

POLICE & FIRE

Family Fun Day Returns Saturday

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company will host its second annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 26, from 1-5 p.m. at Whitby School in Greenwich. The event includes activities for all ages such as inflatable games, bumper cars, fire safety demonstrations, food trucks, and more. Proceeds support the nonprofit fire company, and tickets are available at www.roundhillfire.org.

Officer Hoekstra Officially Joins Department



Officer Hoekstra has completed his probationary period and is now a fully sworn member of the police department. Chief Heavey presented him with official documentation confirming this status.

Greenwich Honors 911 Dispatch Team

The Town of Greenwich named its 13-member 911 dispatch team as Employees of the Month for April. The recognition aligns with National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week, held April 13-19. Dispatchers serve as the first point of contact in emergencies and coordinate communication between callers and emergency services.

Photo Credit: Bob Capazzo

FROM TOWN HALL

Greenwich Services Adjust for Holiday

Greenwich Town

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

“Kids can make a difference. When kids bug their parents, when they say, ‘Don’t throw that away – recycle it’ - that’s when the learning starts in the home.” The late and former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson, Founder of Earth Day, April 22, 1970. In an interview with him on September 4, 1996.



McArdle’s has introduced something new and utterly delightful alongside their traditional floral offerings—an irresistible array of exquisite Belgian chocolates, as gorgeous and enchanting as their floral arrangements.

In Bloom: McArdle’s Adds Artisanal Chocolates to Its Spring Traditions

By EMMA BARHYDT

There’s something enchanting about spring in Greenwich. The days stretch gently, sunlight lingers a little longer, and the soft scent of hyacinths floats through the air. It’s a magical time, when the town seems to shake off its winter sleep and burst into vibrant life. Greenwich truly becomes a scene straight out of a painting, with blooming trees and gardens flourishing in every neighborhood.

Among the many cherished local establishments contributing to this seasonal transformation is McArdle’s Floral & Garden Design, a beloved local institution nestled comfortably in our community’s traditions. With its lush greenhouse, McArdle’s has delighted Greenwich residents for generations,

helping families decorate their homes beautifully each Easter. However, this spring, McArdle’s has introduced something new and utterly delightful alongside their traditional floral offerings—an irresistible array of exquisite Belgian chocolates, as gorgeous and enchanting as their floral arrangements.

And they deliver!

These chocolates arrive beautifully packaged in various sizes, designed to cater to a wide range of tastes, perfect for the once-in-a-while treat lover and the chocolate after every meal indulger (that would be me). McArdle’s currently carries the BE Generous, a 15-piece assortment and the BE Elegant, a grand 32-piece selection. Each box’s name gives a wink to

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In Greenwich: On Tap



The Top Hops Half Pint is a vintage inspired Tap Truck and Libation Service available to hire for your next event in Westchester and Fairfield Counties as well as in The Hamptons. A wheels up, organic extension of New York City’s brick and mortar Top Hops Beer Shop (revered for its dedication to all things beer), their unique Piaggio truck oozes Italian charm and celebration. See the full article on page 13.

COLUMN

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

We prefer to look like solid blocks of cheddar cheese perfection, but it is through the Swiss cheese holes of our humanity that we connect with each other. It is healthy to let others who have earned our trust see our vulnerabilities.

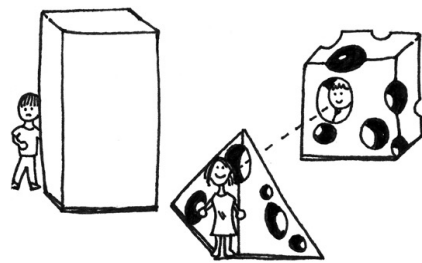
Cheddar cheeses are lonely. Swiss cheeses are relatable. Our closest friends

are those we have invited to see through our “holes.” They see us! This is true intimacy. Trustworthy people celebrate our accomplishments and, more importantly, comfort, encourage, and challenge us during times of loss and discouragement. We do the same for them.

André avoided risk and strangers. He liked being a wall of cheddar. His solid wall felt like protection—armor developed

during a difficult childhood. In professional settings, his armor worked well, but André was lonely. He wanted a life partner and closer friendships. As he developed the courage to reveal his true self through his human “holes,” he grew closer to his friends and found a partner.

Excerpt from Jill Woolworth’s books *The Waterwheel*, available at Diane’s Books locally and Amazon.com.



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

COLUMN

Dull to Shine



By ICY FRANTZ

I don’t consider myself much of a crafter.

I don’t know how to knit or needlepoint. I don’t weave, macrame, or woodwork.

And although we had an arts supply closet full of construction paper, glue sticks, scissors, crayons, paints, fabric scraps, shells, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, and popsicle sticks when our kids were younger, I haven’t actually been in there since then. That was quite a while ago.

So, when a friend called this fall, asking if I would be interested in four very old, dirty, and tarnished brass nautical lamps, I didn’t jump at the offer.

However, I did go over to his house to take a look. And as advertised, the lamps were indeed old, dirty, and tarnished.

He recommended that I take them to a silversmith. So, I did. The silversmith, after pointing to the \$150-an-hour sign, suggested that I do it myself.

“It will take all winter,” he said.

And maybe it was the challenge — how could polishing lamps take all winter? — but reluctantly, I decided to give it a go.

So, on my first quiet winter weekend, I grabbed a lamp and the supplies I had purchased, cranked up some music, and committed to an afternoon of “crafting.”

I am not sure if it was the anticipation of a solo afternoon or the prospect of getting started, but I was oddly excited.

Armed with a soapy sponge and a bucket of warm water, I went to work.

Immediately, I was reminded of the many times our dogs have emerged from the Long Island Sound, wet and muddy.

A preliminary run of the hose removed some of the superficial sludge, but greater attention was needed to clean the more intricate areas - beneath the nails, the snout, and the eyelids.

The same was true with the lamp - after a good cleaning, I used an old toothbrush to get into the harder-to-reach crevices.

Getting beneath the dirt gave me an initial rush. The lamp was no longer dirty; just old and tarnished.

It was time to polish.

To be clear, I was a novice polisher; aside from a few pieces of flatware, I truly had no experience. My kids introduced me to YouTube “how to” videos, and the perfect one guided me through the strong and overwhelming odor of the chemicals.

Did I mention I was wearing rubber gloves?

Hands protected, I polished while our dogs looked up at me with long faces— “Wouldn’t a walk or a game of toss be fun right about now?”

But I was not to be deterred.

Time and sore wrists were the price I paid for the first semblance of shine. A very small area of the base that was once dull...was now just a little less dull.

Success breeds success: I kept going.

I got a little lost in my own world (maybe that is one of the

gifts of crafting; it’s meditative in nature).

Buff. Breathe. Buff. Breathe.

I was finding my rhythm and the peace that comes with being quiet.

Sure, my mind wandered off...

Is Monday a bank holiday? Will our children know a world that is peaceful and kind? I need to get my black loafers resoled. Did I return that email? Order dog food? Read the board notes? Write the piece? Make the reservation? Cancel the reservation?

Making way for the shine reminded me that there is endless potential in all of us, no matter how old and tarnished.

I noticed I was wasting precious energy on the past, anxious about the future, and not very good at staying in the present.

So, I returned repeatedly to the job at hand - the lamp and the polish.

I spent close to five hours on my lamp that Saturday afternoon.

Light turned to dark. Dull to shine.

The small pile of dirty cloths grew increasingly bigger, and I noticed that just when I thought I had restored an area of the lamp to its original beauty, there was more tarnish to remove.

I would swipe the cloth over an area, expecting it to come away clean, but there it was—more black residue. It seemed to never end.

And isn’t that just like life - or at least my life? Not necessarily the removal of black residue, but the peeling back of layers.

I work my way through one conflict, one issue, one mental block, one heartache, and even one joyful occasion, and then just when I think I have gotten somewhere—and certainly I have—I come to realize that there is more to uncover.

Patience, pause, and perseverance; the work progresses, but is never done.

And maybe that is not a bad thing—there is always more to polish.

But then again, there is always more shine, and shine is my goal.

In the end, I lost the challenge.

The silversmith was right – not only had it taken all winter, but I am still not finished and it’s now spring.

However, those quiet winter weekends taught me a few lessons.

It’s magical to watch transformation.

Buff. Breathe. Buff. Breathe.

There is solace and slog in the process.

But making way for the shine reminded me that there is endless potential in all of us, no matter how old and tarnished.

I still don’t consider myself much of a crafter, but I am richer because of it - or at the very least \$150 an hour richer and a little proud that I did it myself.

Icy Frantz - *The Icing on the Cake*, Icy@icyfrantz.net

APRIL IS FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

YOUR PARTNER, HELPING YOU PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

THE FIRST BANK OF GREENWICH





Holy Week at Living Hope Community Church
38 West End Avenue, Old Greenwich
www.LivingHopeCT.org

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday 10 a.m. <i>Palm Processional</i>	Friday, April 18 Stations of the Cross Open Sanctuary 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Saturday, April 19 Interactive Journey to Easter: <i>A Children's Passport to Adventure</i> 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday Seder Meal 6:30 p.m.	Friday, April 18 Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m.	Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday Services 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Home of the Old Greenwich Farmer's Market



EASTER SERVICES

Celebrate with magnificent music and services in our beautiful church. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, April 19
Champagne Easter Vigil Celebration!
7:30 pm | Celebrate 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 to celebrate: CHRIST HAS RISEN! following with champagne and chocolates! Music sung by the Christ Church Singers.
In-person or livestream.

Easter Sunday Morning

7:30 am | "Sunrise Service" Outdoors (weather permitting)
Eucharist, music by Randall Atcheson & Anna Jacobson, bagels & Peeps in front of the Tomes Higgins House.
In-person only.

7:30 am | Holy Eucharist in the Chapel. In-person only

9:00 am | Festival Holy Eucharist Family Service
Sung by the Choir of Men & Boys and the St. Cecilia Choir of Girls. Children can go to Children's Chapel Chapel during the sermon and return after the Peace to sing "The Angel Rolled Away the Stone."
In-person or livestream.

11:00 am | Festival Holy Eucharist
Sung by the Christ Church Choir of Men and Boys and Senior Girls accompanied by Easter brass and timpani, celebrating one of the most important festivals of the church year. In-person or livestream.

254 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT
Livestream on our website: christchurchgreenwich.org



TRINITY CHURCH

You are invited!

Good Friday

April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Easter

April 20, 9:45 a.m.
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1800 E. Putnam Ave
Old Greenwich, CT




www.trinitychurch.life

Easter at Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



6:07 a.m Sunrise Service
10:30 a.m. Festival Service
Easter Egg Hunt to follow



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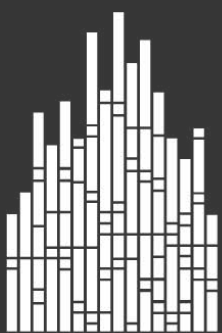
Have questions?



So did they.

Is the resurrection too good to be true?
What if it's too good not to be?

COME SEE AT ST. BARNABAS
EASTER SUNDAY
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Episcopal

Anglican Church of the Advent

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[facebook.com/greenwichanglican](#)

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

Christ Church Greenwich

254 E. Putnam Ave;
203-869-6600

[www.christchurchgreenwich.org](#)

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Book Study: The Anxious Generation: Sundays, March 30 & April 6, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Anna Leinbach: Sundays, April 6, May 11, June 1. Joyful noise with Rob Mathes: Sundays, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 5pm. Lenten Lectio Divina with Rev. Tim: Wednesdays, through April 16, 11:15-11:45am, Chapel. "Eggs for Easter" Drive: through May 1 - we need your help to provide 1,500 dozen eggs for food-insecure families to be delivered directly to the Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry - Donate eggs online here: [amplify.ampyourgood.com/user/campaigns/4738](#). Holy Week: 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. Courage and Faith with Bishop Curry, Former Presiding Bishop of the National Episcopal Church: Saturday, April 26, 6pm.*

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526

[www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org](#)

Holy Eucharist: Easter Sunday at 9 & 11am (in person and livestreamed). Our exciting Sunday School programs for kids and youth will take place during the 9am service: Children's Church for kids 4-8 years old, and YC (Youth Church) for those 9+. Children are also welcome in church for both services, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. *Easter Sunday will feature joyful preaching by our rector, Father Justin, and beautiful music by our director of music, Marnus Greyling, and the St. Barnabas Choir. The World's Fastest Easter Egg Hunt will take place between the services at 10am.* Come experience the joy of the God of resurrection—the God of Jesus Christ. Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447

[www.stpaulsriverside.org](#)

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs - drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. *"The Way of Love" a Lenten Dinner conversation about faithfulness in turbulent times: Thursdays during Lent, 6:30pm, RSVP required to [Ann.post@stpaulsriverside.org](#). Spring Vacation Bible School launches on April 14. Easter Vigil: Saturday April 19, 7pm. Easter Sunday services at 9 & 11am.*

St. Saviour's Episcopal Church

350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262

[www.saintsaviours.org](#)

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am. *Good Friday Service: April 18, 7pm. Easter Egg Hunt - April 19, 11am, all are welcome.*

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. Pride, Pain and Purpose Astride the Mideast: alternating Tuesdays through June 24, 7pm, on Zoom. Passover Shabbat and Yizkor: Friday, April 18, 7pm, Online.*

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. *Yom Hashoah Commemoration: Wednesday, April 23, 7pm. Lunch 'n Learn with Cantor Rubin: Thursday, April 24, 12pm.*

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. *Lunch 'n Learn with Guest Speaker Henry Tischler: Tuesday, April 22, 12pm. "Make Your Voice Heard" with Guest Speaker Emily Levy-Shochat of Mercaz Olami: Sunday, April 27, 4pm. Teen Workshop: Hands-Only CPR and AED Training: Sunday, April 27, 4pm.*

Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church

286 Delavan Ave.;

203-531-8466

[www.firstpaul.com](#)

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

Methodist

Diamond Hill United Methodist

521 E. Putnam Ave.;

203-869-2395

[www.diamondhillumc.com](#)

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

First United Methodist Church

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

[www.fumcgreenwich.com](#)

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

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal

42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

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

Nondenominational

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

[www.stanwichchurch.org](#)

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 9am & 10:45am. Kids Ministry for grades 5 and under, and Student Ministry for grades 6 & above, are offered. Praise & Prayer Night: 6pm on the First Sunday of each month. Live stream and recorded media are available at [stanwichchurch.org](#). We'd love to meet you here! *Good Friday Service: 12pm with Kids Ministry (grades 5 & under). Easter Sunday Services: 9 & 10:45am with Kids Ministry (grades 5 & under) and Student Ministry (grades 6 & above) offerings.*

Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC

293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615

[www.Center4SpiritualDev.org](#)

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email [Albertsonpcc@gmail.com](#) for registration and Zoom Links). *Spiritual Mediumship class - The Joy of Mediumship: Monday, April 21, 7-9pm, \$120. Guided Meditations: April 22 & 29, 8:45am, free, all are welcome.*

Trinity Church

5 River Rd.; 203-618-0808

[www.trinitychurch.life](#)

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich; 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. *Good Friday Service - Greenwich & New Canaan/Darien: April 18, 6:30pm, Hyatt Regency Greenwich. Easter Sunday Service - April 20, 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich.*

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church

1 W. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-8686

[www.fpcg.org](#)

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Lenten Vespers: Prayer Services - Wednesdays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the chapel. These services will feature messages based on a sermon series, "The Mission of Christ," delivered here by the then senior pastor, The Rev. Dr. C. John L. Bates, in the winter of 1961. Holy Week: Good Friday - April 18: musical presentation of John Rutter's Requiem, 7pm. Easter Sunday - April 20: Family-Friendly Worship Service, 9am; Nursery School Playground - Easter Egg Hunt, 10am; Sanctuary - Full Festival Worship Service, 11am.*

Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave.; 203-861-7555

[www.gracechurchgreenwich.com](#)

Worship: Sundays, 8:45am, 10:45am & 4:30pm, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome. *Good Friday Service: April 18, 4:30pm. Easter Sunday Service: April 20, 8:45, 10:45am & 4:30pm. "The Sermon on the Mount" - Church Retreat: April 25 & 26, \$45/adults, \$25/children.*

Living Hope Community Church

38 West End Ave; 203-637-3669

[www.LivingHopect.org](#)

In-person & online ([LivingHopect.org/lives-tream](#)) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: [livinghopect.org/resources/alpha](#). *Lent Challenge: Grow... 7 for 7 - 7 days a week, 7 minutes a day reading Scripture, 7 minutes of prayer, Attend church all 7 Sundays. Good Friday - April 18, 7am-6pm: remembrance, meditation, and contemplation with music of the various Stations of the Cross, a formal service will begin at 7pm, RSVP. "Journey to Easter" - Saturday, April 19: children will embark on an interactive adventure to explore the Easter story! Each child will receive a special Easter Passport to guide hem through different stations, each representing a key moment of the Easter journey. Pre-Ks Parent & Me cooking class - Children with parents will bake Resurrection Cookies. Register at [livinghopect.org](#).*

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



ST. PAUL'S
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RIVERSIDE

Come Worship with us this Easter



Saturday, April 19th at 7pm
Easter Vigil service

Sunday, April 20th at 9am and 11am
Easter Sunday Worship Services

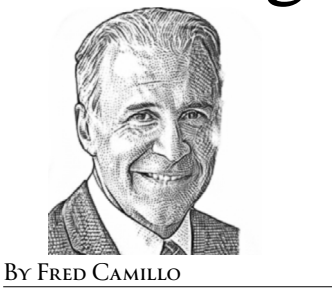
with Celebratory Music and Eucharist

10:30am Easter Egg Hunt in the Meadow

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
200 Riverside Ave. Riverside, CT 06878
Tel: 203-637-2447
[www.StPaulsRiverside.org](#)

Getting to Yes: Turning Decades of Debate Into Progress

Let’s keep moving forward together. Let’s get to yes.



By FRED CAMILLO

For more than thirty years, efforts to replace the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center stalled in debate, delay, and missed opportunities. Its recent completion—thanks to a focused public-private partnership—stands as proof that when Greenwich moves decisively, long-discussed projects can become reality.

Opening Day for a Community Gem

On April 9th, we celebrated the long-awaited opening of the Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. A chilly day outside was more than matched by the warm feelings inside as a few hundred Greenwich residents toured the new and vastly improved civic center on the east side of town.

The over-three-decade endeavor was given a jolt of energy in January of 2020 when I received a call from Alex Cohen, who had read about my stated goal of engaging in public-private partnerships to get projects—some long-standing—started and completed, and/or over the finish line. We agreed to get to work on the long-stalled civic center proposal right away. What followed was five and a half years of presentations, approvals, permits, and affirmative votes—as well as new gift receiving policies. And yes, we did have to deal with pipeline delays due to the

worst pandemic in over 100 years.

While I believe the nearly six-year successful effort could have been completed sooner, compared to 30 years of trying and 40 years of discussion and debate, it was done with lightning-fast speed!

A History of Missed Chances

When an earlier attempt at delivering a new civic center to the Town in the mid to late 1990s fell short, the effort stalled. What’s even more frustrating is that most of what is in the new state-of-the-art facility was identified and presented all those years ago. The several-decade delay cost us time and money—both of which we will never get back.

Nevertheless, the ribbon cutting the other day marked a significant milestone for Greenwich—and hopefully a lesson in debate and ultimate delivery of projects that the community supports. As I mentioned in my remarks at the grand opening: let’s debate, thoroughly vet, ask the right questions, challenge—but after all is said and done in a reasonable amount of time, get it done!

Next on Deck: Havemeyer and the Rink

From this wonderful success and the beginning of a new chapter in Greenwich history, we now turn our

attention to other long-debated and overdue projects:

The return of the Havemeyer Building to the people (and not used to house government workers), and the construction of a new skating rink in town. Both facilities are in disrepair, and while they have different storylines, the delay tactic is alive and well—and has been for decades. In the case of the Havemeyer Building, a civic-minded group of citizens presented the Town with a wonderful plan over 20 years ago with more than \$30 million in pledges. The then-elected Board of Education refused to seriously consider moving, and with that, a transformational opportunity was lost... until now.

Unlocking the Potential of Havemeyer

The building is owned by the Town and sits on property estimated to be worth between \$74 and \$100 million, and is in need of repair, renovation, and reimagination. The Board of Education (BOE) administration is also eager to relocate. So, the second of two well-run task forces—both chaired by Andy Duus with dedicated members—that I put together is trying to work with the Democrats on the elected BOE, who are refusing to vote for relocation unless the BOE administration is located

downtown, in the same building, and/or in another government building. While none of those conditions are needed nor necessary, we are trying to work out a solution so that their opposition does not end up costing the residents and taxpayers of Greenwich more time and money, as well as another transformational opportunity for the Town. The clock is ticking, and another public-private partnership is waiting to restore the building and give it back to the people of Greenwich—who continue to watch a formerly beautiful 53,000-square-foot building deteriorate in the heart of downtown with a government entity inside that only needs about 18,000–20,000 square feet of space.

In the meantime, taxpayers continue to fund the BOE’s operations in a building that is outdated, oversized, and incredibly inefficient. The Havemeyer Building’s aging HVAC, insulation, and lighting systems contribute to an energy profile that’s both expensive and environmentally damaging. Last year alone, utility costs for heating and electricity were nearly double what a smaller, energy-efficient building of the same function would require. Deferred maintenance has also driven up repair costs annually, with patchwork fixes

and temporary solutions becoming the norm. These aren’t just line items—they’re recurring expenses that hit the budget every year and are bad for the environment. Simply put, the longer we delay relocation, the more we hurt the next generation by harming their planet and their finances.

Hamill Rink: Time to Modernize

The Hamill Rink Task Force—a well-rounded group of civic-minded volunteers chaired by Matt DeSchamps—is now meeting and tasked with building upon the good work and information already gathered by the Hamill Rink Committee, which was led by Bill Drake as chairman and Rick Loh as the Parks Board member with a long history on this effort. It included residents passionate about skating and improving skating experiences for all. Their job now is to present a recommendation in the coming months. Built in 1976 and named for former Greenwich resident and 1976 Olympic Gold Medal winner Dorothy Hamill, the rink was named for our Olympian champion after the ’76 Winter Olympic Games. The rink was put together piecemeal, is outdated for today’s skating programs, and is nearing the end of its useful life.

Why Greenwich Leads

Greenwich is a destination for people around the globe, and for good reason. We have so much to offer that other municipalities around the nation could only hope for:

Beautiful landscape that

includes a shoreline and countryside;

Wonderful parks and terrific recreational programs and opportunities;

Miles of open space and hiking trails;

A top-rated public golf course to go along with wonderful private clubs;

A well-regarded public school system;

A hospital located in town;

A regional airport just yards from the town border;

Close proximity to New York City and all that has to offer; and lastly,

A civic spirit that is second to none.

Getting to Yes

With so much going for our Town, the only thing that prevents the progress needed to stay competitive and ahead of what other towns and cities are doing is “getting to yes” in a more timely fashion. The fact that even the purchase of Tod’s Point was rejected three times by the RTM and BET highlights the difficulty any new idea, project, or proposal faces. With this in mind, let us continue to thoroughly vet and ask pertinent questions, but not lose sight of the dangers of the “death by a thousand cuts” approach that ends up costing us all more in the end.

That’s how we fall behind. Let’s keep moving forward together. Let’s get to yes.

Fred Camillo is the First Selectman of Greenwich and former State Representative.

