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POLICE & FIRE

Greenwich Hosts Drug Take Back

The Greenwich Police Department will participate in National Drug Take Back Day on April 26, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During this time, individuals can drop off unused or expired medications for safe disposal. No identification or explanation is required.

Fire Extinguished Quickly In Old Greenwich



A vacant home under construction in Old Greenwich caught fire yesterday afternoon. Fire crews found heavy flames on the first and second floors and used three hose lines to extinguish the blaze. No injuries were reported, and the cause is under investigation by the Greenwich fire marshal. Mutual aid was provided by the Stamford Fire Department to help cover the town during the response. Photo Credit: Greenwich Firefighters

Glenville Fire Hosts Easter Hunt

The Glenville Volunteer Fire Company hosted over 200 Greenwich residents at its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, 2025. Children were divided by age to search for up to six eggs, each containing candy or toys, and received a ticket to redeem for an additional toy at the firehouse. The Easter Bunny arrived on the company's vintage fire truck, and the event was coordinated by Tina Hoha with support from more than a dozen volunteers.

FROM TOWN HALL

Natural Lawn Care Methods Succeed

The Greenwich Conservation Commission reminds residents that chemical fertilizers and pesticides harm soil health and contaminate water sources. They recommend using compost tea, mulch, and compost topdressing as natural alternatives to maintain a healthy lawn. These methods support long-term soil health and reduce environmental impact.

Town Reinforces Town Sign Guidelines

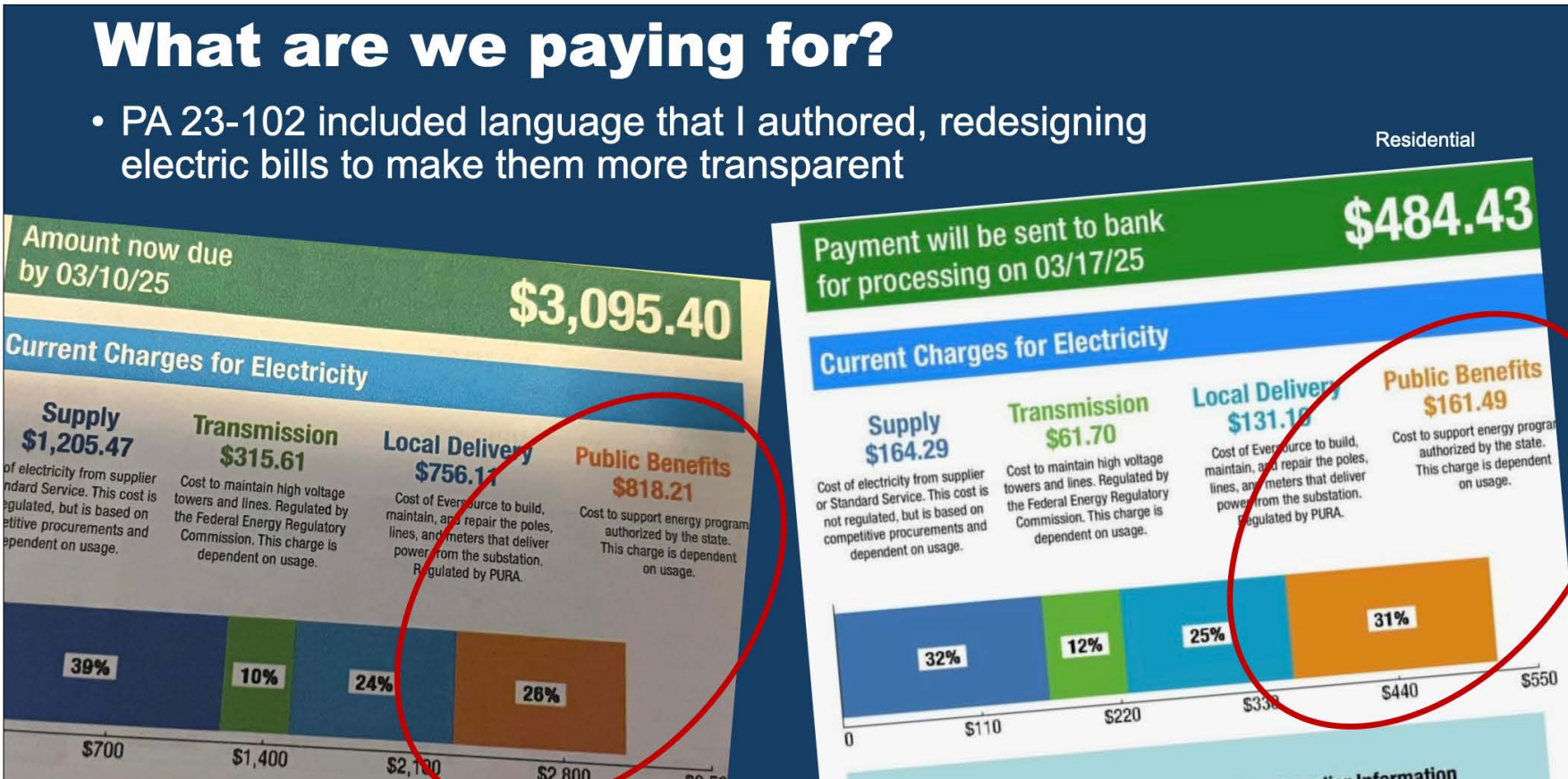
The Town of Greenwich requires prior approval from the First Selectman's Office before any non-profit signs are placed on public property, with strict rules on location and timing. All signs, including political ones, must be removed within 24 hours after the related event or election. Unauthorized signs, especially from outside groups, will

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

"Thanks to the human heart by which we live, / Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, and its fears, / To me the meanest flower that blows can give / Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears." William Wordsworth, "Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood, 1807.



Graphic from Senator Ryan Fazio's April forum presentation on energy costs in Connecticut. Displayed here are two redesigned electric bill samples—one commercial (left) and one residential (right)—illustrating how “Public Benefits” charges account for roughly 26–31% of total electricity costs. Senator Fazio authored the legislation (PA 23-102) that now requires these charges to be itemized, exposing what he calls a hidden tax on residents, businesses, and municipalities. This charge goes beyond personal utility bills: businesses also pay these fees and pass the cost on to consumers through higher prices, while public institutions—like schools and municipal buildings—cover these charges through local tax revenues. In effect, residents are paying these public benefits charges multiple times: at home, at the store, and on their property tax bill. See the full story on page 4.

The Greenwich Audubon Center is Resurging with Renovation

By ANNE W. SEMMES

The Audubon Center in backcountry Greenwich is undergoing a restoration, with help from the National Audubon Society, new Audubon Center leadership, and local community support.

What is at the base of this restoration is expressed by Mike Burger, vice president of National Audubon and executive director of Audubon Connecticut and New York. “In the last 50 years, North America has lost more than three billion birds, and that has been a rallying cry for the bird conservation world, including Audubon. And our new strategic plan is all about stabilizing those populations and recovering those

populations.” Thus, a recognizing and revaluing of the 31 Audubon Centers across the country that Burger states is “a really important part of how we can grow and diversify that group of people who are involved with protecting birds and the places they need. “

“That’s what our Center’s Transformation Initiative is about,” tells Burger. “It’s about investing in our Centers, helping them grow their programs, helping them connect their communities to Audubon’s Conservation mission.” And “The renovation of the Greenwich Audubon Center campus is an important part of our strategy. The

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Old Greenwich School Construction Begins



Old Greenwich School students line up with shovels and hard hats to celebrate the groundbreaking of their long-awaited renovation project, which promises ADA compliance, updated facilities, and new classrooms by 2027. Photo by Bob Capazzo. See the full story on page 3.

COLUMN

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

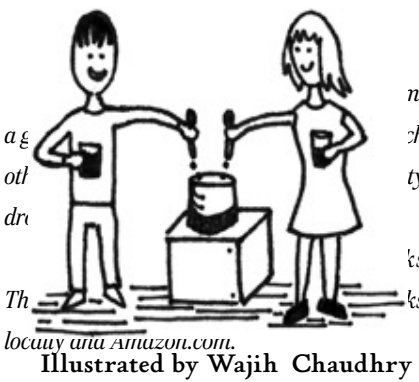
Titration is the chemical process of slowly adding drops of one substance into a test tube containing another substance until a certain reaction occurs. Sharing our personal stories deserves a similar careful process. People haven’t earned the right to know our whole story when they first meet

us. What works best is when we share a few drops of vulnerability at a time—and wait to see if our gesture is well received and reciprocated.

Another way to imagine this process is as a fisherman baiting a hook, hoping a fish will bite.

Think of intimacy as “into-me-see.” In

order to develop healthy intimacy, it helps to choose our friends thoughtfully and test them as we go. We can become more sensitive to our own level of willingness to share, and let others see into us gradually. Sharing our vulnerability is the key to whole-hearted living. For best results, it happens slowly.



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST COLUMNIST, MIMI SANTRY



Relaunching

By MIMI SANTRY

You could say I’m a late bloomer... I didn’t marry until I was 32. I had my fifth and final child at 44. I launched a second career in eldercare advisory at 54—becoming a small business owner. And at 60, I became an advisor to a tech startup. When I speak to groups about my eldercare advisory business—especially when the audience is women between 40 and 60—the conversation often shifts to one thing: relaunching. Such a great word. It’s a powerful word. It conjures an image of someone who’s been stuck on land too long, finally pushing off into unknown waters. That’s what it feels like to start something new at this stage: exciting, a little terrifying, and full of questions. Do I still have what it takes? Am I ready? Why is relaunching such a hot topic? People are living longer—and healthier. According to the Society of Actuaries, a 45-year-old non-smoking woman has a 50% chance of living to 90, a 37% chance of reaching 95, and a 20% shot at hitting 100. For men, the odds aren’t far behind. Many men and women in their 50s and 60s find themselves at a turning point. They’ve raised their children or stepped away from earlier careers, and now they’re wondering, what’s next? For some, the answer is financial: “Wow, if I’m going to live until

So, what advice can I offer? Nothing earth-shattering, but it starts with honest self-assessment.

I’m 100, I better earn some more money for retirement.” For others, it’s about passion and purpose.

So, what advice can I offer? Nothing earth-shattering, but it starts with honest self-assessment.

How much free time do you have?

How much flexibility are you willing to give up?

What kind of compensation would make it worth it?

Are you a self-starter?

Are you an extrovert or introvert?

Are you energized by being busy—or stressed by it?

Take inventory of your skills.

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NEWS MAKERS

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be removed by the Department of Public Works if reported.

Flag Raising Honors Armenian Genocide Victims

On April 22, a ceremony was held outside Greenwich Town Hall to commemorate the Armenian Genocide. The Armenian flag was raised, and a proclamation was read urging remembrance of the 1.5 million Armenians killed. The event emphasized the importance of acknowledging past atrocities to prevent future ones.

Greenwich Strengthens Ties With Izyum



On April 17, Greenwich marked two years since establishing a sister city relationship with Izyum, Ukraine. The partnership was formalized in 2023 to support cultural and educational exchanges, though the ongoing war has limited in-person engagement. Since then, over \$100,000 in aid has been delivered to Izyum through a Connecticut-based nonprofit. Photo Credit: First Selectman Fred Camillo's Community Connections

AROUND TOWN

Greenwich Hosts Hazardous Waste Collection

Household Hazardous Waste Day in Greenwich is scheduled for May 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Island Beach Parking Lot on Arch Street. Residents may drop off a range of hazardous materials at no cost, provided items are packaged safely in containers no larger than five gallons and clearly labeled when possible. Not accepted are asbestos, highly reactive materials, bulk containers of herbicides and pesticides, gas cylinders, radioactive materials, explosives, PCBs and their derivatives, infectious waste, and unknown substances.

Greenwich Volunteers Support Pollinator Garden



The Greenwich Conservation Commission conducted maintenance at the Weaver Street pollinator garden with a local collaborator. They are seeking volunteers for occasional garden workdays and to assist with summer watering. Interested individuals are encouraged to reach out. Photo Credit: Greenwich Conservation Commission

North Street Bridge Construction Approved

Construction on the North Street Bridge is scheduled to begin in spring 2026, following final design approval from the Connecticut Department of Transportation. The Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works will start seeking bids once state authorization is received. Utility relocation and preparation will occur in the interim, with minimal expected traffic impact, and full road closure is planned for summer 2026.

Eversource Project Moves Forward

Eversource plans to excavate 41 small test pits on Greenwich Avenue between Grigg Street and Bruce Park Avenue to locate utilities ahead of installing a new electrical duct bank. The work will follow a revised hybrid schedule: overnight shifts Monday through Wednesday and daytime shifts Thursday and Friday. The project is expected to take three to four weeks for test pits and up to six weeks for duct installation, pending permit approval and findings.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Temple Sholom Hosts Musical Seder



Passover, the Jewish holiday commemorating the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt, ended at sundown on April 20. Temple Sholom in Greenwich held a musical first-night Seder attended by over 150 people, including local clergy. The event included traditional songs, readings, and a tribute to hostages taken by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Photo Credit: Temple Sholom

UJA-JCC Hosts Holocaust Remembrance Event

On April 23, the UJA-JCC, a community organization that combines the efforts of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and the Jewish Community Center (JCC), Greenwich held its annual Community-Wide Holocaust Commemoration at Greenwich Reform Synagogue. Holocaust survivor Ernest Broad spoke about his experiences.

Daffodil Show Celebrates Community Creativity

The 67th Connecticut Daffodil Show was held on April 23-24, 2025, at Christ Church in Greenwich, with free public admission. The event featured divisions in horticulture, floral design, photography,

and youth participation, and included a Tea Party and Awards Ceremony. It was organized by the Greenwich Daffodil Society in partnership with Coffee for Good and the Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative.

Focus On French Cinema Returns

Focus on French Cinema, presented by the Alliance Française of Greenwich, will run from April 24 to May 4, marking its 20th year. The festival features in-person and online screenings of contemporary French and Francophone films, including U.S., East Coast, and Connecticut premieres. Screenings will take place at various venues and include documentaries, biopics, and dramas, with select titles available online in the tri-state area.

Blanche Lazzell Exhibit Celebrates Innovation

The Bruce Museum's exhibition "Blanche Lazzell: Becoming an American Modernist" presents over 60 works by Blanche Lazzell, including paintings, prints, and sketches, on view through April 27. The show traces her development as an abstract artist over four decades, highlighting her innovations in white-line woodcut printmaking and her studies in the U.S. and Europe. It includes an interactive studio where visitors can explore her methods and artistic influences.

Greenwich Concours Celebrates Automotive Excellence

The 2025 Greenwich Concours d'Elegance will take place from May 30 to June 1 at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park in Greenwich, Connecticut. The event will feature rare and historic automobiles across curated classes, hands-on driving experiences, and the debut of Reverie, a Friday night gathering focused on food, design, and automotive culture. It includes two main exhibitions: Saturday's Concours de Sport and Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Fazio Supports Inclusive Job Training



State Senator Ryan Fazio visited Coffee for Good in Greenwich in recognition of World Autism Awareness Day and Volunteer Month. He participated in hands-on training with staff, learning coffee-making and customer service from trainees. Coffee for Good is a nonprofit that provides employment training for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Photo Credit: Ryan Fazio

Greenwich Student Wins Merit Scholarship

Lauren Elisabeth Rutkoske, a Greenwich High School student from Old Greenwich, has received a National Merit Scholarship sponsored by the PepsiCo Foundation. She is one of approximately 830 students nationwide awarded corporate-sponsored scholarships by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation this year. These awards are funded by companies and foundations and may be renewable or one-time payments for use at accredited U.S. colleges.

Trish Tomlinson Named Library Director

Trish Tomlinson has been appointed director of the Perrot Memorial Library, succeeding Kevin McCarthy after his 27-year tenure. She has over 20 years of experience leading public libraries in Massachusetts and Connecticut, most recently in Plainville. Tomlinson holds degrees from Rutgers University and Providence College and is relocating to the Greenwich area.

SCHOOLS

Samantha Saperstein To Address Graduates



Samantha Saperstein, Global Head of the Office of Women's Affairs at JPMorgan Chase, will deliver the commencement address at Sacred Heart Greenwich's Class of 2025 graduation on June 6. Her career includes leadership roles in banking, marketing, and strategy, with a focus on women's advancement and financial literacy. She holds degrees from Brown University and The Wharton School and serves on boards supporting victims' services and workplace equity. Photo Credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich

GPS Honors Six Distinguished Teachers

Six Greenwich Public Schools educators—Frances Bittman, Robin Chenot, Bethany Fuscald, Julia Haas-Godsil, Ralph Marmor, and Dr. Beena Ramachandran—have been named 2025 Distinguished Teachers by the Distinguished Teachers Awards Committee. The recipients represent a range of disciplines across elementary, middle, and high school levels. The awards were based on nominations from students, parents, and colleagues, reviewed and voted on by the committee.

Greenwich Academy Students Visit US Capitol



Students from Greenwich Academy's Middle School visited Washington, D.C., and Boston as

part of educational trips. In D.C., they met with public officials including Brooke Pinto, Senator Richard Blumenthal, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt, and Congressman Jim Himes. The trips provided students with direct exposure to government institutions and historical landmarks. Photo Credit: Greenwich Academy

Sacred Heart Students Showcase Talent

On April 10, Sacred Heart Greenwich held its 16th Annual Film Festival, where 92 Upper School students presented films across four categories: PSA, documentary, experimental, and creative. Industry professionals judged the submissions and selected winners in each category, with additional audience awards given. The event was hosted by four students and included a range of student-produced film content.

Greenwich Students Honored For Service

On April 22, 2025, Greenwich Public Schools held their annual Community Service Awards at the Greenwich High School Performing Arts Center. The event recognized students from elementary, middle, and high schools for their participation in service activities benefiting their schools and the broader community. Sameera Madan received the Fleishman Service Award for her contributions.

SPORTS

GA Lacrosse Dominates Hopkins



Greenwich Academy's Varsity A lacrosse team extended its winning streak to six games with a dominant 16-2 victory over Hopkins School, featuring balanced scoring from six players with two goals each. The Gators jumped to an 11-1 halftime lead and maintained control throughout, preparing confidently for their upcoming rivalry game against Sacred Heart Greenwich. Coach Tee Ladouceur praised the team's adaptability and the strong contributions from both veteran leaders and promising underclassmen. Photo Credit: David Fierro

GHS Tennis Extends Winning Streak

The Greenwich High School boys varsity tennis team defeated New Canaan 5-2 on April 22, continuing their undefeated season with strong performances in both singles and doubles matches. This win follows a dominant 7-0 victory over Bridgeport Central the day before, bringing their season record to 5-0. The team, defending champions of the CIAC Class LL and FCIAC tournaments, next faces rival Staples on April 24.

GHS Volleyball Earns Dominant Victory

The Greenwich High School boys volleyball team defeated St. Joseph 3-0 on April 17, led by standout performances from Dylan Gomez, Logan Jaycox, and Keio Fukushima. Despite their strong showing, the Cardinals lost 3-1 to Trumbull on April 21. Greenwich (2-4) will face Norwalk on the road next on April 23.

Brunswick Rowers Shine at Mercer

Brunswick School junior George Kapp earned a bronze medal in the Varsity Single race at the competitive Mercer Sprints in New Jersey, marking his U19 category debut. Brunswick also reclaimed the Richard Curtis Trophy from Salisbury with a strong comeback win in the Varsity Eights, and took victories in the 3rd and 4th Eights races. Meanwhile, Brunswick's Varsity Pair of sophomores finished seventh in their debut, and Salisbury won the 2nd Eights race.

GHS Girls Gain Experience Facing Powerhouse



Darien High School's girls lacrosse team dominated rival Greenwich in a 20-0 victory on April 17, with ten players contributing goals and a 14-0 halftime lead. Senior Annabell Adams led the offense with five goals and an assist, while Darien's defense stifled Greenwich, allowing just two first-half shots. The win marked a strong rebound for Darien after a recent loss and highlighted their depth, teamwork, and strategic execution on both ends of the field. Photo Credit: Antonio Monteiro/06878 Photography

GHS Boys Lacrosse Eyes Strong Comeback

Darien High School defeated Greenwich High School 16-2 in a dominant FCIAC varsity boys lacrosse matchup on April 17, 2025, with a balanced offensive performance and stifling defense. Greenwich, which had shown strong early-season form, was unable to match Darien's pace or maintain possession, trailing 9-1 by halftime. The Cardinals acknowledged the loss as a valuable learning experience as they continue their season. Photo Credit: Antonio Monteiro/06878 Photography

Brunswick Baseball Dominates Rival King



Brunswick School swept King School in a home-and-home FAA baseball series, winning 12-0 on April

14 and 5-3 on April 17 to improve to 6-2 on the season. Strong pitching performances from Johnny and Andrew Gally, plus a save by Tyrus Ostrowski, helped secure the close home win. Offensively, Brunswick delivered timely hits and drew numerous walks, with key contributions from Jack Bylow, Jayden Montanez, and Michael Marini across both games. Photo Credit: Brunswick School

GHS Girls Rugby Team Wins vs Rivals



Greenwich High School's girls varsity rugby team opened its season with a dominant 47-5 win over rival Southington High School at Cardinal Stadium. After a competitive first half ending 12-5, the Cardinals surged ahead in the second half with multiple tries, led by senior captain Lauren Huang and standout kicker Mady Jones. With an experienced roster and over 50 players, the team showcased both offensive power and defensive resilience in their season debut. Photo Credit: Antonio Monteiro/06878 Photography

Brunswick Lacrosse Shines Against Taft



Brunswick School's varsity lacrosse team defeated The Taft School 13-6 on April 16, powered by dominant faceoff play from Aidan Diaz-Matos and a strong transition game that led to multiple scoring bursts. Junior attack Lucas Garcia led all scorers with six goals, while Rick Giordano added four, as the Bruins built an early lead and maintained control throughout. The win improved Brunswick's record to 5-2 and served as a rebound from their recent loss to Malverne Prep. Photo Credit: Brunswick School

GHS Tennis Team Starts Strong

Greenwich High School's varsity boys tennis team began its 2025 season with dominant 7-0 wins over Fairfield Ludlowe and St. Joseph, extending its winning streak to 46 matches. The Cardinals, coming off back-to-back 22-0 seasons and FCIAC and CIAC Class LL titles, showcased strong performances from returning seniors and rising underclassmen in both singles and doubles play. Their upcoming matches include key contests against Bridgeport Central, Staples, and New Canaan.

Greenwich Academy Lacrosse Team Triumphs



Greenwich Academy's Varsity A lacrosse team capped a demanding stretch of five games in six days with a 10-3 victory over Greens Farms Academy, improving their season record to 5-1 and 4-0 in FAA play. Key contributors included Katie Barr with a hat trick and strong team defense that shut out GFA in the second half. Head coach Tee Ladouceur praised the team's adaptability and rapid growth, especially among underclassmen playing varsity for the first time. Photo Credit: David Fierro

ACROSS CT

Communities Commemorate Paul Revere Ride



From April 16 to 18, communities across the U.S. commemorated Paul Revere's April 18, 1775, midnight ride, which warned of British troops advancing toward Concord. The event was part of the "Two Lights for Tomorrow" initiative marking the start of the 250th anniversary of the United States. Revere and fellow riders alerted militias after learning of British plans, helping prepare colonial forces for the first battles of the American Revolution. Photo Credit: David C. Wold

Ford Recalls 148K Vehicles

Ford is recalling over 148,000 vehicles due to brake and software issues. The recalls affect certain 2017-2018 F-150, Expedition, and Lincoln Navigator models for brake fluid leaks, and 2025 Explorer models for a powertrain control module defect. Repairs will be provided free of charge, with notifications expected to begin by May 26. To check if your vehicle has a recall, visit <https://www.ford.com/support/recalls/>.

National Pretzel Day

National Pretzel Day is April 26, and both Wetzels Pretzels and Pretzelmaker are offering free items to celebrate. Wetzels will give away free pretzels from 3 pm until closing, while Pretzelmaker is offering free Original Pretzel Bites all day in-store.

A Model of Progress: Groundbreaking Launches Long-Awaited School Renovation in Greenwich

By Tom Williamson

On a beautiful spring morning, shovels hit the dirt at Old Greenwich School—not just to turn soil, but to turn the page on a years-long chapter.

After more than two years of weekly meetings, architectural revisions, and battles over compliance mandates and budget lines, the school's ADA-compliance and renovation project broke ground. The ceremony, held on the school's front lawn, drew out students, parents, and public officials for what organizers emphasized was not just a school event, but a neighborhood milestone.

"It was great. It was awesome," said Michael-Joseph Mercanti-Anthony, Mike, who is the Board of Education representative on the Old Greenwich School Building Committee. "It was a beautiful day. It was two-and-a-half years of Building Committee work to get us there, and it was really neat to see all the kids out there."

All students were invited to participate in the ceremonial groundbreaking—a move that reinforced what leaders on the scene described as a deeply collaborative effort. "It really highlighted how it was a whole community event. It was all smiles," Mike said.

