

POLICE & FIRE

Police Investigate Vandalism, Seek Information

Greenwich Police are investigating multiple vandalism incidents involving broken windows caused by BBs or pellets in the Putnam Park and Putnam Hill areas. On April 3, 2024, officers executed search warrants in connection with the case. No arrests have been made, and the investigation is ongoing.

Greenwich Police Promote Safety Awareness

The Greenwich Police Department confirmed seven burglaries in March 2025. They advise residents to deter intrusions by keeping some lights on, installing audible alarms, notifying a trusted neighbor during extended absences, and ensuring mail or deliveries do not pile up. Data indicates that most calls for service related to larcenies and motor vehicle thefts occurred during the day shift, between approximately 7-8 AM and 3-4 PM.

Hope Day Promotes Mental Health

CIO Diaz, MPO Arenas, and the Greenwich Police Explorers participated in a community event organized by the youth-led Yellow Tulip Project. The event focused on establishing Hope Gardens, addressing mental health, and reducing stigma. The Greenwich Police Department supported this initiative.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

Swift Response Contains Plumbing Leak

A broken piece of equipment during a plumbing repair at The Nathaniel Witherell caused water to leak into the facility. The Greenwich Fire Department's Engine 1 and the Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol responded, shut off the water, and contained the damage. Staff temporarily relocated residents to ensure safety during the incident.

FROM TOWN HALL

April Declared Earth Month

On Saturday, April 5, First Selectman Fred Camillo

Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

“A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community.” Aldo Leopold, American writer and philosopher, The Sand County Almanac. 1949.



Greenwich Celebrates Grand Opening of Long-Awaited Civic Center

Photo by Bob Capazzo

The Grand Opening!

BY EMMA BARHYDT

It was standing room only at the Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center on Wednesday, April 9, as residents packed the lobby to witness the ribbon cutting for the long-awaited community hub decades in the making.

The ceremony opened with remarks from Luigi Romano, Building Superintendent for the Department of Public Works. “This is a great project to be a part of,” Romano said. “It really turned out beautiful... To provide the community with a facility of this caliber is truly rewarding.” He credited the architectural teams, town volunteers, construction staff, and generous donors. “Thank you to all our donors for their contributions,” he said. “Without them, this project would not have taken this monumental step forward.” Romano also offered specific thanks to the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation, whose donation helped make the center a reality.

First Selectman Fred Camillo followed Romano, recalling the pivotal call he received shortly after taking office in 2019. “One of the first calls I received was from Alex Cohen,” Camillo said. “She said, ‘I hate driving by this building,’ because it was falling apart.” Camillo explained that after years of failed attempts to replace the outdated center, Cohen’s offer came with one stipulation: “Build it.” And they did.

Camillo charted the long journey of the project. “This is something that’s been talked about since the 1980s. There used to be a gym back there—I played in a basketball league in the winter twice a week. There

was a bowling alley here. It really served its purpose, and it was great while it lasted, but that’s 40 years ago.”

He pointed out that about 30 years ago, a committee formed by the then-First Selectman and Tom Ragland outlined plans for a new facility. “About 80 percent of what they suggested then is in this building now,” he said. He warned against delay in future projects. “Let that be a lesson, because this costs a lot more money, right?”

Camillo then listed the many supporters and donors, including Scott and Icy Frantz, the Old Timers Athletic Association, and the Gibbons and Rogers families. He acknowledged longtime advocates and public servants like Scott Johnson, praising his efforts over the past 25 years: “He’s been instrumental in almost any good thing that’s happened in Parks and Recreation.”

Parks and Recreation Director Joe Siciliano closed the formal program. “Today is a new chapter for our department,” he said. “The opportunity to have

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BET Passes Largest Budget in Town History

BY ELIZABETH BARHYDT

A Record Budget, A Split Vote

On April 4, 2025, the Greenwich Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) approved a \$503.5 million municipal budget—the largest in town history. The 7-6 vote, decided by Republican Chair Harry Fisher, brought an end to a three-day public hearing marked by a packed Town Hall, political tension, and disagreement over a symbolically charged reduction to the Board of Education’s request.

The approved budget includes a 2.81% increase in the mill rate, bringing it to 12.041 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The vote avoided a budgetary default that would have frozen capital investments and reverted the town to the current year’s spending levels.

A \$4 Million Reduction Sparks a Broader Fight

The most contentious issue was a \$4,048,621 reduction to the school district’s proposed increase. According to the town’s budget exhibits, the Board of Education’s operating budget still increased year over year by approximately \$5.76 million, from \$192.6 million to \$198.4 million, while total departmental costs rose to \$242.4 million from \$234.7 million.

Democrats on the BET framed the reduction as a direct assault on public education. In a letter submitted after the vote, all six Democratic members described the process as “a betrayal of the community’s trust,” claiming the cut jeopardized contractual salary obligations and essential services.

During the public session, BET Democrat David Weisbrod described the move as “dangerous and radical.” Fellow member Matt DesChamps warned it would eliminate up to 45 positions. Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones had previously suggested

COLUMN

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

It’s worth repeating that we can’t be anxious and grateful at the same time. Expressing gratitude for anything reboots our brains out of fight-or-flight mode. Writing five things we are grateful for in a journal or saying them out loud is comfort food for our brains.

The Alphabet of Gratitude

Sometimes a journal isn’t handy and speaking aloud isn’t an option. We might be on a crowded subway or sleeping with our partner in the room. Especially in the middle of the night when blood sugar is lowest and anxiety is likely highest, we can lower our anxiety by mentally running through an alphabet of friends we have loved, places we’ve enjoyed, or foods we

appreciate. (We can skip letters we can’t find a name for. Few of us have been to Zanzibar, adore zucchini, or have a friend named Xerxes.) This practice usually puts us back to sleep before the third iteration.

Along with using the alphabet of gratitude, Jennifer and Ryan practice sharing “three gratitudes” at bedtime. These are the last things they say to

each other before they roll over to sleep.

Each gratitude is something special that happened during the day—a conversation, a sunset, a good report. Their brief expressions of gratitude calm their brains and help them fall asleep more easily.

Sustainability Awards Presented at “Rethink Waste Fair”

Sixty-year-old Eastern Red Cedar slice with Sustainability Award inscription. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

Last Saturday some 200 attended the yearly growing and fourth Waste Free Greenwich “Rethink Waste Fair” held at Christ Church Greenwich’s Parish Hall, as organized by Waste Free co-chairs Britta Calkosz and Sharon Psychojos, with over three dozen participating community and vendor partners. On display was a plethora of ways translating the Waste Free initiatives of “Refuse, Reuse. Reduce. Repair. Recycle. Rot.”

A highlight of the event was a third-year honoring by the Town’s Sustainability Committee of six individuals chosen for its 2025 Sustainability Award. “For those of you not familiar with the Committee,” introduced Committee co-chair and Selectwoman Janet Stone McGuigan, “It was established by the First Selectman as a forum for local nonprofits and dedicated individuals to educate the public and advocate for sustainability in our town.”

“In the past two years,” McGuigan continued, “we’ve recognized the leaders of tomorrow, their mentors, educators, environmental stewards, and volunteers extraordinaire. This year is no different.” She would call the six Awardees to the stage but first would invite Committee member Myra Klockenbrink to describe the plaques to be given to Awardees.

Congratulations to our very own Anne Semmes!

“These plaques were cut from a 60-year-old Eastern Red Cedar and no, it wasn’t cut down for these awards, but we must honor this tree and the work it does, not only for the environment, but also to inspire us to do better, try harder and lighten our load on this precious earth.”

What the Numbers Show

According to official projections, the total operating cost—including fixed charges—will grow 3.76%, reaching nearly \$460 million. The total amount to be financed stands at \$520.99 million, up 3.93% from last year. Of that, \$438.6 million will come from property taxes—a 4.02% increase over the previous year.

Greenwich’s education budget, even after the reduction, remains one of the highest per-student expenditures in the region. And the town’s mill rate remains among the lowest in the state.

A Governance Dispute Disguised as a Budget Battle

In interviews and statements, both parties have emphasized principles: Democrats say the budget process should reflect community values and trust in institutions. Republicans describe it as an exercise in financial discipline grounded in long-term sustainability.

Fisher acknowledged that “morale” among teachers is a real concern—but argued that addressing it is an administrative responsibility, not something to be resolved through additional appropriations. “If morale is the issue, the superintendent is accountable,” he said.

What Comes Next

The Representative Town Meeting (RTM) is next to review the budget and has the power to make reductions. The official mill rate will be set afterward.

In many ways, this year’s budget drama in Greenwich was not about education or bond terms or even tax increases. It was about how a well-managed town with a history of fiscal restraint negotiates the modern pressures of politics, public perception, and competing narratives of responsibility.

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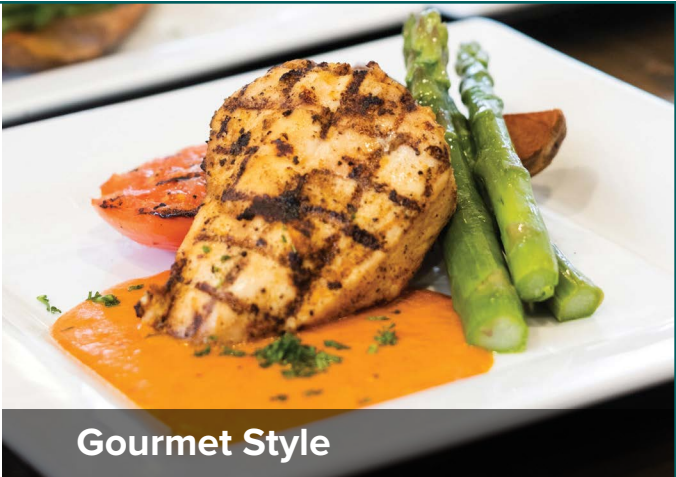
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He also highlighted the work of the building committee: “These are folks that put in hours, enormous amounts of time, hours and hours, dealing with... from right from the beginning, picking the color palette to being part of the construction and supporting the department and the Town through the approval process.”

When the speeches ended, applause filled the lobby, and the official ribbon was cut. Residents streamed inside, spreading out to explore the bright, updated interior. Pickleball players headed straight for the newly painted courts, while others tested their jump shots on the refurbished basketball hoops. Attendees wandered into spacious activity rooms, envisioning everything from kids’ tumbling classes to adult painting workshops.

It was in this relaxed, exploratory moment that Recreation Supervisor and building manager Andrew Karen spoke with visitors and answered questions about what’s next for the facility.

“So the building right now opens up at 9:00 AM,” he said, explaining the building’s soft opening for the time being. “What we’re going to do, I want to be very clear about this. This is a completely new space with new offerings and it’s not fair to pin it to any other facility.”

Karen emphasized that programming decisions would be driven by the public: “We’re going to be listening, we’re going to be listening to what the community needs are. I can put in here and say, I want to do this, but if it’s not what the community needs, then we’re doing a disservice. So we’ll look, well, we may in our heads think that this is how it’s going to work. The only way to try is by trial and error. So we’re just asking for the community to be open with us here in these first months.”

He acknowledged the transition wouldn’t be without its hiccups. “Listen, when you open up a new facility, it’s inevitable to have some bumps in the road and learning curves, but with every curve you learn and then you adapt.”

Karen outlined the variety of activities already in motion and on the horizon. “Whether you’re coming with your grandkids for tiny tumblers, dropping, pickleball, volleyball, open, gym, a meeting, whatever the case may be, this building has a little bit of something for everyone. How many hours we can keep it busy and how we can keep it busy with different activities.”

Karen excitedly ran through more possibilities, “We thought of things that we could do that other rec departments have that and everybody’s doing, stuff like that. And obviously pickleball and volleyball, and we have so many ideas. We’re looking at youth pickleball as something that we want to explore in the wintertime. We’re going to have indoor baseball clinics here, indoor softball. We’re going to do an indoor track program, which is, we’re still figuring out how that’s going to work out. But that’s the thing, nothing’s off the table. Everything will come. We’ll look at it and listen.”

When asked what he was most excited about, Karen answered simply: “New memories.”

By the time the crowd gathered on the front steps for a commemorative photo, the center was already doing what it was built to do: bringing people together. With its doors now open and its programs ready to evolve, the Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center begins its life not as a monument, but as a living space — shaped by the people it was built to serve.



Inside the newly renovated Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. Photos by Emma Barhydt.







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AI in Education: Balancing Innovation with Responsibility

By JAY BRIAR

Technology continues to change at warp speed, and schools often feel like we are playing catch-up with advancements that quickly become part of our everyday lives. Artificial intelligence has recently become a hot topic – not just in the tech world, but in education. While some fear AI will take over jobs or change learning in ways we can't control, what if, instead of seeing it as a threat, we viewed AI as an opportunity to help our children learn and grow?

How AI Can Help Students Learn Better

Imagine if every student had access to a personal tutor. AI can analyze a student's learning patterns, identify areas of struggle, and tailor lessons to individual needs. This means no more "one-size-fits-all" instruction. AI can provide targeted exercises and explanations for a student grappling with fractions, while another student excelling in the subject can be presented with more challenging problems.

When you combine the power of AI with great teachers who understand each child's unique personality, strengths, and struggles, the level of personalized learning we can unlock has incredible potential.

More Time for Teachers to Teach

Teachers have a finite number of hours in the day, and right now, teachers spend a lot of time on administrative work—grading papers, tracking progress, and organizing lessons. AI can handle

some of these tasks, allowing teachers to spend more time working directly with students. For example, leveraging AI to look for skills mastery in student writing allows teachers to accelerate instruction for students who demonstrate a clear understanding immediately. Likewise, teachers can quickly determine common mistakes multiple students have made in a class and immediately reteach a skill in real time.

In either case, this frees up valuable time for teachers to focus on what they do best: fostering critical thinking, creativity, and human connection. Picture teachers spending more time engaging in rich discussions, facilitating collaborative projects, and providing individualized student support. This is the promise of AI – not to replace teachers, but to empower them.

Making Learning More Accessible

There is also great potential for AI to enhance accessibility. Students with learning differences can benefit from AI-powered tools that provide real-time transcription, translation, and text-to-speech capabilities. AI can make learning more inclusive and equitable. When used thoughtfully, AI can help level the playing field, ensuring every child gets the support they need to succeed.

The Challenges We Need to Consider

We cannot, however, ignore the challenges. Concerns about data privacy, bias in AI algorithms, and the potential for increased screen time are

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valid and must be addressed proactively. We must develop robust ethical guidelines and implement safeguards to ensure that AI is used responsibly and equitably. We also must be vigilant in ensuring our children develop essential human skills. We must balance AI with opportunities for face-to-face interaction, hands-on learning, and creative expression.

Finally, there is the ever-present question of how we prepare our students for a future where AI is pervasive. We already know that rote memorization is a poor way to learn, and the ubiquitous availability of basic information makes the answers less important and focuses us all on asking the right questions and assessing information to ensure it is valid. This means we must focus on developing skills AI cannot replicate, such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. We need to cultivate a generation of learners who are not only technologically literate but also ethically grounded and socially responsible.

Preparing Students for the Future

AI is not going away. It is here, and its influence will only continue to grow. We cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand. Instead, we must embrace this technological revolution with a spirit of curiosity and a commitment to responsible innovation. We must work collaboratively with researchers, policymakers, and technology developers to ensure that AI is used to enhance, rather than diminish, the human element of education. We must lean into this challenge, not shy away. By doing so, we can harness the transformative power of AI to create a more personalized, engaging, and equitable learning experience for all students. We are, after all, preparing them for a world we can only begin to imagine. Let's make sure our children are ready!

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Calijah Joseph Named Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich's 2025 Youth of the Year



Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich 2025 Youth of the Year Calijah Joseph with other finalists. Photo: Kia Heavey

“Being Youth of the Year isn’t just about having a title – it’s about carrying the responsibility to lead by example.”



The event also honored George Fox, the 2025 Champion of Youth, pictured here with GBGC alumni Mateo Leon(left) and Sophia Daoud(right). Photo: Kia Heavey

By LAURA DIANIS

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich is proud to announce Calijah Joseph as the Club's 2025 Youth of the Year. The prestigious honor was awarded at the 57th Annual Youth of the Year Celebration on April 3, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich. This year's event took place off-site while the Clubhouse is undergoing a major renovation and expansion, with a grand reopening planned for September.

Selected from an impressive group of eleven finalists, Calijah Joseph has demonstrated exceptional leadership, academic excellence, and a deep commitment to community service. Joseph, along with Yasmine Bruce, Daniela Hernandez, Haamed Hussaini, Leif Ryder King, Alexa Marical, Joell Molina, Michael Mamani, Sydney Niemynski, Salome Raigoza, and Taylor Tejada, showcased the qualities that define the Youth of the Year program.

“Being Youth of the Year isn’t just about having a title – it’s about carrying the responsibility to lead by example,” said Joseph. “It means inspiring others not with perfection, but with confidence, honesty, and the courage to share your story. It’s about showing up for others, using your voice to lift people up, and proving that no matter your challenges, you can rise, grow, and lead with purpose.”

The Youth of the Year program, established in 1969, recognizes Club members who embody service, academic success, strong character, and leadership. Winners go on to compete for the Connecticut Youth of the Year title, with the opportunity to advance to regional and national competitions. In 2024, Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich's Youth of the Year, Omar Badr, was named the Connecticut State Youth of the Year.

Cristina Vittoria, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich, underscored the significance of the award: “Youth of the Year is more than a title—it’s a testament to the resilience, character, and leadership of our Club members. These young people are the future, and their dedication to service and personal growth inspires us all. Calijah is a shining example of what it means to be a Youth of the Year.”

We're also proud to announce that Hector Rodriguez was named the 2025 Junior Youth of the Year. Reflecting on his time at the Club, Hector shared, “The Boys & Girls Club will always be my second home. I'm proud to be a member and excited to continue my journey at the newly renovated Club next year in high school.”

In addition to naming the Youth of the Year, the Club also recognized Sydney Niemynski as the 2025 recipient of the David Ogilvy Award for Character, Kindness, and Integrity. This distinguished award, established in honor of former Board Chair David Ogilvy, is given to a high school Club member who embodies David Ogilvy's reputation of trusted character, integrity, and his incomparable kindness.

The evening also paid tribute to George Fox, who was named the 2025 Champion of Youth. The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich's Champion of Youth award is the highest honor a supporter can achieve, recognizing those who demonstrate outstanding service and embody the Club's mission. Fox, a dedicated champion of the Club for over two decades, has played an instrumental role in advancing its mission. As a former Board Chair from 2014 to 2019 and co-chair of the Building Great Futures capital campaign, his leadership has shaped the future of the Clubhouse's renovation and expansion.

Beyond his leadership roles, Fox is a hands-on volunteer who actively engages with Club youth. He has served meals at the Thanksgiving Feast and Pancake Breakfast, cheered on participants at the Muddy Up 5K and 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, and spent time interacting with kids at the after-school program. His unwavering commitment reflects his deep belief in the Club's ability to transform lives.



2025 Community Impact Volunteers Joe and Barbara Havranek. Photo: Kia Heavey

“The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich is a cornerstone for our community's youth – offering support, mentorship, and opportunities to grow,” said Fox. “Watching young leaders like Calijah thrive with the Club's guidance is truly inspiring. I'm proud to be part of an organization that empowers the next generation to succeed and make a difference.”

The event also recognized Barbara and Joe Havranek as the 2025 Community Impact Volunteers for their unwavering dedication to the Club and the youth it serves. In addition to giving their time, Barbara and Joe have generously invested in the Club's mission, ensuring that its programs continue to provide life-changing experiences for members.

As the 2025 Youth of the Year, Calijah Joseph will now compete for the Connecticut Youth of the Year title, carrying forward the legacy of excellence and service that defines Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich.

Laura Dianis is the Director of External Relations at Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich



Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich 2025 Youth of the Year Calijah Joseph gives remarks. Photo: Laura Dianis



The event filled the ballroom at the Greenwich Hyatt. Photo: Laura Dianis



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COLUMN

Greenwich Budget: Republicans Steer the Ship, Democrats Sink to Politics



By EDWARD DADAKIS

In a year of tough choices, Greenwich has passed the largest budget in its history—a testament to fiscal responsibility and pragmatic leadership from the Republicans on the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET). With the board evenly split and Republicans able to break a tie, Republicans delivered a budget that balances growth with restraint, supporting education and town employees, advancing capital projects all while protecting taxpayers.

There were battles for sure, especially over school funding where the Board of Education's request far exceeded BET guidelines. After debate Republicans reasonably trimmed some of the excess showing their ability to prioritize without pandering. Meanwhile, Democrats stumbled through the process,

Republicans demonstrated a steady hand, navigating a difficult budget with an eye toward fairness and sustainability. They delivered raises for workers, kept taxes in check, funded large capital projects and held firm against debt, all while boosting education funding by millions.

prioritizing politics over people and nearly derailing the town's entire budget process.

Let's start with the numbers. The schools budget, even after being trimmed by \$4 million, still ballooned by almost \$6 million year-over-year. That's a generous increase, reflecting the Republicans' commitment to supporting schools while keeping an eye on the bottom line. Education remains a priority in Greenwich, and the GOP ensured that funding levels still rose significantly, hardly the draconian cut some want to claim.

Democrats took the opportunity to weaponize the budget for political gain. BET Chairman Harry Fisher offered a compromise---reducing the education cut to just \$2 million—but he needed Democrat votes to do it. Democrats refused, locking in the full \$4 million reduction. Let

me repeat that-- Democrats denied the schools an extra \$2 million they claimed was vital.

Whispered admissions from certain Democrats reveal a chilling strategy: their refusal to budge was a calculated move to hurt students and teachers just enough to rally voters against Republicans in the next election. It's a cynical ploy that puts party over pupils, and it's a stain on their leadership.

Tax policy sharpens this contrast. Democrats pushed for a budget risking a nearly 6% tax hike—which the Greenwich Sentinel estimated would build up year after year saddling the owner of a \$2 million home with an extra \$48,000 in taxes over a decade. In a town built on hard-earned success, this was a nonstarter.

Republicans, wielding their tiebreaking vote like a fiscal lifeline, reduced that increase to below 3%-- still tough for fixed

income residents but a win for every homeowner, every small business, and every family planning for the future. The GOP didn't just halt a massive tax grab; they upheld Greenwich's tradition of fiscal discipline.

Then there's the human element. All Democrats voted against the budget; the Republican tiebreaker saved it. Had Democrats succeeded in tanking the budget, the fallout would have been immediate and brutal: requiring layoffs for teachers, police officers, firefighters, and other dedicated town employees and all capital projects would have stalled.

Imagine the morale hit, the staffing shortages, the ripple effects on public safety and education. Republicans, as the adults in the room, refused to let that happen. By passing the budget, they ensured those essential workers—pillars of our

community—will continue to have jobs which make Greenwich the town it is. It's a practical, people-first approach that the Democrats seemed all too willing to sacrifice on the altar of political posturing.

Most galling was the Democrats' push to saddle Greenwich with long-term debt for the Central Middle and Old Greenwich School projects—a first step, no doubt, toward indebting taxpayers for every project. This wasn't about investing in education; it was about kicking the can down the road, forcing future generations to pay for today's decisions.

Greenwich's fiscal strength—built by our parents and grandparents who paid as they went, not by borrowing against tomorrow—stands as a model of responsibility. Republicans fought to protect that legacy, rejecting the Democrats' reckless debt scheme. The contrast couldn't be clearer: one side honors the past while securing the future; the other seeks to exploit yesterday's prudence for today's convenience.