Note from the Owner of Top Hops

Hello, hello.
I’m a local Greenwich resident and a huge fan of the *Sentinel*. How I wish that you had existed way back when in the day when my family moved to town in the ‘70s. I was a papergirl and would have so enjoyed putting your publication on the front steps of my Greenwich Time customers.
I wanted to bring my small local hospitality business to your attention as I think it’s

worthy of a timely mention to your readers, especially for any upcoming Spring and Summer entertaining stories. Namely, what’s better than a mobile Tap Truck at your upcoming Graduation party serving fresh seasonal beer, wine and/or cocktails? My husband, Ted Kenny, and I created and own The Top Hops Half Pint Mobile Tap Truck. Our vintage inspired Tap Truck and Libation Service recently launched

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in Greenwich. In short, and all bias aside, our creation inspires oohhs, ahhhhs and grins of surprise and delight from everyone who lays eyes on it.
The Top Hops Half Pint is essentially a wheels up and organic extension of our NYC based brick and mortar Top Hops Beer Shop,

revered for its dedication to all things beer. Our Truck has been artfully converted into a mobile bar with six tap lines. While we specialize in the curation, provision and service of refreshing craft beer, we recognised that clients need and want more options. So, we are happy to serve mocktails and cocktails.

Guests love our Margarita on tap and our fun mocktails.
Many thanks in advance for your attention to my mail. I’m available to discuss The Top Hops Half Pint further at any point via phone, email or in person.
I look forward to hearing from you and, again, am sincerely grateful for your

publication which I read every Friday. (On a side and personal note you published both of my parent’s obituaries last year. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your kind and generous approach to local obituaries. So very refreshing and, again, so appreciated.)
Christina Cahill
Please see The Greenwich Sentinel article about Christine’s business on page 18!

Earth Day reminds us to minimize our waste

To the editor:
As Earth Day once more rolls around to remind us that we need to treat every day as Earth Day, let’s take pause and consider how much our everyday actions impact our planet and why we are throwing so much away.

The town, Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board and Waste Free Greenwich work diligently at finding ways to deal with items that residents are discarding. The food scrap recycling program set up nearly five years ago captures three to four

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tons each month but when people realize what they are discarding even that could be reduced.
We have recently expanded the textile and

clothing collection by adding an easy home pickup. Visit www.Helpsy.com/greenwichct for information or check the town website. These programs are but

a drop in the ocean of the waste which we all create and it is incumbent upon each one of us to be ever vigilant and see what a difference we can make by following the

6Rs - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair and Rot.
There’s a better way than to throw away – remember there is no place called “away”.
Sally Davies
Chair, Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board

RTM Education Committee SOMR to restore funding

On Monday, April 21, the Education Committee from the RTM will be presenting to the full body of the RTM a Sense of the Meeting Resolution (SOMR) requesting that the BET restore funding to the operating budget for Greenwich Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2026.
The SOMR being presented will read:
Whereas, the Education Committee was severely disappointed in the outcome of the BET decision to cut \$4,048,621 from the Greenwich Public Schools’(GPS) operating budget for fiscal 2026.

Whereas, the Education Committee feels it is our fiduciary responsibility to make sure GPS and its students are properly funded. Therefore, it is our Sense of the Meeting resolution that the RTM respectfully requests that the BET re-open the operating budget vote for fiscal year 2026, to better meet the financial needs of GPS.
I am the Chair of the RTM Education Committee and have no political agenda. I serve in this role because of my strong commitment to guarantee that every child in Greenwich receives the best education possible from the

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

Greenwich Public Schools. The final version of the SOMR was created by a bi-partisan group from the committee. Please be aware that the delegates at the Education Committee meeting voted overwhelmingly to approve the SOMR and send it to the full RTM for adoption. The SOMR is not a binding law or resolution and, if passed, it is a statement that reflects the population of the town. The RTM has 230 members, divided into twelve districts with a demographic

that mirrors the general population of Greenwich. For the SOMR to be adopted, we first need two-thirds of the RTM to agree to move forward with the item. Once this occurs, it then needs a majority to pass.
It has come to my attention that a faction within the BET (Finance Board) is trying to prevent this SOMR from being passed. We need to put politics aside and show that quality education is something that is universally expected in Greenwich. It

is our hope that the BET will see that the cut in the Education operating budget will have a significantly detrimental effect on the quality of education in town. We also hope that the BET will re-open the budget to find a compromise that restores funding.
We have received letters from town residents expressing anger, frustration, disappointment, and outrage about the cuts to the schools’ operating budget. If you also feel this way, please let

your feelings be known, by writing to the entire RTM at the following link: <https://www.greenwichct.gov/721/Representative-Town-Meeting-RTM>
Please note that this letter is not from the Education Committee and all opinions are my own.
Sincerely,
Steven Rubin
Chairman RTM Education Committee
Chairman RTM District 3
Opinions expressed here are solely mine and do not represent the views or opinions of any official committee or organization.



NEWS MAKERS

New Briefs From Page 1

Hall will be closed on Friday, April 18 in observance of Good Friday. The Holly Hill Resource Recovery Facility will remain open during its regular hours. Residents should adjust their schedules accordingly.

Korean War Veterans Ceremony Announced

A ceremony will be held at Town Hall on April 28 at 4 p.m. to recognize veterans who served during the Korean War era. Veterans or their families should contact the First Selectman's office to be included. The event is open to the public.

Greenwich Volunteers Beautify Mianus Park

The Town of Greenwich Parks & Recreation Foundation will hold its third annual Earth Day beautification event at Mianus River Park on Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will help plant native species, remove invasive plants, clear debris, and maintain trails. Tools will be provided, and participants should meet at the Cognewaugh Street entrance; carpooling is recommended due to limited parking.

Greenwich Approves School Zone Cameras

The Greenwich Board of Selectmen approved the installation of ten speed cameras in school zones under a new state law allowing automated traffic enforcement. The selected vendor, True Blue, will implement the system, which includes a 30-day warning period before fines are issued. The town submitted its plan to the state and expects installation by the start of the new school year.

AROUND TOWN

Local Plants Thrive With Support

Planting local species supports the existing ecosystem by aligning with native soil, climate, and wildlife. These plants typically require less maintenance and fewer resources. Using local options like milkweed or goldenrod helps sustain natural habitats.

Spring Leaf Blower Rules Announced

Gas-powered leaf blowers are currently allowed in residential areas, provided use follows the Town's noise ordinance. Permitted hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays; commercial use is not allowed on Sundays. A seasonal ban begins May 23 and will run through most of September, during which fines will be issued for violations.

Students Volunteer for Holly Tree Planting

Greenwich High School students organized a volunteer effort with Friends of Binney Park to plant holly trees and remove invasive species in Binney Park this past Wednesday and Thursday. Volunteers earned community service hours and met in the park woods across from the Perrot Library.

North Street Bridge Project Update

The Greenwich Department of Public Works announced that construction on the North Street Bridge replacement is now expected to begin in spring 2026. Final design approval has been granted by the Connecticut Department of Transportation, and the project is awaiting state authorization to begin bidding. Utility relocations and prep work will proceed in the meantime with minimal traffic disruption.

Byram River Flood Project Public Meeting

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Congressman Jim Himes will hold a public meeting on April 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Greenwich Town Hall, with a Zoom option, to provide an update on the Byram River Basin Flood Risk Management Project. The meeting will cover the federally funded design phase focused on replacing two Route 1 bridges in Port Chester, NY, to reduce flooding in Greenwich, CT, and Port Chester, NY. The project was authorized in 2020 and design began in 2023 under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Greenwich Avenue Building Hits Market

A four-story brick and steel building at the corner of Greenwich Avenue and Bruce Park Avenue is for sale. Built in 2017, it includes retail space, office suites, residential penthouses, and a rooftop deck. The property,

assessed at \$5.7 million in 2024, is near the Greenwich train station and the ongoing \$30 million Greenwich Crossing redevelopment.

Greenwich officials approved a temporary lane closure on Greenwich Avenue for an Eversource utility project that includes digging 41 test pits to locate existing underground infrastructure. The work will follow a hybrid schedule: overnight hours Monday through Wednesday and daytime hours Thursday and Friday. The project is expected to begin soon, pending permit approvals, and will last several weeks.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Aquarion Offers Discounted Rain Barrels

Aquarion Water Company is selling 60-gallon rain barrels for \$85, with orders due by April 21. The barrels include a brass spigot, insect screen, and screw-off lid. Orders can be placed online at Aquarion's website, and Greenwich residents can pick them up at Town Hall.

Live like Luke Annual Beach Cleanup

Greenwich Green and Clean will host its annual *Live Like Luke* beach cleanup at Greenwich Point on April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event honors Luke Meyers, a former Greenwich High School student and environmental advocate who died in 2019. Volunteers will collect and log non-biodegradable debris, with data reported to Save the Sound and the Ocean Conservancy for global pollution tracking.

Bruce Museum Unveils Slope Redesign

The Bruce Museum presented a revised landscape plan to the Planning & Zoning Commission that would reduce soil disturbance, limit tree removal, and avoid impacting an existing retaining wall. The new plan focuses on regrading only the western portion of the slope, widening the sidewalk along Steamboat Road, and adding plantings, street trees, and lighting. The Commission instructed the museum to file a new site plan application to amend the previously approved 2017 design.

Greenwich Choral Society Celebrates American Music

The Greenwich Choral Society will present *The Great American Songbook* on Saturday, May 3, at 4 p.m. at O'Byrne Chapel, Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY. The program includes 20th-century and contemporary American popular music by composers such as Rodgers and Hammerstein, the Gershwins, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, and Johnny Mercer. Performers include the 90-member choir, the Bryan Reeder Orchestra, and guest soloists Hannah Gill and Chris Norton, conducted by Christine Howlett.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Reid Showcases Artwork for Charity



Reid, a student at Eagle Hill, has artwork on display at the SoNo Collection in Norwalk for the month of April. The piece is influenced by the "Happiness Movement" of artist Romero Britto. All proceeds from its sale will go to STAR, Inc., a nonprofit supporting people with learning differences.

Photo Credit: Eagle Hill School

SCHOOLS

SHG Students Explore Nature Through Learning



Middle school students at Sacred Heart Greenwich participated in the Mustard Seed Program alongside younger students from the Barat Center. The outdoor program involves hands-on environmental activities on the school's 110-acre campus. It is designed to support learning through direct engagement with nature.

Photo Credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich

Whitby Students Explore Plant Science



First-grade students from Whitby School visited the Greenwich Audubon Center to study seed dispersal and pollination. They examined how animals contribute to plant reproduction by exploring different habitats, including meadows and woodlands. The trip supported their ongoing science curriculum on plants and living organisms.

Photo Credit: Whitby School

Riverside Students Launch Space Project

Over 250 students at Riverside School voluntarily participated in the STEM Fair on April 8, presenting projects across science, technology, engineering, and math. Topics included brain function, water filtration, and crystal formation, among others. One group successfully launched and recovered a weather balloon with a camera and candy, following a failed attempt the previous year.

Sacred Heart Greenwich Hosts Arts Fair



On April 12, 2025, Sacred Heart Greenwich held its first Pathways to the Arts College Fair, focused on higher education opportunities in the visual and performing arts. The event featured representatives from selective institutions such as RISD, NYU Tisch, and Parsons, who provided information on the arts admissions process. Students and families attended to learn more about pursuing arts degrees.

Photo Credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich

SPORTS

GHS Softball Shows Strong Potential



Greenwich High School's varsity softball team lost a close 2-1 game to New Milford on April 14 in a well-pitched matchup, but rebounded with a 14-2 win over Bridgeport Central the next day. Senior pitcher Sophia Blois delivered a strong performance, while the team showed solid defense and leadership from its senior captains. The Cardinals aim to build momentum in upcoming FCIAC matchups and qualify for the state tournament.

Photo Credit: David Fierro

GHS Volleyball Starts Season Strong

Greenwich High School's boys volleyball team opened its season with a 3-0 win over Westhill, led by strong performances from Chris Pingol, Dylan Gomez, and Hiro Sibble. The Cardinals then fell 3-0 to Joel Barlow in a non-conference match despite solid efforts from Gomez, Jaycox, Fukushima, and Sibble. Their season record stands at 1-3 as they prepare for their next home match.

GA Lacrosse Dominates Home Opener



Greenwich Academy's Varsity A lacrosse team, under new head coach Tee Ladouceur, opened its 2025 FAA season with a dominant 13-4 home victory over Greenwich Country Day School, led by standout performances from captains Katie Barr, Ruby Montanez, and Leighton Collier. The win marked GA's third consecutive FAA triumph, bringing their overall record to 3-1. Greenwich Country Day, which had shown early promise with a strong effort against Taft and a win over Holy Child, struggled against GA's cohesive play and depth on both ends of the field.

Photo Credit: 06878 Photography by Antonio Monteiro

GHS Baseball Wins Season Opener



Greenwich High School's varsity baseball team opened its 2025 season with a dominant 6-0 home win over top-ranked Staples, avenging three shutout losses from 2024. Sophomore Luke Langhorne and senior Lucas Meinelt combined for a one-hitter, while the Cardinals' offense tallied nine hits, including a home run from senior captain Emerson Bulis and a key two-run single from captain Max Marek. The victory marked a strong statement from Greenwich, who returned to its renovated home field after rain postponed its first three games.

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Brunswick Secures Thrilling Lacrosse Victory



Brunswick School edged Lawrenceville School 8-7 in a tightly contested lacrosse game on April 9, 2025, with junior Lucas Garcia scoring the game-winning goal late in the fourth quarter. The Bruins rallied from a 7-5 deficit in the final period, backed by strong defense and crucial faceoff wins from senior Aidan Diaz-Matos. With the victory, Brunswick improved to 4-1 on the season, avenging last year's championship loss to Lawrenceville.

Photo Credit: Rachael Stover

Cardinals Showcase Grit in Opener



In their home opener on April 7, the Greenwich High School girls varsity lacrosse team lost a close 12-11 match to Staples in a thrilling, back-and-forth contest. Despite the defeat, Greenwich showcased strong performances from players like Dillon McFerran, who scored seven goals, and Giselle DiPietro, who contributed two goals and six assists. The Cardinals, led by a new head coach and a mix of seasoned captains and emerging talent, are focused on growth and improvement as they head into a challenging stretch of the season.

Photo Credit: David Fierro

Reverend Dr. Justin Crisp Celebrating Second Easter at His Growing St. Barnabas Church

By ANNE W. SEMMES

In backcountry Greenwich there is a small but expanding Episcopal church called St. Barnabas, initially created as a chapel by Christ Church Greenwich for its backcountry parishioners. Its first service occurred in 1956 on June 10, the eve of the Feast of Saint Barnabas, a first century apostle and martyr from the island of Cyprus “whose name has traditionally been associated with farming,” though this church is surrounded by stretches of woodland.

Today, that church is cutting edge modern, as designed by the late, distinguished architect and parishioner, Philip Ives. And in the pulpit is a dynamic young minister approaching 36, the Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp, with his doctorate in philosophy in Religious Studies from Yale. And in his congregation are some 130 parishioners – “with almost 40 being kids,” he tells, about double the number of the congregation when he first arrived two years ago at Easter.

Behind the church is the Rectory housing Crisp’s young growing family, wife Dr. Jewelle Bickel, and their seven-month-old daughter Beatrice, and visiting at Easter time his parents from his farmland home in East Tennessee. But Jewelle is also much caught up in the church as newly appointed director of Children’s Ministry. She joins associate rector, the Rev. Phoebe Oler (with former Christ Church ties) who oversees the Youth Ministry, ages 9 and up.

“So, we have discovered at St. Barnabas,” tells Crisp, “that ministry to children and youth is one of our spiritual gifts.” And that, “every congregation has a charisma, a spiritual gift given it by God. And part of that is the community of parents who are bringing their kids here...three to four Sundays a month...They’re trying to give their kids a foundation, unconditional love, and values that are going to help them to flourish in a world that is doing everything it can to make sure they don’t.”

Crisp sees “people desperate for connection with anything.” “I had a young man in my office yesterday who asked me the question, what’s the meaning of life?... I think people are looking for some way to answer that question for themselves. They can do that in a church, and they’re willing to try anything, even if they’re not sure about God or the resurrection of Jesus Christ, or the Virgin birth. They’re willing to try anything now. And so, they come.” He wants St. Barnabas “to be a place where people can say, everybody’s talking about the mental health crisis for our youth and St. Barnabas is doing something about it.”

“In the first letter of John,” says Crisp, “the author says we love because God first loved us. And if we are so transformed by the fact of God’s one way love for us, we can have that same one-way love for one another and for the world.”

That one-way theology came to Crisp from two mentors - Episcopal priest Fleming Rutledge, former member of Christ Church and former minister at Grace Church in Manhattan, and from Paul Zahl who served with Rutledge. “Fleming and Paul are both Episcopalians and their theology is focused on what Paul calls God’s one way love for us, that love has no conditions. If we reciprocate that love, of course that’s better for us. But God’s love is one way. It is being poured out upon us no matter what.”

Crisp also adds Martin Luther as another influencer. “Both Fleming and Paul are really influenced by Luther, and the idea that you and God are okay...because God has made it so, not because you did anything to earn it, it’s just given

to you as a gift.”

But it was Crisp’s parents as Southern Baptists (his grandfather was a Southern Baptist minister of “a more moderate school”) who had first taught him that “God was a God of unconditional love and there was nothing that we could do to get on this God’s bad side. This God was always going to be in our corner pulling for us.”

It was a high school friend who introduced Crisp to an Episcopal church in a nearby town that had him “blown away by the beauty of God.” “I walked out of the church, and I knew two things. I was a junior in high school. I knew I was supposed to become an Episcopalian, and I knew that I wanted to be a priest.”

But it is that unconditional love message from his parents that Crisp so often includes in his much-praised sermons – also accessible online. He says he has a number of livestreaming listeners. He also notes his church has attendees from Christ Church sometimes making the drive. “The idea that backcountry was just too far away is incomprehensible for us today,” he adds, and “Some of our folks from St. Barnabas go in town to Christ Church.” Add that increasing partnering going on with the two Episcopal parishes.

“We share our Cuba mission. We share the ‘Courage and Faith’ speaker series.” The Reverends Marek Zabriskie and Justin Crisp now “host it together... we decide together on the guest speakers. (Along with pivotal Christ Church member John Ford.).

Crisp addresses the upcoming Easter Sunday as “Easter Joy.” “There’s going to be incredible music, and the choir are amazing. We’ll have brass with the organ. If people are feeling down about anything, they can come and just get cheered up at church on Sunday at 9 or at 11.” But the “real highlight,” he says will be at 10 o’clock, “where we’ll have the world’s fastest Easter egg hunt.”

There will be multiple egg hunts for “for different age ranges,” he tells, as organized by wife Jewelle and Rev. Holer. “So, there’s easy, medium, and hard difficulty levels” on the Easter egg hunt. Crisp notes that “Christianity has a reputation for being kind of a downer. We’re like the moral scold of American culture.” But “people forget that Christianity says it’s okay if you have fun. So, Easter, I hope, will be a day where people can come and be filled with joy and just have some fun with each other.”

Surely it will be a joyful Easter with their seven-month-old daughter recently out of hospital. The extraordinary story goes, daughter Beatrice determined to arrive when her mother was only seven months pregnant. With this sudden to-be arriving at the rectory, father-to-be Crisp was calling 911. “They were at our house like three to five minutes, at the most.” During which time mother Jewelle had herself delivered her daughter. “My wife is an extraordinary woman.”

“Beatrice is from the Latin beatus which means blessed,” he tells. “We named her right after she was born, before the ambulance arrived. We looked at her and we knew that was her name. She’s awesome.” But Beatrice would spend her first five months in Greenwich Hospital arriving home last month.

Rev. Crisp now believes, “God meant for me and Jewelle and Beatrice to be at St. Barnabas... We were supposed to be here at the rectory when Beatrice was born prematurely. We are right around the corner from the GEMS backcountry station just below Parkway School.” His hope he shares, is that “God meant for us to be here for some kind of good for the community.”



Rev. Dr. Justin Crisp in the pulpit of St. Barnabas Church on Palm Sunday. Contributed photo.

“We have discovered at St. Barnabas that ministry to children and youth is one of our spiritual gifts.” Rev. Dr. Justin Crisp.



Rev. Dr. Justin Crisp with wife Dr. Jewelle Bickel, and daughter Beatrice (Bea). Contributed photo.



St. Barnabas Church, as designed by late architect and parishioner Philip Ives. Contributed photo.

COLUMN

A Season of Renewal, Hope and Peace



By RABBI MITCHELL HURVITZ

A Midrash tells of two friends, an optimist and a pessimist. Together, they gaze upon an oil lamp. The optimist declares that the lamp’s oil is half-filled. The pessimist, of course, announces that the lamp’s oil is half-empty.

They argue their opposite perspectives for a while until an observer of the debate says to them both:

“Your argument is irrelevant. The lamp does not care whether it is half full or half empty. But, for every person lost wandering in the darkness, all they will care

for is the ability to bring light to guide them best where they wish to go.”

And, on this point, both the optimist and the pessimist agree.

There is too much darkness within our world. And, too many are stuck, unable to go where they must travel. Often, they stay in the darkness, debating with others how best to leave, and do not take the time to cast the light so that they can move forward.

With Passover, we recall our story of liberation from Egyptian bondage. At our Seder table, we hold up the Matzah and declare:

“This is the bread of affliction, the bread of poverty that our ancestors ate while enslaved. Let all who are hungry or needy come and eat. Let us share our spring season of renewal and hope.”

A beautiful sentiment,

Peace only comes when we actively reach out to others and extend our helpful hands, concretely offering charity, deeds of love and kindness, and other tangible offerings of hope.

and yet too often mere words without the corresponding actions.

We pronounce our statement at our Seder table, only within earshot of the family and friends who sit with us. Those who are hungry and needy are outside, sitting in their darkness, and never hear what might be our sincere intentions.

No light, however, was carried outside to cast away the darkness.

Passover is the story that most created the beginning of the Jewish People. It is our story by which we recall how we left slavery for freedom.

We historically left a place of dark degradation to travel

to the expanse of well-lit dignity.

The final liturgical words of our Seder are L'Shanah HaBah-ah B'Yerushalayim – Next Year in Jerusalem! The Hebrew word Yerushalayim means the City of Peace.

What we are prayerfully prompting ourselves at the conclusion of our Seder is the call for Peace.

Peace for ourselves and Peace for the World.

Peace is God’s light shining.

Peace only comes when we actively reach out to others and extend our helpful hands, concretely offering charity, deeds of love and kindness, and other tangible offerings of hope.

The story of our Exodus connects us to the history that makes us who we are as Jews.

But, after the miracle of the Sea’s parting, we had to keep putting one foot in front of the other and march through the challenging Wilderness, always heading for the Promised Land.

The generation of Israelite slaves never actually entered the Promised Land, but they created the opportunity for the next generation to do so.

After this year’s Passover, will we pick up our lamp and go outside to find the best way to cast away the darkness and then do so?

Or will we stay in place, arguing whether the lamp is

half-full or half-empty?

Shabbat Shalom and Happy Passover!

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.

Star Wars and the Resurrection



By BEN VALENTINE

We were wandering through Galaxy’s Edge at Disneyland, the billion-dollar Star Wars experience. The immersive details were astonishing. The architecture, the ambient sounds, even the “blue milk” (something I never knew I wanted) created a captivating setting.

For those hours, visitors feel transported to another world, one where they might glimpse a Wookiee or pilot the Millennium Falcon. But eventually the day ends. You exit through the gift shop and remember you’re not in a galaxy far, far away; you’re just in Anaheim.

That feeling of emerging from a beautiful illusion into stark reality may resonate with many of us in a place like Greenwich. We’re surrounded by apparent perfection, manicured landscapes, impressive careers, and nicely curated social media pages. Yet behind closed doors,

many of us feel a profound disconnect between the worlds we construct and the realities we face.

Perhaps that’s why spring in Greenwich offers such psychological relief. After our long winters, the sight of crocuses along the Post Road feels almost miraculous. It speaks to our profound human longing for renewal, for things thought dead to somehow live again.

This longing emerges in our fascination with stories of transformation. Marvel movies and Star Wars captivate audiences precisely because they tap into our desire for redemption, for triumph over impossible odds, for making wrong things right.

