



PEOPLE IN TOWN Greenwich Names Capazzo Official Photographer

Bob Capazzo has been appointed as the Official Photographer of Greenwich, Connecticut. With over 35 years of experience, he has extensively documented the town's history and events. His work includes photographing U.S. Presidents, celebrities, and numerous local gatherings.

Photo Credit: Town of Greenwich

POLICE & FIRE Window Damage Investigation Underway

A fourth-floor window at Putnam Hill was broken by an unknown object during the night of March 26, 2025. The cause and source of the damage are currently unknown. Greenwich Police request that anyone with information contact them at 203-622-3333 or tips@greenwichct.org.



Officer Begins Police Training

Officer LaBorne, a Greenwich native and 2014 graduate of Greenwich High School, earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Connecticut. He has worked as a per diem EMT with Greenwich EMS and volunteered with the Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol, where he received two service awards. He is set to attend the Stamford Police Academy and will complete 16 weeks of field training upon his return.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department



Officer Remembered for Service

Peter Silbereisen, a retired Greenwich Police Marine Officer, died at the age of 66. He served the department from 1982 to 2012, spending much of his career in the Marine Section, where he participated in major operations including the 9/11 maritime evacuation and a 2002 ferry rescue. Funeral services are scheduled for March 31 and April 1 in Greenwich.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

Town Launches Emergency Training Program

Nineteen Greenwich residents completed the town's first Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program. Over four

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The Greenwich High School Varsity Cheerleading team marches with pride in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 23, one day after making history as the first Connecticut team to win the Division I title at the New England Interscholastic Spirit Championship. Their 2025 season was a Triple Crown sweep—claiming FCIAC, State, and Regional championships.

Triple Crown Champions

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

In a sport often overlooked but never outworked, Greenwich High School's Varsity Cheerleading team rewrote history—three times over.

On Saturday, March 22, Greenwich became the first team from Connecticut to win the Division I title at the New England Interscholastic Spirit Championship, topping top programs from six states. The victory capped a record-breaking season that saw the Cardinals win the FCIAC LL title for the first time in 21 years and the Connecticut State Championship for the first time in 18 years. It marks the program's first-ever regional title and completes a true Triple Crown.

Head Coach Julia Vyskocil called it "incredible."

"They are the hardest working, most dedicated group of athletes, and even more amazing people," she said. "Watching them find confidence in themselves, recognize the hard work and effort they have put in, develop mental resilience, grow as people, and support each other, has been the real reward for me."

The coaching staff includes assistant coaches Kat Ernye, Nikki Capalbo, Sammy Konspre, and Sidney Ambrogio. Choreographers Anthony Munoz and Jay Ruffin designed the competitive routines, and tumbling was led by Amanda Sirois and Munoz.

The team is led by senior captains Jane Trager, Siera Rollins, and Sierra Erensen. Other seniors include Laura

Colombo. Juniors include Claire Kilcullen, Ingrid Imp, Julia Petty, Kendyl Inesta, Leila Alza, Maddie Ambrogio, and Sadie Trager. Sophomores are Darby Kent, Gemma Elezaj, Hanalei Perrucci, Lily Yardis, and Scarlett Arlotti.

Five athletes earned CHSCA All-State honors: seniors Trager (also All-Academic) and Rollins, and juniors Kilcullen, Imp, and Alza. Trager, Rollins, and Erensen were named All-FCIAC Cheerleaders. NCA All-American honors went to Trager, Rollins, Erensen, Imp, and Kent.

On March 23, the day after their historic win, the team marched through downtown as part of the Greenwich St. Patrick's Day Parade—Triple Crown Champions on full display. Congratulations to this amazing team!

Irish Spirit In Full Force At This Year's Greenwich St. Patrick's Day Parade



Locals State Rep. Hector Arzeno, Governor Ned Lamont, and U.S. Congressman Jim Himes marching in the 2025 Greenwich St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 23. Photo by Bob Capazzo. Don't miss our 3 page photo spread on B2-B4.

By LIZ LEAMY

The feeling of joy and serendipity was everywhere as hundreds of people lined almost every block from Putnam Avenue down Greenwich Avenue for the 49th St. Patrick's Day Parade.

This highly anticipated event, organized every year by the Greenwich Hibernian Association, kicked off in its signature electric fashion at Greenwich Town Hall on Field Point Road at 2pm where participants met to then march onto West Putnam Avenue and then down Greenwich Avenue.

"It's a great event and I love being part of it," said Tina Coupas of Greenwich, the Connecticut State Representative for the 149th District who marched in the parade with dozens local VIPs.

Scores of people lined up along the sidewalks and parked in tailgate style as they enthusiastically clapped and cheered on the participants of this year's parade.

"Being here and being part of the St. Patrick's Day celebration is all about camaraderie, fun and just being part of the community,"

said Stephanie Dunn Ashley who is the Chief Executive Officer of our regional Red Cross and who, over the years, has participated in nearly two dozen Greenwich St. Patrick's Day celebrations. "Today was just beautiful. It's been a magnificent, sunny and bright day. Everything about it was fantastic."

"It's always great to come here and be part of the parade," said Ted Rappa, a member of the Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band who has been participating for nearly 20 years running. "This is such a nice, lovely town and it's always nice to see the crowd. It's always so well attended and it's great to see everyone here."

"I've done the Greenwich St. Patrick's Day Parade for pretty close to 40 years on and off and always enjoy being part of it," said Gene Halliwell, Past President of the Shriners Motor Brigade that helps fund medical expenses for individuals in need. "The people are always so appreciative."

This year's parade was led in spirited style by its Grand Marshal, Father Richard Murphy. Don't miss our three page photo spread in the second section this week!

Selflessness

Not only does this improve our society and our world, but it also helps to create a sense of belonging, reduces feelings of isolation, keeps the important things in life in perspective, and it feels good.



GCDS Thanksgiving Assembly 2024 in The DON.

created Spidacares, a charitable organization that does amazing work all around the United States and abroad. Donovan's magnanimous resolve extends well beyond monetary altruism and has been on display this season on the courts. His team, the Cleveland Cavaliers, sits atop the NBA with the best record in basketball. During this historic run for the team (as of this writing they had won 50 games and only lost 10) Donovan—a top player and true leader—has played fewer minutes and has seen his scoring average actually go DOWN—by design. Donovan intentionally worked to ensure the success of others; everyone around him saw their numbers go up, and most importantly, the team's winning percentage skyrocketed.

We are all lucky to have a role-model like Donovan Mitchell to present a counter-narrative to the "me-first" perspective we see splashed across social media. I desperately want to live in a community where people think 'pass first and shoot second.' I want to live in a community, in a society, where we think of others before we think of ourselves.

The GCDS mission statement reads in part that we challenge students in mind, body, and spirit—for their personal growth and for the common good. Our Center for Public Good was established to nourish what we believe is an innate desire to make the world a better place. We help students learn about the needs of our community with the intention that they will be inspired to take action to support others. Not only does this improve our society and our world, but it also helps to create a sense of belonging, reduces feelings of isolation, keeps the important things in life in perspective, and it feels good. We have seen the powerful impacts of our students engaging members of Abilis in a variety of enriching activities, organizing events and fundraisers to address food insecurity, and

volunteering with local nonprofits that tackle systemic issues in areas such as housing, education, and legal systems, among many other examples.

Watching our students engage in these selfless acts brings me hope that we can retain our sense of commitment to the common good. Now more than ever, schools and institutions need to celebrate the seemingly small acts of kindness from the individuals we encounter each day, in addition to MVPs like Donovan—as he will be the first to tell you, he is where he is due to the selflessness of others.

I encourage everyone to highlight and

celebrate students and adults alike who may not score all the goals, or run the fastest, or capture the lead in the play, or earn the highest salaries, but they give from their heart with acts that put others before themselves. And let's also celebrate the Donovan Mitchell's of the world, not for three-point shots or fierce dunks in the lane, but rather for their compassion, their desire to make the world a better place, and their willingness not just to talk about it, but to step up and make it a reality.

Adam C. Rohdie is Head of School, history teacher, and coach at Greenwich Country Day School.



By ADAM C. ROHDIE

As our girls and boys basketball teams closed out their '24-'25 campaigns earlier this month, we celebrated not only their amazing seasons, but also the fact that they were able to play in our new facility—The Donovan Mitchell Family Athletic Center, or "The DON" (Determination Over Negativity).

This new facility was made possible thanks to the incredible philanthropy and generosity of our alum and six-time NBA All-Star Donovan Mitchell '12. While I'd argue there is not a better basketball facility in the area, it also serves, importantly, as an all-school gathering space.

It is a place where all 1,450 of our students came together to sing songs and celebrate at our Thanksgiving Assembly; it is the space where we held an all-community memorial service to honor Andrew Niblock—a teacher and former Head of Lower School who we lost way too soon to ALS; and this June, it will host the class of 2025 as they graduate from high school.

I share this gift, not to boast, but to acknowledge that we are the fortunate and grateful recipients of an incredible act of selflessness—a characteristic I fear may be fading away.

When Donovan Mitchell made the decision to honor GCDS with the athletics center, as well as funding for student scholarships and to support faculty, he contradicted the growing "me-first" attitude in this country.

Donovan has always been a giver. He once spontaneously bought an iPhone for a young man standing behind him in line; and he

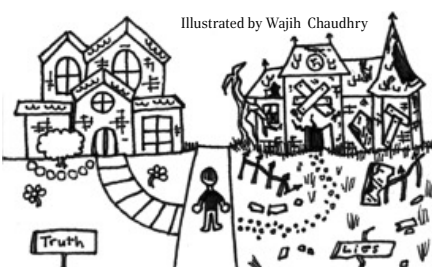
COLUMN

The House of Truth vs. The House of Lies

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Most of us wander back and forth across the psychological road between the House of Truth and the House of Lies. This can happen many times during the same day. Negative messages draw us into the House of Lies without our even noticing it. There, anxiety is the wallpaper and depression is the flooring. The scent of fear permeates the house. Our

reflections in the distorted mirrors tell us we're unloveable, unworthy, too much, or



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

too little.

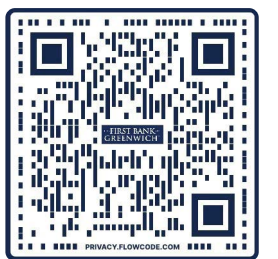
Wise friends and mentors help us spend more time in the House of Truth where the solid floor of honesty, the artwork of the beauty of creation, and the comfortable chair of acceptance invite us to feel at home. While there may be thoughts and behaviors that you want to change in the House of Truth, situations are manageable, and change is possible.

"I overeat 24/7," moaned Angela.

Her therapist responded, "Well, at least for this hour you'll have a break. Did you overeat this morning? Are you a middle-of-the-night eater? How hard is lunchtime?" Initially put off by her therapist's questions, Angela moved from the House of Lies to the House of Truth when she realized that she overeats only between 5 and 7 pm. Then she and her therapist were able to develop strategies for coping with one-twelfth of her day.

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Understanding Your Local Government

Democratic Town Committee
(DTC)



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What is the DTC?

DTC stands for Democratic Town Committee. Simply put, it is the Party organization for Democrats within the Town of Greenwich.

DTC members are elected from each of the 12 districts in town. They are responsible for choosing candidates to run for office as Democrats for all town-wide offices and for sending delegates to conventions to help choose candidates for offices which cross over town lines.

Key People on the DTC

Christina Downey, Chair

Ken Greenberg, Vice-Chair & CT Democratic State Central Committee


Bob Brady, Treasurer

Phyllis Behlen, Secretary

Jill Oberlander, CT Democratic State Central Committee

GreenwichDemocrats.org

Republican Town Committee
(RTC)



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What is the RTC?

RTC stands for Republican Town Committee. Simply put, it is the Republican Party organization within the Town of Greenwich. RTC members are elected from each of the 12 districts in the town. They are responsible for selecting candidates to run for office as Republicans for all town-wide offices and for sending delegates to conventions to help choose candidates for offices that cross over town lines.

Key Positions on the RTC

Michael Hahn, Chairwoman

Marc Ducret, Vice-Chair

Stephen Warzoha, Vice-Chair

Lauren Rabin, Treasurer

Pam Pagnani, Secretary

Joe Solari, CT Republican State Central Committee

GreenwichRepublicans.com

KEY DATES

ODD YEARS

MAY
Parties (DTC & RTC) Choose Their Candidates in caucuses for town-wide offices and conventions for larger geographic areas.

SEPTEMBER
Primaries if candidates are contested within a party: Second Tuesday in September.

EVEN YEARS

JANUARY
Caucuses to choose voting members of the Party Town Committees (DTC & RTC): Between 7 and 8 weeks prior to the primary date.

MARCH
Party Town Committee (DTC & RTC) Member Primaries if seats are contested: First Tuesday in March.

APRIL
In Presidential Election Years the Presidential Primary: April 2nd (this is a new date set by a special session of the legislature). The next one will be held in 2028.

MAY
Parties (DTC & RTC) Choose Their Candidates in caucuses for town-wide offices and conventions for larger geographic areas.

NOVEMBER
General Election is held the first Tuesday in November after the first Monday so that the election can never fall on All Saint's Day.

Local elections for Town Offices (First Selectman, Selectman, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Board of Estimate and Taxation, Board of Education, etc.)

AUGUST
Primaries if candidates are contested within a party for Statewide, State Representative, and Federal Offices: Second Tuesday in August. Primaries if candidates are contested within a party for Town Offices: (Registrar of Voters every two years, Probate Judge every four years).

NOVEMBER
General Election is held the first Tuesday in November after the first Monday so that the election can never fall on All Saint's Day.

Local Elections for Registrar of Voters, Probate Judge

Federal Offices (President is every four years-next is 2028, US House is every two years, US Senate is every six years), State Assembly (including State House and State Senate which are every two years), and State Constitutional Offices (like Governor and Secretary of State which are every four years-next is 2026) Elections: Held in even years.

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WITHOUT MAJOR PARTY AFFILIATION

Voters may petition to run for Town office without major party affiliation.


A written application for a nominating petition must be made to the Secretary of the State.


The petition must be accompanied by the signatures of qualified voters equal to 1 percent of the votes cast for the same office in the last preceding election. Completed pages of the nominating petition must be submitted to the Town Clerk or the Secretary of the State not later than the 34th day preceding the primary.


Email the registrar of voters in Greenwich for more information at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/FormCenter/Voter-Registration-15/Contact-Us-58>


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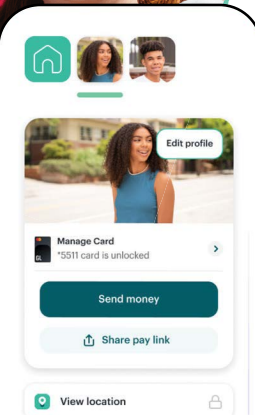
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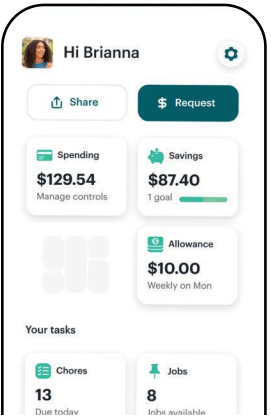












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Board of Selectman (BOS)

Next General Election: Nov. 2025

ELECTED BOARD; PAID



What is the BOS?

Although the authority and duties differ, in some towns the First Selectman is similar to the position of Mayor. The Board of Selectmen is the focal point of Greenwich town government. Constituent services and contact with the public is an extremely important function of the day-to-day business of the Office. One of the key responsibilities of the Board is the appointment of individuals to Boards and Commissions. The First Selectman also serves as the Police Commissioner and the Fire Commissioner.

Key People

Fred Camillo, First Selectman
Lauren Rabin, Selectwoman
Janet Stone McGuigan, Selectperson

<https://www.greenwichct.gov/711/Board-of-Selectmen>



Board of Estimate & Taxation (BET)

Next Election:
Nov. 2025

ELECTED BOARD; UNPAID VOLUNTEERS



What is the BET?

In some towns, the BET is known as the Board of Finance. The Board of Estimate and Taxation plays a crucial role in the governance of the town, ensuring responsible financial administration and overseeing the town's fiscal matters.

Primary Responsibilities

Developing an Annual Town Budget

The BET is tasked with preparing an annual budget, which profoundly impacts local services and community projects. This budget is reviewed by the First Selectman and the BET before being presented to the Representative Town Meeting (RTM), which stands for the town's legislative body, for approval.

Appointment of Key Officials

The BET appoints positions such as the Town Controller and Town Assessor, who play pivotal roles in financial management and property assessment.

Setting the Town's Tax Rate

This decision directly affects property taxes, influencing the town's revenue and the financial burden on residents.

Managing Fiscal Requests

The BET acts on requests for additional appropriations, transfers, and allotments during the fiscal year.

The BET's decisions on budgeting and taxation directly affect public services like education, infrastructure, and public safety. Appropriations for Capital and Operating Expenses cannot be made without going through the BET.

Structure

The BET consists of members nominated by the two major political parties in the town. Each party nominates six candidates, and if these candidates are not challenged in a primary, they are placed on the November ballot for election. The party receiving the majority of votes for BET candidates assumes the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship, as voted on by all members.

Transparency and Participation:

The BET's operations and decisions are transparent, with public meetings and accessible documents.

Key People on the BET

Harry Fisher, BET Chair
Karen Fassuliotis, Vice Chair & Clerk, Law Comm. Chair,
Policy and Procedures Chair, HR Chair
Leslie Moriarty, Minority Leader
Leslie L. Tarkington, BET Budget Comm. Chair
David Weisbrod
Nisha Arora, IAC/OPEB Chair

Stephen Selbst
David Alfano, Audit Chair
Matt DesChamps
Lucia Jansen
Elliot Alchek
Scott Kalb

<https://www.greenwichct.gov/680/Board-of-Estimate-Taxation>

THESE ARE APPOINTED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN OR THE BOS

Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Energy Management
Advisory Committee
Greenwich Community Television
(GCTV) Committee - Channel 79
Greenwich Communities
Selectman's Nominations
Advisory Committee
Conservation Commission

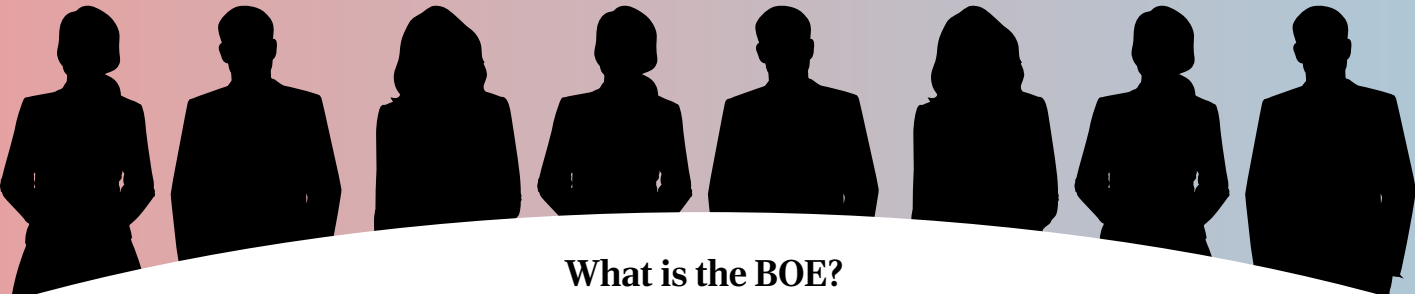
APPOINTED BY THE BOS & CONFIRMED BY THE RTM, UNPAID VOLUNTEERS

Alarm Appeals Board
Board of Ethics
Board of Health
Board of Human Services
Board of Parks and Recreation
Building Code Board of Standards
Commission on Aging
Condemnation Commission
Harbor Management Commission
Historic District Commission
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses
Nathaniel Witherell Board
Planning and Zoning Boards of
Appeals
Planning and Zoning Commission
School Building Committees

Board of Education (BOE)

Next Election:
Nov. 2025

ELECTED BOARD; UNPAID VOLUNTEERS



What is the BOE?

The Board of Education is the governing body of the School District, and shall govern the District in such a manner that it sets the national standard for governance, oversight, public engagement and stewardship of the public education system. The Board of Education consists of eight elected members serving four year terms, with four members elected every two years.

Key People

Karen Hirsh
Executive (Chair), Policy Governance, District Curriculum, BET, RTM Education, CAGE, GHS Vestibule, GHS Student Government, Special Education Advisory
Wendy Walsh
District Curriculum, Strategic Plan, PTAC, Julian Curtiss Building, United Way
Michael-Joseph Mercanti-Anthony
Policy Governance (Chair), Strategic Plan (Chair), Old Greenwich School Building, Special Education Advisory, researchEd Planning

Cody Kittle
Budget (Chair), Negotiations (Chair), Parks and Recreation
Kathleen Stowe
Budget, Negotiations, Greenwich Alliance for Education
Laura Kostin
Executive (Secretary), Budget, PTAC, DTAC, Central Middle School Building
Sophie Koven
Negotiations, Strategic Plan, CES, researchED Planning, Riverside School Feasibility

<https://www.greenwichschools.org/board-of-education>



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Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Toni Jones

Representative Town Meeting (RTM)

Next Election:
Nov. 2025

ELECTED BODY; UNPAID VOLUNTEERS



What is the RTM?

The Representative Town Meeting is the 230-member legislative body of the town. It has the authority to:

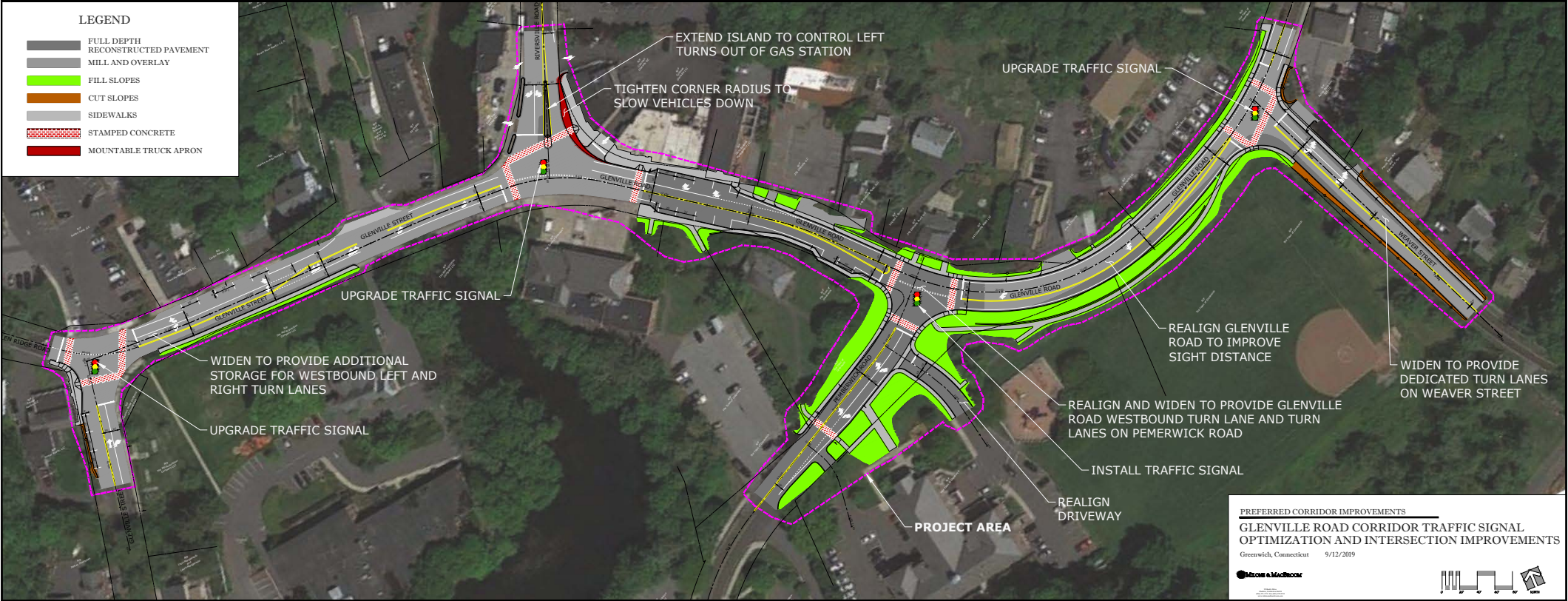
Approve all expenditures by the town over \$5,000
Approve, reduce, and eliminate appropriations
Approve or reject nominations to town bodies as made by the selectmen

Decide whether the town shall accept federal or state funds for town projects
Initiate and pass ordinances
Create special committees to deal with particular subjects such as labor contracts, claims, and redistricting

Pass "sense of the meeting" resolutions urging that other branches of government initiate desired legislation, or expressing disapproval of actions that have been taken; act as the final planning authority on municipal improvements

Key People on the RTM: Alex Voulgaris, Moderator; Katherine LoBalbo, Moderator Pro-Tem

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A Corridor Reimagined: The Long, Winding Road to Reviving the Glenville Corridor

By Anne White

On March 31, 2025, excavators will descend on the intersection of Glenville Street and Glen Ridge Road, marking the beginning of a long-anticipated project to resuscitate one of Greenwich's most burdened thoroughfares. The Glenville Corridor, a modest 1,500-foot artery winding through a once industrial enclave, has for decades borne the accumulated weight of shifting demographics, sprawling development, and modern congestion.

The Town of Greenwich's Department of Public Works (DPW), after years of planning and public negotiation, will begin construction that promises not only traffic improvements, but an overdue reckoning with the corridor's past. The project, which will proceed eastward toward Weaver Street over the span of a year, is the result of a carefully constructed timeline that began not with construction drawings, but with a letter—one issued by the Connecticut Department of Transportation in January 2019.

As First Selectman Fred Camillo explained, “This project really got traction thanks to DPW securing approval and funding in 2020.

That letter authorized design funding through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), a federal initiative aimed at reducing vehicle emissions and improving commuter conditions.

What followed over the next half-decade was a slow, procedural unraveling. On March 20, 2019, officials hosted the first of three public meetings. A corridor walk audit was conducted that same day—residents, engineers, and town leaders inspecting the pavement, crossings, and curbs, documenting the old scars of a neighborhood formed by necessity more than design. In May and again in September, meetings continued, with diagrams shared, traffic patterns debated, and feedback collected. Municipal Improvement approval was granted by the Board of Selectmen in November 2020,

followed by final site plan approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission weeks later. Then, the pandemic arrived.

In an interview, First Selectman Fred Camillo described the delay. “The success of the Glenville Corridor project can be attributed to our team here at Town Hall and DPW back in 2020,” he said. “They secured the approval and funding... then there were a few people who objected on the west side regarding trees that were going to be removed—even though there were many more we were going to be replacing—so we put the project off for a year. And then the pandemic was in full swing and we had to re-bid everything because the costs went through the roof.”

According to the Town of Greenwich's records, the project was reauthorized with construction funding in August 2023, allowing DPW to reassemble the plan under new

fiscal conditions.

The corridor itself has always existed at a strange intersection—geographically, economically, historically. It once carried workers to the mills that lined the Byram River; today, it funnels parents, trucks, and commuters from schools on King Street and Riversville Road toward I-684 and the Merritt Parkway. It is not a long stretch. But it is essential.