The BET budget battle wasn't just about numbers—it was about values. Republicans demonstrated a steady hand, navigating a

difficult budget with an eye toward fairness and sustainability. They delivered raises for workers, kept taxes in check, funded large capital projects and held firm against debt, all while boosting education funding by millions.

Democrats, meanwhile, floundered in a mire of partisan gamesmanship, willing to harm students and strain taxpayers to score cheap points. Their refusal to compromise didn't just cost the town—it revealed a troubling willingness to put politics above progress.

Greenwich emerges from this process stronger, thanks to Republicans' resolve. The tiebreaking vote wasn't just a procedural edge; it was a bulwark against fiscal folly and petty politicking. Residents can take pride in a budget that reflects our values—and a party that fought to protect them while preserving Greenwich as a great place to live, raise a family and retire.

The Democrats may lick their wounds and plot their next move, but for now, the GOP has proven who truly has Greenwich's back.

Ed Dadakis has been a leader in our local Greenwich government for over 40 years.

Another Budget Blunder that Fails to Meet the Essentials

To the Editor,

The recent budget decisions emanating from Greenwich's Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) represent not merely a fiscal miscalculation, but a profound betrayal of the community's trust. A partisan majority, six Republican members wielding their narrow electoral advantage, enacted a budget that recklessly underfunds our schools, defunds Hamill Skating Rink project, delays critical repair to Hamilton Avenue School HVAC system, ignores RTM ordinance on the use of gas leaf blowers, and defers traffic and safety improvements. This Town deserves a finance board that works collaboratively with residents and other town officials and uses complete and accurate information to support decision-making. This budget proves that ideology and personal opinion are now the basis for budget appropriations

The process itself was a travesty. Last-minute amendments, sprung

upon the board with scant time for due diligence, slashed funding for vital services and infrastructure with little justification. The demand for reasonable and customary review, for the exercise of our fiduciary responsibilities, was met with obstinate refusal. The result is a budget that dismisses safety improvements, preparedness for future storms, necessary infrastructure projects, and critical teachers. These are not luxuries; they are fundamental investments in the wellbeing and resilience of our community. The purpose for these cuts was never vocalized, so we can only surmise it was done for two reasons – hubris and a myopic pursuit of short-term tax relief which will boomerang with larger tax increases in future years.

What was incredible throughout the three days of meetings was the dismissive disregard for expert opinion and for the reasoned recommendations of town employees and engineers. There

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was no advance disclosure to senior management of the amendments or discussion of the impacts of those cutbacks. There was no discussion on what it means for future budgets – not in public meetings or behind closed doors. The fact that the First Selectman decried these cuts provides clear evidence of six people imposing their will and ignoring any other source of information. Equally important is their dismissiveness of public input expressed through public hearings and thousands of emails as if it was of no concern.

The assault on Greenwich Public Schools is particularly egregious. A \$4 million reduction to their budget request leaves a budget that does not cover contractual wage increases for the current staff. How is this action justifiable when the budget was proposed with

overwhelming bipartisan support from the Board of Education and our Republican First Selectman? Despite many opportunities to better understand the rationale of the proposed schools budget, Republicans instead returned to repeating old disproven data. Every year, the school's administration provides data countering these false claims, yet they return nonetheless like weeds in a spring garden. BET Republicans clearly have no understanding of the impact of this cut. Instead, in their remarks, they chose to denigrate our teachers by questioning their commitment to the profession, to Greenwich, and to our children.

And make no mistake, compromise and negotiation was never on the table. Tossing out lower numbers for public consumption

was all an act. They presented a facade of compromise, while the underlying damage remained. Republicans' refusal to engage with school administrators, to understand the real-world impact of their decisions, is an abdication of responsible governance, and something none of us could endorse.

The BET is not a supreme authority. Its role is to scrutinize, to analyze, and to ensure fiscal prudence within a framework that recognizes the long-term needs of our town. The current economic climate, with its inherent uncertainties, demands a measured and strategic approach to budgeting. Instead, we have witnessed a display of ideological rigidity, a disregard for sound financial planning, and a prioritization of fleeting tax reductions over the enduring health of our community.

Maintaining our historic practice of keeping taxes among the lowest in the region is essential. We supported a budget that was significantly lower

than the proposed First Selectman's budget but supports projects our community values and funds the services necessary to operate our town safely. Budgets must balance short term tax rate considerations with longer term capital planning to reduce fiscal risks and large, unexpected tax increases down the road.

The residents of Greenwich deserve better. They deserve a government that listens, that respects expertise, and that prioritizes the well-being of the entire community. The opportunity to restore responsible governance will arrive on November 4th. Until then, the damage inflicted by this terrible partisan budget will reverberate through our town, a stark reminder of the cost of ideological intransigence.

Your Democratic BET Representatives for all Greenwich, Elliot Alchek, Matt DesChamps, Scott Kalb, Leslie Moriarty, Stephen Selbst, David Weisbrod

BET Republicans: Good Job Holding the Line

Fiscal Discipline Preserved

Greenwich appreciates the Republican members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET)—Harry Fisher, David Alfano, Nisha Arora, Karen Fassuliotis, Lucia D. Jansen, and Leslie Tarkington—for standing behind their commitment to fiscal responsibility in the recent budget negotiations. As detailed in their recent statements, BET Republicans successfully reduced a potential 6% property tax hike—one of the largest in two decades—to a (while still high) more manageable 2.8%, upholding Greenwich's own fiscal guardrails and protecting taxpayers.

Unpacking the BOE Proposal

A significant part of this effort involved tackling the Board of Education (BOE) budget. The BOE proposed increasing its budget from \$235 million to \$247 million—a \$12 million, 5.1% hike far exceeding inflation or their actual needs. This is just their operating budget. The actual amount spent on education in Greenwich is much, much higher.

Rubber-Stamping Concerns

The BOE's operating budget increase request came on the heels of a substantial increase last year, further straining residents. While the BOE is tasked with providing guidelines to Superintendent Toni Jones, too often it appears they simply rubber-stamp her requests, as they apparently did with this excessive proposal. And Jones may be following a pattern from her previous role as superintendent in Fairfield, where it has been said that her approach was to secure as much taxpayer money as possible, prioritizing budget growth over targeted educational outcomes.

A Principled Stand by Wendy Vizzo Walsh

Before this budget was sent to the BET for approval, Republican BOE member Wendy Vizzo Walsh took a principled stand as the lone dissenter, voting against the proposed \$12 million increase. Walsh appears to have believed that the hike was excessive and not driven by what truly matters for students and the community, a concern rooted in her consistent advocacy for spending that prioritizes student educational

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outcomes. Despite her opposition, the BOE approved the budget and forwarded it to the BET.

Republicans Step In

The BET Republicans stepped in to address the excessive proposal.

As they have asked all town departments, the BET requested that the BOE identify 1-2% in efficiencies, which would bring the budget to \$243 million—a still-substantial 3.5% increase aligned with inflation. This was not a cut to last year's funding but a request to manage taxpayer funds responsibly. Private conversations with BOE members and administrators and their analysis confirmed that over \$4 million in savings could be achieved without touching classroom programs, staffing, student services or the Advanced Learning Program (ALP), one of the district's most valued initiatives.

Holding the Line

Despite the Democratic BET members rejecting a smaller reduction compromise proposal, the Republican BET members held firm. In a 7-6 vote, Republican chair Harry Fisher cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the Republican proposal, securing the \$4 million reduction and bringing the BOE budget to \$243 million. This adjustment ensured that our schools remain excellent without overburdening taxpayers, while preserving everything that makes our educational system strong.

Walsh's early dissent at the BOE level set a critical tone, highlighting the need for scrutiny that the BET Republicans ultimately acted upon. Residents across Greenwich both support our schools and want a thoughtful approach to spending, and the BET Republicans have listened. Beyond the operating budget, Republican BET members also ensured that important capital projects were

retained, balancing infrastructure needs with fiscal prudence.

The Alternative: A Risky Path

Meanwhile, Democrats publicly contend that an \$8 million increase in the already substantial BOE budget isn't enough, a stance that risks fueling a march toward higher taxes and wasteful spending and that could transform Greenwich into a high-tax, urbanized city like New Rochelle in Westchester. Greenwich residents deserve better.

Reframing the Debate

Democrats, as always, framed the BET's adjustments as an attack on education. This narrative is misleading and ignores the real priority: the quality of education, not the dollars spent. Responsible adjustments to an inflated budget free up resources to enhance academic achievement, expand athletic opportunities, and elevate artistic excellence. More funding doesn't guarantee

better outcomes; it's how taxpayer funds are allocated that matters. Focusing solely on increasing the budget, without regard for its impact on education or return on investment for taxpayers, is a lazy, disingenuous distraction from what truly drives student success.

Right Makes Might

The silent majority of Greenwich citizens who vote for fiscal responsibility can rest assured: BET Republicans, alongside principled BOE members like Wendy Vizzo Walsh, are working to ensure that spending delivers a high return on investment, protects our town's character, and prioritizes the community's long-term health over special interests or political appeasement. We can support education and practice prudent budgeting—Greenwich deserves both.

Let's ensure Right always makes Might and keep Greenwich a place we're proud to call home.

Republican State Central Committee Rep. for Greenwich and the 36th Connecticut Senate District.

Leaf Blower Mandate: Why We Said No to \$500,000

As the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) reviews the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, the town had requested nearly \$500,000 to comply with its own gas-powered leaf blower restrictions—a mandate backed by Democrats and one of many capital requests in a budget that would result in a proposed 6% tax increase. With rising costs, Republicans stood firm, and the BET voted to remove this funding—a decision that was both fiscally responsible and principled.

This mandate was pushed through without full consideration of costs or feasibility. While private landscapers are expected to absorb the financial burden, the

town itself was asking taxpayers to help cover its transition. If local government requires funding to comply, how can small businesses be expected to meet the same mandate without assistance?

Mandates Don't Work

We've seen similar policies fail before. Attempts to ban gas stoves or force electric vehicle (EV) adoption through mandates have repeatedly fallen short because they ignore incentives as the best driver of change. In the 1990s, California's Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandate led to costly, unsustainable programs that automakers abandoned once regulations weakened.

Mandates like this create economic strain and enforcement challenges, not lasting change.

EV adoption only took off when technology improved, and incentives made them financially viable.

Now, Greenwich is making the same mistake with leaf blowers, led by Quiet Yards Greenwich and progressive RTM members who have prioritized environmental mandates over practical governance. The RTM passed this ban to mirror policies in cities like Washington, D.C., Portland, and states like California, but Greenwich has historically favored pragmatic, market-driven solutions over

rigid government mandates.

Unrealistic Costs and Trade-Offs

Supporters claim the ban will reduce air and noise pollution but overlook key trade-offs. Electric leaf blowers remain costly and inefficient, with battery life, power, and long-term costs making them impractical for commercial use. The economic burden on small landscapers—many operating on thin margins—cannot be ignored. If even the town required nearly \$500,000 in taxpayer funding to comply,

it's clear this mandate was pushed through without fully considering costs or feasibility.

Republicans Held the Line

Mandates like this create economic strain and enforcement challenges, not lasting change. By removing this funding, the BET has taken a stand for fairness and fiscal discipline. Private landscapers—who are expected to comply at their own expense—now have strong grounds to formally request that the RTM reconsider and repeal the ban. It would be indefensible for the

town to demand compliance from businesses while refusing to fund its own transition.

Some may argue that as a finance board, the BET should not weigh in on policy matters. But our responsibility is to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely—and using the power of the purse to reject funding for an unworkable mandate is entirely within our scope.

The BET has done its part. Now it's time for the RTM to reconsider this policy and return to practical, achievable environmental solutions.

David Alfano, Nisha Arora, Harry Fisher, Karen Fassuliotis, Lucia Jansen and Leslie Tarkington

COLUMN

Tariffs, Trade and Capital Investment in the U.S.



The globalization of economies—that of the U.S. as well as most of the rest of the world—began in earnest in the early 1980s when China was entering the global trading sphere. But as early as the 1920s, American companies had already started building manufacturing plants in Europe—both General Motors and Ford Motor Company were in Germany. Within the next couple of decades, American heavy equipment manufacturers—names like Caterpillar Tractor, Bucyrus-Erie and John Deere—built facilities in Belgium, the UK, and Germany. Those strategic capital investments were designed primarily to meet the demand for American-made hard goods, and, at the same time, to avoid the onerous tariffs associated with importing American-made machinery into Europe. A similarly high tariff was imposed on equipment manufactured in Europe and shipped to the U.S. Thus, the vast majority of the production by American companies in Europe was sold within the continent.

In the aftermath of World War II, a multi-national trade treaty, The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (also referred to as GATT and later as the World Trade Organization, or WTO) was established among twenty-three countries across the globe. Notably it did not include the three Axis powers, (all of which later joined), nor did it include Russia. The purpose of that treaty was to reduce global tariffs, and at the conclusion of the first meeting (in 1947), global tariffs were settled at around 40%. A quarter of a century later, the treaty included 102 countries, and by 1994, the count was 123. Over that period of time, from 1947 until 1993, the group met eight times, with each consecutive

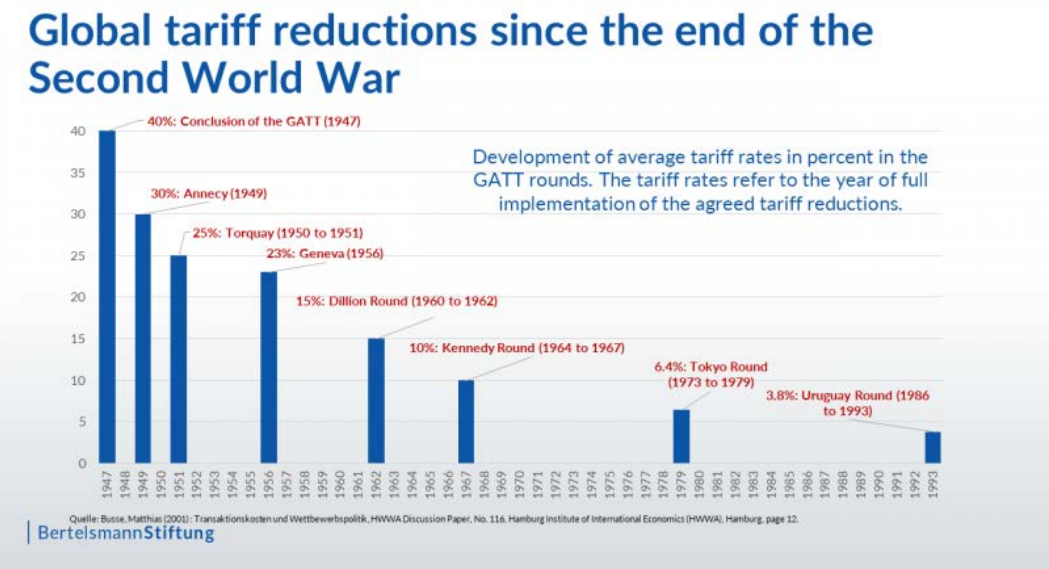
meeting reaching agreement to lower global tariffs, until by 1993, they were at 3.8%. See the nearby chart.

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 fueled the opportunity for U.S. companies to augment their investments in Europe as well as export to a burgeoning marketplace. Over the subsequent thirty years, the continued thrust of globalization was a boon to countries on a global scale, but in particular to the U.S. In 2008, the GDP of the Eurozone was on a par with that of the U.S.—each with approximately \$14 trillion. By 2023, U.S. GDP was nearly 100% higher at \$28 trillion, while the Eurozone experienced a paltry 10% growth during that fifteen-year span. Over the same period, wage gains in the U.S. far surpassed those of the OECD (38 industrialized nations across Europe and East Asia) and unemployment reached a decades low of 3.4% in 2023.

The sudden and unprecedented imposition on tariffs this week—on more than 150 independent countries, notably excluding Russia—in some cases reaching more than 90%—brought my ninth grade civics class to mind. Wasn’t the power to levy tariffs the constitutional responsibility of the legislative branch of government? I knew I wasn’t wrong; however, what I had not appreciated, and what I learned from doing some research, was that, over the last 60-plus years, Congress has passed a number of laws that have expanded the President’s authority and latitude regarding tariffs. The last piece of legislation on that matter was in 1977, and since there is no member of Congress today who was also a member in 1977, I was out of luck in trying to reach anyone for an explanation of the rationale for that concession. It’s almost unfathomable to think that any member of Congress at that time would have foreseen the possibility that the President might raise tariffs by anything close to what has been done this week.

Trade deficits have commonly existed in the U.S. for decades

Trade deficits have commonly existed in the U.S. for decades and logically reflect the reality that the American economy is both largely consumption-based and has experienced greater income growth



be constructed. The claim that manufacturing jobs in the U.S. have been lost is true. It is also true that the cost of labor in the U.S. is among the highest in the industrialized world. A recent report on CNBC’s Squawk Box shared the dramatic difference between the all-in hourly wages for autoworkers in North America. In the U.S., the rate is \$70; in Canada, it is \$40; in Mexico, it is \$6. That staggering difference in labor cost explains why the auto industry spreads the cost of car production among the neighboring countries, rather than concentrate it in the U.S. Less capital intensive industries—e.g., companies that produce clothing and footwear—generally have far lower selling prices, making the input cost of labor of critical importance. The emerging economies of Asia, on account of their low relative labor rates, provide opportunity for better investment returns. Today, close to 100% of the world’s footwear is produced in Asia. Raising tariffs on imported footwear will not induce producers to move to the U.S. Those investments cannot be successfully uprooted and

transferred to the U.S because the economies that exist, in Vietnam as an example, simply cannot be replicated in the U.S. Yet, the President has announced a 46% tariff on exports from that country.

Tariff policy as a “one size fits all” concept is foolhardy. Using a rifle, rather than a shotgun, approach feels like an option with more potential for success. But even a battle with China (the most obvious candidate to target) could wreak havoc with middle-class Americans, so many of whom run their own businesses and rely on Chinese imports because China is the only manufacturing source in the world for the goods they sell.

That being said, in just the last few years, there has been a significant increase in capital investment in the U.S. for an array of goods. That change was in response to COVID-19 in early 2020. The perilous impact on the economy is memorable—supply chain bottlenecks, lasting for months and in some cases well over a year, that wreaked havoc in every corner of the country. The U.S. was hostage to both foreign production and to shipping

COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

Introducing via the Greenwich Fire Department, a Pollen Explosion

By ANNE W. SEMMES

On Saturday morning, nearly two weeks ago, a scene outside my Byram kitchen window was worrying. Wisps of smoke were seen drifting by coming from a next-door garage and adjacent evergreen tree. Those wisps were becoming billowing clouds of smoke. With some construction going on in the garage owner’s house the thought was maybe there was some activity inside the garage. But seeing no workers, and alarmed, I called the landlord. He said, “Call the fire department.”

Within minutes came the siren sound of fire engines bringing two fire trucks and a fire chief car, and suddenly a dozen or more firemen were rushing towards those billowing clouds of smoke. The firemen encircled the evergreen tree and garage, investigating all, then minutes later they were all focused on the evergreen tree. One of the firemen reached forward, grabbed a branch and shook it - and out came the smoke!

That fireman turned around with a smile on his face, and I heard him say “Its Pollen!” The firemen around him were all smiling. Flabbergasted I quickly made my way down to the firemen gathered before the tree they identified as a Red Cedar. “Do you have allergies to pollen?” I was greeted by a firefighter. “No,” I answered. Had they ever seen such an explosion of pollen blowing in the wind? The answer was a collective no. Then, off they went, those firemen and fire trucks departing as quickly as they arrived. Leaving me with many questions!

Days later I visited the Greenwich Fire Department, eager to learn more from those firemen who had come to the rescue. “We’d never heard of this before,” reported Assistant Chief Charlie Lubowicki, who’d led those firemen on that call. “We’re happy to respond, and to find it wasn’t an emergency.”

I also met up with three firemen, Spencer Padget, Brian Kelly, and Lt. John Nixon who wasn’t on the pollen explosion call. But he noted that 15 firemen had responded. “When we go to a call like that, we’re looking for signs of smoke or fire or other hazards...Obviously it was called in as possible smoke from a structure...We’re looking to see if the building is currently on fire, or at risk of catching on fire.”

“We saw what looked like smoke coming from the [garage] structure,” told fireman Padget. “We didn’t smell any odor of smoke or any burning.”



L to R Greenwich Firemen Spencer Padget, Lt. John Nixon, and Brian Kelly. Photo by Anne W. Semmes

“It was a windy morning, so it was only that tree interacting or pollinating with the wind... It was definitely an interesting phenomenon.”
Fireman Spencer Padget.

nearly two weeks ago.

“Nature’s amazing in the sense that the trees synchronize altogether of releasing the pollen in March and early April...The strategy is to throw as much pollen out there as you can, and hopefully that’ll catch a neighboring tree and then you can crosspollinate.”

“There’s two parts to the pollination process,” he continued. “So, it’s only the male part of the tree that’s giving out this pollen,” and yes, most conifers have both male and female parts. “So, at the time the pollen’s being released, the female part is receptive to the pollen, and thus, once it’s pollinated, the tree will produce the female cones [small bluish berry-shaped] with seeds for the next generation.” But he clarified, although both male and female parts are on the tree, “It’s not necessarily self-pollinating. The pollen’s going out to the neighboring tree.” And perhaps that neighboring tree may not be producing pollen,

“but the female parts are receptive, so you get crosspollination.”

“Junipers [of which the Eastern Red Cedar is a species] are interesting,” he told. “They don’t produce cones like many conifers do - they produce these berry-like cones, and they leave it to the wind to disperse it to new locations.” And those seed-filled berry-like cones were a favorite he said of those properly named Cedar Waxwing birds.

Then it was time for the Tree Warden to demonstrate that pollen exploding from a Red Cedar tree at the Pinetum - as promised. With a borrowed red stick, he reached out across the length of the tree, touching branch after branch. But, alas, only the slightest whisper of pollen smoke appeared. How I wish I had thought to photograph that “pollen explosion” beneath my kitchen window! But I was simply too gobsmacked to grab my camera!

NEWS MAKERS

NEW BRIEFS From Page 1

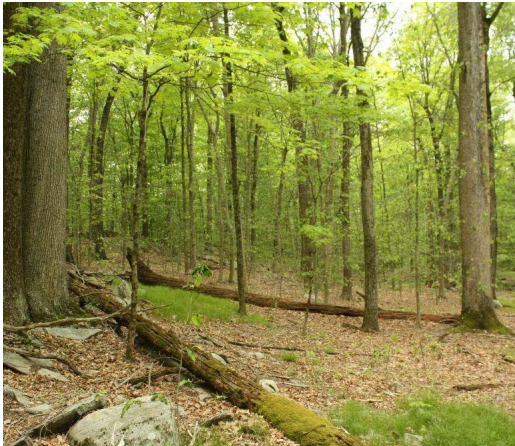
lo gave a proclamation declaring April as Earth Month during the ReThink Waste Fair at Christ Church's Parish Hall. The fair included sustainability awards, recycling drop-offs, educational activities, and demonstrations on reducing waste. A full schedule of related Earth Month events is available online from the town's Conservation Commission and Department of Environmental Affairs.

Greenwich Skatepark Reopens for Season

The Greenwich Skatepark, located at 100 Arch Street, reopened for the season on April 1 and is open daily during daylight saving time, weather permitting. It is available to residents and non-residents for a \$5 daily or \$30 monthly fee, with online registration required. Skaters and scooter riders must follow all posted rules, wear proper safety gear, and only use the park when staff are present.