We instinctively recognize that our world needs mending. We feel it personally in our strained relationships, health concerns, and private disappointments. We see it collectively in ongoing global conflicts and social divisions. Even life in Greenwich doesn’t shield us from these realities; sometimes it just makes them more jarring when they intrude.

Recently, I was reminded of this contrast while reading about a speech given in ancient Athens, a city of wealth and cultural refinement. A Jewish traveler named Paul found himself addressing

“We’re surrounded by apparent perfection, manicured landscapes, impressive careers, and nicely curated social media pages. Yet behind closed doors, many of us feel a profound disconnect between the worlds we construct and the realities we face.”

the intellectual elite at the Areopagus, a setting not unlike a particularly sophisticated cocktail party. In Acts 17, we see how Paul navigated this encounter with some of the most educated minds of his day.

His audience included Epicureans (the ancient equivalent of our modern “you only live once” approach) and Stoics (who emphasized duty, rationality and self-discipline). Despite their philosophical differences, both groups shared one fundamental belief: death is final, and wisdom lies in making peace with that finality.

When Paul began speaking about resurrection, about someone who died and then returned to life, his audience balked. Some dismissed him as a “babblers” (ancient slang for a peddler of fake news?). The notion that death could be overcome seemed absurd to these educated minds, a comforting fairy tale or illusion perhaps, but nothing more.

Their response reminds me of how we often approach life’s

deepest questions today. We’re quick to dismiss extraordinary claims as naïve. We pride ourselves on being too educated, too realistic for certain kinds of hope.

Yet what if our skepticism isn’t as rational as we believe? What if the stories that move us most deeply, from ancient myths to modern blockbusters, are popular precisely because they echo a truth we intuitively recognize but struggle to accept?

C.S. Lewis, the renowned Oxford professor, wrestled with this very question. Initially an atheist, Lewis resisted Christianity partly because its central narrative, a divine being who dies and rises again, appeared in many world mythologies. To him, Jesus seemed like just another version of Osiris or Dionysus.

But Lewis’s perspective shifted dramatically after a conversation with his friend J.R.R. Tolkien. What if, Tolkien suggested, the story of Jesus resonated with all those ancient myths not because it was

false, but because it was the true version of what humanity had always sensed? What if Jesus was “the myth that became fact”?

This perspective invites us to consider whether Easter represents something more substantial than a pleasant spring tradition of brunches and egg hunts. What if the resurrection of Jesus isn’t just a comforting story but a historical reality with profound implications for how we navigate our lives?

The heart of the Gospel (meaning “good news”) is far more epic than any superhero saga or space adventure. Like those blockbuster films where heroes battle seemingly insurmountable forces of darkness, Jesus entered our broken world to fight the ultimate battle against sin and death, enemies we could never defeat on our own. But unlike fictional heroes, Jesus’ victory through resurrection isn’t just inspiring storytelling; it’s the pivotal moment in

human history where death itself was defeated. His triumph means our failures, losses, and brokenness don’t have the final word. Jesus is making all things new, healing the disconnect between who we are inside and who we appear to be, restoring us to wholeness because He loves us. This isn’t just another system of self-improvement; it’s rescue, redemption, and relationship.

As we move through this spring season in Greenwich, I invite you to consider these questions with curiosity. What if Jesus’ resurrection isn’t just a comforting metaphor but the foundation of a more resilient hope, not just in some distant afterlife, but also in our everyday experiences of failure, loss, and disappointment?

Unlike Galaxy’s Edge, where we must exit back into ordinary reality, the resurrection offers entry into a greater reality. What if the most extraordinary story ever told is actually true? And what would that mean for how we live tomorrow?

We’ll be talking about all this at our Good Friday and Easter Sunday services this weekend, both happening at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom in town. We’d love to welcome you.

Ben Valentine is the Senior Pastor of Trinity Church in Greenwich. Discover more at www.trinitychurch.life

COLUMN



By CHUCK DAVIS

Good?
Scouring, mockery, beatings, betrayal, abandonment, death.
Good? Really?
Only if you know the whole story.

Holy Week is the epicenter of the Christian faith. Without the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, Christianity loses all meaning. And yet, each year around this time, people ask me,

“Chuck, I understand the historical fact of the crucifixion—but resurrection? Really?”

We’re comfortable with martyrs. But miracles stretch us.

So why do I believe Jesus of Nazareth literally rose from the dead?

Let’s start with the historical documents. The New Testament reports that Jesus appeared alive to Peter (Cephas), James (his brother), the apostles, more than 500 people, and finally to Paul himself (1 Corinthians 15:5–8). These documents are better preserved and more widely verified than any other ancient texts. There were enough witnesses to debunk the whole ruse, if it was a ruse, early in the process.

Still, skeptics raise two core objections:

1. The disciples were lying to protect their movement.
2. They were emotionally shattered and hallucinated their experiences of Jesus—“He lives in our hearts!”

Here’s why those theories fall apart.

Good Friday?

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1. Were they lying?

If so, they were terrible liars. Every Gospel account names women as the first witnesses to the resurrection. In the first-century world, women’s testimonies held little weight. If you’re fabricating a story to launch a religion, you don’t make women your primary witnesses. That’s not strategy—it’s honesty.

And what did these so-called “liars” gain? Persecution. Scattering. Martyrdom. Of Jesus’ closest followers:

- Three were beaten to death.
- Three were crucified (one

upside down).

- Two were killed by sword or spear.
- One was burned alive.
- One was exiled in old age.

At any point, someone could’ve cracked under pressure: “Okay, it’s a hoax. Let me go!”

But no one did. That’s not how lies work. Not in the face of torture.

2. Were they hallucinating?

That doesn’t hold either. Hallucinations don’t occur in groups. And trauma—especially physical trauma like flogging and crucifixion—snaps people

out of delusion, not deeper into it. The disciples were confused after Jesus’ death, yes. But not delusional. Their initial actions—hiding, grieving, giving up—tell the story. They were not expecting a resurrection. The women went to the tomb not with expectation, but with spices to anoint a corpse. If they expected resurrection, they would’ve brought breakfast.

Let’s talk about Paul. He had no incentive to lie. Before meeting the risen Jesus, he made a living persecuting Christians. He was successful, educated, influential. He had everything to lose—and yet

he walked away from it all after encountering the risen Christ. That kind of transformation doesn’t happen for a hallucination.

So if the early believers weren’t lying, and they weren’t hallucinating... what happened?

“He was raised on the third day and appeared...”

If you want to dive deeper, I recommend The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus by Gary Habermas and Michael Licona.

“But Chuck,” you might ask, “does resurrection really matter? Can’t I just believe in Jesus and skip the supernatural stuff?”

Here’s my answer: My father, mother, and sister died during the COVID years. Three of my dearest friends passed away this year.

Resurrection really mattered to them.

And one day, it will matter to you. It certainly matters to me.

That’s why we call it Good Friday. Because Sunday was coming.

COLUMN

Two Parades and the Battle for the Human Soul



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

As a boy, Palm Sunday was my favorite Sunday of the year. My brothers and I were given palm fronds and suddenly we became actors swept up in a dramatic play. It featured a heroic leader mounted on a colt, screaming crowds, and a tragic ending. What more could a boy ask for?

As this drama unfolded, my brothers and I were drawn to the action. For one Sunday each year church was exciting and fun, but none of us bothered to ask, “Why did they kill Jesus?”

For most of my ministry, I have preached about how Jesus laid down his life for our sake. I spoke about how he atoned for our sins and restored us to a right relationship with God.

In a way, Jesus acted like the ultimate investment banker, as his death upon the cross restructured the crushing debt that we owe God for the sins that we have committed. Jesus wrote off our debt. And while this is true, it does not explain why the Romans killed Jesus.

What my brothers and I didn’t understand as children was that Jesus was a wanted man. Roman and Judean leaders were plotting to arrest and destroy

him. They viewed him as a threat to their ways of domination and exploitation.

So, as Jesus descended from the Mount of Olives and entered into Jerusalem, no one realized that the Palm Sunday parade was actually a funeral procession in disguise.

Jesus was fulfilling the words of the prophet Zechariah, he wrote: “Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zech. 9:9). The Romans feared his popularity and the threat of a Jewish revolt.

The folks who accompanied Jesus were an odd lot. Most of them came from the northern hill country in Galilee. To the sophisticated citizens of Jerusalem, the farmers, herders, fishermen, and beggars were hillbillies.

Everyone was shouting, “Hosanna,” meaning “Save us,” and waving palm branches. Both were symbols of the Maccabean revolt, when the Jewish resistance rose up and overthrew the Romans 160 years earlier. These were clear signs of protest and one reason why Jesus was put to death.

But the rabbi riding the colt in this parade had committed no crime. Pilate said as much. He had healed cripples, cured the blind, and made the lame to walk. He had championed people living on the margins of society.

He spoke about a kingdom of love where everyone is included and no one is turned away. True, he chastised narrow-minded religious leaders and warned the rich that if they didn’t care

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for the poor then there would be hell to pay in the life to come. As he spoke, he gave his listeners a glimpse of divine justice and what the kingdom of God looked like.

The people in this parade were convinced that this humble rabbi, who united people, forgave sins, and taught with extraordinary wisdom, was the long-awaited Messiah. He was the ultimate man of compassion, empathy, and concern for the poor. All this is recalled on Palm Sunday.

But there was another parade that took place on that same day. The Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, led the imperial cavalry into Jerusalem from other side of the city. On their shields, the soldiers bore images of the emperor, which greatly offended the Jews.

It was customary for Roman governors to come to Jerusalem for the major Jewish festivals, in case trouble broke out. And this was Passover, the biggest festival of all.

Pilate came to keep the peace. There had been riots in the past, and he was ready to crush any rebellion on behalf of the empire. But this was shock and awe. A terrifying spectacle. Pilate knew that sometimes it took crucifying a few troublemakers to settle things down.

He was part of an empire,

where people could be rounded up on any street at any time and be imprisoned, tortured, and executed. This is how empires and strongmen always act.

Hence, no one lined up to watch the second parade for they knew that Pilate ruled by fear, and not by love. Historians tell us that he was inflexible, cruel, and aggressive – a tactless man and out of his depth in the role that he was cast to play.

In fact, Pilate was loathed in Jerusalem for he was full of bluster and had a furious temper, fed on violence, abuse, and assaults, and executed those who stood in his way. This second parade embodied how dictators rule by fear.

Hence, these two parades collided that day, and by the end of the week Jesus was dead. He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, as imperial forces always secretly carry out their evil acts. They imprisoned, tried, and tortured him. Then they hung him on a cross for all to see and mock. And so, God’s own Son, Jesus, died in excruciating pain as a victim of human hate and the forces of empire.

These two parades embodied the great cosmic battle for the human soul. They were led by two diametrically opposed leaders. One

exuded love, the other hate. One was a humble, the other proud. One united, the other divided. One included, the other excluded.

One was a servant leader, the other a brute enforcer. One proclaimed God’s kingdom, the other proclaimed empire. And thus, the two parades were headed for a collision.

Once in Jerusalem, Jesus soon overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple. This directly impacted the Sadducees, who collaborated with the Romans and charged astronomical prices for purchasing unblemished animals for sacrifice. Jesus challenged their financial and religious racket. This was another reason why he was killed.

Once arrested, Jesus’ supporters went into hiding. The religious leaders condemned him, and the political leaders sentenced him to death to please the religious elite. That is why the Romans killed Jesus, and why the greatest love known to humankind, died upon a cross.

The sign atop his cross read, “The King of the Jews.” Rome executed Jesus for being a political figure, while releasing to the Judeans a man named “Barabbas,” who was a true insurrection leader. Rome bent the law to serve

a powerful constituency and slayed Jesus in the process.

Much of history can be discerned through the lens of these two parades in Jerusalem so long ago. Attempts to unite, promote freedom, and equality have often met with the brute force by political and wealthy elites, who search for scapegoats, instill fear, and use threats to terrify.

Time and again in history, we must discover that the Caesars of this world pretend to be good, but are extremely dangerous. They wrap themselves in religious and national symbols, but their hearts are cold and evil. Caesar appears in a thousand guises across the centuries.

Dictators love to throw parades and draw attention to themselves. Look how Russia, North Korea, China, and Iran parade their soldiers, missiles and tanks.

Dictators are never remembered well by history. There’s no statue of Pontius Pilate. He is but a footnote in the story of the king of kings, because love triumphs over hatred. It may take time, blood, sweat, and tears, but love always wins when good people stand firm.

The question for us today is which parade will we join. The parade of empire or the parade of God’s truth and love? That is a question for each of us to answer.

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Olana's Landscape: A 19th-Century Canvas Shaped by Art, Nature, and Vision

BY MARK BUBAR

At the April 9th meeting of the Retired Men's Association, Carolyn Keogh, the director of education and public programs at Olana, delved into the rich history and artistic vision behind landscape painter Frederic Church's masterpiece. This 250-acre estate, a testament to Church's genius, transcends the boundaries of painting, becoming a living landscape shaped by art, nature, and a profound understanding of the interconnectedness of the world. Ms. Keogh illuminated Church's deep connection to the Hudson River School, highlighting his apprenticeship with Thomas Cole, often regarded as the grandfather of the movement. Cole, an immigrant who had witnessed the industrial decimation of England's landscape, instilled in Church a reverence for the American wilderness, urging him to capture its beauty and preserve its essence. Cole published his views on the importance of landscape in his "Essay on American Scenery," which Ms. Keogh asserted provided some insight into how Cole might have influenced Church, his first pupil. Ms. Keogh noted that Church remained in contact with Cole's family even after Cole's death, hiring his son as farm manager and befriending his wife Emily Cole, a botanical painter.

She traced Church's artistic journey, showcasing his early successes, such as "Niagara" and "Heart of the Andes," works that not only captured the grandeur of nature but also revealed Church's entrepreneurial spirit. He charged admission for viewings, immersing audiences in spectacles that transcended the canvas. The sale of Church's "Heart of the Andes" painting allowed him to buy the first piece of land that would become Olana.

Ms. Keogh explored Church's profound admiration for Alexander von Humboldt, the German naturalist whose writings deeply influenced his artistic and intellectual pursuits. Humboldt's "Cosmos," a text Church annotated, championed the role of the landscape painter as a vehicle for understanding nature, its composition, and its interconnectedness. As Von Humboldt theorized, the elevation of the habitat of a plant or animal related strongly to its physical characteristics, which Ms. Keogh

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stated, Church observed personally in his own travels. Inspired by Humboldt's holistic approach, Church embarked on sketching expeditions to South America, meticulously documenting flora, fauna, and geological formations, capturing the character of distant regions.

Ms. Keogh emphasized the deliberate design and meticulous planning that went into shaping Olana's landscape. What began as a working farm was transformed into a carefully orchestrated vista, with the addition of a man-made lake, five miles of carriage roads, thousands of trees, and a thriving orchard. The carriage roads themselves, as Church stated in a letter, served as a means of creating better landscapes than canvas and paint could afford. In these additions, Church's interventions responded directly to the deforestation he witnessed, and to the artistic principles Thomas Cole espoused.

Ms. Keogh pointed to the influence on Church of George Perkins Marsh, a scientist who studied the effect that humans had on the landscape. When Church bought the property, it was mostly deforested, and the trees were being

cut down. He sought to restore the native species, and added the trees as part of his landscape design.

Ms. Keogh highlighted the house itself, designed with the assistance of architect Calvert Vaux, as a viewing mechanism for the landscape. Windows were strategically placed to capture commanding views, framing the beauty of the Catskill Mountains and the Hudson River. This, according to Ms. Keogh, was an echo of the framed window Church had created for the “Heart of the Andes.” These views, she emphasized, were not only beautiful but also essential to Church’s decision to purchase the land, providing him with a constant source of inspiration and a connection to the natural world.

Ms. Keogh discussed the importance of preserving Olana's viewshed, the panorama of the landscape surrounding the historic site. Today, the Olana Partnership actively advocates for the protection of these views, working with private property owners and organizations to ensure that development does not obstruct the vistas that Church so carefully cultivated. This includes a success story where the viewshed saved Church's vision of a restored

natural landscape from having its beauty disturbed by a power plant.

Ms. Keogh also highlighted Olana's commitment to contemporary art, showcasing the work of artists who engage with the site's ecological stories and explore its historical legacy. As an organization, The Olana Partnership aims to elevate these stories, as well as the stories of parts of Olana's legacy.

Ms. Keogh closed her presentation by inviting attendees to visit Olana, both the historic site and the new Frederic Church Center for Art and Landscape, where they can experience firsthand the artistic vision and enduring legacy of Frederic Church. In response to questions from the audience, Ms. Keogh shared insights into the origin of the name Olana, the presence of formal gardens, and Church's extensive travels, revealing the breadth of his artistic inspiration and his deep connection to the world around him. Ms. Keogh further noted that the designs Church took inspiration from during his Middle Eastern travels influenced the design of his home.

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

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "The Surprising Expansion History of the Universe" by Adam Riess, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Note that there will be no in-person presentation of this talk; it will be viewable only online or on local access television channels.

Adam G. Riess is a distinguished American astrophysicist and cosmologist. He is a Bloomberg Distinguished Professor at Johns Hopkins University and the Space Telescope Science Institute. His groundbreaking research on supernovae as cosmological yardsticks has revolutionized our understanding of the universe's expansion. Dr. Riess will describe his Nobel Prize-winning work to measure and understand the universe's expansion. Then he will discuss the latest developments in

the possible nature of Dark Energy and Dark Matter, the behavior of gravity across the universe, their potential impact on the fate of our universe and what open questions are ahead. He also will discuss the life of an astronomer.

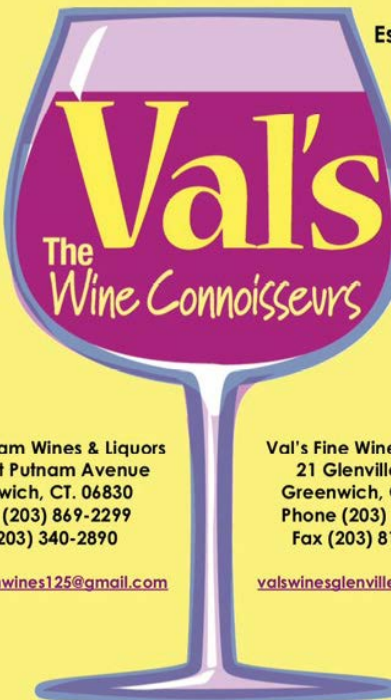
His work has led to a number of major discoveries. By measuring the expansion rate of the universe (the Hubble constant) with unprecedented precision, Riess, along with Saul Perlmutter and Brian Schmidt, discovered that the expansion of the universe is accelerating, a finding that completely changed cosmology. His work also revealed that Dark Energy, a repulsive force, is the dominant component of the universe, and he developed innovative methods and tools for using Type Ia supernovae to measure accurate distances to faraway galaxies with unprecedented precision.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the world's leading cosmologists.

To stream the presentation by Adam Riess at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 23, 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.

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RIVA TONIA SILVERFARB,
MOTHER OF PAUL SILVERFARB,
FORMER EDITOR OF THE
GREENWICH SENTINEL

Riva Tonia Silverfarb, who resided in Milford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 29, 2025 after a courageous year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Riva was born on March 24 and grew up in Stratford. After graduating from Bunnell High School, she attended Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island.

Riva loved being involved in helping disabled children reach their full potential. She worked as a paraprofessional in several facilities in both Fairfield and New Haven counties. After retiring, Riva pursued her love of art, specializing in watercolor and acrylic painting. She created stunning landscapes, often spending countless hours perfecting scenes of oceans, lighthouses, snowy winters, mountains, open fields, barns, and her favorite, the beach. In addition to painting, Riva enjoyed collecting seaglass. While she often searched for pieces on her own, some of her most cherished moments were when her grandchildren joined her on these beachside adventures.

Riva had a deep love for travel. Early in her marriage, she enjoyed touring the country with her husband of 47 years, Howard Silverfarb. Later, she explored new destinations along the East Coast while accompanying her daughter Rachel's travel soccer and track teams. Her passion for travel was evident in the many family vacations she took to places like Quebec, Rhode Island, Disney World, Europe, and Miami.

And what gave her the greatest joy was spending every second she could with her family, especially her four grandchildren. She would move mountains to make her grandchildren happy. Nothing made her happier than Sunday dinners when her children and grandchildren were around her dining room table or outside on her atrium patio table.

Riva was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Howard Silverfarb. She is survived by her sons, Paul Silverfarb and his wife, Elizabeth, of Fairfield and Sam Silverfarb of Milford; her daughter Rachel Bassett and her husband, Jeremiah, of Canton; as well as her four grandchildren Connor Silverfarb, Lucas Silverfarb, Jack Bassett, and Austin Bassett.

Services were held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at Abraham L. Green and Son Funeral Home in Fairfield. Interment followed at Loyalty Cemetery, 172 Burroughs Road in Fairfield.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to either the Lustgarten Foundation: Pancreatic Cancer Research (Lustgarten.org/donate-now), 504 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 or ALS United Connecticut (ALSUnitedCT.org/Donate), 4 Oxford Road, Unit E4, Milford, CT 06460.



WENDY ALTMAN
Wendy Altman, 68, of Danbury, CT, died at home on April 11, from cancer.
Born in Japan on an Army base on January 10th, 1957, Wendy lived her life in Connecticut, growing up in Greenwich where she attended Greenwich Academy, graduating in 1975. With her parents, William T. Dewart III and Carol Curtis Dewart and younger siblings Barbara and Laura, she grew up on Dewart Road. After college at Mount Vernon College in D.C., Wendy lived many happy years in Rowayton and Darien before settling in Danbury.

Wendy's life was all about family. She met Bob Altman, her husband in high school and they were soon inseparable, marrying during college in 1978 in Bray-on-Thames, England. Soon after, they welcomed their children Brooke, Justin and Kristin.

Everyone around Wendy benefited from her warmth, her kindness and her compassionate nature. She moved worms while gardening! Wendy created a comfortable home where family and friends could relax and just “be” and kids received special care and recognition. Wendy spent decades raising her children, caring for her nieces and nephew, neighborhood kids, nearby families and friends of all ages.

Since 2019, her greatest joy has been her granddaughters, Olivia and Adalyn Abraham, who she cared for daily. Wendy provided baby and toddler care and bonded with the girls over hours of dress-up, art, stuffed animal theater and games. Love and laughter filled their days and their time together meant everything to Wendy.

Wendy loved to travel whether by backpacking, training, cruising, camping, beach house or luxury hotel! She and Bob saw a great part of the world together.

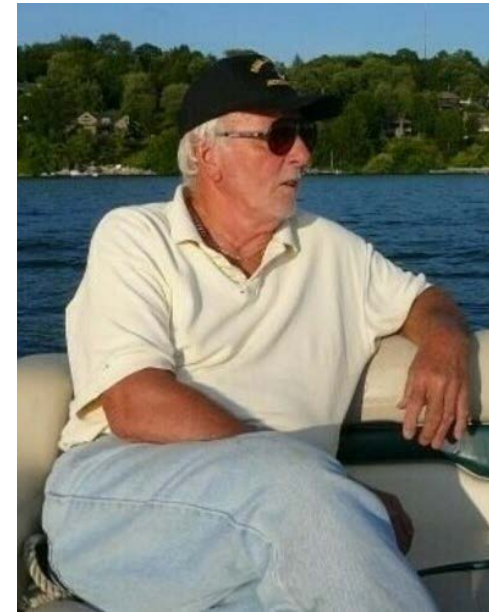
Over the years, Wendy's family continued to grow. Wendy is survived by her husband, Bob, children Brooke and her husband Eric Gustafson; son Justin; daughter Kristin and her husband Al Abraham, and their daughters “Ollie” and “Addy”. Wendy is also survived by her sisters and their families: Barbara Williamson and her children Michael and Lindsay; Laura & Ray Bartone and their daughters Catie and Emma; Beth & Ron Rosencrans and their children Jay, Eva and William; and niece Lexi Altman.