The road to this moment was neither fast nor simple.

"There's this narrative out there that nothing gets built in town," Mike observed. "But here's an example—which proves that's false. We're building lots of things."

Indeed, the ceremonial first

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Fred Camillo

dig marked more than a photo-op. It was a full-throated rebuttal to a well-worn talking point that the Greenwich Boards are slow to act, or ineffective at executing capital improvements. "Finally, after all the rignarole, here's an example of the Board of Education, the BET, the PTA, the leadership, and the neighbors of Old Greenwich—everybody—getting something done in a meaningful way."

He pointed in particular to the work of the Building Committee, put together by First Selectman Fred Camillo and led by volunteers like James Waters, as a demonstration of what's possible when residents commit to public service outside of headlines or election cycles.

Camillo said, "seeing the community come out like that is further evidence of how strongly the community supported this project. When we interview people for a building committees, these are the outcomes that we are shooting for I thank this building committee for putting in a tremendous amount of time and effort to get us to this point and look forward to supporting them and the project through



to completion. This is another example of how we get to YES."

"The level of commitment that the people in the building committee have brought to this is really unprecedented," Mike said. "To get to the point where you've got a project that's on time, under budget, and ready to go—it's just a boon to everybody."

From a facilities perspective, the renovation will transform both the structure and usability of the school. The project, which is phased over two years, will begin with a four-classroom addition. Once completed, students will move into those new spaces while the remainder of the school undergoes staged upgrades.

By the project's end, the entire building will be ADA-compliant. The school will also benefit from updated air conditioning, a redesigned and accessible front entrance, and additional classroom space to accommodate enrollment growth. According to project leads, one design priority was ensuring that the new front stairs and entrance maintain the school's

historic aesthetic while improving both safety and accessibility. Construction is scheduled to begin in earnest this summer, after the current academic year concludes.

For all the heavy lifting still

ahead—cement pours, HVAC installs, classroom logistics—the ceremony marked something no less significant: a shift in tone and trajectory.

"This is just one of many real capital improvements happening

around town," Mike concluded. "People are so used to criticizing without really paying attention. This is something that works—and maybe it's a model for how other things can get done, too."



The Old Greenwich School ground-breaking included the children who attend the school as participants, seen here with Principal Jen Bencivengo. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

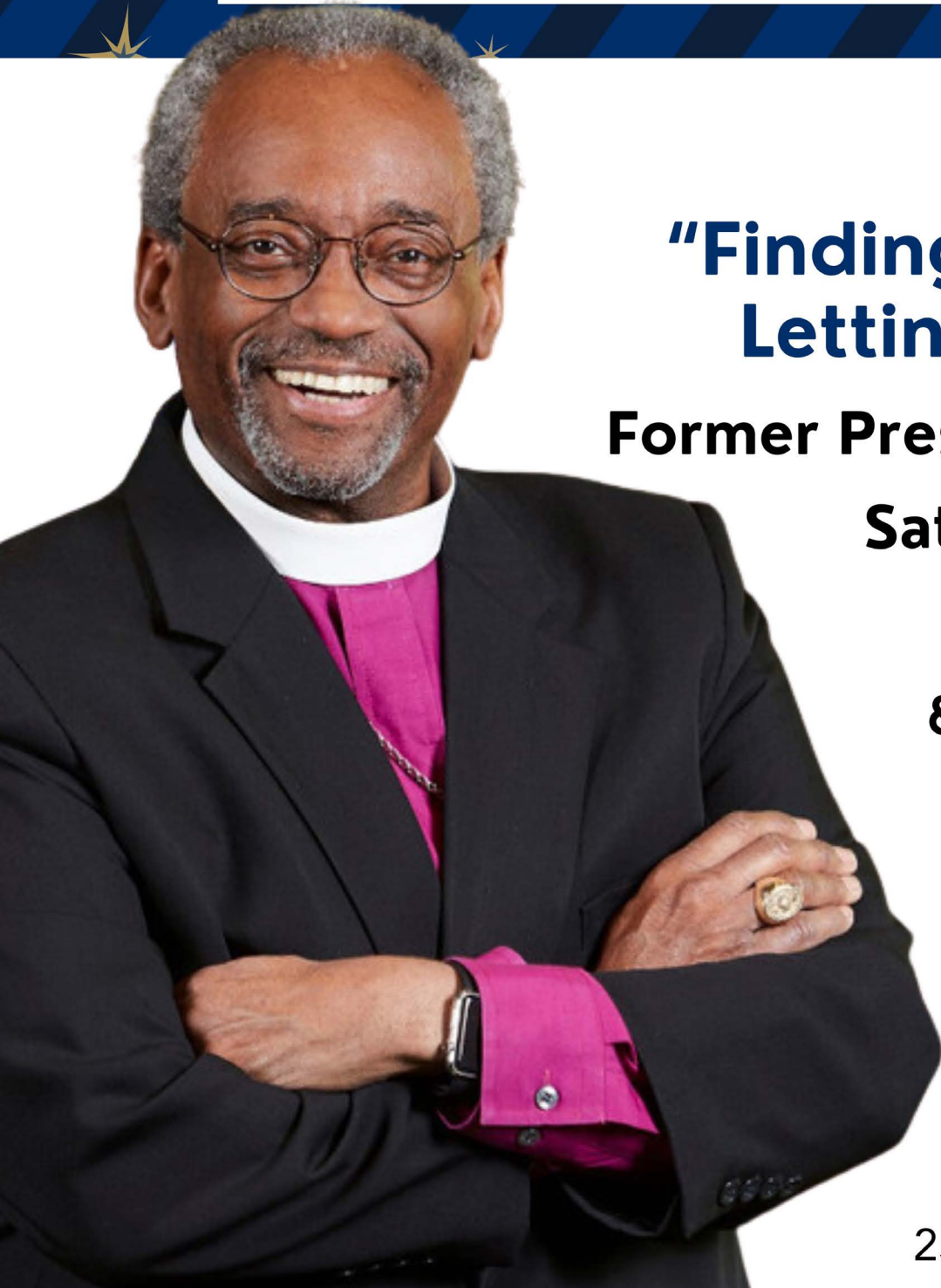


State Rep. Stephen Meskers, First Selectman Fred Camillo, James Waters, State Rep. Hector Arzeno, and Selectwoman Janet Stone McGuigan. Photo by Bob Capazzo.



The Old Greenwich School ground-breaking included the children who attend the school as participants. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

COURAGE & FAITH



Free Talk: "Finding Calm in the Storm: Letting Go, Letting God"

Former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
Saturday, April 26 , 6:00 pm

**Reception
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Connecticut’s Electric Bill Burden

By Elizabeth Barhydt

On a spring evening in New Canaan, with the summer’s first heat creeping into forecasts, two legislators stood before a full auditorium and tried to answer a question echoing across Connecticut: Why are our electricity bills so high—and what can we do about it?

“There’s no dispute that our energy costs are too high in the state,” said State Representative Thomas O’Dea, who represents New Canaan and parts of Wilton and Ridgefield. “We’ve heard our constituents loud and clear and we’re working on it.”

State Senator Ryan Fazio, who represents Greenwich and parts of Stamford and New Canaan, added: “Electric bills are too damn high. The state bears responsibility for that, and we need to act.”

The event was part of a larger “affordability tour” launched by the two lawmakers, but the conversation wasn’t just political—it was personal. One after another, residents asked questions that revealed a growing tension between public policy, energy efficiency, and affordability.

Together, the two legislators delivered a presentation that outlined what they see as one of the state’s biggest affordability failures: an electric bill system that, in their view, charges residents for more than they use and shields those charges from scrutiny.

Their remarks came just days after Eversource, the state’s largest electric utility, issued its seasonal call to action—urging customers to reduce usage now to avoid summer spikes. Taken together, the forum and the utility advisory paint a portrait of a state bracing for higher demand, growing political friction, and calls for reform from both sides of the aisle.

Fazio and O’Dea began the forum by walking through the anatomy of a Connecticut electric bill, now mandated by law to include itemized charges for supply, transmission, delivery, and public benefits. That last line item, they argued, deserves more attention—and more outrage.

“There are 57 different government programs that are paid for through our electric bill,” Fazio explained. “They equate to over \$800 million per year. For the average resident in Connecticut, that’s about \$677 annually.”

O’Dea reminded the audience where the blame lies. “Who do you blame? Legislators,” he said. “We’re the ones who enacted the laws that put a lot of these things on your bill.”

A slide projected behind them showed two sample bills—one residential, one commercial. Both revealed public benefits charges accounting for more than 30% of total costs. These programs include renewable energy subsidies, low-income discounts, bill forgiveness programs, and state-mandated energy efficiency initiatives.

“They’ve more than doubled since 2018,” he added. “They’re not going away. They don’t expire. And most people had no idea they were even paying for them.”

The Consumers First Act: A Six-Point Plan

The legislators pointed to a policy solution: **The Consumers First Act**, a bill they introduced that would do the following:

1. **Eliminate the public benefits charge from electric bills and fund programs through the general fund.**
2. **Cap energy contracts at 150% of wholesale electricity rates.**
3. **Include nuclear and hydro power in Class I renewable definitions.**
4. **Separate PURA from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to improve regulatory independence.**
5. **End subsidies that encourage higher demand, such as electric vehicle charger rebates.**
6. **Expand natural gas infrastructure to improve**

affordability and reliability.

“We’re not saying end every program,” Fazio noted. “But they need to be vetted, debated, and approved regularly—just like public schools, roads, and everything else.”

Conservation Measures from Eversource

While lawmakers seek long-term reform, Eversource is encouraging customers to make short-term changes.

The Summer Surge

A week before the forum, Eversource issued a public advisory reminding residents that electricity usage—and bills—rise significantly in the warmer months.

“During the summer, customers typically see their electric usage increase considerably as their air conditioners fight against the scorching temperatures,” said Steve Sullivan, Eversource’s President of Connecticut Electric Operations. “Even if the supply rate drops, overall bills tend to rise because usage increases.”

Eversource estimates that electricity usage jumps 35% from spring to summer, with last year’s record-setting heat causing a 45% spike from June to July.

Sullivan urged customers to take action now. “Installing insulation, weatherstripping doors, using ceiling fans, operating appliances during cooler hours—these changes can really help,” he said.

Home Energy Solutions

One of Eversource’s most utilized offerings is the Energize ConnecticutSM Home Energy SolutionsSM program.

For a \$75 copay (or no cost for income-eligible residents), customers can receive a home visit from a certified technician. The technician inspects the home’s energy performance and performs on-the-spot improvements like sealing air leaks and installing energy-efficient lighting.

According to Ricardo Jordan, Eversource’s Energy Efficiency Manager, the average participant saves up to \$180 per year on their electric bill.

“We encourage everyone to sign up,” Jordan said. “It’s one of the most effective tools we have to help people take control of their energy costs.”

A Balanced Approach: Efficiency and Reform

State Representative Tina Courpas who represents Greenwich and parts of Stamford, responded to Eversource’s public messaging.

“I support efforts to cut down on energy waste and for all of us to be more energy efficient in our homes,” Courpas said. “But let’s not insult the ratepayer by attributing last summer’s spike in electric bills to increased usage. Almost 30% of ratepayer bills are public benefits charges—a tax levied without their consent.”

“We have been pounding the table for action on this since last July, and every solution has been rejected by the majority. The elephant is still in the room. It is the public benefits charges and Connecticut’s need for a more comprehensive energy plan. It is not people running their AC too much in the summer heat.”

Local Leaders Weigh In

Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camillo praised the utility’s outreach. “With an uncertain economic environment and high peak times of energy usage ahead, it makes sense to prepare now,” Camillo said. “Their energy evaluations are something every household should consider.”

Fazio agreed. “I would also encourage residents to avail themselves of any affordable options to lower usage and costs,” he said. “Especially in the summer and winter months.”

Senator Fazio also encouraged people to get involved with lowering their electric bill in other ways.

At the close of the New Canaan forum, Senator Fazio urged residents to speak up. “People are speaking up, and it is making a difference,” he said. “We’re changing hearts and minds of people who make

“There are 57 different government programs paid through your electric bill. That’s \$812 million annually.”
— Senator Ryan Fazio

When are all these “benefits” enough?

- The cost of public benefits programs have *more than doubled* since 2018, including *and* excluding the nuclear contracts

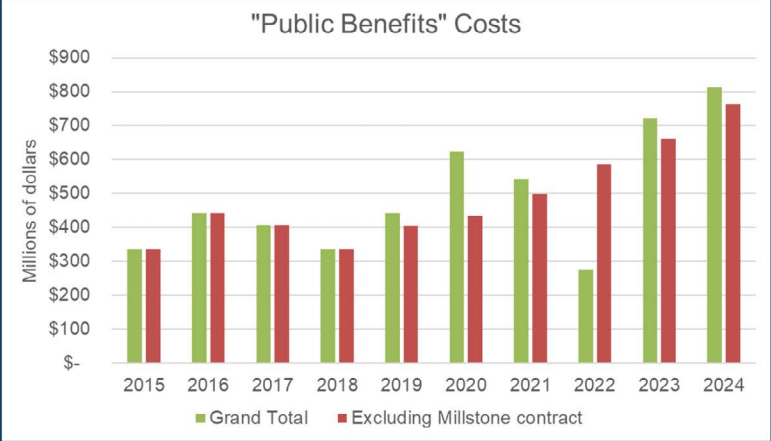
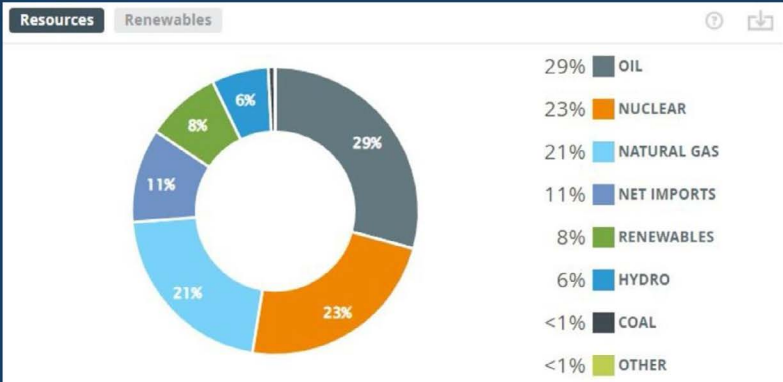


Chart presented showing the rise in “Public Benefits” costs from 2015 to 2024.

This slide illustrates the sharp and sustained increase in charges we pay to fund more than 50 state-run energy programs, known as “Public Benefits.” The green bars show the total cost each year, including long-term contracts with nuclear facilities like Millstone; the red bars show the cost excluding those nuclear agreements. Even without the nuclear contracts, public benefit charges have more than doubled since 2018.

Peak demand calls on fuel oil generation

- “Last Christmas, I gave you my...fuel oil”
- Up to 40% of the NE grid ran on oil to keep the lights on...



Graphic shown to highlight grid strain during peak demand.

On December 26, 2022, as cold weather spiked electricity usage, oil powered nearly 30% of New England’s electric grid—the single largest source that day. Fazio used this data to underscore the reliability challenge: when demand peaks, the grid often turns to older, dirtier oil-fired plants to keep lights and heat on, because cleaner sources like wind and solar aren’t available on demand.

Infrastructure costs

- Distributed generation and new demand will require billions in new downstream infrastructure spending
 - More and upgraded wires, poles, substations, and other assets
 - Higher infrastructure spend per kWh produced because of distributed generation

Eversource expects EV demand will require **\$1.5-2.4B** of new investment for substation upgrades alone
That divides out to roughly **\$1,500** per household

Slide on projected infrastructure costs tied to growing electric demand.

As the state shifts toward distributed energy generation and rising electric vehicle usage, Eversource estimates that **\$1.5 to \$2.4 billion in new substation investments will be required**, driven largely by EV-related demand. This infrastructure expansion, Fazio noted, could translate to an additional **\$1,500 in costs per household, not including further upgrades to poles, wires, and transformers**. These costs are expected to show up in residents’ delivery charges in the years ahead.

History of Our Fight

- Timeline of past and current legislation
 - January 2023 - February 2024 – July 2024 – August 2024 – January 2025
 - Party line votes
- Republican Proposal for rate relief of ratepayers with ARPA funding in 2024
- **#1** most-important issue to Connecticut voters (CBIA poll, Jan. 2025)
- **73%** of voters support ending public benefits (CBIA poll, Jan. 2025)
- **75,000** residents signed petition to end the public benefits charge
- **750** testified for the Consumers First Act

Slide outlining legislative efforts and public support for electric bill reform

Senator Ryan Fazio used this timeline to show how support has grown for ending the “public benefits” charge on utility bills. Since early 2023, rate relief legislation has advanced through multiple sessions, often along party lines. By January 2025, the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) reported that electricity costs had become the **#1** issue for voters, with **73%** favoring an end to public benefits charges. A petition gathered **75,000** signatures, and **750** residents testified in favor of the Consumers First Act, which proposes major reforms to how electric programs are funded.

decisions in Hartford—and we need your voices to keep pushing.” A slide projected on the screen read simply: “What can you do? SPEAK OUT.”

Fazio encouraged attendees to contact state leaders directly, including:

Governor Ned Lamont at www.governor.ct.gov, or by phone at 860-566-4840

Senate Democrats, website: www.senatedems.ct.gov, phone: 860-240-8600, email: Looney@senatedems.ct.gov

House Democrats, website: www.housedems.ct.gov, phone: 860-240-8500, email: Matt.Ritter@cga.ct.gov

Constituents can also share testimony with legislative committees, attend town halls, or reach out through the Connecticut General Assembly website at www.cga.ct.gov to learn more about upcoming hearings and bills.

A Regulatory Decision from Hartford

On April 23, State Representative Hector Arzeno announced a decision from PURA that could bring modest relief starting May 1.

“Today the PURA Commissioners voted on an interim decision surrounding the Eversource Rate Adjustment Mechanism,” Arzeno said. “As a result, customers—including myself—can expect to see an average monthly bill drop of about \$13.”

Arzeno explained the distinction between components PURA can adjust—like the Federally Mandated Congestion Charge—and those it cannot.

“These rates are updated twice a year in January and July,” he said. “PURA doesn’t set or control wholesale electricity prices. Those come through competitive bidding. But PURA ensures that companies are charging only what that electricity actually costs—no more, no less.”

Arzeno said he would be monitoring the upcoming July rate announcement, expected in mid-to-late May. “In the summer, demand for natural gas drops, so we tend to see lower generation rates,” he said. “I’ll be watching that closely.”

The Grid Is Stressed

Back at the forum, concerns extended beyond costs to grid reliability.

“On the coldest and hottest days, we still rely on oil,” Fazio said. “There was a Christmas two years ago when 40% of New England’s electricity was coming from oil-fired plants.”

Fazio explained that as the state transitions to more distributed energy—like solar panels and electric vehicles—the demands on infrastructure are multiplying.

“Eversource expects \$1.5 to \$2.4 billion in substation upgrades just to handle EV growth,” O’Dea said. “That breaks down to \$1,500 per household.”

The costs of building a grid that can support that future, they warned, will be passed on to ratepayers unless carefully managed.

What Residents Are Saying

During the forum’s Q&A, residents asked pointed questions.

Ryan Bollinger, a New Canaan High School student, asked whether reliance on natural gas conflicted with the state’s 2040 net-zero goal.

“It’s a good question,” Fazio replied. “We need to reduce emissions while keeping energy affordable. That means nuclear, natural gas, and technology innovation.”

Christina from New Canaan asked why rooftop solar is so expensive. “I don’t understand why we all can’t just install solar and use batteries,” she said.

“Geography and infrastructure costs,” Fazio answered. “The sun doesn’t shine as much here, and the costs are higher per kilowatt for smaller systems.”

John Kuhn from Fairfield pressed on community power aggregation. Fazio said he supports allowing towns to buy energy in bulk, though he’s “not convinced it will radically cut costs.”

David Wilson of Stamford was more blunt: “It is a tax,” he said of public benefits charges. “A hidden tax. It’s going to destroy our state.”

A Public Mandate?

A January 2025 poll from the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) showed that electricity costs are now the top issue for Connecticut voters. Of those polled, 73% support eliminating public benefits charges.

Fazio said more than 75,000 residents have signed a petition backing the legislation, and 750 testified in support during hearings.

“A long-time legislator told me he’d never seen that much support for a single bill,” Fazio noted.

Still, despite bipartisan conversation, the bill remains in committee.

“It’s party-line so far,” O’Dea said. “But the momentum is building.”

Summer Awaits

As Connecticut heads into the warmest months of the year, residents are being asked to do more with less—reduce usage, monitor rates, and brace for costs that are influenced not just by how much energy they consume, but by what policies govern the grid.

“We need structural reform,” Fazio said. “But in the meantime, we also need smart habits.”

Growing Up a Writer in Greenwich

Francis Steegmuller

By MARY A. JACOBSON

What are the childhood influences from where one can trace a life's passion? In the case of Francis Steegmuller, acclaimed recipient of many literary honors, his formative years in the Greenwich schools can be credited for igniting his literary gifts.

Francis Steegmuller, born in 1906, was interviewed in 1977 by Oral History Project volunteer Catharine McNamara at his home in New York City. As he recalled his years growing up in Greenwich, he remembered with nostalgia simple pastimes like sledding down Sound View Drive, "blueberrying" and "blackberrying" in the woods across from his house, and ice skating at Ten Acres (where Greenwich High School (GHS) is now located).

There were also long summer days at Little Captain's Island beach "the only public bathing beach in Greenwich at that time." Tod's Point was then "completely private. Nobody dreamed of going to Tod's Point to swim." Bird watching was also a pleasing pastime. "My parents gave me some binoculars, and I used to spend a lot of time watching the birds. I always walked through the woods on my way to Havemeyer School." Later, they lived in a home on the corner of Stanwich Road where "we kept chickens and pigs. It was really like a miniature farm." His dad

commuted to work in New York City each day "but at home he'd be a farmer in a modest way."

Steegmuller described himself as a quiet, bookish fellow whose family was well-established in Greenwich. His mother had lived in Greenwich since her childhood. "She knew all the people who had the stores on Greenwich Avenue and people who had the houses around." Her stepmother, Sarah Held, and her sister, Minnie Held, "ran a hotel called the Held House (later known as Held Cottage). It was down on Indian Harbor." His grandfather, an immigrant from Ireland, became Judge of Probate in Greenwich. Their family claimed four generations of lawyers in town. Steegmuller's father hoped his son would become a certified public accountant "despite my bad marks in mathematics, which were really my only bad marks. He thought for a long time that it was too bad that I didn't go into public accounting. It would have been a disaster, I assure you."

Instead, Steegmuller credited two GHS teachers, in particular, as having had impressionable and long-lasting effects on his future endeavors. One was Catharine Woods "the teacher I knew best. I knew her from the time I was a freshman in high school (1918) until she died (1976)." As Steegmuller describes her, "She was an excellent teacher. We always enjoyed her class...

She liked people who had a talent for writing, who loved words, who loved to read and to show that they could write. There was a magazine in school called The Green Witch. Those of us who wrote for that, she always encouraged them." (Catherine Woods has also been credited by Truman Capote as recognizing and encouraging his writing talents while a student at GHS in the years 1939-1942.)

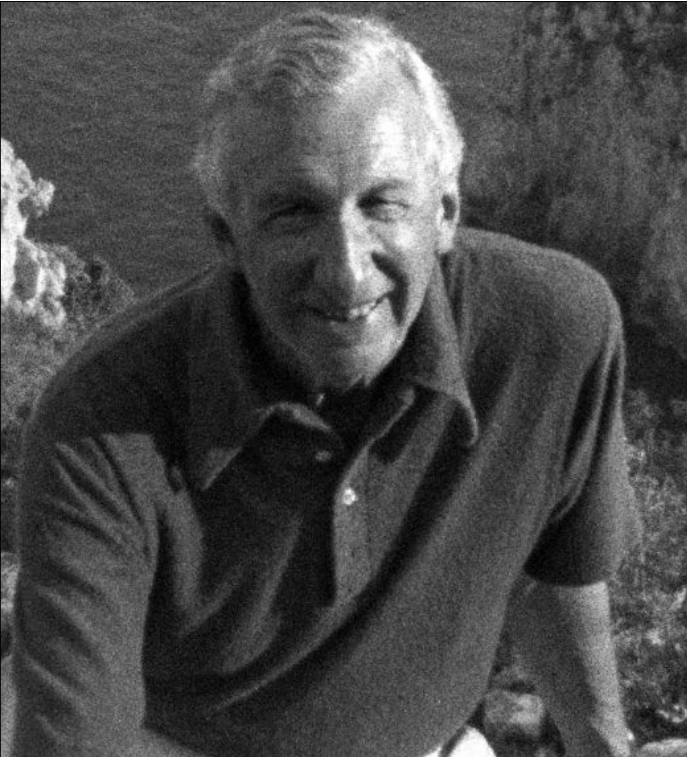
While a student at Columbia University, Steegmuller wrote his first book, O Rare Ben Jonson, published by Alfred Knopf in 1927, under the pseudonym Byron Steel, "a rather romantic name which seems silly to me now." At the time Steegmuller also considered changing his name to a simpler one like Stuart or Fitzgerald. He gingerly approached his father about it who responded, "Do it if you want to. It's a clumsy name. I've always had trouble with it, and I understand." Because his dad was so understanding, "I knew I wanted to keep his name. So, I never did change it." In recognition of the publication of his first book, "Catherine Woods invited me out for tea in New York. She took me to the Plaza Hotel for tea. I was young and, of course, thrilled...We remained friends from then on always."