AROUND TOWN

Messy Forests Boost Wildlife Health



Forests with dead trees, dense shrubs, and leaf litter support diverse wildlife and plant life by providing essential habitat and food sources. These natural features also help manage water by reducing flooding and retaining moisture during droughts. Though often seen as untidy, such forests are ecologically healthy and resilient.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Land Trust

Greenwich Farmers Market Returns Saturday

The Greenwich Farmers Market will operate from May 17 to November 22. It will be open on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at the municipal lot located at the corner of Horseneck Lane and Arch Street, near Exit 3 off I-95.

Greenwich Land Trust Protects Vital Preserve



Carpenter's Brook Preserve is a 17-acre protected area in Greenwich, Connecticut, consisting of wetlands, steep slopes, and forested land, previously subdivided for development but conserved by the Greenwich Land Trust in 1997. It contains a variety of habitats and plant species and plays a role in the local watershed, with streams that feed into Rye Lake and the Kensico Reservoir system. The preserve supports a range of wildlife, including birds, amphibians, and mammals.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Land Trust

Greenwich Launches Free Election Academy

Greenwich is offering a free Election Academy to educate residents on how local elections are administered. The program covers topics such as voter roll maintenance, early voting, and vote tabulation procedures. Registration is open through April 30, and participants must commit to attending all sessions starting May 15.

Aquarion Begins Greenwich Water Project

Aquarion Water Company has begun a water main cleaning project in Greenwich, scheduled from April 7 through November 2025. Residents on specific roads may experience temporary low water pressure, discoloration, or service interruptions during cleaning hours (8 am to 5 pm). Customers are advised to store drinking water in advance and run cold taps until clear if discoloration occurs.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Greenwich Marsh Restoration Effort Advances

The Oneida Sanctuary in Greenwich, Connecticut, is a salt marsh being restored by the Greenwich Audubon Center through invasive plant removal, native plantings, and accessibility improvements. A crowdfunding campaign is underway to raise \$7,250 by April 21, which will be matched by Sustainable CT's Community Match Fund; as of now, \$4,360 has been raised. Donations can be made at: <https://patroncity.com/oneida> restoration

Greenwich Historical Society Debuts Re-Framing

The Greenwich Historical Society is opening a new installation, Re-Framing 95, on April 5 in partnership with Untapped New York. The exhibit uses large frames on the campus and in the Bush-Holley House to highlight how Interstate 95 altered the Cos Cob landscape. Guided walking tours will take place on April 5 and 6 at scheduled times, with free admission for members and a \$15 fee for non-members; advance registration is required.

Longford's Ice Cream Opens in Glenville

Longford's Ice Cream opened its first Connecticut location at 21 Glen Ridge Road in Glenville, occupying a renovated former post office. The company produces small-batch, handmade ice cream at its Stamford factory and distributes to several regional locations. This expansion is part of a broader growth strategy through licensed stores.

Greenwich Town Party Announces Lineup

The Greenwich Town Party will take place on Saturday, May 24 at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, featuring performances by Alanis Morissette, Ziggy Marley, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, and Blippi. The event includes both general and premium ticket options, with Community Tickets distributed via a lottery and Neighbor and Sponsor passes currently on sale. Only Greenwich residents, employees, and business owners are eligible to purchase tickets.

Bruce Museum Names New Artist

The Bruce Museum has named Moses Ros as its second Artist-in-Residence, supported by the Art Bridges Foundation. From February 10 to August 15, Ros will produce new work inspired by the "Blanche Lazzell: Becoming an American Modernist" exhibition and participate in public programs. His work from the residency will be exhibited in the museum's Mahoney Gallery Lobby.

Greenwich Hospital Launches Wellness Wednesdays

Greenwich Hospital is launching a free public education series called Wellness Wednesdays, featuring in-person health talks by medical professionals. Sessions will cover topics including pelvic health (April 16), neurological disorders and HIFU treatment (May 7), and prostate cancer (June 25). Events will be held at the Noble Conference Center, and registration is required via the hospital's website or phone.

Green & Tonic Expands to Glenville

Green & Tonic will open a new location at 21 Glen Ridge Road in the Glenville Shopping Center on April 7. The cafe will offer \$1 drinks all day and giveaways to the first 50 guests, including items from local nonprofit Abilis. This marks the eighth location for the health-focused, gluten-free restaurant chain, which plans additional expansions in the region.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Chance Smith Wins Snow Sculpture

Chance Smith won the 2025 Snow Sculpture competition with a piece titled My Frozen Friend. Community members submitted snow sculptures as part of the seasonal event. The competition concluded with all entries displayed outdoors during winter.

Grace Heard a Whisper Honored

Illustrator Aniella Hernández and author Kathy Izard received a Christopher Award for their children's book Grace Heard a Whisper. The book, recognized for promoting positive values, tells the story of a girl who learns to listen to her inner voice. Hernández, a Venezuelan artist based in Connecticut, contributed the illustrations.

Chef Brian Lewis Earns Finalist Honor

Chef Brian Lewis of Full House Hospitality Group has been named a finalist for the 2025 James Beard Award for Best Chef: Northeast, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of The Cottage in Westport. He is recognized for his contributions to modern American cuisine, leadership within his restaurant group, and engagement with local sourcing and community initiatives. Lewis has previously been a semifinalist for the award in 2018 and 2022.

Rod Saggese Joins Carmody Firm

Gerard (Rod) N. Saggese III has joined Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP as a partner in the firm's Litigation Department, based in its Stamford office. He brings over 25 years of experience in commercial, civil, and intellectual property litigation across state, federal, and administrative forums. Saggese has also held leadership roles in local bar associations and currently serves on several nonprofit and community boards in Greenwich.

Calijah Joseph Named Youth Leader

Calijah Joseph was named the 2025 Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich at its annual ceremony on April 3, 2025. He was selected from eleven finalists for his leadership, academic performance, and community involvement. Additional awards were given to Hector Rodriguez (Junior Youth of the Year), Sydney Niemynski (David Ogilvy Award), George Fox (Champion of Youth), and Barbara and Joe Havranek (Community Impact Volunteers).

SCHOOLS

Old Greenwich School Breaks Ground

A groundbreaking ceremony will take place at Old Greenwich School on April 23 at 9:00 AM to mark the start of construction. The project includes ADA compliance upgrades, safety improvements, sewer and drainage repairs, a new kindergarten wing, and a building-wide HVAC system. The school will retain its historic appearance once renovations are complete.

Students Recognized for Community Service

Greenwich Public Schools will hold the 2025 Community Service Awards on Tuesday, April 22 at 5:00 PM at the Greenwich High School Performing Arts Center to recognize student service contributions. One student from each elementary, middle, and high school will be honored, along with GHS senior Sameera Madan, who will receive the Fleishman Service Award. The event is open to the public.

Samantha Saperstein To Address SHG



Samantha Saperstein, Global Head of the Office of Women's Affairs at JPMorgan Chase, will deliver the commencement address at Sacred Heart Greenwich's graduation ceremony on June 6, 2025. She has held senior leadership roles in finance, marketing, and strategy, including at Chase Commercial Banking. Saperstein also serves on the boards of Safe Horizon and Catalyst and holds degrees from Brown University and the Wharton School.

Photo Credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich

Brunswick Math Team Wins Championship

Brunswick School's Upper School Math



Team won the CSAML Small School Connecticut State Championship. They scored 94 points. This was the highest score among all small, medium, and large school divisions in the state.

Photo Credit: Brunswick School

Students Perform Shakespeare With Guidance

Students in Group IX at Greenwich Academy completed their Shakespeare unit with a performance of As You Like It. The production followed acting workshops and character studies led by Juilliard faculty member Jimonn Cole.

Students Debate Bioethics at GCDS



Ninth-grade students at Greenwich Country Day School participated in a bioethics debate as part of a cross-disciplinary project. Beginning in March, students studied biological advancements, researched ethical considerations, and practiced debate skills. They concluded by presenting formal arguments on selected topics.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Country Day School

Brunswick Teams Excel At Championships

Brunswick School's Middle School Chess Team won the 2025 Connecticut Scholastic Team Championships, successfully defending its title. The Upper School team placed second, and the Lower School team finished third in their respective divisions.

Whitby Students Showcase Research Projects

Sixth grade students at Whitby School researched topics related to identity, power, privilege, and social systems. They independently evaluated sources, created focus questions, and developed projects to present their findings. Their work was shared with peers and teachers through an event called "The Living Museum."

Students Host College Safety Panel

Greenwich High School students organized the

second annual "Learn Before You Leave" college safety panel on April 9 at Greenwich Library. The event, held for high school juniors, seniors, and their families, featured safety experts discussing campus safety and violence prevention. Panelists presented data, resources, and guidance to help students and parents prepare for college life.

Riverside Run Celebrates 40 Years

Riverside School will hold its 40th annual Riverside Run on Saturday, May 10, starting at 8:30 am. The event includes a three-mile race and children's Fun Runs, with medals and trophies awarded to top finishers. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children, with proceeds supporting Riverside School PTA programs.

Hamilton Avenue Team Advances Proudly

A team from Hamilton Avenue School placed second at the Odyssey of the Mind State Finals on March 29 and will advance to the World Finals in Michigan this May. The team also received the OMER Award for handling a set malfunction during their performance. They are raising funds to cover travel expenses through a GoFundMe campaign.

SPORTS

Cardinals Showcase Grit in Opener



Staples High School narrowly defeated Greenwich 12-11 in a tightly contested varsity girls lacrosse home-opener on April 7, with the Wreckers pulling ahead in the final minutes. Despite standout performances by Dillon McFerran (seven goals) and Giselle DiPietro (two goals, six assists), Greenwich couldn't convert late scoring opportunities. The Cardinals, led by a mix of experienced seniors and promising underclassmen, aim to build on a strong 2024 season under new head coach Makenna Warminsky.

Photo Credit: David Fierro

Sacred Heart Defense Secures Dominant Victory



Sacred Heart Greenwich's Varsity A lacrosse team extended its undefeated season with a commanding 9-4 victory over Oak Knoll School, showcasing a strong defensive performance and efficient offensive execution. Sophomore Maggie Sweeney led the scoring with three goals, while standout defensive efforts limited Oak Knoll's opportunities. Head coach Jackie Goldmann praised the team's defense and goaltending duo, emphasizing their consistency and composure against high-pressure play.

Photo Credit: Tara Shea Bacigalupo

Greenwich Girls Water Polo Triumphs

Greenwich High School's girls water polo team extended its undefeated streak to 50 games with a dominant 18-6 win over Sacred Heart Greenwich, continuing a tradition of excellence led by senior captain Sophia Ojeh and a strong junior class. Sacred Heart, a newer program rebuilding with a small roster, showed resilience and improvement under first-year coach Valentin Horvath. The Cardinals' depth and cohesion have been key to their success, with contributions across the roster and a focus on fun, experience, and team spirit.

Brunswick Earns Rivalry Series Sweep

The Fairchester Athletic Association implemented a home-and-home series format in baseball, where teams play each other in consecutive games at each school's field. In a recent example, Brunswick School swept neighborhood rival Greenwich Country Day School in two competitive matchups, including a 6-0 extra-innings win and a 9-6 comeback victory. The new format has been well-received for intensifying local rivalries and testing team depth.

FROM HARTFORD

Greenwich Awarded Cemetery Maintenance Grant

Greenwich received an \$8,000 state grant as part of Connecticut's Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program. The funds will be used for basic cemetery upkeep such as clearing vegetation, mowing, repairing fences, and restoring headstones. The program is funded by fees collected from death certificate issuances.

American Rascal: How Jay Gould Built America’s Biggest Fortune

By CHARLIE SHAPIRO

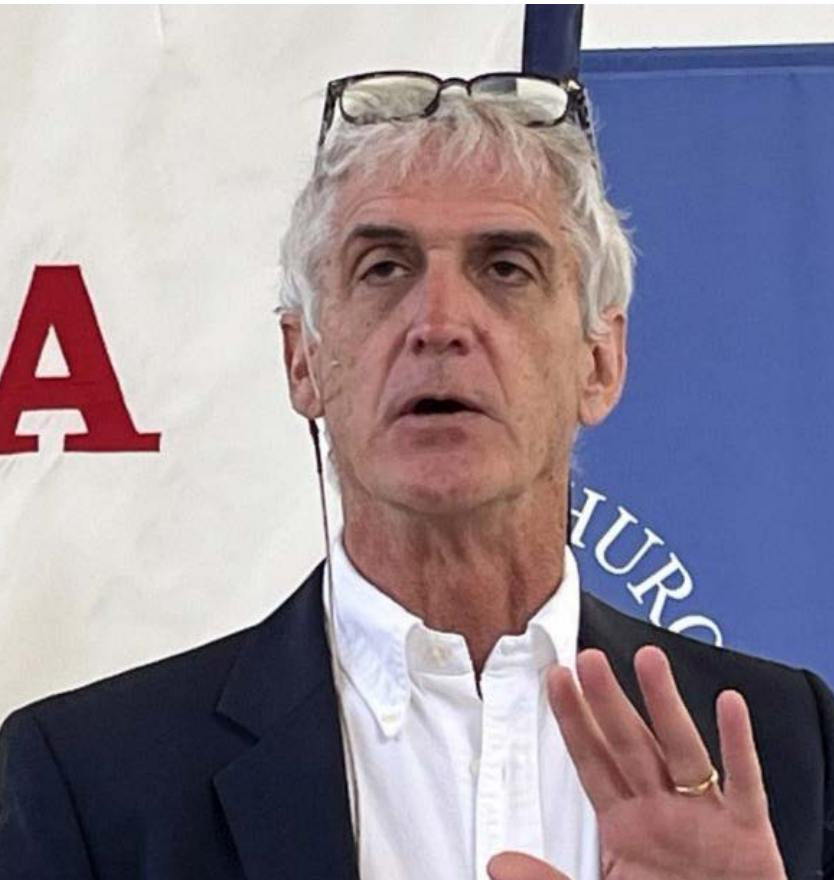
At the April 2nd meeting of the Retired Men’s Association Bob Meaney introduced Greg Steinmetz, author of “American Rascal: How Jay Gould Built America’s Biggest Fortune.” Greg grew up outside Cleveland, graduated from Colgate, and earned a master’s at Northwestern. He spent 15 years as a newspaper reporter and editor, including London Bureau Chief of the Wall Street Journal. He then had a second career as a partner at a New York money management firm. His first book, about Jacob Fugger, another very wealthy man, appeared in 2015.

This book tells the fascinating story of how Jay Gould gained control of railroads, including the Union Pacific, and amassed a huge fortune. His estate in Tarrytown, Lyndhurst, is still standing. In a presentation that defied conventional wisdom, Steinmetz sought to re-evaluate the legacy of Gould, a figure often relegated to the shadows of better-known Gilded Age titans like Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, and Carnegie. The story was not simply a historical rehabilitation; it was a human-interest story, weaving together elements of tragedy, ambition, and the complex moral landscape of an era defined by unchecked capitalism.

Steinmetz began by quoting Mark Twain’s scathing indictment of Gould as “the mightiest disaster to ever have befallen this country.” But he questioned the judgment of Twain, living in luxury in Hartford after profiting from publishing President Grant’s memoirs. He contrasted Twain’s opulence with Gould’s image as a historical pariah, arguing that this was unjust, and cited Gould’s instrumental role in building the railroads that connected the nation.

The railroads made Gould one of the richest and most powerful people in the country, with ownership of 15% of the tracks. He was also the catalyst for the first rules governing finance and industry. Steinmetz lamented how Gould’s name, unlike that of his contemporaries, remained largely absent from prominent institutions and landmarks. He highlighted that while Rockefeller Center, Carnegie Hall, and Vanderbilt University stood as testaments to their respective benefactors, Gould

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Author Greg Steinmetz spoke about the life and legacy of railroad magnate Jay Gould.

was only remembered by a small auditorium. This was despite the fact that Gould was as rich as they were, or more. One reason is that in contrast to the others he died in his mid-50’s, in 1892. Thus, unlike the other robber barons, Gould died before being able to disburse his money in an act of philanthropy that would ensure his legacy.

Steinmetz highlighted Gould’s disadvantaged youth growing up in Roxbury, New York, where his alcoholic dad would lock him in the basement and forget about him. He also described Gould’s initiative to get rich and his passion for work. He taught himself to be a surveyor at 14 years old, making a map of Delaware county. The presentation moved on to an examination of Gould’s business schemes, starting with his plan to corner the gold market, leading to Black Friday and the stock exchange blowing up. Another caper was the “Erie Railroad Heist,” in which Gould positioned himself between Daniel Drew, the head of the Erie Railroad, and Cornelius Vanderbilt, who wanted to control it. Steinmetz argued that Gould’s actions, though often legally dubious by modern standards, were reflective of the “Wild West” atmosphere of Wall Street at the time, where insider trading and market manipulation

were commonplace.

Steinmetz also described the flamboyant character of Jim Fisk, Gould’s associate in the gold market caper, who had formerly been a carny and traveling salesman. Fisk’s murder and funeral impacted Gould greatly. Also, Steinmetz touched upon Gould’s collaboration with Thomas Edison, seeking to disrupt Western Union’s dominance in the telegraph industry. This led into another tale of industrial sabotage and plans to break Western Union’s monopolies. Gould courted other rail companies to break their contracts with Western Union, and bought some smaller railroads to do the same. As a result, Western Union’s stock plunged, and he was able buy a majority share of Western Union, and ultimately negotiate Western Union’s takeover. Likewise, Steinmetz chronicled Gould’s acquisition of the Union Pacific Railroad. By buying rival railroads he was able to threaten Union Pacific, so they sold stock to him.

Steinmetz pointed out that the HBO show The Gilded Age has a character that was partly based on Gould. He showed a picture of where Gould lived on Fifth Avenue, and alluded to Gould’s passion for yachting and his creation of the American Yacht Club in Rye.

Finally, Steinmetz concluded the tale of Gould’s life with a description of Gould’s unmarked, but large mausoleum in Woodlawn Cemetery. This mausoleum contrasted with others who had prominently named monuments. He showed a picture of Lyndhurst, the mansion where Gould lived in Tarrytown.

Steinmetz then took questions from the audience. Arnold Gordon asked about the role antisemitism played in Jay Gould’s life. Although he was portrayed as Jew in the press, in fact, he was Episcopalian. In the end, Steinmetz presented Gould as a figure who defied easy categorization, his legacy inextricably intertwined with the complexities and contradictions of the Gilded Age.

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

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “Nuclear Energy’s Place in Power Generation” by Seth Grae, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Note: This and most future RMA presentations will be held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Seth Grae, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lightbridge Corporation (<https://www.ltbridge.com/>), will describe nuclear energy’s historical context and its current status, to include the remarkable performance of existing plants, next-generation nuclear technology, economic opportunities in the nuclear renaissance, the political and regulatory developments that are accelerating deployment, key market drivers (such as AI, data centers and security), and investment opportunities within the field.

Seth has been a member of the company’s Board of Directors since its formation in October 2006. He leads Lightbridge’s efforts to develop nuclear fuel technology to improve the safety, economics, and proliferation resistance of existing and new power reactors, including small modular reactors. Lightbridge’s proprietary fuel technology promises to make

nuclear power—a reliable source of clean power—more competitive.

Seth is also chairman of the American Nuclear Society’s International Council and is a member of the World Economic Forum’s Advanced Energy Solutions Community. He is a member of the board of directors of the Nuclear Energy Institute. Seth is a frequent speaker about nuclear power at international conferences and at universities. He led Lightbridge’s advisory roles to governments of countries seeking to start or expand nuclear power programs, from feasibility studies through procurement and operations. Lightbridge developed the United Arab Emirates’ strategic plan for commercial nuclear energy. In volunteer roles through NGOs, Seth previously helped advise governments in drafting nuclear export control laws, including those of China and Belarus.

To stream the presentation by Seth Grae at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 16, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79. The public is also invited to attend the presentation in person at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue.

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

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ROBERT DONOVAN

Robert Cameron Donovan, 84, of Longwood FL, passed away peacefully on March 25, after a lengthy illness. Bob was born on January 27, 1941, in Greenwich, CT to William and Elizabeth (Cameron) Donovan.

Bob was always a hard worker with an incredible work ethic. He proudly spoke about working and having many jobs since the age of eight, including jobs delivering newspapers, setting up bowling pins at the local bowling alley, working at a pet store, and working at the Electrolux factory. After graduating from Old Greenwich High School, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from the University of Connecticut, where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Phi Omega fraternities. He served in the US Army National Guard. He later went on to earn his MBA from Rivier University and obtained certifications as a Certified Compensation Professional (CCP) and a Certified Benefits Professional (CBP).

Bob started his career in “personnel” at Edwards and Company in Norwalk, CT. It was here that he met Charlotte, the love of his life, in 1963. Charlotte and Bob eloped after dating for one month. They joyously celebrated 61 years of marriage in September 2024.

Throughout his distinguished career, Bob held human resources, compensation/benefits, labor relations and leadership positions. He worked for GTE Products Corporation for several years, eventually serving as the VP of International Human Resources, supporting human resources activities in 35 countries. In this role he traveled extensively to Latin America, Europe, Canada and the Far East, with Charlotte joining him on many adventures. He worked for Computer Sciences Raytheon in Melbourne, FL and most recently topped off his career working for JT3 in Las Vegas, NV, where he was the Vice President of Human Resources and CHRO. His career allowed his family to live and create many friendships in wonderful areas of the US, including Londonderry, NH; Longwood, FL; Cleveland, OH; and Henderson, NV. After retirement, Bob and Charlotte first relocated to Scarborough, ME to be near their daughter, Heather and her family, Steve and Cameron on the Maine seacoast. Craving warmer weather, they then relocated to Longwood, FL for the sunshine and to live close to their daughter, Cheryl.

Bob enjoyed food and was a terrific cook. His meatball recipe was legendary. In addition to spending time with his family, he loved a good pina colada, Maine lobsters, swimming in the pool and ocean, and relaxing in the sun. He had a beautiful voice and enjoyed all music and playing the piano. He loved musicals, westerns and “war movies”. He was very proud of his full head of hair. Bob will be fondly remembered for his kindness, integrity, work ethic and humor. He valued honesty and commitment, consistently exemplifying these virtues throughout his life.

Along with his loving wife, Bob is survived by his daughter Cheryl (Donovan) Shine of Altamonte Springs, FL; daughter Heather (Donovan) Jury and son-in-law Steve Jury of Scarborough ME, and granddaughter Cameron Donovan Jury of Medford, MA. He is also survived by his sister Shirley Currey of Old Greenwich, CT; brother Bill Donovan and sister-in-law Jeanne Donovan of Southbury, CT, and his beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, and son-in-law Paul Shine.

Bob's family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Advent Health Hospice for their care and compassion which they provided not only to Bob but also to Charlotte, Cheryl and Heather during his final weeks. Additionally, they want to extend a warm thank you to the Seminole County EMS and firefighters.

We will miss you, Our Bob, the best Bob of all the Bobs.

JUSTINE SMITH

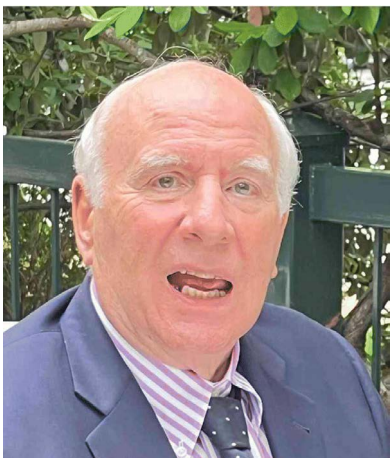
Justine L. Smith, a longtime resident of Greenwich and parishioner of St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, died on April 7.