Wendy was a warm and loving wife, mother, sister and friend who embraced life and her family until the end. She was the glue that held the extended family tightly together. Throughout life Wendy was quiet and strong, dependable and capable, an anchor and a loving nurturer. Wendy's love, smile and laughter were a light for all who knew her.

A Memorial Celebration of Wendy's life will be held later this summer.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation could be made to Brunswick School, The Altman Fund, 100 Maher Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

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LAWRENCE FLYNN
June 19, 1936 - April 10, 2025
With deep sadness we announce the passing of our beloved dad, Poppi, Gramps and husband, Lawrence “Larry” Campbell Flynn, who left us peacefully on April 10, 2025. He exited his life the same way he lived it: with quiet grace, a kind smile, and wearing his Yankee cap.

Larry was born in Greenwich, Connecticut to Thomas and Catherine (McCann) Flynn, a proud, third-generation Greenwich Townie. He graduated from Greenwich High School in 1955. Shortly after he joined the US Naval Air serving his country

with dedication while stationed in Jacksonville Florida and Iceland.

After returning to civilian life, Larry held a few titles, Sutton Oil driver, Greenwich Firefighter (where he was jokingly referred to as Capt.), and the Owner of Lawrence Flynn Landscaping where he employed many of Greenwich's youth. Larry was known for his friendly wave and the ever present twinkle in his eye. Larry had a gift for making people feel welcome even if he just met you at the town dump or deli line.

In retirement, he and Joann, his wife of 65 years (the true boss of the operation), spent many winters in sunny Florida, eventually settling in Candlewood Lake, Connecticut, their home became the summer headquarters for the entire extended family complete with pontoon boat cruises, Backyard movies, fishing off the dock and a fridge that magically refilled with food and cold drinks. (Thanks Joann)

Larry's hobbies include cheering for his beloved Yankees even when they didn't deserve it and yelling at the TV during the UConn women's basketball game. Larry was also very helpful if anyone had any landscaping questions as long as you did it his way.

Larry is survived by his wife, Eurelia J., daughter, Yvonne Flynn, son-in-law, Bill McCarthy, (predeceased by his wife Laurena). He was a proud grandfather to Justin McCarthy (Mikahla), Brandon McCarthy and Maxwell McCarthy, and a great-grandfather to Calvin and Leighton McCarthy who always bought a smile to his face.

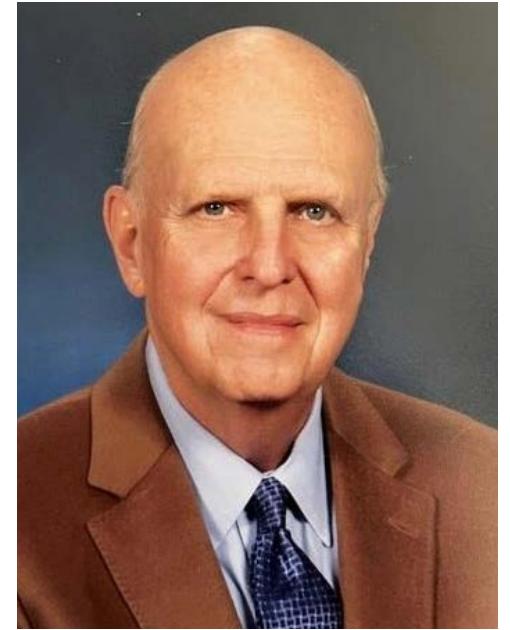
Larry also leaves behind his sisters, Betty Shopovick and Diane Justice, brothers -in -law, Anthony Neri, and Robert Brugo, sisters-in-law, Patricia Flynn and Jacqueline Flynn, and many loved nieces and nephews and friends who all have at least one Larry story - some funny, some unbelievable, all unforgettable.

Larry was predeceased by his parents; his brothers, David and Armand Flynn, nephew, Steven Shopovick, and sisters-in-law Annette Brugo and Lucretia Sanders, who are likely welcoming him now with a big hug.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone at Bethel Health Care, your daily kindness welcoming Larry with a smile and a warm hello was always returned with a signature wave and that ever present gentle smile.

To honor Larry's life, family and friends will gather Monday, April 21 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Fred D. Knapp Funeral Home, 134 Hamilton Avenue, Greenwich. Funeral mass Tuesday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 178 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich. Committal will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family have requested that donations be made to the ALS Association, 4 Oxford Road Suite E4, Milford, CT 06460.



JOHN HOPLEY
May 1934-April 2025
John Kreymborg Hopley, a longtime resident of Greenwich, CT, died on April 8, 2025, at the age of 90. He was surrounded and embraced by family at his passing.

John was born on May 22, 1934, in Omaha, Nebraska to Russell James and Helen Joyce Hopley. He received Bachelor of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics from Iowa State University in 1956, where he was a member of the Golf Team and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. John met his future wife, Carolyn Schaller, on a blind date, at Iowa State University. They were married in 1959 at First Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake, Iowa.

After graduating from Iowa State University, John served in the United States Army Signal Corp, achieving the rank of Captain. He was the Senior Control Officer stationed in Heidelberg, West Germany, and was responsible for overseeing the vast telecommunications networks that connected the field and command units across Europe.

John was Honorably Discharged in 1962. John built a distinguished 40-year career in the telecommunications industry, starting at New York Telephone Company which, through a series of mergers, ultimately turned into NYNEX and finally Verizon Communications where John retired as Corporate Vice President of Economic Development, Industry Relations, and Regulatory Affairs. A forward-thinking leader, he helped guide the company through a period of significant technological and structural (deregulation) change in the industry and pioneered many of the major new and revolutionary rate structures used later by most of the “Bell” system. Upon retirement, John started his own consulting firm, Telecom

Strategies International, Inc., and advised several foreign governments and telecommunications agencies on a broad range of costing, economic and policy matters. He also served as President of the Advanced Information Corporation which was responsible for advising European governments on deregulation.

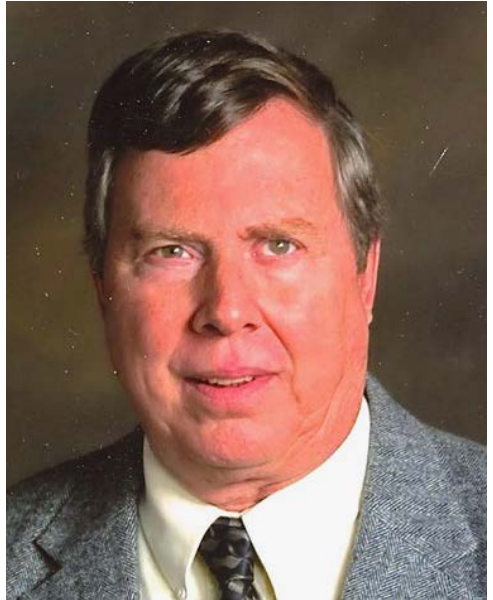
John served as a Visiting Scholar-In-Residence at the New York University School of Law, Communications Center and on the Advisory Boards for graduate telecommunications programs at Michigan State University and the University of Connecticut. He was also a founding member, lecturer, and member of the Advisory Board of the Columbia Institute of Tele-Information at the Graduate School of Business, Columbia University, where he authored and co-authored numerous papers. Founded in 1983 at Columbia University, the Institute is the first research center for communications economics, management and policy established at a U.S. management school. John was contributing partner to the Office of Applied Complexity at the Santa Fe Institute, which helps the world access actionable insights through scientific research. John was also a guest lecturer at the Doctoral Program of Economics at the University of Paris, France and the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of the People's Republic of China.

Beyond his professional life, John was an avid astronomer with telescopes in Greenwich and in Colorado where the house they built is in the shape of a comet. He loved observing distant galaxies and stars and his fascination with the cosmos reflected his deep curiosity about the world and our place in it. He also loved taking his children skiing in Vermont and New York. John enjoyed traveling internationally – Africa, Central Asia, China, Europe, Japan, and the Middle East. He enjoyed spending time in Colorado and New York City with his family. John will be remembered for his intellect, humility, integrity, and deep sense of purpose. To his family he was always full of love, gentle and patient. And he could fix anything.

John is survived by his wife of 66 years, Carolyn, son John (and Ramya) Hopley, son George (and Elizabeth) Hopley, daughter Gretchen (and Jill) Hopley-Romig and seven grandchildren: John Hopley, Shanthi Hopley, Anjali Hopley, Alexandra Hopley, Caroline Hopley, Georgia Hopley, and Tenyson Hopley-Romig.

John will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

To honor John's life, family and friends will gather at a time and date to be announced.



RICHARD CAIE
Richard Allan Caie died at Moore Regional Hospital in North Carolina on March 29, 2025 due to multiple health complications and contracting the flu. He was born on December 12, 1943 in Newton, Massachusetts, grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut and graduated from Greenwich High School in 1965. He worked for over 30 years at Arnold Bakers (currently Bimbo Bakeries) in Greenwich as an accounts clerk, lived in Stamford for many years before moving to Lebanon, CT. He lived in The Villages, Florida for 5 years to take advantage of the warmer weather before living with his brother, Bob, in Vass, North Carolina and eventually Fox Hollow Senior Assisted Living Community in Pinehurst, North Carolina for the last 3 years.

Richard was the son of Kenneth E. Caie of Berlin, New Hampshire and Helen A. Caie of Mansfield, Massachusetts. He is survived by his brother, Bob (Bonnie), by his son, Brian (Kim), a granddaughter, Cameron and grandson, Tripp. Rick's interests were in following the stock market and singing Christian hymns especially played by concert pianist and organist, Randall Atcheson. On the weekends, he would spend time with his brother, Bob picking up pine cones on Bob's 10 acre farm and watching Stanwich Congregational Church services online; singing along with the hymns of each service. Even at Fox Hollow he would encourage and help lead singing sessions with various Christian groups who volunteered at the facility. As a homeowner, he took pride in maintaining an immaculate house and yard.

He was cremated by Boles Funeral Home, Southern Pines, North Carolina and ashes spread at different locations in North Carolina and Connecticut. He'll be remembered for his sense of humor and memories of family while growing up.

Memorial services are planned for April 26 at 11 a.m. for Christ Community Church in Pinehurst, North Carolina and for September 26 at 11 a.m. for Stanwich Congregational Church in Greenwich, CT.



The Tap Truck, the Papergirl, and the Pint: Christina Kenny’s Rolling Toast to Greenwich

ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Before the Half Pint even pours its first drink, people tend to stop mid-conversation. Some take out their phones. Others approach slowly, unsure whether they’re admiring a vintage Italian vehicle, a compact sculpture, or a bar that somehow materialized in a driveway. It’s all three.

The Top Hops Half Pint is a mobile tap truck owned and operated by Christina and Ted Kenny, Greenwich residents and seasoned hospitality professionals. The petite, hand-restored Piaggio Ape—under ten feet in length—is equipped with six tap lines and a backstory rooted in postwar Italy, carried through the Lower East Side of Manhattan, and now parked in Fairfield and Westchester Counties.

Christina, once a Greenwich

pagergirl, now rolls a taproom into town events, graduation parties, weddings, and corporate functions. She introduced the Half Pint to The Greenwich Sentinel with an email that blended business and nostalgia: “How I wish that you had existed way back when in the day when my family moved to town in the ‘70s. I was a papergirl and would have so enjoyed putting your publication on the front steps of my Greenwich Time customers.”

Now, she delivers something different: curated libations, served with precision and a sense of occasion.

The Half Pint is the roadworthy extension of the Kennys’ original venture, Top Hops Beer Shop, which operates from Essex Market in Manhattan. In New York, the couple built a reputation for pairing deep knowledge

with disarming hospitality, transforming their shop into a hybrid of bottle shop, taproom, and educational hub. With the Half Pint, they’ve mobilized that ethos.

“This is not your average kegger,” *The Purist* wrote. Clients echo the sentiment. “A home run business,” said organizers of the Shelter Island Heights Property Owners Corporation’s 150th anniversary. “We heard nothing but rave reviews,” added Lisa of The Greenwich Land Trust. “Super cute and a hit,” noted Kate, an event planner. One financial firm simply thanked the Kennys for “lots of beer (and wine) filled smiles.”

Christina handles operations, logistics, and client services. Ted manages the taps. “When someone tells me, ‘I don’t like beer,’ I say, ‘You just haven’t tasted the beer you love

One reviewer dubbed it “the sweetest ride in the area.”

yet,” Ted told *The Express Magazine*. Their full-service package includes site visits, licensing, set-up, professional bartenders, eco-friendly glassware, and quiet generators for off-grid locations.

Their menu is wide-ranging: IPAs, prosecco, Margaritas, mocktails, Wölffer’s Summer in a Bottle Rosé, and non-alcoholic offerings from Athletic Brewing. Every beverage is selected to reflect the event’s tone—whether it’s a corporate cocktail hour or a backyard celebration. For kids and non-drinkers, lemon fizzies and sparkling juices are always on tap.

Each event includes up

to two bartenders trained for both technical proficiency and gracious service. The emphasis is not on volume, but on ritual. “We’re not a one-size-fits-all service,” Christina said. “We tailor every detail to the event.”

The truck’s form factor is part of its appeal. Weighing under 1,000 pounds, it can fit through standard double doors. Its clean lines and vintage aesthetic have been featured in *Hamptons Magazine*, “Alexa”, *Greenwich Magazine*, and *Northforker*. One reviewer dubbed it “the sweetest ride in the area.”

Still, Christina underscores that the service is more than

novelty. “We are professional and reliable partners,” she said. “We have a proven track record with large-scale corporate clients, private clubs, charity partners, and individuals.”

When the party winds down, the Half Pint rolls away, leaving behind empty glasses, cheerful guests, and a pause that lingers. “You all were awesome to work with,” said Sara after a recent event. “We had the BEST time.”

Christina concluded her note to the Sentinel with a personal thank-you: “You published both of my parents’ obituaries last year. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your kind and generous approach to local obituaries.”

The papergirl who once pedaled through town now arrives in a tiny truck to pour something colder and, in its own way, just as memorable.

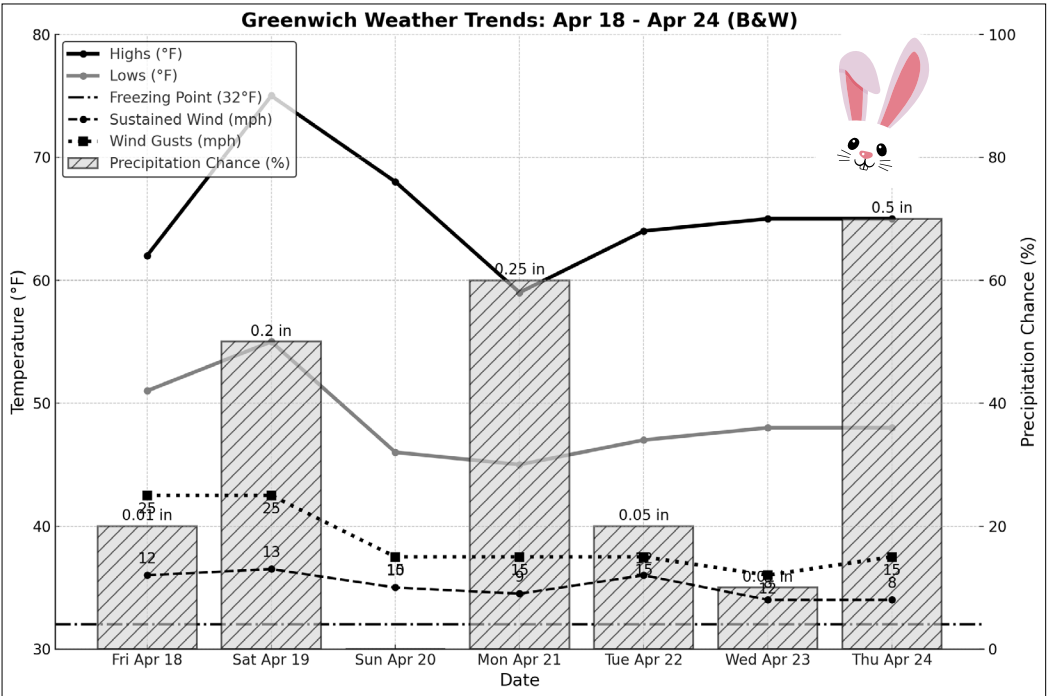
Greenwich Weather Forecast: Here’s What to Expect

By Emma Barhydt

As mid-April arrives in Greenwich, residents can expect a classic mix of spring weather, featuring intervals of sunshine, occasional rain, and a wide swing in temperatures. The upcoming week starts on a mild note with periods of warmth, followed by a cooler stretch and then the potential return of wet weather late in the week. While no severe storms are forecast, the variability of the season remains in full swing, making it wise to stay tuned to daily forecasts.

Friday, April 18 will be partly sunny and seasonably mild, with highs reaching around 62°F. A light south breeze will pick up to 10–15 mph by afternoon, with gusts up to 25 mph possible. There’s a slight 20% chance of a passing afternoon shower, but most of the day should stay dry and pleasant under a mix of clouds and sunshine. Overnight, expect mostly cloudy skies with lows near 50–53°F and a gentle south-southwest wind around 10 mph. Any chance of rain will diminish to less than 10%, making for a calm and mild spring night.

Saturday, April 19 ushers



in a burst of warmth, with morning clouds giving way to partly sunny skies and highs soaring to a springlike 75°F. A southwest breeze of 10–15 mph will bring a touch of humidity, making it feel even warmer. There’s a 30–50% chance of a light, passing shower in the afternoon as a cold front approaches, though it’s unlikely to disrupt the day. During the evening, the

chance of a shower continues early, up to 60%, then conditions turn mostly cloudy with lows around 55°F and light west-northwest winds after the front passes.

Sunday, April 20 features a return of bright skies and pleasant weather. Expect mostly sunny conditions throughout the day, with highs climbing to 68°F and a refreshing northwesterly

breeze at 5–15 mph. Humidity levels will be low, making it one of the most comfortable days of the week for outdoor activities. Evening skies begin mostly clear but turn increasingly cloudy overnight, with lows dipping to around 45–47°F and light winds shifting from the east. Rain is not expected, and the night will remain dry and cool.

Monday, April 21 will

bring more clouds and a dip in temperatures as an unsettled weather pattern develops. Skies will be mostly cloudy with highs reaching just 59°F, and a southeast breeze around 5–10 mph will add a bit of a chill. Scattered showers become increasingly likely through the afternoon into early evening, with a rain chance of 40–60%. Overnight, expect periods of rain to continue with steady temperatures in the mid-40s, north winds at 10–15 mph, and roughly a quarter-inch of rain possible by morning.

Tuesday, April 22 begins with leftover clouds and perhaps a lingering shower, but improvement is on the horizon. As the day progresses, skies will become partly sunny and breezy, with highs in the lower to mid-60s and northwest winds around 10–15 mph drying out the area. Any early rain chances drop to around 10–20%, setting the stage for a brighter afternoon. The night will be mostly clear and cooler, with lows settling near 47°F and a light north-northwest breeze.

Wednesday, April 23 looks to be one of the drier, more pleasant days of the week. Skies will be partly sunny and temperatures will reach

into the mid-60s, with light winds making for comfortable conditions. The chance of rain remains very low, and the day should stay dry. Clouds may begin to increase by evening, leading to partly cloudy skies overnight with lows in the upper 40s, but no precipitation is expected during the night.

Thursday, April 24 is shaping up to be a cloudier, potentially wetter day as another frontal system approaches. Skies will be mostly cloudy to overcast with highs in the mid-60s and a light southerly wind around 5–10 mph. Forecast models suggest a 60–70% chance of rain during the day, with the potential for brief periods of heavier showers. Rain may continue into the night, with lows in the upper 40s and up to half an inch of rainfall possible by early Friday. The exact timing and intensity remain uncertain, so it’s best to monitor updated forecasts as the system draws closer.

From springtime warmth to April showers, the week ahead captures the full range of the season in Greenwich. Whether you’re planning park visits or prepping for puddles, a bit of flexibility will go a long way in enjoying what nature has in store.

Traveling? Check The Week Ahead Nationally

By Emma Barhydt

Northeast

Across the Northeast, the upcoming week will showcase a classic spring transition with a notable early warm spell giving way to a return of cooler, seasonable conditions. A ridge of high pressure will bring unseasonably warm temperatures into the weekend, with highs reaching well into the 70s°F and widespread sun. This warmth will be short-lived, however, as a strong cold front sweeps through by late Sunday into Monday, ushering in a shot of Canadian air and triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms. Behind the front, temperatures will cool markedly, with highs falling back into the 50s to low 60s°F and overnight lows dipping into the 30s and 40s°F, which could support patchy frost in inland valleys. The start of the workweek will feature dry and brisk conditions under building high pressure before a gradual warming trend resumes by mid-to-late week, lifting highs back into the 60s°F. Overall, the region will experience a brief burst of warmth followed by a return to a more typical mid-spring pattern, with fluctuating temperatures and a few periods of rain likely.

Southwest

In the Southeast, summer-like warmth will dominate much of the week as a ridge of high pressure and persistent southerly flow drive temperatures well above normal. Highs will climb into the low to mid-80s°F across much of the region, with some interior areas reaching the upper 80s°F, while overnight lows remain mild in the 60s°F. The start of the period will be largely dry, aside from a few isolated thunderstorms. However, by early next

week, a sagging frontal boundary from the Midwest will introduce a more unsettled pattern, particularly across the interior Southeast and Southern Appalachians. Multiple rounds of showers and thunderstorms are expected from midweek onward, raising concerns for localized flash flooding where heavy rain repeats, especially in the Tennessee Valley and surrounding highlands. While coastal areas will remain relatively dry and warm, inland regions will see increasing humidity and a growing potential for storms. Despite these storm chances, temperatures will remain warm and springlike, with little risk of any late-season frost.

Midwest

The Midwest will contend with a highly active spring pattern, marked by severe weather threats, heavy rain, and rapid temperature swings. The weekend begins with a potent storm system pushing through the region, bringing a risk of strong to severe thunderstorms from the Plains into the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys, accompanied by heavy rainfall and a heightened threat of flash flooding in already saturated areas. Large hail, damaging winds, and isolated tornadoes are all possible during this stretch, especially across the central and southern Midwest. As the front passes early next week, cooler air will sweep in, dropping daytime highs into the 50s°F across the north and 60s°F farther south, with overnight lows falling into the 30s°F—potentially cold enough for frost or even a light freeze in parts of the Upper Midwest. A brief respite of calmer weather will follow midweek before another storm system approaches by late in the period, renewing the risk of rain and thunderstorms. Expect a week of classic spring variability, with dramatic warm-ups, sudden

cool-downs, and a near-constant dance between dry spells and storm threats.

Southwest

The Southwest will open the week under the influence of an upper-level trough, keeping conditions cooler and more unsettled than usual for April. Highs in the lower deserts will initially remain in the 60s to low 70s°F, with even cooler readings in higher elevations, and widespread clouds, scattered showers, and gusty winds will persist into the weekend. Snowfall will continue in the high country of the Four Corners region, with accumulation possible above 7,000–8,000 feet. Critical fire weather conditions will persist in parts of New Mexico and west Texas early in the period, with strong winds and low humidity, though some improvement is expected as moisture increases. As the trough exits, high pressure will gradually rebuild, allowing temperatures to rebound to near or above normal levels by midweek, with highs returning to the upper 70s to mid-80s°F and overnight lows in the 40s and 50s°F. Another upper trough approaching by late week may bring increased winds and light precipitation to northern parts of the region, but most areas will trend warmer and drier as the week progresses.