A second teacher whom Steegmuller cited as influencing his writing was "a very good French teacher, Mademoiselle Hooker... I found that I took

quite easily to the study of French." Upon graduation from GHS, he was awarded "a medal to the person who had the highest marks in French" by the Alliance Francaise in Greenwich. According to Steegmuller, "Both teachers had a considerable influence. . . It was only later, when I became interested in a particular French subject, Flaubert and his novel Madame Bovary, that I combined the two interests, the writing and the French."

A further fascination with French was engendered by a travel book series his parents had given him entitled Stoddard's Lectures. "In those days, of course, there wasn't nearly as much travel, and he opened up fairylands to some of these people who were stay-at-homes... I was so fascinated by two volumes, one on Paris and one on France, that they were almost falling to pieces as a result of my childhood reading." In addition, Steegmuller recalled one winter when, at the age of four, he and his family lived in Montreal. He conjectured, "So it was a combination of something innate or acquired at a very early age . . . combined with the good teaching I had from Mademoiselle Hooker, that gave me a basis in French, and so that later somehow I began to write about French things."

In his literary career, at the time of his OHP interview in 1976, Steegmuller had written twenty books, several on the



Francis Steegmuller. Courtesy of Francis Steegmuller.

Former teacher Catharine Woods "took me to the Plaza Hotel for tea... We remained friends from then on always."

subject of Gustave Flaubert, including a translation of his letters, and was a recipient of the National Book Award. In conclusion, Steegmuller observed, "I had excellent teachers. I don't think anyone could have had better teachers anywhere."

The interview "School Days Remembered" may be read in

its entirety or checked out at the main library. It is also available for purchase by contacting the OHP office. The OHP is sponsored by the Friends of Greenwich Library. Visit the website at glohistory.org. Our narrator's recollections are personal and have not been subjected to factual scrutiny. Mary Jacobson serves as blog editor.

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Mead House restoration will be done within a few months. It will be available for staff housing. That's so important, and that is what we're going to try to do with the old Education Barn. Turn it into a three-season space where people can learn about the history of the building [National Audubon's first Education Center] and of Audubon's involvement in the Greenwich community." And he "loves the idea that it's going to be restored to the original footprint."

Rochelle Thomas leadership

Rochelle Thomas has served as Center Director for two years. She responds to Burger. "National Audubon really understands that they need to take care of these places that they're stewarding and invest in the land and the facilities...They're working hard to see that we can fix the things that need to be fixed and maintain the things that need to be maintained better."

What Thomas learned from a peer consult group's interviews with local community stakeholders was that "people really cared about the historic structures on the property, that people

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Rochelle Thomas

had fond memories of coming to the original Center, that people had driven by the Mead House for much of their lives." And some had lived in that House like noted Audubon educator Ted Gilman. An "important stakeholder" was Elise Green, the president of Historic Properties of Greenwich (HPG).

"This House is historic," shares Green. "It is a landmark.... Zebediah Mead built it and the Clovis family inherited it and gifted it to Audubon [at its founding in 1943], but it definitely goes back to the early days." Yes, to 1750, confirms Anne Young, HPG interim executive director, "and it has unusual roof framing not found in other Colonial structures within the State of Connecticut." And "It is one of only three remaining pre-revolutionary houses on John Street between Riversville Road and Round Hill Road."

Community steps up

Thomas notes also it was Green and Kim Gregory, who chairs the Center's Advisory Board as well as serving on the HPG advisory board, and Rusty Parker, also an HPG advisory board member, and Camille Broderick, former Center board member and ongoing teacher-naturalist, who "all came just with their hands and backs and knees and their strength physically cleared out the interior of the Mead House and just put so much love and care into getting it into a place that looked so much better and sort of set the stage for being able to think about what this House could be." She

adds that the last time it was inhabited was 2016.

Kim Gregory notes that besides housing staff, a number of townies had rented the Mead House. "The Audubon is trying to attract talent from all over to do its important work, and we need to be able to offer housing because people can't afford to live in Greenwich." Gregory also cites Thomas's efforts to save the House. "With her leadership, she invited the community in, and she listened to our community partners, and she fought for it."

Thomas tells that soon after her arrival had come that National Audubon Society Board of Directors gift that "launched \$4.5 million to all the Centers across the network of work on deferred maintenance projects." At the top of her list of needs was "to fix our HVAC system." Luck would then bring a large bequest from "someone in the community who passed away...that enabled us to fund the restoration of the Mead House and to bypass needing to go to the community for funding."

Historic Education Barn

Also, from that deferred maintenance fund came the funding to remove the wings of the Education Barn. "So, in the next month or so," tells Thomas, "We'll shore up the sides, and restore the Barn to its original form, a three-season place that people can visit when they're here on the property, which is open from dawn to dusk every day." And there will be exhibits that will "talk about the history of how this is the first Education Center that Audubon had in the country."

Thomas is hoping, "If there's a tremendous response from the community and we can secure the funding for it, we could move relatively quickly" to bring back that historic Barn.

That optimism resonates with Camille Broderick. "As a volunteer Audubon teacher naturalist for over 20 years at Audubon Greenwich," she is "very pleased" to see progress being made on saving the Barn. "It's very important to highlight Audubon's mission and underscore the importance of nature education today, as much as it was when it was first built in the 1940s. In our technological age, there's still a need for children to be out in nature. And this old Center Barn will be a great gathering place to communicate nature education to children."

For a fully historic view of that Barn, enter Gary Palmer, nearing 94 years. "I've been coming here steadily since about 1962," he tells. And when he first arrived the Barn was "the main building... Ted Gilman's office was upstairs. If he started going out birding, you met there and left from there. It was the center of activity." His vision for that renovated Barn would include "a permanent exhibit showing some of the old photos of what the building looked like."

Palmer has seen some of those photos dating from WWII "where some of the women were all dressed up and skating down on the pond with sailors' home on leave." And photos of "those first field trips going out into the woods with women walking in their high heels and fur coats. The old joke was birdwatching was for little old ladies." Today, that Barn could feature "things coming up, events, lectures," with perhaps "a patio off to the side where people could have catered events when the weather's nice."

Palmer recalls a quote he shared from Martin Luther King, Jr. when he received the Center's "Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023 for his half century of compiling the Greenwich-Stamford Christmas Bird Count and co-founding the Center's and the state's first Summer Bird Count in 1976. He'd addressed his hope for the



L to R Kim Gregory, Audubon advisory board chair, Rusty Parker, HPG advisory board member, and Elise Green, HGG president, before the Mead House. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



L to R, Elise Green, HGG president and Rusty Parker, HPG advisory board member and behind Kim Gregory, Audubon advisory board chair perch on stairs to Mead House with its attic of 18th century hand-hewn beams. Photo by Anne W. Semmes

restoration of the Barn with "I have a dream." That dream continues that, "Somebody's going to step forward. Something's going to happen here,

and this building is going to be saved. And I may not be around to see it, but as long as I know that something is happening, I'll be happy."

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Budgeting Is An Exercise In Prioritization



By Tina Courpas

the 2025 session is uniquely challenging, CT can accomplish our goals in a fiscally responsible manner which serves both our short and long term needs.

CT's Budget – 2 challenging structural issues

Our state's budget consists of approximately \$26 billion per year of appropriations, funded like other states primarily through taxes and debt. But, CT has two unique structural challenges. First, we have one of the highest levels of pension debt per capita in the United States. CT gives extremely robust retirement benefits to state employees, but these obligations exceed the money we've put aside to pay them. The shortfall is approximately \$37 billion - a huge sum which functions like the state's credit card debt. We don't have the money to "pay it all off," so every year, we pay the minimum balance (hundreds of millions) to meet current obligations.

Our second problem is that the state went on spending binges for decades, especially in the mid-2000s. We grew a large state government and established habits we could not afford, habits which continue. Between 2019 and 2025, state employee pay grew by 33%. When you consider that the state's economic growth is closer to 1%, that growth of government pay is staggering.

We began to fix our problems in 2017

In 2017, CT took a quantum financial leap forward and enacted CT's "Fiscal Guardrails." A combination of a Revenue Cap (limits spending to less than tax revenues), Spending Cap (caps spending at inflation/income growth), Volatility Cap (directs investment income into the Reserve fund) and the Bond Lock (locks the guardrails into bond covenants) were passed by the legislature and the Guardrails were born.

They have worked! Because of the Guardrails, the state made \$7.4 billion in contributions to its pension fund, freeing up \$730 million yearly, and grew its budget reserve fund from \$212 million in 2017 to \$4.1 billion today. The Guardrails have both controlled overspending and made a dent in our pension debt.

But \$2.8 Billion of Federal relief funds for COVID caused us to overspend again between 2021-24

The \$1.9 trillion Federal bailout for COVID relief provided a massive "slush fund" which helped us avoid difficult choices. CT received \$2.8 billion in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and other COVID funds to deploy between 2021-24. Most of those one-time funds were deployed for COVID-specific, one-time needs. But

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Do you need to update them? Especially when it comes to new technology or regulations?

And then do a gut check: what actually excites you?

I think a dose of realism is key. Don't confuse a hobby with a career. Look at fields where there is vibrancy and demand for talent. Play the odds. Remember the saying, "Rising tides lift all boats." Don't dive into a shallow pool or one with rocks.

And if you value your freedom and spontaneity, lean into that. Maybe part-time, remote, or volunteer work is the better fit. There are real opportunities out there. One example is Sidekick Concierge, a Larchmont-based company that connects highly educated women with families who need flexible, part-time support. There are also volunteer options with organizations like AmeriCorps Seniors (americorps.gov) or VolunteerMatch.org. Even your local senior center might know of nonprofits looking for help.

There are many inspiring stories out there.

Take Debbie Huffard, an avid squash player with a huge heart. She combined her love for squash and children by volunteering with CitySquash (<https://www.citysquash.org>), a Harlem-based after school program, that supports kids academically and athletically. I would see her at many of the Greenwich-based junior squash tournaments, shepherding three to four boys with pride and care. Debbie says, "This all started back in 2002 and I'm still actively

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unfortunately, some of the funds were used to prop up operating shortfalls in other areas of the budget. In effect, we used federal COVID-relief money to fill non-COVID holes and spent over the Spending Cap.

For example, in May 2024, the legislature took a controversial vote (opposed by Republicans) to allocate \$160 million of such ARPA and other COVID funds to plug operating shortfalls in the CT state and community college systems. Republicans and others argued that these funds should be deployed elsewhere: special ed, K-12 schools, applied to unpaid electric bills created by the COVID moratorium. These arguments were rejected, K-12 and special ed were under funded, and the unpaid COVID electric bills ended up as "public benefits charges" on our electric bills instead.

The last of the ARPA and other Federal COVID-relief funds were required to be deployed in 2024, so the Federal bailout "sugar rush" as some have called it, ended in 2024.

It didn't look so good coming into 2025

2025 was set up to be a difficult budget year from the start. The "budget Novocain" provided by ARPA money was gone, yet the operating shortfalls ARPA money had plugged continued. People had begun to rely on worthwhile COVID support programs - but the money to continue them was gone. To make it worse, certain expense items in the 2025 budget had large cost overruns. For example, Medicaid alone is projected to finish 2025 at \$225 million over what was budgeted.

Finally, add the uncertainty of "Federal Budget Cuts"

Jan. 2025 brought a new Presidential administration, which has stated that it is shrinking Federal government and shifting certain responsibilities to the states. As a state legislator, I am ready to problem solve for the state's citizens on any shortfall created by Federal cutbacks and fund gaps at the state level if needed.

The situation changes daily, but as of the writing of this column (April 15), I am at a loss to identify exactly what that shortfall is.

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The \$150 million of "cuts" to the Department of Public Health (DPH) received much press, and understandably so given the vital nature of services DPH provides to our citizens. But many of these

involved. I had just lost my husband Flip and we were attending a local tournament when a huge blizzard hit. My 7th grader Gray invited Tim Wyant (head of City Squash from 2002-2013) and a few others to crash at my nearby home. We had dinner and by the end of the evening we had agreed to be hosts to the City Squash kids. My son Gray is now head of the City Squash Junior Advisory Board. Some of the kids have become part of our family. I can't relay how much joy this has brought me."

For those ready to go all-in, starting or buying a business is another path. In 2017, I worked with a business broker who provided me with a number of options to consider and helped me to understand the risk/reward trade-off. He also had me take several tests to assess my strengths and weaknesses. Franchises can be a less risky way to own a business, because, if we are sticking with the sailing analogy, they give you a map, a compass, and the support of a fleet.

Lauren Driscoll is a great example of someone who returned to her roots in healthcare to make a big splash by founding Nourished RX, a "food as health" business that supports health plan members with diet related conditions. www.nourishedrx.com

Lauren Driscoll, a graduate of the University of Virginia with a Master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University, began her career working on healthcare policy as part of the Clinton Administration's Healthcare Reform Task Force. She later served as Corporate Director of Oxford Health Plan's Medicare business before stepping away from her corporate career in 2000 to raise her sons, Mac and Hill Kelley.

In 2010, Lauren returned to the healthcare field, volunteering as a healthcare policy advisor for Governor Ned Lamont's first gubernatorial campaign. "Working with Governor Lamont gave

"cuts" represented the cessation of ARPA funding. These programs were beneficial and represent a painful loss, even though they did not exist before COVID. If they are worth continuing in the post-COVID world, I fully support putting them in CT's budget and funding them if possible.

But, there is a big difference between a program which stops because one-time ARPA bailout money is no longer available VERSUS a Federal "cut" to a foundational part of CT's budget or a pre-COVID program. It would be useful to our budgeting process to recognize this distinction.

I am certain that there are and will be Federal cuts which will affect CT. I am not minimizing their impact. But we must distinguish between "anticipated" cuts and actual cuts, and plan without panicking. The Governor stated it well last week: "I don't want to overstate what's going on because every day it changes. I can't say it hasn't happened yet, so why worry about it? We are ready, and we are prepared."

So, what do we do with our 2025 budget?

As a moderate policymaker, I believe that:

1) We have to decide what CT's priorities are, fund those and fund them effectively.

2) We must freeze state employee pay raises for at least two years. The rate of increases is unsustainable.

3) Adhering to CT's Fiscal Guardrails is an imperative. There is a fiscally prudent budget we can develop, which reflects our priorities and doesn't break the spending cap. The Guardrails also enable us to keep paying down our "credit card debt", aka pension liabilities.

4) CT needs to pass a state budget by June 4, and we will probably have to do it with incomplete information about Federal budget cuts. So, let's work with what we know for a fact. We cannot budget based on fear, anticipation and "what-ifs."

5) BUT, the Legislature should be prepared to revisit our budget (in a special session or otherwise), if additional verified needs arise as a result of Federal cuts. We must provide for our citizens.

The decisions we make this year in CT will be with us for a long time – long after the panic of daily headlines, volatile financial markets, chaos and uncertainty subside. Let's stay the course on CT's Fiscal Guardrails. If we don't, our taxes will go up. Let's proceed with moderation. Let's plan, not panic.

Tina Courpas is the state representative for the 149th district.

me the opportunity to refresh my knowledge of the U.S. healthcare landscape at a time when everything was changing," she said. That experience led to an introduction to former Utah Governor and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services under President George W. Bush, Mike Leavitt. This connection opened the door for Lauren to join Leavitt Partners, where she worked both full-time and part-time on healthcare strategy and innovation

Lauren's advice? "Be humble and recognize there's a learning curve. The landscape may have changed since you last worked, and you'll need to put in the effort to get back up to speed. Don't be afraid to volunteer or take on smaller roles to build your knowledge and confidence. Just get in the mix—opportunities will follow."

Then there's Stapley Russell, who went in a completely different direction. A former writer, editor and communications expert with major publishing houses, she trained to become an EMT. She admits it took some trial and error—French lessons, woodworking, even a comedy writing class—before she found her new calling. Inspired by her son's experience with GEMS (Greenwich Emergency Medical Services), she signed up. Now, not only is she certified, but she's also on the GEMS board and co-chairing their main fundraiser. Her advice: "Get out of your comfort zone. Try things. Be brave. You might just surprise yourself."

On a personal note, I'll say this: relaunching is hard and scary. I have had many moments where I doubted my decision, but after nearly eight years, it has been an incredible journey. I love having a sense of purpose and helping others. I have wonderful clients and learn every day. I am happiest when I am busy — but I admit I may be overdoing it!

To anyone out there considering a relaunch: do the work, be brave, and trust that something wonderful could be waiting for you.

Children Against Mines Program Inspires Rotary With Message of Hope and Heroism

By Anne White

At a recent luncheon hosted by the Greenwich Rotary Club, the spotlight turned global as representatives from the Marshall Legacy Institute's Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS) addressed members with stories of humanitarian resolve and international cooperation. The event highlighted Greenwich's continued partnership with the program, largely fostered by community liaison Betsy Parkinson, who coordinates a longstanding student-led fundraiser through North Mianus School.

Parkinson, whose husband Geoffrey is a member of the Rotary, has championed the CHAMPS initiative locally for several years. "When children realize they have the power to change lives halfway across the world, it changes them too," she said during the gathering, underscoring the dual impact of the program on both recipients abroad and student participants at home.

Three speakers, each integral to the program's operations, shared perspectives on demining efforts, youth leadership, and the unique role that Rotary's support plays in advancing global safety.

Elise Becker, Executive Director of the Marshall Legacy Institute, opened the presentation by outlining MLI's mission and progress. "Every landmine we remove is a life protected, and every child we teach becomes a bridge to a more peaceful world," Becker said. She emphasized MLI's focus on humanitarian mine action and civic engagement, noting that CHAMPS functions as both an educational platform and a mobilizing force for change.

Tamara Klingsheim, who manages MLI's Children's Programs and Victims' Assistance, described the alignment between CHAMPS and Rotary values. "The spirit of service and compassion that Rotary stands for is the same spirit that drives CHAMPS,"

she said. Klingsheim's work has involved coordinating with schools across the United States and in mine-affected nations, where student ambassadors help raise awareness and support.

Anne Wooleyhand, a former school administrator turned MLI team member, spoke of her own transition from education to advocacy. A key figure in CHAMPS' outreach efforts, Wooleyhand introduced a guest who quickly stole the room's attention: Rico Cosby, a retired mine detection dog who now serves as MLI's Canine Ambassador.

Rico, rescued from active duty in Bosnia, has met with thousands, including Capitol Hill lawmakers and foreign diplomats. His presence in Greenwich underscored the tangible effects of the program. "Rico's courage reminds us that bravery comes in all forms—even on four paws," said Wooleyhand.

The presentation concluded with remarks from Greenwich

One retired dog, thousands of lives saved and a powerful lesson in courage shared with Greenwich Rotary Club.

Rotary President Agathe Likoba, who praised the event as a testament to global collaboration. "Today was a celebration of hope, heroism, and humanity," she said. "We are honored to be part of this mission to create a safer world."

Rotary members offered thanks to all presenters and posed for photos with Rico, who stood calmly beside Wooleyhand as children from the local community approached



Rico Cosby, Hero Dog

to greet him.

Through its partnership with CHAMPS, the Greenwich Rotary Club continues to invest in global safety while cultivating empathy and civic action

among the next generation. The luncheon reaffirmed the role of local institutions in addressing international challenges one mine, one student, and one brave dog at a time.

Nuclear Energy’s Place in Power Generation

By Mike Abrahams

At the April 16th meeting of the Retired Men’s Association Arnold Gordon introduced the speaker, Seth Grae, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lightbridge Corporation (<https://www.ltbridge.com/>). Grae leads the company’s efforts to develop nuclear fuel technology to improve the safety and economics of existing and new power reactors, including small modular reactors. He led Lightbridge’s advisory roles to governments of countries seeking to start or expand their own nuclear power programs. Grae is chairman of the American Nuclear Society’s International Council and is a member of the World Economic Forum’s Advanced Energy Solutions Community. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Nuclear Energy Institute. He is a frequent speaker about nuclear power at international conferences and at universities.

The presentation began with a grounding in the realities of the present. Grae didn’t shy away from acknowledging the volatility, changes, and unpredictability that characterize today’s energy landscape. He highlighted the surging demand for electricity, noting that utilities in the United States and across the globe are grappling with how to meet projected needs just a decade from now.

Grae underscored the staggering energy density of nuclear power—a million-to-one advantage over other sources. It’s this efficiency that makes nuclear an unavoidable player in the energy mix, even in countries like Japan, once shaken by the Fukushima disaster. Grae recounted his visit to Fukushima, where he witnessed the reopening of reactors and heard about plans for new construction, each project approved by local prefectures. This, he argued, is a testament to changing attitudes as countries seek energy independence and affordable power.

Energy security emerged as a central theme, encompassing everything from avoiding reliance on volatile suppliers to protecting critical infrastructure from cyber-attacks. Grae spoke of small modular reactors (SMRs) serving military bases and other strategic assets, safeguarding them against grid failures.

Climate commitments were another driving force, and Grae, in his role with the American Nuclear Society’s International Council, has been a visible presence at recent COP conferences, the UN’s climate conventions. There he witnessed the rising prominence of nuclear energy in climate discussions, culminating in

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Seth Grae spoke about the growing importance of nuclear power generation to meeting both the current and future energy needs of the US and the world.

declarations from the United States and other nations to triple nuclear capacity by 2050.

Nuclear power is, as Grae highlighted, one of the most bipartisan issues in Washington D.C. He participates in monthly congressional dinners where political affiliations fade amidst shared support for nuclear energy.

Grae detailed nuclear energy’s remarkable grid reliability. U.S. nuclear reactors, which provide about 20% of the nation’s electricity, operate at an average capacity factor of 93%, carefully planned to avoid power disruptions. This reliability is critical for data centers and other industries demanding an uninterrupted power supply, leading to the consideration of facility designs that include multiple reactors for full redundancy.

The safety record of nuclear energy, according to Grae, is unmatched. No one has died or been harmed from radiation in the history of the U.S. nuclear power industry, with safety protocols so rigorous they extend to simple acts like holding railings on stairways. Currently, there are 400 large nuclear reactors worldwide, with plans to add 800 more by 2050, a mix of large and small reactors. In the U.S., 94 plants, including two at Millstone, deliver 20% of the nation’s electricity.

Grae then shifted focus to the

value of existing reactors, noting that virtually every U.S. reactor has had its license extended, with many seeking extensions beyond 60 and even 80 years. This isn’t simply about aging infrastructure; it’s about robust containment domes, reactor pressure vessels, and continual replacement of components to keep plants like new.

The presentation also included a glimpse into Lightbridge Corporation and its mission to design advanced nuclear fuels that enhance the safety and economics of existing and new reactors. These fuels can increase power output while improving safety margins and extending fuel cycles.

Grae emphasized that metrics such as average life expectancy, health, education, infant mortality, GDP per capita, and wealth all correlate closely with power per capita. He pointed out that many modernized industries, such as AI, steel, and cement are so dependent on electrical power that the abundance of electricity has become a necessity for high paying jobs.

He cited the growing trend of closed reactors reopening, such as Holtec International’s efforts at Palisades in Michigan, and NextEra Utility’s move to reopen the Duane Arnold Nuclear Power Plant in Iowa. Microsoft’s power purchase agreement with Constellation to reopen Three Mile Island Unit 1

shows that support for nuclear power in the United States is strong, with the local community and the state of Pennsylvania strongly supportive.

The presentation touched on the strategic advantages of repurposing coal plant sites with SMRs. A Department of Energy study found 80% of coal plant sites are well-suited for SMRs, due to their existing cooling water, electrical switchyards, and grid connections.

The presentation concluded with a look toward the future. He shared a picture of a mock-up of a module of an SMR, at NuScale in Corvallis, Oregon. He discussed opportunities that were becoming available for mining and enriching uranium to support the future development of nuclear power in the United States. The presentation was followed by a number of questions that continued after the meeting ended at noon.

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

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “History and Highlights of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art” by Christi Moraga, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Note: This and all future RMA presentations will be held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Explore the history of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art and highlights from its expansive collection in this docent-guided presentation. Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth is located in Hartford and is America’s oldest continuously-operating public art museum. Its collection of nearly 50,000 works of art spans from antiquity to the 21st century. Highlights include the Morgan collection of Greek and Roman antiquities and European decorative arts; world-renowned Baroque and Surrealist paintings; an unsurpassed collection of Hudson River School landscapes; European and American Impressionist paintings; Modernist masterpieces; the Wallace Nutting collection of American colonial furniture and decorative arts; African American art and artifacts; and contemporary art. More information is on the website, thewadsworth.org.