Justine L. Smith was born on February 23, 1924, to the late Anton and Lydia (Strasser) Schmalzl in New York City. She was a graduate of the Academy and

College of Mount Saint Vincent. She also received an MBA from New York University. Prior to her marriage to the late Charles C. Smith, she worked for the College of Engineering at New York University.

Surviving her are her four children and ten grandchildren. Her children are Charles C. Smith Jr (Alexandra), Christopher T. Smith (Deanna), Anthony H. Smith (Martina) and Anne Marie Mellert (Douglas). Her grandchildren are Hartel, Torrance and Bladen Smith, Heather and Everett Smith, Paul and Carl Smith, and Stephanie, Andrew and Nicole Mellert.

At her request, there will be no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, 84 Sherwood Avenue, Greenwich. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, New York. In lieu of flowers, mass cards will be greatly appreciated.



ROBERT JOHNSON

January 20, 1941 - April 3, 2025

Robert Edward Johnson passed away at the Well-Spring Retirement Community in Greensboro, North Carolina on April 3.

Bob was born in Rockwell City, Iowa, the son of Rev. Paul and Myrle Johnson. He graduated from Osage High School class of 1959. Bob was a member of the Green Devil's track and basketball teams where he made lifetime friendships. He was co-captain of the basketball team, finished second in the Iowa State Track Championships in the two-mile run and was the Osage High School “Boy of the Year” for 1959. In addition to being an athlete, Bob was an avid reader of history and had a keen interest in current events, the economy and markets. He received a B.S. Degree in economics from Columbia College in New York City, class of 1963.

Bob's business career started at Chase Manhattan Bank, NA in NYC, where he eventually headed the European Sector of the International Investment Advisory Division. One of the highlights of his career at Chase came in 1968 when he represented David Rockefeller on a three-month special assignment throughout the Middle East designed to establish relationships there. His extensive investment experience also included institutional sales at Smith Barney & Co. and as a Senior Investment Officer at J.& W. Seligman before serving as the Chief Investment Officer for Westinghouse Pension Investment Services. In 2002 he joined Johnson Custom Strategies, Inc., in Greenwich, CT as Chief Market Strategist where, in addition to advising on macro investment strategy, he penned the firm's popular and widely distributed Quarterly Market Summary. He retired to Palm Beach, Florida in 2018 with his wife, Mary Ann. They relocated to Greensboro, NC in June, 2022.

Bob was predeceased by his brother, Larry R. Johnson of Charles City, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Johnson of Greensboro, NC and his niece, Viktoria Mergler of Spokane, Washington. A celebration of remembrance will be held in Osage, Iowa at a future date. Memorials may be directed to the Osage Education Foundation; reference The Robert Johnson Boys' Basketball Fund (P.O. Box 82, Osage, IA 50461).



GERALD ANDERSON

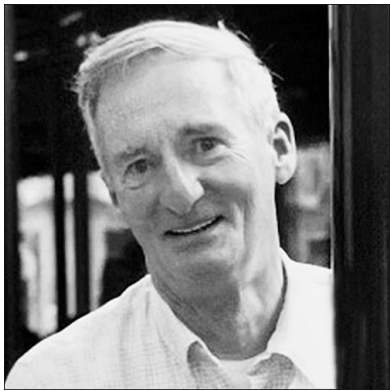
Gerald Lee Anderson, CEO of American Gas and Chemical Company and Delphian Corporation, died on April 1, at age 84.

Jerry was born in 1940 in Vernon, Texas, to Robert B. and Ollie Mae Anderson. After moving to Greenwich as a teenager, he attended the Brunswick School, where he was captain of the tennis and squash teams. He received his undergraduate degree in Economics

at Harvard College in 1962 and earned his MBA in 1965 and JD in 1966 from Columbia University. In 1965, he married Carolyn Ruth Hunt at The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. He started his career on Wall Street but dedicated his professional life to managing technology firms. In 1987, he and Carolyn co-founded a Greenwich real estate company, Anderson Associates, where he served as Executive Vice President. Among his publications are The Gas Monitoring Handbook (Avocet Press, 1999) and the Anderson Guide to Enjoying Greenwich (1st edition, 1997; 11th edition, 2018). Jerry was a longtime member of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting and served as chair of District 10. He was a member of the Greenwich Field Club, where he played tennis into his seventies.

Jerry is survived by his wife Carolyn, son Clifford, daughter Gwendolyn, and three grandchildren: Morgan, Theodore, and Rowan.

To honor Jerry's life, family and friends gathered on Wednesday, April 9, at Coxe & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. The funeral service took place on Thursday, April 10 at the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, followed by an interment in the churchyard.



LEO ENTWISTLE

Leo George Entwistlege, age 89, of Greenwich, CT, passed away on March 23.

Born on November 8, 1935, in South Boston, Massachusetts, he was the son of Leo and Anne (Gibbons) Entwistle. Leo proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and later dedicated many years to his career at Boston Edison after teaching in Boston schools. He earned a degree from Suffolk University, a Master's from the University of Massachusetts and completed coursework toward a PhD at Boston College.

A devout Catholic, Leo was known for his unwavering faith, kindness and generosity. His greatest joy was his family.

He is survived by his daughters, Janet Freiheit (Michael) of Greenwich, CT and Linda McNamara (Devon Moe) of Spokane, WA; grandchildren Jack, Jessica, Chase and Juliet Freiheit; his sister, Pauline Figueroa (Felix) of Marlboro, MA; nieces, cousins and many dear friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Margaret; and former wife, Jane Phillips.

A private Graveside Service was held on April 10, at Putnam Cemetery in Greenwich. A Memorial Service to celebrate Leo's life will take place on April 11, at 11:00 AM, at Gate of Heaven Church in South Boston, MA and is open to all who wish to attend.



MILTON CAMPBELL

Milton Flake (Bob) Campbell passed away peacefully on March 15, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the age of 89.

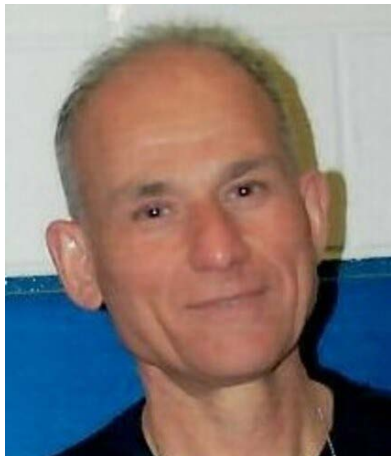
Born in Taylorsville, NC, on April 24, 1935, to Rowe and Sophie Campbell, he was valedictorian of his high school class and went on to graduate from Davidson College, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1957. Bob graduated from Duke University Medical School in 1961, completed an internship at Cornell Medical Center and a residency in Ophthalmology at Duke University. He served in the US Navy, as a Lt. Commander, and was director of the Eye Department at the U.S. Naval Hospital in St. Albans, New York, from 1966-68. In 1968, Bob and his beloved wife, Penny, moved to Greenwich, Connecticut, where he started Greenwich Ophthalmology, growing it into a large, successful practice, which remains in business today. Bob loved being a doctor and caring for his patients. He was Chief of Medical Staff at Greenwich Hospital from 1990-1993, and Director of the Eye Department at Greenwich Hospital from 1980 until his retirement in 2000. In 2000, Bob and Penny retired to Vero Beach,

FL and Middlebury, VT where Bob pursued a new passion as an artist and painter. Painting brought him a great deal of pleasure and his many pieces featured the natural landscapes and birds of Florida and Vermont. Penny and Bob shared a sense of adventure and loved to travel. They loved nothing more than planning their next trip and explored the world together. Bob was well-loved by all who met him. He was a kind and gentle man, with a good sense of humor, a deep love of his wife, Penny, and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He and Penny shared a zest for life and a love of nature. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bob was predeceased by Penny, his beloved wife of 61 years, his sister, Ann Campbell Brown, and his brother, Buck.

He is survived by four daughters and their families: Kimberly and Wade Cobb of Middlebury, VT (James, Helen, Nathan), Heather and Mark Leonard, of Winchester, VA (Meagan, Nicholas), Catie and Phil Resor of Middle Haddam, CT (Tucker, Grayson, Ben), and Sarah and Keith Baker of Chattanooga, TN (Sophie, Sam). He was also blessed with three great-grandchildren: Evelyn and Declan Pampreen, and Johnny Cobb.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Bob's name to The Foundation Fighting Blindness, The Cornell Lab of Ornithology or the environmental or humanitarian charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 12, at 1 pm at the Middlebury Congregational Church in Middlebury, Vermont.



LOUIS PETRIZZI, JR.

Louis Frank Petrizzi, Jr., 76, passed away peacefully on February 28, at Notre Dame Convalescent Home in Norwalk, CT. Born in Greenwich, CT, he was the son of the late Louis and Mildred (Constantino) Petrizzi, and raised in an extended family where love, faith and education were the foundation of his life.

In 1967, Lou graduated from Greenwich High School and went on to college in Colorado, graduating from Adams State College, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and Master of Arts degree in Special Education. Upon graduation, Lou moved to Chicago where he continued his post-graduate studies, and began his career in education in middle school, teaching students with special needs. He later transitioned to Maine East High School in Park Ridge, IL, where he taught students with learning and behavioral disabilities. An avid tennis player, Lou helped to build the Girls' Junior Varsity and Varsity Tennis teams as a coach for 33 years, until his retirement.

Lou distinguished himself as an educator, earning recognition from colleagues for his thoughtful collaboration and professionalism. Whether in the classroom, or on the tennis court, his dedication to student success was demonstrated by his ability to inspire and support students to achieve their personal best, while instilling and developing kindness and respect for others. Honoring his distinction as a respected educator, Lou was featured in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

In addition to his parents, Lou was predeceased by his beloved partner, JoAnn Johnson. Together, they found love and companionship and shared a deep devotion to family. They took great pride in their home in Lake Forest, IL, where they treasured time spent with family and friends enjoying and celebrating holidays and special events, JoAnn as chef and Lou as the grill master.

Beyond his professional career, Lou's life was filled with many interests and activities, which he shared with JoAnn. They loved to travel throughout the US and abroad, and spent many vacations relaxing on Hilton Head Island, SC. They enjoyed all that the vibrant city of Chicago offered, and took great pleasure being tour guides for all who visited.

Lou was a lifelong sports enthusiast who enjoyed supporting and attending games for his favorite Chicago teams. He was a passionate fan of the New York Mets and the UConn Huskies Women's Basketball team.

In retirement, Lou and JoAnn were actively involved in their community, volunteering for meaningful causes, and pursuing learning programs and activities at the Lake Forest Library and Senior Center. Upon JoAnn's passing in 2019, Lou returned to his home in Greenwich, CT.

He is survived by his loving sister, Geraldine Petrizzi Pongonis of Norwalk, CT; stepdaughter, Kimberly Johnson Chavarria and husband, Cris, of Pasadena, CA; stepson, Paul David Johnson and wife, Camila, of Winnetka, IL; and grandchildren, Chase, Connor and Kyle Chavarria, Paul (P.J.) and Eli Johnson, and several cousins and members of the extended DeBenedetto family.

Lou was a humble gentleman whose warm and generous spirit will be fondly remembered for the love, kindness and unwavering devotion he gave to his family, friends and students. His proudest achievement was the gift of life he gave as a kidney donor to his beloved, JoAnn.

We wish to extend heartfelt appreciation to family and friends who have given love and support, and for the compassionate care that he received from the entire Notre Dame and Constellation Hospice staff.

A Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Church, 219 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk, CT, followed by a reception in the Great Room at St. Matthew Church.

Memorial donations in his name may be made to: Notre Dame SSTV Capital Improvement Fund, 76 West Rocks Road, Norwalk, CT 06851, or the St. Matthew Church Food Pantry, 219 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854.



MAIA CLEWLEY

3/28/1965 - 2/15/2025

It is with profound sadness that we share the news of the death of Maia Singer Clewley, who passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Feb. 15, in San Diego. She was born on March 28, 1965, in Chicago, IL, the first of three daughters of Sidney and Carol Singer. Maia grew up in Greenwich, CT and graduated from Greenwich High School in 1983. She received her BA in English with a minor in Art History in 1987 from Hobart William Smith Colleges, where she was an enthusiastic sailing team member. Maia received her J.D. from Benjamin Cardozo Law School in Manhattan in 1995.

A few years later, she married the love of her life, Kevin, in Greenwich. Given Maia's love for the beach, tennis, boogie boarding, skiing, and sailing, it is no surprise they settled in San Diego. Maia was a devoted mother, who was involved in school activities and sports with her sons, Matthew and Daniel. She worked with her husband and became an Investment Advisor Representative/Vice President at his company.

Maia was an avid traveler and arranged family trips to Hawaii for snorkeling and surfing, the mountains for skiing, and Europe to explore history and different cultures. She was devoted and practiced Judaism with Chavurat Deevray Torah in Greenwich, and later at the reformed temple Beth Israel in LaJolla, CA.

Maia was a steadfast supporter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. She was the captain of her Take Steps team, which she named and walked in honor of her sister, Robin, and her father, Sidney. Maia was a valued board member on the annual Champions of Hope Gala committee and enjoyed sharing her story and providing hope to other Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) patients.

Maia was predeceased by her father, Sidney, her sister, Robin, and her eldest son, Matthew. She is survived by her husband, Kevin; her youngest son, Daniel; her mother, Carol; her sister, Lori; and her two nephews, Zachary and Jacob. She leaves a legacy of kindness, infectious enthusiasm, adventure, love for her family and friends, and the tenacity never to give up. We are all left to mourn this tragic loss, but we can take comfort in the memories of her beautiful spirit and sparkling smile.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to www.crohnsandcolitis.org or Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) Women's Brigade, www.fidf.org.

There will be a Singer Celebration of Life at Tod's Point on June 28, 12pm-4pm. Friends of Maia, Robin, and Sidney Singer are welcome, RSVP by June 1st to lorikeat@gmail.com

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Transferring Lessons Learned From Sports to Success

SISI GROO

Many students of the American School of Barcelona (in Spain) play a sport or regularly participate in some sort of physical exertion; we do it because we love it, and because it gives us purpose. As someone who spends the majority of my time playing a sport, I have inevitably taken away copious amounts of skills, lessons, and experience from it. But many student athletes are unaware that their knowledge can be, and already is, subconsciously applied far beyond the boundaries of the field, court, or pool. The mental strength and techniques one builds to perform at their best level in their sport can directly support their success in the classroom. If these athletes become aware of the specific skills that have direct correlations between positive outcomes in their sport and at school, and continue to develop those skills, they will likely see even better results on both ends.

Time Management

As athletes, we are constantly trying to balance training, games, and recovery in order to maximize our performance when it matters most. What this balancing act looks like depends largely on the amount of time we have to focus on our sport, which is relative to our current workload in school. Dividing up our time resourcefully becomes incredibly important when juggling school and sports but excelling at something takes a lot of time. In fact, Malcolm Gladwell, a well-known Canadian author, journalist, and public speaker, wrote that the key to becoming world-class at something is practicing it for 10,000 hours. Although many of us are not looking to become Olympic athletes, we spend a great deal of time training – time which could be used elsewhere. Because of this, it’s important that we use our time as efficiently and productively as possible, because

we likely have less time to spare. In the classroom, this might look like starting a project due in a week as soon as it’s assigned instead of procrastinating until the last minute; getting ahead on classwork; or designating time to catch up on work from when you missed a class.

Teamwork and Communication

For those of us who play team sports, we are well aware that the connection between teammates is crucial if we want to get good results. That includes, firstly, leader positions or “captains”. The captain is the glue that holds the team together. They need to be able to motivate, encourage, and inspire others. We can apply this to school, because when we are working in group settings, oftentimes there is a person who takes a leadership position and organizes and directs other people so work can get done. If you are someone who considers yourself a leader on your team, applying the same tactics you use to support your teammates will be helpful in finding organization and success in group projects.

Secondly, accountability plays a key role in a successful team. As athletes, it’s important that we take accountability for our mistakes and disclose to teammates that we are both aware of our weaknesses and are working on them – this creates an environment of trust where it is known that everyone is trying to reach their maximum potential. Now, how many times have we heard the phrase “take accountability for your learning”? While this can look differently for everyone, it could involve asking teachers and friends to catch you up when you miss class or making sure that you are paying attention in class and communicating to your teacher that you are concentrating on what they are saying. If you make a mistake on a test or answer a question

“It’s important to acknowledge that the things we learn throughout that journey can be applied to not only sports, but life in general.”



Sisi Groo, playing soccer with her team in Barcelona, Spain.

wrong, it’s important to convey a message to your teachers that you are willing to learn from errors and improve so that when another opportunity comes, you are ready to demonstrate what you know.

Handling Pressure:

Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, athletes need to be able to deal with pressure. We constantly hold ourselves to the highest standard, feeling pressure from our teammates, coaches, parents, and even ourselves. Before a big game, when nerves are high, a predominant skill is being able to take a deep breath, calm your racing thoughts, and feel ready to step on the pitch, court, or rink. Any incredibly successful athlete has likely dedicated a large portion of training to strengthening their mind – because mental strength is crucial. When an athlete reaches a certain level, the physical game is less important because everyone is already excellent. The mental game is what separates the best from the best. I could write an extremely lengthy article just on the subject

of using mental techniques to perform at your best. In fact, Stanford University published an article in 2024 interviewing sports psychologist Kelli Moran-Miller, mainly discussing how athletes handle stress. The article mentions applying techniques to non-athletes, which can look like “increasing our self-awareness and attentional control” and “breathwork and relaxation strategies” to help us control our stress.

Furthermore, I know that a lot of us at ASB care deeply about our grades, which is why we feel extremely stressed at times—which is a good thing, because it shows that we care. However, when summative assessments come around, a lot of us tend to get nervous, doubting our intelligence and readiness no matter how much we studied the night before. But Miller also mentioned that “It’s important to remember that our stress response is our brain’s way of readying us for action so that we can rise to a challenge.” If we can remember this before a test and put to use our visualization

and positive affirmations that we already use in our sport, school will start to become less stressful. People who are not athletes can also work on these mental tactics to apply them to the classroom and to other areas of their lives.

Perseverance and Resilience

Lastly, we know how important determination and persistence are in sports. According to a study done by John Hopkins Medicine, in the US alone, about 30 million children and teens participate in some form of team sports, and more than 1 million suffer sport-related injuries. For athletes, getting injured takes an enormous toll on one’s confidence and sense of self. Participating in a sport is a large part of an athlete’s identity, and when the ability to compete is taken away from them, they can become discouraged and unsure of the next step. But those who have recovered from a serious injury can tell you that when you are finally able to compete again, the struggle, hard work, patience, and discipline were all worth it. Students can apply this resilience to their academics after they receive a grade they weren’t happy with, or when they are struggling in a class. Although it is difficult to compare a serious injury to a bad score, being able to take the drive and perseverance one would use to recover can absolutely be applied to the cycle of acknowledging what you did wrong, improving it through repetition and practice, and performing better on the next big summative.

Additionally, it’s a known fact that sports are unpredictable. Unbelievable comebacks can happen. I’m sure many remember the 2022 World Cup Final when

France managed to come back from 2-0 down and then from 3-2 down in the last minutes of added time, although Argentina won in penalties in the end. We know the importance of never giving up, of believing in the impossible when all hope seems lost. Translating that tough outer shell and the pure grit we develop from being athletes to the classroom can be incredibly helpful. If we are struggling with a concept, we have to make sure that we do whatever it takes to fully grasp it, whether that’s staying behind after class to receive individual instruction from teachers or just going home and searching for a YouTube video that will explain it to you.

Bigger Picture

All in all, we know that being an athlete is an incredibly important part of who we are. We spend immeasurable amounts of blood, sweat, and tears perfecting our craft. But it’s important to acknowledge that the things we learn throughout that journey can be applied to not only sports, but life in general. Whether that’s managing our time better, performing under pressure, persevering through challenges, or being a leader, all of these skills are crucial to becoming a well-rounded individual who finds success in everything they do.

However, all of this is not to say that one can’t learn these things without becoming an athlete. In fact, these lessons are consistently needed in our daily lives and are therefore grasped by many who don’t participate in sports. But, because athletes specifically need said skills in order to perform, they likely have jump starts on many people. Using that experience elsewhere would be an intelligent action, no?

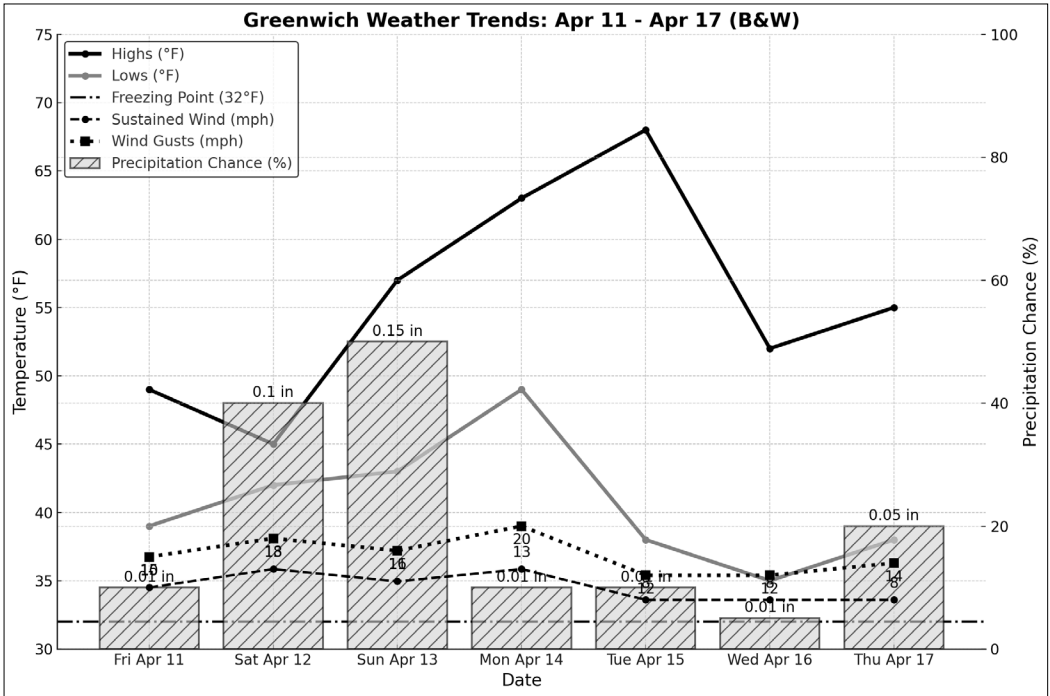
Sisi Groo is the soccer playing granddaughter of Anne W. Semmes. She wrote this column for her American Barcelona School newspaper.

Greenwich Weather Forecast: Here’s What to Expect

By EMMA BARHYDT

As April unfolds in Greenwich, the community can anticipate a medley of springtime weather. The upcoming week promises a blend of mild temperatures, occasional showers, and moments of sunshine. While no significant storms are expected, it’s wise to stay prepared for the varied conditions that early April often brings. From brisk mornings to warmer afternoons, it’s an ideal time to enjoy the outdoors while keeping an eye on the skies.