Northwest

A mixed pattern of rain, wind, and mountain snow will characterize the week in the Northwest, with a succession of Pacific systems driving changeable conditions. The period starts cool and unsettled, with daytime highs in the 50s°F along the coast and 40s°F in the mountains, accompanied by frequent valley rain and snow in higher elevations, particularly in the Cascades and northern Rockies. A short break in the weather may come early next week before the next

frontal system arrives midweek, bringing another round of rain, high-elevation snow, and brisk winds. Gusts could top 40–50 mph in exposed areas east of the Cascades, and the Climate Prediction Center highlights a slight risk for high winds during this period. Temperatures will remain near to slightly below seasonal norms, with highs in the 50s to low 60s°F and lows in the 30s to low 40s°F. The end of the week could bring drier conditions as the trough exits, but the pattern remains unsettled overall, typical of a Northwestern spring.

West Coast

The West Coast, particularly California, will enjoy a relatively stable week, dominated by fair weather and above-average warmth under the influence of a persistent offshore ridge. Inland temperatures will range from the 70s to mid-80s°F in the Central Valley and Southern California, while coastal areas remain cooler, generally in the 60s to low 70s°F with marine clouds possible in the mornings. Overnight lows will range from the upper 40s to mid-50s°F, with a slight dip in colder inland valleys. As a new trough develops midweek over the Western U.S., pressure gradients will tighten and bring gusty winds to typical mountain and desert passes in California, including a risk of elevated fire weather concerns by Wednesday and Thursday. These winds could gust above 40 mph in exposed areas and will coincide with drier air, though no significant precipitation is expected. While far northern California may see a few showers, Central and Southern California will remain dry throughout the week. A minor cooling trend may arrive late in the period, but the overall outlook remains warm, dry, and sunny for most of the state—classic springtime weather for the region.

Greenwich High baseball team opens season with shutout win over Staples

Coming off a successful season in which it won the FCIAC West Division title, earned the No. 2 seed in the FCIAC Tournament and was victorious in the first round of the CIAC Class LL Tournament, Greenwich High School's varsity baseball team's game against Staples on April 10 couldn't come soon enough.

The game against the Wreckers was the long-awaited season-opener for the Cardinals, whose first three scheduled games against Amity, Immaculate and Saint Bernard's were postponed due to rain, so head coach Adrian Arango's team was more than ready to finally start their 2025 season against an opponent that gave them plenty of problems in 2024 – the Wreckers, ranked No. 1 No. 1 in the GameTimeCT Top 10 poll to start the season.

Staples went 3-0 against Greenwich last season, posting shutout wins each time, yet it was the Cardinals who earned a convincing shutout win before their season-opening home crowd on April 10. Receiving standout pitching and timely hitting, Greenwich defeated 2024 CIAC Class LL Tournament finalist Staples, 6-0.

Sophomore right-hander Luke Langhorne and senior left-hander Lucas Meinelt combined on a one-hitter for Greenwich, who scored four runs in the third inning on its way to recording the decisive win over the Wreckers.

Greenwich finished atop the FCIAC West Division standings in 2024 and had an overall record of 11-4 in the FCIAC, which earned it the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament. However, Staples was indeed, the Cardinals' nemesis one season ago.

"Three games last year, we didn't score one run and we were the two seed, we were one of the better teams in the league and they just had our number," Arango said. "They beat us non-conference, they beat us up in-conference, they beat us up in the FCIAC playoffs and I think the boys who are back from last year remembered that. I think it was our time."

It most certainly was for the Cardinals. The Cardinals posted nine hits, while putting a good number of runners on base

throughout this non-conference matchup – the conference games don't begin until next week – making the Wreckers' pitchers work.

"It feels great, last year we didn't score a run against them and coming out today, not letting up a run and winning 6-0 is huge," said Cardinals senior right fielder Nick D'Andrea, one of the team's five captains. "It sets the tone for the season and all the guys are ready to keep going."

Senior center fielder/captain Emerson Bulis went 2 for 3 with a home run, two runs scored and an RBI, senior first baseman/captain Max Marek was 2 for 3 with three RBIs and junior third baseman Baxter Conte had two hits in three at-bats and one run scored for the Cardinals (1-0).

"It feels amazing, because baseball is such a mental game and it's so easy to mentally be defeated," Marek said. "Knowing that we lost to Staples all last year and didn't score a run and also the fact that our past three games have been cancelled and postponed – that could have a mental toll on this team and I couldn't be happier that everyone was ready to roll today."

Greenwich's first run came in the second inning of Staples' senior right-hander Andrew Oppenheimer, who had a lot of success against the Cardinals last spring. D'Andrea led off the second inning for the hosts with a single to center field, Langhorne was hit by a pitch and senior captain/second baseman Aidan Brehm bunted and reached first base on an error, loading the bases. Marek was then hit by an Oppenheimer pitch, forcing in a run and giving Greenwich a 1-0 lead.

"The offseason was great, we got a lot of swings in," Brehm noted. "It was amazing to see everybody, because last season, one of our flaws last year was that didn't hit great. It was great seeing that throughout the beginning of the season."

"It was amazing to see us hit so well, you love to see it, especially this early in the season," Brehm continued. "Right off the jump we were amazing."

The Cardinals added four more runs in the pivotal bottom



06878 Photography by Antonio Monteiro: Members of the Greenwich High School baseball team react after a home run was hit during a home game against Staples High School on April 10, 2025. The Cardinals were victorious, 6-0.

of the third inning. Bulis doubled to right center field to start the inning. Conte was hit by a pitch and D'Andrea walked, sending Langhorne to the plate with the bases loaded.

Langhorne delivered, lining a two-run single to center field and giving Greenwich a 3-0 advantage and helping his cause on the mound.

"Luke is not just a pitcher, he can swing the bat," Arango noted. "We have a bunch of bats in this lineup, we have kids on the bench who can really swing too, so it's going to be tough for me as a coach to figure out what buttons to push."

A tall, lanky, hard-throwing right-hander, Langhorne registered two strikeouts in three scoreless innings.

"The slider was working pretty well," Langhorne said. "The fastball, I was able to get some good strikes on it. The change-up, also had its break."

The Cardinals' season-opening starting pitcher left the game pleased with his overall performance.

"I thought it was pretty good," said Langhorne, whose brother Miles was a standout starting pitcher for the Cardinals and is now pitching professionally in the Milwaukee Brewers organization in the minor leagues. "I've loved this game since I was a kid, I've

always pushed to be the best that I could be and I felt we all worked together well today. It always makes it easier as a pitcher when your guys put up six runs, it can't get better than that."

Showing fine plate discipline, Marek hit a two-run single in the third inning, putting Greenwich ahead, 5-0.

"He threw me fastball that I thought I was on and I just missed it and then he had a pretty good breaking ball and I knew I had to make contact," Marek noted. "It was a breaking ball away, I stayed balanced let my weight stay back and kind of lifted it over the second baseman's head."

"Baseball is a sport where it doesn't have to be a 110 mile per hour hit, it can be a little bloop," Marek added with a smile. "I'm very happy for myself because it was an opposite field hit and I don't do that, that much."

Staples, which to the championship game of the CIAC Class LL Tournament last season, where it lost to Amity, was limited to one hit against GHS. Senior catcher Jacob Goldshore had the Wreckers' lone hit. The visitors drew three walks in the early innings but couldn't break through.

"We didn't cash in, we had some baserunners and that's what the game is all about," Staples coach Jack McFarland said. "They

obviously, got the clutch hits and outpitched us. The four-run third inning was key."

Senior Benjamin Cukier pitched one third of an inning and junior Mark Kelly threw three innings for the Wreckers.

"We're playing a couple of games in a row, so we're trying to mix and match and play some kids," McFarland noted. "These are non-league games, so it's important that we get kids out there in situations."

The Cardinals and Wreckers will face each other again on April 30 in Westport.

"I feel good about the team, I'm excited about the rest of the week and getting the league games started," McFarland said. "The FCIAC is loaded, everybody has arms. It's how you play that day, anybody can beat anybody."

Meinelt posted seven strikeouts in his four stellar innings for the Cards. Obviously, Arango was extremely pleased with his pitcher's performances.

"Luke (Langhorne) was tremendous, he pitched last year for us as a freshman and he's going to be a big part of what we do the next few years," Arango said. "Lucas has made such tremendous strides from last year to this year. He's a senior, he goes out there and competes. He is going to be one of our big guys going forward."

Bulis capped Greenwich's

scoring in the bottom of the sixth inning, hitting a home run over the right center field fence, making it 6-0.

"There's no better feeling," Bulis said of his homer. "I felt really confident at the plate, even after I struck out my first at-bat on a great pitch. But I didn't let that waver my mentality. I wanted to keep my confidence up the entire game, because I knew I felt well and I know the damage I can cause when I'm feeling well and feeling confident at the plate."

Arango point to Marek's two-run single as also being one of the Cardinals' clutch hits versus the Wreckers.

"Max's hit was huge, you have a 3-0 lead against the No. 1 team in the state – a great offense," Arango noted. "He (Marek) gets a two-run single – going from 3-0 to 5-0 is a major difference."

Greenwich's head coach praised the leadership and intangibles the squad's five captains bring.

"We have five guys this year, tremendous guys," Arango said of the Cards' captains. "All guys with varsity experience from last year. All guys who played a lot or started at some point last year."

Cardinals senior captain Hank van Schaik knew it was going to take a team effort to top formidable Staples. Van Schaik is one of Greenwich's catchers, along with sophomore Ryder Caruso, senior Nick Wells and senior Jake Melley.

"Everyone on the field and everyone on the bench, did their job," Van Schaik said. "We tried to emphasize that last practice, everyone do their job, whether they are on the bench or on the field. Taking that out of this game was probably the most important thing. I'm ecstatic seeing all the hits we got today and all the runs we produced."

"Our goals are high," Arango said. "Last year we made a statement coming back after the year we had the year before. Finishing second in our league, winning our division, winning our state tournament game – I think our goals are a little loftier now. That being said, we know how difficult the league is, the state is. We have three teams ranked in the top 10 in state polls."

Greenwich Academy Varsity A lacrosse team excels on both ends of the field in victory against GCDS

By DAVID FIERRO

Greenwich Academy's Varsity A lacrosse team captured the FAA Tournament title in 2024 after not competing in the league the previous several seasons and it's 2025 season against FAA competition certainly began in promising fashion.

The Gators hosted neighborhood opponent Greenwich Country Day School in their home/FAA-opener on April 11 and used a tenacious, inspired effort on both ends of the field to earn an impressive double-digit victory.

With Katie Barr, Ruby Montanez and Leighton Collier sparking the offense and Lila Volpe and goalie Persia Shipman pacing the defense, Greenwich Academy recorded a 13-4 win over visiting Greenwich Country Day School in an early season FAA matchup. The win evened GA's record to 1-1, which it improved to 2-1 with a decisive 13-3 triumph against School of the Holy Child on April 12. So, the Gators, who host Westminster School today (April 14) at 4:45 p.m., are 2-0 in FAA play.

Barr, Montanez and Volpe are Greenwich Academy's experienced senior captains.

"We were so hyped and so into it and when we all have the energy together, we can really pull it together and it's really fun," Montanez said of the Gators' victory against Greenwich Country Day.

The Tigers of Greenwich Country Day began its season with a tough two-goal loss to a strong Taft School team and was victorious against FAA foe School of the Holy Child – a team that's given them problems in the past.

Beginning her first season as head coach of Greenwich Academy's Varsity A squad is Tee Ladouceur, who is assisted by Katherine Schulze. Ladouceur arrived at GA from Dartmouth College, where she served as an associate head coach and offensive Coordinator. Before her tenure at

Dartmouth, she was an assistant coach at the University of Denver, head coach at UC Davis, and an assistant at the University of Albany. Ladouceur played lacrosse at Syracuse University. She replaces Hallie Quillinan Griggs, who was at the helm at Greenwich Academy since 2021.

"The community has been awesome, the girls have worked hard, I know Hallie left it in a good spot for me," Ladouceur said. "Hallie is a longtime friend of mine, so I'm excited to be here."

In Greenwich Academy's win against Greenwich Country Day, the hosts seized an early 3-0 lead, then took a four-goal advantage when Barr scored with 3:11 remaining in the first quarter. Another goal by Barr with 10:55 left in the second period put GA on top, 5-0. GA exhibited stellar passing, ball movement and patience throughout the FAA matchup.

"Before the game we talked to having more motion, not always looking for the first drive to be the goal," said Barr, an attack, who will continue her lacrosse career at Dartmouth. "Off the first drive, we were passing, getting it through X and that worked well, along with the off the ball movement."

Collier tallied at the 7:53 mark of the second quarter, then after Collier won the ensuing draw, Barr scored off a dodge 1:02 later, making it 7-0 in favor of the Gators. Montanez scored late in the second stanza, as the home team bolted out to a 9-0 advantage.

"Our motion offense was working really well, we were flowing with it and everyone shot," said Montanez, who will play lacrosse at the University of California, Davis. "It was awesome."

Greenwich Country Day's goal in the opening half came from the stick of Caroline Cabrera. A junior, Cabrera scored off an 8-meter shot for the Tigers, who trailed 9-1 at halftime. Cabrera, senior attack Ella Wilner, senior defender Ryan Cassin and junior defender Bianca Amen each serve as captains for



06878 Photography by Antonio Monteiro: Members of the Greenwich Academy Varsity A lacrosse team react after scoring a goal in their win at home against Greenwich Country Day School.

Greenwich Country Day's varsity squad.

"I think we have a very strong team this season, we have players that contribute everywhere," said Cabrera, who has committed to the College of the Holy Cross. "Everyone cares, you can see that people want to be there. We can have people on both ends of the field who can be firing on all cylinders."

Sophomore Delaney Enright added a second half goal for GA, which continued its strong play throughout the field in the third and fourth quarters of action. Wilner and Cabrera each had second half tallies for GCDS.

The Gators responded well from an 11-3 season-opening loss to Ridgefield, winning two straight games.

"Coming off a tough loss to Ridgefield, we came out here wanting to have fun, wanted to play hard and we wanted it more," said Collier, a transfer from

Greenwich High School, where she competed the past two seasons. "We are always rooting for each other, supporting each other and I think today, we capitalized on all that."

Volpe, senior Lila Cabot, junior Quinn Reese and sophomore Niamh Cooney were among some of the defenders who helped support goalie Shipman. Following the game, Volpe discussed how grateful she was to be one of GA's captains.

"It's great, I've been on the team since freshman year, I've always wanted to be looking out for the girls, I've always wanted to be a captain," Volpe noted. "I feel like this is a great team and I'm honored to have been elected to be a captain."

Collier and freshman midfielder Maddie Lane took a lot of the draws for Greenwich Academy, which continues its busy schedule this week.

"It's quite a busy stretch,"

said Ladouceur, whose GA squad hosts Westminster today (April 14), then is home again against Greens Farms Academy tomorrow (April 15), before hosting Simsbury April 17. "They are eager to learn, they have high expectations for themselves, so it's nice for a coach to be able to help them along, help them grow and achieve their goals."

Greenwich Country Day visits Hopkins School today, then has home games against FAA opponents St. Luke's School (April 15) and Hamden Hall Country Day School (April 17).

"We would have loved to have a better showing here, but it's a long season, so hopefully, we'll see them again," GCDS coach Caitlin Copelan said. "We're young, we only have two seniors this year. We've played good competition; we took Taft to a two-goal game. Then, we finally beat Holy Child in overtime – we haven't beaten them in four years. I feel like this year

especially, we are really close and the team is having a good time."

Cabrera emphasized the significance of competing in a strong league such as the FAA.

"It's always a real competitive league, it's a great league," Cabrera said. "It allows us to go out on the field every day with a purpose and it really challenges us to show who we want to be and who we are as GCDS."

Barr and GA's Varsity A team knows they have the potential to reach their high expectations once again, this spring.

"This is definitely a young team, so the chemistry is growing as the season progresses," Barr noted. "Today, was the first glimpse of how good the chemistry and offense can be. Even though it's separate units, defense and offense, we all work as one – on the clears and ride and we all have each other's backs."



Ginny Rowan and Pronto

Flowers, Food & Furry Fun!

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Spring has officially sprung, and for Meals-on-Wheels. Inc. of Greenwich, that means more than just delivering nourishing meals - it's a full-on bloom of kindness! Volunteer drivers Ginny and Tron Rowan, the dynamic duo behind one of the Monday delivery routes in Cos Cob, don't just bring food to their clients; they bring joy, color, and a little extra wagging excitement!

Ginny, a devoted Meals-on-Wheels volunteer, has a unique tradition that makes her deliveries extra delightful. Throughout the year, she picks fresh flowers from her garden to add nature's beauty to each visit. It begins in March with cheerful daffodils and continues through late fall with the last of the hydrangeas. These hand-picked bouquets bring smiles, brighten rooms, and show how much heart goes into every delivery.

And what's a great meal (and flowers) without a little four-legged charm? Enter Pronto Hula Hoop Dave - the delivery dog companion! With a name as playful as his personality, Pronto rides along, spreading tail wags and cheer. His presence is a reminder that Meals-on-Wheels is about so much

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more than just food. It's about connection, companionship, and community.

Meals-on-Wheels has been serving homebound residents for years, ensuring they receive nutritious meals and warm interactions with volunteers who truly care. Ginny and Tron's dedication shows how much joy can fit in one delivery vehicle.

So, as the flowers bloom and the meals roll out, let's celebrate the volunteers who go the extra mile (or in this case, the extra petal) to make someone's day. Want to be part of the magic? Visit <https://mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org/> to learn how you can volunteer, donate, or support their mission.

Because at Meals-on-Wheels, every meal comes with a little extra love and sometimes, a fluffy co-pilot named Pronto Hula Hoop Dave!

Pop Into the Open House at Nathaniel Witherell!



Volunteers for Friends of Nathaniel Witherell

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Have you ever thought, "I'd love to do something meaningful for my community"—but weren't quite sure where to start? Well, here's your perfect chance!

“Curious About Volunteering? Pop Into Our Open House at Nathaniel Witherell!”

Friends of Nathaniel Witherell is rolling out the welcome mat for all volunteer-curious folks on Thursday, May 2 at a special Volunteer Open House, hosted right in the heart of our beautiful facility.

Where?

The Family Room/Library at The Nathaniel Witherell (just inside the front door!)

When?

Thursday, May 2
10:00 AM–12:00 Noon
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

We'll greet you with refreshments, friendly faces, and all the information you need to learn about the many rewarding ways you can get involved.

Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or just starting to explore the idea, this event is a fun, low-pressure way to discover what it's like to be part of our incredible community.

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Helping facilitate worship services

Staffing our beloved on-site Gift Shop

Spending time one-on-one with residents who could use a friend

You'll meet people who love what they do here, and you might even take a tour if it's your first time—because we'd love to show you around our vibrant and welcoming space.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteers are the heart of The Nathaniel Witherell. The friendships formed, the smiles shared, the moments of connection—that's what makes it so special. You give a little time, and in return, you gain something priceless: purpose, community, and connection.

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Greenwich Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital nurse Lynn Carbino delivering her speech at the Oncology Nursing Society Congress in Denver, CO.

Greenwich Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital are proud to announce that Lynn Carbino, BSN, RN, oncology nurse navigator, was a featured speaker at the 50th Annual Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Congress in Denver, CO. Carbino presented during a highly anticipated session titled Cancer: A Love Story, sharing her personal and professional journey in oncology nursing.

The ONS Congress is the largest gathering of oncology nurses in the country, dedicated to advancing excellence in cancer care through education, innovation and collaboration. Celebrating its 50th year, the event brought together thousands of professionals to share research, clinical insights and powerful stories that define the oncology nursing experience.

In her heartfelt presentation, Carbino reflected on how a chance meeting with a newly diagnosed cancer patient – who would later become her husband – shaped her passion and purpose in oncology. She illustrated how love, empathy and human connection are at the core of nursing, and how

those bonds can lead to healing and personal transformation.

“Oncology is often seen as a sad or depressing specialty, but for me, it's where I found joy, meaning and the deepest connections,” said Carbino. “My career began unexpectedly, but it quickly became clear that this is exactly where I'm meant to be.”

Carbino has worked at Greenwich Hospital for over 30 years and currently serves as an oncology nurse navigator at Smilow Cancer Hospital Greenwich. Her presentation was designed to highlight the personal motivations and profound moments that draw nurses to this impactful field.

“Lynn exemplifies the heart and soul of oncology nursing,” said Barbara Ward, MD, medical director, Breast Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital Greenwich; chair, Surgery, Greenwich Hospital; and associate professor, Surgical Oncology, YSM. “Her dedication to patients, her ability to connect on a human level and her deep clinical expertise make her an invaluable part of our cancer care team. Her story is an inspiration to us all.”

Bishop Michael Curry to Speak at Christ Church on April 26

The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry, former Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will speak at Christ Church Greenwich on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The event, part of the ongoing Courage & Faith speaker series, is titled “Finding Calm in the Storm: Letting Go, Letting God.” The program is free and open to the public, with both in-person attendance at 254 East Putnam Avenue and a livestream available at events.locallive.tv/events/174519.

Bishop Curry will offer a reflection on spiritual resilience and surrender in turbulent times. Known for his dynamic preaching and deep pastoral experience, Curry will address how trust in divine presence can lead individuals toward peace amid uncertainty. In a statement previewing his remarks, Curry said, “In moments of turmoil, the path to peace isn't through holding tighter, but through letting go. When we allow ourselves to release our fears and trust God, that's when genuine calm and clarity emerge.”

Christ Church Rector Rev. Marek Zabriskie emphasized Curry's ongoing influence: “We are honored and excited to host Bishop Michael Curry, whose profound messages of hope and love deeply resonate in today's world. His voice encourages us all to embrace faith not as a passive comfort but as an active and transformative power in our lives.”

Curry, who served as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church from 2015 until his retirement in 2024, rose to global recognition following his sermon at the 2018 royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. He has authored five books, appeared on national and international media, and is widely regarded for his message of sacrificial love rooted in the teachings of Jesus. Curry is also known for his work in community development and social justice, having led initiatives such as Crisis Control Ministry and the Absalom Jones Initiative for racial healing.

He was ordained in 1978 and served parishes in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland before becoming Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in 2000. A graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Yale Divinity School, Curry resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, with his wife Sharon. They have two adult daughters.

The Courage & Faith Speaker Series, co-founded by Rev. Marek Zabriskie and Rev. Justin Crisp of St. Barnabas, brings leading voices in faith, culture, and public life to Greenwich. The series seeks to answer pressing questions about worship, community, and spiritual relevance in a fractured world. Events include lectures, artistic performances, and immersive conversations, offering attendees tools to engage their faith with boldness and authenticity.

Questions regarding the event can be directed to Bobbi Eggers, Director of Marketing & Communications, at bobbie@christchurchgreenwich.org.

AAA: Gas Prices Drop in Connecticut as Grocery Prices Stabilize

Connecticut gas prices continue to decline due to weakened consumer demand and a global surplus in supply, according to AAA Northeast. The average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Connecticut fell four cents this week to \$3.05, ranking the state 26th in the nation for fuel costs.

This marks a 44-cent decrease from the same period last year, when the average stood at \$3.49. Nationally, prices fell seven cents to \$3.18 per gallon. Mississippi and Oklahoma remain the lowest in the country, averaging \$2.71 and \$2.72, while California and Hawaii top the list with prices at \$4.89 and \$4.51, respectively.

While gas prices fall, grocery prices in Connecticut appear to be stabilizing after years of volatility. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, food prices in 2025 are expected to rise by 2.2%. In Greenwich, average monthly grocery costs remain high due to the area's elevated cost of living, with individuals spending approximately \$690 per month and families of four spending over \$1,800. However, several individual item prices are showing signs of decline.

Free-range eggs at Whole Foods in Greenwich are now retailing at \$4.99 per dozen, down from earlier winter highs between \$8 and \$9. Milk (1 gallon) varies from \$2.98 to \$3.91 at Costco. Grocery analysts note that some pantry staples such as pasta and baked goods have dropped in price, while others remain elevated due to supply chain constraints and input costs.

For updated fuel price trends and local market insights, AAA recommends visiting its Gas Prices portal.