Christi Moraga has a B.A. and

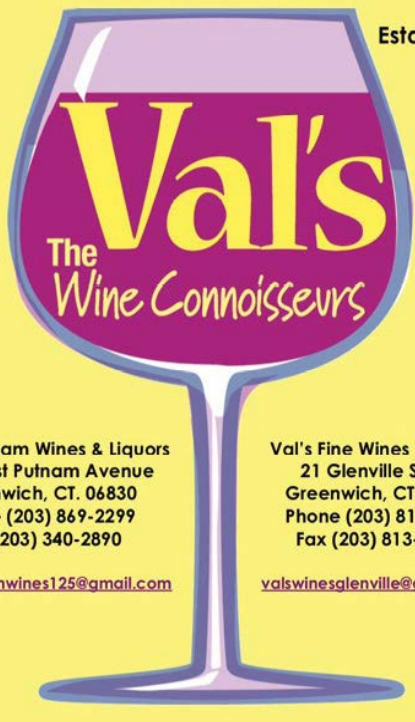
M.A. from Middlebury College in Vermont. She became a full-time docent for the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in 2018 after retiring from 36 years of teaching French, Spanish and ESL in Farmington, Connecticut. She prepares in-person and virtual tours for adults, school groups and families. Christi has been instrumental in bringing more World Languages into the museum through preparing tours in French and Spanish for the community and high school classes.

Christi has served on the Board of the Docent Council in various capacities – secretary, co-leader of the Extended Trip, and is chairperson of the Connecticut Art Docent Network. She likes sharing ideas with other docents and has proudly represented the Wadsworth Docent Council at the National Docent Symposium in 2022 and 2024. Christi does deep dives into specific art objects of the Wadsworth Atheneum by regularly researching and writing for the Docent Dialogue. She loves language, culture, history and of course, art history. Drawing from all of these, she delves into her assignments with passion!

To stream the presentation by Christi Moraga at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 30, 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.

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

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



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www.htchurch.com

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. *HT Discover - Sunday Session: April 27, 9:30am. The Alpha Course: Wednesday, April 30, 7pm.*

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church

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

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

Greenwich Baptist Church

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

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

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Church

95 Henry St.; 203-531-8730
www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. *Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite parishioners who knit or crochet (or would like to learn) to join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls. The next monthly meeting is on Saturday, May 3, 9:30am, in the School Hall.*

St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes

4 Riverside Ave; 203-637-3661
www.stc-sta.org

* All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are in-person and livestreamed (View our Livestream and recordings here: <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>)

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm – Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine's Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine's Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am – Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church; 5:15pm – Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. Ongoing: *Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals – Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 & March 14), stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose. New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There's no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes or even Catholic, you just need to be registered. If interested, please contact Parish Partners at (203-637-3661, ext. 375). Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or Parish-Partners@stc-sta.org. Music in the Spring – an hour of Jazz: Sunday, May 4, 2:30pm, free (donations welcome).*

St. Mary Church

178 Greenwich Ave.;
203-869-9393
www.stmarygreenwich.org

Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm. *New Day Bereavement Program: Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm, through March 18. “Cana Prep” Marriage Preparation Program: Saturday, April 26, 9am-6:30pm, in the Parish Hall.*

St. Michael the Archangel

469 North St.; 203-869-5421
www.stmichaelgreenwich.com

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-6pm. *New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421.*

St. Timothy Chapel

1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am. *Easter Sunday – April 20: 9:30 & 11am.*

St. Paul Church

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. *Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm.*

St. Roch Church

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

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist

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

Sundays: 10:30am. Sunday School: for students up to 20yrs, 10:30am, Wed. 7:30, testimonies of healing - call in for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520*. Reading Room, 333 Greenwich Ave. 203-869-2503, M-F, 1-5pm. Bibles and children's books for sale. *Sermon subjects: April 27: Probation after Death. May 4: Everlasting Punishment.*

COMMUNITY

First Church of Round Hill

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. *Second Sunday of Easter: April 27, 10am.*

Round Hill Community Church

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL

The First Congregational Church

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

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. *RISE Against Hunger Meal Packing (no church service): Sunday, May 4, 10am-12pm.*

North Greenwich Congregational

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

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

Second Congregational Church

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

Sunday worship: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children's Chapel during 10:30am worship.

EPISCOPAL

Anglican Church of the Advent

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

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

Christ Church Greenwich

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main

Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Book Study: The Anxious Generation: Sundays, March 30 & April 6, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Anna Leinbach: Sundays, April 6, May 11, June 1. Joyful noise with Rob Mathes: Sundays, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 5pm. Lenten Lectio Divina with Rev. Tim: Wednesdays, through April 16, 11:15-11:45am, Chapel. “Eggs for Easter” Drive: through May 1 – we need your help to provide 1,500 dozen eggs for food-insecure families to be delivered directly to the Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry – Donate eggs online here: amputyourgood.com/user/campaigns/4738. Dads Playground Gathering: Saturday, April 26, 9:30-11am, CCG Preschool. Courage and Faith with Bishop Curry, Former Presiding Bishop of the National Episcopal Church: Saturday, April 26, 6pm. Joyful Noise Casual Worship Service with Rob Mathes: Sundays, April 27, 5pm. Family Bingo Night: Friday, May 2, 5:30pm. In-person Tour at Yale Art Gallery Saturday, May 3, 11am, 1111 Chapel St, New Haven.*

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526
www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (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. 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.stpaulsriverdale.org

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St. Saviour's Episcopal Church

350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262
www.saintsaviours.org

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

IEWISH

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. ‘Colorful Profiles’ – Short Stories of Extraordinary Lives from Jewish History: Four Sundays, beginning May 4, 9:30am.*

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.*

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. *GRS Reads – “The Chosen”: Thursday, May 1, 12pm. Tora Study with Rabbi Gerson: Sunday, May 4, 9:45am.*

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. *“Make Your Voice Heard” with Guest Speaker Emily Levy-Sho- chat of Mercaz Olami: Sunday, April 27, 4pm. Teen Workshop: Hands-Only CPR and AED Training: Sunday, April 27, 4pm. Book Discussion: The Postcard: Wednesday, April 30, 7pm.*

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 diamond-hill.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/myrevivechurch-greenwich) and on Youtube. All groups are online. Direct any prayer needs to the prayer chain at 203-536-2686 or revivecfm@gmail.com.

Stanwich Church

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

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

Center for Spiritual Development, 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). *What is Spiritualism? – Virtual Workshop: Sunday, April 27, 12:30pm. To register contact: CSDPastor@gmail.com. Guided Meditations: Tuesday, April 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. *Trinity Women's Breakfast: Saturday, May 3, 9-11am, Ministry Center.*

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *FPCG II Barb- iere di Siviglia Opera Trip: Saturday, May 3, 10:15am-5pm.*

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. *“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/re-sources/alpha](http://livinghopect.org/resources/alpha).

COLUMN



By JUSTIN CRISP

I have a wonderful little memory from our time with our baby, Beatrice, in the NICU at Greenwich Hospital. There was so much my wife and I were incapable of doing for Beatrice at that point, so much that we relied on the wonderful doctors and nurses to do for our little girl. But there was one thing we could do. We could hold Bea. And the neonatologist said the most wonderful thing whenever we did. She said, “Enjoy her.”

That was our job: to sit with Bea and enjoy her.

There’s a scene where Jesus is anointed with expensive perfume. It’s common to all four gospels, though it’s remembered somewhat differently in each. In St. John’s retelling, which many churches recently read, Jesus is at table with his friend Lazarus and his two sisters, Martha and Mary. Jesus had, earlier, raised Lazarus from the dead. After a little time passes, Jesus returns to their home with

his disciples. Lazarus, Martha, and Mary host a dinner party of sorts in Jesus’ honor. Mary gets caught up in the emotion of it all. She grabs a bottle of expensive perfume, and she pours the whole thing out onto Jesus’ feet. “The whole house was filled with the fragrance,” John says (12:3). Truth is, you could probably smell it from the street. As if that weren’t enough, Mary proceeds to dry Jesus’ feet with her hair.

To say the perfume was expensive is an understatement. John says the perfume was worth a whole year’s salary. That Mary even owned such perfume was extravagant by any measure. That she poured the whole thing out, all at once, was nearly scandalous. In John, it piques Judas’ indignation (the other gospels remember it as someone else, but no matter). Judas asks why Mary has wasted something so expensive on Jesus when they could have sold it and done good work for the poor. Surely just a dab would have been enough for Jesus, if anything. Instead, Mary’s squandered every drop on Jesus’ feet—and, let’s be honest, probably much of the floor.

Jesus responds bluntly to Mary’s critic: “Leave her alone” (14:6). He goes on to say, basically, that he isn’t going to be alive much longer. Whatever time remains is precious to Mary. She’s just trying

Glorify God and Enjoy Him Forever

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to enjoy him.

Ezra Klein of The New York Times recently recorded a podcast with Jonathan Haidt, the well-known psychologist and author of blockbuster books The Righteous Mind and The Anxious Generation. Haidt is famous for his analysis of how American culture, childhood, and parenting have changed over the last hundred years from what he calls a “play-based childhood” to a “phone-based childhood.” There’s a lot of good conversation in our community today about his work, particularly its account of social media’s precipitating effect on the mental health crisis. But Klein and Haidt discussed something else that I also found important: the decline of “paternalism.”

Paternalism has gotten a bad rap. By “paternalism,” Klein and Haidt mean the idea that we have some idea of what’s best for human beings, what’s better or worse for us to do, think, consume, imbibe, and so on. We have this idea because we’ve inherited what Klein and Haidt

call a “moral order,” and that moral order tells us what’s best for human beings to do. We shouldn’t cheat. We shouldn’t lie. We should serve others. That’s what’s best for us. But when we have no shared moral order to tell us these things—or when all we have is a tattered, bare-bones one—all that’s left are “metrics.” For adults, it’s our net worth. For kids, it’s their grades.

Focusing solely on metrics isn’t working for us. The idea has been, in Klein’s words, “If you’re getting good grades, then you’re fine.” But, as he observes, “We definitely see it’s not true now, because we’re watching kids—partially through grade inflation—get plenty of good grades, not get pregnant as teenagers, not do a bunch of drugs. But they’re doing terribly.” We and our kids have got excellent qualifications for life. We just have no idea what use to put them to because we have no shared idea of what human life is for.

Klein makes a little passing remark that, predictably, caught my interest as a priest. He says, “I

feel like parenting and the culture parents come from now—unless you are in some form of church, basically—is incredibly insecure about making these judgments.”

Klein’s right. Churches claim to know what human life is for. The meaning of life is what plays out between Mary and Jesus at that dinner. In the words of the Westminster Catechism, the meaning of life is “to glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever.”

That means the meaning of life isn’t to get good grades, or get into Choate, or make partner, or pwn the noobs at Fortnite, or post a reel that goes viral, or buy a house, or move to Greenwich, or become a dean, or beat the market. All those things are fine. They may very well turn out to be part of what makes your life worthwhile. But they aren’t the thing itself.

Our situation is desperate. According to the Monitoring the Future study Haidt cites, in 2010, 1 in 8 American high school seniors reported that “life often feels meaningless.” By 2018, it was more than 1 in 5—and climbing.

Let’s try something else, shall we? Let’s try “glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”

Praise God for creating you and saving you, purely out of His grace and love for you. Then sort out what God created you and saved you for: the particular way God wired you to be happy. Maybe your glory is to run, or to be a mom or dad, or to solve puzzles, or to listen to music, or to write poems. Whatever it is, fill your life with as much of it as possible, and whenever you get the chance, give it to God, pour it all out upon Him in thanksgiving. There’s more to Christian life than that, but that’s as good a place as any to start.

Christians are hedonists. We believe the ultimate good is enjoyment. We just think it’s all too easy to settle for a lifetime of diet Sprite when we could be sipping Saint-Émilion. Which is exactly what’s happened to us, and our kids, in the social media age. If you’re ready to try something else, try a church. Come enjoy Him.

The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp is a husband, dad, music lover, and priest. He serves as the rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and lives with his wife, Jewelle, their daughter, Beatrice, and their pug, Val, on the St. Barnabas hilltop in backcountry. He also teaches Anglican history and theology at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

COLUMN



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

On Easter Day, I telephoned one of my closest friends from high school. He is an intellectual, who studied Russian history and literature at Harvard. He is now an outstanding lawyer, who continues to read literary classics in Russian. He is an agnostic but a good husband and father, who from time to time accompanies his wife and children to church. His wife is a devout Roman Catholic.

Speaking on the day before Pope Francis died, he told me, “The Roman Catholic Church seems to be split nowadays between two kinds of churches, churches that are extremely doctrinaire, which talk about doctrinal positions that the people must follow and churches where the clergy truly seem to care about the poor and the needy. Within 30 minutes of visiting a church, my wife can tell which kind of church it is – one focused on rules and religious regulations or the one that truly cares about people and the poor.”

While this is a major

simplification, I believe that it is accurate. As someone who attended the Roman Catholic Church for several years and even briefly considered becoming ordained as a Catholic priest, his statement echoes what I have experienced, witnessed, and read about.

Pope Francis was clearly a religious leader of the second sort of church. He was compassionate, and championed the welfare of prisoners, migrants, women, gays and lesbians, outcasts and the poor. For this, he became the target of very conservative Catholics, especially in America.

Francis was one of the most authentic clerics of our lifetime. I list him with religious leaders like Archbishops Desmond Tutu and Rowan Williams; Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was killed by right-wing assassins in El Salvador in 1980; and the Polish priest, Jerzy Popieluszko.

Popieluszko was a prominent supporter of the Solidarity movement. He risked his life by celebrating the Mass for striking workers in the Polish shipyards in Gdansk. Because he opposed the steel hand of the Communist government, Popieluszko was kidnapped and murdered by Polish Security Service agents on October 19, 1984. His body was dumped in the Vistula River.

His murder outraged Polish citizens, and his murderers were subsequently jailed. Nearly 1 million Polish citizens attended his

funeral.

A small picture of Popieluszko has graced my office for 30 years. In the early 1990s, I traveled to Poland to visit his grave and see the churches where he had served in Warsaw.

He was buried at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Warsaw. While visiting this church, a woman heard that an American priest was in the building. She found and directed me to follow her, leading me along the exterior of the church to a dark stairway that led underground.

She opened a door and led me into a museum dedicated to the martyred priest. There was a letter from President Ronald Regan to Popieluszko’s family, his hiking clothes, seminary books, and his soccer uniform. I will never forget that experience.

While not a martyr, Pope Francis was a courageous voice for the marginalized throughout the world. His first year set the tone for his papacy. He flew economy class from Argentina after being elected pope. It was a shocking change from what his predecessors had done.

They were prelates, who viewed themselves as princes of the Church. Francis was different. His difference was imbedded in his name. Every pope must select a new name. Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio selected “Francis,” after St. Francis of Assisi, the man who most closely emulated the life of Jesus of any man in history. That

speaks volumes.

Pope Francis called ordinary people by telephone, such as a woman whose spouse had recently died. He offered condolences and prayed with her. Though elevated to serve as pope, Francis never stopped being a priest, pastor, and alter Christus (another Christ). He was extraordinary.

Within months after becoming pope, Francis disciplined a German bishop, who was known as the “Bishop of Bling, having spent \$42 million dollars upgrading the Bishop’s Palace in Limburg, Germany. The renovations included a \$20,000 bathtub and \$1.1 million garden.

Francis, who extolled the virtues of humility and modesty, ordered the extravagant archbishop to take a lengthy monastic retreat to repent and reflect upon his vocation. Francis essentially fired him and breaking trust with the faithful.

Francis broke a tradition, whereby the pope washes the feet of twelve seminarians on Maundy Thursday. Francis went instead to a youth detention center, and washed the feet of prisoners. It was an astonishing act.

A high level Vatican Canon lawyer criticized Francis saying, “Perhaps the pope is giving the Church a bad example by doing this.” The Canon lawyer was the voice of the traditional, institutional, doctrinaire Church that has failed to emulate Jesus and focus on caring for the poor,

the outcast, and the needy.

Pope Francis was acting like Jesus and St. Francis of Assisi. This threatened traditionalists, who want a powerful, predictable pope, who follows the rules and does not disturb things.

Shortly after becoming pope, Francis sat in the passenger seat as a driver in a simple, plain car drove him to a vacant monastery in Rome. There was no papal entourage.

When he arrived, Francis told the media and the local residents that he was transferring the building to become a local community center for the young and the old, so that an unused Church asset could be enjoyed by everyone. It was a generous act of grace.

Francis’ actions were striking and powerful. They sent messages about what the Church and Christianity stood for. Christianity stands in solidarity with the poor and the needy, the most vulnerable in society, not billionaires and the wealthy class, who can protect themselves.

I have read Francis’ sermons in Spanish. They are simple and powerful. They reflect a Christlike, courageous man, who didn’t fawn over the rich and powerful, but was most focused on those living in poverty, captivity, danger, and distress.

Most of us can remember when a journalist traveling on an airplane from Brazil to Rome with Pope Francis in 2013 asked Francis

about gay priests and gays. The pope responded, “If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge?” It was a spiritual earthquake.

It was the first statement of grace by a pope to the Catholic Church, which for centuries had held that homosexuality was a sinful act. Here at last was a crack of light offering hope and dignity to those maligned by the Church for centuries. Again, conservatives lambasted Francis, but he continued to lead courageously.

In his final message, Francis said, “On this day, I would like all of us to hope anew and to revive our trust in others, including those who are different than ourselves, or who come from distant lands, bringing unfamiliar customs, ways of life and ideas. For all of us are children of God!”

It was a message of migrants, the very kind of people that Francis championed and cared about and whom we should care about as well. May the Conclave elect a new pope who can faithfully lead the Church like Francis. It’s important to all of us.

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie is the Rector of Christ Church Greenwich. He was raised as an Episcopalian but attended a Roman Catholic parish while in college and later while living in Paris. He has built bridges with Roman Catholics throughout his ministry, including with prominent Trappist monks, spiritual writers, and teachers of Centering Prayer.

COLUMN

The Power of Memory and the Danger of Silence



By RABBI MITCHELL HURVITZ

In mid-April 1945, British troops liberated the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. There, British soldiers found approximately 55,000 emaciated, severely ill prisoners left behind by the retreating Nazis, as well as almost 13,000 rotting corpses.

Rabbi Hardman wrote in his book, The Survivors: The Story of the Belsen Remnant, the sight that greeted him as he entered Bergen-Belsen as a British Army chaplain:

Towards me came what seemed to be the remnants of a holocaust – a staggering mass of blackened skin and bones, held together somehow with filthy rags. ‘My God, the dead walk,’ I cried aloud, but I did not recognize my voice.

Created in Lower Saxony - southwest of Bergen, Germany - the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp had no gas chambers, as the mass executions took place in the camps further east. However, approximately 50,000 prisoners died while in Bergen-Belsen, most from starvation and disease, particularly typhus. Amongst the victims was Anne Frank, who died of typhus in March 1945.

When the survivors saw Rabbi Hardman, they crowded around him:

Peering at the double star, the emblem of Jewry on my tunic - one poor creature touched and then stroked the badge of my faith and, finding that it was real, murmured, ‘Rabbiner, Rabbiner.’

Rabbi Hardman did his utmost to comfort, help, and bolster morale.

I sat there for hours, smoking, talking, listening; I spoke to them of Jewish religion and Jewish life... On one occasion, a survivor made a quavering attempt to sing a few lines of a Hebrew song. The pathos of this attempt was so poignant that I put my head on the table and wept, and then they comforted me.

One survivor later described Rabbi Hardman as their “Messiah”:

He spoke to us in Yiddish and gave us tremendous hope, but while thousands listened to him, all-around inmates were dying.

Despite the best efforts of the British to help the survivors, almost 9,000 inmates died in April alone, and by the end of June, another 4,000 had perished. Years after Bergen-Belsen’s liberation, Rabbi Hardman told a correspondent from the BBC:

If all the trees in the world turned into pens, all the waters in the oceans turned into ink, and the heavens turned into paper, it would still be insufficient material to describe the horrors these people suffered under the SS.

Holocaust survivor Anita Lasker-Wallfisch shared with the BBC:

In Auschwitz, people

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were murdered in the most sophisticated manner; in Belsen, they simply perished. We sat about and waited and watched each other deteriorate... There were no gas chambers there, no need for gas chambers—you just died of disease, of starvation.

There are few surviving records of Bergen-Belsen. The Nazis destroyed much of the evidence documenting the camp’s operation, and the British soldiers who liberated the camp burned its barracks to control the spread of typhus. However, testimony was collected, personal items were preserved by survivors, and objects unearthed by archaeologists who have all helped Holocaust scholars piece together the camp’s story. The images of overwhelming death and suffering were broadcast to the world in April 1945.

The more one reviews the evidence that survived the war, the more one can perceive the catastrophic conditions in Bergen-Belsen. And Bergen-Belsen is but one small horror within the cataclysmic inferno that was the Nazi Holocaust.

Eighty years ago, the liberators witnessed firsthand the horror and the world was provided concrete evidence of the evils perpetrated by the Nazis during WWII. Yet, today, we must confront the proliferation of Holocaust Deniers who assert that the slaughter

of European Jews by the Nazis never happened. Because the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment provides freedom of speech, it is especially challenging to confront the liars effectively. Social media is often used to spread falsehoods, conspiracy theories, etc.

A Jewish mantra, post-1945, stated: “Never Forget – Never Again!” Yet, too many younger Jews forget their own story of victimhood. Instead, they become victims of historical amnesia and fall prey or even collaborate with those who would cause further harm to the Jewish people.

Our recent observance of Passover emphasizes the need to remember the story that makes you who you are today. The wicked Jew is described in the Hagaddah as the one who declares, “What does this story mean to you?” They separate themselves from their narrative of Jewish existence.

For thousands of years, Jews would declare on Passover “Next Year in Jerusalem.” For just as long, our sacred liturgy routinely highlighted our never-ending connection with our Jewish homeland. We designed our synagogues to have us always face and pray in the direction of Israel.

The extension of Holocaust denial is the attempt to remove the historical connection Jews have always possessed with their Jewish homeland. Anti-Zionism is antisemitism because

it denies the Jewish people’s right to self-determination in their ancestral homeland. Anti-Zionists often do not even hide their usage of antisemitic tropes to disenfranchise the national aspirations of the Jewish people. When someone calls for the destruction of the State of Israel, they use phrases such as “Free Palestine” or “From the River to the Sea.” These are genocidal intentions because more than half of the world’s Jewry lives in their Jewish State.

Free speech is essential, but responsibilities come with it. On college campuses, too often, the institutional leadership would permit acts targeting Jews that they would never allow if targeting a different minority; the double standard is another hallmark of the antisemite. Today, there is a mandate as to why universities must apply consistent standards to protect all of their community members and not just some vs. others.

I am not naïve to suggest that the politics of the Middle East is not complicated. There are significant challenges for Jews and Arabs, two competing stories that are established for each group. However, meaningful compromise is not negotiation over one’s right to existence.

Rabbi Hardman, the British liberators of Bergen-Belsen, the Holocaust survivors, and the

world itself witnessed the evil perpetuated by the Nazis. Jewish victims were trapped, and there was no Jewish army existing that could protect them. Today, Jews remain threatened and still victims of senseless violence, such as the Hamas October 7 massacre. But, there is a Jewish army that exists to protect Jews.

Debate the politics as much as you want, but don’t separate yourself from your particularistic story. Don’t ever tolerate someone who would create a world where the remnants of the Holocaust can finally fulfill Hitler’s dream and cease to exist. Don’t ever separate yourself from the story that makes you a Jew and a member of the Jewish people.

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

Obituaries

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



SHEILA BOLOGNA

Sheila R. Bologna (nee Ringrose), of Greenwich, CT passed away April 16, 2025 at the age of 90. Born in Plainville, CT on January 12, 1935 to Vincent and Frances Ringrose, Sheila was predeceased by her beloved husband, Dr. Ralph A. Bologna. She is survived by her loving sons, John (Patricia), Justin (Lisa) and Kenneth (Deirdre), cherished grandchildren, Owen, Ryan, Robin, Ralph, Anne and Campbell, her dear siblings, Vincent Ringrose (Carol) and Kathleen Walsh (Edward), nephews Michael, Patrick, Daniel (Margaret) and Vincent (Trish) Ringrose, Brendan Walsh (Marisa), her sole, beloved, niece, Megan Walsh, as well as five grandnieces and grandnephews and a number of cousins.

Sheila initially attended Plainville public schools before earning her high school diploma from Mount Saint Joseph Academy ("The Mount") in West Hartford, CT. She studied at the Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists in Boston and worked in a dental practice for several years before deciding to switch to a career with more opportunities to interact with people who would be happier to see her and whose mouths wouldn't be propped open. Sheila received her degree in elementary education in 1960 from Central Connecticut State College and moved to Greenwich, where she taught sixth grade at the old Glenville School, now the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center, until leaving in 1963 to raise her family.