The proposed improvements are exacting. Each intersection along the route will be reengineered: new turn lanes, updated signal equipment, sidewalk extensions, ADA-compliant ramps, and pedestrian crosswalks designed to protect those who walk in a neighborhood that was not really built for walking. The entrance to the shopping plaza will be widened. The tricky geometry near the Sunoco station and Webster Bank will be rationalized with realigned


traffic islands and newly signalized exits. The parking area in front of Glenville Pizza—once a de facto waiting zone for parents and delivery drivers—will be removed to make space for a safer turning lane.

The Town's Public Works team has worked closely with the Glenville Neighborhood Taskforce, incorporating aesthetic improvements such as decorative light posts and updated guide rails to preserve the corridor's visual coherence. It is a corridor, after all, not a highway. It connects rather than divides.

That such a short stretch of roadway has taken this long to address speaks less to neglect than to the layers of process required to move a public project forward in a community with strong opinions and strict oversight. It also speaks to the town's evolution. The mills are gone. The traffic has multiplied. The street remains.

Come Monday, jackhammers will echo through Glenville again—not to dismantle, but to remake. The corridor's new design is not radical. It is restorative.

Motorists are advised to anticipate periodic lane closures, detours, and slower travel times throughout the year-long construction period. As work progresses eastward from Glen Ridge Road to Weaver Street, traffic along the heavily used Glenville Corridor will be impacted, particularly during peak commuting hours. The Department of Public Works encourages drivers to plan alternate routes when possible and to allow extra travel time. While temporary disruptions are expected, the Town of Greenwich emphasizes that the long-term benefits—improved traffic flow, enhanced pedestrian access, and increased safety—will serve the community for decades to come.





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Isamu Noguchi: Metal the Mirror

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Reintroducing a Gem of Greenwich The Greenwich Woman’s Exchange

By ANNE W. SEMMES

The move is afoot to bring new life and attention to the non-profit Greenwich Woman’s Exchange, a fixture in town for over a hundred years. Located since 1936 at 28 Sherwood Place, it is famed for its artisans and crafters having long offered charmingly smocked dresses for little girls and decoratively knitted sweaters for little boys, and “must have” toys, like that wooden alphabet train. For women, there are those colorful summer tunics and standout artisan jewelry. And on a shelf sits a knockout hand painted, donated post box!

The Exchange exists today thanks to those creative crafters, reliable volunteers, and especially the long serving dedication of its recently passed managing president, Roni Schmitz. “When she started, she shopped for items that were in the Cottage,” tells Kristi Hutter, Exchange board president, addressing that back garden Cottage filled with antiques. “The woman who originally owned the Cottage used to have a donkey or pony back there she used to ride it into town,” Hutter shares. “Then it became a tearoom that used to have tea, sandwiches and tea and coffee here, but that stopped some 40 years ago.”

As the Exchange is part of the Federated Woman’s Exchange that kicked off in 1832 with now 15 Exchanges in 10 states, with two others in Connecticut - Fairfield and Old Lyme- there are likely a number of Exchanges still serving tea and sandwiches.

But back to that Cottage as it may be newly named in honor of Roni Schmitz [whose brother by the way is John Toner, former Greenwich Selectman]. “We’re going to discuss it with the board on this Thursday to vote on,” says Hutter. “Roni was very involved with our store and the Exchange Federation.” Schmitz had organized that ongoing Exchange Gift Fair each November at the Round Hill Club, reportedly the very first gift fair in town.

“Roni was involved with building relationships with the vendors, finding new crafters including from the Federated Woman’s Exchange.” Schmitz had importantly stood firm against that apartment building effort on adjoining Church Street. “She very politely said the Exchange was not for sale...She rallied all her supporters of the Exchange. We were in Town Hall at all the meetings, fighting against the development, and we won.”

But the effort now is to find volunteers and a new manager. Hutter shares that moment a couple of years ago when Schmitz’s health began to fade, “and we couldn’t find anyone that could commit to running the store.” So, Hutter stepped up to keep things going. “We need volunteers. People usually volunteer two to three hours at a time so they can pick their own schedule. We’d



A smocked dress made by an artisan in South Carolina. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



The Greenwich Woman’s Exchange is located at 28 Sherwood Place since 1936. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

like to have two to three people a day once we install a manager full time.”

Hutter is also a sewer. Schmitz had learned of Hutter’s sewing skills a decade ago and invited her to “make items and volunteer...So I’ve been here since 2015.” But now Hutter is working to get her masters in nutrition. Also on the board is Elaine Gencarelli as vice president, and an artisan, making exquisite jewelry on display. So, the hope is with a manager secured,

“The board will run everything in the background but have less of a day-to-day involvement.”

Further enticement for volunteers Hutter

The bottom line is “to keep this space alive for artisans and crafters,” tells Kristi Hutter.

described. “We have a scholarship that goes to one of the high school students for college. So, if they have volunteer experience with us and they’re very involved with the town, we discuss it with the high school and we give a scholarship to one of the students.”

But the bottom line is “to keep this space alive for artisans and crafters,” tells Hutter. She pointed out the popularity of that wooden alphabet train with its removable letters as a must have for the little ones and more. “People buy them for Christmas presents for kids, for anniversary presents...” tells train crafter Tony Okerson, found located in southern Illinois. The reach of these artisans comes from that network of the Federated Woman’s Exchange. Thus, Tony’s trains can be found in some eight different Exchanges from Florida to New York. And he’s been crafting them for over 30 years. “I get a lot of pleasure making these trains as I know how popular they are.”

Another artisan pleasure is expressed by sewer Jean Richardson whose exquisitely smocked little girl dresses she has also been sewing for 30 years, where she lives near Charleston, South Carolina. She’s presently busy sewing a couple of white christening dresses for the Fairfield Exchange, each consisting of “a slip, a dress, and a cap.” She enjoys having the “opportunity to embroider, smock or whatever I feel like doing...Having a place like the Greenwich

Woman’s Exchange to sell my dresses is icing on the cake.”

At the Exchange the consigner or artisan receives 67 percent of asking prices, with 33 percent going to operating expenses and local charitable contributions.

Elaine Gencarelli, as a Greenwich based artisan of jewelry while serving as Exchange vice-president, tells of how she was led to the Exchange. Having worked at Norwalk’s Maritime Aquarium, she discovered a bead work shop nearby. She loved “Putting together the shapes and colors,” that led to the necklace on display at the Exchange of “a herringbone pattern with glass super duo beads, and Austrian crystals.” She arrived at the Exchange 15 years ago, introduced by a friend and learned from Roni Schmitz the need for volunteers.

“Fifteen years ago,” tells Gencarelli, a Cos Cob native now teaching technology to middle school kids at Strawberry Hill in Stamford, “more people knew about the Exchange’s children’s clothes and gifts for family. The word needs to get out to all the neighborhoods of Greenwich.”

The Greenwich Woman’s Exchange is presently open on Thursday and Friday from 12 to 4, and on Saturday, from 12 to 3. Expectation is that with a manager in place there will be a return to the Exchange being open five days a week. For more information, call 203-869-0229.

COLUMN: ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

An Enterprising Woman

By MARY A. JACOBSON

Mary Mainiero Margenot had dreams. She arrived in this country by ship with her mother from Castelfranco in Benevento, Italy, at the age of four in 1900. “When we came to Ellis Island, I remember the water and the bench I slept on. It seemed the water was coming towards me. I remember that; it always comes in like a dream.” Mary was interviewed by Oral History Project volunteer Eileen Harrington in 1984.

Mary’s father, a shoemaker, was already living on Mulberry Street in Manhattan with his aunt and uncle, awaiting the arrival of his wife and daughter. By the time Mary was ten, her family moved to Greenwich, to “a little place on the corner of Railroad and Davis Avenues, a little place where someone could be a shoemaker... they used to also sell working clothes, working shoes, and things of that sort.”

In the decades that followed, the Mainieros (the name later changed to Manero) steadily expanded their business and real estate holdings. Soon they had two stores; the second “was like a meat market and a grocery store, and my uncle was the butcher.” They would cater to the large yachts in the harbor. Her dad subsequently found work at the lumber mill owned by the Maher Brothers on Steamboat Road, cutting, sizing, and stripping lumber.

Mary was the oldest child in the family. “My mother and father had seven children besides me. I was the family from ‘the other side.’” As the eldest, although only a young student at Havemeyer School, Mary had the most responsibilities. Her mother could not read or write. “I taught her to write her name, and I taught her the numbers, like one, two, three... She never learned the English language. She could understand what you said, but she would never talk.” After school, Mary would help her mother with chores and work in the store.

One of Mary’s dreams was to become a teacher. Math was her favorite subject. “It came naturally to me... I wanted to be a teacher, so I took... French, Latin, and history... but my people didn’t have the money to send me to school. They had a bunch

of kids and no money.” After two years at Greenwich High School, Mary left school. “I was about sixteen, and my mother was still having babies. I could see they needed help, and I could see that I wasn’t doing too well in school... I could hardly hear the teacher.” The reality was that Mary had an untreated perforated eardrum, causing deafness in one ear, contributing to her unsatisfactory performance in school. “I said to myself, ‘If you can’t hear, you certainly can’t teach.’”

As a young woman, Mary chafed at the strict rules her parents imposed on her. “The Italian families years ago used to raise their children that way... They used to watch me like a hawk. I had no friends. I never had a boyfriend. I never had anybody other than what I could see in the store.” Life changed for Mary when John Margenot started to come to the store with some regularity. “My mother used to say, ‘Why does he hang around here?’ So, I used to say, ‘He’ll come over and talk to me.’ In John, Mary saw an older man of twenty-five with a future to share. “He was a man with some vision, and he was a very hard-working man. He was very intelligent... He brought himself up by his own bootstraps.”

At the time, he also had a steady job with Bridgeport Boiler Works. “He didn’t have a home of his own; he was making good money, and he wanted a home of his own.” Mary was eighteen and a half years old when she and John married in 1915. “I told my father I wanted to marry him and my father said no. He said, ‘You have a lot of young children over here. You ought to help us bring them up.’ I said, ‘You had them. I didn’t have them’... They were never happy with John, but I lived with him for fifty-nine years.”

For a while, Mary and John lived in Bridgeport and then in Jersey City, where John worked at a shipyard. They bought a small house there but “it was very low land. I got malaria from it.” Within a few years, they returned to Greenwich permanently, purchasing “a little old house right where the 537 Steamboat Road building is now” (opposite the present location of the Delamar Greenwich Harbor hotel).



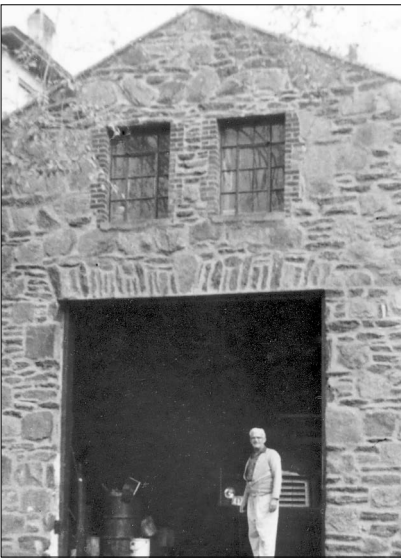
We had no money but we had four thousand dollars in Liberty Bonds... We borrowed the four thousand dollars on the Liberty Bonds, and that way we bought the house.” Eventually, they renovated the house into a three-family dwelling so they could have a steady income from renters.

With their innate business sense and readiness to expand their holdings, Mary and John eventually bought the adjoining lot with \$1,000 of borrowed money. They bargained with an excavator to remove the dirt and stone for no cost, and sell it to the town to help create Grass Island. In time, with more borrowed money and hard labor, “We built Connecticut Iron Works on that property... My husband was very handy with trucks and cars—blacksmith work of any kind, sharpening tools.” Maher Brothers Corporation, which supplied much of the material used in the development



Above: Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of Mary and John Margenot with their children John Jr., Vera, Albert and Carl at Manero’s Restaurant, 1965. At Left Top: John Margenot at the time of his wedding, 1915. At Left Bottom: Mary Mainiero Margenot at the time of her wedding, 1915. Photos lent by the Margenot family.

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The original Connecticut Ironworks in the early 1940s. Lent by the Margenot family.

of Greenwich, was located across the street, and gave them quite a bit of business. To make extra money, “We used to store trucks in the empty shop at night. In the morning they would drive out and we’d use it as a shop.”

At the end of WWII, John got into the house-building business. “He used to build on his own, buy a piece of land and build on it, about a

house a year.” Mary and John forged a business partnership. Mary enrolled in a business course in Stamford so she could help with their business. She remained its bookkeeper for the next fifty-six years. “Last month (at age 87), I handled ninety thousand dollars’ worth of billing... I still love it. To me, it’s a hobby; it’s not work.” Together they raised four children – Carl, Albert, John, and Vera. Their son, John, served on the Greenwich Board of Selectmen for fourteen years, including a decade as first selectman from 1985 to 1995.

Looking back on her life, Mary observed, “I don’t feel as if a person should be suppressed. What you want to do, what you feel that you can do, do it, whether you’re old, young, or whatever you are, man or woman... That’s always been me. Do it.”

The interview “An Enterprising Woman” may be read in its entirety at the main library. It is also available for purchase by contacting the OHP office. The OHP is sponsored by the Friends of Greenwich Library. Visit the website at glohistory.org. Our narrator’s recollections are personal and have not been subjected to factual scrutiny. Mary Jacobson serves as blog editor.

News Stories: Write it Down, Send it In!

Bruce Museum to Exhibit Seminal Works from Renowned Sculptor Isamu Noguchi



Isamu Noguchi (American, 1904–1988) Cloud Mountain, 1982–83 Hot-dipped galvanized steel, 69 3/4 x 49 1/4 x 28 1/4 in. Art Bridges © The Noguchi Museum / ARS Photography by Charles White / JWPictures

The Bruce Museum announces a new exhibition in its Sculpture Gallery, “Isamu Noguchi: Metal the Mirror,” showcasing the visionary work of one of the 20th century’s most influential artists and designers. The exhibition will run from April 5-November 16, 2025, offering visitors a rare opportunity to explore Noguchi’s innovative use of galvanized steel.

Recognized for his ability to blend Eastern and Western influences with modernist principles, Noguchi (1904–1988) redefined the boundaries of art, design, and functionality. While best known for his work in stone, Noguchi consistently explored new materials and methods during his wide-ranging career. He first experimented with aluminum in the 1950s and later with galvanized steel, creating a series of twenty-six sculptures in collaboration with Gemini G.E.L. in Los Angeles in 1982–83. In this body of work, each sheet of metal is cut with a plasma torch and then dipped into boiling zinc, resulting in sculptures that are subtly patterned and highly reflective, resembling pebbles in a stream or the epidermal layer of skin.

Writing about the unique materiality of his sculptures, Noguchi described metal as a mirror in opposition to “stone [as] depth.” His galvanized steel sculptures achieve formal unity while also exploring conceptual dualities between the traditional and modern, fine art and design, and industry and nature. As a Japanese American artist working in the United States, Noguchi negotiated his own feeling of in-betweenness throughout his practice. The galvanized steel editions synthesize this dual aspect of his identity, utilizing steel—a distinctly American material—while also integrating the Japanese craft of origami through cut and folded metal shapes.

Featuring a selection of nine galvanized steel sculptures, the exhibition is organized into thematic groupings that showcase the artist’s mastery of material, form and texture. In the first, Noguchi imparts inanimate forms with human qualities, complicating the relationship between flesh and steel, body and mirror. Man-made material is transformed into representations of mountains, fruit, and sky in the second grouping, reflecting Noguchi’s belief that, in modernity, industry and nature are intertwined. A final trio of works reveals Noguchi’s ongoing interest in abstraction, bringing theoretical and spiritual ideas, weight and weightlessness, and past and present into visual conversation. Through these sculptures, Noguchi explores ways of belonging in between such imagined oppositions. Indeed, the polished steel surfaces reflect objects, spaces, and people in a tangled network, inviting visitors to contemplate Noguchi’s life, his practice, and themselves.

Isamu Noguchi: Metal the Mirror is organized by Art Bridges and curated by Julia Mun, Assistant Curator, with support from Ashley Holland, Curator and Director of Curatorial Initiatives, and Javier Rivero Ramos, Associate Curator. The presentation at the Bruce is organized by Margarita Karasoulas, Curator of Art.

ABOUT THE BRUCE MUSEUM

Located in Bruce Park and overlooking Greenwich Harbor, the Bruce Museum is a world-class institution that offers a changing array of exceptional exhibitions and educational programs that cultivate discovery and wonder through the power of art and science. Ahead of its time for taking this multidisciplinary approach over a century ago, the Bruce Museum is at the heart of contemporary efforts to bring together art, science and education to spark conversation, connection and creativity. The Museum welcomes over 100,000 visitors annually, playing an integral role in the area’s cultural life.

The Woman’s Club of Greenwich Proudly Presented Our 2025 Philanthropic Awards



The Woman's Club of Greenwich proudly presented our 2025 Philanthropic Awards. This year's recipients are Audubon Camper Program, Barbara's House, Call-A-Ride, Greenwich Campership Program, Greenwich Scholarship Fund, Greenwich Tree Conservancy, Greenwich Symphony, Neighbor To Neighbor, River House and YMCA Harmony Project. WCOG, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1910. All proceeds benefit the Club's philanthropies and donated to Greenwich organizations. Come join us in servicing our community in civic affairs, welfare, the arts, education and conservation. We welcome new members! Contact: 203-869-2046 | secretary@womansclubofgreenwich.org

Greenwich couple donates \$5 million to fund Westchester Medical Center new Brenda Fareri Pavilion



Dedication ceremony at Westchester Medical Center

“This dedication is a testament to the Fareri family’s extraordinary generosity and the profound impact Brenda and the family have had on the well-being of our patients and the overall health of our entire community,” said Dr. Lubarsky. “The Brenda Fareri Pavilion will not only advance our mission to provide world-class medical care but also stand as a lasting symbol of the Fareri family’s unwavering commitment to healthcare excellence in our area. Their support ensures that countless individuals will receive the highest quality of care in a state-of-the-art facility.”

John and Brenda Fareri, whose support for the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth) has been instrumental in the growth of the Network, have pledged a \$5 million gift to support the construction of Westchester Medical Center’s newest patient tower. In recognition of their support, the building (formerly referred to as the Critical Care Tower) will now be known as the Brenda Fareri Pavilion.

In a ceremony held at Westchester Medical Center on February 26, the Greenwich couple were recognized for their generosity by Network leadership, including WMCHHealth’s new President and Chief Executive Officer, David Lubarsky, MD; Zubeen Shroff, Board Chair, Westchester County Health Care Corporation; and Michael D. Israel, former WMCHHealth President and Chief Executive Officer

Currently under construction, the \$220 million, five-story Brenda Fareri Pavilion will span 162,000 square feet and house 128 private, state-of-the-art patient rooms—all equipped with the latest and most advanced medical technologies for intensive care. When complete, the Brenda

Fareri Pavilion will facilitate the conversion of Westchester Medical Center’s entire inpatient service to all-private rooms, enhancing patient privacy and comfort.

The Fareri family played a major role in the development of WMCHHealth’s Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, named after their daughter Maria, who passed away at the age of 13, 30 years ago. Today, the hospital is an advanced care pediatrics center, treating thousands of critically ill and injured children annually.

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Double the Impact: Friends Team Up to Fight Hunger and Help Others

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

In Fairfield County, Connecticut, longtime friends Cheryl Marino and Jolie Altomaro have discovered a shared passion for community service, leading them to volunteer together with two impactful organizations: Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich and Food Rescue US – Fairfield County.

Cheryl began her journey by signing up as a driver for Meals-on-Wheels, a program that delivers hot, nutritious meals to those who are homebound and unable to prepare food themselves. More than just a meal delivery service, Meals-on-Wheels provides a vital lifeline, ensuring recipients receive daily nourishment, safety checks, and friendly interactions that help combat isolation. For many, the volunteers are the only visitors they see all day, making each delivery an essential connection to the outside world.

At the same time, Jolie joined Food Rescue US – Fairfield County, which focuses on reducing food waste by redirecting surplus food to those in need. The organization relies on a network of volunteers to rescue and deliver fresh, healthy food that would otherwise go to waste.

When Cheryl and Jolie realized they were both



Cheryl Marino and Jolie Altomaro

dedicating time to fighting food insecurity, they decided to join forces, volunteering together for both organizations. Their teamwork strengthens their friendship while doubling their impact in the community.

“We like volunteering because it is nice to help people,” Altomara shared.

Their story is a reminder that small actions - like delivering a meal or rescuing surplus food - can make a big difference. By working together, Cheryl and Jolie bring not only food but also warmth, kindness, and human connection to those who need it most.

If you would like to support Meals-on-Wheels by volunteering please contact us at 203-869-1312, via email mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com, or our website mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org.

Friends of Nathaniel Witherell Celebrate 20 Years of Enriching Lives



Select-person Janet S. McGuigan, State Representative Hector Arzeno, Sally Van Leeuwen and Thomas Van Leeuwen.

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

On the evening of March 20, 2025, the Greenwich Country Club was filled with warmth, gratitude, and a shared commitment to enhancing the lives of the residents at Nathaniel Witherell. The Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, a dedicated nonprofit organization, hosted a special Donor Appreciation Cocktail Reception in celebration of two decades of unwavering support and service.

The event brought together an inspiring mix of community leaders, elected officials, longtime supporters, and new friends, all gathered to honor the impact that Friends of Nathaniel Witherell has made over the years. The organization has played a crucial role in enriching the lives of residents through programs that go beyond basic care—offering music, art, companionship, and opportunities for joyful engagement.

Throughout the evening, attendees had the opportunity to connect with the Friends’ new leadership and hear about the organization’s renewed vision. The celebration also highlighted two vital

initiatives: The David G. Ormsby Resident Life Fund and the Friends’ Gardens Fund. Both funds ensure that Nathaniel Witherell continues to provide a socially enriching and fulfilling quality of life for its residents, fostering a sense of dignity, connection, and happiness.

Speakers shared heartfelt stories about the meaningful difference these programs have made, underscoring the importance of community involvement. Guests left the reception not only with a deeper understanding of the Friends’ mission but also with a renewed enthusiasm to support its future endeavors.

For 20 years, Friends of Nathaniel Witherell has stood by its belief that care extends far beyond the basics - it is about creating a life filled with joy and purpose. As the evening came to a close, it was clear that the commitment to this mission remains stronger than ever.

To learn more about how you can support Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, visit <https://friendsofnathanielwitherell.org>.

Creativity Through Art and Connection



Friends of Nathaniel Witherell volunteer, Nicole, with a smiling resident

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Nicole is a passionate volunteer with Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, dedicated to making a difference in the lives of residents at The Nathaniel Witherell skilled nursing facility. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a degree in neurobiology, Nicole’s educational background highlights her commitment to understanding the complexities of the nervous system. She went on to earn her Master’s degree in physiology at the University of Michigan and is currently applying to medical schools.

While in college, Nicole gained hands-on experience as a certified nursing assistant (CNA), furthering her dedication to connecting with and caring for the sick. Her journey with

The Nathaniel Witherell began during her grandfather’s rehabilitation stay at the facility, where she witnessed firsthand the exceptional care he received. Inspired by the nurturing environment cultivated within Nathaniel Witherell, Nicole found

herself drawn to giving back in a meaningful way.

In addition to her academic pursuits, Nicole is a talented artist. She shares her love for watercolor painting with the residents of Nathaniel Witherell by helping them create original greeting cards. This creative activity, supported by Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, This provides residents with an outlet for self-expression and a way to stay connected with loved ones through heartfelt, handmade correspondence.

Volunteering with Friends of Nathaniel Witherell has been deeply rewarding for Nicole. Her work at the nursing home not only allows her to connect with others but also gives her a sense of fulfillment in knowing she’s enhancing the residents’ quality of life. Friends of Nathaniel Witherell fosters a welcoming atmosphere where volunteers like Nicole can bring their unique talents to the community, enriching the lives of all who call the facility home.

Through her involvement with Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, Nicole exemplifies the spirit of compassion and service, proving that small acts of kindness can leave a lasting impact on the lives of others.

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 provided 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 the website at <https://friendsofnathanielwitherell.org/>.

Rotary Club of Greenwich inducts three new members in first-rate style



Agathe Likoba, President of the Rotary Club of Greenwich, Danielle Ojeh, Claudia Suica, Janette Souliere and Sally Parris, Past President of the Rotary Club of Greenwich (Left to Right)

By LIZ LEAMY

Last Wednesday, the Rotary Club of Greenwich, the esteemed local organization dedicated to building the community and its surrounding areas through programs related to education, the economy, the environment and health, among other vital pursuits, welcomed three new members, Claudia Suica, Danielle Ojeh and Janette Souliere, at a memorable luncheon held at the Riverside Yacht Club.

The Rotary Club of Greenwich, which currently has a constituency of nearly 50 members, is led by Agathe Likoba, its dedicated and dynamic President who cited the work, efforts and impact of these new members in terms of their contributions with the organization thus far.

“Today was great and we had a great turnout,” said Likoba, whose term will wrap up in June. “It’s so nice to see members are coming to support and give a warm welcome to new members, especially because our goal this year is to grow membership. We want to continue the legacy of service among everyone in the community with this organization, which is 104 this year. It is such a fun and exciting organization.”

Likoba, who was recently appointed Assistant District Governor of the Rotary Club for Greenwich, Stamford, Darien and New Canaan, has certainly made a monumental impact during her term as President due to her incredible dedication, efforts, talent and heart.

Notably, she has helped significantly boost the membership among the organization, as she has been a force in helping unite, spark and inspire members of the club through with her presence, ideas and contributions.

“It’s been such an amazing experience to be part of this organization,” said Likoba. “Everyone is so committed to contributing to causes and working together. There’s so much for all of us to give and there is so much is possibility out there.”

Shashi Dayal, President-elect of the Rotary Club of Greenwich who be assuming that role in June, spoke about how honored she is to be part of the organization and also part of this event.

“We proudly welcome three outstanding individuals into our Rotary family,” said Dayal. “Their dedication, passion, commitment and service will undoubtedly inspire and strengthen our community. As they embark on this new journey with us, we look forward to the positive impact they will continue to make, embodying the Rotary motto, ‘service above self.’”

Suica, who grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina and lives in Harrison, New York, is the Private Executive Assistant to Ambassador Gerardo Diaz Bartolome, the Consul General at the Argentine Consulate based in New York City, and spoke about how grateful she was to be a member of the Rotary Club of Greenwich at the luncheon.

“Today was a very special day to become a member of the Rotary Club of Greenwich and also to see the work and dedication of Agathe and all of the members has been amazing, as well as an honor,” said Suica. “Being involved and part of this organization has been incredible so far, and being part of the community and helping other people is

everything. I think everybody should be part of a club or group wherever they might live because it’s always great to give.”

Suica, a renowned photographer whose work has been featured at the Louvre in Paris and Times Square along with the Greenwich Sentinel, among other prominent media outlets, has a Bachelor of Tourism Degree from Universidad Argentine John F. Kennedy.

Moreover, she is known for her exquisite action photography among the international high-goal polo community and has been a longtime contributor to POLOHUB, a digital polo magazine media outlet based in Argentina.

Ojeh, who originally hails from Boston and is a longtime Greenwich resident, also has a remarkable background, having done extensive volunteer work with many major local organizations, including the Town of Greenwich Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, among other groups.