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Round Hill Association Prepares for Spring Events and Community Engagement

The Round Hill Association (RHA) announced a full slate of seasonal programs, community highlights, and safety initiatives in its 2025 Spring Newsletter, underscoring its mission to promote resident interests, build community, and protect the backcountry neighborhoods of Greenwich.

Night Out Celebration Returns May 16

Tickets are now available for RHA's third annual "Night Out" event, to be held at Foundation House at 124 Old Mill Road. Scheduled for May 16, the event promises live music, food, and drinks for neighbors to gather and socialize. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP by May 10. Ticket purchases can be made online through the Association's website.

New Neighbors: Coco and Jason Brown Settle into Backcountry Greenwich

Coco and Jason Brown relocated from Venice Beach to Greenwich in June 2023. Following a cross-country road trip filled with sightseeing and audiobooks, the couple settled into Old Mill Farm before purchasing a permanent residence on Bedford Road last November. Coco, a Greenwich Academy and Yale graduate, has returned to her roots in the backcountry where she embraces an outdoor lifestyle shaped by her father, Terry Betteridge, a longtime Old Mill Road resident.

Local Resident Rescues Stray Belgian Malinois

Juliet Bakker, a Round Hill resident, discovered an unaccompanied Belgian Malinois on Mooreland Road on the night of February 13. She contacted Animal Control, and officer Carolyn Smith was able to safely capture the dog, later named Lucy. After a mandatory hold period and treatment for Lyme disease and Anaplasmosis, Lucy was adopted by a couple outside Greenwich. She now returns periodically for training sessions.

Walking Trails Encourage Spring Activity

With the arrival of warmer weather, the RHA is encouraging residents to explore local walking and hiking trails. The newsletter spotlighted six regional preserves, with special focus on Babcock Preserve off North Street. The park offers 300

acres and seven miles of trails suitable for both families and leashed dogs, although seating and rest stops are limited.

Backyard Chickens Gain Popularity

RHA members Kim Conte and Hunter Ryan reported increased interest in chicken-keeping throughout the backcountry. The hobby, they note, provides not only fresh eggs but also a connection to sustainable living. While not financially profitable, the experience is described as personally fulfilling. "It's kind of true with chickens, too," Conte said, referencing William Alexander's gardening memoir *The \$64 Tomato*.

Traffic Enforcement Efforts in Collaboration with Police

To address rising concerns over speeding and out-of-area traffic, RHA leadership partnered with the Greenwich Police Department. A ride-along conducted with Sergeant JD Smith allowed the Association to share key traffic hotspots and collect radar data. RHA has also been in dialogue with the Selectman's office and Department of Public Works regarding traffic calming measures.

Remembering Keith Felcyn

Keith Felcyn, a past RHA president and former editor of its newsletter, was memorialized in the spring edition. Born in 1930 in Madelia, Minnesota, Felcyn served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and pursued a journalism career that spanned 40 years, including decades at Business Week. He is remembered for his leadership and dedication to community storytelling.

Community Day Planned at Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company will host a Family Fun Day in 2025, reinforcing its community service tradition. Details on the event are forthcoming and will be posted to the RHA's communications platforms.

The Round Hill Association continues to advocate for safety, sustainability, and civic engagement across backcountry Greenwich. Residents are encouraged to participate in upcoming events and programs, and to reach out with questions or feedback via the organization's website or social media pages.

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Love You A Latte Marks First Anniversary with Community Celebration

Love You A Latte, the Greenwich café located in the heart of town, is celebrating its first year in business with a special event for the community. The celebration, open to the public, will take place at the café and features complimentary samples, giveaways, and photo opportunities for guests.

The café, known for its handcrafted lattes, smoothies, and welcoming atmosphere, has become a popular destination for locals since opening last year. In honor of its anniversary, visitors will be treated to sample selections

of coffee, smoothies, and lattes, as well as savory and sweet bites. The event will also include small giveaways and curated photo spots throughout the space.

"We're incredibly grateful for the support we've received from the community," said the café's owner. "This anniversary celebration is our way of saying thank you and inviting everyone to enjoy a moment with us."

Love You A Latte's first anniversary event aims to bring together new and returning customers for a fun, casual celebration.

Bruce Museum Offers Final Chance to See Two Signature Exhibitions

The Bruce Museum announced that two of its major exhibitions—*Blanche Lazzell: Becoming an American Modernist* and *Kenji Nakahashi: Strange Beauty*—will close to the public on Sunday, April 27, 2025. Museum officials noted strong attendance and positive press for both shows.

The Lazzell exhibition traces the artist's evolution into a defining figure of American Modernism, while the Nakahashi show highlights the artist's ability to find beauty in overlooked urban and domestic scenes. The museum encourages visitors to engage with the gallery's interactive modern art station during their visit.

A full calendar of events surrounds the final week of the exhibitions.

Bruce Presents: Kenji Nakahashi—The City Rises

On Tuesday, April 22, 6-7:30 p.m., art historian Susan Van Scoy, Ph.D., will discuss Nakahashi's archive-based work. The event includes a 6:00 p.m. reception and is supported by Berkley One.

Printmaking Workshop with Moses Ros

Artist-in-residence Moses Ros will lead a hands-on lino printmaking session on Wednesday, April 23, 6-7:45 p.m. Participants will create original prints inspired by Blanche Lazzell's work.

Lifetime of Looking: Nature in Bloom

On Thursday, April 24, from 2-3:30 p.m., the museum will host a free program for individuals with cognitive decline and their caregivers. Registration is required.

iCreate 2025 Student Competition

High school artists in Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York have until April 28 to submit entries for the Bruce Museum's juried iCreate competition.

After Glow: Bruce Gala After Party

On May 10, from 9-11 p.m., the museum will host the After Glow celebration, co-chaired by Katie Fong Biglin and Alicia Robbins.

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33 Moshier Street	\$889,000	\$889,000	\$850,000	7	4	2	0.14	2,208
5 Putnam Hill 4H	\$899,000	\$899,000	\$925,000	49	3	2	0	1,580
51 Forest Avenue 164	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	9	2	2	0	1,258
38 Center Drive	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000	0	4	2	0	2,200
47 Mallard Drive	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	16	3	2	0.38	1,865
145 Doubling Road	\$4,250,000	\$3,695,000	\$3,555,000	210	4	4	1	6,357
2 Random Road	\$4,895,000	\$4,895,000	\$4,895,000	27	5	5	0.18	5,300
644 Lake Avenue	\$5,195,000	\$5,195,000	\$5,195,000	10	4	4	2.58	6,187
125 Field Point Rd A6	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$6,200,000	4	3	3		2,399
520 Indian Field Road	\$6,250,000	\$6,250,000	\$7,360,000	8	6	5	2.51	4,584

NEW ARTISAN CHOCOLATES

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the experience it offers, and I smiled at the idea that you can literally “be generous” by gifting that box of chocolates.

The philosophy behind BE Chocolat is simple and inviting: chocolate should enchant, surprise, and delight without overpowering the senses. Each flavor is thoughtfully created, never overly sweet or predictable, making every bite memorable. These are chocolates meant to be savored, enjoyed slowly, and shared generously with loved ones.

The variety of flavors offered by BE Chocolat captivates as much through taste as it does visually. Each praline is a miniature work of art, carefully adorned with colorful swirls or shaped elegantly into hearts, domes, and other delightful forms. It’s almost a shame to eat such little beauties... but one taste quickly erases any hesitation!

I sampled a few (in the name of research, of course!), and was struck by how perfectly balanced each praline was. Instead of overwhelming sweetness, each bite revealed layers of nuanced flavor that complemented the delicate texture of the chocolate. The outer shells provided a satisfying snap, yielding to luxurious ganache centers that melted gently on the tongue. As someone who typically finds filled chocolates a bit too sweet, I was impressed by how BE Chocolat managed to create an indulgent yet balanced experience.

There are so many delightful flavors, it would be impossible to go through them all. However, some particular standouts were the Cinnamon, Cardamom, and Cayenne praline, which surprised me with its warm spice notes and gentle heat that

lingered just long enough and didn’t overpower the chocolate flavor; and the irresistible Biscoff crunchy cookie praline, with its delicate, buttery and slightly crunchy texture and subtly spiced sweetness.

What truly sets these chocolates apart is the passion and craftsmanship behind them. BE Chocolat is the creation of Benoit, a Belgian Master Chocolatier who pours his artistry and expertise into every piece. Each chocolate is carefully handcrafted in small batches in Fairfield, using exclusively Callebaut’s finest fair-trade Belgian chocolate.

Beyond the praline assortments, McArdle’s has thoughtfully curated an enchanting selection of Easter-themed chocolates from BE Chocolat. Adorable chocolate bunnies crafted from rich milk or sophisticated dark chocolate await their place in Easter baskets, centerpieces, and dessert tables. Small foil-wrapped eggs filled with smooth praline make delightful additions to any holiday centerpiece. And then there’s the magnificent showpiece—a large, polished chocolate egg, gleaming enticingly, filled with charming surprises sure to delight both young and old.

What I’ve always admired about McArdle’s is their continuous ability to introduce delightful new surprises while maintaining a comforting sense of familiarity. Over the years, I’ve chosen Easter centerpieces from their lush greenhouse, picked up cheerful pots of tulips simply to brighten my home, and, now, discovered exquisite chocolates that have quickly become another essential part of my spring celebrations.

If you’re looking to make your Easter just a bit more special this year, a stop by McArdle’s is a perfect starting point. Add



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19 Putnam Park	\$560,000		0	0	2	1	South of Post
4 Putnam Hill 1G	\$799,000	\$512	1,560	10	3	2	South of Post
17 Le Grande Avenue 7	\$935,000	\$663	1,411	0	3	2	South of Post
51 Forest Avenue 44	\$1,225,000	\$811	1,511	0	2	2	Old Greenwich
52 Brookside Drive A	\$1,395,000	\$715	1,950	0.38	2	2	South of Post
1065 King Street	\$1,595,000	\$374	4,269	1.52	4	3	North Parkway
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19 Stanwich Road	\$2,450,000	\$668	3,665	0.61	4	3	South Parkway
52 Morningside Drive	\$2,995,000	\$669	4,476	0.3	5	4	South of Post
348 Sound Beach Avenue	\$4,495,000	\$848	5,300	0.28	6	5	Old Greenwich
459 Field Point Road	\$5,100,000	\$1,070	4,766	0.78	5	4	South of Post
118 John Street	\$8,250,000	\$950	8,685		5	5	North Parkway
107 Clapboard Ridge Road	\$13,250,000	\$1,465	9,042	2.44	7	8	South Parkway
133 Doubling Road	\$13,850,000	\$1,320	10,496	1.37	7	7	South Parkway
579 Indian Field Road	\$43,000,000	\$3,739	11,500	2.72	6	8	South of Post

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Take a little time this weekend to practice a few of these Acts of Kindness.

Teach these.

Forgive.

Remind yourself that everyone is the hero of their own story.

Show up and participate.

Drive as if your child or family member is driving the other car.

Hold the door for others.

Give generously.

Refrain from honking your horn unless it is a safety issue.

Put your phone away and be an active listener.

Avoid interrupting others when they are speaking.

Say please, thank you, and you're welcome.

Smile... great!

Now smile at someone while making eye contact.

Let the person behind you in line go ahead of you if they are in a hurry or with children.

Visit your friends regularly.

Let the other driver have the parking space ... even on the Ave.

Send flowers.

Compliment.

Hold the elevator door.

Empathize.

Give up your seat if you can.

Assume the best in others.

Waste nothing; making the most of time, energy, and resources.

Be patient.

Speak to children as if they are the future leaders of the world because they are.

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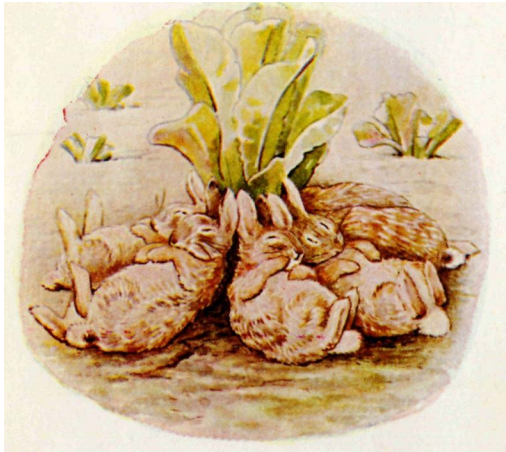
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THE TALE OF The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies BY BEATRIX POTTER

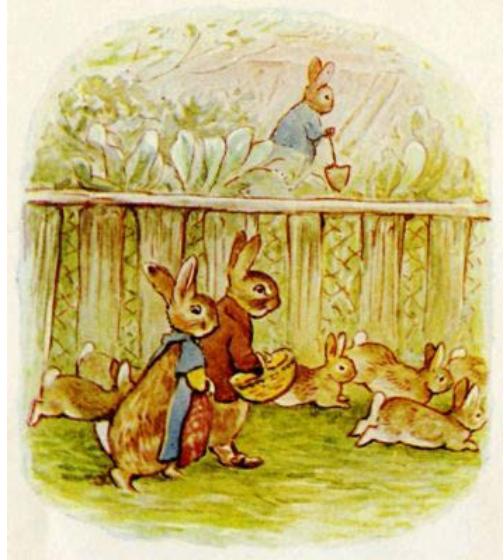
It is said that the effect of eating too much lettuce is "soporific."



I have never felt sleepy after eating lettuces; but then I am not a rabbit.



They certainly had a very soporific effect upon the Flopsy Bunnies!



When Benjamin Bunny grew up, he married his Cousin Flopsy. They had a large family, and they were very improvident and cheerful. I do not remember the separate names of their children; they were generally called the "Flopsy Bunnies."



As there was not always quite enough to eat,—Benjamin used to borrow cabbages from Flopsy's brother, Peter Rabbit, who kept a nursery garden.



"The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies" Deepens Beatrix Potter's Rabbit Stories

Beatrix Potter's *The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies*, published in 1909, continues the world introduced in *Peter Rabbit* and *Benjamin Bunny*, shifting focus to Benjamin and his wife, Flopsy. Now parents to six rambunctious young rabbits, they navigate familiar perils with a blend of mischief and mild suspense.

The story unfolds in Mr. McGregor's garden, where the Flopsy Bunnies, after overindulging in overripe lettuce, fall asleep and are captured by McGregor. He ties them in a sack, intending to cook them. Benjamin and Flopsy, with the help of the tidy field mouse Thomasina Tittlemouse, outwit McGregor and rescue the children, replacing them with vegetable refuse.

The tale offers gentle lessons in caution and

Sometimes Peter Rabbit had no cabbages to spare.

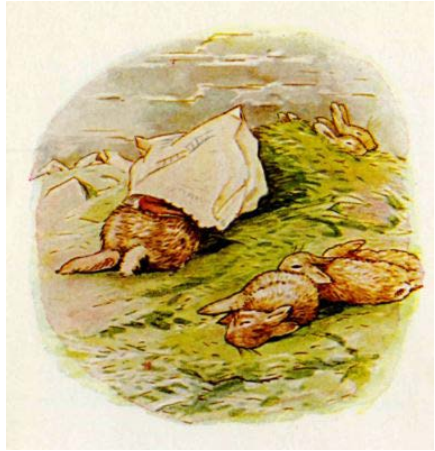


When this happened, the Flopsy Bunnies went across the field to a rubbish heap, in the ditch outside Mr. McGregor's garden.

Mr. McGregor's rubbish heap was a mixture.

There were jam pots and paper bags, and mountains of chopped grass from the mowing machine (which always tasted oily), and some rotten vegetable marrows and an old boot or two. One day—oh joy!—there were a quantity of overgrown lettuces, which had "shot" into flower.

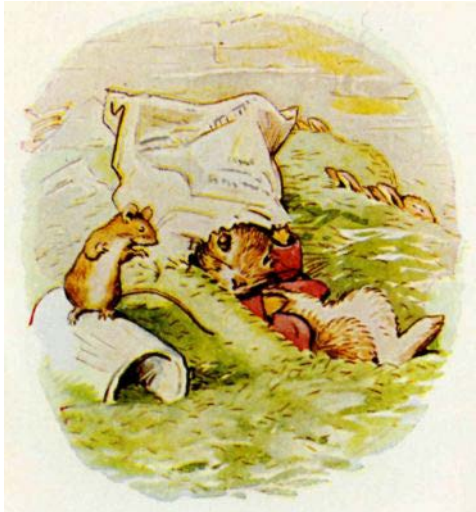
The Flopsy Bunnies simply stuffed lettuces. By degrees, one after another, they were overcome with slumber, and lay down in the mown grass.



Benjamin was not so much overcome as his children. Before going to sleep he was sufficiently wide awake to put a paper bag over his head to keep off the flies.



The little Flopsy Bunnies slept delightfully in the warm sun. From the lawn beyond the garden came the distant clackety sound of the mowing machine. The bluebottles buzzed about the wall, and a little old mouse picked over the rubbish among the jam pots. (I can tell you her name, she was called Thomasina Tittlemouse, a woodmouse with a long tail.)



She rustled across the paper bag, and awakened Benjamin Bunny. The mouse apologized profusely, and said that she knew Peter Rabbit.

While she and Benjamin were talking, close under the wall, they heard a heavy tread above their heads; and suddenly Mr. McGregor emptied out a sackful of lawn mowings right upon the top of the sleeping Flopsy Bunnies! Benjamin shrank down under his paper bag.

resourcefulness. It also reinforces Potter's themes of parental protection and cleverness in the face of danger. Thomasina Tittlemouse, introduced here, would go on to star in her own book, establishing Potter's interconnected character universe.

Potter's watercolors again depict English garden life with precision. According to the Morgan Library & Museum, her illustrations were drawn from careful observation, lending naturalism to her anthropomorphic characters and rural settings.

Though quieter than earlier entries, *The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies* contributes significantly to the charm and continuity of Potter's world. The title characters, rarely named individually, embody collective childhood vulnerability. More than a century later, the book continues to engage readers with its subtle humor, pastoral imagery, and enduring moral core.

The mouse hid in a jam pot.

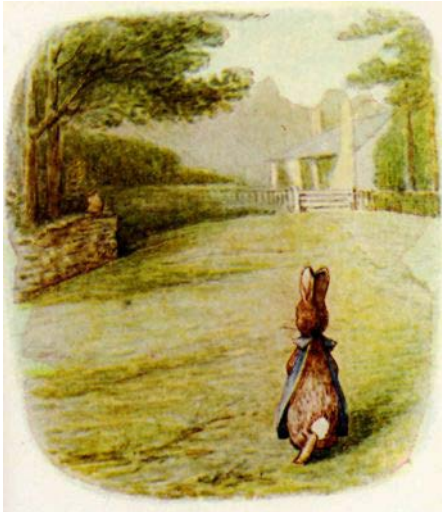
The little rabbits smiled sweetly in their sleep under the shower of grass; they did not awake because the lettuces had been so soporific. They dreamt that their mother Flopsy was tucking them up in a hay bed.

Mr. McGregor looked down after emptying his sack. He saw some funny little brown tips of ears sticking up through the lawn mowings. He stared at them for some time.



Presently a fly settled on one of them and it moved. Mr. McGregor climbed down on to the rubbish heap—"One, two, three, four! five! six leetle rabbits!" said he as he dropped them into his sack. The Flopsy Bunnies dreamt that their mother was turning them over in bed. They stirred a little in their sleep, but still they did not wake up.

Mr. McGregor tied up the sack and left it on the wall. He went to put away the mowing machine.



While he was gone, Mrs. Flopsy Bunny (who had remained at home) came across the field. She looked suspiciously at the sack and wondered where everybody was?



Then the mouse came out of her jam pot, and Benjamin took the paper bag off his head, and they told the doleful tale.

Benjamin and Flopsy were in despair, they could not undo the string.

But Mrs. Tittlemouse was a resourceful person. She nibbled a hole in the bottom corner of the sack.



The little rabbits were pulled out and pinched to wake them.

Their parents stuffed the empty sack with three rotten vegetable marrows, an old blacking-brush and two decayed turnips. Then they all hid under a bush and watched for Mr. McGregor.

Mr. McGregor came back and picked up the sack, and carried it off.

He carried it hanging down, as if it were rather heavy.

The Flopsy Bunnies followed at a safe distance. They watched him go into his house. And then they crept up to the window to listen.



Mr. McGregor threw down the sack on the stone floor in a way that would have been extremely painful to the Flopsy Bunnies, if they had happened to have been inside it. They could hear him drag his chair on the flags, and chuckle—"One, two, three, four, five, six leetle rabbits!" said Mr. McGregor.



"Eh? What's that? What have they been spoiling now?" enquired Mrs. McGregor. "One, two, three, four, five, six leetle fat rabbits!" repeated Mr. McGregor, counting on his fingers—"one, two, three—" "Don't you be silly; what do you mean, you silly old man?" "In the sack! one, two, three, four, five, six!" replied Mr. McGregor. (The youngest Flopsy Bunny got upon the window-sill.)



Mrs. McGregor took hold of the sack and felt it. She said she could feel six, but they must be old rabbits, because they were so hard and all different shapes.

"Not fit to eat; but the skins will do fine to line my old cloak."

"Line your old cloak?" shouted Mr. McGregor—"I shall sell them and buy myself baccy!"

"Rabbit tobacco! I shall skin them and cut off their heads."



Mrs. McGregor untied the sack and put her hand inside.

When she felt the vegetables she became very very angry. She said that Mr. McGregor had "done it a purpose."

And Mr. McGregor was very angry too. One of the rotten marrows came flying through the kitchen window, and hit the youngest Flopsy Bunny. It was rather hurt. Then Benjamin and Flopsy thought that it was time to go home.

So Mr. McGregor did not get his tobacco, and Mrs. McGregor did not get her rabbit skins. But next Christmas Thomasina Tittlemouse got a present of enough rabbit-wool to make herself a cloak and a hood, and a handsome muff and a pair of warm mittens.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

9 a.m.

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

9:15, 10:30 a.m. & 12 p.m.

Greenwich Moms Easter Egg Hunt. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Road. thelo-calmomsnetwork.com/community-events/2025-greenwich-moms-easter-egg-hunt

7 p.m.

Katsual Dance Fitness Pop-Up Class. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. greenwichymca.org/events

SATURDAY, APRIL 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

12 p.m.

Colonial Toys: Make a Corn Husk Doll in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

12 p.m.

Love You A Latte’s 1-Year Anniversary. Love You A Latte, 160 Hamilton Ave. elainie@illumination-pr.com

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

MONDAY, APRIL 21

7 p.m.

Internet Risks and Exploitation – Training By Rowan Center. Junior League of Greenwich, 231 East Putnam Ave. Open to the public. jlgreenwich.org

7 p.m.

Perrot P.I.s April Meeting: “The Word Is Murder,” by Anthony Horowitz. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

9:30 a.m.

Friends of Greenwich Point: Mindfulness class. Innis Arden Cottage at Tod’sPoint. Free. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org/blog-posts/mindfulness-class

9:30 a.m.

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

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Earth Day (Ages 2 1/2-

5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, April 23. brucemuseum.org

10 a.m.

Composting in your own backyard! A workshop with Waste Free Greenwich. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free, Member; \$10, Non-Member. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

6 p.m.

Bruce Presents: Kenji Nakahashi – The City Rises. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion: “A Third Term” with Author Paul Greenberg. Athena Books, 228 Sound Beach Ave. \$17.85. eventbrite.com/e/1309798836579

7 p.m.

Byram River Project: Pre-Construction Engineering and Design (PED) Phase – Public Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room & on Zoom. greenwichct.gov/Calendar.aspx-?EID=13177&month=4&year=2025&day=22&cal-Type=0

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

10 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC): Business Essentials: Don’t Skip the Business Plan (Bilingual). Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

11 a.m.

Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich: Adam Riess, Professor of Physics and Astronomy, The Johns Hopkins University. Nobel Laureate, 2011, “The Surprising Expansion History of the Universe.” On Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.

Colonial Toys: Make a Yarn Doll in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

12 p.m.

