. Studies show that coloring intricate patterns, such as mandalas or detailed images like a bobcat, can activate the brain's reward system, releasing dopamine and fostering relaxation. This activity strengthens fine motor skills, improves hand-eye coordination, and encourages problem-solving by selecting colors and patterns. For all ages, coloring provides a simple yet effective way to boost mental clarity, enhance cognitive function, and promote a sense of calm.

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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE BOBCAT

Hiding in Plain Sight: The Best of Both Worlds

By Jim Knox

I'll always remember the first night my parents gave me the car keys. I had received my license and I was finally permitted to drive my family and friends. To celebrate, we went out to Friendly's for some ice cream. Yet, one thing made that night especially memorable. On the way home, a tawny creature streaked across my high beams with blurring speed. The animal covered Whippoorwill Road in just two bounds. If it weren't for the fact it paused at the hedgerow on the shoulder, or that my brother and our friend screamed out with excitement, I might have doubted my eyes. There, paused for a fraction of a second, was a ghost of an animal—often rumored, yet rarely seen.

Lynx rufus, or the Bobcat, is an American original. From the Mojave Desert to the Rocky Mountains and from Maine's north woods to the Florida Everglades, this compact predator thrives. Sporting versatile camouflage, shielding them from the eyes of predator and prey alike, bobcats are masters of stealth and ambush. Marked with a cream-colored belly, brown-gray flanks and back, the bobcat is flecked with cryptic black spots and bars overlaid with a reddish tinge. This reddish cast is what gives the bobcat the common name of Bay lynx, distinguishing it from its silvery-furred cousin, the Canada lynx of the far northern United States, Canada, and Alaska. Both cats possess a short, 4-7-inch bobbed tail and tufted ears. With an average height of two feet, an average length of three feet and weight ranging from 12 to 40 pounds, these small to mid-sized cats command a larger-than-life reputation.

In fact, the bobcat's ferocity and tenacity are legendary. A frontiersman



Bobcat

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who could "lick his weight in wildcats" could be held in no higher esteem by his rugged peers. Possessing a rare blend of adaptability, speed and disproportionate power, the bobcat is equally capable of dining on grasshoppers or taking down full-grown deer. We must look no further for the secret of the bobcat's success than its adaptability. As a generalist, equally at home hunting rabbits on the ground, squirrels in trees, or frogs in streams, bobcats carve out a living by shifting gears when the prey is scarce. This accounts for the bobcat's ecological role as a creature of both untouched wilderness and suburbia.

It is the bobcat's tenacity and sheer toughness that deserve a second look. Unlike its larger cousin, the Amur tiger which targets smaller prey when the hunting gets lean, the bobcat takes the opposite tact, focusing on the largest prey—such

as Whitetail deer—during the leanest times. And it is during those lean times when the bobcat proves its mettle. While its close kin the Canada lynx can endure a deadly 55 degrees below zero, the bobcat can match that lethal mercury plummet and raise the bar, and the mercury, to withstand 125 degrees Fahrenheit as a resident predator in aptly named Death Valley National monument. Fully capable of a 180-degree temperature range—that's one tough cat!

It is not just the bobcat's physical traits that mark it as a predator with few rivals. It is the behavioral bobcat that gains the advantage over competitors and prey alike. Placing its rear paw pads deftly within its front paw pads when stalking, the bobcat can approach prey with phantom-like stealth. These solitary predators also shift their hunting from crepuscular (dawn and dusk

periods) to nocturnal, or even diurnal periods to capitalize on prey abundance, avoid competition, or remain hidden from their human neighbors.

With so many Connecticut residents embracing nature, we could ask for no better wild neighbor than the Bay lynx. This wild neighbor regulates small mammal populations--mitigating the spread of tick-borne diseases. Yet few of us know of its existence among the mosaic of woods, streams, golf courses and reservoirs around us. Found in every