“The Rotary Club does fantastic work in town and around the world and that inspired me to join and participate and give back through the organization,” said Ojeh. “My youngest children are growing up and graduating, and I felt it was time to pivot and give back to the town in a different way. I also have several friends who are members of the Rotary Club and they love it.”

Janette Souliere, a renowned Social Media influencer and Social Media Marketing and Public Speaker who served as the former Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Giorgio Armani/Simint Inc., also expressed her deep gratitude and excitement to be part of the Rotary Club of Greenwich.

“I am deeply honored to have been inducted into the Rotary Club of Greenwich, particularly during the presidency of Agathe Likoba, whose leadership and accomplishments I hold in the highest regard,” said Souliere, whose daughter, Madeleine Souliere, is also involved with the Rotary family through her initiation of the Interact Club of Greenwich that brings together local students between the ages of 12 and 18 as a means to help develop their leadership skills as well as a lifelong commitment to service. “The club’s unwavering commitment to service, ethical leadership and global humanitarian impact resonates profoundly with my own values. I look forward to contributing meaningfully to the Rotary mission working alongside such an accomplished group of individuals to support transformative initiatives both within our community and across the world.”

Souliere is also fluent in seven languages and has been involved with such organizations as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at the World Fashion Trade Fair, the U.S. Board of Cosmetic Surgeons throughout Asia and Latin America, the Westport Chamber of Commerce as the Director of Public Relations and Adopt-A-Dog in Armonk, New York where she worked as Volunteer Director of Marketing and Public Relations.

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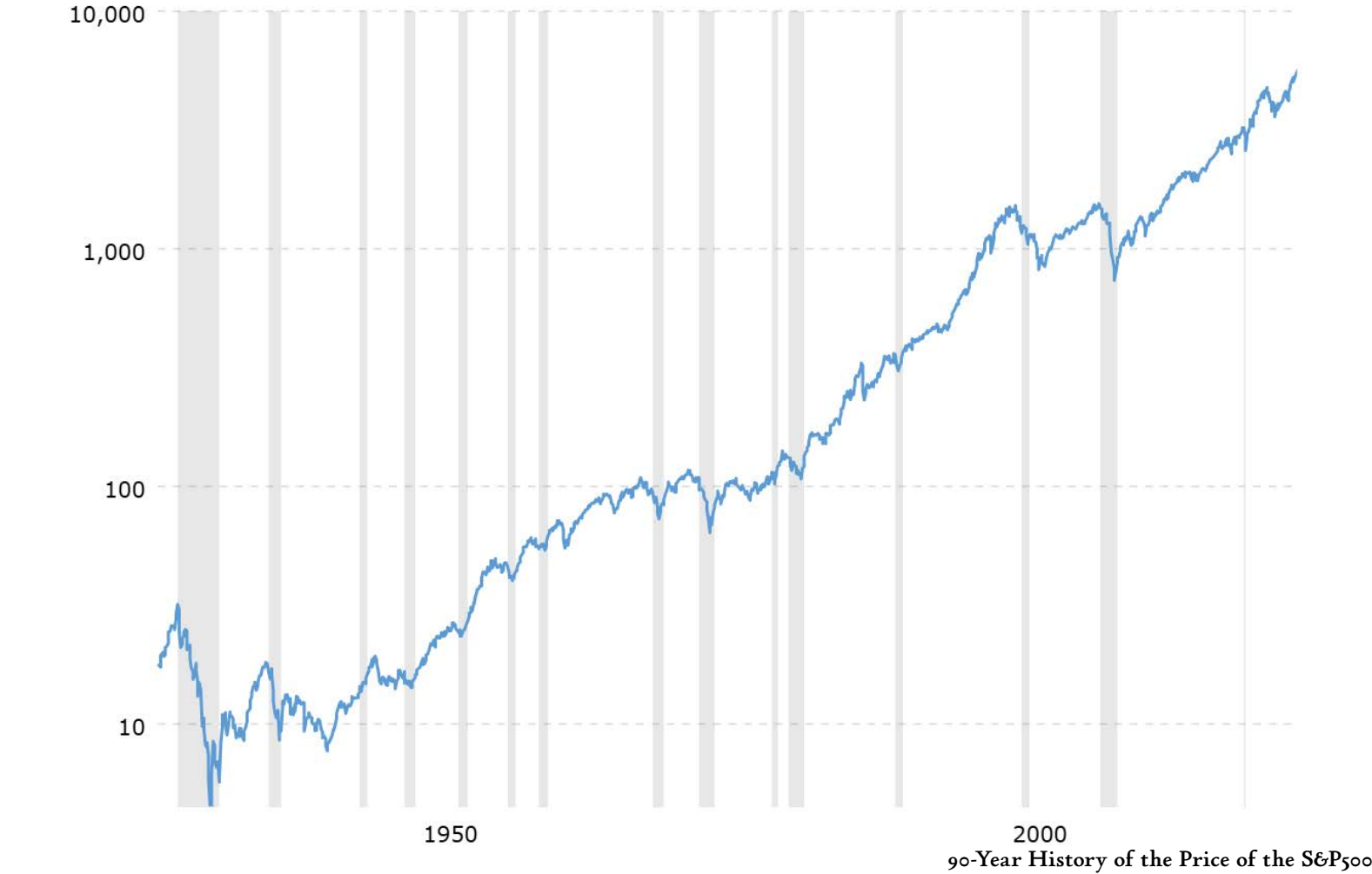


By Patricia Chadwick

Don't panic!!! There's a strong likelihood that you are not alone witnessing the fall in your retirement fund assets. I'd be willing to wager that just about anyone with a 401(k) plan—or other tax-advantaged defined contribution retirement plan—who is more than twenty years from retirement, is in the red for the first three months of this year. From its high in late February, the S&P500—one broad measure of the U.S. stock market—has fallen by more than 10%, a decline that is considered to be a “correction” in the market. It may not be of much consolation to realize that you have company in your misery; however, hopefully you will take some solace in the fact that, over the last 45 years, i.e. since the inception of the defined contribution industry, there have been numerous market corrections and even “bear markets”—defined as a stock market decline of 20% or more.

So—how do you answer that burning question, “What should I do?” Before answering that question, it's key to keep in mind that your retirement account is most likely the longest term asset that you own. If you are thirty years old, and you anticipate retiring at the age of 65, you are de facto planning to hold that account for thirty-five years and then on into retirement. That is likely far longer than you will own a house. When you're looking into the future some twenty or thirty years for returns on your retirement plan, it's important not to panic. The short term vagaries in the stock market are part of the “cycle of life” in the world of investment. If you had been really “smart” and had predicted correctly that the market was going to fall 10% and had sold all the stocks in your retirement portfolio and invested the proceeds in cash, I would argue that you had been wonderfully “lucky.” You might congratulate yourself; however, that smart selling means that the job is only half done. You will then have to be “smart” (or lucky) a second time so that you get reinvested into the market before it rallies. There are people who spend their days engaging in short term buying and selling of their personal accounts. They are professional traders, and while some make good money in that career, many more do not. Most Americans with 401(k) plans have careers in a broad array of other industries and sectors of the economy; for them, short term volatility, while unsettling, should be put in the context of the long term horizon they must take to fund their retirements.

Here are a few basic precepts to keep in mind when the stock market is making you lose sleep at night. Most employees are paid every 15 days (or perhaps every two weeks). That is also when their 401(k) deductions are withdrawn from their payroll and invested into the fund options they have selected. It is also when the employee match is made by the employer, money that is added to the employee's retirement account. If on payday the market seems to be crumbling, don't panic. Rather, remember this: (1) you are averaging down



The stock market is nervous about tariff wars and government employee layoffs, and it's hard to see a timeline for resolution. But the underpinnings of the U. S. economy remain vibrant.

when you buy stocks in a declining market; (2) the employer match, whether it is 2% or 4% or more, is found money; (3) if the employee invests the full amount of the employer match—e.g. 4% of gross revenue that is matched by a 4% contribution by the employer—the employee has instantaneously made a 100% return on their contribution; (4) over the long haul, the U.S. stock market return has been one of the best ways for individuals to build wealth and to enhance their retirement income.

So—what is roiling the stock market right now? Very simply, it's economic uncertainty, driven by events that have taken place since the new administration was voted into office on January 20th. In particular, the imposition of tariffs on Canadian, Mexican and Chinese imports into the U. S.—with the threat of expanded tariffs by as early as April 2, on imports from numerous other countries—is having a negative impact on the outlook for both inflation and consumer demand, as the costs of tariffs are passed through to retail consumers. Coinciding with the tariff war is the ongoing layoff of Federal Government employees which is raising concerns of rising unemployment and slowing economic growth. The market is observing these challenges and reacting. It's key to remember that the stock market is a forward-looking barometer of economic prosperity—the

past is of no interest to stocks—and if the above-mentioned trends continue, the impact on corporate earnings growth is likely to be unfavorable. Thus, the current angst and turmoil in the prices of stocks. That said, there are still strong underpinnings to the U.S. economy, and it is not guaranteed that a recession is at all inevitable, particularly if the issue of tariffs can be resolved before too much damage is done. My pragmatism makes me optimistic, but not overly confident in a peaceful solution.

So—how does one try to manage through this maze of economic concerns when it comes to that long term asset that is your future retirement income? Let's put the defined contribution history in perspective. The 401(k) market was spawned in 1978 by an act of Congress. Today, it is a more than \$4 trillion behemoth, one that is highly regulated by the Federal Government—both the companies that manage the assets as well as the individuals who are portfolio managers as well as client service, marketing and sales representatives. In the intervening 47 years, the industry has developed an array of sophisticated products that cater to the needs of working people, enabling them to enhance their income in their “golden years.” Far and away, the most popular vehicle today in the toolbox of retirement fund options available to employees is the “Target Date Fund,” a product that is designed to

take into consideration the age of each employee and each one's propensity for risk. Their value lies in being highly concentrated in equities during the first few decades of an individual's employment years, and reducing equity risk exposure as one nears retirement age. Virtually all companies' defined contribution plans offer both target date funds and an array of other options that allow employees to make their own investment decisions. The product has proven to be a value-added investment when used by employees as a long term tool for building wealth.

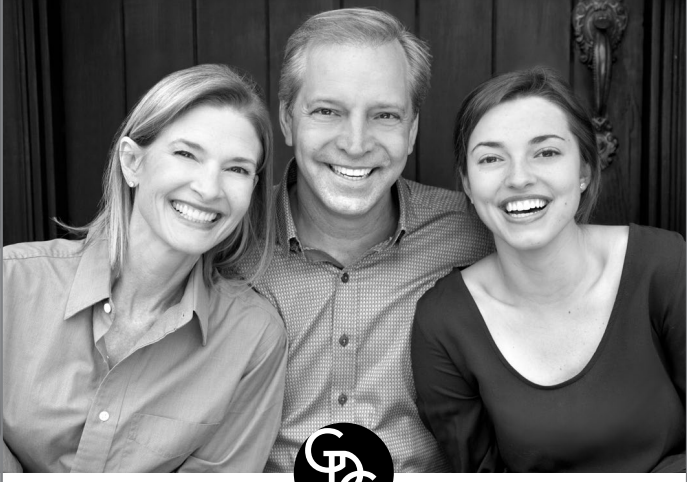
No one likes to lose money on investing, not even in the very short run. Maybe a picture of the long run can pick your spirits up when things seem tough. The attached chart is of the S&P500 over a period of 90 years. Look at each serious decline in the market and then what happened afterward. Despite the current dislocations, there is much to be optimistic about in the long term.

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

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weeks, they were trained in fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and emergency preparedness. Graduates are now qualified to assist local agencies during emergencies and support community preparedness efforts.

FROM TOWN HALL St. Patrick's Parade Draws Crowd

A flag raising was held outside Town Hall on a rainy Monday morning ahead of St. Patrick's Day. The parade took place Sunday afternoon with 75 groups participating, including schools, first responders, civic organizations, 10 bands, Irish step dancers, and the Shriners.

Free Tax Help Available Now



Free tax preparation assistance is available through the AARP Foundation at Greenwich Town Hall in the Hayton Room through April 11. The service is open to all, with a focus on seniors and low-to middle-income individuals, and is provided by trained, IRS-certified volunteers. Appointments are required and can be made by phone or email; forms are available at Town Hall and The Wallace Center.

Photo Credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

AROUND TOWN

The Aquarion Company is proposing to transfer its operations to the newly formed Aquarion Water Authority (AWA), pending approval from the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). A public meeting will be held at 6 PM on March 31 at Greenwich Town Hall, where representatives from both organizations will present details about the transaction, including governance, rate-setting, and tax matters. Residents are invited to attend to learn more and ask questions.

Nighttime Utility Upgrade

The Greenwich Board of Selectmen met on March 27 to discuss Eversource Energy's request to perform nighttime work at Grigg Street and Bruce Park Avenue as part of a utility upgrade. The project involves test pit digging and, later, installation of a duct bank to improve power reliability downtown. A separate project along the Glenville Corridor, funded by federal grants, aims to reduce congestion and enhance safety through road widening, signal

upgrades, and pedestrian improvements.

Town Nears Drainage Project Completion

The Town of Greenwich is completing drainage improvements on Tomac Avenue, Harding Road, and Forest Avenue to address frequent flooding. Construction is in its final phase, paused for winter, with 50 feet of asphalt restoration remaining. Work will resume in spring and is expected to take one to two weeks to finish.

Merritt Parkway Resurfacing Project Begins

The Connecticut Department of Transportation will begin resurfacing Route 15 (Merritt Parkway) between Exits 27 and 33 in Greenwich on April 1, 2025, with completion expected by December 2025. The project includes milling, paving, applying high-friction treatment on certain curves, and ramp work requiring temporary detours. Lane closures will occur weekdays from 6 PM to 6 AM, with possible schedule changes due to weather or other delays.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS Greenwich Hosts Annual Tree Contest

The Greenwich Tree Conservancy is holding its 8th Awesome Tree Contest, open to local photographers, artists, and poets. Submissions must focus on trees within the Town of Greenwich and fall into one of four categories: Spring Flair, A Walk Amongst Trees, All in the Details, or An Ode to a Tree. The entry deadline is May 16, 2025; full contest details and submission form are available at <https://greenwichtreeconservancy.org/2025-awesome-trees-contest/>

Patty's Portico Anniversary Sale



Patty's Portico is holding its Anniversary Warehouse Sale which began March 26 at the store 140 Highland Street, Port Chester, NY. The store was open from 9 AM to 3 PM and featured discounted outdoor furniture from brands including Brown Jordan, Molla, Tropitone, Salterini, Woodard, Heveningham, and others.

Photo Credit: Patty's Portico

As of February 4, Family Centers has taken over management of the adult and pediatric primary care clinics at 75 Holly Hill Lane in Greenwich, previously operated by Greenwich Hospital/Yale New Haven Health Systems. The change is part of an agreement aimed at expanding access to integrated medical, behavioral health, and human services. Family Centers will continue limited medical and

dental services at its Wilbur Peck Court location, with plans to expand dental care in the future.

Family Centers Program Earns Spotlight

Family Centers' Parents as Teachers program will present at the Parents as Teachers International Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this October. The session, titled "Tailored Support for Every Family," will outline how the organization's combined health, education, and human services support new mothers.

Greenwich Highlights History Through Art

The Greenwich Historical Society, in partnership with Untapped New York, is presenting Rediscover Greenwich, a program featuring guided walking tours and an interactive art installation. The installation, created by artist Aaron Asis, uses floating frames to highlight historical views now altered by Interstate 95. Tours are scheduled for April 5 and 6, running hourly from 12 PM to 3 PM

Noguchi Steel Sculptures Exhibit Opens

The Bruce Museum will present Isamu Noguchi: Metal the Mirror from April 5 to November 16, 2025. The exhibition features nine galvanized steel sculptures Noguchi created in the early 1980s using industrial techniques. It highlights his use of metal to explore form, material, and dualities across art, design, and identity.

Special Education Fair Supports Families

Special Education Legal Fund (S.E.L.F.) and SEEK CT will host the 2025 Resource Fair on Sunday, March 30, from 2 to 5 PM at the Stamford JCC. The event will feature over 50 exhibitors and three expert panels to provide information and support for families of children with special education needs. Attendance is free with registration.

Junior League Honors Young Leaders

The Junior League of Greenwich is offering a \$2,000 Community Service Award for high school girls in grades 9-12 who live or attend school in Greenwich. The award recognizes students who demonstrate leadership, initiative, and long-term volunteer commitment. Applications are due by April 4, 2025, and require two letters of recommendation from adults familiar with the applicant's volunteer work.

Greenwich Hosts ReThink Waste Fair

Waste Free Greenwich will hold the fourth annual ReThink Waste Fair on Saturday, April 5, from 11 AM to 3 PM at Christ Church Parish Hall in Greenwich. The event will feature educational exhibits, sustainable vendors, recycling drives, and donation collections focused on reducing waste through methods such as reuse, repair, composting, and recycling. Admission is indoors with a suggested \$5 donation; more details are available on the Waste Free Greenwich website.

MDAC Art Show Enhances Community Engagement

Coffee for Good in Greenwich will host an art show from March to June 2025, featuring paintings by artists from the Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative (MDAC). The Little Garden Club of Rye and the Greenwich Daffodil Show will create floral arrange-

ments inspired by the artwork, with proceeds benefiting MDAC and Coffee for Good. The opening reception will take place on April 11, 2025, from 1 to 3 PM

Jersey Mike's Donates Entire Day

On March 26, all sales at 34 Jersey Mike's locations in Connecticut were donated to charities including Make-A-Wish Connecticut as part of the company's 15th Annual Day of Giving. The event concluded a nationwide Month of Giving campaign across over 3,000 locations, during which customers were encouraged to donate. Jersey Mike's aimed to surpass its previous year's total of \$25 million raised for more than 200 local charities.

Community Unites For Hope Day

Kids in Crisis and Greenwich Together will host the third annual Hope Day on Sunday, April 6, from 1-4 PM at Arch Street Teen Center in Greenwich, Connecticut. The free event includes music, performances, arts and crafts, wellness activities, food, raffles, and mental health resources. It aims to promote awareness and reduce stigma around mental health challenges in the community.

Students Honored for Equity Leadership

YWCA Greenwich is accepting nominations for its 2025 Gender & Racial Equity Scholarship Awards, open to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors in Greenwich and nearby areas who have contributed to advancing equity in their schools or communities. Students may be nominated by school staff, community members, or themselves, individually or in groups of up to four. Winners will be announced at the Stand Against Racism event on April 25, 2025; the nomination deadline is April 15. Forms and additional details are available online at www.ywcagrn.org/standagainstracism25. For questions, Simone Quartey is available at (203) 869-6501 ext. 104 or by email at s.quartey@ywca-greenwich.org

SCHOOLS Students Transform Wildfire Debris Into Art



Greenwich Country Day students in Studio Art II created mixed-media artworks using materials such as charred wood, ash, and resin to examine the recent Los Angeles wildfires. Their pieces explore the fire's origin, containment, effects, and aftermath. Donated materials were used, highlighting themes of community and resourcefulness.

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RMA Presents “Report from Washington, D.C.”

By FRANK SCARPA

The featured speaker at the March 19th meeting of the Retired Men’s Association was Congressman Jim Himes, who provided his perspective on the current state of the federal government in a format which left ample time for audience questions. Congressman Himes was born in Peru and lived there and in Colombia while his father worked for the Ford Foundation and UNICEF.

Mr. Himes is a resident of Greenwich, having moved to the U.S. at the age of ten. After completing his undergraduate work at Harvard, he earned a Rhodes Scholarship to attend Oxford University. Jim began his professional career at Goldman Sachs, where he rose to the position of vice president over a 12-year career. He was first elected to Congress in 2008, and has been repeatedly reelected since then. He is a member of the House Financial Services Committee and is ranking member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The U.S., he noted, spends 90 billion dollars a year on intelligence.

Addressing the economy, Himes pointed out that there has been a “radical shift” in its direction with the new administration. Almost everything we buy has involved the “global supply chain.” With the current tariffs (and threats of more) the S&P is down nine per cent. For the first 75 years of U.S. history, revenue indeed came from tariffs, but since the institution of the federal income tax, not so much. Hence, there has been an “upheaval.” Himes is confident that “the markets are going to speak” (to Trump). Himes agreed that government should be subjected to efficiency improvement. In fact, Al Gore did this in the Clinton era. But in his view DOGE has “overstepped.” For further reading in this vein, he recommended Michael Lewis’ “Who Is Government?” Meanwhile, the recent firings are causing an undesirable “brain drain.”

Addressing foreign policy, Himes stated that we are experiencing an “inversion of our values” that dates back to World War II. He cited the “treatment” of Ukrainian President Zelenskyy in

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Congressman Jim Himes spoke at the RMA on key issues facing politicians in Washington: the economy, foreign policy, and the health of American democracy.

the Oval Office as a vivid example. He asserted that “Trump has a very visceral reaction to power and wealth” and “admires unconstrained power” as evidenced by the turn on Canada. But “we cannot bear the costs of having our allies doubt us for a very long time.” He pointed out that Trump is “allergic to kinetic conflict,” and that mind-set should diminish the possibility of war over Taiwan.

Addressing the health of our democracy, the Congressman first expressed his concern about new FBI director Kash Patel. Yet he disagreed with

some of his friends in government who are “sounding apocalyptic.” Himes feels that Trump is “probing the edges” and that a “true constitutional crisis comes (only) when a president refuses to obey a court order” a la Andrew Jackson. The Alien and Sedition Act is predicated on a “declared war.” He said that the SAVE Act, which would require voters to show documentary proof of citizenship, is problematic, in that fewer than fifty per cent of Americans actually have a passport. He added firmly that “Voter fraud is not a thing.”

What to do? Himes insisted that

all of us need to redouble our efforts to understand the truth. He decried media disinformation, and he lamented the morphing of information into “entertainment.”

RMA member Jerry Pollack then moderated a lively and respectful Q and A session. Topics included:

--Is there corruption at high levels? (“No.” “Unconfirmed.”)

--Can both parties work together to increase government efficiency? (DOGE is a “lost opportunity.” Read Ezra Klein’s “Abundance.”)

--Voter fraud? (That allegation is one that cowardly members of Congress use to make changes that improve their chances of winning. Firing the IRS examiners was a bad idea.)

--Universities and freedom of speech.

--The paradox (compared to Europe) of the U.S. not investing more in our children’s education.

--Israel and Netanyahu (Lamentable lack of an “end game.”)

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

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “American Rascal: How Jay Gould Built America’s Biggest Fortune” by Greg Steinmetz, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Note: This and all future RMA presentations will be held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Author Greg Steinmetz makes the argument that Jay Gould, now largely forgotten, deserves the same name recognition as the Big Three of the Gilded Age: Rockefeller, Carnegie and Vanderbilt. He was just as rich. And as the builder of more railroad track than anyone, he was just as important because he played a giant role in the development of the West. But he is overlooked by history. Why?

Gould had the misfortune of dying young, before he had a chance to give his money away and acquire a reputation as a philanthropist. He was cut down in his prime by tuberculosis at age 56. There is no equivalent of Rockefeller Center, Carnegie Hall or Vanderbilt University for Gould, only a dumpy basement auditorium

on East 59th named for his daughter in law. For this reason, he is remembered—to the extent he is remembered at all—as a money-grubbing robber baron worthy only of scorn. Gould is only mentioned once a year, on Oct 16, the day in 1869 when his failed effort to corner gold crashed the stock market. Steinmetz will talk about his greatest financial coups and go into his motivations and methods, as well as his family, his mansions, and his yacht.

Greg Steinmetz spent 15 years as a newspaper reporter and editor before finishing up as the London Bureau Chief of the Wall Street Journal. In 2001, he switched careers and became an analyst and a partner at the New York money management firm of Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb. “American Rascal” appeared in 2022. His first book, “The Richest Man Who Ever Lived: The Life & Times of Jacob Fugger” appeared in 2015. Greg grew up outside Cleveland, graduated from Colgate and has a master’s in journalism from Northwestern.

To stream the presentation by Greg Steinmetz at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 2, click on <https://bit.ly/301Bj21>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79. 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.

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The Roots of Service: John Conte

By BETH BARHYDT

John Conte doesn’t speak about trees as a hobbyist might. He speaks as someone who has known them a long time—where they were planted, when they bent in a storm, how they shadowed a child’s walk to school or outlived the house beside them. He can recall a neighborhood by its root systems and distinguish a Norway maple’s bark from a sweetgum’s by touch alone.

Now elected president of the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, Conte steps into a role that formalizes what he’s been doing all along—preserving and stewarding Greenwich’s green spaces through steady, deliberate work. The announcement came in February, a ceremonial milestone in a career already saturated with civic contribution.

He brings with him more than 40 years of experience in arboriculture, landscape architecture, and construction, most of it under the banner of Conte & Conte LLC, the family firm he runs with his wife and sons. Their work can be



John Conte

traced across Greenwich in the form of designed gardens, protected woodlands, and stone walls that curve with intention.

But Conte’s story is less about business than about belonging. He has served on the boards of the Greenwich

Land Trust, Greenwich Audubon, and Family Centers. He has held leadership positions with Greenwich Green & Clean and the Round Hill Association. His civic résumé includes vice chairmanship of the Inlands Wetlands and Watercourse Agency and the Architectural Review Committee. The pattern is one of quiet permanence—he joins, he listens, and he stays.

His five-year tenure as president of the Round Hill Association was marked by both expansion and defense. Under his guidance, membership grew and community forums flourished. But the work turned urgent when a developer proposed placing 27 cluster homes on a historic estate. Conte led an organized response rooted not in confrontation but preservation. The plan was withdrawn. The land was protected. Trails were opened to the public. Historic buildings remained standing.

“We’ve seen what happens when people come together with a shared goal,” he said. “That outcome was something we’ll all remember.”

At the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, Conte inherits a mission both simple and profound: plant 500 trees a year in partnership with the town and care for those already rooted. He speaks not only of planting but of pruning, watering, and tending—of attention given over time. “The best time to care for trees,” he says, “is now.”

To speak with Conte is to be reminded that stewardship is not performance. It is maintenance. It is vigilance. It is being willing to attend a zoning meeting on a Tuesday night because the tree canopy down the road is thinning, and someone should say something.

He believes the character of Greenwich—its sense of place, its visual rhythm—depends on that kind of constant care. “We are lucky to live in a town where people show up,” he said. “You don’t preserve something by accident.”

His is a legacy of participation, built one board meeting, one trail-clearing, one sapling at a time.