Women Speaker Series: Being Enough. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. greenwichymca.org/events

1 p.m.

Learn to Play Mahjong: A 3-Part Class. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

1:30 p.m.

Greenwich Newcomers Club: Knit with Ewe. Doogwood Books & Gifts, 254 E. Putnam Ave. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

2 - 6 p.m.

The Greenwich Daffodil Society Show. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E Putnam Ave. Open to the public. Free admission, donations accepted. connecticutdaffodilsociety.org

5:30 p.m.

Dollka & Dave Morico Art Show. The First Bank of Greenwich, 444 E Putnam Ave. Free & open to the public. 203-302-4391. greenwichfirst.com/events/dollka-dave-redux

6 p.m.

Bruce Inspires: Print making with Moses, Artist in Residence. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Members, \$16; Non members, \$20 (materials are included). Reservations required. brucemuseum.org

7 p.m.

A Poetry Reading with Poets Kevin Pilkington and Laurel Peterson. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

7 p.m.

Sustainable Landscapes: Designing with Native Plantings with Louis Fusco. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$15, Member; \$20, NonMem-

ber. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

9 a.m.

A Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide Flag Raising Ceremony and Proclamation. Front Steps of Town Hall.

10 a.m.

Hydrangea Game Changers with Lorraine Ballato. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$10, Member; \$15, NonMember. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

10 a.m.

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

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Greenwich Daffodil Society Show. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E Putnam Ave. Open to the public. Free admission, donations accepted. connecticutdaffodilsociety.org

11 a.m.

Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC): Marketing Made Simple: Is your marketing strategy on track?. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

2 p.m.

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

7:30 p.m.

The Alliance Française of Greenwich Focus on French Cinema (FFC) Opening Night Reception & Film - 20th Anniversary Celebration. Avon Theatre Film Center, 272 Bedford St., Stamford. afgreenwich.org/Film-Festival.html

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

12 p.m.

YWCA Greenwich: Stand Against Racism. Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Road. ywcagreenwich.org

4 p.m.

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

5 p.m.

ICC Greenwich: An Evening to Remember with Mira Nair. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$25. iccgreenwich.org

6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Tree Party. McArdle’s Floral & Garden Design, 48 Arch St. greenwichtreeconservancy.org/2025-tree-party

6:30 p.m.

Kid’s Night Out: ‘Kid’s Stay, Parents Play!’ YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Drop off begins at 6pm. greenwichymca.org/events

6:30 p.m.

“The Calling” – an evening of storytelling with Bonnie Levison. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E. Putnam Ave. \$75. 203-869-6600. christchurch-greenwich.org/upcoming-events

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Greenwich American Legion Post # 29 & Daughters of the American Revolution (Horseneck Chapter): Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Legion HQ, 248 Glenville Road. Adult, \$20; Children, \$10; Free for children under 10 yers old. 203-531-0109.

9 a.m.

“Live Like Luke” Spring Beach Cleanup. Greenwich Point Park. greenwichgreenandclean.org

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Earth Day Beautification of Mianus River Park. Mianus Rver Park, 450 Cognewaugh Road. All are welcome. towngreenwichprfoundation.org

9:30 a.m.

Pickleball Tournament – Round Robin Format Beginner/Intermediate and Advanced Brackets. YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. Mem-

bers: \$25, Non-Members: \$35. ywcagreenwich.org/events/april-2025-pickleball-tournament

10 a.m.

Warblers & Neotropical Migrants Workshop. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Ages 12 & up. \$20. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

12 p.m.

Colonial Crafts: Make a Punched Tin Lantern in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

1 p.m.

Science Solvers: Sculptures (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, April 27. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.

Perennial Care & Maintenance with Emily Hammond of Amsonia Design. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

1 - 5 p.m.

Round Hill Volunteer Fire’s Family Fun Day. Whitby School, 969 Lake Ave. \$28.45. eventbrite.com/e/1302680164439

SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 3

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sam Bridge Winter Market. Through May 3. Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses, 437 North St. sambridge.com/farmers-market.

SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 2

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

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Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks – moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.org

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

2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

THURSDAYS:

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

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

5 - 7 p.m.

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

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 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.

Monday, April 21

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.

3:15 p.m.

Nutmeg Book Club with Ms. Flynn “Falling Short” by Ernesto Cisneros. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

4 p.m.

Book Wizards Book Club: A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle..

7 p.m.

Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks: The Grandmasters of American Comedy.

Tuesday, April 22

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.

3:45 p.m.

Reading and Rhythm with Orchestra Lumos. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

4 p.m.

Book Explorers Book Club.

Wednesday, April 23

9:30 a.m.

Movers & Shakers (Storytime Lottery). Children’s Constellation Room.

10 a.m.

Baby Lapsit in the Stacks. Cos Cob Library Turret.

11 a.m.

Early Walkers in the Stacks! Cos Cob Library Turret.

1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

3 p.m.

Math Help with Patty (for Grades K-8). Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

3 p.m.

Online Banking and Safety. Online.

5 p.m.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3). Children’s Constellation Room.

6 p.m.

Field to Vase Spring Centerpiece Demonstration. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Thursday, April 24

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.

4 p.m.

Tai Chi for Adults with Ken Dolan. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

5 p.m.

Jr. Book Club. Children’s Constellation Room.

7 p.m.

Drawing on Art History: Frida Kahlo Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

7 p.m.

Lynne and Richard Pasculano Signature Series: Ami Vitale. Berkley Theater.

Friday, April 25

10 a.m.

Storytime. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883.

10 a.m.

Goldbas Musical Story Hour. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.

11:15 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org..

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: “Saturday Night.” Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, April 26

10:30 a.m.

Crafts with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

A Greenwich Pollinator Pathway Earth Day Rabble. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

11 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

Walking Tour of the Pollinator Pathway’s Cos Cob Library Corridor. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.

12 p.m.

Pollinator Friendly Garden Design. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

2 p.m.

Cos Cob Seed Library: How it Works & Starting Your Own Edible Garden. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

2 p.m.

Family Board Game. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

2 p.m.

Peterson Unplugged: Harpist Sarah Goss. Peterson Music Wing. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.

1 p.m.

PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

3 p.m.

Seed-ball Making & Scavenger Hunt. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.

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

Saturday, April 19

9 a.m.

AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital. \$20.

Monday, April 21

6 p.m.

AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital. \$20.

Wednesday, April 23

5:30 p.m.

Webinar: Why Am I Not Getting Pregnant? Free.

6 p.m.

Talk: Food Labels: How to Read and Understand Them. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

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

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.

Monday, April 21

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

1 - 6 p.m.

Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Ave., Mamaroneck, NY.

Tuesday, April 22

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Wednesday, April 23

2 - 6 p.m.

School of the Holy Child, 2225 Westchester Ave., Rye, NY.

Thursday, April 24

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Sunday, April 27

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, April 21

10:30 a.m.

Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting.

1 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

8 p.m.

RTM Full Meeting. Central Middle School.

Tuesday, April 22

7 a.m.

Old Greenwich School Building Committee Meeting. Old Greenwich School Media Center and Virtual via Zoom.

4 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

7 p.m.

Public Meeting for the Byram River Project to discuss the Pre-Construction Engineering and Design (PED) Phase. Town Hall Meeting Room & Zoom.

Wednesday, April 23

7 p.m.

Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting. Webinar.

7 p.m.

New Date: Fair Rent Commission Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

7:30 p.m.

FS Hamill Rink Task Force Meeting at Hamill Rink. Hamill Rink.

Thursday, April 24

9 a.m.

A Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide Flag Raising Ceremony and Proclamation. Front Steps of Town Hall.

10:30 a.m.

Board of Selectmen Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

12 p.m.

Nathaniel Witherell Finance Committee Meeting.

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. McArde’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.

B1C’s 12th Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. secure.qgiv.com/for/b1cbenefitbreakfast2025/event/12thannualspringbenefit-breakfast

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

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

1 Snacks with a Pizzeria Pretzel flavor

7 Hit rock bottom, financially

13 Toy in “Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins”

15 “I hear ...”

16 Tube-shaped Italian pastry

17 Name hidden in “vegetarian nachos”

18 Post cereal that doesn’t contain fruit

20 Destinies

23 Cool, in dated slang

24 Mar. 17 honoree

28 Awed crowd’s noises

29 Ceremonial procedures

31 Word after “fire” or “tag”

32 Barely make, with “out”

33 Not satisfied, as demands

34 ___ and tonic

35 Tea that doesn’t contain fruit

40 Narrow waterway

42 Included in

45 Gets ready for the OR

46 Debut discussed in the WSJ

49 Mars on Earth

50 Was appropriate

51 Clue in about

54 Tyrannosaurus ___

55 Hong Kong pastries that don’t contain fruit

58 Pixar film inspired by the Day of the Dead

59 Response to a bad pun

60 Gaiman who wrote “Coraline”

62 Woeful exclamation

63 Oafs

64 Pasta resembling rice

65 Zippo

66 Lauder who was much-lauded

67 ___ chromo-some

DOWN

1 Org. for Rochelle Walensky

2 60 minuti

3 Guys

4 Watches an entire season in a weekend, say

5 Unpleasant smells

6 Ward of “The Fugitive”

7 Spiritual leader

8 Leaves conspicuously absent

9 Brags

10 Large vessel for tea

11 Do wrong

12 PreCheck org.

14 Rebellious teen’s piercing, perhaps

15 Was felt strongly

19 Words on a Wonderland dessert

20 Antagonist

21 Perfectly fine

22 Like many advanced concepts in physics

25 Popular beach reads

26 Boxing legend Laila

27 X

29 Smallest puppy

30 Individual instruction

36 Knock hard

37 Grocery store division

38 Food on a skewer: Var.

39 Apt-sounding surname for a rower

40 UV-blocking measure

41 Libya’s capital

43 Description for an adjustable hat, perhaps

44 Sly animal

46 Tech support whizzes

47 Really catch the eye

48 Like “Saturday Night Live” and “The Tonight Show”

52 Two under par

53 Needing to relax

56 Rejections

57 Game with many red cards

58 Is able to

61 Bagel topper

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

P	A	R	K	A	E	T	A	L	H	E	R	B
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B	E	N	T	D	A	N	K	O	R	D	O	C

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Crow’s announcement

4. Sharp, high-pitched bark

8. (K) With the right tools and abilities

12. (K) Burnt lumber leftover

13. Eye part that contains the choroid

14. (K) Aluminum wrapper

15. (K) Come back from vanishing

17. (K) Elephant’s incisor

18. Prepared to pay attention, in a way (2 words)

19. Inventors’ insurances

21. (K) The score before every game

23. Go-___ (mini racer)

24. (K) Time to cool down?

28. (K) Suffix with “organ”

31. (K) Times of your life?

32. Chiffon concoction

33. Change direction sharply

34. “... ___ shall I”

35. Shows differences when compared

37. Refuse carrier on the water

39. Music scale note

40. (K) Bent to pick up something

43. (K) Transforms from ice to slush

47. Coffee bar containers

48. (K) The Earth’s turn in 24 hours?

50. (K) A long way from messy

51. (K) Cain and Abel’s garden

52. Large pasture

53. (K) Toothpaste forms

54. Puts on

55. Abbr. in a recipe

DOWN

1. (K) Some traffic makers

2. Rocking on a deck

3. (K) Common question starter

4. Influencer of the ’80s

5. (K) Night before a holiday

6. (K) Bound

7. Some caged pets

8. (K) Before picture’s counterpart

9. Money on criminals’ heads

10. (K) Santa’s reference

11. (K) Some quick beasts in the forest

16. (K) Baby strokes on a golf course

20. (K) Dinosaur trapper

22. Authorized to act

24. (K) ___ Antonio

25. (K) Thing for a horrible braggart

26. Confidential

27. (K) Coal holder

29. (K) Get firm, as Jell-O

30. (K) One of a married couple

33. Park pro?

35. (K) Crime fighter

36. Caesar’s people

38. Expenses or charges

40. (K) Like favorite hymns

41. Wollemi pine, for one

42. Extinct bird

44. Bouncy tune

45. (K) Stocking stuffers

46. (K) Keep the rhythm with one’s fingers

49. X, to 36-Down

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

Came out of one’s slump?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1	G	A	Z	A	5	H	R	S	9	I	T	S
11	H	E	A	D	15	E	E	R	19	I	D	E
13	A	S	I	A	17	A	D	A	21	P	T	I
15	N	O	R	M	19	A	L	S	23	A	D	O
17	A	P	E	21	S	T	E	T	25	S	T	E
19	H	A	H	A	23	S	M	I	27	S	T	
21	S	C	P	A	25	M	P	I	29	J	E	C
23	H	O	L	M	27	E	A	T	31	O	N	
25	E	N	D	29	B	R	U	S	33	S	A	X
27	D	E	L	I	31	P	E	N	35	N	A	M
29	T	O	N	E	33	E	A	F	37	V	A	N
31	A	R	T	S	35	M	I	L	39	K	E	T
33	U	S	E	37	T	R	Y	41	E	R	I	N

Previous riddle answer:

Drop down south?

10-D) Sag

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

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9/9 **Fruitless by Zachary David Levy**

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Horoscopes for Next Week

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)
The final days of your solar season bring closure and insight. As the Sun prepares to exit your sign, lingering effects of the solar eclipse push personal revelations to the surface. Mars remains in Pisces, nudging subconscious patterns into focus. With Mercury now direct, conversations flow more easily—especially those that had stalled earlier this month. Clarify priorities before the Sun shifts into Taurus.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)
The Sun enters your sign on April 19, initiating a new solar cycle. Use this week to set intentions grounded in practicality and endurance. Mars in Pisces strengthens your social positioning; group dynamics favor leadership from behind the scenes. Mercury’s recent shift out of retrograde supports financial planning. The buildup to next week’s Full Moon amplifies personal momentum. Act in measured confidence.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)
Mars continues to transit your career sector, calling for deliberate advancement and firm boundaries. Recent retrograde confusions begin to dissipate as Mercury—your ruling planet—moves direct, especially aiding administrative clarity and digital output. A solar shift into Taurus slows the pace, but encourages internal reassessment. Hold space for long-term strategies while remaining visible in professional settings.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)
Expansion resumes. Travel, publishing, or legal plans left unresolved may now progress. Mars in Pisces activates your ninth house, invigorating studies and distant endeavors. The Sun’s ingress into Taurus stabilizes friendships and social alliances. Mercury’s direct motion supports meaningful correspondence. Recommit to beliefs that anchor your sense of purpose while recalibrating your forward-looking goals.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22)
The Sun enters your tenth house on April 19, spotlighting career advancement. Mars in Pisces intensifies behind-the-scenes negotiations, shared assets, or unspoken emotions. This is a week to revisit tax, insurance, or debt matters with renewed clarity. Mercury’s direct motion fosters productive problem-solving, especially in joint ventures. Prioritize discretion while planning your next strategic step.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22)
Partnership dynamics sharpen as Mars continues in Pisces, your opposite sign. Conflicts or imbalances are harder to ignore but easier to articulate now that Mercury, your ruler, is direct. The Sun’s move into Taurus brings relief through shared values and a more philosophical outlook. Legal matters or

contracts may resurface, offering a chance to revise and reset mutual expectations.

Libra (Sept 23 – Oct 22)
Attention shifts from identity to efficiency as the Sun enters Taurus and your sector of transformation. Mars in Pisces activates your daily routine, urging adjustments to health, work, or caregiving responsibilities. Clarity returns in administrative or wellness matters. Revisit habits formed under stress—they now require refinement. Mercury direct helps untangle old obligations with new understanding.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)
Romantic and creative matters benefit from Mars’ continued influence in Pisces. The Sun’s transition to Taurus focuses energy on relationships—both personal and professional. This week invites mutual commitment and renewal. Mercury direct supports real-time feedback, particularly in artistic collaborations or heartfelt discussions. Reconnect with what once inspired you.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)
Home and family needs become central themes. Mars in Pisces keeps your focus inward, demanding resolution of domestic disputes or real estate decisions. As the Sun enters Taurus, attention turns toward sustainability in daily life. Mercury direct helps smooth communication with relatives or roommates. Consider how physical space influences emotional health.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)
A new sense of clarity emerges around writing, speaking, or educational pursuits as Mercury moves forward. Mars in Pisces continues to spark short-term goals and daily logistics. The Sun’s arrival in Taurus enhances creative expression and affirms joy in consistency. Initiate plans that reflect steady craftsmanship rather than haste.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)
Financial progress accelerates as Mercury direct aids clearer communication around value, assets, and long-range goals. Mars remains in your second house, sustaining momentum in earnings-related efforts. The Sun’s shift into Taurus offers grounding and highlights family priorities. Tangible investments carry more weight this week—build with intent.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)
Mars in your sign keeps you charged with initiative, though its square to Ceres may stir emotional complexity. The Sun entering Taurus strengthens communication and practical thinking. Mercury direct brings resolution to misstatements or unclear exchanges. Act decisively but avoid overextension. Pace yourself—your presence already holds influence.

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 parts of a sentence (5)

2 taking a stab at (8)

3 “The Age of Adaline” star (6)

4 following Dr. Atkins (7)

5 crew activity (6)

6 feel compassionate (10)

7 future spouse (8)

SOLUTIONS

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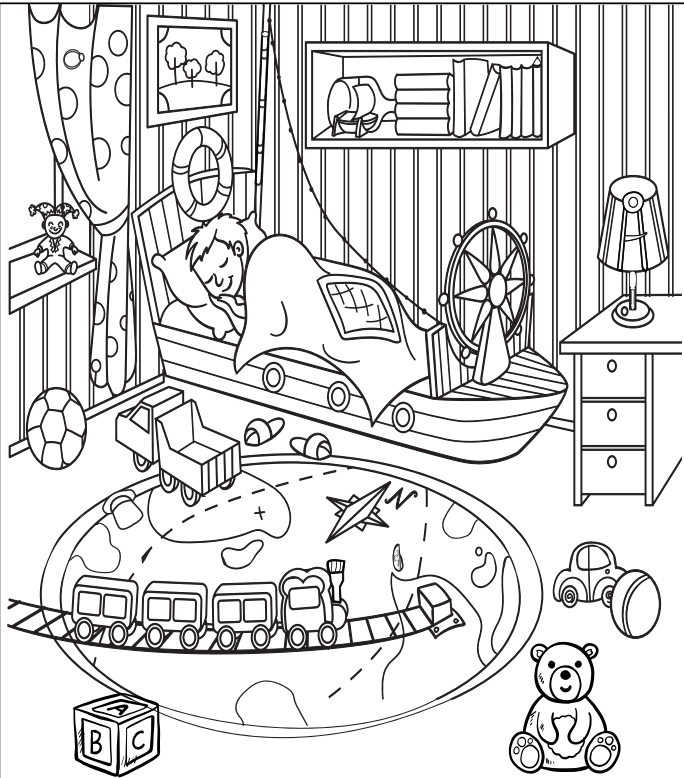
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PA **DED** **ZE** **EN** **DI**

Previous Answers: 1. POSTHOLE 2. SUPERNOVA 3. SMOLDERED 4. IMMENSELY 5. WOODWORK 6. BALMIEST 7. SCHRUTE 9/15

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Find and color.



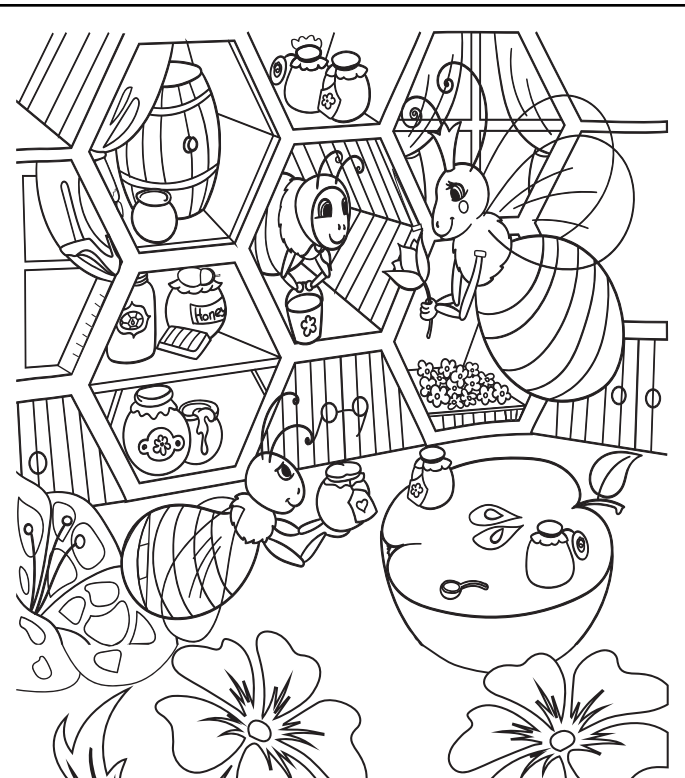
FIND ALL HIDDEN

- paintbrush
- orange slice
- pencil
- compasses
- screwdriver
- ring
- pipette
- lollipop
- bread
- cap



FIND ALL HIDDEN

- wristwatch
- banana
- glasses
- flag
- cook hat
- bottle
- puzzle
- vase
- bat
- Cup



FIND ALL HIDDEN

- baseball bat
- toothbrush
- glasses
- candle
- heeled shoes
- Acorn
- ruler
- candy
- nail
- kano

Sudoku for Kids

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1		4			2
3			1		5

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SUDOKU

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

Easy

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Hard

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Very Hard

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Easy

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Hard

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Very Hard

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Sudoku answers

6	7	5	6	7	8	5	6	7
8	9	1	4	2	8	5	6	7
2	6	5	3	7	4	9	8	1
8	7	4	6	9	5	3	1	2
6	4	8	7	5	1	2	3	9
5	2	9	3	8	4	7	1	6
7	1	3	2	6	9	8	5	4
9	8	6	5	7	2	1	4	3
4	3	2	9	1	6	7	8	5