Friday, April 11 will usher in mostly cloudy skies with a high near 49°F. A gentle east wind around 10 mph will make for a comfortable day, perfect for a stroll through the neighborhood or a visit to local shops. The UV index is expected to be moderate, so some sun protection is advisable during midday hours. Humidity levels will be around 60%, contributing to the mild feel. As evening sets in, temperatures will dip to a low of 39°F under partly cloudy skies. A light jacket



would be advisable for any evening plans.

Saturday, April 12 brings a cooler turn with considerable cloudiness and a chance of light rain. The high will reach around 45°F, accompanied by northeast winds at 10 to 15 mph, adding a brisk feel to the air. Humidity will be higher, around 70%,

enhancing the cool sensation. It’s a day suited for indoor activities or bundling up if heading outside. Nighttime temperatures will hover around 42°F under overcast skies, so keeping that umbrella handy might be a good idea.

Sunday, April 13 offers a warmer day despite the persistent clouds, with a

high climbing to about 57°F. There’s a likelihood of a couple of showers, so it’s advisable to plan outdoor activities accordingly. Southeast winds at 10 to 12 mph will add a gentle breeze to the day. The UV index will be moderate, suggesting some breaks in the cloud cover. Evening temperatures will settle around 43°F with

lingering clouds, setting a mild backdrop for the night. It’s a more favorable day for outdoor endeavors compared to the preceding days.

Monday, April 14 presents a mix of sun and clouds, with a high near 63°F. Northwest winds at 10 to 15 mph will bring a refreshing crispness to the air, making it a pleasant day for outdoor endeavors. Humidity levels will be around 55%, contributing to the comfortable conditions. As night falls, temperatures will drop to a low of 49°F under partly cloudy skies, suggesting a cooler evening ahead. Stargazers might find the conditions favorable for some celestial observations.

Tuesday, April 15 is expected to start with clouds giving way to some sun, with highs in the upper 60s. Winds will be light, around 5 to 10 mph, making for a calm day. Overnight lows may dip to around 38°F, so gardeners should be mindful of potential frost. Humidity remains comfortable, enhancing the overall pleasant feel. It’s a reminder that early April can

still bring chilly nights.

Wednesday, April 16 anticipates a blend of sun and clouds, with temperatures reaching the low 50s. A gentle breeze from the west at 5 to 10 mph will accompany the day. Nighttime temperatures are projected to be in the mid-30s, under partly cloudy skies. Humidity levels will be moderate, contributing to the crispness of the air. It’s a typical spring day, offering opportunities for various activities.

Thursday, April 17 is likely to see increasing cloudiness throughout the day, with highs in the mid-50s. Light southeast winds around 5 to 10 mph will prevail. Evening temperatures will be in the upper 30s under cloudy skies, setting a cool tone for the night. Humidity will be moderate, maintaining the seasonal feel. It’s advisable to keep an umbrella handy for any potential sprinkles.

Embracing the season’s unpredictability adds to the charm of this time of year. Whether you’re chasing sunbeams or dodging

Traveling? Check The Week Ahead Nationally

By EMMA BARHYDT

Northeast

A late-week storm will open the period with cold, wet conditions across the Northeast, bringing widespread rain and wintry weather to higher elevations, especially in interior areas where slushy snow is possible. Along the coast, persistent onshore winds coinciding with a full moon may cause minor coastal flooding. The storm will gradually exit by Sunday, leaving behind a raw, chilly air mass that will keep daytime highs in the upper 40s to mid-50s°F and overnight lows in the 30s°F, raising frost concerns in inland valleys. A brief warming trend is expected by midweek as high pressure builds, pushing highs into the 60s°F before another frontal system approaches mid-to-late week, bringing a renewed chance of showers. While this second system appears less intense, it will reinforce the unsettled and cool pattern, with temperatures fluctuating and conditions remaining variable through the end of the week.

Southeast

The Southeast will transition from a stormy start to a period of tranquil spring weather. Rain and thunderstorms will linger early in the period, especially across the Carolinas and southern Appalachians, before cooler, drier air settles in behind a cold front. High pressure will dominate through early week, keeping skies fair and temperatures below normal, with highs ranging from the 60s to 70s°F and overnight lows dipping into the 40s and even upper 30s°F in rural interior areas, potentially

leading to patchy frost. A significant warming trend will develop midweek as southerly winds return, lifting daytime highs into the 70s and low 80s°F and increasing humidity, particularly along the Gulf Coast and Florida, which will remain dry and sunny throughout the period. A midweek cold front may trigger scattered showers and thunderstorms, especially in the Tennessee Valley and Gulf states, but any rainfall will be isolated. By late week, cooler air will return, reinforcing fair skies and pleasant temperatures typical of mid-spring.

The Midwest begins the period recovering from a strong storm system that brought rain and snow, with lingering showers and flurries tapering off by Saturday. High pressure will then build in, bringing improving skies and brisk conditions through Sunday and Monday, with highs in the 50s to 60s°F and lows in the 30s°F, possibly leading to frost in northern areas. A powerful upper ridge will usher in a dramatic warm-up by midweek, with highs soaring into the 70s and even low 80s°F—15°F above average in some places—before a midweek cold front sweeps through, bringing a band of showers and isolated thunderstorms. While the risk of severe weather is limited, gusty storms are possible from the Mississippi Valley into the Ohio Valley. Behind the front, cooler, more seasonable air will return, with highs falling back into the 50s and 60s°F and breezy northwest winds settling in. The week overall will feature a classic spring transition from chilly and damp to warm and stormy, ending with a refreshing cooldown.

Southwest

The Southwest will experience a hot, dry stretch of weather dominated by a strong ridge of high pressure that will drive temperatures 10–20°F above average. Desert regions, including southern Arizona and southeastern California, will see highs surge into the upper 80s to mid-90s°F, with some locations likely hitting 100°F—weeks ahead of the typical onset of triple-digit heat. Overnight lows will remain elevated as well, ranging from the upper 60s to low 70s°F in urban and lowland areas. Conditions will remain dry across nearly the entire region, with no significant precipitation expected outside of a small chance for light showers or high-elevation snow in the far northern Rockies or Four Corners by early next week. The ridge will weaken slightly toward the end of the period, allowing for modest cooling, but temperatures will remain well above normal with continued sunshine, warm afternoons in the 80s°F, and cool mornings in the 50s to 60s°F.

Northwest

The Northwest will see a dynamic pattern of alternating rain and sun as a series of Pacific storms bring valley rain, mountain snow, and brisk onshore winds to the region. The weekend begins with a frontal system delivering precipitation from the coast to the northern Rockies, followed by a brief dry window late Sunday into Monday. Another system will arrive midweek, producing more widespread showers in lower elevations and snow in the Cascades and northern Rockies. In between systems, transient ridges will allow for brief warming and clearing skies, particularly across inland

areas. Daytime highs will range from the 50s°F near the coast during rainy periods to the 60s°F and occasional 70°F readings in sheltered interior valleys during sun breaks. Temperatures will trend downward again late in the week as another Pacific trough brings increased clouds and a fresh round of showers. Overall, the region will experience a typical spring mix of changeable weather, with short-lived mild spells punctuated by cool, wet intrusions.

West Coast

The West Coast will enjoy a warm, dry stretch of weather under the influence of a persistent high-pressure ridge that will block Pacific storms and bring widespread sunshine. Temperatures will be well above normal for April, with inland California and the Central Valley reaching into the upper 80s to mid-90s°F and desert regions approaching 100°F. Coastal areas will enjoy mild weather as well, with highs in the 70s°F and some inland zones nearing 80°F, although marine fog may return late in the week to cool the shoreline slightly. The hot spell will likely peak midweek, with many areas tying or breaking daily records. Rain chances will remain minimal through at least Wednesday, but a weak Pacific trough may approach by Thursday or Friday, bringing cloud cover, onshore breezes, and a slight chance of showers to far northern California and the Pacific Northwest coast. Central and Southern California will remain dry. A cooling trend will set in late week, moderating inland highs back into the 70s and 80s°F, but overall, the region will enjoy an extended run of sunny, unseasonably warm spring weather.

REAL ESTATE DASHBOARD

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES				
Data Compiled by Trusted Real Estate Agent Rob Pulitano (203) 561-8092				
Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
172 Putnam Park	Greenwich	\$465,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
152 Valley Road	Cos Cob	\$1,425,000	Sun 12-2 PM	BHHS New England
18 Mortimer Drive	Old Greenwich	\$2,495,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
328 Hamilton Ave #2	Greenwich	\$799,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
12 Bolling Place	Greenwich	\$1,200,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
12 Bolling Place	Greenwich	\$1,200,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
52 Morningside Drive	Greenwich	\$2,995,000	Sat 12-2 PM	Coldwell Banker
52 Morningside Drive	Greenwich	\$2,995,000	Sun 2-4 PM	Coldwell Banker
82 Rockwood Lane	Greenwich	\$3,695,000	Sun 2-4 PM	Coldwell Banker
55 Long Meadow Road	Riverside	\$1,895,000	Sun 1-4 PM	Compass
20 Sherwood Farm Ln	Greenwich	\$5,495,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Higgins
52 Sherwood Place #4	Greenwich	\$985,000	Sat 2-4 PM	Sotheby's
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53 Valleywood Road	Cos Cob	\$1,600,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Sotheby's
35 Turner Drive	Greenwich	\$2,395,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Sotheby's
108 Butternut Hollow	Greenwich	\$2,400,000	Sat 11-3 PM	Sotheby's
108 Butternut Hollow	Greenwich	\$2,400,000	Sun 1-4 PM	Sotheby's

NEW SALES								
TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM , 203.461.5964								
Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
13 Riverside Lane	\$1,495,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	144	4	3	0.3	2,052
16 Windy Knolls A	\$1,375,000	\$1,375,000	\$1,375,000	21	3	2	0.17	2,590
38 Center Drive	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000	0	4	2	0	2,200
14 Lincoln Avenue	\$2,900,000	\$2,450,000	\$2,300,000	150	5	5	0.13	3,214
2 Echo Lane	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,850,000	7	3	3	0.46	2,809
25 Stepping Stone Ln	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$2,780,000	11	4	3	1.05	6,146
269 Pemberwick Road	\$3,150,000	\$2,996,000	\$2,700,000	167	5	4	0.26	4,550
20 Cutler Road	\$3,995,000	\$3,700,000	\$3,500,000	100	5	4	4	6,555
101&103 Old Mill Rd	\$7,900,000	\$6,500,000	\$6,267,000	342	7	6	8	9,937
14 Anderson Road	\$7,300,000	\$7,300,000	\$7,300,000	0	5	6	0.35	5,280
38 Aiken Road	\$11,500,000	\$11,500,000	\$11,500,000	40	4	4	4.44	6,755

NEW LISTINGS							
TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM , 203.461.5964							
Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
7 River Boat Slip C-8	\$125,000	\$104	1,198	0	2	2	Cos Cob
2 Homestead Lane 212	\$419,900	\$588	714	0	1	1	Pemberwick
351 Pemberwick Rd 205	\$445,000	\$692	643	5	1	1	Glenville
172 Putnam Park	\$465,000	\$505	920	0	2	1	South of Post
135 Byram Road	\$850,000	\$496	1,713	0.15	3	2	Byram
10 Maple Drive	\$889,000	\$470	1,890	0.15	3	2	Old Greenwich
52 Sherwood Place 4	\$985,000	\$671	1,467	0	2	2	South Parkway
57 Orchard Street	\$1,100,000	\$599	1,836	0.19	3	2	Cos Cob
3A Morgan Avenue	\$1,125,000	\$557	2,020	0.18	4	3	Pemberwick
12 Bolling Place	\$1,200,000	\$870	1,380	0.13	3	2	South of Post
48 Meyer Place	\$1,650,000	\$577	2,860	0.3	5	3	Riverside
85 Valleywood Road	\$1,795,000	\$726	2,472	0.21	4	3	Cos Cob
55 Long Meadow Road	\$1,895,000	\$948	1,999	0.35	3	3	North Mianus
297 Cognewaugh Road	\$1,995,000	\$607	3,284	2.16	4	3	Cos Cob
6 Carissa Lane	\$2,850,000	\$602	4,735	1.11	5	3	South Parkway
15 Red Coat Lane	\$2,850,000	\$743	3,837	2	5	3	South Parkway
23 Woodland Drive C	\$2,995,000	\$947	3,163	0.22	3	3	South of Post
52 Morningside Drive	\$2,995,000	\$669	4,476	0.3	5	4	South of Post
182 Milbank Avenue 3	\$3,200,000	\$914	3,500		3	2	South of Post
7 Mountain Laurel Drive	\$3,799,000	\$812	4,680	2.96	5	5	North Parkway
1 Partridge Hollow Road	\$4,350,000	\$673	6,468	4.03	5	6	North Parkway
69 Taconic Road	\$4,750,000	\$665	7,139	4.41	7	6	North Parkway
980 North Street	\$4,995,000	\$446	11,211	0.92	6	6	North Parkway
34 Sawmill Lane	\$5,295,000	\$943	5,615	1.03	5	5	South Parkway
213 Round Hill Road	\$5,495,000	\$1,058	5,192	2.01	3	2	South Parkway
477 Lake Avenue	\$5,595,000	\$1,732	3,231	2.83	5	3	South Parkway
2 Oneida Drive B2	\$5,995,000	\$1,237	4,847	0	3	4	South of Post
502 Indian Field Road	\$5,995,000	\$1,612	3,719	2.06	4	4	South of Post
32 Pheasant Lane	\$11,900,000	\$1,210	9,836	1.8	6	7	South Parkway
11 Conyers Farm Drive	\$19,995,000	\$1,205	16,597	19.69	7	11	North Parkway

Several Neighborhoods See Big Price Jumps in Q1 2025



BY MARK PRUNER

A funny thing happened to the Greenwich real estate market over the last three years; our sales went down while the amount of the state conveyance tax went up and did so dramatically this year. This happened because our state conveyance tax is tiered from 0.75% to 2.25%, while our municipal conveyance tax is fixed at 0.25%. The town did get a nice bump in conveyance taxes paid so far this year as total sales went from \$286.4 million last year to an amazing \$383.6 million this year in the first quarter.

The state, however, did very well as the conveyance tax over \$2.5 million is 2.25% on the amount of the sales price over \$2.5 million. Under \$2.5 million, the state conveyance tax is only 1.25% and under \$800,000 the state conveyance tax is only 0.75%. (The median sales price for all houses in Connecticut is a little over \$400,000.)

The rumor is that this increase in conveyance tax was a tradeoff for not enacting a higher top tax rate in Connecticut, which is presently 6.99% for income over \$1 million for joint filers. So, our high taxpaying homeowners were encouraged to stay in the state or at least not move to New York where the top state tax rate is 10.9% over \$25 million and 9.65% over \$2.16 million.

But wait, it gets even better for Nutmeg state sellers in the upper half of our market, if they stayed loyal to Connecticut. If a Connecticut resident had to pay conveyance taxes at the top 2.5% rate, they could get it back if they stayed as Connecticut residents for 3 years over the next 3 years. If you sold your Connecticut house for say \$12.5 million, you would have \$10 million taxed at the highest 2.5% rate or \$250,000 that you would owe to the state. Starting in the 4th year that seller could get a third of the \$250K back each year for the next 3 years. Check with your accountant

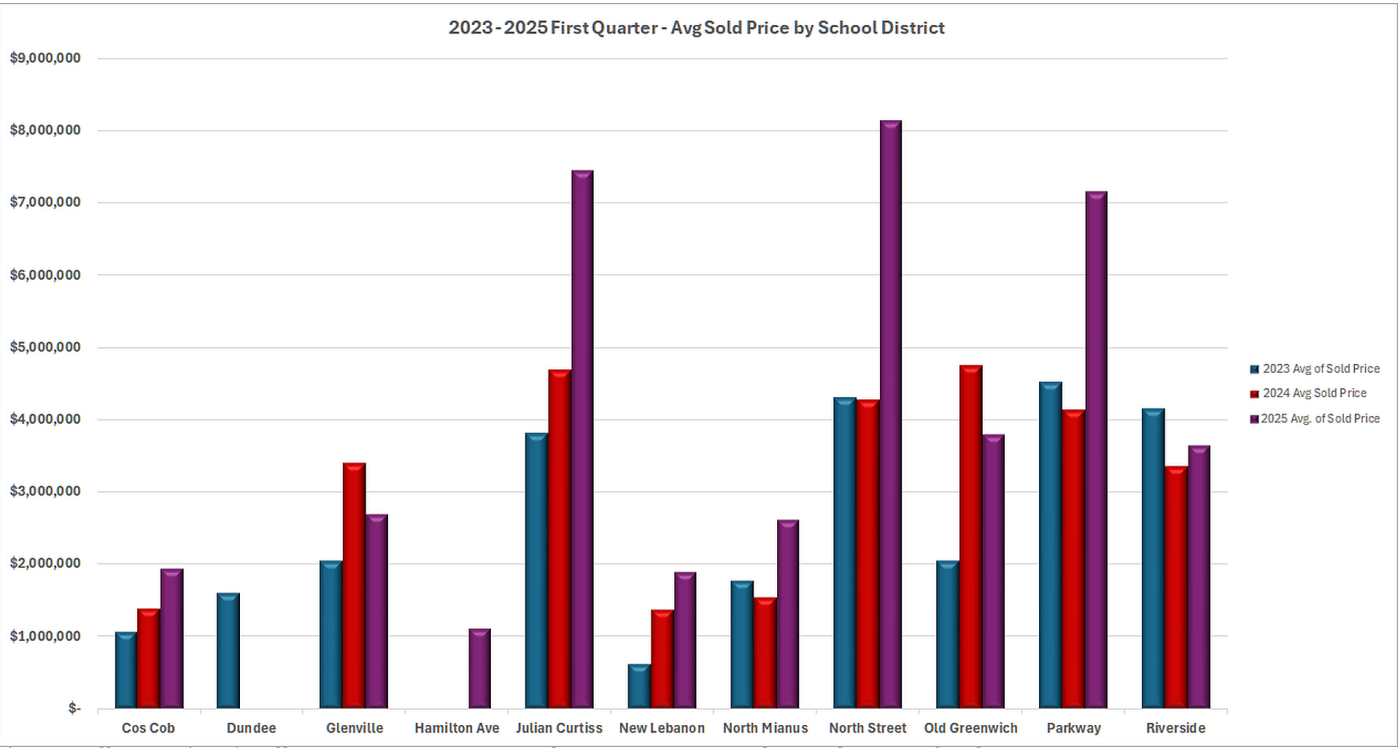
School Dist	No. of Sales	Sum of Sold Price	Avg. of SqFt	Avg. DOM	Avg of Sold Price	Avg. of Sold Price/SqFt
Cos Cob	9	\$ 17,569,001	2,527	41	\$ 1,952,111	\$ 784
Glenville	9	\$ 24,271,828	4,059	59	\$ 2,696,870	\$ 668
Hamilton Avenue	1	\$ 1,130,000		31	\$ 1,130,000	
Julian Curtiss	7	\$ 52,150,000	6,858	187	\$ 7,450,000	\$ 1,085
New Lebanon	1	\$ 1,900,000	4,954	179	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 384
North Mianus	4	\$ 10,481,250	3,841	17	\$ 2,620,313	\$ 696
North Street	13	\$ 105,980,000	7,877	183	\$ 8,152,308	\$ 988
Old Greenwich	5	\$ 19,006,000	3,512	98	\$ 3,801,200	\$ 1,096
Parkway	17	\$ 121,914,528	8,525	115	\$ 7,171,443	\$ 777
Riverside	8	\$ 29,202,500	4,189	61	\$ 3,650,313	\$ 873
Grand Total	74	\$ 383,605,107	5,821	105	\$ 5,183,853	\$ 851

if you sold three years ago to see if you are due a refund, since it's not quite as simple as explained here.

You might be asking yourself, why I am going in to all this detail about an obscure tax provision that probably only applies to at most a couple of hundred people. That's because, there is not all that much to write about when comparing this year's sale by neighborhood (using our 10 elementary school districts as a stand-in for neighborhoods). Part of this problem is that we only had 74 sales in the first quarter this year. Divide that by 10 districts and you have less than a dozen sales in every district but Parkway and North Street school districts. And, while we have 13 sales in the North Streets district so far this year, it's down from 23 sales last year, but is almost the same as 14 sales in 2023.

This is just a long-winded way of saying that everything is bouncing around. We do have a couple of clear trends. First, high-end sales are up from 12 sales in the first quarter of 2024 to 23 sales in the first quarter this year. Since our high-end is so high, it can result in a dramatic increase in the average sales. That is what we see in Julian Curtis, North Street and Parkway districts. All three saw the average sales price jump in Q1 2025. The biggest jump was in the North Street district where the average sales price went from

	Q1 Sales	Sum of Sold Price	Avg. of SqFt	Avg. DOM	Avg of Sold Price	Avg. of Sold Price/SqFt
2023	84	\$ 262,763,660	4,689	105	\$ 3,128,139	\$ 670
2024	77	\$ 286,442,559	4,612	92	\$ 3,720,033	\$ 803
2025	74	\$ 383,605,107	5,821	105	\$ 5,183,853	\$ 851



\$4.23 million to \$8.15 million. Our Greenwich Streets Team at Compass had a \$21 million sale (the highest so far this year) and we also had Mary Tyler Moore's sale at \$16.9 million and a third sale at \$10.6 million. In Q1 2024, we only had one sale in the North Street district over \$10 million at \$15.9 million.

The other trend is that the average sales price per square foot is continuing to rise in most districts. Overall average price/SF is up 5.9% this

quarter compared to Q1 2024. We see the average price/SF up in Glenville, Julian Curtis, North Mianus, North Street, Old Greenwich and Parkway. Our days on market are more mixed, but in several districts, the rise in the average days on

market is due to a few listing queens finally selling that have been on the market for a year or two. While our economic situation continues to be muddled, we should have better numbers by the end of the

second quarter so stay tuned. Mark Pruner is a real estate agent with Compass Connecticut. He is a co-founder of the Greenwich Streets Team at Compass. He can be reached at 203-817-2871 or mark.pruner@compass.com.

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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. *Annual Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 12, 10am. Good Friday Worship Celebration: April 18, 7pm, Palace Theatre. Easter Sunday Worship: April 20, 7pm, Palace Theatre, all are welcome.*

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. Holy Week: Palm Sunday – April 13: Masses: Sat. 4pm; Sun. 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Tuesdays, April 15, 5-7pm, in the Church. Holy Thursday – April 17: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6pm followed by Adoration until 10pm. Good Friday – April 18: Passion of the Lord, 3pm; Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm. Holy Saturday – April 19: Blessing of the Easter Food, 12pm; Easter Vigil, 7:30pm. Easter Sunday – April 20: Masses: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am.*

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[www.stc-sta.org](#)

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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. Palm Sunday Mass: Saturday, April 12, 5pm; Sunday, April 13, 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish), 5pm, St. Catherine Church. Reconciliation Monday – April 14: Confession, 4-8pm (English); 7-8pm (English & Spanish), St. Catherine Church. “The Passion and Death of the Christ according to St. John” by Fr. Mike Boccaccio: April 14, 7pm, Lucey Parish Hall. Holy Thursday – April 17: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm, St. Catherine Church; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Following Mass to 11pm, Lucey Parish Hall. Good Friday – April 18: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3pm, St. Catherine Church; Stations of the Cross, 12pm (Spanish), 15 Landing Rock Rd, Riverside; (French) 5pm, St. Agnes Chapel; (English) 7pm, St. Catherine Church. Holy Saturday – April 19: Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30pm, St. Catherine Church. Easter Sunday – April 20: Easter Sunday Mass, 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish), St. Catherine Church; 9am & 10:30am, Lucey Parish Hall; Easter Egg Hunt, After 9 & 10:30am Masses, Lawn next to Chapel.