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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. *Fire In The Night: March 28, 6pm. B3 Expo! March 30. Visions of the Christ (The Book of Isaiah): April 2, 7pm. Men's Breakfast: April 5, 8:30am.*

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

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

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St. All are welcome. *Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, All are Welcome. Easter Food Drive: We are collecting non-perishable food donations for Easter baskets. Please leave items at the front or rear entrances of the church each weekend through Sunday, April 6. Suggested items: \$20 Store gift cards (Stop & Shop or Shoprite); canned tuna, chicken or turkey; pasta; stuffing; soups; rice; beans; peanut butter; jelly; powdered milk; cereals; coffee; tea; juice; spaghetti sauce; instant mashed potatoes; macaroni & cheeses; canned fruits and vegetables. Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday - March 30, 7:30pm.*

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. **Lent, Holy Week, and Easter events: Daily Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 7am St. Catherine Church; 5:15pm, St. Agnes Chapel. Stations of the Cross: Fri, 2pm (Spanish), St. Lucy Chapel; 7pm (English), St. Catherine Church; April 11, 7pm – with traditional choir and organ, St. Catherine Church. Spiritual Talks Series by Fr. Perrella: “Navigating the Spiritual Journey: Exploring Prayer and the Spiritual Life”: Thu (April 3), 7-8pm. Lenten Reflection and Prayer Service by Fr. Edward Beck: April 2, 7pm, St. Catherine Church.**

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. Lent: Daily Mass - Mon-Fri, 12:05pm. Adoration: Fri, 10am-4pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions heard in the Chapel: Fri, 11:30am; Sat, 4-5pm; in Spanish, 6-6:45pm. Stations of the Cross: Fri, 7pm. Via Crucis (en Español), Fri, 7pm.*

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. Sacrament of the Sick: Saturday, April 5, 10am.*

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. *Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. Fridays in Lent: Candlelit Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm, immediately following we will have Soup & Bread in the Parish Center, all are welcome. First Friday Devotion: April 4, 9am; Confessions will also be available 8:30-8:55am, Mass will follow at 9am. First Saturday Devotion: Saturday, April 5.*

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: contact the bulletin for time. **Lent: Stations of the Cross: Fridays through April 11 - English, 5:30pm; Spanish, 7pm. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays, 9am-5pm. St. Roch Pasta Dinner: Saturday, March 29, following the 5pm Mass, \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children.**

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, 1-5pm, some Saturdays. Bibles and children's books for sale. **March 30: “Reality,” April 6: “Unreality.” April 13: “Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?” SPECIAL TALK: “Finding where God is Seen and Felt: What’s Church got to do with it?” – Free Lecture: Tuesday, April 8, 7pm.**

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. **Lent - Easter at FCRH: Service, 10am. Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 30, 10am. Fifth Sunday of Lent, Holy Communion: April 6, 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. ***The Wired Word - Discussion Time: Thursday, April 3, 12pm.***

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/Spring Yoga: Fridays, 9-10am (\$20/week). Teddy Bear Story Hour: Saturday, April 5, 8am, at Coffee for Good. Coffee & Connection: Saturday, April 5, 10am, (Reservation required). Holy Week: April 13-20. Good Friday VBS: April 18, 9-11:30am (Register by April 15).**

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. Book Study: The Anxious Generation: Sundays, March 30 & April 6, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Anna Leinbach: Sundays, April 6, May 11, June 1. Joyful noise with Rob Mathes: Sundays, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 5pm. Lenten Lectio Divina with Rev. Tim: Wednesdays, through April 16, 11:15-11:45am, Chapel. “Eggs for Easter” Drive: through May 1 - we need your help to provide 1,500 dozen eggs for food-insecure families to be delivered directly to the Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry - Donate eggs online here: amplify.ampyourgood.com/user/campaigns/4738. Women's Conference: Saturday, March 29, 8:30am. Pack Lunches for Food Insecure Children at Filling-in-the-Blanks in Norwalk: Saturday, March 29, 9:30-11:30am. The Anxious Generation Book Study: Sundays, March 30 & April 6, 11:15am. Joyful Noise Casual Worship Service with Rob Mathes: Sundays, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 5pm. Courage and Faith with Eliza T. Griswold: Circle of Hope: Saturday, April 5, 6pm.*

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526
www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). ***Join us as we celebrate that God is with us through thick and thin throughout the season after Pentecost. Every Sunday features joyful preaching, beautiful music, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. Summer Sundays feature preaching by our priest in charge, the Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp, and the music of Marnus Greyling. Children are always welcome in church, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Come take a breath with us this summer.*** Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

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

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately

following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs – drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. ***“The Way of Love” a Lenten Dinner conversation about faithfulness in turbulent times: Thursdays during Lent, 6:30pm, RSVP required to Ann.post@stpaulsriverside.org.***

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. Bomb Shelter Muralist: Saturday, March 29, 11:30am, RSVP.*

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.*

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. ***Refugee Dinner & Shabbat: Friday, March 28, 5:45pm, RSVP at Admin@GRS.org or 203-629-001.***

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. ***Pre-Passover Food Drive/Mitzvah of Feeding the Hungry: through April 10. Teen Shabbat Dinner: Friday, March 28, 7:15pm. Shabbat Dinner & Discussion with Yedidya Harush “From Battlefield to Seder Table: Resilience, Strength, and Building the Future of the Negev”: Friday, March 28, 7:15pm. 3rd-5th Grade Youth Program: Mega Board Games: Sunday, March 30, 11:30am. Volunteers Needed for Filling in the Blanks, in Norwalk: Sunday, March 30, 1pm. Passover Mini-Series with Rabbi Mitch: Thu, April 3, 7:30pm, on Zoom.***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Worship via teleconference: Sun, 11am and

until further notice (Dial-in number: 425-436-6380, Access code: 612220).

Nondenominational
Dineletown Community Church
376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

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

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

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

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

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 9am & 10:45am. Kids Ministry for grades 5 and under, and Student Ministry for grades 6 & above, are offered. Praise & Prayer Night: 6pm on the First Sunday of each month. Live stream and recorded media are available at stanwichchurch.org. We'd love to meet you here!

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

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). ***Spiritual Mediumship class - The Joy of Mediumship: Mondays, March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 7-9pm, \$120.***

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. ***Women's Breakfast: Saturday, April 5, 9am, Ministry Center. Around the Table: A Family “Taste of Passover”: Sunday, April 6, 4:30pm, Greenwich. Trinity Youth Passover Dinner: Tuesday, April 8, 7pm, \$5/per person, RSVP by April 3.***

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


Worship: Sundays, 10am. ***Lenten Vespers: Prayer Services - Wednesdays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the chapel. These services will feature messages based on a sermon series, “The Mission of Christ,” delivered here by the then senior pastor, The Rev. Dr. C. John L. Bates, in the winter of 1961.***

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. ***Women of Grace: Friday, April 4, 7pm.***

Living Hope Community Church
38 West End Ave; 203-637-3669
www.LivingHopect.org

In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopect.org/resources/alpha. ***Lent Challenge: Grow... 7 for 7 – 7 days a week, 7 minutes a day reading Scripture, 7 minutes of prayer, Attend church all 7 Sundays. “Journey to Easter” – Saturday, April 19: children will embark on an interactive adventure to explore the Easter story! Each child will receive a special Easter Passport to guide hem through different stations, each representing a key moment of the Easter journey. Pre-Ks Parent & Me cooking class - Children with parents will bake Resurrection Cookies. Register at livinghopect.org.***



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By David Rabin

Imagine a Greenwich without many of the organizations and programs that, for decades, have aided our most vulnerable citizens in areas like:

- special needs and disabilities
- adult day care
- domestic abuse
- transportation for those in need
- crisis counseling for children and adolescents
- and scores more!

The work of the Greenwich United Way (GUW) has brought our town all the above and so much more. Our website contains a comprehensive list under “accomplishments”.

Now, imagine a Greenwich WITH a brand new, state-of-the-art Youth & Adolescent Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP). Opened in December 2024, the facility is scheduled to treat over 400 of our youth annually. It exists today, in Greenwich, solely due to our partnership with Yale New Haven / Greenwich Hospital. This is an issue that has touched all of us and now a solution exists in town for our children.

When it comes to identifying a need, raising awareness and support, and developing lasting solutions, no one does it better for the last 90 years

than GUW.

Our Needs Assessment, performed every 5 years (the next one will be available this year), is our blueprint as it relates to the top human services needs in Greenwich. We take that data and develop ways to address those needs in the most data-driven and cost-effective ways possible. In other words, we find it and we fix it! Visit our website at greenwichunitedway.org and see how the Needs Assessment details what we do and why. Some of the data may surprise you. For example, the federal poverty level and ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained, Employed) populations combine to make up almost one-third of the population of Greenwich.

If you want to ensure the most positive impact (for Greenwich residents) of your donor dollar, then your best bet is contributing to our Annual Campaign each year. The microscopic, deep dive we do into every applicant’s annual budget, audited financials, and tax returns, along with other criteria, allows us to do the work, so you don’t have to...giving you, our loyal donors, the knowledge that you are helping the people that need it the most in our town.

Our programming, always based on research and results, has proven to do things like:

- Narrow the achievement gap among at-risk children entering kindergarten (Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions- ECAGS).

Per Toni Jones, GPS Superintendent: “GPS has been excited to see the data showing that ECAGS is closing the achievement gap for our youngest learners in Greenwich. The impact going forward

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is truly life changing for the children.”

- Improve reading fluency for 350 children every year in all 11 of our elementary schools and 5 after school sites (Reading Champions)
- Enhance the lives of families and children by ensuring they have quality childcare (Early Childhood Scholarship Program)
- Give teens a voice and action items to make the world better (Greenwich Junior United Way)
- Monthly convening of subject matter experts to shed light on and develop solutions for critical matters facing our town (Community Planning Council and Quarterly CEO Roundtables)
- Improving teenager’s financial awareness (Finance Champions)
- And more!

Our two lines of business, grantmaking and programming (over \$50 million into the community in these areas over the last 25 years alone!), touches thousands of lives each year. A quote I have on my whiteboard ever since I became CEO 9 years ago reads: “You are taking

someone else’s money, to put it into someone else’s life to try and make a difference...you better be showing you ARE making a difference!” We show we are making a difference through our program data and the results-based accountability reports we require from grantees twice a year.

Where would these tens of thousands of people have turned to in their time of need if not for the programs and organizations, the grants and the research, that the Greenwich United Way has fostered over the years. When you lift up the most vulnerable in your community, the entire community wins!

The outcomes provided by the Greenwich United Way, through its grants and programming, has helped make Greenwich, well, Greenwich over the last 90 years.

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COLUMN



By Marek Zabriskie

I fell in love with the Gospel of Luke while living in Paris on \$3 a day after graduating from college in 1982. Before I moved to France, my college mentor gave me a small book with the four gospels and the book of Acts in French. I read it every day.

The French philosopher Ernst Renan called Luke’s Gospel “The most beautiful book in the world.” I agree. The Gospel of Luke was the third gospel to be written, after Mark and Matthew were written and before John was composed.

Luke probably wrote his gospel between 75-85 A.D., after the Roman armies had surrounded Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple in 72 A.D. Christians were now being persecuted, and a strong Christian community was located in Rome. St. Paul had planted his churches, composed his letters, and had been executed in 63 A.D. – at least 12 years before Luke set pen to parchment.

Luke probably addressed it to a Christian audience, whereas Matthew addressed a Jewish audience. John addressed a Greek audience steeped in philosophy. Luke wrote to sophisticated readers and was better educated than most of the writers of the New Testament

He is the only Gentile (non-Jewish) author in the New Testament and was said to have been a physician. He used the finest Greek found in the New Testament and some specific medical terminology found nowhere else.

Luke is believed to have been Paul’s companion in prison in Caesarea for two years near the end of Paul’s life. This would have given them great amounts of time to talk together. In II Timothy, we read that Luke was the last to be with Paul in Rome before he was taken from his cell in Rome and executed outside the city walls of Rome.

Luke begins by dating from the reigning Roman emperor. He is less focused than Matthew

on interpreting Jesus’ life as the fulfillment of Jewish prophecy. Hence, Luke seldom quotes the Old Testament and never uses the term Rabbi, but always uses the Greek word “Master.”

Luke’s Gospel is the first part of a two part work – the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Together, these two books comprise 28% of the New Testament. By classical standards Luke/Acts is short, but by New Testament standards it is the longest work in the New Testament. It has 52 chapters and takes up one quarter of the New Testament.

Both Luke and Acts are addressed to a Gentile named “Theophilus,” who may have been a high Roman government official or perhaps a Roman leader who Luke was teaching or trying to convert. Many believe that he was Luke’s patron. “Theophilus” in Greek means “lover of God.” Hence, he may signify anyone who loves or is interested in God.

There is a mountain motif in Luke/Acts. Luke is the journey from Galilee up to Jerusalem, which is located at an elevation of 2,474 feet and culminates with Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection atop Mt. Calvary in Jerusalem.

The book of Acts is the story of the Apostles’ journey down the mountain to carry the gospel around the world. Acts is our best account of the Early Church. It ends with Paul in Rome, where he wrote his famous Letter to the Romans, which is the next book in the Bible after Acts.

Luke fills in gaps about Jesus’ birth and childhood that are omitted by the other evangelists – Matthew, Mark, and John and he tells us more about Jesus’ resurrection appearances than anyone else (Luke 24-1-53). He, therefore, paints a more “complete picture” of Jesus. Luke’s narrative covers a span of sixty years of history. The initial impression is one of completeness and continuity. No one else captures as much of the story as Luke.

Luke was a great story teller. He told short vignettes with great artistry. He painted with words, which is why the Dutch painter Rembrandt called Luke his favorite gospel due to Luke’s “visual stories.”

Luke also has Jesus tell more parables than any other evangelist – 24 parables in all. He alone has Jesus tell the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Unjust Judge and the Prodigal Son – three of

The Best Book to Read in Lent

The Gospel of Luke is perhaps the greatest book ever written.

the most beloved parables of all time. Luke is not verbose. He writes sparingly in a simple, straight forward style. The wonderful quality of these parables is not their length but their artistry.

Although he never personally met Jesus, he tells us that like a journalist he interviewed many eyewitnesses who knew Jesus. Paul may have introduced Luke to the great figures of the Early Church. Luke reportedly interviewed the Virgin Mary and painted her portrait, which is the Black Madonna, which resides in Czestochowa, the great Polish pilgrimage site.

Luke was also a historian, who set out to write an “orderly account” of what took place in Jesus’ life. Therefore he inserts historical dates and names to anchor his story. When Luke introduces John the Baptist, he uses no fewer than six contemporary dates to fix John the Baptist in time. “In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar (1), Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea (2), Herod being tetrarch of Galilee (3), and his brother Philip being tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis (4), and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene (5) in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas (6), the word of God came to John.” (Luke 3:1-2)

This gospel is often called the “Gospel of the Holy Spirit” because the Holy Spirit appears as the protagonist or the key actor in this gospel.

Luke also portrays Jesus as a great healer. Here we have Luke, who reportedly was a physician, writing about the greatest healer in all of history. Luke captures more healing stories than any other evangelist.

His is the inclusive and universal gospel. Christ is a man for all persons. When tracing Jesus’ genealogy, Matthew traces Jesus back to Abraham, but Luke traces him back to Adam as the founder of the human race.

Above all Jesus is seen as friends of outcasts and sinners. Luke depicts Jesus constantly breaking social boundaries, reaching out to lepers, Gentiles, Samaritans, women, and the poor. Luke alone makes a despised Samaritan the hero of one of his parables and gives roles to people who were normally invisible or forgotten

in society.

Luke highlighted the role that women played and showed how inclusive Jesus’ message was. The birth narrative of Jesus is told from Mary’s point of view. He tells us about Elizabeth, Anna, the widow of Nain, Martha, Mary, and Mary Magdalene. He also reveals Jesus’ great gift for healing and his preferential treatment for the poor.

He captures a compassionate Jesus, who offers preferential treatment for the poor. When Joseph and Mary bring their offering to the temple for Mary’s purification it is the offering of the poor (two turtledoves).

In Matthew’s Beatitudes (5:3) Jesus says, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.” In Luke’s Sermon on the Plain, Jesus merely says, “Blessed are the poor.” The Greek word that he uses, “ptokos,” signifies “the poorest of the poor.”

If it were on Broadway, it would be a musical for it is full of praise music. Mary sings her Magnificat (1:46-55), Zechariah his Benedictus (1:68-79), Simeon his Nunc Dimittis (2:29-32), and the angels their Gloria in excelsis Deo

Finally, Luke portrays Jesus as the ultimate man of prayer. Before each great event in his life, Jesus prayed. At his baptism (3:21), before he began healing, before he first collided with the Pharisees (5:16), and before delivered his Sermon on the Plain (6:12-38), Jesus prayed.

Before choosing the twelve disciples (6:12), questioning the disciples concerning who he was, before the first prediction of his death (9:18), on the Mount of Transfiguration (9:29), as he hung upon the cross (23:46), and as Peter faced his hour of testing (22:32), Jesus prayed.

If you’re looking for a great book to read in Lent, look no further than the Gospel of Luke. It will richly reward you.

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COLUMN

Passover: A Sacred Reminder of Who We Are



By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

There is so much data overload and so much to remember on a daily basis that it can sometimes feel overwhelming. It is easy to become distracted and let non-important information dissipate from our minds. But what about the essential items we don’t want to forget?

We must create lists to remind us of our daily goals and help us prioritize our time. Equally as important, these lists remind us who we are and where we are going.

As Jews, we are commanded to “remember.” We understand that our collective heritage is only retained because each generation passes it on to the next. So, we retain our sacred

memories and anchor them with ritual and liturgy. There is no greater example of this than our Passover observance.

Our Seder observance is the rabbinic lesson plan by which we “eat” our history.

Each seder ritual item and every Haggadah word pronounced captures our Jewish memories.

- Matzah - the bread of poverty; a reminder of the haste by which we fled Egyptian bondage.
- Maror - the bitter herb; so we might taste our reminder of the bitterness of our enslavement.
- Haroset - the sweet concoction of apples, wine, and nuts; looks like the mortar by which the slaves had to build Pharaoh’s cities, and yet tastes sweet to remember our ultimate redemption.

- Karpas is the green vegetable - our reminder that spring comes with its seeds of renewal and hope for a better future.

- Beitzah - the roasted egg; a reminder of the sacrifices offered to God by our spiritual ancestors and a symbol of life.

- Z’roa - the roasted shank bone; the remainder of the lamb sacrificed and whose blood went

With each ritual word voiced and our seder experience rediscovered, we find our memory and relearn who we are and where we’re going.

upon the Israelite’s doorposts so that the angel of death would “Passover.”

The seder plate creates our interactive Jewish historical memory experience as we then continue:

- We dip the green vegetable twice to taste the tears from the slaves’ eyes.
- We diminish our full wine cup, a drop for each plague, noting that our full cup of “life” is reduced because evil brought horrible consequences to other human beings.
- We open our doors and invite Elijah to come and sip from the cup of wine we have set aside so that he can announce the coming of an era of peace.
- We sing from Moses Maimonides’s words, written 900 years ago: “Ani ma’am...” “I believe with all my heart in the coming of a messiah, and even though he may tarry, I will wait each day for

his arrival.”

- While we recite Maimonides’ words, we also share the words of the Jews of Germany written in 1939: “I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I do not feel it. I believe in God even when he is silent.”

With each ritual word voiced and our seder experience rediscovered, we find our memory and relearn who we are and where we’re going.

Memory can be elusive, yet it is critical to our very being. It shapes, guides and anchors us.

God tells us that each week during our Sabbath observance, we must take the time to remember who we are and why the world was gifted to us. By annually re-telling our Passover story, we are linked to all of our past generations, all of our People in the world today, and all of our future generations. With Passover,

we become “One” with eternity.

It is frustrating when an individual begins to have trouble remembering. However, profound individual memory loss is tragic. People often become wholly dependent on others for help and support; but while they may not remember who we are, we remember who they are.

As a sacred community, the loss of memory by some exposes all to vulnerability.

We embrace our holy rituals, words, and narratives because we know the power of our spiritual anchor. Without our shared memories, we would be empty and directionless.

Our memories fill us up, remind us of what’s possible, and motivate us to take more significant actions moving forward. Our preservation of collective memories through our stories, ritual observances, and liturgy drives us to bring the

possibility of being a little closer to a messianic era each day.

This Passover season, let’s share the memories of our history, biblical and personal. Let’s remember and help others remember so we can preserve our past, anchor our present, and shape our future.

Shabbat Shalom.
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SPORTS

GHS Boys Swimming wins CIAC State Open Championships

By DAVID FIERRO

Once again, the Greenwich High School boys swimming team, Connecticut's longest-standing sports dynasty, won the Triple Crown.

After cruising to victories at the FCIAC and CIAC Class LL Championships, the Cardinals won their third title of their 2024-2025 season on March 22, finishing atop the team standings at the final meet of the season – the CIAC State Open Championships.

Winning four events, while having numerous athletes place among the top six in their respective races, Greenwich was victorious at the State Open for the 11th straight season, winning the team title for the 39th time in its illustrious aquatic history. Greenwich amassed a team total score of 728 points, well ahead of runner-up Fairfield Prep, which posted a team score of 416.5 points at the 52-team State Open, held at Yale University's historic venue. Pomperaug placed third (307.5 points), while Norwalk/McMahon (256) and Wilton (220) were fourth and fifth, respectively.

The first State Open Swimming Championships was held in 1973 and since then, the Cardinals have captured 39 State Open team titles, with coach Terry Lowe guiding the squad's unprecedented success. Following Saturday's State Open triumph, Lowe mentioned his admiration for this season's Cardinals team.

"The team did beyond my fondest dreams," said Lowe, who has coached the Cardinals for more than five decades. "We're super proud of the fact that it was a team effort. Today we shined in almost every event. I knew it was going to be a good team; we have swimmers who can dig deep and get it going. It was one of the greatest team performances we've ever had."

Greenwich's first victory at the State Open came in the 200-yard individual medley. Senior captain Luke Mendelsohn won the gold medal for Greenwich in the 200 IM, touching the wall in 1:50.39, giving GHS 30 points in the team standings. Colin Bucaria, a junior, finished sixth for Greenwich in the 200 IM (1:54.63) while teammate Matthew Bergner, a freshman, was 10th (1:59.83).

"It has always been a dream of mine to win something at Opens," Mendelsohn said. "I knew I had it coming home, I just had to finish strong and it's great to finally get to the top of where I want to be."

Following the 200-yard individual medley, the 50-yard freestyle was held and senior Noah Barrett gave GHS another winning effort. Barrett registered a championship time of 20.66 seconds. Benjamin Pople of E.O. Smith/Tolland placed second in 20.77 seconds and Cardinals senior captain Jake Melly took sixth in the race (21.45).

"The victory felt amazing," Noah Barrett said. "When I was flip turning, I remembered how I envisioned the race. I was the first one out and I was there and I just had to take it home."

Barrett rejoined the Cardinals this winter after not competing with the team during the 2023-2024 campaign, as he focused on his club swimming schedule.

"It's amazing, coming back from sophomore year," he said. "I forgot how much I enjoyed the team

aspect. Training with the team, the whole entire community that we have."

The 200-yard freestyle relay saw the Cardinals quartet of Mendelsohn, freshman Noland Barrett, Melley and Noah Barrett combine for a State Open winning time of 1:23.59, good for 60 additional points in the team standings. Notre Dame/West Haven placed second (1:28.51), followed by Fairfield Prep (1:28.52).

Fittingly, the State Open Championships concluded with Greenwich claiming the gold medal in the 400 freestyle relay. Melley, Colin Bucaria, Noland Barrett and Noah Barrett teamed up for a winning time of 3:05.44. Fairfield Prep was the runner-up in 3:07.71 and Norwalk/McMahon had a third place finish (3:11.90). For Noah Barrett, being a part of two State Open championship relay squads was the perfect way to cap his Cardinals career.

"I'm glad that I finished it off with two great relays," Noah Barrett said. "I got to swim with my brother – a freshman finish off my high school career with two relays with him."

Earlier in the week, the CIAC State Open Diving Championships was held and Greenwich's divers gave the team plenty of points heading into the State Open swimming finals. Freshman Nikitas Kassaris won the State Open diving title for Greenwich, earning 500.35 points over 11 rounds of diving.

Jake Simon of Darien, a junior, finished second on the 1-meter diving board (482.25 points) and Greenwich freshman Matthew McFarlane took third (413.90). Freshman Reilly Anderson (373.40) and junior William Hanna (309.70) were eighth and 10th, respectively, at the State Open diving competition for the Cards.

Greenwich began the State Open by placing third in the 200-yard medley relay. Junior William McCarthy, Mendelsohn, senior captain Hadden Wood and freshman Carl Johnson produced a time of 1:35.91. Fairfield Prep won the race in 1:34.08. New Canaan senior Jack Haley was the 200-yard freestyle champion, posting a time of 1:37.06. In second place was Cody Lonsberry (Enfield/Ellington, 1:40.18) and Noland Barrett gave GHS a third place finish in 1:41.21.

The 100-yard butterfly was also a strong event for the Cardinals. Noah Barrett (50.94), Melley (51.04) and Wood (51.93) were fourth, fifth and seventh in the butterfly, which was won by New Canaan senior Eric Huang (49.07).

"We came in 200 points ahead in the standings, but we definitely moved up, everyone moved up," Melley said of the Cardinals' dominant team victory at the State Open. "That's how you want to finish the season."

In the 100 freestyle, Bucaria, a junior, had the Cards' best finish, placing 10th in 48.27 seconds. Teammate Charles Koven, also a junior, was 12th (48.48) in the 100 freestyle, which saw junior Benjamin Pope (E.O. Smith/Tolland, 45.69) touch the wall first. Noland Barrett (4:40.00), junior Jack Smith (4:46.76) and freshman Matthew Bergner (4:53.17) were fifth, eighth and 13th, respectively for the Cards in the 500 freestyle. New Canaan senior Jack Haley claimed the State Open gold medal



Photo by Kara Mendelsohn: Greenwich senior Noah Barrett in action at the CIAC State Open Swimming Championships.



Photo by David Fierro: Members of the Greenwich High School varsity boys swimming team gather with head coach Terry Lowe, who is holding the championship plaque after the team won the title at the CIAC State Open Swimming Championships at Yale University on March 22, 2025, in New Haven. The Cardinals have won the State Open championship 39 times.

in the 500 freestyle, clocking in at 4:25.64).

The 100-yard backstroke was an event that the Cardinals were especially proud of at the Open. Greenwich produced four top-10 finishes, with McCarthy (53.30), sophomore Hunter Bodey (53.35), freshman Carl Johnson (53.82) and junior William Hanna (54.35) placing fourth, fifth, seventh and ninth, respectively for GHS. New Canaan senior Eric Huang was the 100 backstroke State Open champion (50.38).

"The beginning of the year we were a struggling backstroke team," Lowe noted. "To end up with two kids on the podium and four kids in the top nine with lifetime bests by far is a real example of how far this team came this year."

Said Melley: "After the 200 free relay, watching the backstrokers was great. They all dropped six seconds by the end of the year. We thought we were a weak backstroke team at the beginning of the season, but they took care of business."

Mendelsohn also credited the squad's athletes in the backstroke race.

"Shout out to the backstrokers," Mendelsohn said. "We didn't think that was going to be one of our stronger events coming into the year. We had four guys make the

top-10. That was insane."

In the 100 breaststroke, Pomperaug's Robert Regan earned top honors, winning the State Open title with a time of 56.69. Mendelsohn took the silver medal for the Cards (56.72).

Prior to swimming away with the State Open team title, Greenwich won the CIAC Class LL team title for the 11th straight season. The Cardinals have also matched their State Open championship count, winning 39 Class LL titles overall. Greenwich placed first in the team standings at the Class LL Championships on March 18 at Cornerstone Aquatics Center, totaling 1,034.5 team points. Glastonbury took second (644.5) and Norwalk/McMahon was third (489).

McCarthy, Mendelsohn, Wood and Johnson combined for a first-place time of 1:36.84 in the 200 medley relay at the Class LL finals, while Noland Barrett (1:41.03), junior Jack Smith (1:46.39) and sophomore Hunter Bodey (1:47.85) were second, seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 200 freestyle.