Bottom row – Very Hard

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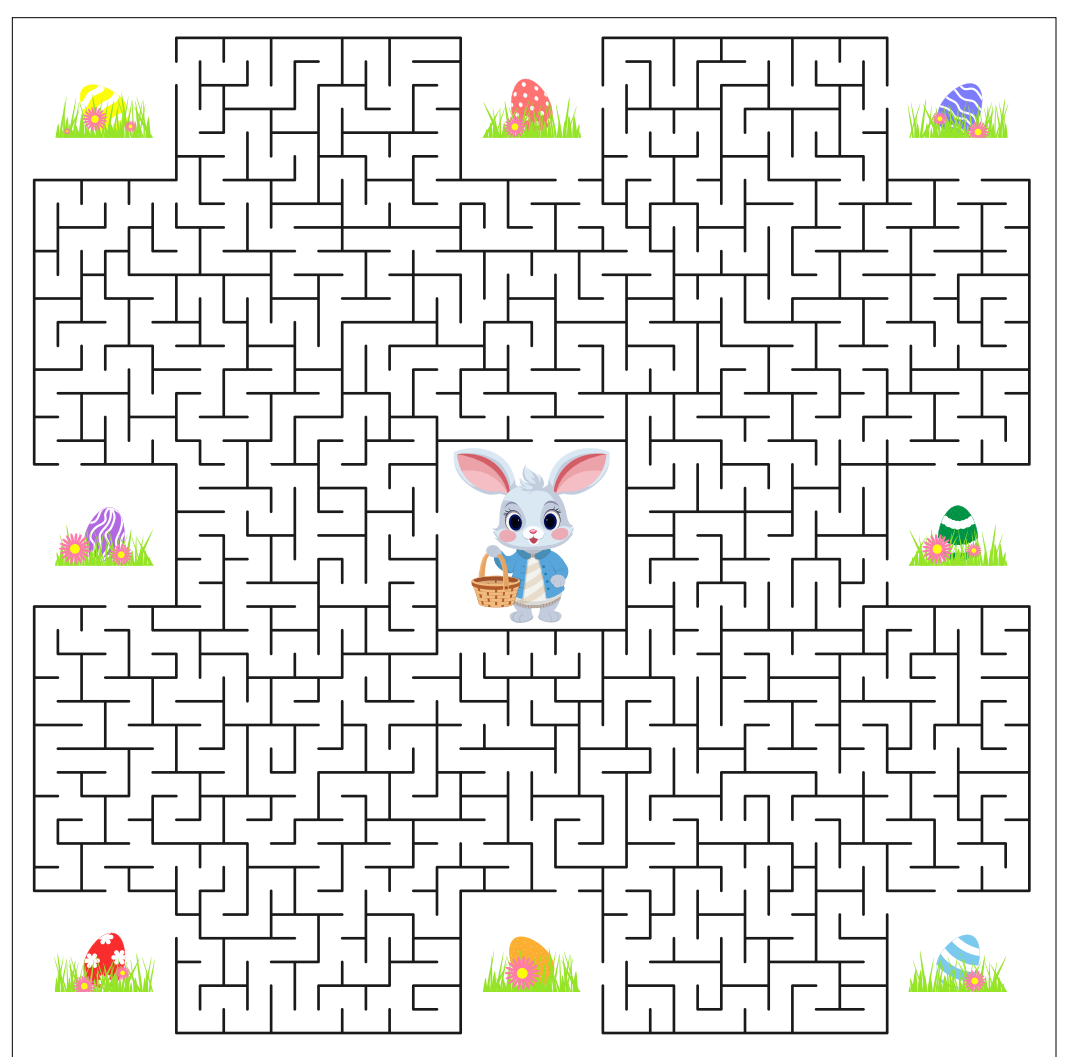
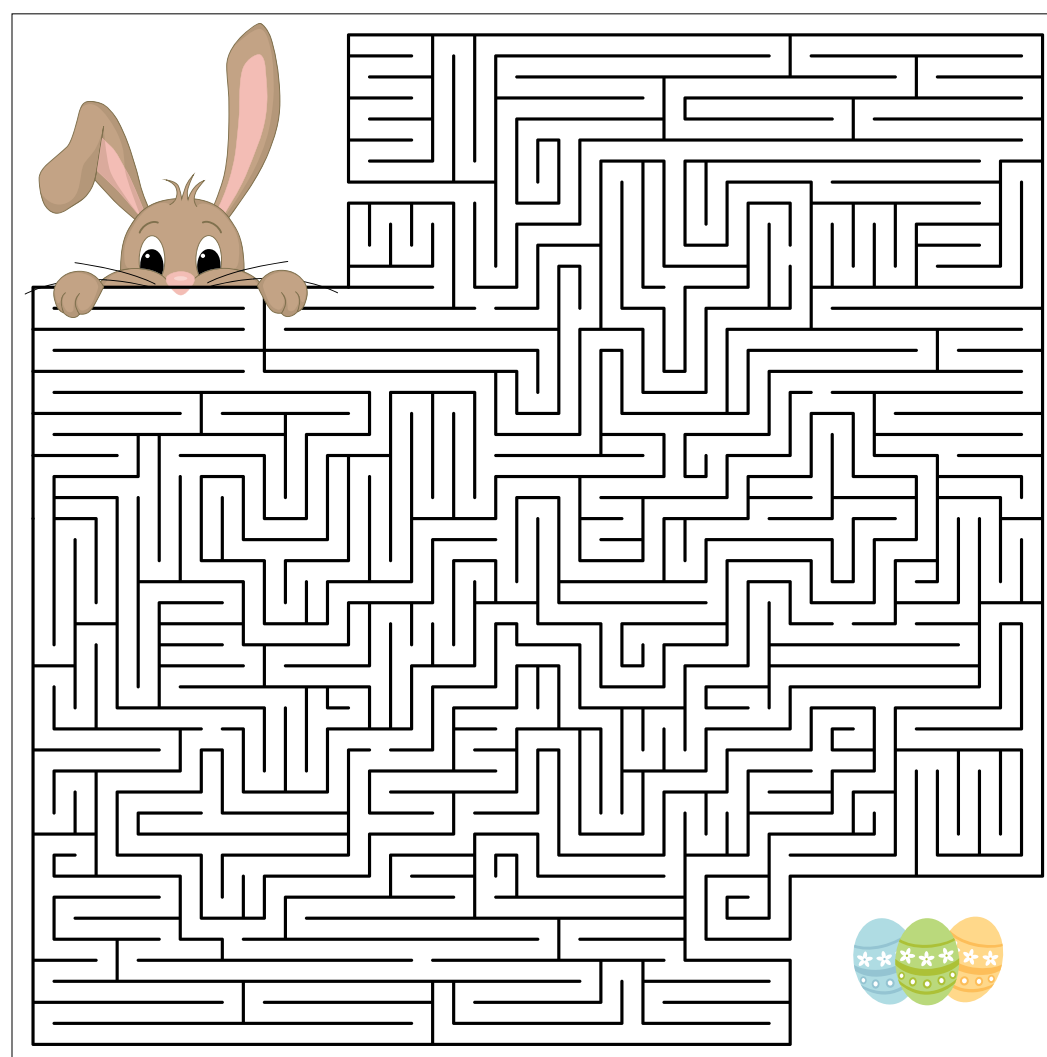
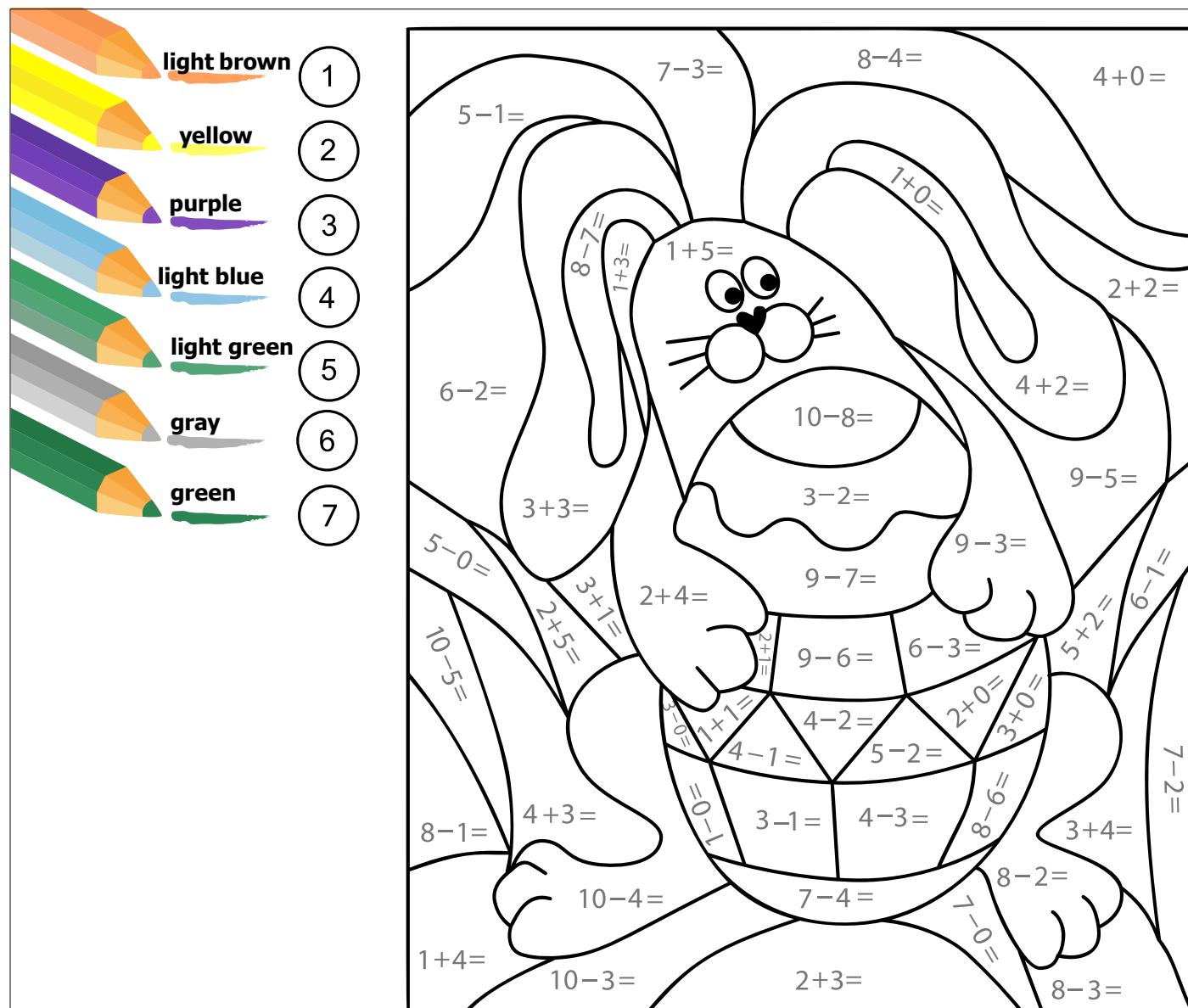
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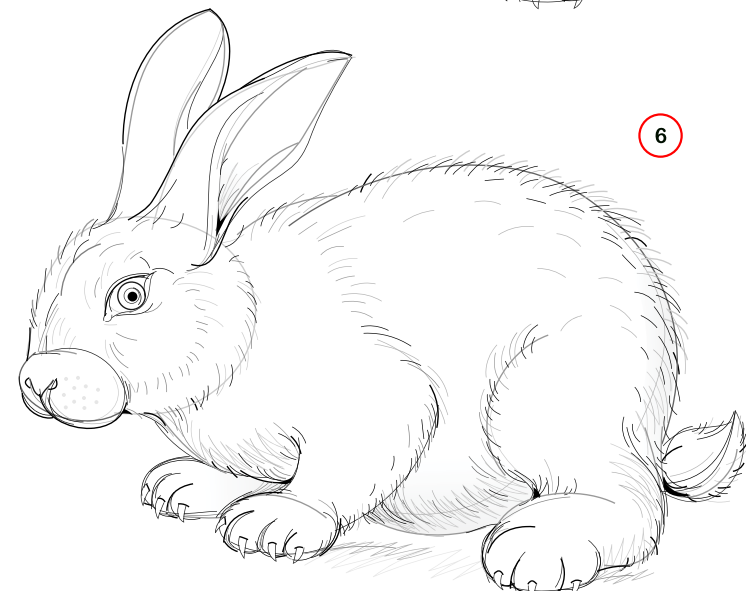
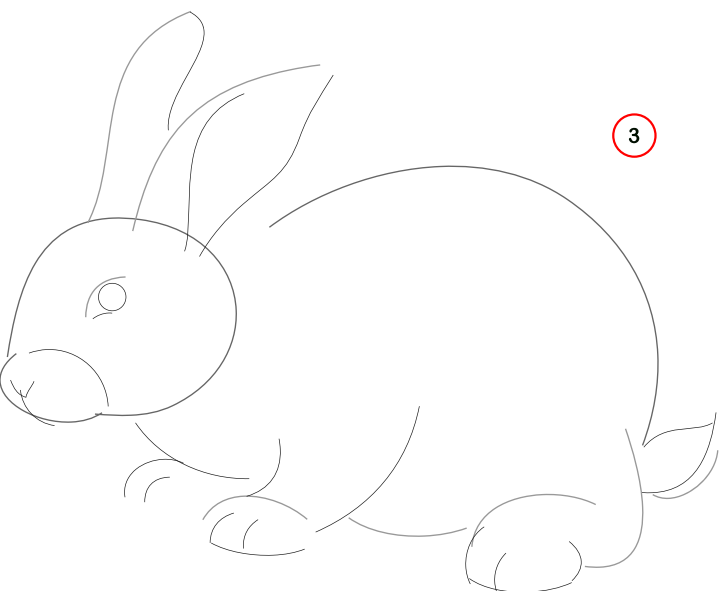
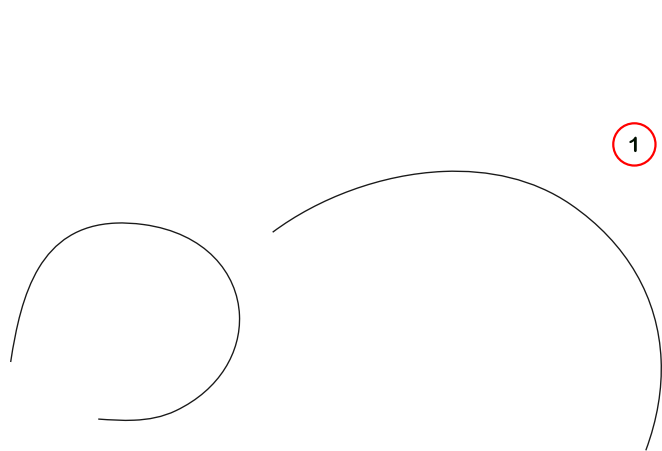
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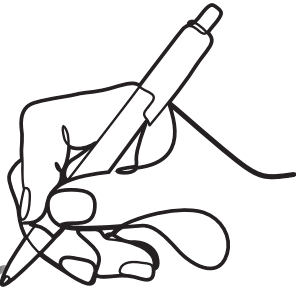


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Thank you to all the sophisticates, literary enthusiasts, and very clever Sentinel readers!

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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.NewCanaanSentinel.com/sentinel-writing-competition to submit it. Multiple entries are welcome, and pseudonyms are accepted—giving you the freedom to be as inventive as you like.

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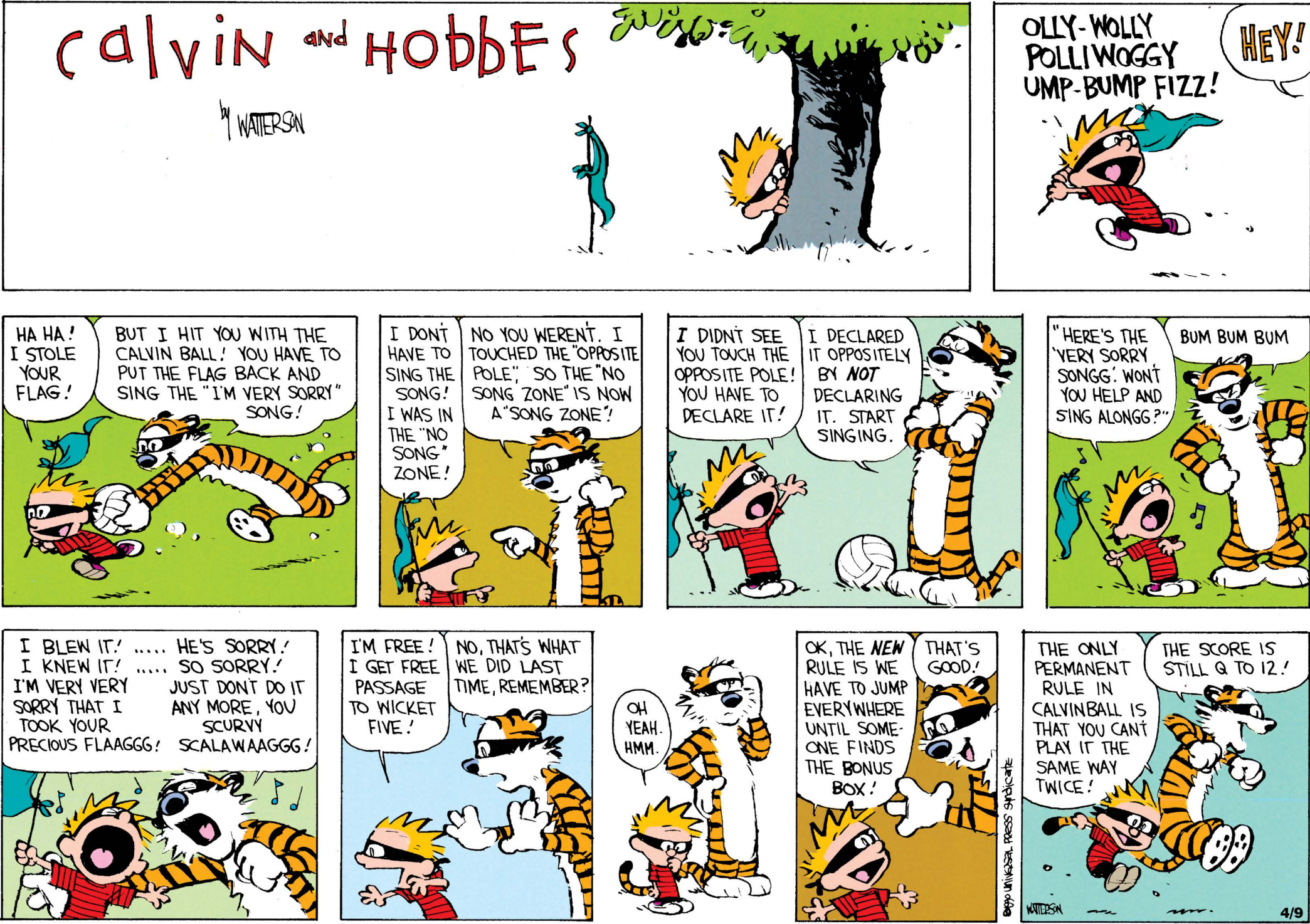
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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE NEW ENGLAND COTTONTAIL

Happy Easter Little Cottontail

By JIM KNOX

Perhaps no animal is more synonymous with spring than the rabbit. Throughout recorded history, it has served as both harbinger and metaphor for the season of life, renewal and growth. Though active year 'round, rabbits breed, reproduce and flourish with the coming of the spring season.

To most, the rabbit is a generic creature identified across cultures by it's small brown body, long ears and hind legs, and overall adorable appearance. A closer look in our own backyard reveals a creature which deserves special attention, and even study.

If you ask most Connecticut residents the identity of the cute bunnies doing their utmost to eat the contents of their gardens, they'd identify the "Cottontail" as the culprit. They'd be right, at least generally. But there is more to this little beast than a casual glance may render.

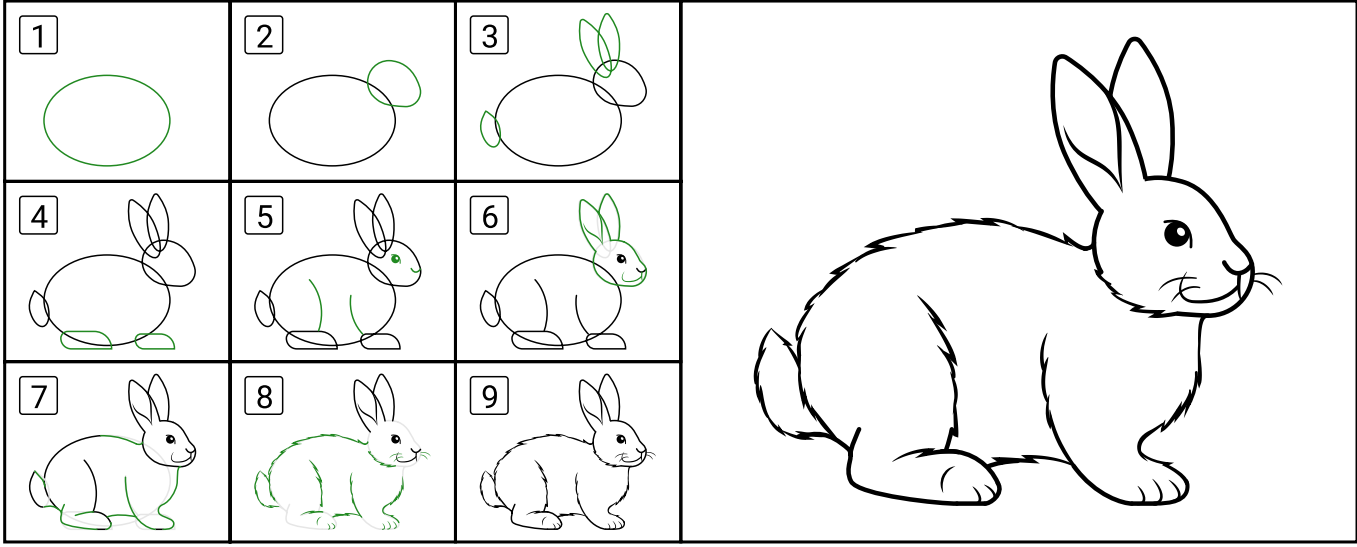
The Eastern Cottontail Rabbit, *Sylvilagus floridanus*, is abundant throughout Connecticut, and does indeed make return trips to Fairfield County's all-you-can-eat suburban salad bar. This is the species we see grazing along the green shoulders of the Merritt Parkway and zipping into hedgerows at the slightest approach. Yet, despite its familiarity and seeming omnipresence, this creature is no native New Englander.

That distinction is owned by its discrete, more reclusive cousin. The New England Cottontail, *Sylvilagus transitionalis*, is the only rabbit native to Connecticut, New England and neighboring New York. It was the rabbit known to English colonists as a coney, and is thought to have inspired the name Coney Island, for its great abundance on the island in the 1600's and 1700's.

While this native New England rabbit was uniquely adapted to the habitats and natural habitat succession of New England, development and land practices altered the landscape. With the introduction of the more adaptable Eastern Cottontail from other regions of the country in the early 1900's, the native found itself with stiff competition for limited resources.



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Closer scrutiny reveals two distinct creatures. The New England Cottontail is a creature of forests, specifically transitional forests, known as thickets. Naturally, these occur in the aftermath of forest fires, floods and severe storms. These rabbits thrive in the dense cover of these regrowth areas. They rarely stray far from that cover

and their eyesight is designed to detect potential predators at close range.

The Eastern Cottontail, by contrast, is a creature of open spaces. They prefer grasslands and meadows, as well as their manicured counterparts such as parks, lawns and golf courses. In short, they were practically designed for suburbia.

While these close-cousin species share excellent hearing, sense of smell and swiftness of foot, one key adaptation makes a world of difference—eyesight. With eyes approximately 50% larger than their thicket-dwelling cousins, Eastern Cottontails hold the advantage in human-altered New England. With such distance vision, they

can venture further from cover to access plentiful grasses while still tracking potential predators from a safe range. Likewise, they are the look-alike cousins who invade our gardens and scurry under our fence lines.

Though both species are approximately 14-19 inches in length and up to 2.5 pounds in weight, the unique traits of the

New England Cottontail include: smaller ears, fine black fur lines along the edges of those ears and a black star at the crown of the head. Sadly, these specialists have lost approximately 85% of their home range in New England and they need our help.

Thankfully, there is hope for their recovery. Study has revealed no evidence the species are hybridizing, and there are those who are coming to the aid of their wild neighbors in need. Through programs like the Young Forest Habitat Initiative and other restoration efforts, The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is conserving essential rabbit habitat. Given that 90% of our state's land is privately owned, citizens are making all the difference. By working with our state wildlife agency, our neighbors are managing their land to benefit New England Cottontails, along with native songbirds and amphibians. Additionally, groups such as The Catherine Violet Hubbard Wildlife Sanctuary have adopted land use practices which actively conserve native rabbit habitat right here in Fairfield County.

While an adorable appearance never hurts a marketing campaign, it doesn't speak to conservation merit. Yet the evolutionary wealth of native species is not to be dismissed. The plants and animals native to a region are the ones uniquely designed to survive amidst the conditions and environmental challenges of that region. More specifically, protection from introduced diseases and species often reside within the physical and behavioral makeup of our wild neighbors. By protecting them, we not conserve native biodiversity, we also promote our own resilience.

So the next time you see that adorable icon of spring, remember there's more to them than meets the eye...and the ears.

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Saturday, April 19

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7:30 am | Holy Eucharist in the Chapel. In-person only

9:00 am | Festival Holy Eucharist Family Service

Sung by the Choir of Men & Boys and the St. Cecilia Choir of Girls. Children can go to Children's Chapel during the sermon and return after the Peace to sing "The Angel Rolled Away the Stone." In-person or livestream.

11:00 am | Festival Holy Eucharist

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