Sheila intended to return to teaching but in the mid-70s she became the receptionist and bookkeeper for Ralph's ever-busier optometric practice. Sheila did teach faith formation for a number of years at St. Mary Parish in Greenwich, where she was a member of the St. Mary Ladies Guild, serving several terms as the group's president. She occasionally attended church at Sacred Heart, St. Roch, St. Agnes, as well as St. Mary in Stamford, with her sons and their families, but remained loyal to Saint Mary.

From her mother, Sheila inherited a love of roses and enjoyed tending her large garden with different varieties, including bushes transplanted from her childhood home in Plainville. She treasured her Irish heritage and was especially proud when her nephew, Dan Ringrose, a balladeer, performed in annual St. Patrick's concerts at Greenwich Library. Sheila and Ralph embarked on a memorable tour of Ireland with her siblings and their spouses, followed up, on Ralph's insistence, with several trips to Italy. She particularly enjoyed visits to the Vatican, Assisi, and the Shrine of St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers, to whom she prayed for intercession throughout all of her pregnancies.

The family would like to thank Lean and Lucy, who lovingly assisted Sheila during her final months, as well as JP Muir and his team at Health Care Connectors for their caring support.

Family and friends gathered on Tuesday April 22, at Coxé & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday April 23, at St. Mary Church, Greenwich, followed by interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to Malta House <https://www.maltahouse.org/> or Gladney Center for Adoption <https://adoptionsbygladney.com/>.

JAMES SMERIGLIO

James Smeriglio, a lifelong resident of Greenwich (Riverside), passed away surrounded by loving family on March 29, 2025. He was 98.

He was born on April 21, 1926 to the late Lawrence and Grace (LaVersa) Smeriglio of Byram, CT. After graduating from Greenwich High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he proudly served his country during World War II as a gunner's mate aboard the USS Polaris. During his service he was awarded the American Theatre Medal, Victory Medal, European Theatre Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Medal.

After returning from his tour of duty and marrying his beloved wife, Camille, he worked for many years in Greenwich as a hairstylist.

James had many interests and hobbies. He was a voracious reader, excellent cook and avid outdoorsman, who could often be found at Tod's Point clamming or fishing. Tod's Point, as he said in the last years of his life, was his "Heaven on Earth." Aside from these interests, James was a member of the Cos Cob Rifle and Revolver Club and a reader at Saint Catherine of Sienna Church.

James was predeceased by his wife, Camille (nee Caputi), and his son, John B. Smeriglio. He leaves behind daughters, Susan Morris (Richard), and Elizabeth Smeriglio of Cos Cob, a daughter-

-in-law, Kathleen Smeriglio, and four cherished grandchildren, James Michael Morris (Danielle), Jeffrey Allen Morris (Jennifer), Stephanie Smeriglio Latham (Zane) and John Z. Smeriglio, along with nine great-grandchildren, all of whom dearly loved their Poppie.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Rosie who over the last year helped care for our father's body, mind and soul – he loved her and so do we. We are forever grateful to her for the time she spent with "Jim".

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 10 a.m. at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Riverside, CT, inurnment is private and will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich



DOLORES MCANDREW

Dolores Clinton McAndrew, a resident of East Greenwich, RI, formerly of Greenwich, CT, passed away peacefully, at home, on April 16, after a long, courageous battle with Alzheimer's. She was 88 years old.

She was born in Swinford, County Mayo, Ireland, and was the daughter of Bridget and William (Willie) Clinton; and the wife of the late Thomas McAndrew.

Dolores worked for the town of Greenwich (CT) as an Executive Assistant in the Human Resources Department. She enjoyed traveling, playing bridge and was an avid reader and Scrabble player. She loved watching professional golf and tennis, though never having played a day in her life.

She was the mother of Maura M. Anderson of Stamford, Dr. Philip McAndrew of East Greenwich, RI and Raymond McAndrew, currently in Western Sahara and grandmother of eight grandchildren all who affectionately called her "Nanny", she will sadly be missed by all.

a Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, April 23 at Our Lady Mercy Church, East Greenwich, RI. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery, East Greenwich, RI. Calling hours were Tuesday, April 22 at the Urquhart Murphy Funeral Home, Warwick, RI.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org



LYNNE LEHMAN

Lynne W. Lehman, 83, of Barrington, RI, passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 after battling Alzheimers and dementia. The daughter of the late Charles and Edna (Jeffrey) Westerberg, Lynne was born and raised on the New Jersey shore, right on a lake, forging her lifelong love of the water and nature.

After getting an undergraduate degree at Colby Junior College, now Colby Sawyer in New London NH, she moved to Manhattan. It was there that Lynne worked for several busy NY corporations like Richardson Merrill (Vicks) and Eastern Airlines. Working for an airline at the time afforded her the opportunity to travel extensively, which is where her love for travelling was born. She continued to explore throughout her adult life and saw much of the world with friends and family over the course of her lifetime.

As a young newlywed, Lynne (and John Lehman) moved to Greenwich, Ct where they started their family. She dove head first into motherhood and was involved volunteering at school, in PTAs, Brownie Troops and Girl Scouts and was a very active member and adult leader of the youth fellowship group at the First Congregational Church of Greenwich. She was also an active member of several choral organizations.

Lynne had several meaningful jobs in Connecticut working as a preschool teacher, at a local sewing shop, and as a professional placement assistant until she decided to move closer to daughter Kristin and family in Rhode Island where she found her dream home along the edge of Hundred Acre Cove in Barrington.

Once in RI, Lynne worked for Citizens Bank for several years until her retirement. She became the ultimate New England sports fan (betraying her NY sports roots) and was heavily invested and involved with her three grandkids and their own sports. She was a reader, loved knitting, boating, Block Island, and volunteering at the Barrington Congregational Church where she made several wonderful friends. Most of all, Lynne loved spending time with her family and her grandchildren.

Lynne is survived by her daughters, Kristin

Browne and her husband Robert of Bristol, RI and Heather Fenity and her husband David of Pittsfield, VT; her brother, Jeffrey Westerberg of Jacksonville, FL; and her grandchildren, Oliver, Benjamin and Reese.

Visitation was on Thursday, April 24, at Smith Funeral & Memorial Services, Warren, RI. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 11AM in Barrington Congregational Church, 461 County Rd. Barrington, RI 02806. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorial donations at one of the following:

National Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, The Audubon Society of RI, The Nature Conservancy For directions or tributes, please visit: www.wjsmith-fh.com.



JOSEPH BASKE

Joseph (Joe) Anthony Baske (July 11, 1968 – April 13, 2025) has passed away at the age of 56. Joe grew up in Weston, CT and obtained both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Connecticut. He was currently pursuing his doctorate at ULM.

Joe was a social studies teacher for 27 years at Greenwich High School. Many would describe him as the heart and soul of the building. His smile, laughter, and love of life infiltrated the halls and classrooms.

In addition to teaching, Joe presented workshops focused on how to facilitate resilience and engagement in the resistant learner by cultivating gratitude, compassion, and pride. This was his passion project.

It was at GHS that Joe met his wife of 22 years, Michelle. Joe proposed within 10 months of dating and they were married a few short months later. Their love, respect, and appreciation of one another ran strong and was felt by all that knew them. Joe always prioritized Michelle's well-being and happiness above all else.

Together they had two children, Joseph and Genevieve. Joe would say being a dad was the greatest gift ever bestowed upon him. As a dad, he was committed to teaching social responsibility, with a generous side of goofiness. At the end of each day he would tell them, "I love you forever and I'm glad you're my son/daughter."

Beyond his passion for family and teaching, Joe loved playing basketball, held an unwavering belief in the New York Knicks and had an unexpected love of rap music.

He also had a love for classic cars. It's bittersweet that he died from multiple blood clots in his lungs while attending a car show.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, Joseph E. Baske and Mary C. Baske. He is survived by his wife, Michelle; his children, Joseph and Genevieve; his brother, John (Whitney) Baske; his sister, Michele Baske; his in-laws, William and Nancy Grella; his sister-in-law, Erica (Peter) Angelopoulos; his nieces and nephew, Emma Baske (Jeremy) Woods, Meghan Baske, Johnny Angelopoulos, and Antonia Angelopoulos; and his best friend/brother, Kenric Gubner.

Calling hours for Joe were held Monday, April 21, at Cognetta Funeral home, Stamford, CT. A mass of Christian burial occurred Tuesday, April 22, at St. Maurice Church, Stamford, CT. A burial followed at Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery in New Milford, CT.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made "In Memory of Joe Baske" to the Greenwich Scholarship Association, PO Box 4627, Greenwich, CT 06831.



CLAUDIA STEERS

Claudia Anita Steers, 98, passed away peacefully at her home in Darien, surrounded by her family, on Saturday April 12, 2025.

She was born on July 11, 1926, to Alexander and Louise Peaquin in New York City. Both she and her older brother Peter were raised in the Chelsea section of the city.

Claudia graduated from high school at the age of 15 and went directly to work at IBM.

Subsequently, she went on to attend and graduate from McGill University in Montreal Canada.

Upon graduating from McGill, Claudia returned to IBM, where she eventually worked as executive secretary to the CEO, Thomas Watson Jr.

While at IBM, Claudia met her future husband, John (Jack) Coster Steers. They married on 10/9/1954 and settled in Greenwich, CT. It was in Greenwich that they raised their three children, Michael, Claudia and John (Jay).

Claudia went on to have a successful career as a realtor working for Preferred Properties of Greenwich. She also devoted countless hours as a volunteer, working the front desk at Greenwich Hospital.

Early in their marriage Claudia and Jack enjoyed many trips abroad traveling throughout Europe. In their later years they hosted their children's families

on annual summer vacations to Martha's Vineyard, MA.

Claudia was often described by those that knew her as possessing the utmost class.

Claudia was predeceased by her parents, Alexander and Louise Peaquin, her brother, Peter Peaquin, and her husband, John Coster Steers.

She is survived by her children, Michael Steers (Anne), Claudia Cutter (Bruce), John Steers, Jr. (Margaret), as well as seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Claudia will be remembered for the kindness and unconditional love she always showed her family and friends.

A memorial mass and celebration of life will be held at a later date.



KEITH HEARD

Keith Wayne Heard, 69, a longtime Greenwich resident, passed away peacefully with his loving family at his side, on April 12, 2025 due to glioblastoma.

Keith was born in Biloxi, MS, graduated from Biloxi Senior High School in 1973, from Yale College in 1977 and from the Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1980. He worked as a maritime lawyer since 1980, most recently at the firm of Lennon, Murphy & Phillips and previously for many years at Burke & Parsons. Keith was very active in leadership roles in a number of professional organizations, including the U.S. Maritime Law Association, where he served as vice chairman and chairman of its Committee on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution as well as its delegate to BIMCO, the Baltic and International Maritime Council. He served as chairman of the Admiralty Committee for the New York City Bar Association and as an editor of American Maritime Cases. He was also a founding director and board member of New York Maritime Inc. (NYMAR), a trade association for maritime business in the Port of New York.

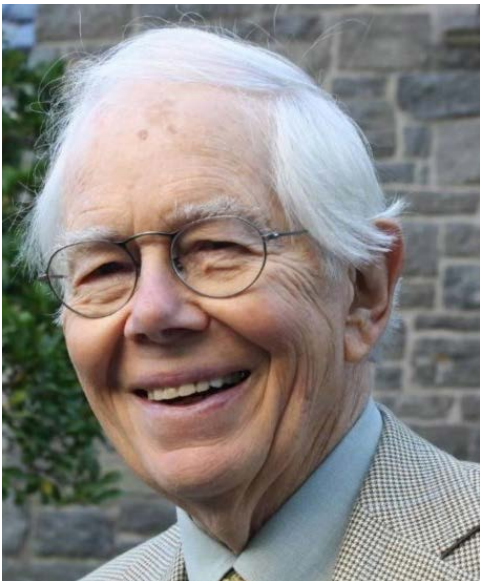
Keith viewed helping the less fortunate as a moral obligation and an important mission in his life. He served as the president of the Greenwich World Hunger Association and was an unwavering supporter of multiple charities benefiting Native American children. Keith was a member of the Second Congregational Church of Greenwich and served as chairman of its outreach committee for a number of years.

Keith was an eloquent speaker and had a quirky sense of humor. His friends and family marveled at his encyclopedic knowledge of historical persons, world events and movie classics. He was a collector and an avid reader of books, eventually assembling an extensive library in his home. Keith took special joy in his wife's art and gardening and in the lives and accomplishments of their children, of whom he was tremendously proud.

Keith is survived by his loving wife Martha Robinson, their twin children, John Heard (Damla Heard) and Anna Heard (Alex Brillman), and his brother, Cullum Heard (Sandy Heard). Keith was predeceased by his father, John Heard, his mother, Elva Rushing Heard, and a brother, Gary Heard. Keith also leaves behind a legion of friends who treasured his warm, outgoing and generous personality and his remarkable ability to light up any room he entered.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 25, at 10:00am at Second Congregational Church, 139 E Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Keith's favorite charities: the Southern Poverty Law Center; the Native American Rights Fund; the Red Cloud Indian school in Pine Ridge, SD; and the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School in Thoreau, NM.

Services are under the care of Thomas M. Gallagher Funeral Home located at 104 Myrtle Ave, Stamford, CT 06902.



AVERY MANCHESTER

Avery Coe Manchester, resident of Stamford, CT, passed away on November 3, 2024 at the age of 95.

His life began in Winsted, Connecticut in 1929, son of Seward and Lillian (Avery) Manchester. He grew

up in Winsted attending the local schools. Avery spent time each summer in South Bristol, Maine where his grandparents had a summer cottage. He learned to sail and discovered his love for the sea. After graduating from high school, he went to the College of Emporia, in Kansas, where he met Rosemary (Ingold) Manchester. They wed in 1950, in Newton Kansas and moved to Dallas, Texas after the birth of their first son, Timothy Grant. Avery attended SMU where he earned a degree in Divinity. When their second child, Peter John was born in 1952, they moved to West Hartford, Connecticut where Avery became the pastor of the West Hartford Methodist Church. In West Hartford, two more children were added to the young family: Mary Elizabeth in 1954 and Martha Rose in 1956. At this point their lives took a turn from the conventional as they became Missionaries for the Methodist Mission and moved to Brussels, Belgium in 1957 for French studies and then to Jadotville in the Belgian Congo in 1958. They found themselves in the turmoil of the independence movements of central Africa, as colonies dissolved, often with tragic violence.

The family returned to the US after 3 years and Avery earned a Masters of Divinity at Yale Divinity School. After graduating they departed for the Congo for another two years. The political circumstances of the day, challenges with schooling, and health problems had them pulling up stakes again. They settled in Hamden, Connecticut and Avery accepted a job with the Methodist Board of Missions. In 1967 Avery took on the liturgical responsibilities of a Methodist church in Bellmore, New York. He remained there for three years then returned to work for the Board of Missions, in NYC.

In the early 1980's, Avery began studies to be certified in psychoanalysis at the Center for Psychoanalytic Studies in NYC. Avery and Rosemary divorced. In 1986, Avery again took on ministerial duties at The First Church of Round Hill in Greenwich, Connecticut and married Pamela Armstrong. At this time he also became certified as a psychoanalyst. During his long career as a minister he officiated many weddings including those of his four children and many of his grandchildren. After retiring from the ministry at Round Hill, he continued to participate in many other churches including the First Congregational Church of Greenwich and the Union Church in South Bristol, Maine.

Avery spent time each summer for the past twenty-five years at the cottage he and his wife Pamela bought perched at the edge of McFarland's Cove in South Bristol on the coast of Maine. He had a passion for sailing, kayaking, and gazing out towards the Atlantic Ocean. In this place so familiar to him he spent time surrounded by relatives and friends. He basked in the sounds of children on the beach, boaters setting out, swimmers braving the cold waters, the changing light on the water, and his view out across John's Bay. Avery is survived by his wife Pamela, siblings

George, Sue and Peter, his former wife Rosemary, three of his children: Peter (married to the late Sheelagh Callaghan), Mary (married to David Ottinger) and Martha (married to Brian Kautz). His son Tim (married to Jill Burlingame) died in a tragic accident in Tanzania in 2013. Nine grandchildren: Katherine, Chloe, Caitlyn, Everett, Elijah, Sebastian, Dante, Peter, and Sarah. His great-grandchildren: Callum, Juniper, Esben, Aedan, Sophie, Edward, and Levi. Avery was an anchoring presence in many people's lives, a friend and mentor, and will be missed by all.

A service is taking place at First Congregational Church of Greenwich on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 11.



RALPH MIRARCHI

On April 11, 2025, Ralph Mirarchi, of Greenwich, CT passed away at the age of 81.

Ralph was born in Calabria, Italy, as were his parents Frank and Caterina. He came to America at the age of 12, along with his parents, sisters Anna and Victoria (Vicky) and brothers Rosario (Rusty) and Romano and settled in Brooklyn, NY.

Soon the family welcomed another daughter to the family, Lucy.

He resided in Brooklyn, eventually moving to Greenwich in 1976.

Ralph studied at the Fashion Institute and received a degree as a fashion technical designer. He worked for several fashion houses and most recently at Freeze Sportwear in NYC.

He enjoyed gardening, boating and playing music. He and his brother Rosario (Rusty) played gigs at school dances, weddings and clubs.

Ralph was an accomplished self-taught piano and guitar enthusiast.

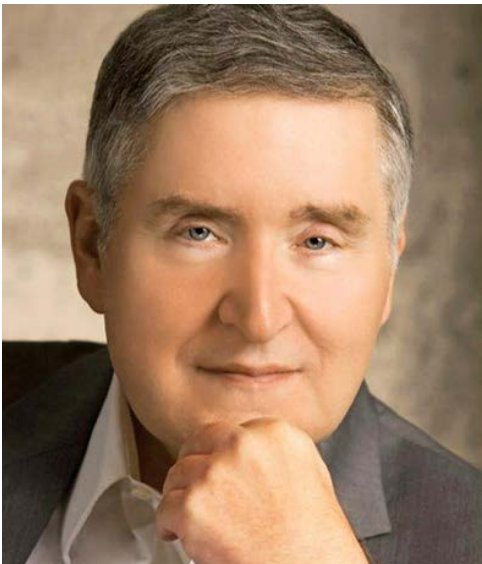
As a result of his career, Ralph often traveled to Italy and Paris for fashion shows and most recently with his nephew Joe to catch up with his relatives in Rome and Calabria.

Ralph is survived by his wife Shunka (Cindy), his sisters Lucy, Vicky, her husband Peter and many nieces and nephews.

The viewing was at the Castiglione Funeral Home,

in Greenwich CT, on Monday April 21. The service prior to the cemetery was at the same venue on Tuesday, April 22.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the American Heart Association.



BRIAN ANDREOLI

September 25, 1951 - November 1, 2024

Brian Eugene Andreoli passed away on November 1, 2024, after a long illness. His beloved wife, Gayle, was by his side.

He was born September 25,1951, in New York City to Peter D. Andreoli and Catherine McCarthy Andreoli.

Brian graduated from Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, New York. He received a Bachelor's degree in Government from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, where he demonstrated his advocacy skills in student government. Brian spent many enjoyable hours as a disc jockey at the campus radio station WFNM, and was known for his witty double entendres on the air.

Brian earned an MBA in the CPA Professional program from the New York University Stern School of Business and his Juris Doctor from Fordham Law School, attending at night while working full-time in public accounting, and qualifying for his C.P.A. He also received his L.L.M. in Business and Taxation from Quinnipiac School of Law.

He was a Tax Principal at Price Waterhouse, Ernst & Young, and a Senior Tax Manager at KPMG LLP, handling accounts such as General Electric, Pfizer, Forest Labs, Glaxo SmithKline, Maersk and Nestles.

As Director of Taxes and Risk Management at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Brian set compliance standards, argued and won cases in jurisdictions nationally.

Brian was a member of a number of Bar associations, all by examination, in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Supreme Court.

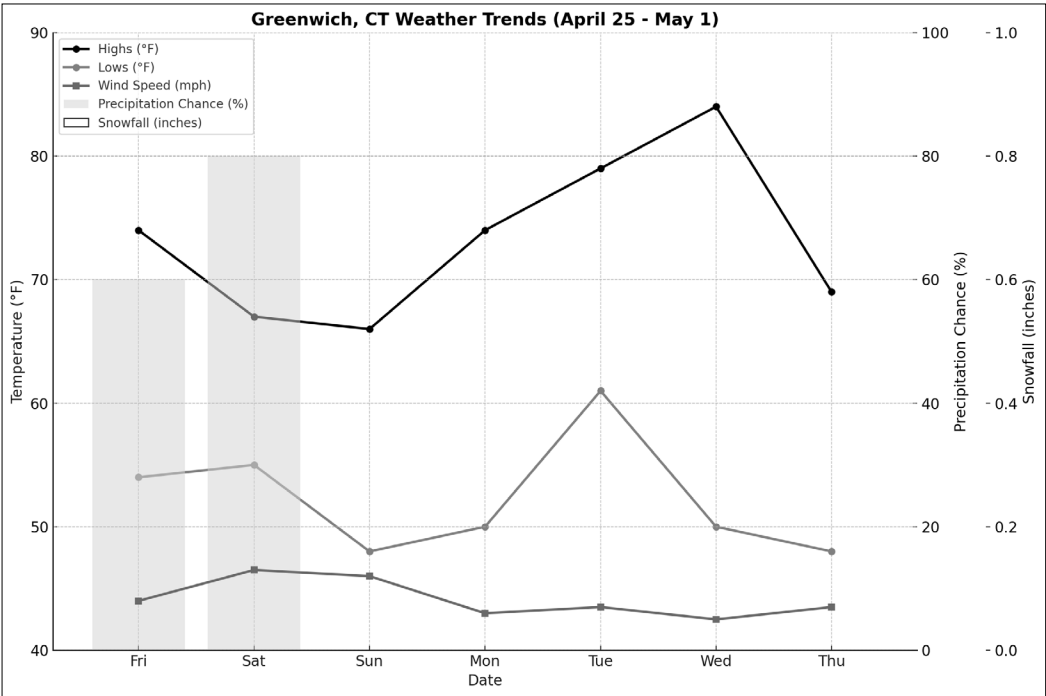
Greenwich Weather Forecast: Here’s What to Expect

By Emma Barhydt

As April draws to a close, Greenwich residents can anticipate a classic spring mix of sunshine, showers, and fluctuating temperatures. The upcoming week offers a blend of pleasant days and potential rainfall, characteristic of New England’s transitional season.

Friday, April 25 will start with mostly sunny skies, leading to a warm afternoon high near 74°F. Light southwesterly winds at 5–10 mph will contribute to the pleasant conditions. As evening approaches, cloud cover will increase, and there’s a 60% chance of showers developing overnight, with a low around 54°F. Residents should be prepared for potential overnight rainfall, which may lead to a damp start on Saturday.

Expect a cloudy and breezy day, on Saturday, April 26,



with temperatures peaking at 67°F. There’s a high likelihood of showers and possibly a thunderstorm, especially in the afternoon, with precipitation chances around 80%. South winds at 10–15 mph will accompany the unsettled weather. Rainfall

totals could reach up to half an inch, so outdoor plans may need adjustments.

Sunday, April 27 concludes the weekend on a brighter note, with morning clouds giving way to sunshine and a high near 66°F. Northwest winds at 10–15 mph will usher in drier air, making

humidity will enhance the comfort level. The night will be partly cloudy, with lows around 50°F. It’s a great start to the workweek, encouraging outdoor engagements.

Tuesday, April 29 continues the warming trend, with sunny skies and highs climbing to 79°F. A gentle southwest breeze will accompany the warmth, making it feel like an early taste of summer. Overnight temperatures will remain mild, with lows near 61°F under mostly cloudy skies. It’s advisable to stay hydrated and apply sun protection during prolonged outdoor exposure.

Anticipate Wednesday, April 30 very warm conditions, with highs soaring to 84°F under partly sunny skies. Areas of high clouds may filter the sunlight, but the day will remain dry. A light southerly wind will

persist, and the night will cool down to around 50°F. This unseasonably warm day marks a significant departure from typical April temperatures.

Thursday, May 1 brings a noticeable cooldown, with highs around 69°F and increased cloud cover. While the day should remain dry, the shift in weather patterns suggests a return to more typical spring conditions. Northwest winds at 5–10 mph will contribute to the cooler feel. The evening will be partly cloudy, with lows near 48°F, setting the stage for a potentially unsettled weekend ahead.

Whether enjoying the outdoors or planning indoor activities, flexibility will be key to making the most of the diverse weather patterns this week.

Traveling? Check The Week Ahead Nationally

By Emma Barhydt

Northeast

The Northeast will experience a spring see-saw in temperatures, starting with a blast of cold Canadian air that will bring widespread frost and potentially freezing conditions, especially across inland valleys. Daytime highs will begin in the 50s to low 60s °F, with nighttime lows dropping into the 30s and even 20s °F in colder pockets. However, a mid-to-late week shift in the upper-level pattern will allow milder air to return. Highs will rise into the 60s and 70s °F, and nighttime temperatures will moderate into the 40s. Aside from some scattered showers with each frontal boundary, the week will trend mostly dry with increasing sunshine. Gardeners should remain alert for frost advisories during the early week cold spells, but the threat will diminish as warmer air returns late week.