St. Mary Church

178 Greenwich Ave.;

203-869-9393

[www.stmarygreenwich.org](#)

Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat (Churchs 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Vigil 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. Holy Week: Holy Thursday – April 17: Misa Ultima Cena del Señor, 6pm; Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm; Adoration, 9pm. Good Friday – April 18: Stations of the Cross, 12pm; Liturgy, 3pm; Pasión y Adoración de la San-

ta Cruz, 7pm. Holy Saturday – April 19: Solemn Easter Vigil, 7:30pm; Misa de la Vigilia Pascual, 10pm. Easter Sunday – April 20: Liturgies: 9am, 10:30am & 12:15pm.

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. Holy Week: Saturday Vigil – April 12, 5:15pm. Palm Sunday – April 13, (Procession begins in the Narthex), 7:30am, 8:30am, 9:45am, 12pm & 5:15pm. Monday, April 14, Tuesday, April 15 & Wednesday, April 16: 9am Mass. Holy Thursday – April 17: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm; Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30pm; Night Prayer, 9:15pm. Good Friday – April 18: Confessions, 12-2:30pm; Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm; Stations of the Cross, 6pm; Night Prayer, 9pm. Holy Saturday – April 19: Mass, 9am; Family Stations of the Cross, 6pm; Easter Vigil Liturgy, 8pm. Easter Sunday – April 20: 7:30, 8:30 & 9:45am (Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt), 12pm.

St. Timothy Chapel

1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am. Holy Week: Saturday Vigil – April 12, 4pm. Palm Sunday – April 13, 11am. Easter Sunday – April 20: 9:30 & 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. Women's Guild Spring Bake Sale: weekend of April 12 & 13, after all masses. Reconciliation Monday: April 14, 4-8pm. Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 13, following 9:30am Family Mass, rain or shine.

St. Roch Church

10 St. Roch Ave; 203-869-4176

[www.strochchurch.com](#)

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time. Lent: Stations of the Cross: Fridays through April 11 – English, 5:30pm; Spanish, 7pm. Palm Sunday – April 13: Mass – (English), 7:30 & 10am; (Spanish), 12pm. Holy Thursday – April 17: Mass – (English), 7pm; (Spanish), 9pm. Good Friday – April 18: Stations of the Cross, 12pm; Passion of the Lord (English), 3pm; Via Crucis (Spanish), 5pm. Holy Saturday – April 19: Vigil Mass (Multi-language), 8:30pm. Easter Sunday – April 20: Masses, 7:30, 10am, 12pm (Spanish).

Christian Science

First Church of Christ. Scientist

11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555

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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. Bibles and children's books for sale. “Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?”: April 13. Easter service – April 20: “Doctrine of Atonement”.

Community

First Church of Round Hill

464 Round Hill Rd;
203-629-3876

[www.firstchurchofroundhill.com](#)

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. Palm Sunday: April 13, 10am. Easter Sunday: April 20, 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. Maundy Thursday: April 17, 11:30am-5:30pm. Easter: Sunday, April 20, 10am.

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. Palm Sunday - Worship Service: April 13, 10am. Maundy Thursday - April 17: Dinner, 6pm; Worship, 7pm. Good Friday - April 18: Cross Walk at Tod's Point, 12pm; Worship Service, 7:30pm. Holy Saturday - April 19: Easter Egg Dyeing, 8am-1pm. Easter Sunday - April 20: Sunrise Service at Tod's Point, 6am; Festival Services, 9am & 11am.

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. Palm Sunday Worship: April 13, 8:30 & 10:30am (palm processional at

10:30 service). Maundy Thursday Service: April 17, 7pm. Good Friday VBS: April 18, 9-11:30am (Register by April 15). Good Friday: April 18, 7:30pm (combined worship at First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich). Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service at 6:07am & Festival Service, 10:30am (Easter Egg Hunt following 10:30 service).

Episcopal

Anglican Church of the Advent

606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432

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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](#). Holy Week: Palm Sunday – April 13: Holy Eucharist, 8am; Family Eucharist “Messy Church,” 8:45; Palm Procession, 9:45; Holy Eucharist, 10am; Stabat Mater - Pergolisi, followed by a reception, 5pm. Wednesday, April 16: Eucharist Service, 12:15pm. Maundy Thursday – April 17: “Love Feast” Agape Dinner, 6:30; Ceremony of Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist, 7:30pm. Good Friday – The Three Hour Service, April 18: Lamentations of Jeremiah, 12; Liturgy of the Day, 12:45; Via Crucis, 2; Family “Stations of the Cross” service, 4pm. Easter Vigil Celebration – April 19: Easter Vigil and the First Eucharist of Easter, 7:30pm. The Calling: Friday, April 25, 6:30pm.

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526

[www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org](#)

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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.;

203-637-2447

[www.stpaulsriveride.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@stpaulsriveride.org. The 7th Annual Blessing of the Bees: Sunday, April 13, 1pm, St. Paul's parking lot. Spring Vacation Bible School launches on April 14. Easter Vigil: Saturday April 19, 7pm.

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.

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. Passover Second Seder: Sunday, April 13, 6pm, Round Hill Community Church. Pride, Pain and Purpose Astride the Mid-east: Tuesday, April 15, 7pm, 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. Family Seder: Sunday, April 13, 5pm.

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. Symbolic Burning of the Chametz: Friday, April 11, 11am. Informational Meeting for Temple Sholom's 2026 Argentina Trip: Tuesday, April 15, 7pm, on Zoom. Lunch ‘n Learn with Guest Speaker Henry Tischler: Tuesday, April 22, 12pm.

Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church

286 Delavan Ave.;

203-531-8466

[www.firststpaul.com](#)

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

Methodist

Diamond Hill United Methodist

521 E. Putnam Ave.;

203-869-2395

[www.diamondhillumc.com](#)

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

First United Methodist Church

59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584

[www.fumcgreenwich.com](#)

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

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal

42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

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

Nondenominational

Dingletown 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

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Creating Sacred Space & Time



By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

Each week, at the beginning of our Friday Night Sabbath liturgy, we recite:

Mah tovu oha-lecha yaakov, mish-k'no-techa yisrael – How

goodly are your dwellings, O Jacob, Your Sanctuaries, O Israel!

Accompanying the traditional opening prayer, we declare:

May the door of this sanctuary be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for fellowship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this sanctuary be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block to young, or wary, or straying feet.

May its portals admit no complacency, selfishness, or harshness.

May this sanctuary welcome all who seek serenity, renewal, and truth;

May it be, for all of us, the gateway to a richer and more meaningful life.

These opening prayerful words frame the ‘sacred space’ and ‘sacred time’ we wish to create for ourselves.

‘Sacred space’ refers to a dedicated physical or mental environment where we can connect with the Divine. ‘Sacred time’ is the specific moments in our lives when we intentionally set aside time for our spiritual reflection and connection to cultivate our spiritual growth.

At Temple Sholom, like all houses of worship, we desire to create meaningful,

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sacred moments within our building. These include our holiday and Sabbath services,

life cycle events, educational and programming opportunities, etc. With each dedicated moment within our sacred walls, we share our faith in a spirit of unity,

reinforcing our connections with one another and the Divine.

When I am standing up at the pulpit, I summon the humble feeling of being within ‘sacred space’ and ‘sacred time’. In our Chapel, we see the Hebrew words “Da lifnei mi attach omed” meaning “Know before Whom you stand”.

We have in both our Chapel and Sanctuary our Ner Tamid, the everlasting light. These words and environmental accessories are merely reminders of the ‘sacred space’.

When I look down the aisle-way that separates the seating, I get a feeling of poignant nostalgia, remembering my daughter Faith at 1½ years old running down that aisle towards me following Shabbat Services for a hug.

These are the aisles that we parade our Torahs or dance with Torahs on the holidays. Now, my granddaughter Eleanor toddles down that same aisle, though she doesn’t come quite all the way without her parents.

Even in the classrooms – where we share stories – is an area of sacredness. The memories and humble feelings imbue our synagogue with sacredness, and we bring these feelings with us when we enter Temple Sholom. We each are, in a way, tabernacles with the spark of God inside us yearning for connection with each other and the divine.

Soon, we will joyfully commemorate the Passover festival, a time when we remember the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and welcome the new

spring season of hope and renewal.

Similarly, our Christian neighbors celebrate Easter, a joyous occasion that symbolizes resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

Regardless of our faith traditions, our festivals, celebrations, and rituals signify our shared humanity and our ability to feel God’s energy flowing through our lives.

Within our religious diversity, we still find unity, strength, and a sense of belonging to a larger community.

Within our communal shared experiences, we find comfort, understanding, and a sense of belonging.

The Torah defines the concept of creating a communal ‘sacred space’.

While journeying through the Wilderness, God instructed our spiritual ancestors to build a portable tabernacle called the Mishkan. Not just a physical structure, the Mishkan symbolized our connection with God and our commitment to eternally creating and maintaining sacred spaces.

The Torah describes in great detail how the Israelites constructed their Mishkan. The details—the materials, designs, colors, and architectural plans—help us understand the diligent care needed to build ‘sacred space’.

Just as modern builders choose, with great care, the forms of expression required when creating a space dedicated to God, the ancient Israelites followed God’s commandments for constructing a space for worship, connection, and contemplation.

What is especially noteworthy is that everyone, without exception, was required to support the building of the Mishkan. Each person contributed as much time and resources as possible.

With their mutual investment and desire for a communal sacred space, they built the ‘portable’ sanctuary that ultimately evolved into the synagogue as an institution today, serving as the anchor of our Jewish faith.

This collective effort underscores the importance of individual contribution to our shared sacred space, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility. However, the most critical aspect is that we appropriately dwell within the holy structures we create.

Our responsibility is to help each other navigate our daily joys and, sadly, our struggles. We strive together to find meaning and connection by sharing our lives with those we love and care for deeply. And, in these shared experiences, we find comfort, understanding, and a sense of belonging.

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

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Finding our way back to God

By THE REV. SUZY POST

This is the first article I am writing for the local Greenwich Sentinel. As a bit of an introduction, I am the new Associate Priest for Pastoral Care at Christ Episcopal Church. Presently, at Christ Church, we are engaged in the Bible Challenge. This is a year-long program where people read a chapter of the Bible each day. Beginning, with either the Old Testament or the New Testament, including the Psalms.

As I have been reading, I am finding myself amid the Book of Psalms. Specifically, I am around Psalms 70-76. As I was reading Psalm 71, I was immediately struck with the beauty of these words,

"In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress."

I smiled to myself thinking, this is why I love the Psalms, they help me find my way back to God. Let me share with you what I mean...

A few years ago I was praying with someone before surgery. It was a young woman who was facing cancer surgery. In the waiting room, her grandfather said to me, "I told her to make sure to tell the nurses in the operating room to let her keep one of her hands free, for that is the hand that God holds".

"Keep one hand free, for that is the hand God will hold." I looked at him and said that might be one of the most beautiful images I have ever heard.

Imagine that before surgery, in the hospital, with so much going on. He centered his thoughts and heart on God and helped his Grandaughter do the same.

I love that story. The powerful image of God holding onto her hand as she faces such difficult surgery and recovery. I've been thinking so much about that image lately. Our call as faithful people of God. I ask myself, do we do that? Do I do that? Keep a hand free for God to hold?

There is so much busyness going on all around us. How do we remember to keep a hand free for God? Perhaps what our faith, what God is calling us to do is to take a step back and look up now and then from all that busyness and see what is right in front of us. It was right there in Psalm 71.

"God is our refuge, God is our strength..."

Everyone at Christ Church who is engaged in the Bible Challenge is in different places in their reading. Many of us read the Bible regularly, some only at certain times of the year. No matter whether we are reading from the Old Testament, one of the Gospels, or immersed in the Psalms. I have found that each time I pause and read, I am finding my

way back to God.

We have opportunities every day to find our way back to God. Whether it is through a crisis such as an unexpected surgery. Or the gift of a new family or home, perhaps we are dealing with change, moving or leaving a job. Wherever we are in our lives, scripture is the touchstone that reminds us to keep a hand free for God.

We need God and we need to bring God everywhere we go. We can do that when we see scripture, the Bible, as more than a book but as part of deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ. The hand that God holds gives us the strength to pray, to ask for help and in turn help each other. It gives us the opportunity to see all the things that God calls us to do, all the things that make us a community of faithful witnesses to the love and grace of God.

As Psalm 71 continues, the Psalmist pleads to God; "be not far from me." I often use the Psalms as prayer. I may pray the words, "God, be not far from me", when I know in my heart, God is not far from me, rather I have for whatever reason, found myself far from God. The question I ask is what is keeping me, keeping us, from reaching for that hand, for the hand of God? What is keeping us from reaching for the Bible? We stumble, we fall, we lose our way... how do we navigate back to God?

The Psalmist asks us to speak to the Lord, and in return listen to what the Lord is saying. My prayer is that we can do just that. Listen to your heart, listen to the truth of what God tells us. Look at creation, look at each other. We read it in the Psalms, we read it in the Gospels. We are not alone, our faith will always leads us back to God. I pray daily that when we find ourselves, "away from God," we can pray that God gives us the humility to strengthen our faith and never stop reaching out our hand for the hand of God. It is there, God won't let go. If we find there are the times when we let go, may our heart always remember that God will be there when we return.

Let us pray -

"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?"

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities, will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

You will increase my honor and comfort me once again." Psalm 71:17-21

Music and Joy to Residents with Vincent and Mike

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Music has the power to comfort, connect, and uplift—and at The Nathaniel Witherell, two devoted musicians, Vincent and Mike, bring that power to life. Thanks to the support of the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, their performances fill the facility with beloved melodies that spark joy and stir memory.

Vincent has been performing at The Nathaniel Witherell for 24 years. His connection to the facility runs deep—both of his parents were residents, and his music honors their memory. A talented guitarist and vocalist, he began playing at age 17 and has performed solo, in duets, and with bands over the years. His repertoire spans oldies, rock, folk, and Christian contemporary music, often played during worship services. His presence brings warmth and familiarity, resonating deeply with residents across generations.

Mike's musical journey began even earlier. By the age of 14, he was playing in a wedding band, and by 17, he led his own rock group. Today, he brings timeless favorites to life—crooners like Sinatra and Dean Martin, romantic ballads, and classic Italian songs that strike a chord with many residents. Whether it's through a gentle piano tune or a familiar melody sung from the heart, Mike's performances are a cherished part of life at The Nathaniel Witherell.

Their music is more than entertainment—it is deeply therapeutic. Residents often hum along, tap their feet, or pause in

reflection as memories are stirred. The emotional impact is powerful: music fosters connection, reduces stress, and lifts the spirit in ways few other activities can.

"Music is a bridge to the past—it brings comfort, sparks memories, and lifts the spirit."

Through all the challenges brought on by shifting and often uncertain federal, state, and local funding, the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell remains a steady and loyal presence. The Friends nonprofit continues to operate solely for the benefit of the residents, enhancing their daily lives by funding programs like the Musical Evenings program featuring the talents of Mike and Vincent. Additionally, the organization supports rotating art exhibits, games, and meaningful social activities through programs like live music, rotating art exhibits, games, and meaningful social activities. Friends remains focused on what matters most: the well-being, dignity, and joy of those who call The Nathaniel Witherell home. Volunteers are always welcome. To learn more about volunteer opportunities—ranging from arts and crafts and games to the gift shop and more—contact Mary Tate, Director of Resident and Volunteer Services, at mary.tate@witherell.org or 203-618-4228.

To support Friends of Nathaniel Witherell or for more information, reach out to Lisa Harding, Director of Development, at lisa.harding@friendsofnw.org or 203-618-4227. Visit us online at www.friendsofnathanielwitherell.org.



Holy Week at Living Hope Community Church

38 West End Avenue, Old Greenwich
www.LivingHopeCT.org

Sunday, April 13
Palm Sunday
10 a.m.
Palm Processional

Thursday, April 17
Maundy Thursday
Seder Meal
6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Stations of the Cross
Open Sanctuary
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Good Friday Service
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
Interactive Journey
to Easter:
*A Children's Passport
to Adventure*
10 a.m.

Sunday, April 20
Easter Sunday Services
9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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Out on a Limb



The verb “to seek” was important to Jesus. It appears in one of his first sayings: “Seek first the kingdom of God.” Churches often spend a lot of time developing catchy taglines. Maybe we could just use the one Jesus provided.

Later in his life, Jesus brought a sharper focus to those words: “The Son of Man (referring to himself) came to seek and save the lost.” But what exactly did he mean when he used that word, lost? Based on my reading of his interactions with people, I would say that he saw as lost those who were living without a guiding sense of purpose or calling. When we say, “I’m feeling lost these days,” we are describing how it feels to live without a satisfying direction for our lives. Jesus also interacted with people who may have felt lost because they had no one to turn to for help, or were estranged from loved ones, or who had lost contact with a sense of wonder and curiosity. Any one of us might feel lost when we find ourselves separated from the flourishing life that God intends for us.

The verb “to seek” was also important to a man named Zacchaeus. At the time of Jesus, he was a chief tax collector and would have been despised. That is because his livelihood depended on his willingness to collaborate with the Roman government. Worse yet, not only did he collect taxes for Rome, but would have taken for himself an additional fee. Clearly, he was a seeker: accumulating wealth for himself at the cost of social isolation. It is doubtful that his work would have brought him much joy.

One day Zacchaeus learned that Jesus was coming to his town, Jericho. The story says that because he was short of stature, “he climbed a tree because he sought (there’s that word again) to see who Jesus was.” It seems that Zacchaeus wanted to

know what made Jesus Jesus. What was there about this man that made people want to follow him?

Spiritual growth often begins with a spirit of curiosity. Even if we've been on some form of religious journey for most of our lives, and the trail has gone cold, we can begin again by refreshing that sense of wonder. As Biblical scholar, Marcus Borg, used to say: "We can meet Jesus again as if for the first time."

So Zacchaeus climbed a tree, bringing his curiosity about Jesus with him, and then something unexpected happened while he looked out at the crowd from his perch. The man about whom he was so curious turned out to be seeking him! Jesus stood at the base of the tree, looking up at him." Get down," said Jesus. "Because I must eat at your house today!" There they were: two men, vastly different from one another, caught up in a spirit of reciprocal curiosity.

If those in Jericho doubted that a collaborating tax collector could become one of the town's

the joy in Jericho when Zacchaeus began investing in the community's most vulnerable people. He may have been short of stature, but in terms of generosity, he was a giant.

Zacchaeus went out on a limb to see who Jesus was, and we might say that Jesus went out on a limb to see who Zacchaeus was. There was a risk in that for Jesus. He was admired by many, and to hang around a guy like Zacchaeus could have tarnished a beautiful reputation. But Jesus could have cared less about his reputation. What did matter to him was that Zacchaeus was in need of being found and finding his way toward a life that was good for him and those around him.

When we go out on a limb to seek God or find out more about those whose politics differ from ours, or take a stand for justice, I think we'll find God waiting for us, too. Waiting to welcome us into a greater wholeness and holiness and helping us to see how we can touch the world with hope. Then we'll see

*Spiritual growth
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leading philanthropists, they had to reconsider their limiting beliefs. Because, as Willie Dwayne Francois, a teacher at Union Theological Seminary, points out, sometimes people are revolutionaries, but all of us can be evolutionaries. Thanks be to God, we can become wiser, if we're open to seeking new wisdom. We can be inspired by stories from our varied religious traditions, and become more compassionate, more open to the Spirit, less judgmental, more interested in the way that God wants things to go.

Because of the meeting between Jesus and Zacchaeus, all of Jericho got to see the tax collector in a new light. Not as a person focused on gaining wealth but on giving it away, not as an isolated collaborator, but a community developer. Just imagine

clearly why Jesus said, “I have come to seek and save the lost.”

The Rev. Dr. Ed Horstmann is the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at Round Hill Community Church in Greenwich. Creating art is also an important part of his ministry. He and Susan, his wife, and their feisty Miniature Schnauzer, Dot, live in the back country of Greenwich and are faithful fans of the Minnesota Vikings. Ed's artwork can be viewed at edhorstmann.com

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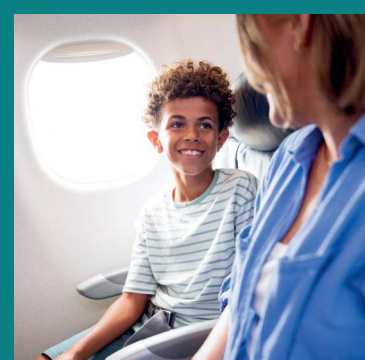
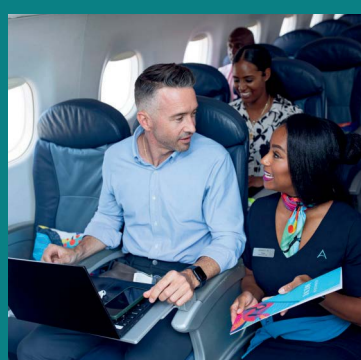
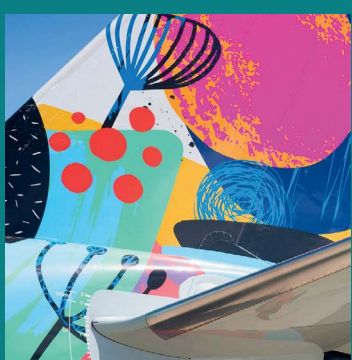


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Thank you to all the sophisticates, literary enthusiasts, and very clever Sentinel readers!

Here are the winners in our Cross-Over Contest!

Sentinel Literary Competition

APRIL Writing Challenge #425: Ladybug Paradox

The ladybug is both adored and feared. Its bright red shell with black spots says “I am beautiful”—but also “I am not to be messed with.” It looks like a lucky charm, but it is a silent destroyer of garden pests, devouring thousands of aphids with methodical efficiency. It’s small, but it is armored and poison to potential predators. Quiet, but decisive. This month’s contest explores what it means to hold strength inside softness, to wear camouflage with purpose, and to wield power without fanfare.

For Ages 15 & Under: “More Than I Seem”

Winner receives \$25 and publication in the Sentinel!

Prompt:

In 100 words or fewer, write about a character, animal, or object that’s misunderstood. Maybe it’s underestimated, overlooked, or mistaken for something it’s not. Like the ladybug, it might look harmless—but has a secret strength, a job to do, or a hidden side no one sees. You can write a story, poem, letter, or journal entry. Surprise us with what’s under the surface.

Example 1:

I’ve lived under the floorboard for ninety-three years. Long enough to hear every footstep and forgotten spell in the room above. They think I’m a relic, dropped by accident. But I wasn’t dropped—I was hidden. I’m iron, cold and clever, and I open what must never be opened unless things get really bad. And judging by the sounds last night—the whispering cloaks, the crackling air—it’s getting close. There’s a girl now. She has the gift. She dreams about me. Soon, her heel will catch on the plank. She’ll pull it loose. And I’ll be ready.

Example 2:

They always forget me. Shoved into closets, car trunks, backpacks. I sit quietly, waiting. Then the rain comes. They curse the sky, scowl at the clouds, and finally remember me—useless no more. I rise, unfolding my ribs like wings, shielding hair, shoulders, secrets. No one thanks me. But I hear the whispered relief. I am not flashy. I am not fragile. I am the quiet shield between you and the storm. You think I’m just a thing you carry. But when everything opens up above you, I’m the only thing standing between you and drowning.