Mendelsohn won the 200 IM Class LL title (1:50.38), while Bucaria (1:55.03, third place), Matthew Bergner (1:59.49, sixth place) and Connor McMahon (2:03.89, eighth) also paced the Cards in the race.

Noah Barrett was the Class LL champion in the 50 freestyle (20.93), while Melley (21.80) and Johnson (21.83) were third and fourth, respectively. Kassaris also won the 1-meter diving title in the Class LL competition for the Cards, totaling 455.20 points. McFarlane was second (407.70) and Anderson finished fourth (340.55).

Noah Barrett's second individual victory at the Class LL finals came in the 100 butterfly, which he won in 50.59 seconds. Melley took second (51.11), followed closely by Wood (51.93). Bucaria (48.39), junior Charles Koven (48.96) and McCarthy (49.30) were third, sixth and eighth in the 100 freestyle, while Noah Barrett (4:46.09), Jack Smith (4:48.84), Bergner (4:51.73) and Wood (4:55.76) took third, fourth, sixth and eighth, respectively in the 500-yard freestyle.

McCarthy was second in the 100 backstroke at the Class LL Championships (54.39), while Bodey took third (54.61) and Hanna finished fifth (54.98). Mendelsohn claimed the winner's medal in the 100 breaststroke at the Class LL finals (56.35).

Melley, Bucaria, Noland Barrett and Noah Barrett combined for a winning time of 3:07.52 in the 400 freestyle.

After the Cardinals achieved

their Triple Crown, Wood discussed his memorable experience as a member of Greenwich's swimming dynasty and how impressed he was with the squad's performance at the Open.

"It's truly an honor to be a captain of such a decorated team with so much history," Wood said. "Usually, it doesn't get much better than the LL finals, but today we showed what this team's all about. I'm so thankful I could be a part of this Greenwich High School legacy."

"The depth we showed today is something," Wood continued. "We have to be one of the top teams in Greenwich history. I think we had three people in almost every event. It truly shows that we train hard and all the props go to coach Lowe. What a guy, what a coach. It truly shows how amazing he is."

Photo by Kara Mendelsohn: Greenwich's 200-yard medley relay team of Hadden Wood, front center, William McCarthy, front left, Luke Mendelsohn, front right and Carl Johnson, back, gather after placing third at the CIAC State Open.

Lowe marveled at how decisive the victory at the State Open was for his Cardinals.

"We came in ahead by maybe a couple of hundred points but to win by 300 – Holy Moly," he said.

Rugby Tops Rival Staples In Season-Opener, 14-10

By ANTONIO MONTEIRO

The Greenwich High School Varsity Boys' rugby team opened its 2025 season by visiting its FCIAC rival, Staples High School and the Cardinals prevailed, 14-10, in a tight matchup.

From the outset, the Cardinals maintained control of the ball and territory, keeping the Wreckers on the defensive and confined to their half. Only an unwavering physical effort prevented Greenwich from scoring on several occasions.

Their commitment was ultimately rewarded when Staples fly-half TT Bassler opened the scoring with a long-range penalty, giving his team a 3-0 lead. Greenwich's lock Dylan Stanton subsequently crossed the try line through a well-executed lineout and driving maul, with Benja Gonzalez Lobo adding the conversion, resulting in a halftime score of 7-3 in favor of the Cardinals.

The second half mirrored the first, with Greenwich dominating possession and field position. However, Staples defended

effectively, preventing Greenwich from further scoring. Halfway through the second half, the Cardinals eventually capitalized on their territorial advantage, scoring their second try through lock Henry Wahl, which was successfully converted by Benja Gonzalez Lobo, extending the Cardinals' lead to 14-3.

The Wreckers finally converted some of their unwavering effort into a converted try, narrowing the final score to 14-10. Despite the Cardinals receiving three yellow cards during the game, Westport could not exploit their numerical advantage to add more points on the scoreboard.

There were several notable performances in the Cardinals team. Scrum-half Benja Gonzalez Lobo was instrumental in propelling his team forward, kicking well from the tee and out of the hand. Greenwich's outside center, Floris Van De Rotte, stood out with an exceptional performance, crossing the game line regularly with the ball in hand and defending well. Flanker



Ignacio Aldunate provided a solid foundation through his lineout prowess and ball-carrying abilities.

The tight five, led by hooker and captain Max Shaw, showed good teamwork and cohesion

from set pieces and in the loose, effectively countering Staple's well-coordinated pack.

The Cardinal's next game is in Brooklyn, N.Y., at traditional rival Xavier High School on March 29.

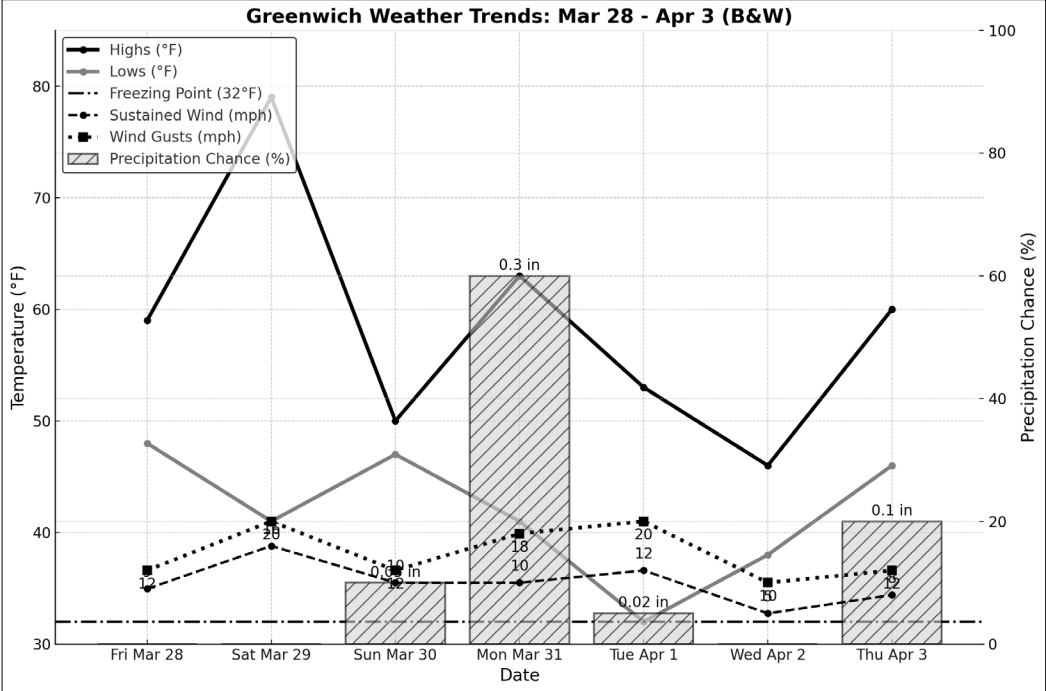
Weather

Greenwich Weather Forecast: Here’s What to Expect

By Emma Barhydt

As March transitions into April, Greenwich is beginning to feel the shift toward true spring. The week ahead will bring a mix of mild temperatures, breezy afternoons, and periods of rain. While no major storms are on the horizon, residents should be prepared for changing conditions day by day. From warm highs in the 70s to cooler, cloudier moments, it’s a classic early spring pattern—perfect for those ready to embrace the season, weather and all.

Friday, March 28 will start with variable cloudiness, leading to a high near 59°F. Light west-southwest winds around 9 mph will contribute to a comfortable atmosphere, making it an excellent opportunity for outdoor activities. As evening approaches, temperatures will drop to a low of 48°F under partly cloudy skies. Residents planning nighttime outings should consider a light jacket to stay comfortable.



Anticipate a breezy and warmer day with variable cloudiness on Saturday, March 29, as temperatures soar to 79°F. Southwest winds at 16 mph will add a refreshing breeze, enhancing the pleasant conditions. This unseasonably warm weather presents an ideal chance to enjoy local parks or engage in outdoor sports. Overnight, temperatures

will cool to a low of 41°F with mostly clear skies, providing a comfortable setting for evening events.

Sunday, March 30 brings a shift in the weather pattern with cloudy and cooler conditions, and a high around 50°F. Light northeast winds at 10 mph will maintain a calm atmosphere, though the increased cloud cover may limit sunshine. It’s advisable to plan indoor activities

or dress warmly for any outdoor engagements. Nighttime lows will be near 47°F under overcast skies, suggesting a cool and cloudy evening ahead.

For Monday, March 31, you can expect cloudy and warmer conditions with a couple of showers and a possible thunderstorm, as the high reaches 63°F. Southeast winds at 10 mph will accompany the unsettled weather, making

it prudent to carry an umbrella throughout the day. These conditions may affect outdoor plans, so having indoor alternatives is recommended. Evening temperatures will dip to around 41°F with lingering showers, leading to a damp and cool night.

Tuesday, April 1 will start breezy, then transition to plenty of sunshine with a high near 53°F. Northwest winds at 12 mph will bring a crisp feel to the air, offering a refreshing spring day. This weather is suitable for outdoor activities, provided you’re dressed appropriately for the cooler temperatures. Overnight lows will be around 32°F under clear skies, so gardeners should take precautions to protect sensitive plants from potential frost.

A blend of sun and clouds is expected on Wednesday, April 2, with a high of 46°F. Light southwest winds around 5 mph will contribute to a calm and cool day, making it ideal for leisurely walks or light outdoor tasks. The mix of

sun and clouds will create a pleasant atmosphere despite the cooler temperatures. Nighttime lows will be near 38°F under partly cloudy skies, leading to a cool but comfortable evening.

On Thursday, April 3, low clouds will dominate the sky, with a high reaching 60°F. Light southeast winds at 5–10 mph will accompany the cloud cover, resulting in a mild yet overcast day. While the temperatures are pleasant, the lack of sunshine may make the day feel cooler than it is. Evening lows will be around 46°F under cloudy skies, suggesting a mild but gray night ahead.

Spring is gradually making its presence felt in Greenwich, offering a mix of warm days, cooler spells, and periodic showers. It’s an opportune time to enjoy the outdoors while staying prepared for the varied spring weather. Keeping an eye on daily forecasts will help residents make the most of the season’s offerings.

Traveling? Here is The Week Ahead

By Emma Barhydt

Northeast: Early Week Rain and Midweek Cooldown

A storm system will kick off the week with periods of rain across the Northeast, bringing milder air especially to coastal and southern parts of the region. In northern and mountainous areas, the early-week precipitation could start as a wintry mix before changing to rain. After the front passes, cooler air settles in by midweek, dropping daytime highs from the 50s–60s °F early in the week to the 40s °F in many areas midweek. Overnight lows will range from the upper 20s °F inland (and in higher elevations) to around the 40°F mark near the coast. Late in the week, expect drier conditions and a slight rebound in temperatures under partly cloudy skies.

Southeast: Stormy Start Giving Way to Warm Sunshine

The Southeast will see an active start to the period as a cold front sparks rounds of showers and thunderstorms early in the week. Some storms could be strong, with heavy downpours and gusty winds, especially in coastal and Gulf proximity areas. By midweek, once the front pushes through, drier and slightly cooler air moves in. Skies clear to mostly sunny, with daytime highs easing from the upper 70s and low 80s °F early on to the upper 60s and 70s °F midweek. Overnight lows will generally be in the 50s inland and near 60°F along the coast. Toward the end of the week, warmth and a bit of humidity build

back in, bringing a return to pleasant, spring-like conditions under plenty of sunshine.

Midwest: Swinging Temperatures and Midweek Showers

The Midwest will experience a roller-coaster of spring weather. The week begins with a recent warmth giving way to cooler conditions behind a departing front. Early in the period, a few areas (especially in the far north) may see lingering light rain or even wet snow showers as temperatures briefly dip. Daytime highs start off only around the 40s °F in northern sections on Monday, while southern parts of the region could still reach the 50s. As high pressure briefly settles in, Tuesday looks drier but cool for many locales (highs in the 40s to low 50s °F, with some upper 50s farther south). Overnight lows will range from near freezing (around 30–32°F) in the north to the upper 30s and 40°F range in the south. By midweek, a new disturbance brings clouds and another round of rain showers, helping temperatures moderate back into the 50s (and even low 60s in the southwestern Midwest). Toward Friday and Saturday, expect gradually improving conditions with partly cloudy skies and seasonable temperatures returning.

Southwest: Warm, Dry, and Breezy at Times

The Southwest is poised for a generally dry and warm stretch through early April. High pressure and mostly clear skies will allow temperatures to climb well above early-spring averages in many areas. Daytime highs will range from the mid-

70s °F to mid-80s °F across lower elevations, with some desert locations approaching the 90°F mark on the warmest afternoons. Overnight lows will be comfortable – generally in the upper 40s to mid-50s °F – though high desert and mountain locales will cool down more sharply, occasionally dipping into the 30s °F at night. Expect plenty of sunshine overall, though occasional breezy conditions may develop in the afternoons, especially in canyon areas and open desert, as weather systems pass to the north. Aside from a stray mountain shower in northern parts of the region, no significant precipitation is anticipated this week.

Northwest: Cool and Unsettled with Periodic Rain

The Northwest can expect classic early-spring conditions with frequent clouds and bouts of precipitation. A series of Pacific weather disturbances will move through during this period, keeping the region cool and unsettled. Coastal areas and lowlands will see on-and-off rain showers, especially from late Monday into midweek, while higher elevations (such as the Cascades and northern Rockies) receive rain changing to late-season snow at times. Daytime highs will mostly hover in the 50s °F for lower elevations (with a few milder breaks reaching the low 60s in rain-free intervals), and mountain communities will stay cooler in the 40s °F or lower when precipitation is ongoing. Overnight lows will generally fall into the mid-30s to mid-40s °F across the region, with some interior valleys dropping near the freezing mark on

clearer nights. Residents should be prepared for brisk winds near frontal passages and quickly changing conditions—sun breaks followed by showers—typical of spring in the Northwest.

West Coast: Pacific Storms Then Gradual Clearing

Along the West Coast, an incoming Pacific system will bring an unsettled start to the week. Expect increasing clouds and areas of rain spreading into the region by Monday, especially for central and northern coastal areas. Coastal regions and inland valleys of California will likely get periods of light to moderate rain early in the week, while the Sierra Nevada and other higher terrain could see a fresh coating of spring snowfall at the peaks and rain at lower elevations. Daytime temperatures will be moderated by the clouds and rain, with coastal highs mainly in the 60s °F and inland valley highs in the upper 60s to low 70s °F on drier days. Overnight lows should range from the mid-40s °F along the coast to the lower 50s °F farther inland (and cooler, down into the 30s, in the mountains). By midweek, a second disturbance may bring additional showers, particularly to central portions of the coast, though there is some uncertainty in how far south significant rain will reach. Late in the week, high pressure could begin building, leading to more sunshine, milder afternoons, and diminishing chances of rain as the weekend approaches.

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Consumers Gain Control Over Data

The Greenwich Board of Education has scheduled the Greenwich High School Class of 2025 graduation for Tuesday, June 17, at Cardinal Stadium. June 17 will also be the last day of school, unless weather or other closures require makeup days to meet the state’s 180-day requirement. A public hearing on the school budget will be held by the Board of Estimate and Taxation on Wednesday, March 26, at Central Middle School.

District Limits YouTube for Safety

The district has removed YouTube access for K–5 students due to concerns about age-appropriate content. Teachers will still have full access for instructional purposes using approved materials. New content filters based on developmental age have been implemented by the technology department.

Greenwich High Hosts Jazz Festival

Greenwich High School will host its 38th annual Jazz Festival on Saturday, April 5, from 8 AM to 7 PM at the Performing Arts Center. Fifteen school bands, including groups from Canada, will perform, and eleven New York City-based clinicians will offer masterclasses and a concert. The event is open to the public with a suggested donation of \$10

for adults and \$5 for students.

SPORTS

Greenwich Baseball Team Hosts Fundraiser

Greenwich High School’s baseball team will hold its annual “Diamond Day” fundraiser on Sunday, March 30, from 8 to 11 AM, with a rain date of April 6. Players will be stationed around town collecting donations to support team expenses such as gear and meals. The first home game is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, following a year-long field closure for soil remediation.

Greenwich Moves Forward With Pool Renovation

A consultant’s report found that the Greenwich High School pool has multiple safety and code compliance issues, including non-functional main drains, inadequate diving clearances, and an aging filtration system. The report recommends closing the pool for 1–2 years to complete necessary up-



grades and renovations. The Board of Education has agreed to form a feasibility committee and keep the pool open for now.

GHS Rugby Team Wins Season Opener

The Greenwich High School Varsity Boys’ rugby team defeated Staples High School 14-10 in their season opener. After a penalty from TT Bassler and a try from Dylan Stanton, the Cardinals led 7-3 at halftime. A second try from Henry Wahl, followed by a converted try from Staples, sealed the win for Greenwich.



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Greenwich Swimming Team Clinches Triple Crown

The Greenwich High School boys’ swimming team won the CIAC State Open Championships on March 22, 2025, securing their 39th title in the event and completing a Triple Crown after victories at the FCIAC and CIAC Class LL Championships.

They earned a total of 728 points, significantly ahead of second-place Fairfield Prep, with strong performances in individual and relay events. The team also had a successful showing at the CIAC Class LL Championships earlier in the week, winning multiple individual titles and relay races.

LOCAL POLITICS
New Regulations Protect Long Island Sound

Town planning officials are drafting new regulations to reduce pollution and flooding along river corridors that feed into Long Island Sound. The regulations will establish buffer zones around waterways, restricting certain activities and requiring approvals for others. Enforcement will be handled by the town’s conservation department, with the rules applying only to residential areas.

ACROSS CT
Consumers Gain Control Over Data

Genetic testing company 23andMe has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy following a data breach in October 2023 that exposed personal information of nearly seven million people. Consumers can delete their 23andMe data by logging into their account, going to Settings > 23andMe Data, downloading their data if desired, and selecting “Permanently Delete Data.” To destroy a stored saliva sample or revoke research consent, users can update preferences in the account settings under “Preferences” and “Research and Product Consents.”

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415 W Lyon Farm Drive	Greenwich	\$1,850,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
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415 W Lyon Farm Drive	Greenwich	\$1,850,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
5 Cat Rock Road	Cos Cob	\$4,370,000	Sun 10-12 PM	Coldwell Banker
201 Shore Road	Greenwich	\$2,499,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Coldwell Banker
897 Lake Avenue	Greenwich	\$5,200,000	Sun 2:30-4:30 PM	Coldwell Banker
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47 Mallard Drive	Greenwich	\$1,795,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
65 Orchard Street	Cos Cob	\$1,495,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
24 Rippowam Road	Cos Cob	\$1,800,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Sotheby's
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414 W Lyon Farm	\$1,995,000	\$1,525,000	\$1,500,000	252	3	3		2,480
1 Milbank Avenue 2D	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,575,000	6	2	2	0	2,184
107 Cognewaugh Road	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	\$3,061,250	15	4	4	2	4,420
66 Ridge Street	\$7,295,000	\$7,295,000	\$7,150,000	352	5	6	0.36	7,502
50 Dingtletown Road	\$21,900,000	\$16,900,000	\$16,900,000	521	5	7	7.37	13,825

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63 Indian Harbor Drive 5	\$975,000	\$456	2,139		3	2	South of Post
24 Riverside Lane	\$1,195,000	\$639	1,871	0.22	3	3	Riverside
12 Griffith Road	\$1,250,000	\$599	2,086	0.17	4	2	Riverside
14 Sawmill Terrace	\$1,595,000	\$683	2,337	1.22	4	2	South Parkway
28 Curt Terrace	\$1,780,000	\$736	2,419	0.4	5	3	Glenville
30 Prospect Drive	\$1,795,000	\$909	1,974		4	3	South Parkway
47 Mallard Drive	\$1,795,000	\$962	1,865	0.38	3	2	South of Post
415 W Lyon Farm Drive	\$1,850,000	\$573	3,229	0	4	3	Glenville
53 Valleywood Road	\$1,925,000	\$1,046	1,840	0.19	3	2	Cos Cob
32 Jeffrey Road	\$2,799,000	\$619	4,525	1.1	5	5	South Parkway
26 Deepwoods Lane	\$2,895,000	\$963	3,006	0.31	4	4	Old Greenwich
9 Hillside Drive	\$3,200,000	\$839	3,816	0.79	4	3	South Parkway
85 Cutler Road	\$3,250,000	\$691	4,702	4.01	6	4	North Parkway
36 Highview Avenue	\$3,495,000	\$1,045	3,343	0.24	4	3	Old Greenwich
164 Clapboard Ridge	\$3,700,000	\$712	5,200	5.8	5	4	South Parkway
23 Hillcrest Park Road	\$3,998,000	\$429	9,312	3.23	5	5	North Mianus
82 Rockwood Lane	\$4,000,000	\$1,029	3,887	1.88	5	4	South Parkway
34 Thunder Mountain	\$4,095,000	\$783	5,230	2.5	5	4	Glenville
5 Cat Rock Road	\$4,370,000	\$703	6,219	0.64	5	6	Cos Cob
121 Round Hill Road	\$4,500,000	\$908	4,958	2.3	6	4	South Parkway
34 Quail Road	\$5,495,000	\$846	6,498	2.35	5	7	South Parkway
851 Lake Avenue	\$6,395,000	\$798	8,018	4	6	5	North Parkway
85 Richmond Hill Road	\$6,795,000	\$679	10,006	4	9	10	North Parkway
26 Glen Avon Drive	\$6,995,000	\$1,177	5,942	0.87	6	5	Riverside
11 Wynnwood Road	\$9,750,000	\$773	12,612	2.24	5	7	South Parkway

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COLUMN: APRIL FOOLS

Speed testing the route of the inaugural Greenwich Grand Prix down Greenwich Avenue at 3 am.

BY MARK PRUNER

Greenwich people love to compete. We have Olympians, NFL, NHL, and NBA players that live here and world class equestrian facilities. Our GHS swim teams are perennial state champions racing down our soon to be renovated pool. Our private schools have won multiple league and regional championships. The Tour de Greenwich is also one of the big biking events in the region, but until now one group has been left out.

Inspired by the Tour de

Greenwich bike race, owners of exotics cars in Greenwich finally have a race of their own. A private group of high-performance automobile owners finally got the go ahead to show just what they and their cars can do. The inaugural Greenwich Grand Prix is scheduled for the July 4th weekend with three laps around Greenwich.

The race will be limited to Greenwich residents, but there should be no shortage of entries. Over the last two years, our Team has sold houses with 8- and 11-car garages. Given the multiplicity of cars each homeowner is limited to a max of two cars and the pit crews are limited to only family members. Cars have to be able to easily exceed 140 mph.

This race will have several innovative features right from the start. To prevent a bottle neck, each owner will use the soon to be famous Greenwich Start and start from their own driveway. Each driver will be able to see a countdown to the green flag on the GGP phone app. This app will also let drivers and the public see who is in the lead.

The race will be three laps around Greenwich with each lap being a different course with the app guiding the racers. Laps will extend down into Belle Haven and Conyers Farm to pick up the exotic car owners starting from there. In another innovative feature, coverage of the race will be by doorbell cameras of which there are hundreds along the course.

Bob Capazzo, however, will be the official photographer of the Greenwich GP.

The route of each lap was extensively tested in the early morning hours between Christmas and New Year's last year. This led to the ruling out of both Cat Rock and Cognewaugh Roads as the cars tended to get airborne on these windy hilly roads.

The tests on these roads also showed that if there was an accident with fire trucks and ambulances coming from opposite directions, these roads would be too narrow for the emergency vehicles to back up. As a result, one of the emergency vehicles, probably the ambulance, would have to be disassembled and carted away so the other vehicle

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could pass.

Testing also showed that the turn from Greenwich Ave to Arch St. could not be made at over 155 mph for most cars, so all speeds down the Avenue will be limited to 150 mph. Luckily, both the North St. and King St. portions are pedal to the metal.

Many groups are looking forward to the benefits of the GGP. Realtors see this as a way to show that Greenwich is not just about owners of horses and bikes, but also fast cars and ample garages. The BET is glad that only cars registered in Greenwich can enter the GGP. This rule has already resulted in several dozen new high-end car registrations, which has led to larger personal property tax collections.

It promises to be a phantasmagorical race on July 5th, 2025.

Greenwich in Existential Fight Over Name

Several politicians in Hartford, upset over the renaming of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America, have gone to the Connecticut Naming and Locations Commission to express their displeasure and unfortunately have become fixated on the Town of Greenwich. These legislators are pushing to rename the Town of Greenwich to the City of West Stamford.

The legislators pointed out that that the original colonist had actually moved west from Stamford and hence West Stamford is more historically accurate. To further complicate matters, several politicians in Albany heard about the Hartford effort to rename Greenwich and want the Town to be renamed East Port Chester.

When interviewed, the oldest living resident in Greenwich said that he remembered as a kid back in 1905 that he was always excited when the then named East Port Chester Fire Department would roll out with their horse drawn fire engines to put out yet another kerosene lamp fire. He didn't have a problem with the East Port Chester name.

To further complicate matters, some folks in Bedford, NY pointed out that during colonial times, Bedford had twice been part of Greenwich. They would be happy to rejoin Greenwich. When asked whether they would prefer to be part of West Stamford or of East Port Chester, they said they really didn't care, they just wanted lower property taxes.

Plan to Solve Greenwich Avenue Problems Once and for All

Parking has been bad on Greenwich Avenue for decades, maybe even over a century from when it was first paved in 1900. Over the years, a variety of things have been tried to speed up traffic on Greenwich Avenue and provide sufficient parking. Parking meters were added in 1953, and it was made one-way south in 1970. None of this seemed to help for very long.

The Avenue is even busier. Today, finding a parking space on the Avenue can take several loops of the block. The further you go south on the Avenue, the worse it gets. Luckily, NYC just tested a solution that noticeably reduced traffic in lower Manhattan via exorbitant fees.

The New York candidate running



A two-way Greenwich Avenue circa 1940 with no parking. (Courtesy of the Greenwich Historical Society)

for mayor of the newly renamed City of East Port Chester/West Stamford has proposed that parking fees start at \$2/hr at the top of the Avenue and double for each block you go south. From Lewis St to Elm St. parking would be \$4/hr and then \$8/hr from Elm to Havemeyer Place. Below Havemeyer Place, parking per hour would be \$16. On weekends, these rates would double. He says if this doesn't free up parking nothing will.

There is, however, another Avenue scourge that arose this century: squatters. Squatters fall into two principal categories, food pick-ups and kid pick-ups. On any given trip down the Avenue, you can find two to four squatters, some of whom have even abandoned their cars to run into to the restaurant or store to make their pick-ups.

Large problems require large solutions, and the town has the solution on order. Inspired by the large garbage trucks that use arms in front to pick up commercial garbage bins and lift them over the cab to dump in the back, our DPW has come up with a brilliant solution, by simply adding a large scoop to these arms.

When implemented these trucks will be able to drive down Greenwich Avenue and simply scoop up these squatters' cars. If there is a second squatter, the SUV Scooper can simply dump the first vehicle in the back and scoop up the second car.

The SUV Scooper then drives to the Island Beach lot and leaves the car off to be picked up by the driver later or if the driver was in the car when scooped, they can be on their way immediately.

These two new techniques are

expected to clear up Avenue congestion better than Mucinex clears head congestion.