Southeast

A stormy start to the week is in store for the Southeast, with a frontal system ushering in widespread showers and thunderstorms through the weekend. Some storms may be strong, and localized flash flooding is possible in areas of repeated heavy rain. As the front clears the region, cooler and drier air will filter

in, leading to a stretch of tranquil weather. Daytime highs will settle into the low to mid-70s °F, while overnight lows dip into the 50s °F—upper 40s in the higher elevations. Coastal and southern portions will remain warmer, with highs in the upper 70s to low 80s °F. Later in the week, a return of moisture may bring a few pop-up showers or storms, but the bulk of the region will enjoy dry, mild spring conditions midweek.

Midwest

Expect a highly variable week across the Midwest as temperatures swing between unseasonable cold and brief warm-ups. A strong cold front early in the week will plunge temperatures well below average, with widespread frosts and freezes likely—overnight lows falling into the 20s and 30s °F, and highs limited to the 50s °F. As the week progresses, southerly flow ahead of the next front will boost highs into the 60s and 70s °F, though showers and thunderstorms will return. Strong gusty winds and the potential for localized severe storms could accompany midweek systems, followed again by cooler, breezy air. Soil conditions remain dry in many areas, which may exacerbate fire weather concerns during windy periods. Overall, expect a week of springtime extremes, with alternating warm

and cold spells, and scattered rain and storms.

Southwest

The Southwest will bask in dry and increasingly hot conditions, particularly in desert regions. Afternoon highs will climb into the 80s and 90s °F, with some of the hottest spots nearing the 100 °F mark by late week. Nights will be milder, ranging from the 50s to 60s °F. With little to no rain in the forecast, the main concern this week will be elevated fire weather. Low humidity, warm temperatures, and gusty winds—especially in New Mexico and West Texas—will increase the risk of wildfires. Red Flag Warnings may be issued as winds periodically gust above 30 to 40 mph in exposed areas. The region will stay mostly sunny and dry throughout the week, with no significant storm systems expected.

Northwest

A cool, wet pattern will dominate the first half of the week across the Pacific Northwest, with successive Pacific fronts bringing valley rain and mountain snow. Daytime highs will hover in the 50s °F west of the Cascades and 40s °F in the higher elevations. Overnight lows will fall into the 30s and 40s °F. The Cascades and northern Rockies can expect fresh

As a Tax Partner, Brian worked in law firms such as DLA Piper; Squire, Sanders and Duane Morris.

When Brian wasn’t setting precedent in case law, he was getting legislation passed, and Newt Gingrich himself introduced him around on the House Floor. A registered Democrat, Brian often attended Republican functions, such as the Prescott Bush Dinner and was asked to consider changing parties because “he looked like a Republican” and so he could run for office.

Brian was proud of his unblemished record defending individuals and corporations against the IRS. He was just as devoted to his pro bono clients, with his attention, time and care.

He was particularly interested in scientific applications and valuing intangible intellectual property. Brian enthusiastically traveled to England, Germany, Malta, Norway and Puerto Rico, as a world-renowned specialist in the esoteric practice of Transfer Pricing. Brian was an author and a coveted speaker on tax matters.

During his tenure as a board member of the Irish Chamber of Commerce (USA); Bidwell House, Monterey, MA; NEAD Foundation; Ash Creek Capital Advisors (Managing Director) and the Mutual Security Credit Union, Brian lent his considerable legal and analytical skills on a broad range of issues.

An ardent Yankee fan, Brian enjoyed collecting baseball memorabilia. He was also a tennis player, bowler and harkening back to his youthful job as a caddy at the Winged Foot Golf Club, he enjoyed time on the golf course and watching golf on television with Gayle.

Brian had a passion for music and some of his favorite groups were the Moody Blues, the Rascals, and other ‘60s bands. Over the years, he became a friend and trusted advisor to some of the very musicians of which he was a fan.

Brian is survived by his wife, Gayle of Greenwich, CT; his brother, Peter (Eileen) of Centreville, VA; and sister, Christine of Pelham, NY. He was predeceased by his sisters, Francine and Catherine. Both of Brian’s parents were attorneys. His father was a Special Prosecutor for the State of New York and his mother was Chief Trademark Counsel for General Foods. His brother, sister and his two daughters are attorneys.

Brian leaves behind children, Kristen of Bethel, CT, Rebecca of Rockville, MD and Gregory of Brooklyn, NY, and stepchildren, Kirk Piersol of Greenwich, CT, John Piersol of Denver, CO and Sabrina Piersol of Carbondale, CO. He had one grandchild, Desmond T. Jones of Bethel, CT, and many cherished cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Greenwich, at 10:30 am, with a Celebration of Life immediately following at the Greenwich Historical Society. Interment will be private and arrangements are being handled by Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home in Greenwich.



Friends of Nathaniel Witherell volunteer, Tabi

Making a Difference: Tabi's Experience

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Tabi is a junior at Greenwich High School and a volunteer with the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell program, a group of community members who help enrich daily life at The Nathaniel Witherell, the skilled nursing and rehab center.

She joined the program to fulfill her National Honor Society service hours, but quickly discovered something deeper.

Tabi now helps with activities like Bingo, concerts, and social events, making sure residents feel included, engaged, and connected. Her presence lightens the load for staff and fosters meaningful intergenerational relationships.

"It's not just about helping out," Tabi says. "It's about forming relationships and making a difference."

Tabi has gained valuable insights from her time with residents, learning from their stories and building empathy and perspective. Despite a busy academic schedule and competing on the Greenwich High School varsity fencing team, she finds time to give back.

The Friends of Nathaniel Witherell ensures volunteers like Tabi have meaningful opportunities to contribute. From escorting residents to events to providing companionship

"It's about forming relationships and making a difference."

and helping with recreational activities, these volunteers create a warm and lively atmosphere.

Even amid ongoing funding challenges at the federal, state, and local levels, Friends of Nathaniel Witherell remains steadfast in its mission to support and enhance the lives of residents. Through all the ups and downs, Friends continues to be a consistent and loyal source of support, dedicated entirely to the well-being of those who call The Nathaniel Witherell home.

If you'd like to volunteer, contact Mary Tate, Director of Resident and Volunteer Services, at mary.tate@witherell.org or 203-618-4228. Opportunities are available in arts and crafts, games, the gift shop, and more.

To support Friends of Nathaniel Witherell or learn more, contact Lisa Harding, Director of Development, at lisa.harding@friendsofnw.org or 203-618-4227, or visit www.friendsofnathanielwitherell.org.

Greenwich Academy Girls Hit the Road



Greenwich Academy students Olivia Smiter, Reese Robison and Kala Norton

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Every week, a crew of bright, big-hearted students from Greenwich Academy trades textbooks for thermal bags as they deliver meals across town -

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specifically to the Agnes Morley housing complex. Their mission? Keeping Greenwich's Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich rolling smoothly, one door at a time!

Greenwich Academy, a renowned all-girls prep school known for academic excellence and its commitment to community service, encourages students to give back in real, hands-on ways. And what's more real than navigating town traffic with a bus full of nutritious meals?

The girls deliver fresh lunches and dinners to residents at Agnes Morley, a senior living community

that provides affordable housing through the Greenwich Housing Authority. The students have a chance to build meaningful relationships with the more engaging clients. Some days, it's a quick knock, drop, and dash - but that doesn't make the effort any less important. After all, those deliveries ensure someone gets a meal and a little check-in that brightens the day.

While the deliveries are quick, the impact is lasting.

Volunteering with Meals-on-Wheels gives high school students a taste of responsibility and service. It's real-life experience with a side of kindness.

Want to feel good and do good? Join the team, hit the road (Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 10:00 am), and help Meals-on-Wheels keep rolling strong!

Students from any school are welcome to complete service hours or earn volunteer experience at Meals-on-Wheels during school vacations or summer days, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm Monday through Friday. Reach out to mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com to arrange.

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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.

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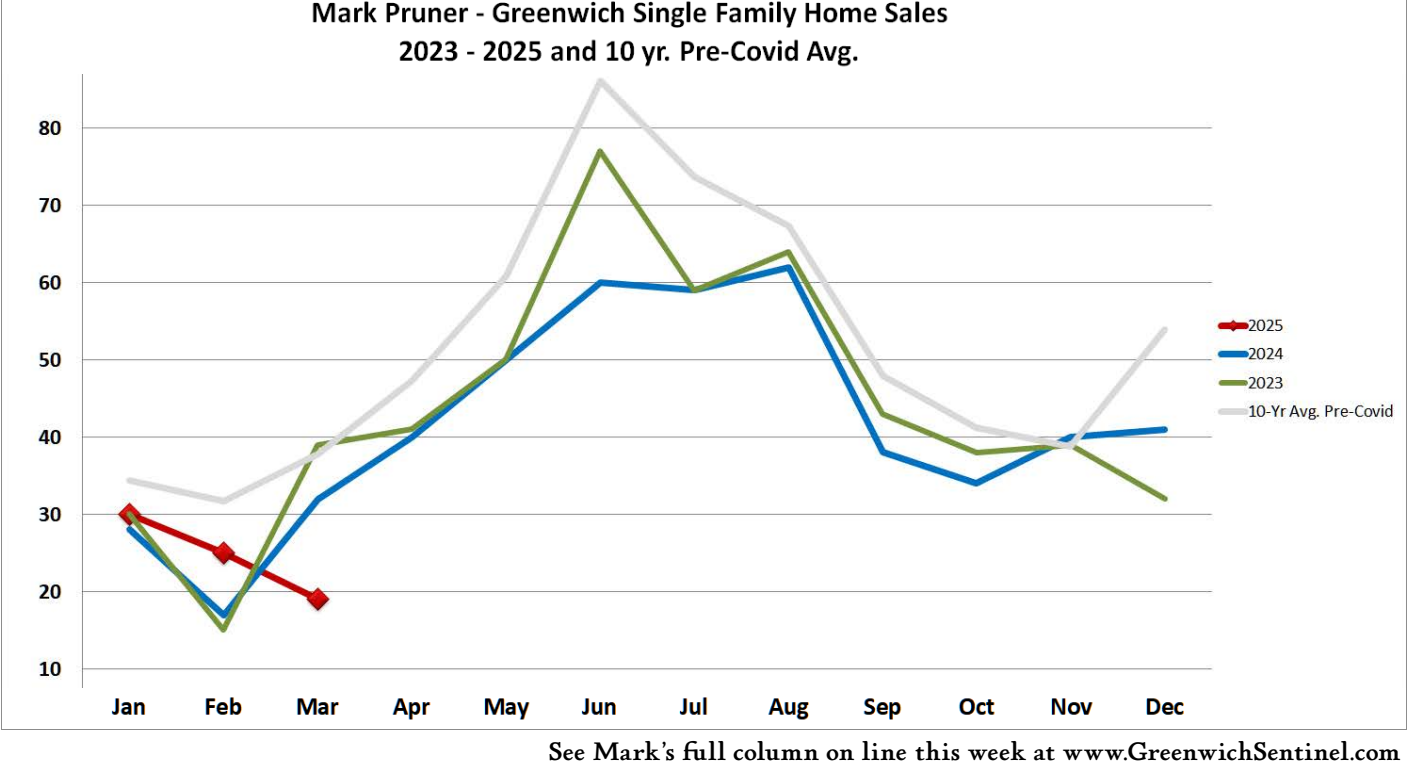
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Those Who Volunteer

If you are thinking about volunteering, April is the perfect time to do it. There are so many great opportunities to try something new – just think about what you care about and how you can help support that.

BY STEPHANIE DUNN ASHLEY

April is one of my favorite times of year – and not just because spring is arriving, flowers are blooming, and beach season is inching closer day-by-day. No, I love the month of April because it is National Volunteer Month.

Just last week, during a Red Cross volunteer recognition ceremony, we celebrated volunteers throughout the chapter that have gone above and beyond. Clara Burton, the founder of the American Red Cross, is also the name of the highest regional award. This award recognizes remarkable volunteers for their service in a number of leadership positions. I am delighted to share that Lisa Cooper, Chair of the Metro NY North Chapter Board, received this prestigious award. In Greenwich and beyond, we are so thankful for her leadership and volunteer efforts.

Later this month, at our 39th annual Red & White Ball, we will also be celebrating service from a variety of volunteers but most impressively we are celebrating 65 years of volunteer service to the Red Cross by awarding Ross Ogden with our Lifetime Service award.

When I think about the things that make Greenwich such an amazing place to live, it really comes down to people who volunteer their time for the betterment of others. Whether it's someone volunteering with their schools or faith-based organizations, community and non-profit organizations – these are the volunteers we should all celebrate.

At the Red Cross, we rely on volunteers to fulfill our core humanitarian mission. Volunteers constitute more



Red Cross volunteers celebrate Red Cross Month in front of the Tappan Zee Bridge, which was lit in red in honor of the occasion. (Photo: Bob Capazzo / American Red Cross)

than 90% of the Red Cross workforce, including people who step up to help operate blood drives, respond to disasters near and far, assist veterans and military families, teach essential lifesaving skills such as first aid and CPR, and more. Just like the people we serve, our volunteers represent a wide array of cultures, backgrounds, ages, lifestyles and beliefs. Everyone is welcome at the Red Cross.

Some of the most powerful experiences I've had in my life have been while volunteering, whether in a formal setting by building playgrounds or reading to children, responding on the ambulance or firetruck, or being a bystander and helping as a Good Samaritan. I know from speaking with friends and neighbors that many of you feel the same way. It is so important to give something back, and as someone who has donated my time for everything

from the New York Junior League and Parent Teacher Association to the Cos Cob Fire Rescue, Greenwich Emergency Medical Service and the Convent of the Sacred Heart – it is an incredible way to meet some amazing people.

If you are thinking about volunteering, April is the perfect time to do it. There are so many great opportunities to try something new – join friends at Tod's Point to do a park cleanup, join the PTA or Town Committee, volunteer at Greenwich Hospital or your local faith-based organization – just think about what you care about and how you can help support that.

The Red Cross offers many ways to volunteer, and I'd bet there is something that works for you. If you aren't sure that going to the scene of a home fire is for you, maybe you'd be more interested in joining up with our Home Fire Campaign to help people be ready

before disaster strikes. Maybe you aren't someone who wants to interact with the public – we have volunteer positions that focus on internal support, like our Logistics team. Take a moment to see if something resonates with you, visit www.redcross.org/volunteer and look at the opportunities that are currently available.

Spring is a time of rejuvenation and hope, and I always feel so reinvigorated by seeing people volunteer. Thank you to each and every one of you who donates your time, whether to the Red Cross or to any organization that helps people. Keep up the great work!

Stephanie has worked and volunteered in the nonprofit sector in Greenwich for over twenty years. Her current role as CEO of the MNYN chapter of the American Red Cross began in March 2020. Stephanie is also a volunteer EMT with Greenwich EMS and President of the Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol.

Greenwich Botanical Center's Annual
May Gardeners Market

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 | 9AM-4PM

This annual fundraiser supports Greenwich Botanical Center and our mission to connect the community to plants and nature. Shop the GBC plant sale with our 2025 Plants of the Year, eco-beneficial garden kits, Green Elephant sale, and new unique plants.

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NEW SALES								
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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
1535 E Putnam Ave. 204	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	6	1	1	0	665
102 Valley Road 23	\$639,000	\$639,000	\$615,000	17	2	1	0	1,000
12 Glenville Street 211	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	7	2	3	0	2,160
17 W End Avenue	\$1,395,000	\$1,395,000	\$1,395,000	49	3	3	0.34	1,634
37 Sundance Drive	\$1,725,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,700,000	24	3	2	0.28	2,304
64 Orchard Street	\$1,849,000	\$1,849,000	\$1,953,000	3	5	3	0.3	3,254
16 Georgetowne N	\$1,949,000	\$1,825,000	\$1,775,000	135	3	3		2,396
10 Nutmeg Drive	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000	\$2,200,000	15	4	4	2	3,500
134 Lockwood Road	\$2,475,000	\$2,475,000	\$2,625,000	18	4	3	0.33	2,879
14 Tyler Lane	\$2,795,000	\$2,795,000	\$2,795,000	54	4	4	0.44	2,740
4 Park Avenue	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000	\$3,250,000	8	3	4	0.2	3,261
182 Milbank Avenue 4	\$3,595,000	\$3,595,000	\$3,400,000	19	3	3	0	3,550
10 Chieftans Road	\$3,989,050	\$3,989,050	\$3,989,050	0	5	6	1.3	7,474
680 Steamboat Rd 8	\$4,850,000	\$4,850,000	\$4,900,000	10	4	3	0.85	3,000
70 Sumner Road	\$5,495,000	\$5,495,000	\$5,480,000	19	6	6	4	9,340

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NEW LISTINGS							
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Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
1465 E Putnam Ave. 527	\$525,000	\$670	784	0	1	1	Old Greenwich
16 Zygmont Lane	\$995,000	\$493	2,020	0.47	4	2	Glenville
18 Wessels Place	\$999,000	\$319	3,127	0.12	4	3	Byram
20 Church Street B15	\$1,251,000	\$974	1,284	0	2	2	South Parkway
85 Indian Field Road	\$1,295,000	\$434	2,983	0.36	5	2	South of Post
28 Sound Beach Avenue	\$1,600,000	\$952	1,680	0.18	4	2	Old Greenwich
133 Lancer Road	\$1,650,000	\$716	2,306	0.17	4	2	Riverside
1 Webb Avenue	\$1,849,000	\$1,023	1,808	0.19	3	1	Old Greenwich
33 Parsonage Road	\$1,995,000		0	1	4	1	South Parkway
19 Stanwich Road	\$2,450,000	\$668	3,665	0.61	4	3	South Parkway
17 Perryridge Road	\$2,750,000	\$873	3,151	0.25	4	3	South Parkway
10 Francine Drive	\$5,100,000	\$994	5,133	0.59	6	4	South Parkway
45 Willow Road	\$5,495,000	\$895	6,141	0.33	6	5	Riverside
46 Park Avenue	\$6,295,000	\$1,147	5,487	0.31	5	5	Old Greenwich
26 Taconic Road	\$6,950,000	\$922	7,542	2.03	5	6	South Parkway
386 North Street	\$7,450,000	\$747	9,974	2.32	5	7	South Parkway
4 Cherry Blossom Lane	\$7,695,000	\$715	10,762	2.27	7	8	North Parkway
111 Byram Shore Road	\$14,000,000	\$1,600	8,751	1.5	8	7	Byram

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES				
ROB PULITANO 203-561-8092				
Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
1465 E Putnam Ave 527	Old Greenwich	\$525,000	Sat 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
1465 E Putnam Ave 527	Old Greenwich	\$525,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
19 Putnam Park	Greenwich	\$560,000	Sun 1-4 PM	BHHS New England
7 Mountain Laurel Dr.	Greenwich	\$3,799,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
50 Lafayette Place 4E	Greenwich	\$775,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
7 Mountain Laurel Dr.	Greenwich	\$3,799,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
82 Rockwood Lane	Greenwich	\$3,695,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
50 Lafayette Place #4E	Greenwich	\$775,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Coldwell Banker
85 Indian Field Road	Greenwich	\$1,295,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Coldwell Banker
52 Morningside Drive	Greenwich	\$2,995,000	Sun 2-4 PM	Coldwell Banker



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The first level offers a versatile layout with a living room, dining room complete with a Butler's pantry, a bedroom, a full bath, and a mudroom. Upstairs, the primary suite is a true retreat, boasting a spa-like bathroom. Three additional bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a laundry room, and a large playroom provide ample space for family and guests, with in-law suite possibilities.

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over 4,475 sq ft, this home showcases exquisite finishes and hardwood flooring throughout. Situated on a .30-acre lot, it is conveniently located near the train, town, and parks, combining luxury and functionality to create an ideal setting for lasting memories.

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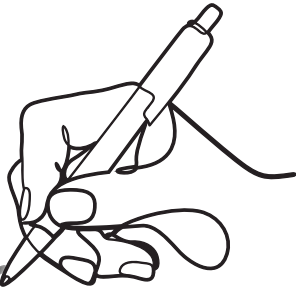
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Thank you to all the sophisticates, literary enthusiasts, and very clever Sentinel readers!

Get in on our Cross-Over Contest!



Sentinel Literary Competition

APRIL Writing Challenge #425: Ladybug Paradox

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

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

Winner receives \$25 and publication in the Sentinel!

Prompt:

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

Example 1:

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



Example 2:

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

For Ages 16 & Up: “Camouflage and Clarity”

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

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

Example:

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



At the embassy, they referred to her as “the language attaché,” which was as good a euphemism as any. She wore low heels, took her tea without milk, and let the attachés dismiss her as charmingly irrelevant. But she was not irrelevant. She was patient.

She observed.

When the Russian trade delegate’s briefcase disappeared for eight minutes at Chopin Airport, she noted it. When the German cultural attaché suddenly “transferred,” she sent no farewell card—but filed a separate report.

The men spoke freely near her. That was the trick, always. To be present but never seen. To smile like a hostess while listening like a wiretap.

Tonight, the asset would arrive at the opera. He’d be carrying a red folder and a limp. He would nod twice, then vanish into the crowd. The envelope he left behind would pass through three hands before reaching London.

She would never be thanked.

She wore a coat the color of wine. On the collar: a pin shaped like a ladybug—bright, small, unnoticed.

If anyone asked, it was a gift from her niece.

No one ever asked.

And when the world finally shifted, when the lines on the map redrew themselves again, she would still be watching. Still recording. Still dangerous.

Deadline: Midnight, April 27, 2025. Winners announced in the first May 2025 issue.

How to Enter: Craft your clever response to this month’s prompt, then visit www.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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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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. christchurchgreenwich.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. \$20, Adults; \$10, Children; Free for children under 10 yrs old. 203-531-0109. 203-829-4107. wynnmcdaniel@gmail.com
9 a.m.
"Live Like Luke" Spring Beach Clean-up. 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. Members: \$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.