For Ages 16 & Up: “Camouflage and Clarity”

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

Prompt: In 250 words or fewer, write a scene, monologue, or vignette about a character who uses perception to their advantage. Maybe they’re underestimated because of their looks, voice, or demeanor. Maybe they hide their power until the moment it’s needed. Like the ladybug, they should move through the world with quiet certainty—capable, strategic, and exact. Show us the moment their message becomes unmistakable. The setting could be a boardroom, a greenhouse, or anywhere in between. The reveal should linger.

Example:

She arrived in Warsaw with two names: one in her passport and one stitched inside her head, like a birthmark.



At the embassy, they referred to her as “the language attaché,” which was as good a euphemism as any. She wore low heels, took her tea without milk, and let the attachés dismiss her as charmingly irrelevant. But she was not irrelevant. She was patient. She observed. When the Russian trade delegate’s briefcase disappeared for eight minutes at Chopin Airport, she noted it. When the German cultural attaché suddenly “transferred,” she sent no farewell card—but filed a separate report. The men spoke freely near her. That was the trick, always. To be present but never seen. To smile like a hostess while listening like a wiretap. Tonight, the asset would arrive at the opera. He’d be carrying a red folder and a limp. He would nod twice, then vanish into the crowd. The envelope he left behind would pass through three hands before reaching London. She would never be thanked. She wore a coat the color of wine. On the collar: a pin shaped like a ladybug—bright, small, unnoticed. If anyone asked, it was a gift from her niece. No one ever asked. And when the world finally shifted, when the lines on the map redrew themselves again, she would still be watching. Still recording. Still dangerous.

Deadline: Midnight, April 27, 2025. Winners announced in the first May 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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FRIDAY, APRIL 11

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

10 a.m.
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Hike with Laura. Mianus River Park, 450 Cognewaugh Rd. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

1 p.m.
MDAC (Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative) Art Show Opening Reception. Coffee for Good, 48 Maple Ave. 203-979-4898. coffeeforgood.org

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Discover College Pathways in the Arts for Aspiring Students College Fair. Sacred Heart Greenwich – Athletic Center, 1177 King St. Free & open to all. 203-532-3529. gerrityc@cshct.org

10 a.m.
Egg Hunt. Harvest Time Church, 1338 King St, Greenwich. Ages 0 to 12. Free, all are welcome. htchurch.com/event/23974214-2025-04-12-annual-egg-hunt

10 a.m.
Birding 101 Workshop. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Ages 12 & up. \$20. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

11 a.m.
Museum Movers: Yoga for Kids (Ages 3-6). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. brucemuseum.org.

1 p.m.
Sold out: Greenwich Audubon Center and Bruce Museum: Birding at the Bruce – from the Bruce Park Playground to Audubon's neighboring Oneida Sanctuary. Meet in the lobby of the Bruce Museum. Free. RSVP. greenwich.audubon.org/events

1 p.m.
Science Solvers: Rainbow Minerals (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, March 23. brucemuseum.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

2 p.m.
Bruce Experiences: French Film Series: Bergers (Shepherds), in partnership with The Alliance Française of Greenwich. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free, FFC VIP Pass holders. brucemuseum.org

3 p.m.
Chamber Players of the Greenwich

Symphony Conclude 53rd Season. First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. \$35, adults; \$5, students. 203-637-4725. chamberplayersofthegso.org
MONDAY, APRIL 14

2 p.m.
CT Ceramics Circle Lecture: “At Home in the Seventeenth Century.” On Zoom. Free for Members & first time guests. Register. cceramicsc.org

3:45 & 4:15 p.m.
Kids' Gardening Workshop with the Garden Club of Old Greenwich: Terrariums (Ages 4 & up). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. perrotlibrary.org

5:30 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Exploring Entrepreneurship. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

7:30 p.m.
Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony Conclude 53rd Season. Greenwich Historical Society - Vanderbilt Education Center, 47 Strickland Rd. \$35, adults; \$5, students. 203-637-4725. chamberplayersofthegso.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

10 & 11 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings: Polar Bear, Polar Bear (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, April 16. brucemuseum.org

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

1 p.m.
ASL Tour Blanche Lazzell: Becoming an American Modernist. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. RSVP. 203-413-7537. auka@brucemuseum.org. brucemuseum.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

10 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings Junior: Polar Bear, Polar Bear (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: Seth Grae, President and CEO, Lightbridge Corp., “Nuclear Energy's Place in Power Generation.” Christ Church, 254 E. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.
Women Speaker Series: High Performance Through Grit & Grind. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. greenwichymca.org/events

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 17

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

9 a.m.
Sensory Friendly Mornings. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free admission for children 18 and under. brucemuseum.org

SATURDAY, APR 19

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

9 a.m.
Meet for Coffee at the Bruce: Learn How to Stop Stressing About Dressing. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free. brucemuseum.org

9:30 a.m.
YMCA of Greenwich Trailblazer Club Hike: Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. Free. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Kite Flying Festival. Tod's Point. Rain date: Sunday, April 20, 10am-12pm. Call for weather cancellation information: 203-861-6100. greenwichct.gov/2090/Kite-Flying-Festival

10 a.m.
Birding By Ear Workshop. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Ages 12 & up. \$20. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

10:30 a.m.
Dividing & Starting Tubers with Greenwich Dahlia Society. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free, GDS Member; \$25, GBC Member; \$40, NonMember. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Recyclable Art (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

2 p.m.
Wondrous Wildflowers. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. \$15. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

See the main section for Easter Community Calendar

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. friendsogreenwichpoint.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

WEDNESDAYS:

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

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org

12 - 2 p.m.
Waste Free Greenwich's Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/composting-at-rhcc

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

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

6:30 p.m.
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support

2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

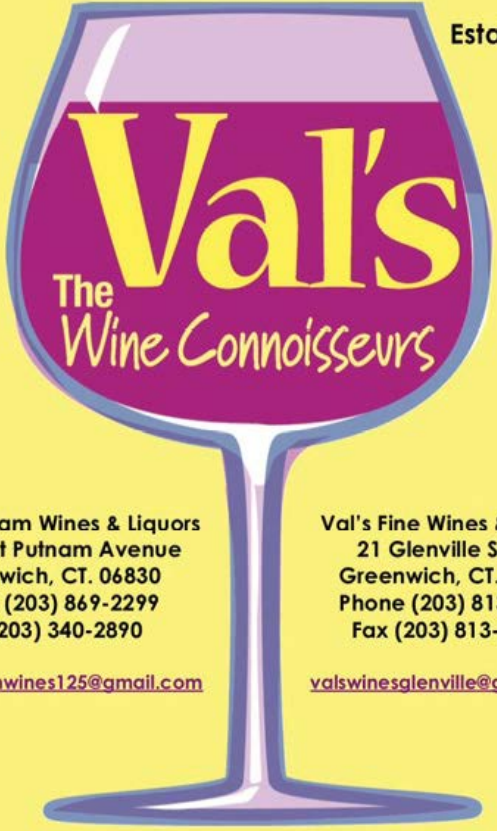
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org

THURSDAYS:

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

3 - 7 p.m.
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April 13, Palm Sunday

8:00 am | Holy Eucharist, Chapel, in-person only.

8:45 am | Family Eucharist "Messy Church," Parish Hall

In-person only. Parents worship in the same room while their kids get messy.

9:45 am | Palm Procession, Gather outside for the Blessing of the Palms and process into church with bagpipers and donkeys.

10:00 am | Holy Eucharist, In-person or livestream.

Service followed by breakfast in Parish Hall.

5:00 pm | Stabat Mater – Pergolesi, followed by a reception

Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir of Girls, accompanied by strings and basso continuo. In-person or livestream.

April 16, Wednesday

12:15 pm | Eucharist Service, Chapel, in-person only.

April 17, Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm | "Love Feast" Agape Dinner, This small, simple meal of soup and bread in fellowship is an imitation of Christ's Last Supper. Parish Hall

7:30 pm | Ceremony of Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist,

We remember Jesus' final meal and his anguished prayers in preparation for Good Friday. Sung by the St Cecilia Choir of Girls, including music by Fauré, Duruflé and Jamie Hitel. In-person or livestream.

April 18, Good Friday

The Three Hour Service, in-person or livestream (Choose to stay for all or part of the service)

12:00 pm | Lamentations of Jeremiah, by Thomas Tallis.

Christ Church Choir of Men

12:45 pm | Liturgy of the Day, Sung by the Christ Church Singers including the traditional spiritual, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?".

2:00 pm | Via Crucis, Jonathan Vaughn plays this evocative organ meditation by Philip Moore, with poetry and readings.

4:00 - 4:45 pm | Family "Stations of the Cross" service.

April 19, Easter Vigil Celebration!

7:30 pm | Easter Vigil and the First Eucharist of Easter, We begin outside with the lighting of the Paschal Flame and process with candles into the Main Sanctuary. The lights come on as we celebrate: CHRIST HAS RISEN! Break your fast with champagne and chocolates! Music sung by the Christ Church Singers. In-person or livestream.

Christ Church Greenwich
254 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT

Info & livestream links: christchurchgreenwich.org



St. Barnabas Greenwich



PALM SUNDAY

April 13

10am - Choral Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17

7.30pm - Choral Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18

12pm - Said service

7.30pm - Choral service

EASTER VIGIL

April 19

7.30pm - Choral Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

9am - Choral Eucharist with Brass

10am - Easter Egg Hunt

11am - Choral Eucharist with Brass



SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH
954 LAKE AVENUE
STBARNABASGREENWICH.ORG
203-661-5526

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

(All Ages) – every Thursday starting Feb. 22. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. archstreet.org

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

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Book Exchange – choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4everyone.org

GREENWICH LIBRARIES:

greenwichlibrary.org
Friday, April 11
10 a.m.
Storytime. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883. 11:15 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/14174460
3 p.m.
Innovator-in-Residence Finale: Innovative Engineering. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.
7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: “Minari.” Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.
Saturday, April 12
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
AARP Tax Help. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Appointments are NOT required. 203-622-7900. 10 a.m.
Blooming Beginnings!: Art, Movement & Mindfulness (ages 3-5). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.
11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org.
1 p.m.
Cloak and Dagger Book Club. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883.
1 p.m.
LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.
3 p.m.
Poet’s Voice: Patti Smith. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events?cid=-1&t=m&d=2025-04&cal=-1&inc=0
Monday, April 14
9:30 a.m.
Little Learners (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.
11 a.m.
All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.
11:30 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.
1 p.m.
Byram Book Club: "The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club". Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.
3 p.m.
Legos @ the Library with Deirdre Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
Tuesday, April 15
11 a.m.
Storytime with Patty (Birth - Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
1:15 p.m.
Baby Lapsit (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.
5 p.m.
International Book Club (Zoom): "Miss Morgan's Book Brigade" by Janet Skeslien Charles.
7 p.m.
Foreign Affairs Book Group. Community Room #5.
Wednesday, April 16
9:30 a.m.
Movers & Shakers (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.
10 a.m.
Baby Lapsit in the Stacks. Cos Cob Library Turret. 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Career Coach: AI in Action - Job Seeking Strategies for the Digital Age. Byram Shubert Library Lot.
1 p.m.
Investment Basics Series II: Spousal Financial Security, Not to Be Ignored: Learning from High Net Worth Couples. Online.
1 p.m.
LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.
2 p.m.
Live Animals with Jason. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
3 p.m.
R.E.A.D. to a Dog Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
5:30 p.m.
Community Sponsored Event: League of Women Voters - Board Meeting. 2nd Floor Meeting

Room.
6 p.m.
Building Blocks, From Atoms to Anatomy: The Science Behind What Makes Us Who We Are. Online.
Thursday, April 17
10 a.m.
Japanese Storytime Marx Family Black Box Theater.
10 a.m.
Bilingual Birdies (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.
11 a.m.
Tech Help. Learning Lab.
3:30 p.m.
Kinder...Set...Go. Children's Constellation Room.
4 p.m.
Celebrating Spring: Ceramic Workshop with Lucia – Registration Required. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
6 p.m.
SCORE Presents: Canva Basics for Business Marketing. Marx Family Black Box Theater.
6 p.m.
Teen Scene: Sushi Candles. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.
Friday, April 18
All Libraries closed.
Saturday, April 19
10:30 a.m.
Music with Tom Weber. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.
10:30 a.m.
Storyteller and Egg Hunt with Laconia. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.
11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org.
1 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org..
1 p.m.
PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.
2 p.m.
Jerry’s Movies: "Wait Until Dark" (1967) starring Audrey Hepburn and Alan Arkin. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.
3 p.m.
Spring Floral Arrangements at the Greenwich Botanical Center. Sponsored by the Friends of Cos Cob Library.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL:

greenwichhospital.org/events
888-305-9253
Tuesday, April 15
11 a.m.
THow to Get the Nightly Sleep You Need - Webinar. Free.
Wednesday, April 16
5:30 p.m.
Talk: Women's Pelvic Health: Understanding Urogynecology. Greenwich Hospital. Free.
Thursday, April 17
1 p.m.
MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Support Group - Webinar. Free.
Saturday, April 19
9 a.m.
AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital. \$20.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR:

ntngreenwich.org
Everyday, all day
• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road. The weatherproof bin is located outside of the Parish Hall.
• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.
Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.
Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Catherine of Siena’s parking area across the street from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave. (Non-perishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or store bought).
Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Food Drive at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

RedCrossBlood.org
Friday, April 11
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.
Sunday, April 13
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian

Field Rd.
Monday, April 14
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
UCONN, One University Place, Stamford.
Tuesday, April 15
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
Wednesday, April 16
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Masonic Lodge DARIEN, 354 Post Road, Darien.
Thursday, April 17
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
Saturday, April 19
7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.
Sunday, April 20
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

TOWN MEETINGS:

greenwichct.gov/calendar
Monday, April 14
1 p.m.
BET Budget Committee. Mazza Room.
3 p.m.
Energy Management Advisory Committee Meeting. Cone Room.
6:30 p.m.
BET.
Tuesday, April 15
7 p.m.
Board of Human Services Meeting. Zoom Webinar.
Wednesday, April 16
10:30 a.m.
FS Active Transportation Task Force Meeting. Virtual via Zoom.
12 p.m.
FS Nominating Advisory Committee Meeting. Via Zoom.
3 p.m.
Affordable Housing Trust Board and Advisory Council Meeting.
6 p.m.
FS Hamill Rink Task Force Meeting In-Person and Audio. Hayton Room.
6 p.m.
Harbor Management Commission Regular Meeting.
Thursday, April 17
12 p.m.
RTM Call Closes 12 Noon.

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, April 24
Neighbor to Neighbor 50th Anniversary. Hyatt Regency, Greenwich. ntngreenwich.org/50th-anniversary-save-the-date
Friday, April 25
6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Tree Conservancy’s Tree Party. McArdle’s Florist & Garden Center. greenwichtreeconservancy.org/2025-tree-party
Saturday, April 26
9 a.m.
The Center for Family Justice’s 13th Annual Walk A Mile in Her Shoes. Downtown Fairfield Train Station. centerforfamilyjustice.org
6 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity 40th Anniversary Gala. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. habitatcfc.org
6 p.m.
American Red Cross Greater New York Region’s Red & White Ball: A Salute to Service and Valor. Riverside Yacht Club. e.givesmart.com/events/DoN/page/order-form2
Thursday, May 1
11 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich’s Old Bags Luncheon 20th Anniversary. Belle Haven Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/old-bags-luncheon-20th-anniversary
• Greenwich Arts Council’s “Art to the Avenue.” greenwichartscouncil.org
Sunday, May 4
8:15 a.m.
Breast Cancer Alliance 5K Run/Walk. Richards of Greenwich. breastcanceralliance.org
Wednesday, May 7
6 p.m.
Food Rescue US: “Celebrate Food Rescue US.” The Loading Dock, Stamford. foodrescueus25.givesmart.com
Friday, May 9
6 p.m.
YMCA of Greenwich’s An Evening in Las Vegas Annual Gala. Greenwich Country Club. greenwichymca.org/events
Friday, May 16
7:30 a.m.
BIC’s 12th Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. secure.qgiv.com/for/b1cbenefitbreakfast2025/

event/12thannualspringbenefitbreakfast
Saturday, May 17
7 p.m.
Spring for Abilis Gala. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/GGE
Sunday, May 18
9 a.m.
The Junior League of Greenwich’s “Touch-A-Truck”. Greenwich Town Hall. e.givesmart.com/events/Hfh
Saturday, May 24
10 a.m.
Greenwich Town Party. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichtownparty.org
Monday, May 26
10 a.m.
The annual Old Greenwich Memorial Day Parade. Sound Beach Avenue.
Thursday, May 29
9 a.m.
Children’s Learning Centers of Fairfield County (CLC) 9th Annual Golf Outing. The Stanwich Club, Greenwich. bit.ly/CLC2025GolfOuting
6:30 p.m.
Kids Helping Kids’ Spring Celebration. Italian Center of Stamford. kidshelpingkidsct.org
Saturday, May 31
9 a.m.
Greenwich Concours d’Sport. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com
Sunday, June 1
10 a.m.
Greenwich Concours d’Elegance. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com
Friday, June 6
Family Centers "Midnight in Monte Carlo" benefit. Private Greenwich residence. familycenters.org/product/midnight
Saturday, June 7
6 p.m.
Wild Wine, Beer & Food Safari. Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo. beardsleyzoo.org/wild-wine.html

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 p.m.
Curtain Call presents “Anything Goes”. The Kweskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford.
Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (April 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, & 26). curtaincallinc.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

10 a.m.
TCSI Speaker Series with Bava Chelladurai. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

MONDAY, APRIL 14

6 p.m.
Healing Drum Circle. Ferguson Library - Outreach, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

7 p.m.
Barcelona with Special Guests Whit Stillman and Janet Maslin. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free admission, no reservation required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

5:30 p.m.
Art Exhibit Opening: Reception: Portraits of our Planet. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

12 p.m.
The Safety PAWtrol. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6 p.m.
In The Room Interview Series with U.S. Rep. Jim Himes. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

2 p.m.
Learn About TMAD and All About Henna. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
‘Party for the Planet’ - Earth Day celebration. Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport. beardsleyzoo.org

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
“Egg-straordinary Egg-stravaganza.” Stepping Stones Museum for Children – Mathews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk. steppingstonesmuseum.org

Holy Week Schedule

AT ROUND HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

WALK THE LABYRINTH

April 13 - 20 | Front Lawn

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

6:00 PM | Church Parlor

Casual meal
String quartet
Conversation

EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Prelude begins at 9:45am with
Calliope Brass Quintet

After the service:

Brunch in the Community House

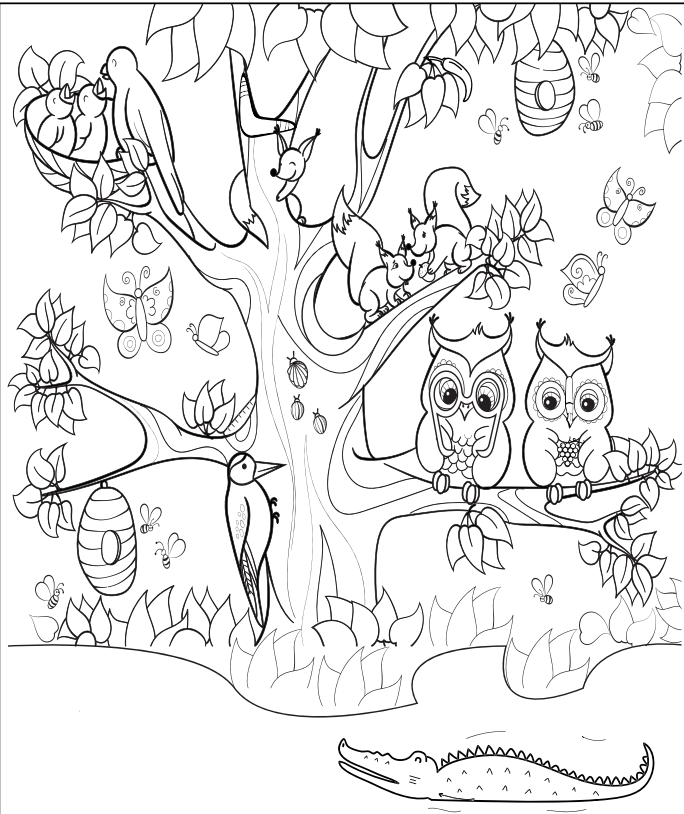
Jack Rabbits Gymnastics

Easter Egg Hunt











Petting Zoo

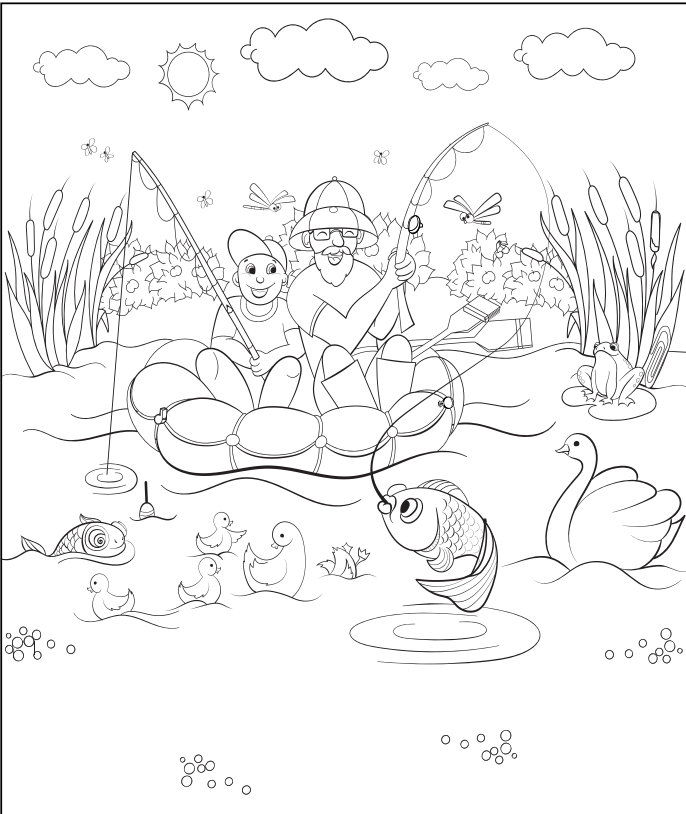


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












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Sudoku for Kids

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SUDOKU

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Sudoku answers

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CUT & GLUE

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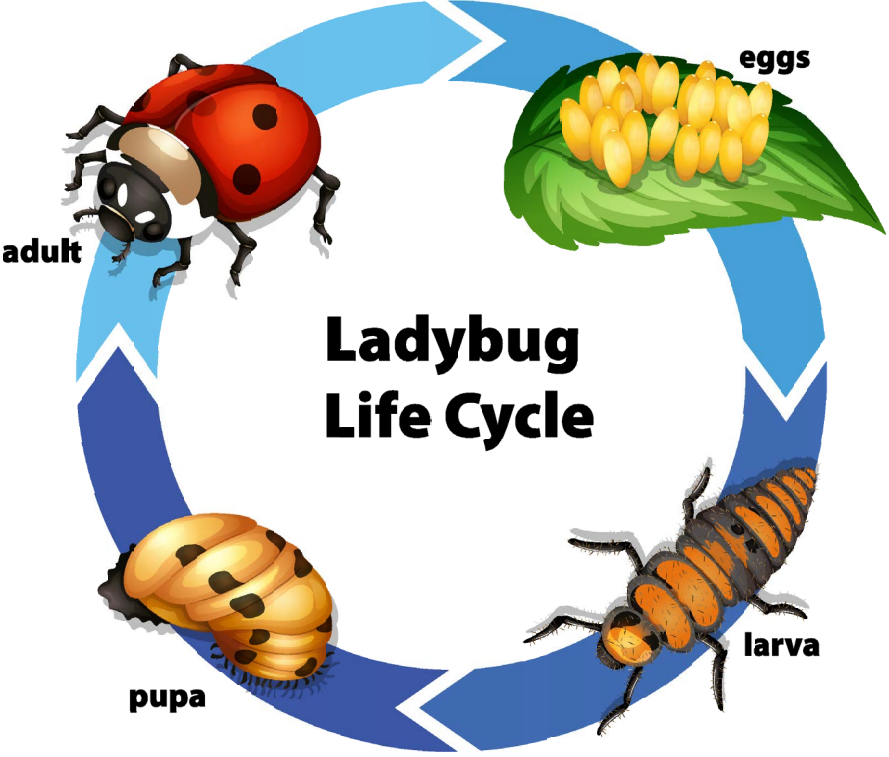
1 cut out

2 glue

A cut and glue template for a ladybug. It includes two red wing pieces with black spots, a black body piece with two eyes, and six black leg pieces. A small circular piece with two dots is also shown. A completed ladybug is shown on the left.