Honoring our Greenwich Presidents

Many people in town were disappointed when the statue of George H.W. Bush, a Greenwich native, was, turned down because it would block the WWI obelisk in front of Restoration Hardware. A second group pointed out that we have two residents that became president; Donald Trump, and George H.W. Bush.

After much discussion between the two groups, they surprisingly came to an agreement that maybe two statues weren't needed. The idea was to create something more like Mount Rushmore with just heads. The two groups once again surprisingly agreed that the perfect place was on Riversville Road on the huge rock on the west side of the Seton Boy Scout Camp.

At this point, several local Democrats pointed out that since they were now the majority party, that this memorial should include at least two Democrats. Much like the Greenwich Old Timers annual dinner, that honors both national and local Greenwich athletes, their thought was to honor two local Democrat first selectman in the center.

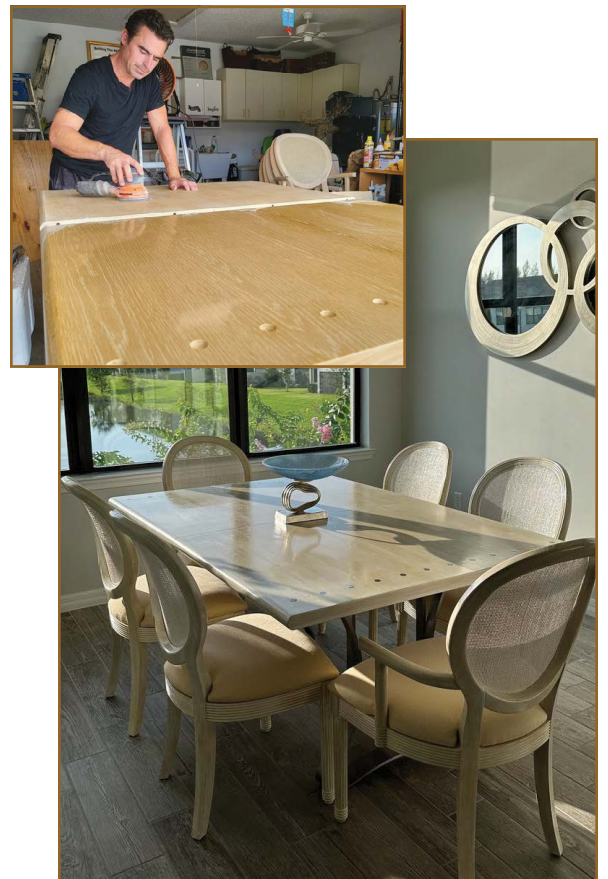
Given that this is to be privately funded on private property, work is to begin next Tuesday on April 1st with the two Democrats to be designated later.

**I hope you enjoyed this third
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Thanks, Mark
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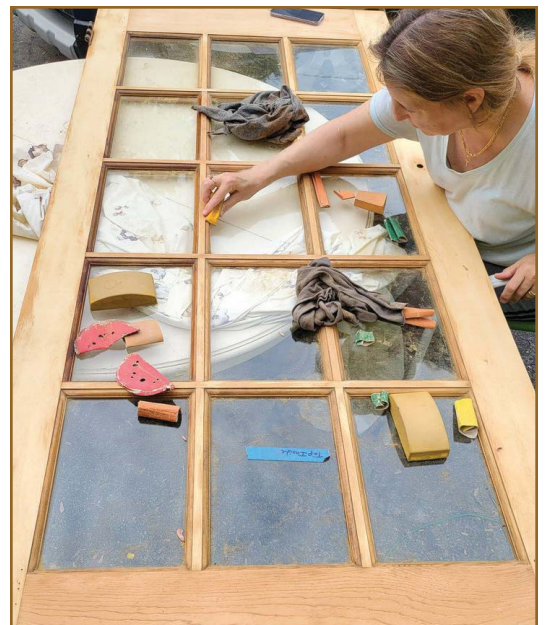


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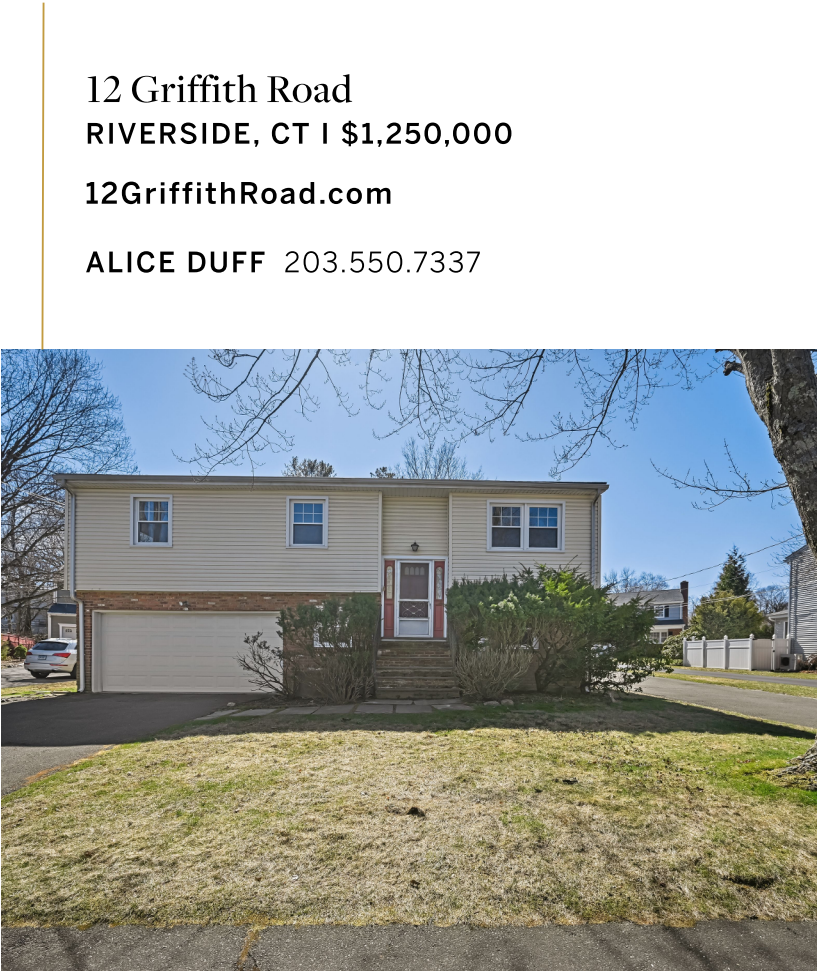
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Pinewood Derby Championship Held at Seton Scout Reservation



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By Chief Jim Heavey

On Sunday, March 16, Police Officer Sal Tramontano and I were detailed to the Seton Scout Camp on a report of numerous speeding vehicles. On arrival, what we found was the fastest pinewood derby cars from the Greenwich Council Cub Scout packs. These Scouts were there to compete in the annual council-wide championships.

The original Pinewood Derby was held in a Cub Scout pack in California in 1953. It began as a miniature soap box derby race for Cub Scouts.

For the Pinewood Derby, every Cub Scout in a pack receives a kit that includes a block of wood, four plastic wheels, and four nails to use as axles. The rules include having the proper undercarriage clearance and that the cars not weigh more than five ounces. The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby is a learning experience for each Scout and his or her family. The preparation of the Scout's own car focuses on craftsmanship, ingenuity, and sportsmanship.

Marc Ducret, an Eagle Scout and long-time Scouter, has been coordinating the annual Greenwich Pinewood Derby for 22 years. He has integrated technology into the fifty-foot sloped race track so that the time for each car on the four-lane track can be measured to within fractions of a second. Other Scouters who worked the weigh-in/inspection station and repair shop were Carl Marinaccio and

Eagle Scout Jim Parker. Boy Scout Shepard Radzin from Troop 35 managed the staging area.

With 23 racers representing all of the Greenwich Cub Scout packs, each car had four chances to race in each of the four lanes. Following these preliminary heats, the top eight cars then raced to determine which were were the fastest in town. The results were:

- First Place: Ray Musalo, Pack 23
- Second Place: Eric Shkabarnya, Pack 35
- Third Place: Alex DeLisa, Pack 9
- Forth Place: Jace Gianfrancesco, Pack 23

Alex Delisa's car also received the "Best in Show" prize for its appearance. His car was a Pokémon inspired vehicle

Following an awards ceremony where all of the finalists received trophies, the Scouts got to check out a 1975 Chevrolet Corvette and a brand-new Chevrolet Tahoe Police Car.

Boys and girls from Kindergarten through high school can join Scouting at any time by calling the Greenwich Council office at (203) 869-8424 or visiting www.beascout.org. Greenwich Council also holds Camp Seton Scout Camp for five weeks every summer on the Seton Scout Reservation, which comprises over 175 acres of property located on Riversville Rd. in Greenwich.

Chief Jim Heavey is an Eagle Scout and long-time Scouter with the Greenwich Council



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Enter to Win Cash Prizes in our Cross-Over Contest!

Sentinel Literary Competition

MARCH Writing Challenge #325: Literary Finds

March is a month of transitions and spring cleaning—winter turns to spring, the old gives way to the new, and change is everywhere. We throw open the windows and clean out the closets. This month's contest embraces transformation and lost things.

For Ages 15 & Under: "Letters from the Other Side"

Winner receives \$25 and publication in the Sentinel!

Prompt: If other things could talk, what would they say? Write a letter from an unusual point of view—maybe it's from a snowman to the sun, a worm to a robin, or a pencil to its owner. Whether it's heartfelt, hilarious, or completely bizarre, tell us what the world looks like from their perspective—in 50 words or fewer.

Example 1: A Snowman Writes to the Sun

Dear Sun,

Your warmth is wonderful, but every time you come out, I lose a little more of myself. My carrot nose fell off yesterday. My left arm is now just a soggy mitten in the slush. But still, I can't help loving your warmth.

Meltingly yours, Frosty

Example 2: A Book's Lament

Dear Reader,

Remember me? You used to take me everywhere—under blankets, to the park, even to the kitchen (I still have a spaghetti stain on page 42). But now I'm under your bed, all dusty and lonely.

Waiting (and sneezing), Your Book

For Ages 16 & Up: "What's Left Behind"

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

Prompt: Someone—or something—has disappeared. All that remains is an object, a letter, or a single clue. In 150 words or fewer, tell the story of what was lost and what it left behind. It could be a person, a civilization, an animal, a way of life—anything that once existed and is now gone. Make it haunting, funny, mysterious, or

deeply human, but above all, make us feel the absence.

Example 1:

The archaeologist found it buried under layers of sand—an ornate drinking cup, its gold edges dulled by time. Someone had lifted it once, filled it, toasted with it. But to whom? A king? A god? They translated the inscription. It read: Drink deeply and remember. Remember what?

Example 2:

A single, lonely sock lay crumpled in the corner, its mate nowhere to be found.

"Another one," Detective Whiskers muttered, adjusting his tiny detective hat. "That's the third this week."

He sniffed the sock. A faint trace of fabric softener... and betrayal.

Mrs. Jenkins stood in the doorway. "I put both in."

They always say that. Whiskers narrowed his eyes. This wasn't an accident. This was organized crime. The Great Sock Heist had gone on for too long.

He turned back to the dryer. A draft of warm air whispered through the vent. Whiskers felt the fur on his back prickle.

Could it be? Were the legends true?

The Sock Dimension.

A place where single socks vanished, sucked into a swirling vortex of static electricity and lost laundry.

Whiskers flicked his tail. He'd crack this case. No sock left behind.

Deadline: Midnight, Friday, March 28, 2025. Winners announced in the April 3, 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.





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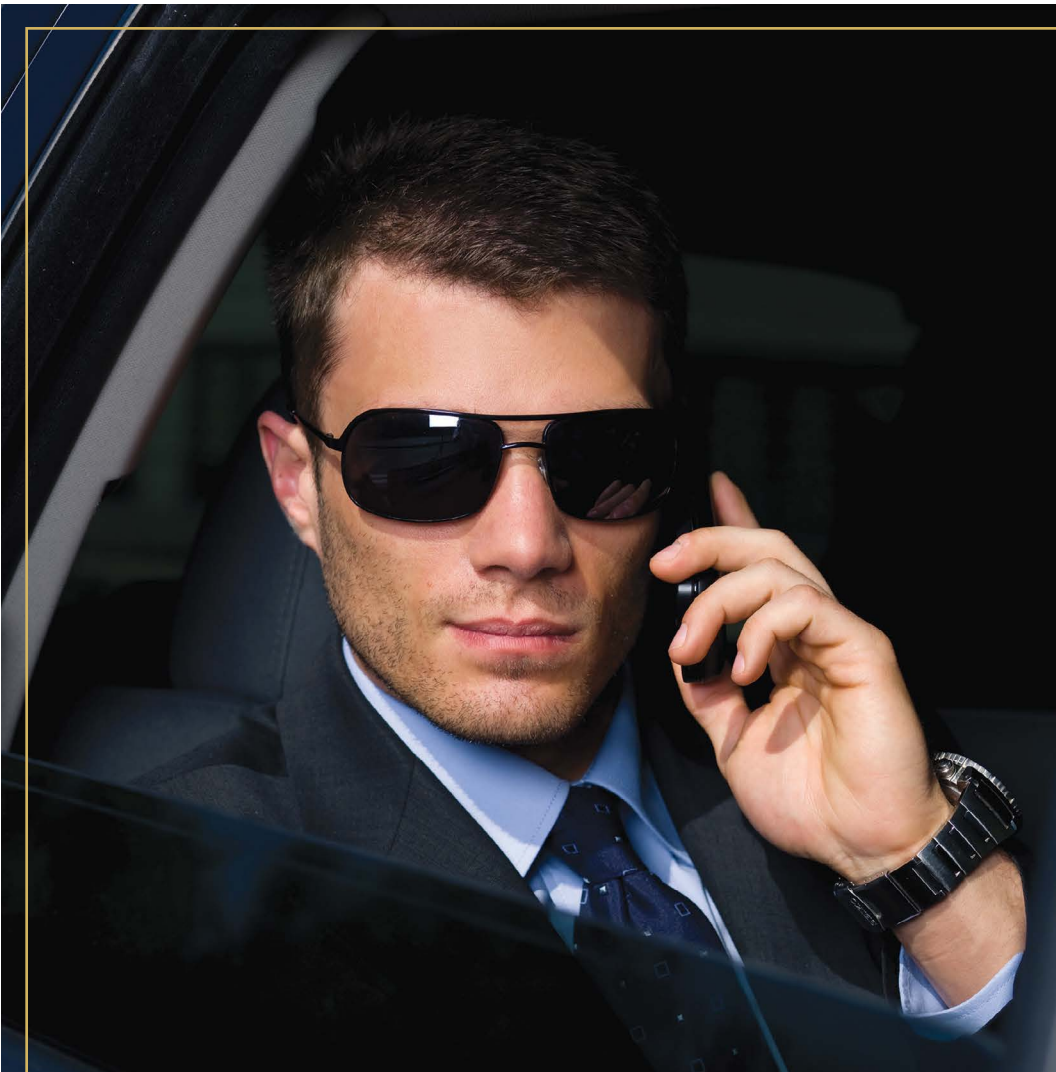
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FRIDAY, MARCH 28

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 Roswell’s Desert Bunker (Ages 8-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

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

7 p.m.
Evelina Puzaite - Musical Moments, piano concert. Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave. \$10-\$50. eventbrite.com/e/1119851920239

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 a.m.
Women’s Conference. Christ Church Campus, 254 E. Putnam Ave. christchurchgreenwich.org/womens-conference-2025

10 a.m.
National Vietnam War Veteran Day Flag Raising Ceremony. Front Steps of Greenwich Town Hall. Open to the public.

10 a.m.
Junior League of Greenwich Inaugural Women’s Conference. 35 Church Street, Greenwich. jlgreenwich.org

12 p.m.
Colonial Crafts: Write with a Quill and Ink in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwich-history.org/ghs-events

12 p.m.
Green Guardians. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Birthday Party (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, March 30. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.
CSOPA Portrait Painting Demonstration. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Open to the public, donations to GBC & CSOPA appreciated. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

5 - 7 p.m.
Spring Semi-Formal Dance For Families. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. \$10,r Members; \$15, Non-Members; \$50 for 5 Non-Members. greenwichymca.org/events

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

2 p.m.
Radcliffe Memorial Concert: The Greenwich Symphony’s Trio Carousel. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

2 p.m.
Artist Talk: Biophilia. Flinn Gallery at Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Ave., 2nd Floor. 203-622-7947. flinngallery.com

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

MONDAY, MARCH 31

1 p.m.
Tonalists and Impressionists in Cos Cob: Unique American Views of the Connecticut Landscape. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. GHS & Bruce Member, free; Non-Member, \$15. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

1 p.m.
Women’s Business Development Council

(WBDC): Business Essentials: AI for Entrepreneurs – Simple Tools for Big Impact. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

7 p.m.
Perrot P.I.s: Mystery Book Group March Book Discussion. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

9:30 a.m.
Rise & Read (Ages 15 months-48 months). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Drop-in program. perrotlibrary.org

10 & 11 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings: Hooray, Bruce Birthday! (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, April 2. brucemuseum.org

10 a.m.
Perrot Memorial Library: Perrot Walks at Binney Park. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

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

5:30 p.m.
Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC): Financial Foundations: Accessing Capital for Your Business. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

6 p.m.
Greenwich Restaurant Week Opening Night Party. The J House Greenwich, 1114 East Putnam Ave. eventbrite.com/e/1236547580099

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

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

11 a.m.
Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich: Greg Steinmetz, Journalist, Author, “American Rascal: How Jay Gould Built America’s Biggest Fortune.” Christ Church, 254 E. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

1 p.m.
Greenwich Tree Conservancy & Greenwich Land Trust: Early Spring Tree Walk – Identifying Trees Before Leaves. Converse Park Preserve. Free. Register. greenwichtreeconservancy.org/spring-tree-walk

1 p.m.
Plant Morphology Fern Drawing - Part 2. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. GBC Members, \$50; Non-Members, \$75. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

4 p.m.
Crafting Connections- Tray Favors for Meals on Wheels. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Perrot Memorial Library: Landscaping with Native Plants: A Zoom Program. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

8 - 10 p.m.
Astronomical Society of Greenwich: Bowman Observatory Public Nights. Bowman Observatory, on the grounds of the Julian Curtiss School. Free. GreenwichStars@Gmail.com. astrogreenwich.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

10 a.m.
Planting the Early Vegetable Garden. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. GBC Members, \$10; Non-Members, \$20. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

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

5:30 p.m.
Greenwich Academy and Waste Free Greenwich: “The Box Truck Film: Building A Reuseful

Home” film screening, followed by a Q&A with reuse experts Alex Eaves and designer Derek “Deek” Diedricksen. Greenwich Academy, 200 North Maple Ave. RSVP. wastefreegreenwich.org

5:30 p.m.
Friends of the Byram Shubert Library: Spring Social fundraiser. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. eventbrite.com/e/1260591716759

6 p.m.
American Eden: The Lost Garden at the Heart of New York – A Book Talk with Victoria Johnson. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. GBC Members, \$15; Non-Members, \$20. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

6:30 p.m.
The Alliance Française of Greenwich Film Screening: Le Regard de Charles. Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave. Free, VIP Pass holders & GAC Members. focusonfrenchcinema.eventive.org/schedule/aznavour-by-charles-679ce1634aaef95371c37525

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

9 a.m.
Rescheduled: Greenwich Audubon Center and Greenwich Land Trust: Bird Tour at GLT Converse Brook Preserve. Free. RSVP. greenwich.audubon.org/events

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

10:30 a.m.
Voices Center of Resilience: Mindful Moments – Mindfully Managing Stress. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org.

1:30 p.m.
Concert & Cake First Friday Concert Series: Rebecca J. Carda Leigh, concert pianist. Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave. greenwich-artsCouncil.org

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
7 a.m.
Spring Migration Bird Tour. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free, donations are encouraged. greenwich.audubon.org/events

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The Greenwich High School Music Department’s 38th annual GHS Jazz Festival. GHS Performing Arts Center, 10 Hillside Road. Open to the public. \$10, suggested donation for adults; \$5 for students. Food available for purchase. drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ubYKvXKhLWwKJ7b-JPQKkp6xUixFD8lX0

9 a.m.
The International School at Dundee’s (ISD) 8th Annual Greenwich Color Challenge. ISD, 55 Florence Road. Rain or shine. Register. GreenwichColorChallenge.com.

9 a.m.
Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Fit in the Forest. Bruce Park. Free. Register. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

9 a.m.
Youth Soccer Trial Class (3-8 years). YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free. greenwichymca.org/events

10 a.m.
Isamu Noguchi: Metal the Mirror - Exhibition Opening. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

11 a.m.
Waste Free Greenwich 4th annual ReThink Waste Fair. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free. wastefreegreenwich.org

11 a.m.
Bruce Birthday Bash. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

12, 1, 2 & 3 p.m.
Re-Framing 95: Interactive Art Installation and Walking Tours. Greenwich Historical Society, 47

Strickland Rd. Free, members; \$15, non-members. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

7 p.m.
ICC Greenwich presents Penn Masala in Concert. Manhattanville O’Byrne Chapel, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY. \$25, \$40, \$50, \$60. iccgreenwich.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

12, 1, 2 & 3 p.m.
Re-Framing 95: Interactive Art Installation and Walking Tours. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free, members; \$15, non-members. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

1 p.m.
The 3rd Annual Hope Day – a community event dedicated to smashing the stigma around mental health. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. Free. All are welcome. 203-622-6556. crestrepo@kidsincrisis.org. greenwichtogether.org

1 p.m.
Fred Elser First Sunday Science: Introduction to Shellfishing. Innis Arden Cottage, Tod’s Point. Free. No park pass needed. brucemuseum.org

1:30 p.m.
Greenwich Art Society: Batik Silk Painting Workshop with Olga Klymyk. G.A.S. Studio, 299 Greenwich Ave. Open to all, ages 10+ greenwich-artsociety.org

2 p.m.
Greenwich Girl Scouts and LWV Greenwich: Women in Government Expo. Greenwich Town Hall. Free. lvggreenwich.org

2 p.m.
Sunday Jazz @ the Library Featuring The Margi Gianquinto Jazz Quartet (Adults). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

2 p.m.
Bruce Experiences: Tanka Poetry Reading and Translation. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

SUNDAYS, THROUGH APR 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. friendsof-greenwichpoint.org

SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 9

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 June 9. greenwichhistory.org/events

MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

TUESDAYS:

10 a.m.
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524- 8032. greenwichymca.org

5 - 7 p.m.

Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse

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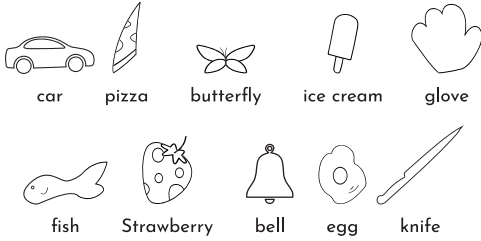
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
“Tools for Aging Well” (2nd Wednesday of the Month). Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org.

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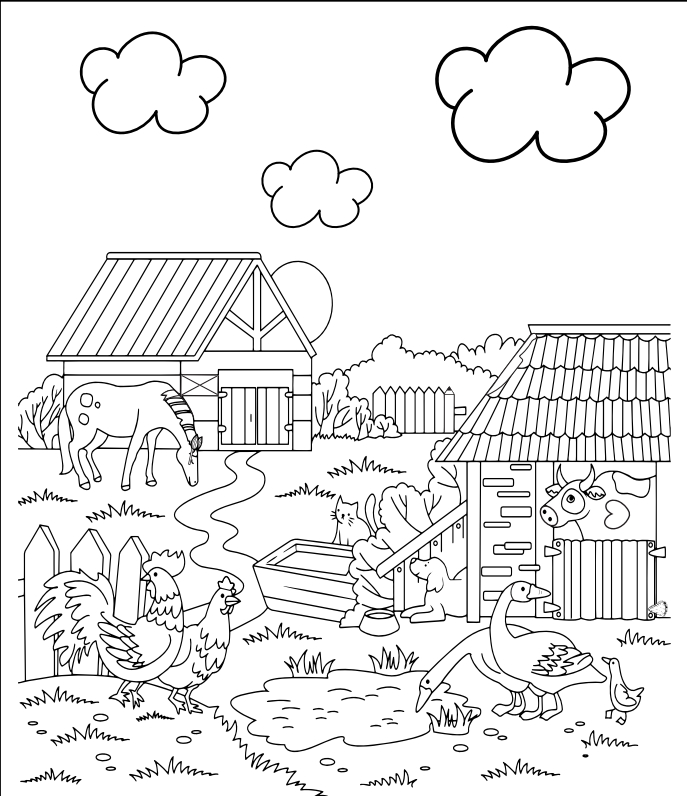
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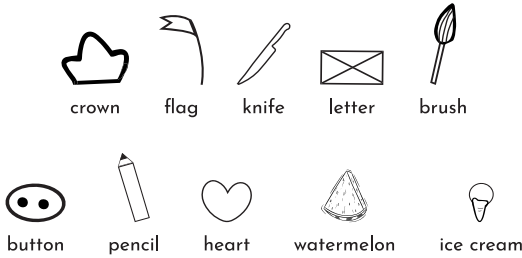
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Sudoku for Kids

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Sudoku answers

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

1 Word before “Sea” or “snake”

6 Sounds at pounds

10 Musician’s booking

13 “Am not” retort

14 Medicinal succulent

15 “Duke of ___” (’60s song title that contains two titles)

16 **Thrift Shop” rapper (Theme hint: Note the last several letters of each starred clue’s answer)

18 Fruit in a gin cocktail

19 Bang shut

20 National Gallery of British Art, today

21 Part of an act

22 The best man gives one

24 Soul seller?

25 **“Cagney & Lacey” co-star

31 Hiking trails

35 Clearing in the woods

36 Three-layered cookie

37 Order a la ___

39 Penalize, informally

40 Bras and slips

42 Polite chaps

43 *Former country that residents called

46 Deutsche Demo-kratische Republik

47 Veer, like a jet

51 Vice President Harris

54 Ice’s state of matter

58 Musical about hippies protesting the draft

59 Show up for

59 Analogous

61 *Out too late

61 Pull with effort

62 ___ Pet (terra-cotta “companion”)

63 Lead or gold

64 Corn unit

65 Lip or cheek

66 Little brothers, maybe

11 Golf club with grooves

12 Elation

15 Cadillac SUV

17 Engrave

21 Leo or Libra

23 Start’s start?

24 Leg joint

26 Composer Ned

27 Make a choice

28 CNN anchor Burnett

29 No longer in Drafts

30 Droops

31 ___ vault (Olympic event)

32 Opera solo

33 Two ___ for a twenty

34 Hampering

37 Ship’s staff

38 Make public, as grievances

41 Old oath that anagrams to “aged”

42 Dodgeball venue

44 Dogs from Japan

45 DEA agent

48 Concur

49 Garrets’ relatives

50 Vexed constantly

51 “The Sweetest Taboo” singer

52 Gumbo vegetable

53 One may cheat a polygraph test

54 “That’s funny!”