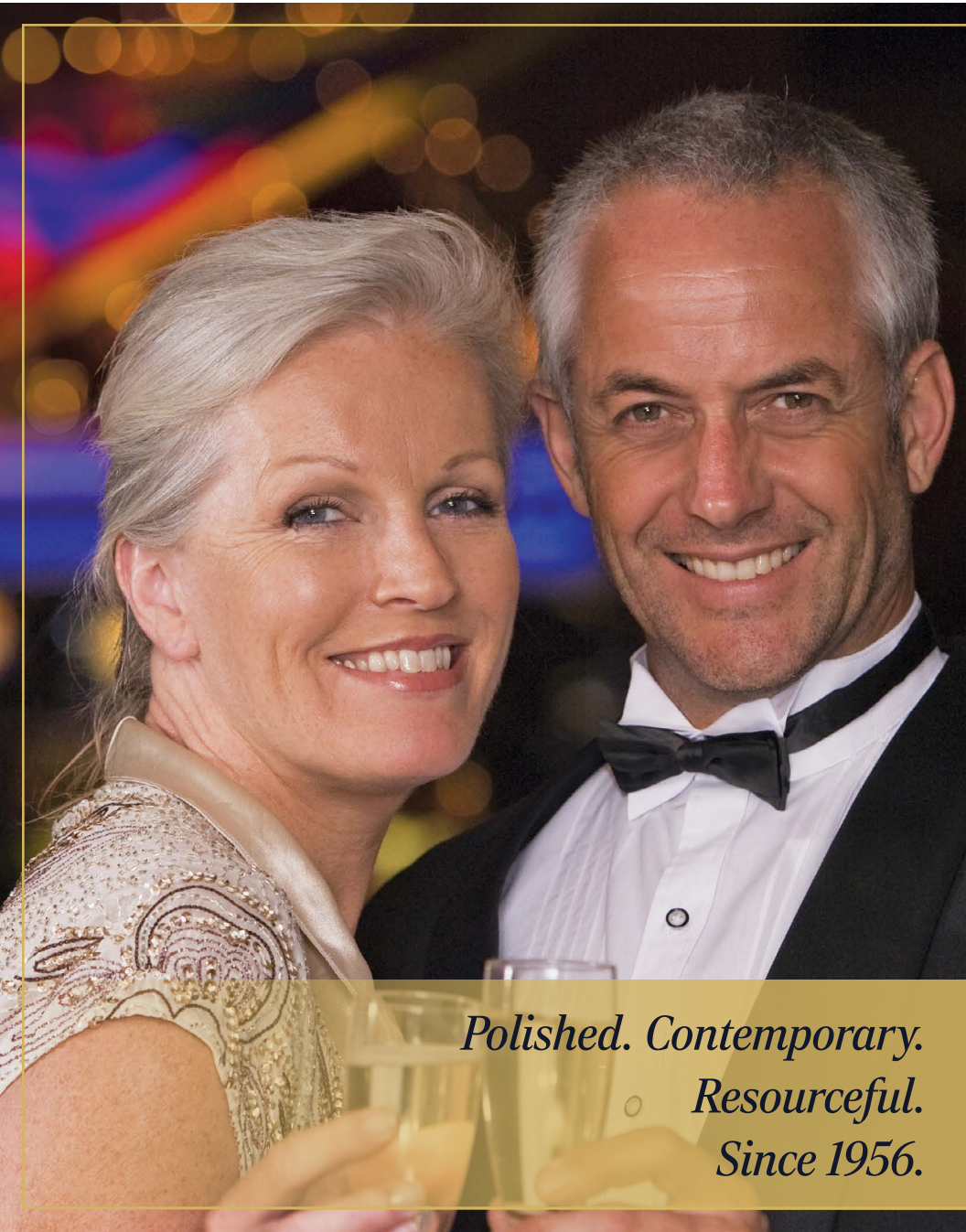
Round Hill Volunteer Fire's Family Fun Day. Whitby School, 969 Lake Ave. \$28.45. eventbrite.com/e/1302680164439
4 p.m.
Concerts for Compassion: Juilliard musicians – benefitting Hands of Hope. North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road. Doors open for the craft sale at 2:30pm. 203-869-7763. northgreenwichchurch.org
MONDAY, APRIL 28
4 p.m.
Korean War Veteran Ceremony. Town Hall Meeting Room, 101 Field Point Road.
TUESDAY, APRIL 29
10 & 11 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings: Friendly Fish (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, April 30. brucemuseum.org
10 a.m.
Perrot Memorial Library: Perrot Walks at Binney Park. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org
1 p.m.
Greenwich Land Trust: Spring Ephemeral Hike. Byram River. Free. Register. gltrust.org/event/spring-ephemeral-hike
3:45 p.m.
Reading and Rhythm with Orchestra Lumos and Music Together (Ages 0-5). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org
4 p.m.
Afternoon of Wellness: Connect, Explore and Experience – Linking Art and Music. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$20. brucemuseum.org
5:30 p.m.
Pop-up Shop & Art Show: Nancy Landauer (proceeds benefit the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital). The J House Greenwich, 1114 East Putnam Ave. \$17.85. eventbrite.com/e/1261609330469
6 p.m.
Bruce Socials: Poetry Circle. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$10. brucemuseum.org
7 p.m.
Finding Your Voice as a Parent: Navigating Divorce for Parents of Special Education Students. On Zoom. Free. Register. bit.ly/56A217B
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
10 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings Junior: Friendly Fish (ages 12 Months-30 Months). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. First come, first served. brucemuseum.org
11 a.m.
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Christi Moraga "History and Highlights of the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art." Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org
12 p.m.
Colonial Dress Up in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events
1 p.m.
Learn to Play Mahjong: A 3-Part Class. Perrot Memorial Library, 90

Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org
2 p.m.
Spotlight Book Talk: Merritt Parkway, The Road that Shaped a Region. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free and open to the public. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events
6 p.m.
Bruce Presents: The M Factor: Shredding the Silence on Menopause. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org
THURSDAY, MAY 1
10 a.m.
Open Knitting Drop-In Program. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. perrotlibrary.org
12 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Marketing Made Simple: Promote & Prosper for growth. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings
1 p.m.
National Day of Prayer. Greenwich Town Hall – Meeting Room, 101 Field Point Road.
5 p.m.
Photo Exhibit Opening: "A Backcountry Transformation" - Bird Photography by Lauren Hampton. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free. RSVP. greenwich.audubon.org/events
6 p.m.
Bruce Experiences: Music at the Bruce with Carolyn Enger. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Members, \$16; Non-members, \$20. brucemuseum.org
6 p.m.
'High Five for Hope' – JFS of Greenwich Annual Spring Celebration. Stamford Museum & Nature Center, 39 Scofield Rd., Stamford. jfsgreenwich.org
FRIDAY, MAY 2
1:30 p.m.
Concert & Cake First Friday Concert Series: Dr. Kunyoung Kim, piano. Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave. greenwichartscouncil.org
3:30 - 9 p.m.
North Mianus' "Pow Wow!" North Mianus School, 309 Palmer Hill Road. Rain date: Sunday, May 4, 11am-5pm. northmianuspta.membershiptoolkit.com
4 - 7 p.m.
May Gardener's Market Early Buyers Sale. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$20 donation to shop. 203-869-9242. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org
7 p.m.
Cinco De Mayo Latin Dance Class. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events
SATURDAY, MAY 3
7 a.m.
Spring Migration Bird Tour. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free, donations are encouraged. greenwich.audubon.org/events
8:30 a.m.
Spring Bird Breakfast. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. All ages. Free, donations are encouraged. greenwich.audubon.org/events
9 a.m.

Meet for Coffee at the Bruce: Conversations with Robert Kalman. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free. bruce-museum.org
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Byram Park Cleanup. Meet at the beach entrance. RSVP. Rain or shine. greenwichgreenandclean.org/byram-park-cleanup
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
May Gardener's Market. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free Admission. 203-869-9242. greenwich-botanicalcenter.org
10:30 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m.
Rediscover Greenwich Avenue – Guided Walking Tours. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Members, \$20; Non-Members, \$25. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
North Mianus' "Pow Wow!" North Mianus School, 309 Palmer Hill Road. Rain date: Sunday, May 4, 11am-5pm. northmianuspta.membershiptoolkit.com
12 p.m.
Colonial Crafts: Make Your Own Butter in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events
1 p.m.
Birding at the Bruce Museum with Greenwich Audubon – a tour of the neighboring Oneida Sanctuary. Meet at the Bruce Museum Lobby. Free. RSVP. brucemuseum.org.
1 p.m.
Sustainable Landscapes: Designing with Native Plantings with Louis Fusco. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. 203-869-9242. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org
1:30, 2, or 3 p.m.
Friends of Greenwich Point: "Looks Like Springtime! Come See Baby Animals." Innis Arden Cottage, Tod's Point. Free. Register. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org.
2 p.m.
India Cultural Center of Greenwich (ICC): Holifest. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, 100 Arch St. holi2025.org
3:30 p.m.
Greenwich Young Life Pickleball Tournament. Pickleball America, 140 Atlantic St., Stamford. greenwich.younglife.org
SUNDAY, MAY 4
9 a.m.
Friends of Greenwich Point: "First Sunday Bird Walks". Tod's Point. All ages welcome. Bring binoculars. Free. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org..
2 p.m.
Fred Elser First Sunday Science: The Indigenous Roots of Organic Agriculture. Free. brucemuseum.org
2 p.m.
Pizzi String Quartet performs. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Registration required. perrotlibrary.org
3 p.m.
Rachmaninoff Vespers concert. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E. Putnam Ave. \$20-\$75. skylarkensemble.org
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.
MONDAY - FRIDAY
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. info@archstreet.org. archstreet.org
TUESDAYS:
10 a.m.
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524- 8032. greenwichymca.org
5 - 7 p.m.
Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse
WEDNESDAYS:
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
"Tools for Aging Well" (2nd Wednesday of the Month). Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org.
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org
12 - 2 p.m.
Waste Free Greenwich's Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/composting-at-rhcc
12:15 p.m.
Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks – moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.org
6:30 p.m.
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support
2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org
THURSDAYS:
8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experiencetaichi.org
3 - 7 p.m.
Arch Street After School Programming (All Ages) – every Thursday

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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

starting Feb. 22. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. arch-street.org

5 - 7 p.m.

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

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, April 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. lmatthews@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.

Monday, April 28

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.

2 p.m.

Fiction Addiction: Lunchtime Edition. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

3:15 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

21st Cos Cob Annual Town Meeting. Online.

7 p.m.

Friends Performing Arts Series: Comedy Night Co-Headline Performance Eugene Mirman & Beth Stelling. Berkley Theater.

Tuesday, April 29

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.

Pen to Paper. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

5 p.m.

Meditation & Breathing with Gail (Zoom).

6 p.m.

Professional Headshots. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

6:30 p.m.

Community Sponsored: Creating Tax Efficient Retirement Strategies. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

Wednesday, April 30

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.

Investment Basics Series III: A Step-by-Step Retirement Survival Guide for Spouses and Families. Online.

4 p.m.

Meditation for Families with Roberta Brown. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

4 p.m.

Page Turners Book Club. Teen Commons.

4 p.m.

Science Girls!: Environmental Science (Grades 3-5). Children's Constellation Room.

Thursday, May 1

9:30 a.m.

Great Books Discussion. Via Zoom.

10 a.m.

Japanese Storytime Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

Bilingual Birdies (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.

Tech Help. Learning Lab.

2 p.m.

Community Sponsored: Greenwich Retired Men's Association - Book Group. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

7:30 p.m.

Cos Cob Thursday Evening book club. Main 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

7:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Book Group. *This Book Club will meet temporarily at the Main Library, in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room, during the Cos Cob renovation.

Friday, May 2

9:30 a.m.

Senior Chinese Book Discussion Group. Online. ywang@greenwichlibrary.org.

10 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

7 p.m.

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

Saturday, May 3

10 a.m.

Satur-yay! Storytime. Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.

10:30 a.m.

Hatha Yoga for Adults with Inger. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

3D Printed Millennium Falcon Wireless Mouse. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

2 p.m.

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

Sunday, May 4

3 p.m.

Friends Performing Arts Series: Musicians from Marlboro Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org

GREENWICH HOSPITAL:

greenwichhospital.org/events

888-305-9253

Tuesday, April 29

2 p.m.

Head & Neck Cancer Screening. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Saturday, May 3

9 a.m.

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

Monday, May 5

6 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 7

11 a.m.

Better Breathers: Support Group. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

12 p.m.

Webinar: Preventing Falls and Improving Balance. Online. Free.

1:30 p.m.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group. 260 Long Ridge Road Stamford. Free.

5:30 p.m.

Parkinson’s Disease, Essential Tremor and HIFU Treatment. 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 weather-proof 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

Sunday, April 27

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Monday, April 28

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Stamford, 1101 Bedford St., Stamford.

Tuesday, April 29

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

EF Academy's Gym, 582 Columbus Ave., Thornwood, NY.

1 - 6:30 p.m.

Saint Mark's Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan.

Wednesday, April 30

2 - 6 p.m.

American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Rd., Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

Thursday, April 24

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

12 - 5 p.m.

American Legion Post, 40 Bell Rd., Scarsdale, NY.

Friday, May 2

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Stamford, 1101 Bedford St., Stamford.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Village of Mamaroneck, 1 Harbor Island Park, Mamaroneck, NY.

Saturday, May 3

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

Archangels Greek Orthodox Church, 1527 Bedford Street, Stamford.

Sunday, May 4

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, April 28

5:30 p.m.

Nathaniel Witherell Board Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors Meeting.

6:30 p.m.

Board of Health Regular

Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

7 p.m.

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

Tuesday, April 29

4 p.m.

Labor Contracts Committee Meeting. Gisborne Room.

Wednesday, April 30

6 p.m.

FS Hamill Rink Task Force Meeting. In-Person @Cone Room and Virtual via Zoom.

6:30 p.m.

Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting. TBD.

Thursday, May 1

11 a.m.

FS Sustainability Committee Meeting. Via Zoom.

7 p.m.

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

7 p.m.

Budget Overview Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

Monday, May 5

10:30 a.m.

Architecture Review Committee (ARC). Sign-Meeting.

1 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

7 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting. Hayton Room.

7:30 p.m.

Education Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7:30 p.m.

Land Use Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

7:30 p.m.

Legislative & Rules Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:30 p.m.

Public Works Committee Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, April 25

6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy’s Tree Party. McArdle’s Florist & Garden Center. greenwichtreeconservancy.org/2025-tree-party

Saturday, April 26

9 a.m.

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

6 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity 40th Anniversary Gala. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. habitatcfc.org

6 p.m.

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

Thursday, May 1

11 a.m.

YWCA Greenwich's Old Bags Luncheon 20th Anniversary. Belle Haven Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/old-bags-luncheon-20th-anniversary

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

Sunday, May 4

8:15 a.m.

Breast Cancer Alliance 5K Run/Walk. Richards of Greenwich. breastcanceralliance.org

Wednesday, May 7

6 p.m.

Food Rescue US: “Celebrate Food Rescue US.” The Loading Dock, Stamford. foodrescueus25.givesmart.com

Friday, May 9

6 p.m.

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

Friday, May 16

7:30 a.m.

BIC’s 12th Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. secure.qgiv.com/for/b1cbenefitbreakfast2025/event/12thannualspringbenefitbreakfast

Saturday, May 17

7 p.m.

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

Sunday, May 18

9 a.m.

The Junior League of Green-

wich’s “Touch-A-Truck”. Greenwich Town Hall. e.givesmart.com/events/Hfh

Saturday, May 24

10 a.m.

Greenwich Town Party. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichtownparty.org

Monday, May 26

10 a.m.

The annual Old Greenwich Memorial Day Parade. Sound Beach Avenue.

Thursday, May 29

9 a.m.

Children’s Learning Centers of Fairfield County (CLC) 9th Annual Golf Outing. The Stanwich Club, Greenwich. bit.ly/CLC2025GolfOuting

6:30 p.m.

Kids Helping Kids’ Spring Celebration. Italian Center of Stamford. kidshelpingkidscet.org

Saturday, May 31

9 a.m.

Greenwich Concours d’Sport. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com

Sunday, June 1

10 a.m.

Greenwich Concours d' Elegance. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com

Wednesday, June 4

6 p.m.

Scouting America Greenwich Council’s Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. greenwichscouting.org

Friday, June 6

Family Centers "Midnight in Monte Carlo" benefit. Private Greenwich residence. familycenters.org/product/midnight

Saturday, June 7

6 p.m.

Wild Wine, Beer & Food Safari. Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo. beardsleyzoo.org/wild-wine.html

Monday, June 23

11 a.m.

YWCA Greenwich’s Annual Golf Tournament. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/I6i/

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

6:30 p.m.

Evening of Poetry & Jazz. Ferguson Library – South End Branch at Waterside, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

7:30 p.m.

Curtain Call presents “Anything Goes”. The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (April 25 & 26). curtaincallinc.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

1 p.m.

Read to a Therapy Dog. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

5:30 p.m.

Survivors Art Summit (SAS) 2025: Mai Soli - Never Alone, Together We Rise. CoCreate, 47 John St., Stamford. Free & open to all. allevents.in/stamford/80001506310799

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

12:30 p.m.

Picnic-Palooza. New Canaan Museum campus, 13 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan. \$25, museum member family; \$40, non-member. lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/x6ngce8

1 p.m.

Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House with Special Guest Illeana Douglas. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free admission, no reservation required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

2 p.m.

Open MIC Poetry Slam. Ferguson Library – West Side Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

THURSDAY, MAY 1




8 p.m.

Stars of Late Night Comedy. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

FRIDAY, MAY 2

6:30 p.m.

The Russ Davis Band. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free admission, no reservation required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

Greenwich American Legion Post #29

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Date : Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time : 8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Location : Legion HQ, 248 Glenville Rd., CT 06831 - 203.531.0109

Hosts : Greenwich American Legion Post # 29
Daughters of the American Revolution (Horseneck Chapter)

Fare : Buttermilk Pancakes (Plain or Blueberry), Bacon, Link Sausage, Fresh Orange Juice, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Cookies

Tickets : Adults \$20, Children 10 & older \$10, Children under 10 No Charge

Proceeds : All proceeds will be used to support Greenwich Youth Programs including The Boy Scouts, The Girl Scouts, American Legion Baseball and The Boys & Girls State Program.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Fake call from the IRS, e.g.
5 Courts
9 Good news after a job interview
14 Cab
15 Colts' city, for short
16 Lionhearted
17 "I agree 100%!"
18 Extra-bright
19 Stereotypically cringey H.S. subject
20 Iconic fast-food logo (see letters 9 to 5 in this clue's answer)
23 Ride a sloop, say
24 Writer Hemingway
28 Dutch spirit named after its original still (letters 11 to 8)
31 Comedy routines
32 ___ Pods (inedible laundry pouches)
33 Big League Chew product
34 Charitable offerings
35 Joke targets
37 Soccer great born Edson Arantes do Nascimento
38 Animal with a pouch, briefly
39 "Here today, ___ tomorrow"

- 40 Certain baby
41 Often-complex details (letters 6 to 3)
45 God, in Hebrew
46 Ilhan of "The Squad"
47 MTV series based on "An American Family"
53 Bipolar phase
56 Jackie Robinson's Golden State sch.
57 "Attention, please!"
58 Startle
59 "Anything but ___!"
60 Baseball stitching
61 Uses an e-cigarette
62 Gardener's tube
63 View on something

DOWN

- 1 Dateless
2 Pattern for blending in, informally
3 Ice skater's 1.5-turn feat
4 Attitudes
5 ___ the Pooh
6 Low tie
7 Skunk funk
8 In ___ (harmonized)
9 Watch carefully
10 California city north of Bakersfield
11 Send via modem, perhaps

- 12 December 24, for one
13 Like a cooked lobster
21 Gobbles up
22 Listens to, as advice
25 Tools used on lawns' borders
26 What a calavera depicts, on the Day of the Dead
27 Not racy
28 Kobe robe
29 Adorable animal in a river
30 Trivial thing to pick
31 Light hair color
34 Diva's solo
35 Knife variety
36 108-card game
37 Barbecue event popular in Hawaii

- 39 Teddy ___ (bear-shaped snacks)
40 Chew on wood, say
42 Whole
43 Australian animals known for sleeping
44 Untimely comment?
48 Baseball great Babe
49 Video call issue
50 Seehorn of "Better Call Saul"
51 Security breach
52 "Let's chat privately," on Twitter
53 Dallas hoops pro
54 ___ carte menu
55 Kindergarten's break

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Horoscopes for Next Week

As Taurus season unfolds from April 19 to May 20, 2025, it invites all zodiac signs to embrace grounding, stability, and introspection. This period encourages slowing down, appreciating the present, and focusing on personal values and self-worth.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

The New Moon in your sign on April 27 marks a potent time for setting intentions aligned with your deepest values. As Venus transitions into Aries on April 30, introspection becomes key, guiding you to release past patterns that no longer serve your growth. Embrace this period of renewal to cultivate resilience and authenticity, allowing your true self to flourish. Trust in the grounding energy of your season to navigate changes with grace.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

The New Moon in Taurus on April 27 encourages a retreat into introspection, prompting you to release lingering doubts and embrace inner healing. As Venus enters Aries on April 30, your social sphere may expand, offering opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals. Utilize this time to align your external interactions with your internal truths, fostering genuine relationships. Let go of what no longer resonates to make space for new beginnings.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Your professional ambitions are illuminated this week, urging you to channel your energy into career advancements. Reflect on your long-term goals and consider innovative approaches to achieve them. Balancing your personal and professional life is crucial; ensure that your home environment supports your aspirations. Embrace this period of growth with confidence and clarity. Let your intuition guide you through the cosmic currents, revealing hidden opportunities along your path.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Your social life is vibrant, presenting opportunities to connect and shine in group settings. Engage in events that allow you to showcase your talents and leadership qualities. This is a favorable time to expand your network and pursue collaborations that align with your passions. Stay open to new experiences that can lead to personal and professional growth. Trust that the universe is aligning you with kindred spirits who will elevate your journey.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Focus on deepening your relationships and building trust with those close to you. Financial matters may require attention; consider reviewing joint resources and investments. Open communication is key to resolving any underlying issues and fostering mutual understanding. Use this time to strengthen bonds and ensure stability in your partnerships. Allow the stars to illuminate the path to harmony and shared prosperity.

Libra (Sept 23 – Oct 22)

This week, the Taurus New Moon on April 27 invites you to delve into the depths of your relationships and shared resources. As Venus re-enters Aries on April 30, your focus sharpens on partnerships, urging you to balance assertiveness with harmony. Embrace this period to release limiting beliefs and foster connections that support mutual growth. Trust that by confronting the shadows, you illuminate the path to deeper intimacy and empowerment.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

The Sun's journey through Taurus highlights your one-on-one relationships, prompting you to assess the balance between giving and receiving. The New Moon on April 27 offers a fresh start in your personal and professional alliances, encouraging you to initiate meaningful dialogues. With Venus returning to Aries on April 30, prioritize self-care and address any imbalances in your daily routines. Allow the cosmic energies to guide you toward partnerships that resonate with your true self.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

The Taurus New Moon on April 27 urges you to reevaluate your daily routines and health habits, seeking a harmonious balance between work and well-being. As Venus re-enters Aries on April 30, creative and romantic energies surge, inviting you to pursue passions that bring joy. Stay grounded amidst potential distractions, ensuring that your pursuits align with your long-term goals. Embrace the opportunity to infuse your daily life with purpose and passion, guided by the stars.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

As the New Moon in Taurus graces your creative sector on April 27, it's time to plant seeds of joy and passion. The Venus-Saturn conjunction on April 24 enhances your communication skills, allowing you to express your emotions with clarity and depth. Mars opposing Pluto on April 26 urges you to reclaim your energy and set boundaries that protect your well-being. Embrace this period to indulge in activities that bring you pleasure and to articulate your needs with confidence.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

The New Moon in Taurus on April 27 invites you to create a sanctuary that nurtures your soul and fosters emotional security. The Venus-Saturn conjunction on April 24 encourages you to reassess your values and establish financial and emotional boundaries that reflect your true worth. Mars opposing Pluto on April 26 may stir tensions in relationships, prompting you to navigate conflicts with clarity and compassion. Use this time to cultivate inner peace and to strengthen the foundations of your personal life.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

The New Moon in Taurus on April 27 illuminates your communication sector, urging you to speak your truth and share your insights with the world. The Venus-Saturn conjunction in your sign on April 24 brings a sense of emotional maturity, helping you to define your desires and set intentions that align with your personal growth. Mars opposing Pluto on April 26 challenges you to release outdated habits and to embrace transformative changes that support your evolution. Trust in your intuition and allow your inner wisdom to guide your path forward.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

As Mars opposes Pluto on April 26, you may feel a surge of transformative energy challenging your usual assertiveness. The New Moon in Taurus on April 27 invites you to plant seeds of financial stability and self-worth, urging a reevaluation of your resources and values. With Venus entering your sign on April 30, embrace this period to harmonize your inner desires with outward actions, fostering authentic connections. Trust in your evolving path and let your actions reflect your true intentions.

Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Affiliate marketing revenue sources
4. (K) Potato-based snack unit
8. (K) Super tiny energy source
12. (K) About to be cooked
13. Drummer's output (with 32-Across)
14. To a degree
15. Fighter for a cause
17. Fussy snoot
18. (K) "Masters of the Universe" hero
19. (K) Dark purple-red
21. One of the "Rocky" films
23. Lisa with an oily face?
24. (K) Spaced three feet apart
28. (K) Branch structure blocking water

31. (K) Measurement unit
32. See 13-Across
33. "Nut" from an African tree
34. 67.5 degrees from true north, briefly
35. (K) TV reruns, for example
37. (K) Within hearing range
39. (K) Bit of sunlight
40. (K) Move like a scared rabbit
43. Fowl's perch
47. (K) Get bent from heat
48. (K) City in the Sunshine State
50. Rested one's wings
51. (K) Do less than gallop
52. (K) Zig? No, the opposite
53. Clever maneuver
54. (K) Makes dresses
55. (K) Places for the injured, briefly

DOWN

1. (K) Bridge part
2. (K) "I double ___ you!"
3. (K) Like some Olympic races
4. Brain cases
5. Bore or sired
6. Matter to be discussed
7. Any variable in math
8. (K) City in Colorado
9. (K) Destructive wind phenomena
10. (K) Leave out on purpose
11. (K) Prefix for "bucks"
16. Speaks biblically?
20. (K) Deity of the Bible
22. Fascinations
24. (K) Go kaput and fail to restart
25. Motel-like establishment
26. Outline of a play
27. MLB's Ripken
29. (K) Key next to the longest key on a keyboard
30. (K) Mommies
33. Lays out in a boxing ring
35. (K) Silent "excuse me"
36. Diamond figures
38. (K) Like a cereal box with no cereal
40. (K) Trade
41. (K) Use one's mobile
42. On the endangered list
44. (K) Move like slime on a slight incline
45. (K) First name listed in the cast
46. (K) Plays a game as it
49. (K) One way to get to the shore

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

Where the operators are standing by?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1	C	A	W		4	Y	E	L	P		8	A	B	L	E
12	A	S	H		15	U	V	E	A		18	F	O	I	L
19	R	E	A	P		22	P	E	A	R	25	T	U	S	K
28	S	A	T	U	P		31	P	A	T	34	E	N	T	S
37						40	T	I	E		43	K	A	R	T
46	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
54	A	G	E	S		57	P	I	E		60	V	E	E	R
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70															
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76	U	R	N	S		83	R	O		86	A	T	I	O	N
84	N	E	A	T		91	E	D	E	N		L	E	A	
92	G	E	L	S		94	D	O	N	S		T	E	S	P

Previous riddle answer:

Came out of one's slump?
18-A) SAT UP

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

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 hoarse (5)	_____
2 like kale and cauliflower (10)	_____
3 standard ballroom dance (5)	_____
4 lava spewers (9)	_____
5 birthing helper (5)	_____
6 flat cap (5)	_____
7 chocolaty treats (8)	_____

NI	GR	NU	DO	WAL
VOL	BER	US	OW	TR
BR	IT	ULA	UFF	OES
IO	ES	CAN	TZ	ET











Previous Answers: 1. WORDS 2. GUESSING 3. LIVELY 4. DIETING 5. ROWING 6. SYMPATHIZE 7. INTENDED

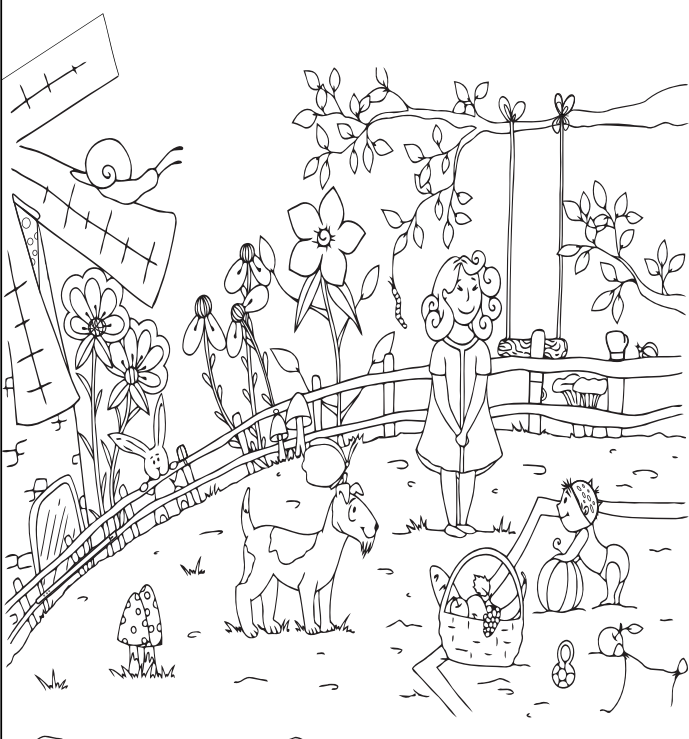
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Find and color.