CROSSWORD FOR KIDS

A crossword puzzle for kids. The grid is filled with letters. The words are: 1. Butterfly, 2. Mushroom, 3. Bug, 4. Flower, 5. Ladybug, 6. Frog. The crossword is surrounded by illustrations of these items.



+ =

+ + = 10

- = 1

= ?

Learn to Sketch Ladybugs Like a Pro

A series of 10 numbered steps showing how to draw a ladybug. Step 1 is a circle. Step 2 is a circle with a small bump on top. Step 3 is a circle with a small bump on top and a small bump on the side. Step 4 is a circle with a small bump on top and a small bump on the side. Step 5 is a circle with a small bump on top and a small bump on the side. Step 6 is a circle with a small bump on top and a small bump on the side. Step 7 is a circle with a small bump on top and a small bump on the side. Step 8 is a circle with a small bump on top and a small bump on the side. Step 9 is a circle with a small bump on top and a small bump on the side. Step 10 is a completed ladybug.

How to draw a ladybird

A series of 5 numbered steps showing how to draw a ladybird. Step 1 is a semi-circle. Step 2 is a semi-circle with a vertical line down the middle. Step 3 is a semi-circle with a vertical line down the middle and a small bump on top. Step 4 is a semi-circle with a vertical line down the middle, a small bump on top, and a small bump on the side. Step 5 is a completed ladybird.

Connect the dots

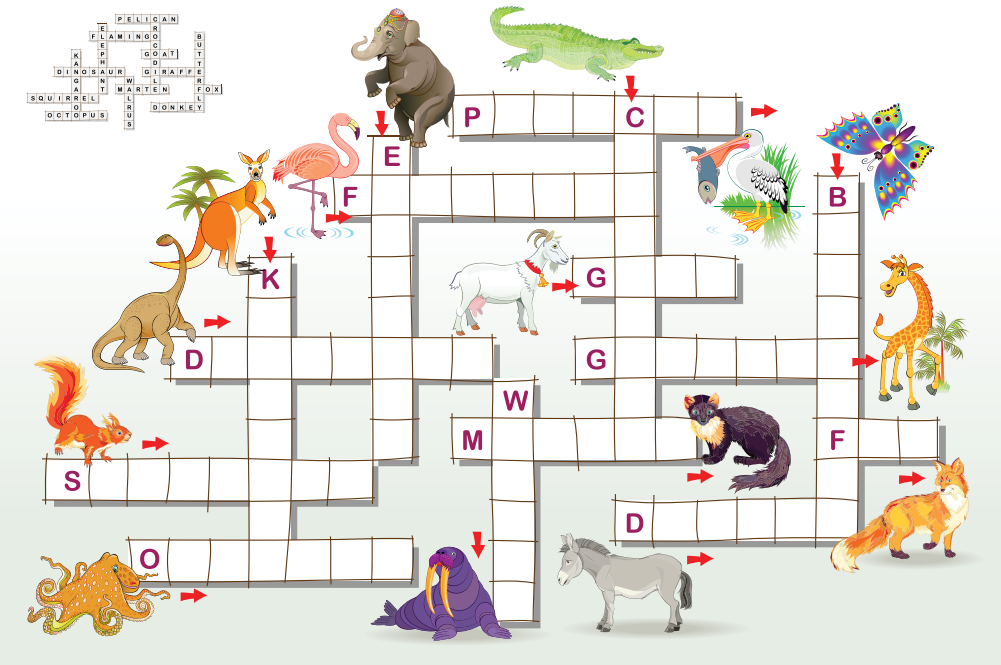
A connect the dots puzzle of a ladybug. The puzzle is made of 18 numbered dots. A small ladybug is shown in the top right corner.

HOW MANY ?

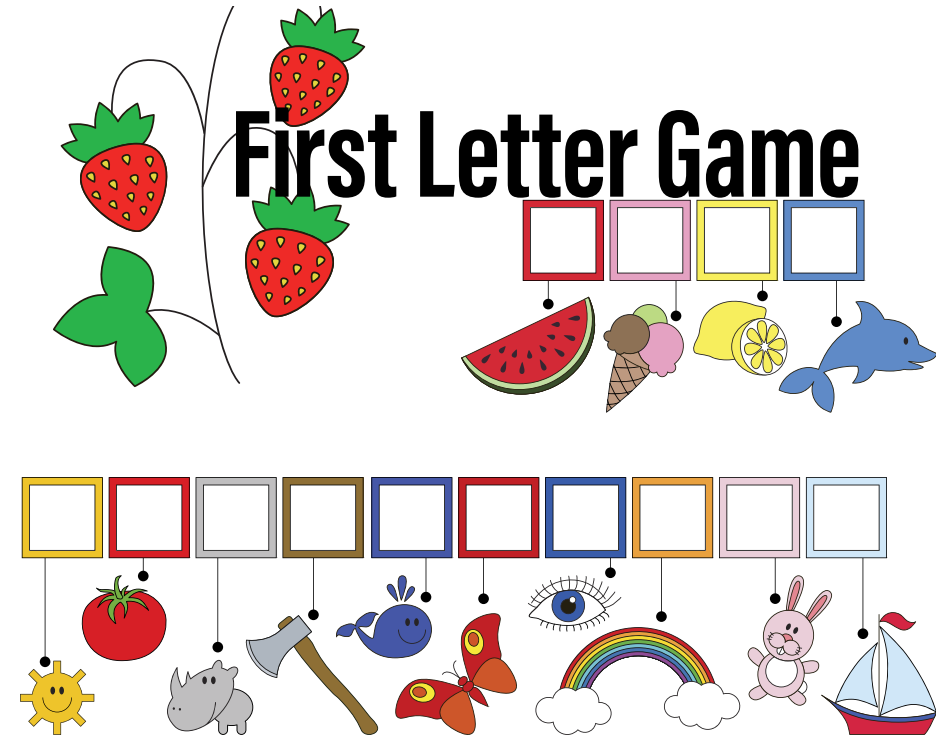
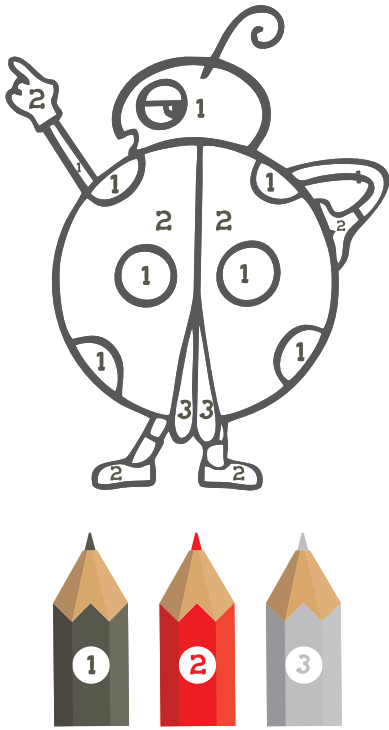
A colorful illustration of a garden scene with various insects. There are ladybugs, bees, butterflies, and snails. The text 'HOW MANY ?' is written at the top.

Count and Write

A series of five rows of insects for counting. Each row has a set of empty boxes for writing the count. The insects are: 1. 4 bees, 2. 3 butterflies, 3. 1 caterpillar, 4. 5 ladybugs, 5. 2 snails.



Color by number



Color This Ladybug Mandala



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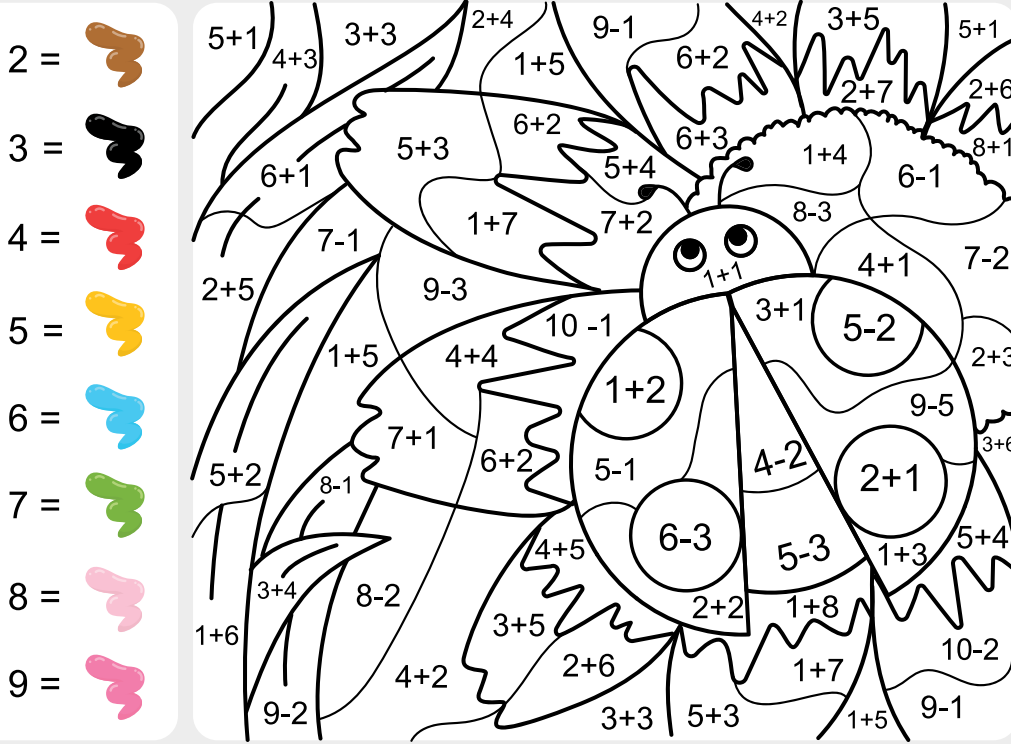
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Coloring engages both hemispheres of the brain, combining creativity with logic to enhance focus and reduce stress. The repetitive motion promotes mindfulness, helping to lower cortisol levels and improve mood. Studies show that coloring intricate 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.

Nature’s Tiny Terminator

Most of us see a ladybug and smile. We regard it as a cheery emblem of garden charm, a red-dotted lucky penny of the insect world. But what if I told you that behind those polka-dotted wings lies the heart of a cold-blooded killer?

The ladybug—more properly, the lady beetle—is no flower-hopping pacifist. It is, in fact, one of the most formidable insect predators in the garden. Armed with a voracious appetite and a jaw structure that would make a shark blush, the ladybug is nature’s armored tank in miniature, designed for one thing: the annihilation of harmful aphids.

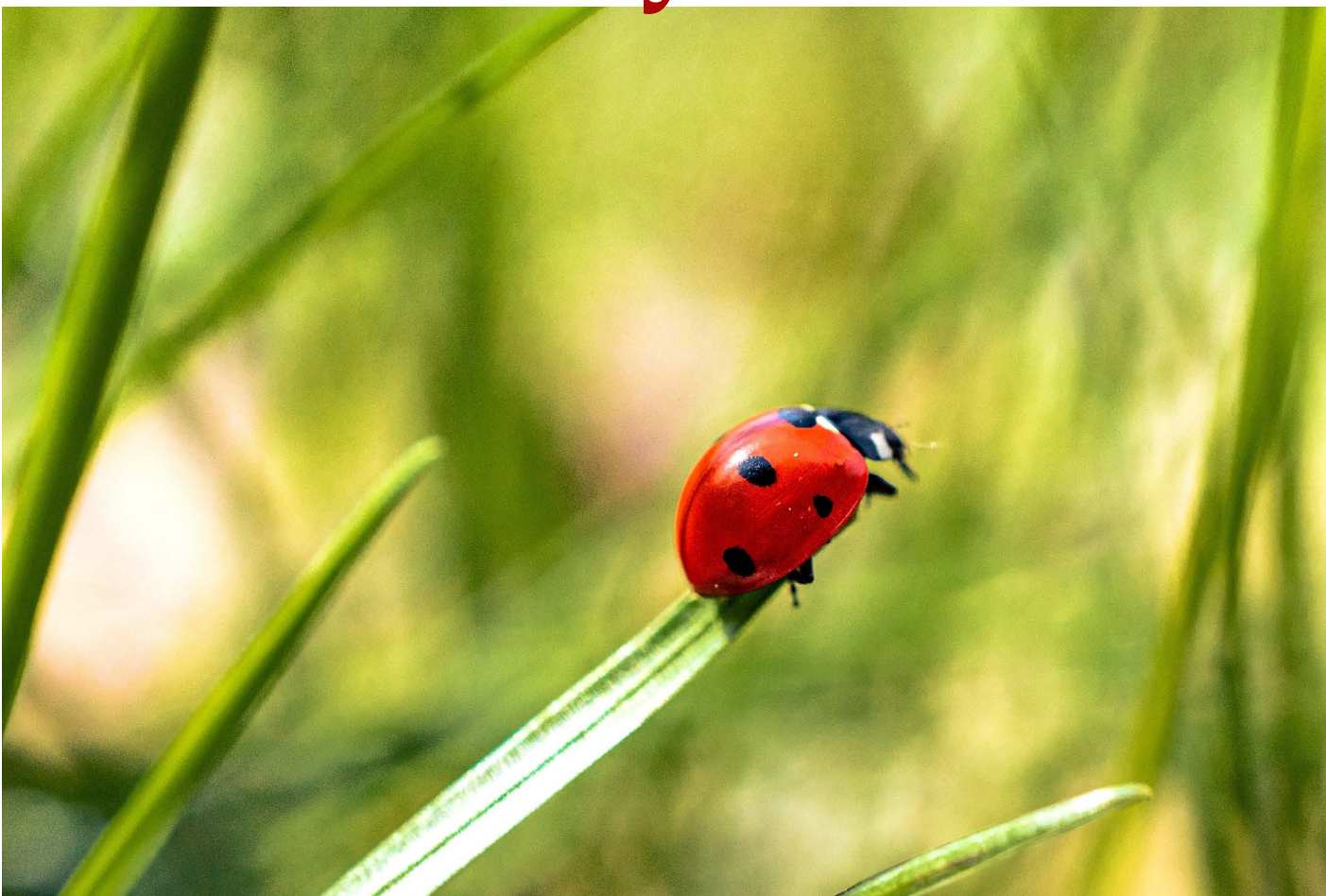
A single ladybug can consume up to 5,000 aphids in its lifetime. That’s not a typo. According to entomologists at the University of California’s Integrated Pest Management Program, both adult ladybugs and their larvae actively hunt aphids, scale insects, and mites—soft-bodied pests that ravage everything from rose bushes to tomato plants. These miniature monsters may be only a few millimeters long, but they are relentless and methodical.

Ladybug larvae resemble tiny alligators—elongated, dark, spiky—and they begin hunting shortly after hatching. They don’t wait for a meal to fall into their laps. They patrol, sniff out their prey, and dismantle it with needle-pointed mandibles. Gardeners may not recognize these juveniles at first glance, but to aphids, they are the grim reapers of the foliage.

Their reputation as aphid assassins has not gone unnoticed. Farmers and organic growers deploy them like mercenaries. In greenhouses and orchards, crates of ladybugs are released as natural pest control agents, sparing crops from chemical pesticides. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has supported ladybug releases for decades, especially in citrus orchards and alfalfa fields.

The species we most often see here in Greenwich is the seven-spotted lady beetle, *Coccinella septempunctata*, an import from Europe brought over in the 1970s. It quickly established itself, outcompeting some native species but succeeding in one key mission—wiping out pests that decimate local flora.

Yet not all is rosy in the realm of the ladybug. The Asian multicolored lady beetle, *Harmonia axyridis*, introduced as a biological control agent, has shown a tendency to overstay its



Ladybug eating aphids.



The Asian Lady Beetle mimics the Lady Bug but invades homes in the fall, has an acrid odor, and has the potential to bite humans.

in the battle for balance in our backyard ecosystems.

Other insects and animals tend to avoid eating ladybugs because they are chemically defended and visually advertised as unappetizing. The vivid red or orange coloration with black spots functions as aposematic signaling—a biological warning that says, Don’t eat me. I taste terrible.

When threatened, a ladybug can engage in a process called reflex bleeding, excreting small droplets of yellowish, foul-smelling hemolymph (insect blood) from its leg joints. This fluid contains toxic alkaloids such as coccinelline, which taste bitter and can induce vomiting in predators. According to research published by the Entomological Society of America, even one bite of a ladybug can condition a bird or lizard to avoid similarly colored insects in the future.

Birds, frogs, and other insectivores learn quickly to associate ladybugs’ distinctive coloration with discomfort. Once a blue jay or a toad experiences the consequences of sampling one, it typically avoids all similar-looking beetles, leading to evolved mimicry in other insects that imitate ladybug coloring for protection.

The ladybug’s success isn’t rooted in brute strength but in strategic defense. It announces its presence like a biological billboard, warns with color, and defends with toxins. Most of the natural world takes the hint.

But perhaps what’s most remarkable about the ladybug is not its kill count—it’s its adaptability. The ladybug thrives across continents, in climates ranging from arid scrublands to northern forests. Its success lies in its resilience, its efficiency, and its ability to blend into the world without drawing undue attention until it’s time to act.

There’s a lesson here for us. In a world that rewards loudness and spectacle, the ladybug shows the strength of quiet effectiveness. It reminds us that success doesn’t always roar. Sometimes it crawls forward deliberately, eyes fixed on the target, doing the work while others overlook it. The ladybug wastes nothing. It’s agile, opportunistic, and mission-driven—qualities we’d be wise to emulate.

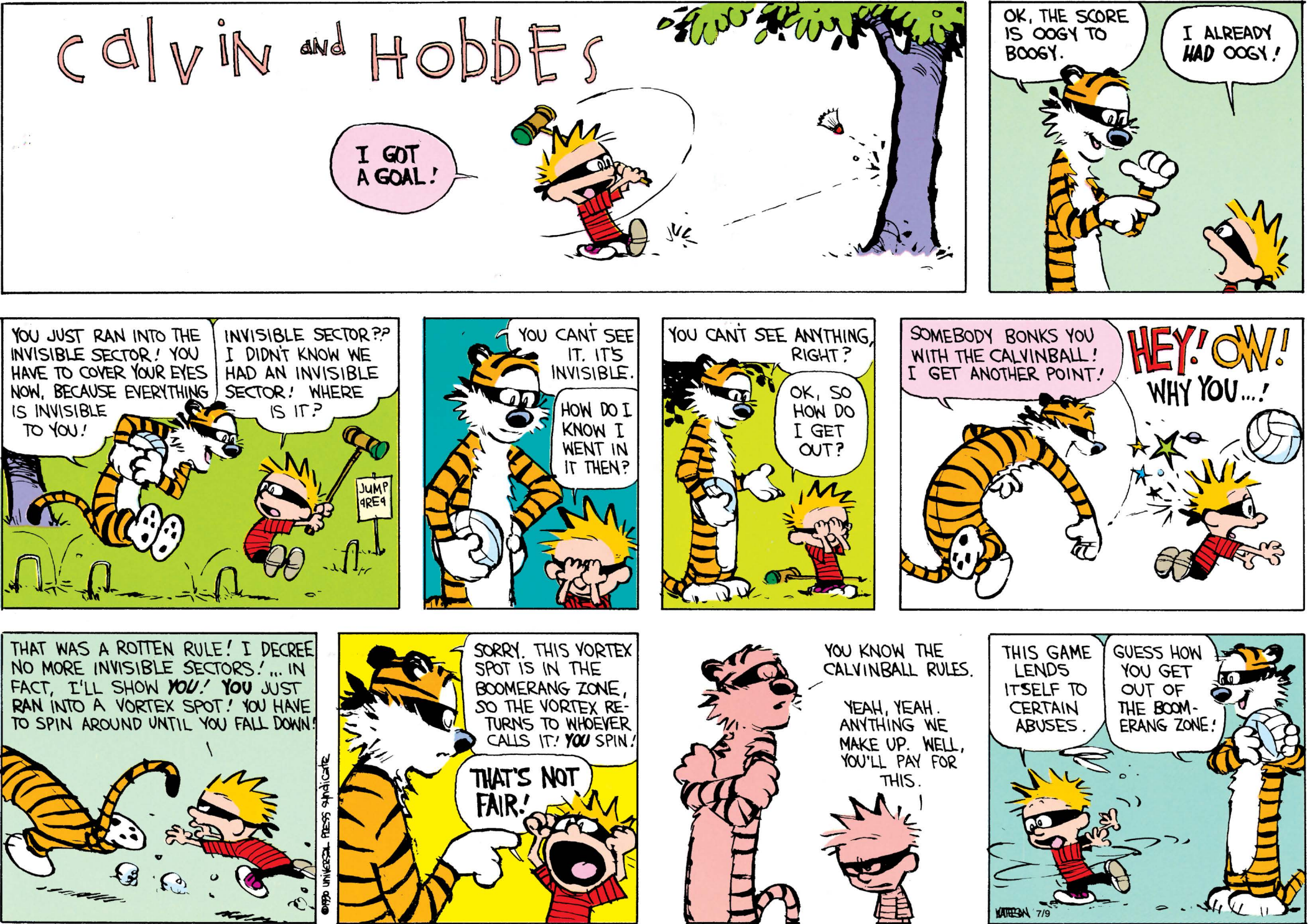
From the boardroom to the backyard, the message is the same: perception matters, stay focused, remain adaptable, and never underestimate the power of patient, determined pursuit. It’s the ladybug’s world—we’re just borrowing a few leaves of it.

The ladybug thrives because it sends a clear, unmistakable signal about what it is. It wears its colors like a manifesto: bold, unapologetic, and impossible to misread. To predators, it says, “Touch me and regret it.” To humans, “Trust me, I’m helpful.”

People can adopt this strategy by learning to broadcast their core values and non-negotiables without apology. When your intentions and boundaries are clear, those inclined to exploit or oppose you often choose not to.

Meanwhile, the Ladybug quietly destroys entire colonies of aphids, protecting flowers and crops. Similarly, people can focus on meaningful work, making themselves legible to allies and unappealing to adversaries.

The ladybug proves that clarity of message is powerful—and that strength can wear a beautiful shell while delivering precision and impact beneath it.





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