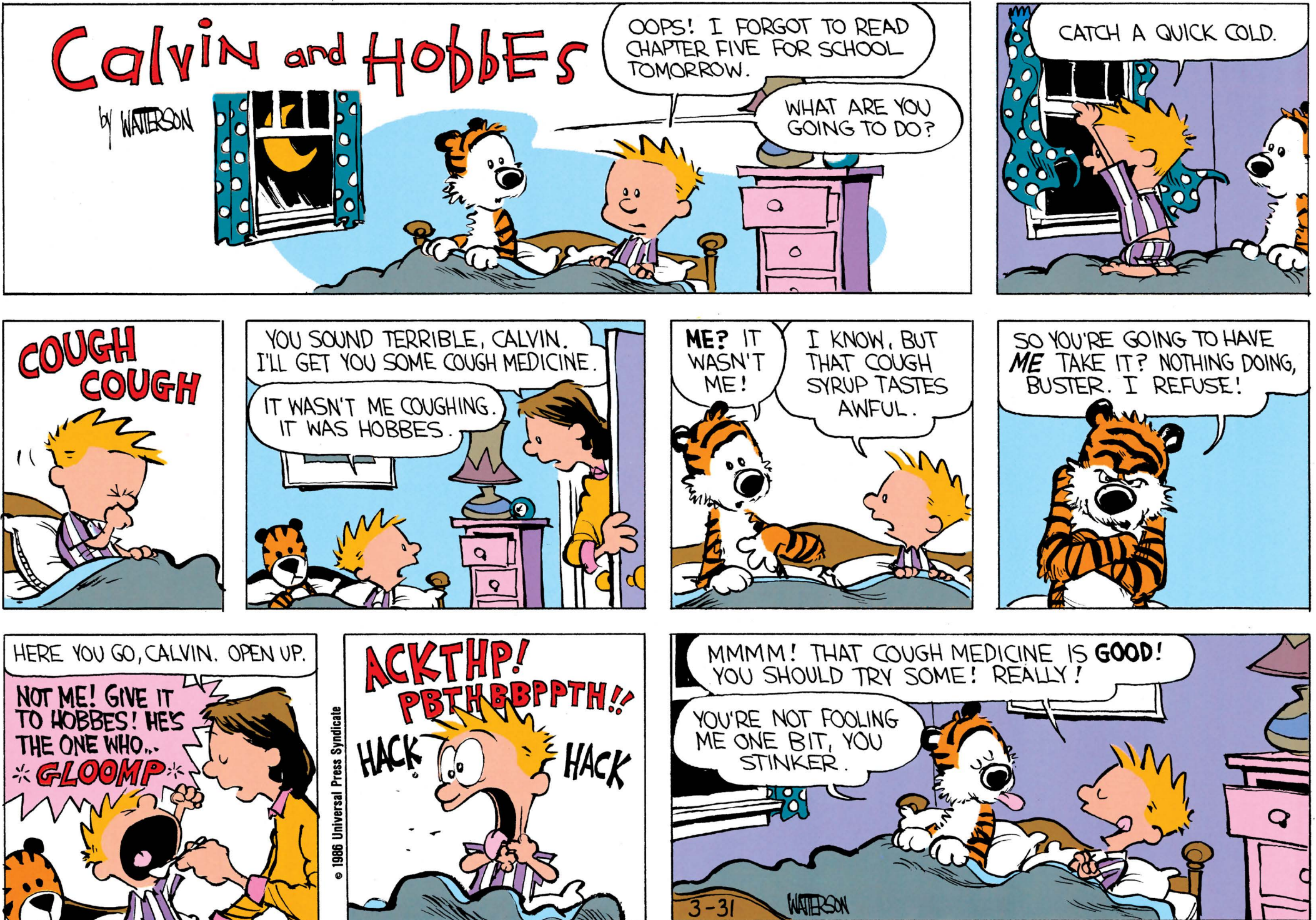
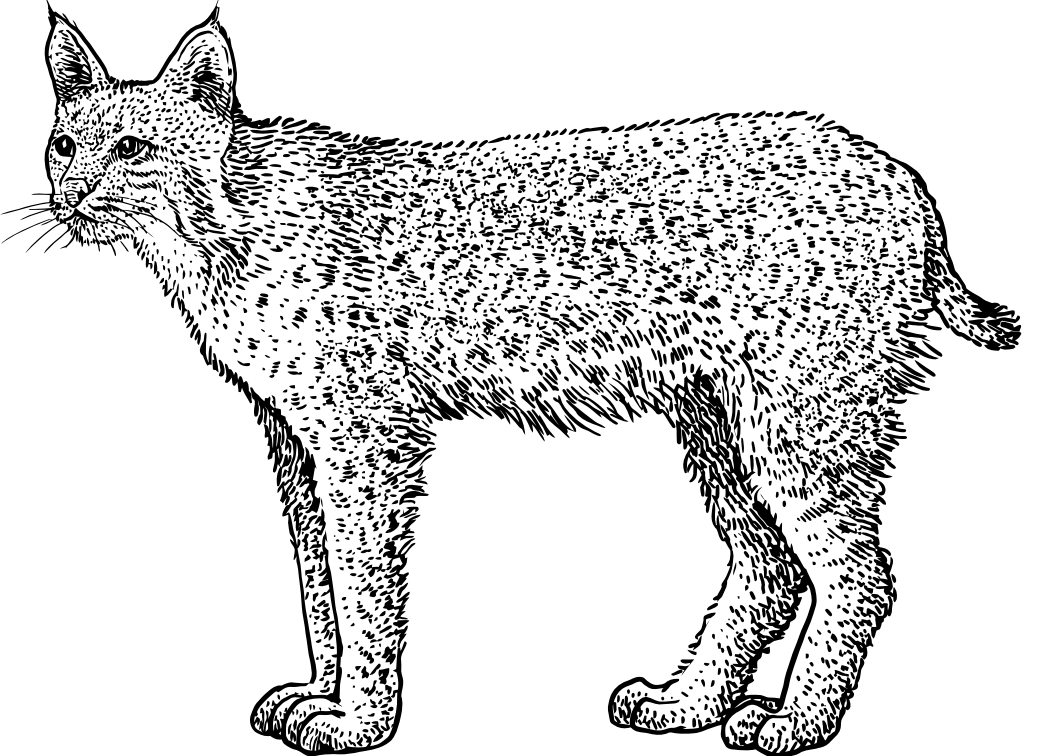
town in Fairfield County, the bobcat flies under our collective radar, often mistaken as a housecat, fox, or small dog. With a natural aversion to humans, yet a demonstrated ability to thrive in our midst—without us being the wiser—the bobcat has the best of both worlds.

Their hallmark adaptability has served bobcats well. While other predators diminish due to human expansion and habitat conversion, bobcat populations have remained remarkably stable in the U.S. and on the extremes of its

range in northern Mexico and Southern Canada, despite hunting and trapping practices for this furbearer throughout North America.

In the bobcat we have a species and symbol of New England's wild heritage residing within our own zip codes. Imbuing our backyards with a hint of true wilderness, this speckled carnivore reminds us that it is possible to strike a balance between a wild that was once feared and can now be revered.

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A Women's Health & Wellness Event

Friday, March 7th • 8-10am

In honor of International Women's Day, The J House Greenwich and The First Bank of Greenwich invites you to a morning dedicated to women's health, wellness & living life to the fullest! Keynote Speaker and Business Owner, Candy Costas, will lead the conversation about her "5 Keys to Living a Fun Life at Any Age", featuring a Q&A, food & drink, giveaways and more!