55 Yard sale stipulation

57 Birds that fly almost silently

59 Lenovo laptops, e.g.

60 Person who’s often booed, briefly

DOWN

1 Engine parts

2 Ph.D. students’ exams

3 Summarize

4 Words on a volunteer’s name tag

5 Texter’s chuckle

6 Kawasaki rival

7 Tons

8 Skin opening

9 Take notice of

10 Wind that may blow down a tree

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker .

ACROSS

1. Disagreement on the small side

5. (K) BBs and cannonballs

9. (K) First lady?

12. (K) Angel’s accessory in paintings

13. (K) Keepsake

15. Mimicked

16. Microwavable meal (2 words)

17. One not required to finish a sentence

19. Prefix meaning “new”

20. (K) Guinness World Record suffix

21. (K) Wear away, as shoreline

23. (K) Word of departure

26. Down east, strangely, in the U.S.

27. Huge amount

28. (K) Belts in a barber shop

31. Hors d’oeuvre food, often

33. (K) What many do nightly

34. (K) Divided

39-Down nation

36. (K) November tuber

37. According to (2 words)

38. Owns

41. Nonstick pan spray brand

43. (K) Least puzzling

45. (K) What Sicilians are

48. Sister of Erato

49. Lemon ___ pie

50. Royal name of Norway

51. (K) The iguana in your room

52. Dropper’s shout

53. (K) Not a single one

DOWN

1. (K) Hexagon or square, for example

2. (K) Mates of mamas

3. On one’s toes

4. Type of list

5. (K) Keyboard stars?

6. What to do after a tough loss (2 words)

7. (K) What you can find worms in

8. (K) Related to 25-Down

9. To distinguish or elevate

10. Contend

11. Have a lapse in judgment

14. Arizona-to-Kansas dir.

18. (K) Bound or spring

22. (K) Lessens or subtracts from

24. (K) “I guess so”

25. (K) Lamb’s mom

26. (K) “Results ___ vary”

27. (K) Sailor’s domain

28. Mole in the bushes?

29. ___-la-la

30. Defensive structure in “The Star-Spangled Banner”

32. (K) Belonging to the wife

35. Police officer’s shout from outside (2 words)

37. Acid variety

38. (K) Very common greeting

39. (K) Chinese or Thai

40. (K) Winter heat provider

42. Last name among boxing legends

44. (K) Clickable thing

45. Troublemaking little kid

46. (K) From whence to drive golf balls

47. Back then

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

Plotted plant?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

PICKED-OUT ROCK? 5-D) MINED

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Final Amount by Chris Gross

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Horoscopes for Next Week

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) The Sun continues to illuminate your sign, infusing you with vitality and a desire for new beginnings. However, with Mercury retrograde in Aries, it’s prudent to pause and reflect before initiating major endeavors. Neptune’s recent ingress into your sign enhances your intuition, urging you to trust your inner guidance. This week, focus on refining your plans and embracing patience as you prepare for the forward momentum to come.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) The cosmic energies encourage introspection and solitude, providing a fertile ground for self-discovery. With Mercury retrograde highlighting your subconscious realm, pay attention to dreams and intuitive nudges. Neptune’s shift into Aries may bring hidden insights to the surface, aiding in emotional healing. Use this time to release what no longer serves you and cultivate inner peace.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20) Your social sphere is abuzz with activity, yet Mercury’s retrograde advises caution in communication. Misunderstandings can arise, so strive for clarity and active listening. Neptune’s recent move into Aries inspires you to align your aspirations with your true purpose. This week, focus on nurturing authentic connections and revisiting long-term goals with a discerning eye.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) Career matters take precedence as the Sun highlights your professional sector. However, Mercury’s retrograde may cause delays or require reevaluation of current projects. Neptune’s entry into Aries encourages you to infuse creativity into your ambitions. Use this period to reassess your career path, ensuring it aligns with your deeper values and vision.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22) A thirst for knowledge and adventure permeates your spirit, urging you to explore new horizons. Yet, with Mercury in retrograde, travel plans or educational pursuits may require extra attention to detail. Neptune’s recent transition into Aries enhances your philosophical outlook, inviting you to embrace spiritual growth. This week, balance your desire for expansion with mindful planning and openness to new perspectives.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22) Deep introspection is called for as Mercury retrograde stirs your sector of transformation. Financial matters, particularly shared resources, may need careful review. Neptune’s move into Aries illuminates subconscious patterns, offering opportunities for healing. Focus

on establishing clear boundaries and addressing any lingering emotional or financial entanglements.

Libra (Sept 23 – Oct 22) Relationships come into focus, with Mercury retrograde prompting reflection on partnerships. Open and honest communication is essential to navigate potential misunderstandings. Neptune’s recent entry into Aries encourages you to seek balance between independence and connection. This week, reassess your commitments and ensure they align with your personal growth and harmony.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) Daily routines and health habits are highlighted, urging you to implement mindful practices. Mercury’s retrograde may bring attention to areas requiring adjustment or reevaluation. Neptune’s transition into Aries inspires innovative approaches to well-being. Focus on creating a balanced lifestyle that nurtures both your physical and emotional health.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) Creative pursuits and romantic endeavors are energized, yet Mercury retrograde advises a measured approach. Revisiting past projects or relationships may offer valuable insights. Neptune’s recent move into Aries enhances your imaginative faculties, encouraging artistic expression. Engage in activities that bring joy and allow your creativity to flourish while remaining attentive to detail.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) Home and family dynamics take center stage, with Mercury retrograde prompting reflection on domestic matters. Neptune’s entry into Aries may blur boundaries, necessitating clear communication with loved ones. This week, focus on creating a harmonious environment and addressing any unresolved issues within your personal sanctuary.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) Communication is key, yet Mercury’s retrograde may lead to misunderstandings if not handled carefully. Neptune’s recent transition into Aries enhances your intuitive insights, aiding in articulating your ideas. This week, practice active listening and ensure your messages are conveyed with clarity and empathy.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) Financial considerations come to the forefront, with Mercury retrograde urging a review of budgets and expenditures. Neptune’s move into Aries inspires innovative approaches to income generation. Focus on aligning your financial decisions with your core values and long-term stability.

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 people with patients (10)

2 quality of a good witness (11)

3 antagonism (9)

4 Blue Jays stadium, once (7)

5 took for granted in advance (11)

6 Scottish model Olumide (6)

7 asks to the party (7)

SOLUTIONS

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Previous Answers: 1. PATCHING 2. MINSTREL 3. BEEPS 4. OVERLOADED 5. HEADSET 6. OBFUSCATING 7. DEEPEST 9/11

This Week in History & Fun Things to Celebrate

National and International Observances
Respect Your Cat Day (March 28):
A day dedicated to honoring and appreciating our feline companions.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day (March 29): Honors U.S. military personnel who served during the Vietnam War.

April Fools' Day (April 1): A day for playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes.

World Autism Awareness Day (April 2): Promotes understanding and acceptance of people with autism.

National Burrito Day (April 3): Celebrates the popular Mexican dish, typically observed on the first Thursday of April.

Historical Events

April 2 2005: Pope John Paul II Passes Away: End of a papacy that began in 1978.

1979: Three Mile Island Nuclear Accident (March 28): A partial meltdown of a reactor in Pennsylvania heightened awareness about nuclear safety.

1974: Discovery of the Terracotta Army (March 29): Chinese farmers uncovered the burial site of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang.

1981: Assassination Attempt on President Reagan (March 30): President Ronald Reagan survived gunshot wounds in Washington, D.C.

1889: Inauguration of the Eiffel Tower (March 31): The iconic Parisian landmark

was officially opened.

1976: Founding of Apple Inc. (April 1): Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne established Apple Computer Company.

2005: Death of Pope John Paul II (April 2): The pontiff's passing marked the end of a significant era for the Catholic Church.

1953: Announcement of the First Polio Vaccine (April 3): Dr. Jonas Salk revealed successful tests of a polio vaccine.

Notable Birthdays

Vincent van Gogh (March 30, 1853): Influential Dutch painter known for works like Starry Night.

Gordie Howe (March 31, 1928): Canadian ice hockey player, known as "Mr. Hockey" for his prolific career.

Debbie Reynolds (April 1, 1932): American actress and singer, starred in Singin' in the Rain.

Hans Christian Andersen (April 2, 1805): Danish author famed for fairy tales like The Little Mermaid.

Marlon Brando (April 3, 1924): Acclaimed actor known for roles in The Godfather and A Streetcar Named Desire and played Superman's dad in Superman: The Movie.

Sports Events

Major League Baseball Opening Week: The 2025 MLB season kicks off, with teams like the New York Yankees and

New York Mets starting their campaigns.

Fun and Quirky Observances

National Something on a Stick Day (March 28): Encourages enjoying foods served on a stick, from corn dogs to kebabs.

National Black Forest Cake Day (March 28): Celebrates the decadent German dessert made with chocolate, cherries, and whipped cream.

Find a Rainbow Day (April 3): Encourages people to look for and appreciate the beauty of rainbows.

Today in Greenwich History

March 28, 1779
– **British Raid on Greenwich:** British loyalists launched a coastal raid on Greenwich during the Revolutionary War. Captain Israel Putnam escaped capture by riding down a steep slope now memorialized at Putnam Hill, an event that took place on February 26 but was part of a broader British push into Connecticut continuing through late March. According to the Greenwich Historical Society, these incursions disrupted local militia activity and forced civilians to evacuate inland.

March 30, 1971
– **Greenwich Approves Plan for the Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink:** As documented in town archives, the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) approved capital funding for the skating rink at Byram Shore, later named for Olympic champion and Greenwich native Dorothy Hamill.

March 31, 1938
– **Flooding Along the Byram River:** Heavy

rains caused significant flooding in Byram and western Greenwich. Reports in The Greenwich Time from April 1, 1938, show extensive property damage and raised calls for flood management infrastructure along the river basin.

April 1, 2001
– **Greenwich Beaches Case Advances:** The public-access case over Greenwich Point (Tod's Point) progressed through federal court. While the ultimate ruling that opened the beaches to non-residents came later that year, local legal and public policy discussions intensified this week in 2001, according to court documents and The Hartford Courant.

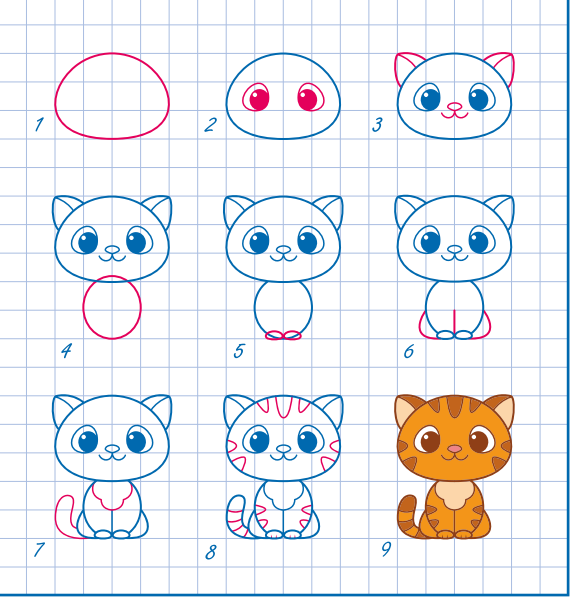
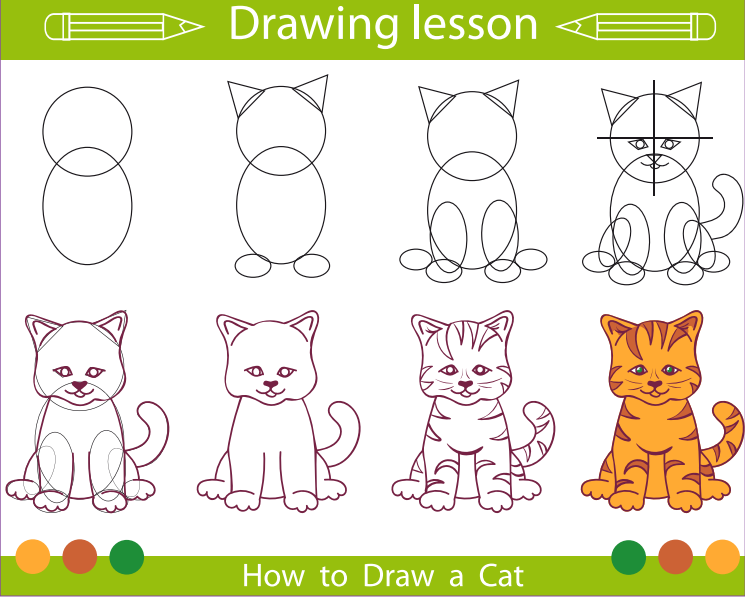
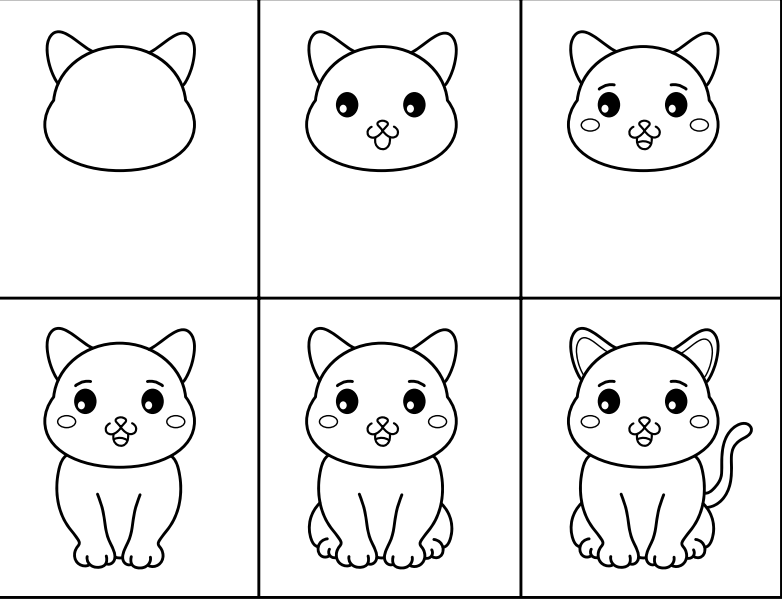
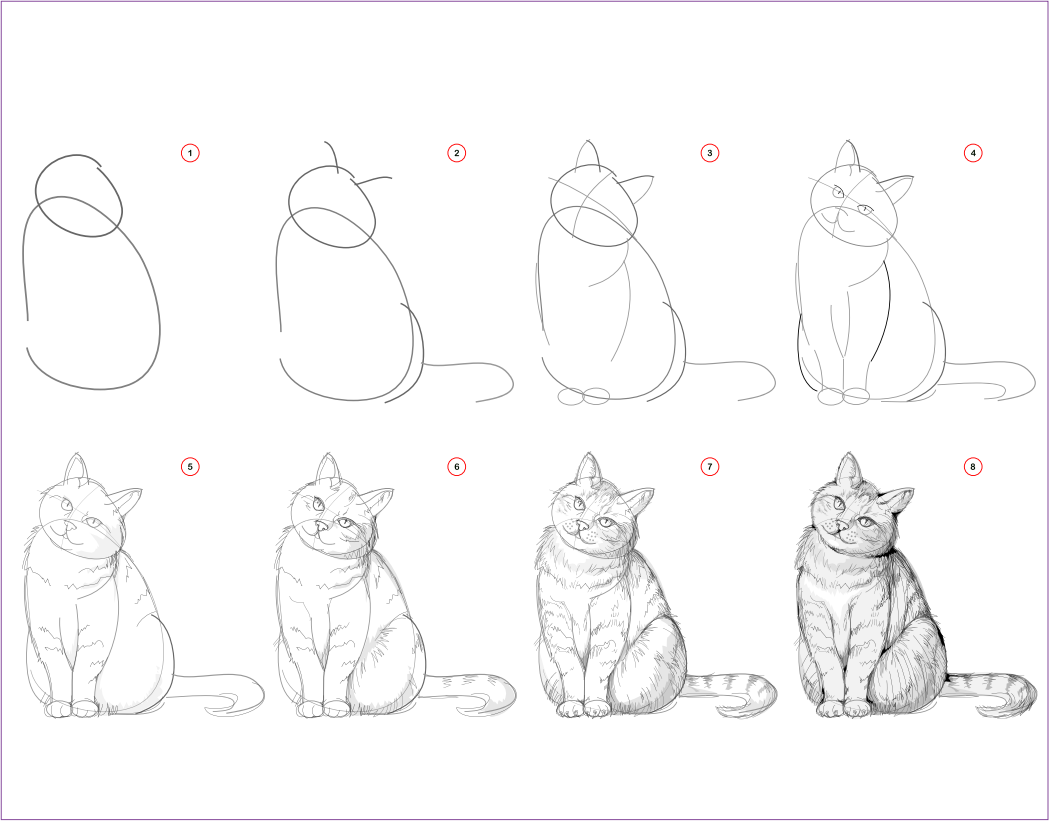
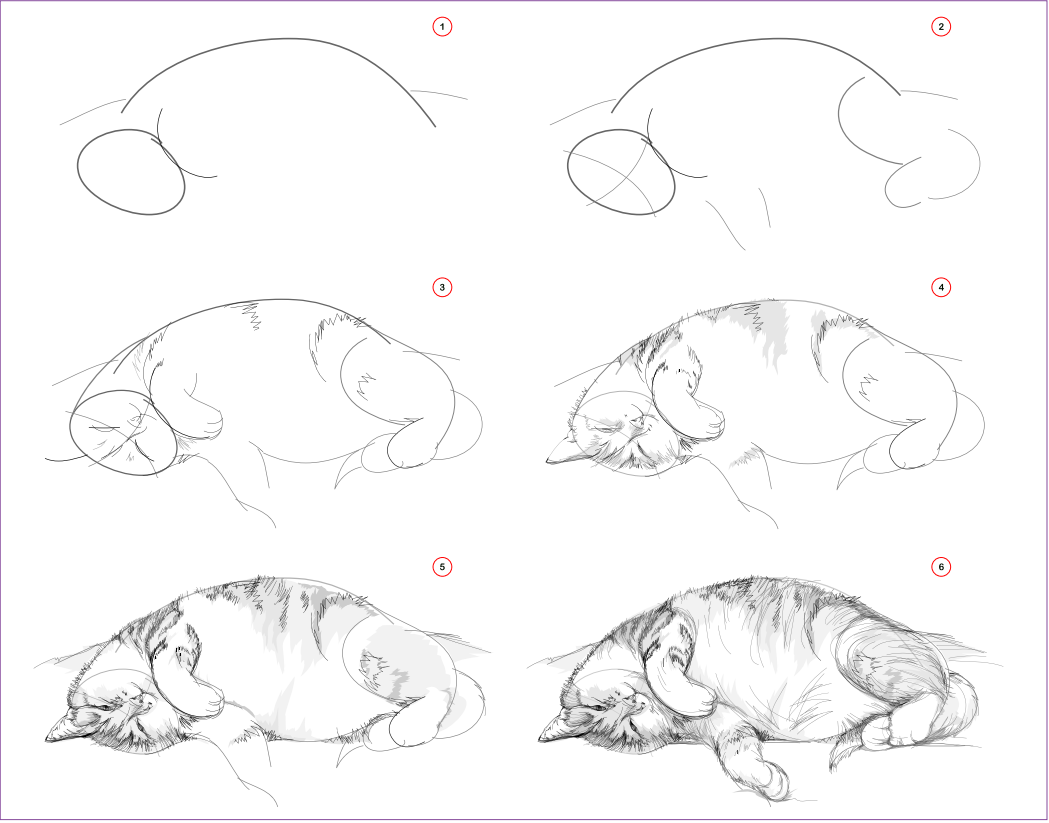
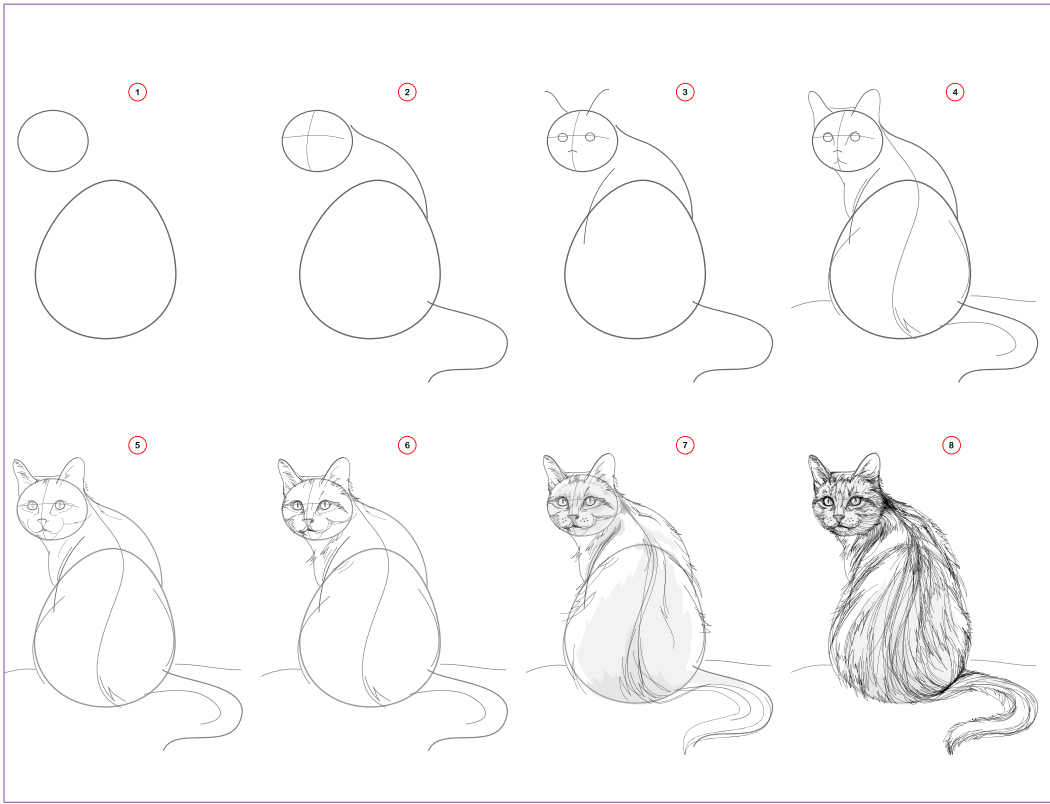
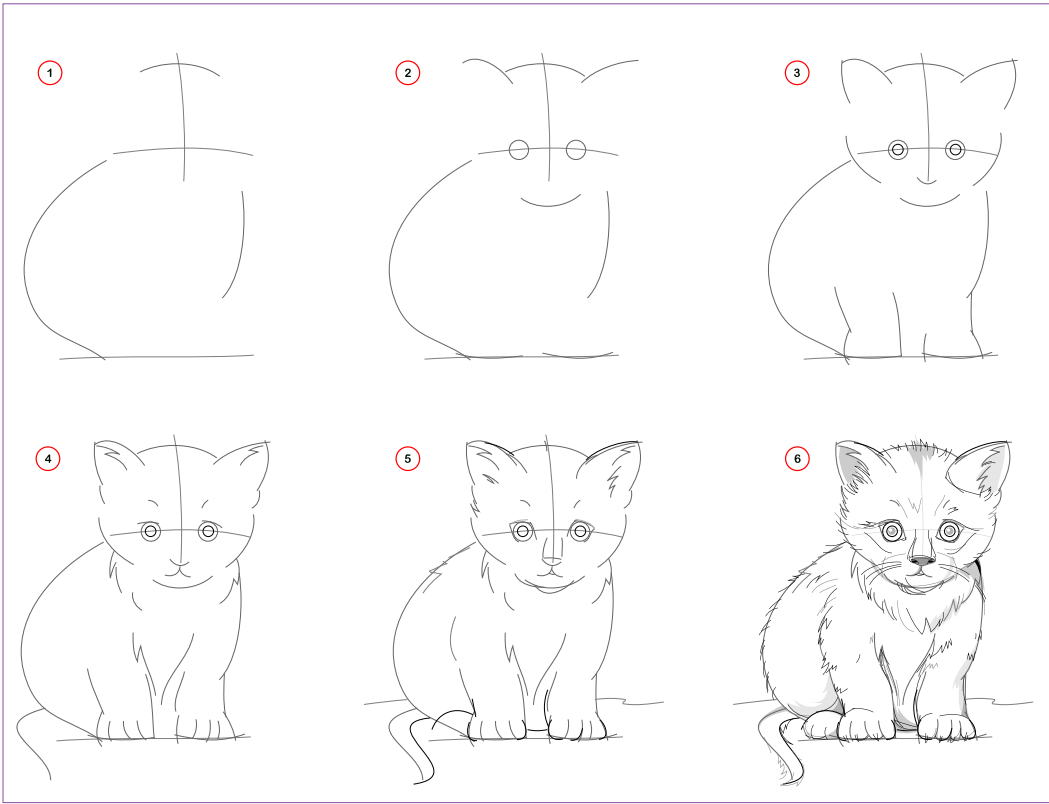
April 2, 1895
– **Cos Cob Power Plant Opens:** On this date, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad's Cos Cob Power Plant began operation. It was one of the first large-scale electric railroad plants in the country. The National Register of Historic Places notes its role in the early electrification of railroads through Greenwich and the Northeast Corridor.

April 3, 1986
– **Greenwich Library Expansion Approved:** RTM records show that on this date, final design approvals and funding allocations were passed for what would become the major expansion and modernization of Greenwich Library, including the Baxter Reading Room and improved archival spaces.

Bonus Highlights

National Cherry Blossom Festival (Washington, D.C.): Peak bloom expected between March 28–31, 2025, celebrating the gift of cherry trees from Japan.

Learn to Sketch Cats Like a Pro in Honor of Respect Your Cat Day



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First Letter Game

for kids

HOW MANY?

1 - light blue 2 - blue 3 - green 4 - dark green
5 - yellow 6 - orange 7 - pink 8 - brown

Color This Leopard Mandala



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 flower, 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.



Here is just one example of what your mandala might look like.

THE TALE OF BENJAMIN BUNNY BY BEATRIX POTTER, AUTHOR OF "THE TAIL OF PETER RABBIT"



One morning a little rabbit sat on a bank. He pricked his ears and listened to the trit-trot, trit-trot of a pony. A gig was coming along the road; it was driven by Mr. McGregor, and beside him sat Mrs. McGregor in her best bonnet.



As soon as they had passed, little Benjamin Bunny slid down into the road, and set off—with a hop, skip, and a jump—to call upon his relations, who lived in the wood at the back of Mr. McGregor's garden.



That wood was full of rabbit holes; and in the neatest, sandiest hole of all lived Benjamin's aunt and his cousins—Flopsy, Mopsy, Cotton-tail, and Peter. Old Mrs. Rabbit was a widow; she earned her living by knitting rabbit-wool mittens and muffatees (I once bought a pair at a bazaar). She also sold herbs, and rosemary tea, and rabbit-tobacco (which is what we call lavender).



Little Benjamin did not very much want to see his Aunt. He came round the back of the fir-tree, and nearly tumbled upon the top of his Cousin Peter.



Peter was sitting by himself. He looked poorly, and was dressed in a red cotton pocket-handkerchief.



"Peter," said little Benjamin, in a whisper, "who has got your clothes?" Peter replied, "The scarecrow in Mr. McGregor's garden," and described how he had been chased about the garden, and had dropped his shoes and coat.



Little Benjamin sat down beside his cousin and assured him that Mr. McGregor had gone out in a gig, and Mrs. McGregor also; and certainly for the day, because she was wearing her best bonnet.



Peter said he hoped that it would rain. At this point old Mrs. Rabbit's voice was heard inside the rabbit hole, calling: "Cotton-tail! Cotton-tail! fetch some more camomile!" Peter said he thought he might feel better if he went for a walk.



They went away hand in hand, and got upon the flat top of the wall at the bottom of the wood. From here they looked down into Mr. McGregor's garden. Peter's coat and shoes were plainly to be seen upon the scarecrow, topped with an old tam-o'-shanter of Mr. McGregor's.



Little Benjamin said: "It spoils people's clothes to squeeze under a gate; the proper way to get in is to climb down a pear-tree." Peter fell down head first;

but it was of no consequence, as the bed below was newly raked and quite soft. It had been sown with lettuces.



They left a great many odd little footmarks all over the bed, especially little Benjamin, who was wearing clogs.



Little Benjamin said that the first thing to be done was to get back Peter's clothes, in order that they might be able to use the pocket-handkerchief.

They took them off the scarecrow. There had been rain during the night; there was water in the shoes, and the coat was somewhat shrunk.

Benjamin tried on the tam-o'-shanter, but it was too big for him.



Then he suggested that they should fill the pocket-handkerchief with onions, as a little present for his Aunt. Peter did not seem to be enjoying himself; he kept hearing noises.



Benjamin, on the contrary, was perfectly at home, and ate a lettuce leaf. He said that he was in the habit of coming to the garden with his father to get lettuces for their Sunday dinner. (The name of little Benjamin's papa was old Mr. Benjamin Bunny.) The lettuces certainly were very fine.



Peter did not eat anything; he said he should like to go home. Presently he dropped



half the onions. Little Benjamin said that it was not possible to get back up the pear-tree with a load of vegetables. He led the way boldly towards the other end of the garden. They went along a little walk on planks, under a sunny, red brick wall. The mice sat on their doorsteps cracking cherry-stones; they winked at Peter Rabbit and little Benjamin Bunny.



Presently Peter let the pocket-handkerchief go again.



They got amongst flower-pots, and frames, and tubs. Peter heard noises worse than ever; his eyes were as big as lolly-pops!

He was a step or two in front of his cousin when he suddenly stopped.



This is what those little rabbits saw round that corner! Little Benjamin took one look, and then, in half a minute less than no time, he

hid himself and Peter and the onions underneath a large basket....



The cat got up and stretched herself, and came and sniffed at the basket. Perhaps she liked the smell of onions! Anyway, she sat down upon the top of the basket.



She sat there for five hours. I cannot draw you a picture of Peter and Benjamin underneath the basket, because it was quite dark, and because the smell of onions was fearful; it made Peter Rabbit and little Benjamin cry.

The sun got round behind the wood, and it was quite late in the afternoon; but still the cat sat upon the basket.



At length there was a pitter-patter, pitter-patter, and some bits of mortar fell from the wall above.

The cat looked up and saw old Mr. Benjamin Bunny prancing along the top of the wall of the upper terrace.

He was smoking a pipe of rabbit-tobacco, and had a little switch in his hand. He was looking for his son.



Old Mr. Bunny had no opinion whatever of cats. He took a tremendous jump off the top of the wall on to the top of the cat, and cuffed it off the basket, and kicked it into the greenhouse, scratching off a handful of fur. The cat was too much surprised to scratch back.

When old Mr. Bunny had driven the cat into the greenhouse, he locked the door. Then he came back to the basket and took out his son Benjamin by the ears, and whipped him with the little switch. Then he took out his nephew Peter.



Then he took out the handkerchief of onions, and marched out of the garden.



When Mr. McGregor returned about half an hour later he observed several things which perplexed him.

It looked as though some person had been walking all over the garden in a pair of clogs—only the footmarks were too ridiculously little! Also he could not understand how the cat could have managed to shut herself up inside the greenhouse, locking the door upon the outside.

When Peter got home his mother forgave him, because she was so glad to see that he had found his shoes and coat. Cotton-tail and Peter folded up the pocket-handkerchief, and old Mrs. Rabbit strung up the onions and hung them from the kitchen ceiling, with the bunches of herbs and the rabbit-tobacco.



"The Tale of Benjamin Bunny" Continues Potter's Beloved Rabbit Chronicles

Beatrix Potter's *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*, first published in 1904, remains a classic of early 20th-century children's literature. As a sequel to *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, the story follows Peter and his cousin Benjamin as they return to Mr. McGregor's garden to retrieve Peter's lost clothing—left behind in his earlier, hasty escape.

The narrative introduces Benjamin's father, Mr. Benjamin Bouncer, and extends Potter's gentle commentary on obedience, mischief, and the consequences of childhood impulsiveness. The cousins' adventure is met with familiar peril when they are trapped under a garden

basket by Mr. McGregor's cat, only to be rescued later by Benjamin's stern father.

Potter, who both wrote and illustrated the tale, continued to pair precise language with naturalistic watercolor illustrations. According to the Victoria and Albert Museum, her depictions of English gardens and countryside creatures were drawn from real-life observation on her family's estate.

The Tale of Benjamin Bunny helped cement the popularity of Potter's fictional universe, with its blend of charming anthropomorphism and understated moral lessons. More than a century later, the book remains a fixture in nursery libraries, preserving the legacy of a writer whose rabbits are still widely read and recognized.



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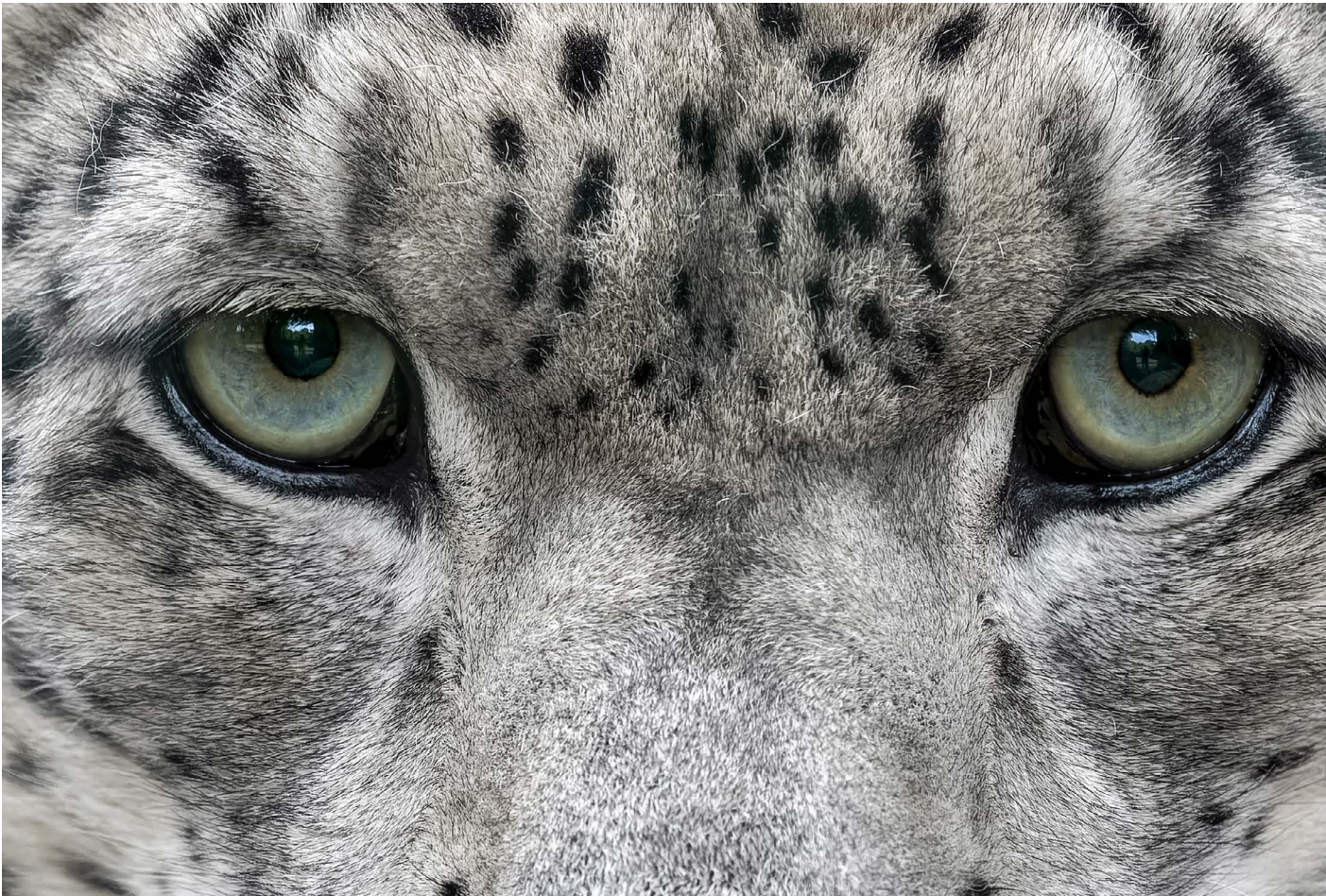
High above the clouds in the Karakoram Range, four ghostlike figures moved in harmony with the wind. Elusive, powerful, and draped in snow-spotted camouflage, a mother snow leopard and her three cubs scaled sheer cliffs in northern Pakistan—living proof that wild magic still pulses in this world. These cats are not just surviving; they are quietly conquering one of the planet’s most rugged, inhospitable domains.

Snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*), long known as the "ghosts of the mountains," roam some of the highest elevations on Earth—between 9,800 and 17,000 feet above sea level. Their habitat spans 12 nations from China to Nepal to Russia, but it’s in the northern reaches of Pakistan, near K2, that one of the most awe-inspiring sightings in recent memory took place.

In the snowbound Karakoram Mountains of northern Pakistan, a breathtaking encounter has brought global attention to these most elusive creatures. Sakhawat Ali, a gamekeeper and wildlife enthusiast from the remote village of Hushe, captured rare footage of a female snow leopard accompanied by her three nearly full-grown cubs—four apex predators moving in quiet unison through the cliffs of Central Karakoram National Park.

“For the past 15 days, I had been noticing leopard pawmarks,” Ali told the *Good News Network*. “While I was on the roof of my house, I used binoculars to observe the mountains and spotted a female snow leopard along with her four cubs.” ([GNN story link](https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/rare-sighting-of-four-snow-leopards-together-sparks-frenzy-of-excitement-watch/))

Ali filmed the animals from a distance of about 150 meters. His footage—now widely shared—offers a



Snow leopards remain listed as “Vulnerable” on the IUCN Red List. According to the United Nations Environment Program, threats include shrinking habitat, retaliatory killings from livestock predation, and poaching. Yet, as this sighting proves, progress is being made.

Dr. Zakir Hussain, Chief Conservator of Parks and Wildlife for Gilgit-Baltistan, called the footage a victory for community-driven conservation. “Eighty percent of the region’s communities are engaged in the tracking, monitoring, and reporting of snow leopard populations,” he told *CNN*, noting how local knowledge and citizen science have become essential tools in protecting these animals.

Local villagers celebrated the sighting—even as they remain mindful of potential livestock conflicts. Their involvement in preservation efforts demonstrates a growing understanding that healthy predator populations are indicators of ecological resilience, not threats.

The snow leopard’s range crosses national boundaries, and so does its future. The Global Snow Leopard Forum, an alliance of the 12 range countries, works to coordinate conservation strategies across borders through science, education, and policy.

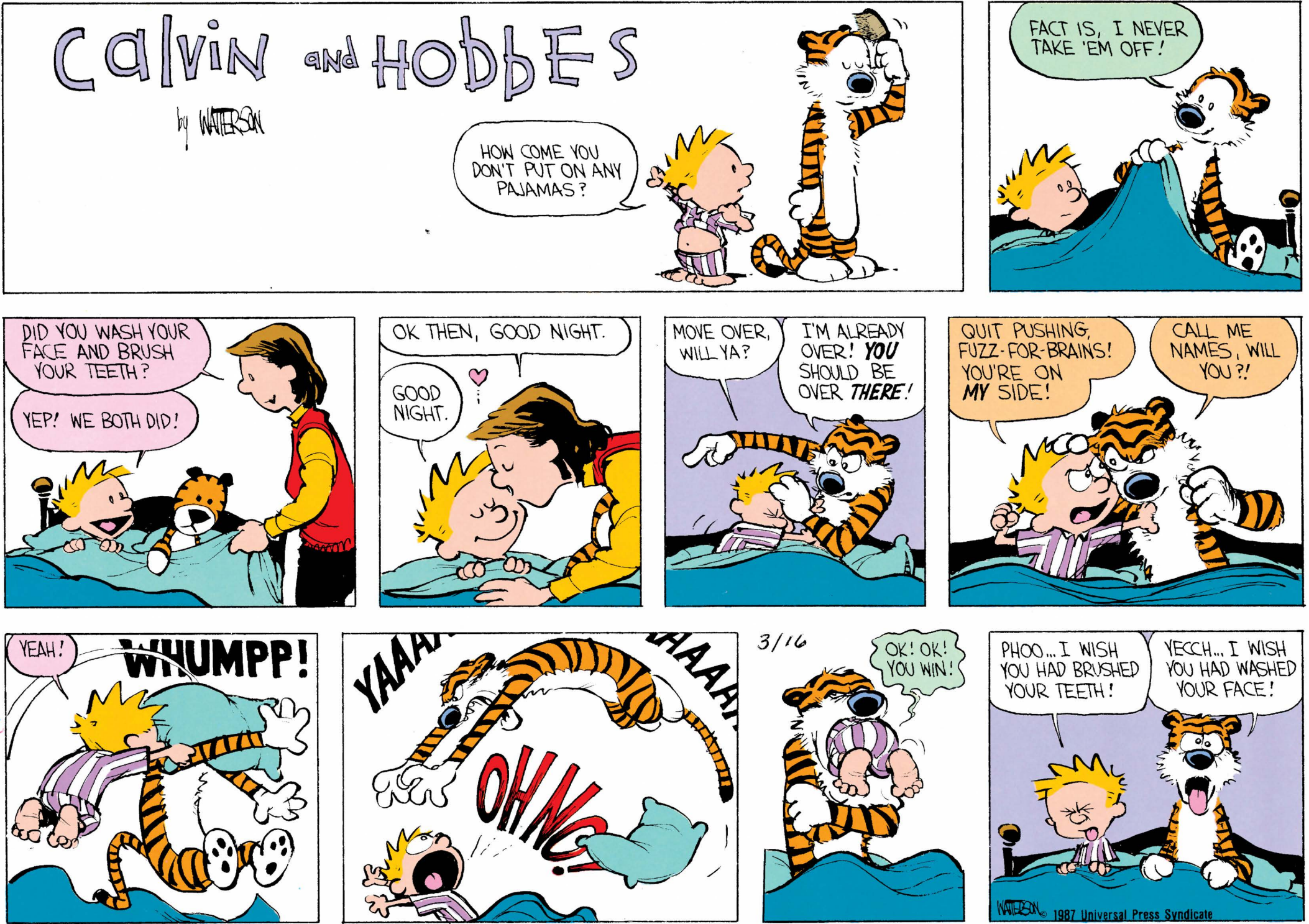
And what can humans learn from this master of high places? The snow leopard survives not through dominance, but discipline. It succeeds through patience, stealth, and stillness. These animals teach us that strength isn’t always loud—it can be silent and surefooted.

As the mother leopard guides her three young through the sheer cliffs of northern Pakistan, she exemplifies what it means to persist, protect, and prevail. For those who watch with wonder from below, she offers another lesson: true greatness leaves no trail, only inspiration.

rare glimpse into the family life of a species so elusive it’s been dubbed “the ghost of the mountains.” ([Watch the video on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doaQDGdS-2Y))

Snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*) are supreme high-altitude predators, ranging across 12 countries including Russia, China, India, Nepal, and Pakistan. Perfectly adapted to life above 10,000 feet, their wide paws distribute weight on snow like natural snowshoes, while their powerful hind limbs allow them to leap nearly 50 feet in pursuit of prey such as Siberian ibex and argali. Their long, thick tails offer balance and warmth, and their patterned coats blend seamlessly with ice and stone.

What makes this sighting remarkable is not only its rarity, but what it reveals: a thriving maternal unit in an unforgiving ecosystem. Healthy cubs signal strong prey populations, which in turn reflect healthy high-altitude habitats—an encouraging sign in a region where climate change, infrastructure development, and habitat degradation threaten biodiversity.





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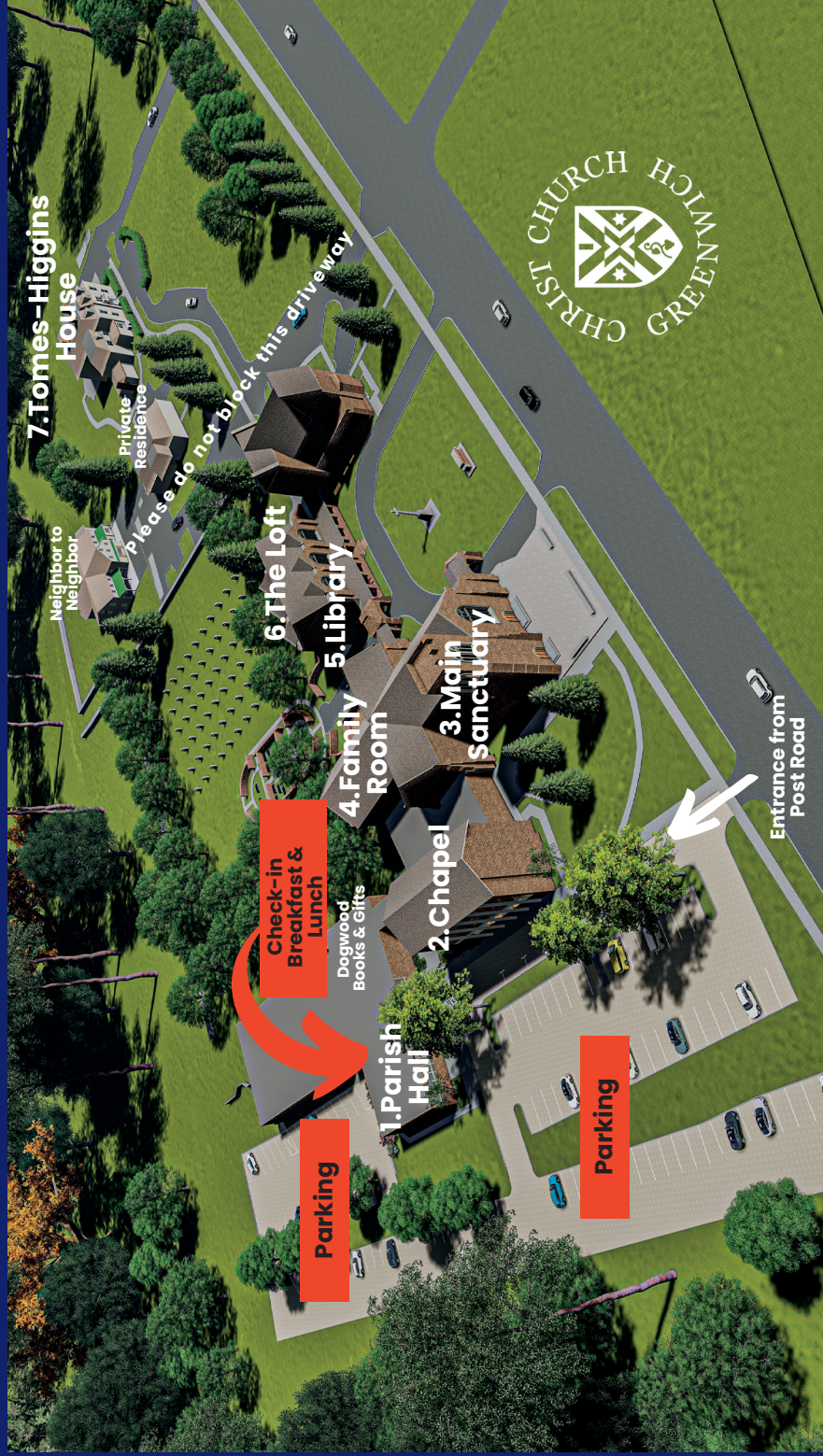
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SPEAKERS

Keynote Speaker:

Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz

Susan Bysiewicz was sworn in on January 4, 2023, to serve her second term as Connecticut's 109th Lieutenant Governor. She is a business lawyer and job creator who has helped over 60 companies access millions of dollars in capital and create thousands of jobs in Connecticut. She works alongside Governor Ned Lamont to champion women's health, education, and fair elections.



Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz is an advocate and voice for women and girls, small business owners, Veterans, and many others throughout Connecticut. From her advancement of policy to support women and girls to her participation in life-saving awareness campaigns around the opioid crisis, Lt. Governor Bysiewicz is committed to her residents and their futures.

She graduated from Middletown High School, Yale University, and Duke Law School and is the author of *Ella: A Biography of Ella Grasso, Connecticut's 83rd Governor*. Bysiewicz and her husband, David Donaldson, reside in Middletown, CT.



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Opening Prayer:

**Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan CT
Episcopal Church**

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"As Bishop Suffragan, my portfolio is diverse and wide-ranging. My ministry is focused on helping the diocese explore how God is calling us to be the Episcopal Church in Connecticut at this time. Grounded in our relationship with Jesus, how is God calling us to use the many gifts God has bestowed upon us?"

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Amy Julia Becker

90-min. Seminar: "Reimagining the Good Life"

50-min. Seminar: "Reimagining Family Life"

Amy Julia Becker helps people reimagine the good life through her writing and speaking on disability, faith, and culture. She is the author of *To Be Made Well*, *White Picket Fences*, *Small Talk*, and *A Good and Perfect Gift* and the creator of the Reimagining Family Life with Disability workshop. She is a guest opinion writer for national publications and hosts the Reimagining the Good Life podcast. Becker is a graduate of Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv). She lives with her husband and their three children in Western Connecticut.



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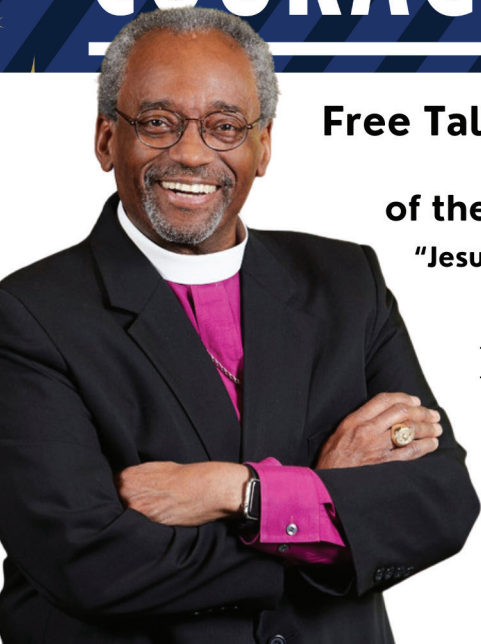
Jody Noland

"Leave Nothing Unsaid"

Jody Noland has found the greatest joy throughout her life in encouraging people. Born and raised in Annapolis, MD, she is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Maryland. After a successful 16 year career with IBM in sales and management, she changed her focus to motherhood and to helping her late husband build and market his financial planning practice. After his death in 2009, she turned her passions to sharing the message of Leave Nothing Unsaid and to teaching and inspiring people around the world the why's and how's of practicing the life-giving power of affirmation and encouragement. A long-time resident of Georgia, her joys include cheering on her daughter Anne, building a greater sense of belonging to all and in spending time with friends of all ages, including her golden retriever, Mr. Hobbs. www.jodynoland.com



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The Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker

90-min. Seminar: *"Ruth and Naomi: Strength, Resilience, Balance and Perspective in Times of Struggle"*

50-min. Seminar: *"Women, Wisdom, and the Book of Proverbs - Biblical Guidance for Balance and Perspective."*



The Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker is the Biblical Scholar in Residence at Marble Collegiate Church and a Visiting Scholar at Union Theological Seminary, both in New York City. She was awarded the Ph.D. with distinction in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible from Yale University. Dr. Parker also holds degrees from Hamilton College, Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and Yale Divinity School.

She has taught as a professor of biblical studies at General Theological Seminary (NYC) and Trinity Lutheran Seminary (Columbus, Ohio), in addition to teaching at Yale Divinity School, Colby College, and New York Theological Seminary, where her students were incarcerated in Sing Sing Prison. An ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, she worked full-time in both congregational and campus ministry prior to doctoral studies.

Dr. Parker is the author or editor of eight books, including most recently, *Eve Isn't Evil: Feminist Readings of the Bible to Upend Our Assumptions* (Baker, 2023), recently mentioned in *The New York Times* and in its second printing. She is married to the Rev. Dr. Bill Crawford and they are the proud parents of two grown children, Graham and Mari.

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"Empty Nest: Navigating Through and Thriving Beyond"

Nancy Sadock is a dedicated professional specializing in strengthening marriages, equipping parents, and navigating life transitions, including the emotional challenges of the "empty nest." She has extensive experience supporting individuals through grief and loss, including bereavement, as a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist. Her expertise also encompasses addiction, mood disorders such as anxiety and depression, and substance abuse. Her collaboration with psychiatrists in a clinical setting has given her a deep understanding of psychiatric medications.



Nancy holds a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Fairfield University, a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts, and a B.S. in Physical Therapy from New York University. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and an AAMFT Approved Supervisor, mentoring aspiring therapists toward licensure. Nancy is also trained in Emotionally Focused Therapy, a model proven effective for strengthening relationships. She is a Senior Therapist at the Center for Hope and Renewal.

For a decade Nancy served as the Mentor and primary speaker for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) in Greenwich, part of an international organization. Her biweekly lectures focused on fostering healthy relational dynamics, setting boundaries, and preparing children to launch from home. She brings personal insight into family life as a mother of four grown children. Nancy is married and deeply passionate about helping others navigate life's transitions with resilience and hope.

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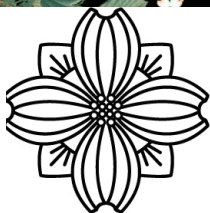


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Rev. Shannon A. White

"The Invisible Conversations Between Adult Children and Aging Parents"

Rev. Shannon A. White has balanced her professional life between being a Presbyterian minister, award-winning and Emmy-nominated television news reporter, speaker and author. She has spent 34 years in parish ministry in 5 wonderful congregations in Westchester, Dutchess and Fairfield Counties. Two of them have been in Greenwich: North Greenwich Congregational Church and Round Hill Community Church. Her books come out of real-life experiences from generous congregants who have shared their stories in order to help others. Shannon and her spouse, Virgil, live in Greenwich.



Diana Yun

"The Intersection Between Therapy and Theology"

Diana Yun is a marriage and family therapist at the Greenwich Center for Hope and Renewal specializing in couples therapy, family therapy and trauma. She believes people are made for connection and strives to help others build stronger relationships with others and themselves. Prior to working as a therapist, Diana was in ministry as a preacher and biblical counselor to college students, young adults, and families for over fifteen years in the U.S. and Asia. Diana is a certified therapist and supervisor candidate in Emotionally Focused Therapy. She is also trained in Trauma Systems Therapy, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and is a facilitator for Prepare and Enrich premarital counseling. She holds a BA from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Christian Education at Moody Theological Seminary, and an M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy at Kairos University.



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