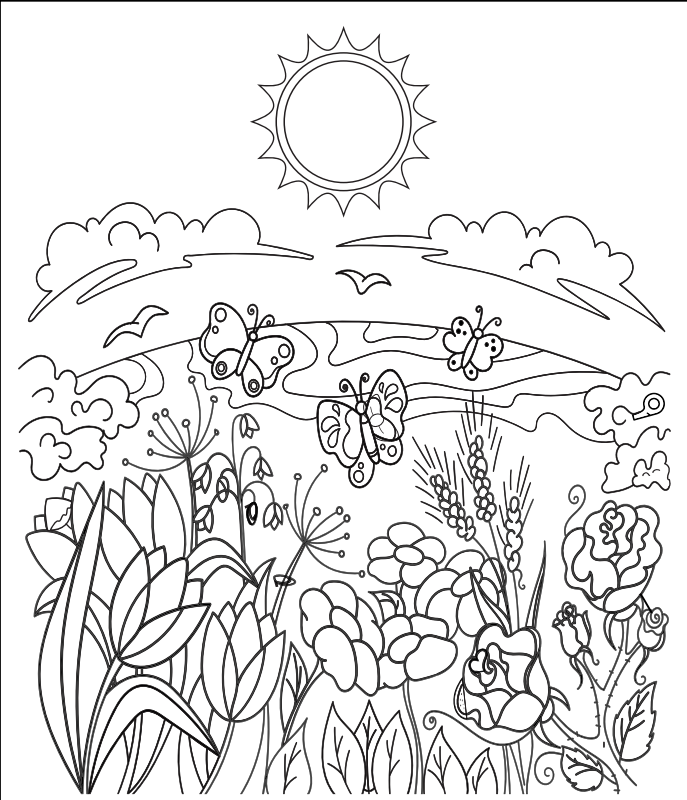
FIND ALL HIDDEN

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moon
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garlic
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ring
- 
groin
- 
golf club
- 
Indian club
- 
plate
- 
phone
- 
bone
- 
yo-yo













FIND ALL HIDDEN

- 
cupcakes
- 
butterfly
- 
sieve
- 
ice cream
- 
belt
- 
glove
- 
torch
- 
basketball ball
- 
bell
- 
pizza



FIND ALL HIDDEN

- 
heart
- 
crayons
- 
whistle
- 
Popcorn
- 
heeled shoes
- 
candy
- 
hazelnut
- 
boomerang
- 
watermelon
- 
bow tie

Sudoku for Kids

	6		1		2
	3	2		5	
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6			5	2	
		6			1
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SUDOKU

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

Easy

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Hard

4		1			9	3	2	
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Very Hard

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Easy

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Hard

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			2		3			
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Very Hard

8	1				4			2
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6				8			5	
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5			2				1	9

Sudoku answers

6	9	3	5	8	7	1	2	4
2	4	1	7	9	5	8	3	6
5	8	6	3	2	4	7	1	9
1	7	9	5	8	3	6	2	4
3	6	8	1	4	7	2	5	9
4	2	5	6	3	1	9	8	7
8	1	6	7	2	4	5	3	9
7	5	4	3	6	9	8	1	2
9	3	2	1	8	7	6	5	4
Bottom row – Very Hard								
5	8	6	3	2	4	7	1	9
Bottom row – Hard								
2	4	1	7	9	5	8	3	6
Bottom row – Easy								
8	1	6	7	2	4	5	3	9
Top row – Very Hard								
3	6	8	1	4	7	2	5	9
Top row – Hard								
4	2	5	6	3	1	9	8	7
Top row – Easy								
8	1	6	7	2	4	5	3	9
Bottom row – Very Hard								
5	8	6	3	2	4	7	1	9
Bottom row – Hard								
2	4	1	7	9	5	8	3	6
Bottom row – Easy								
8	1	6	7	2	4	5	3	9

Beekeeping

W	O	R	K	E	B	R	O	O	D
A	E	E	B	R	H	O	N	E	Y
P	I	A	R	Y	B	M	O	C	P
R	Y	S	B	E	Q	U	E	Y	L
O	L	W	H	E	H	E	N	E	A
Y	L	A	O	N	I	E	O	N	N
A	E	R	Y	E	V	N	R	O	T
L	J	M	P	N	E	B	D	H	S
N	E	C	O	E	E	E	S	I	L
R	A	T	L	L	P	R	O	P	O

Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

- APIARY

~~BEEHIVE~~

BROOD

DRONE

HONEY

HONEYCOMB

HONEY PLANTS

NECTAR
- POLLEN

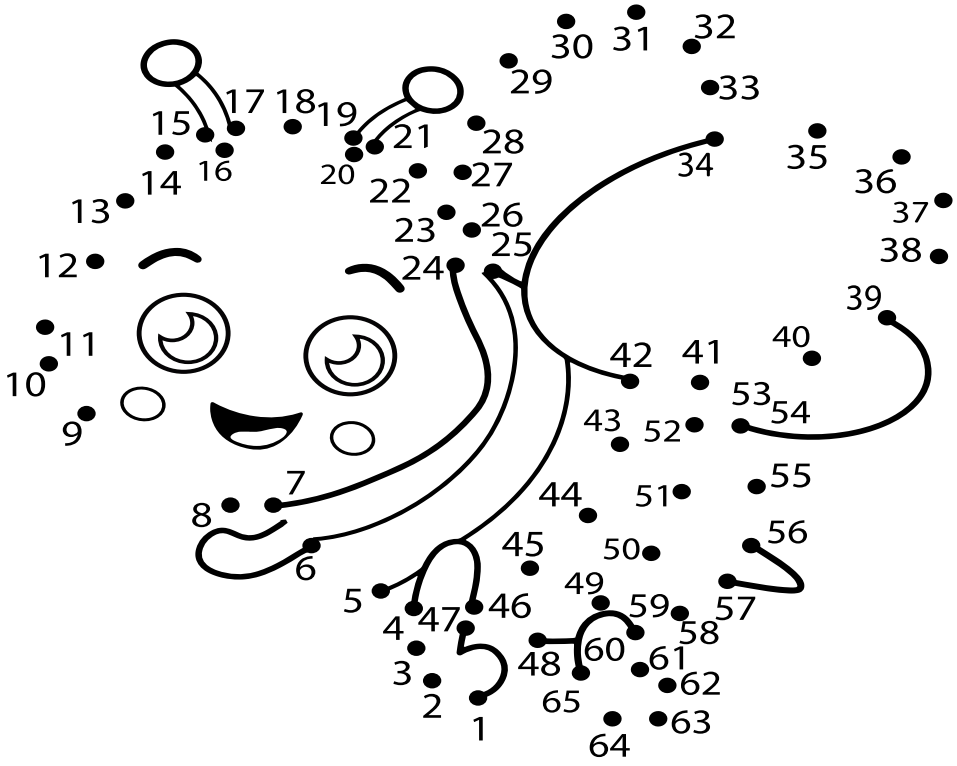
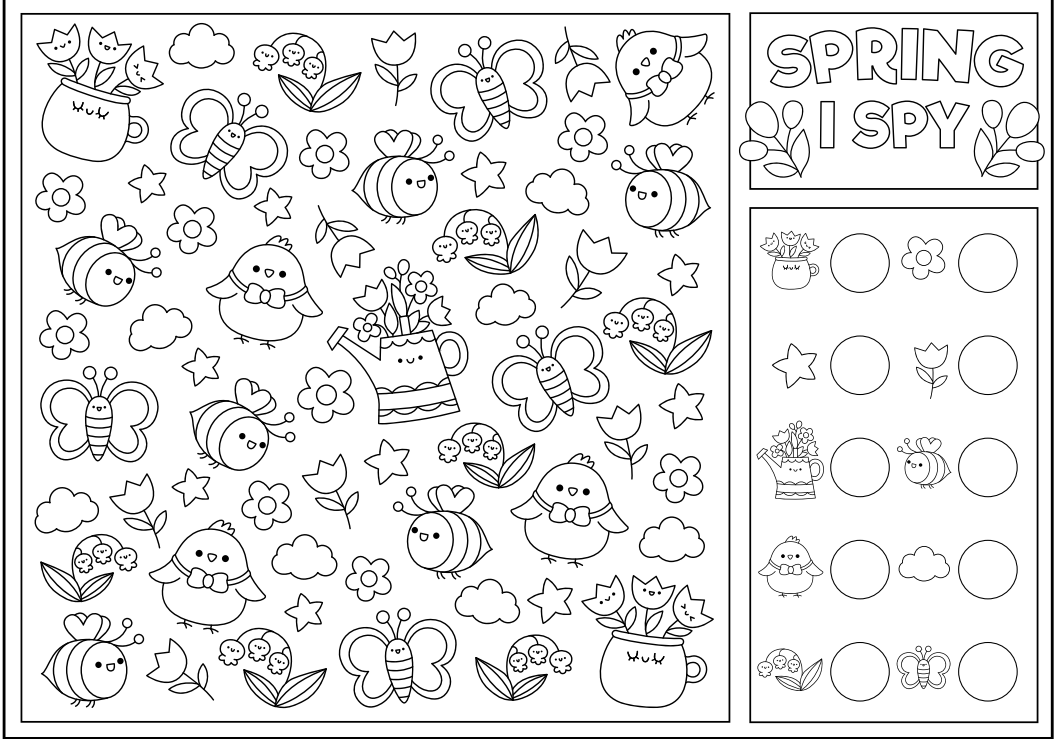
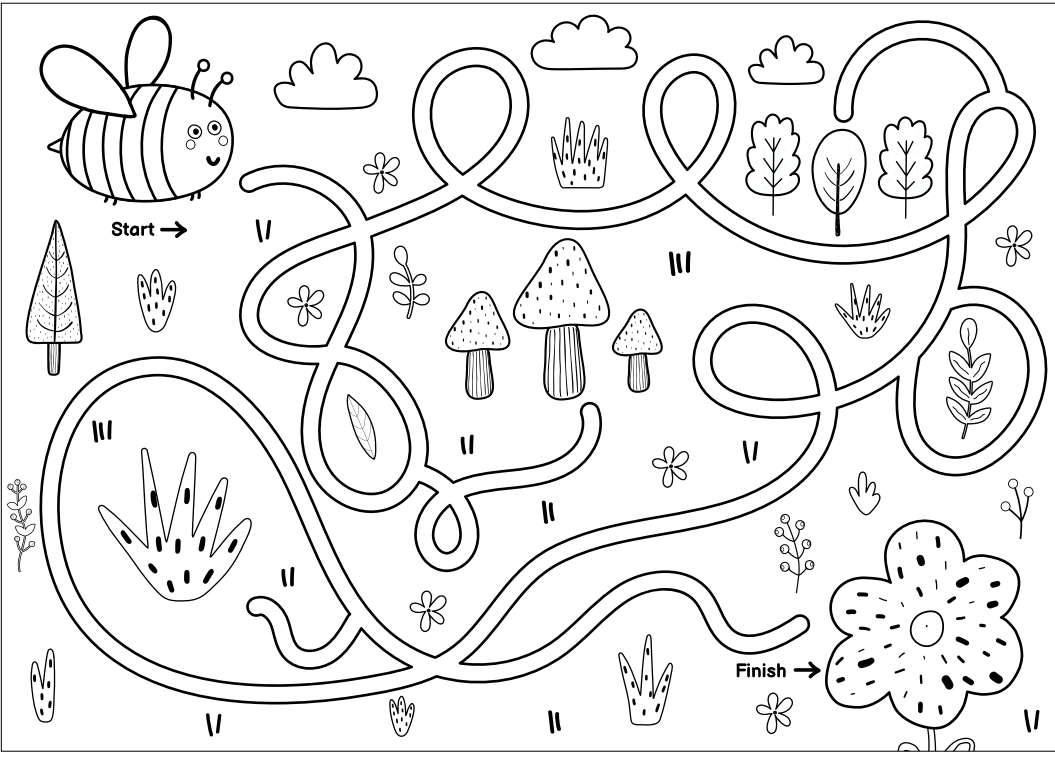
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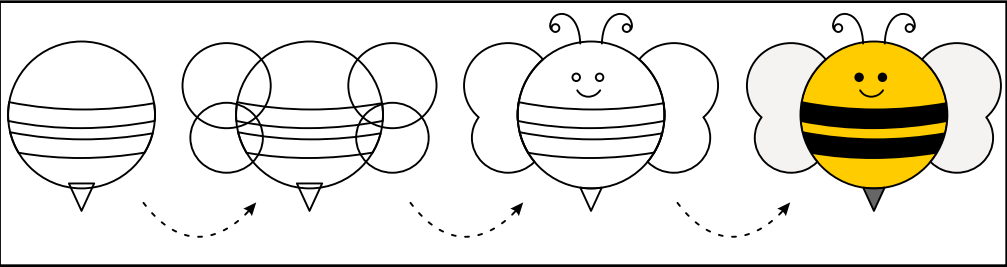
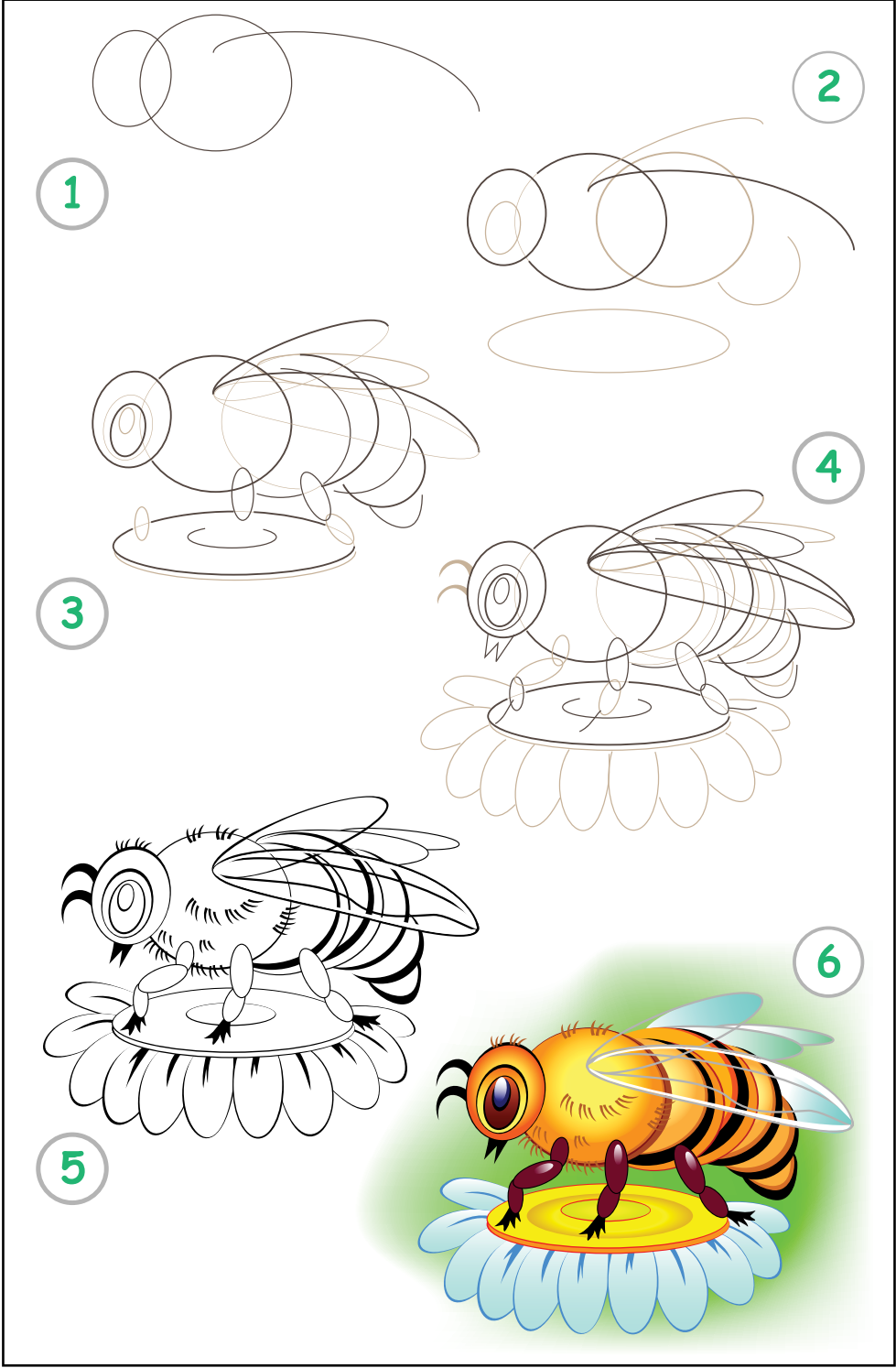
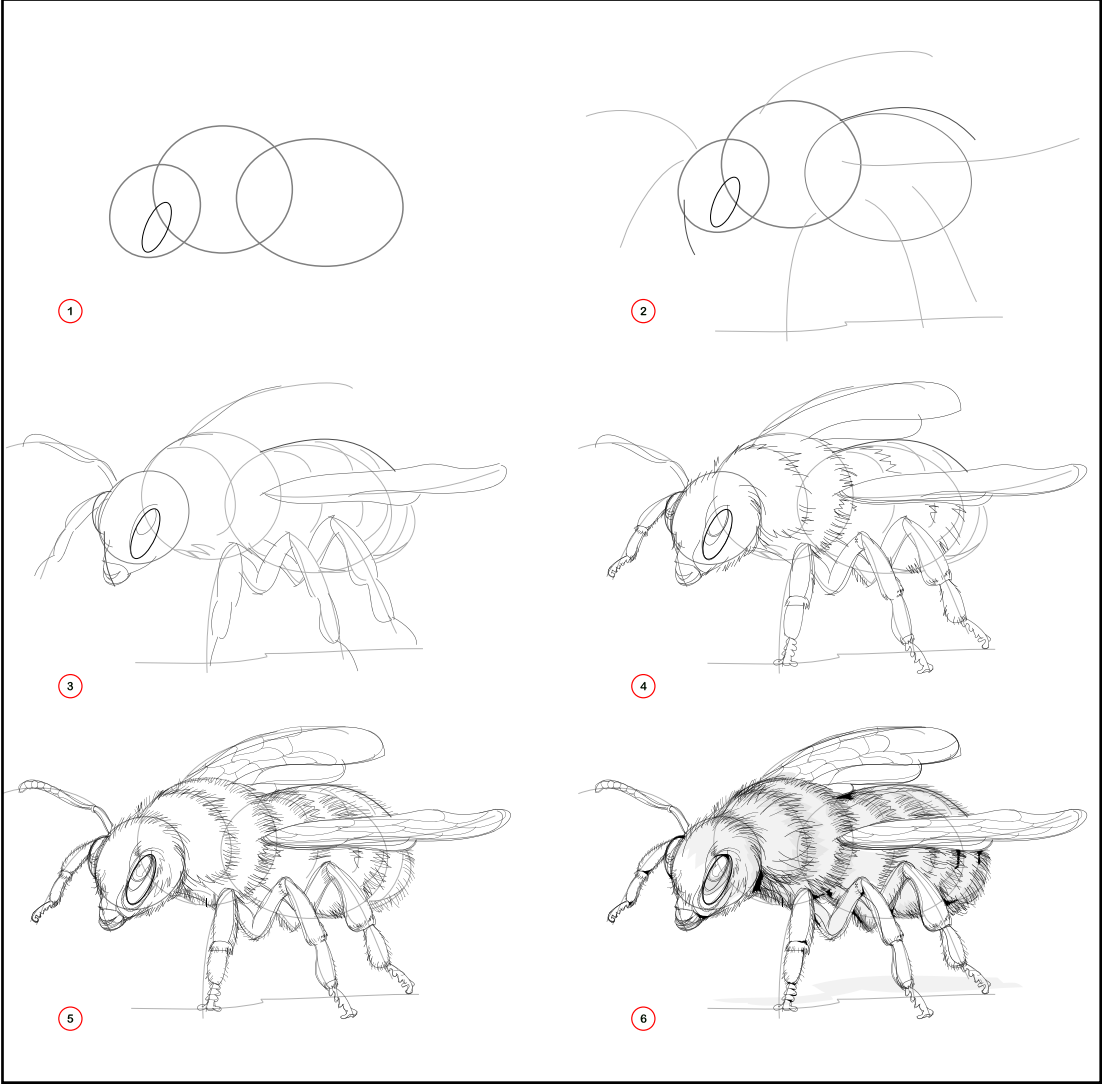
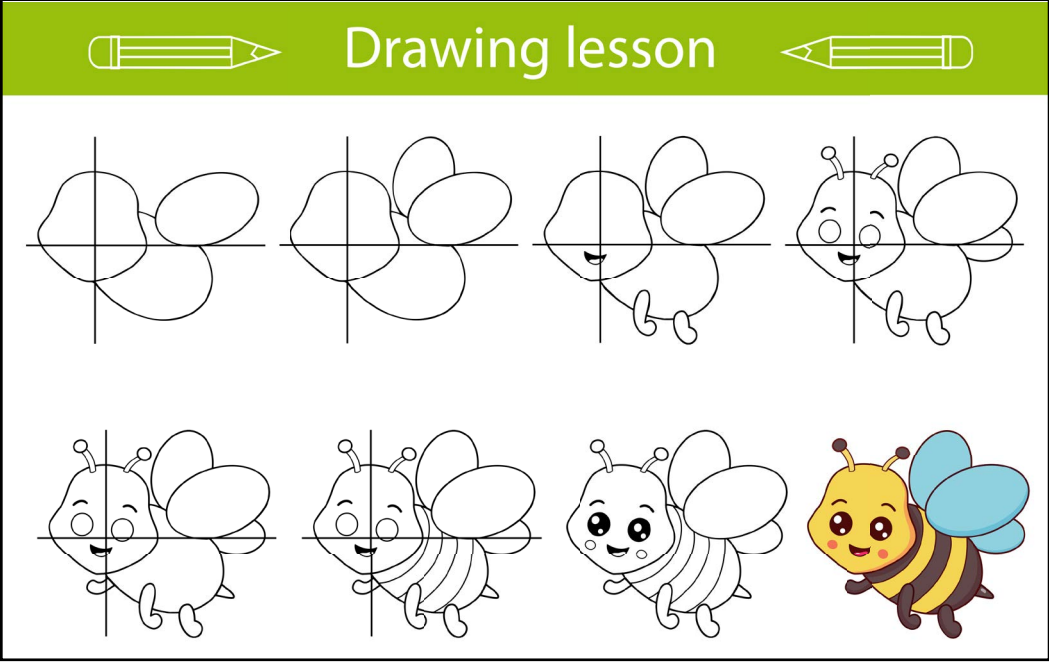
ROYAL JELLY

SWARM

WORKER BEE






How To Draw *(great for neuroplasticity in adults too)*









PUZZLES





Coding

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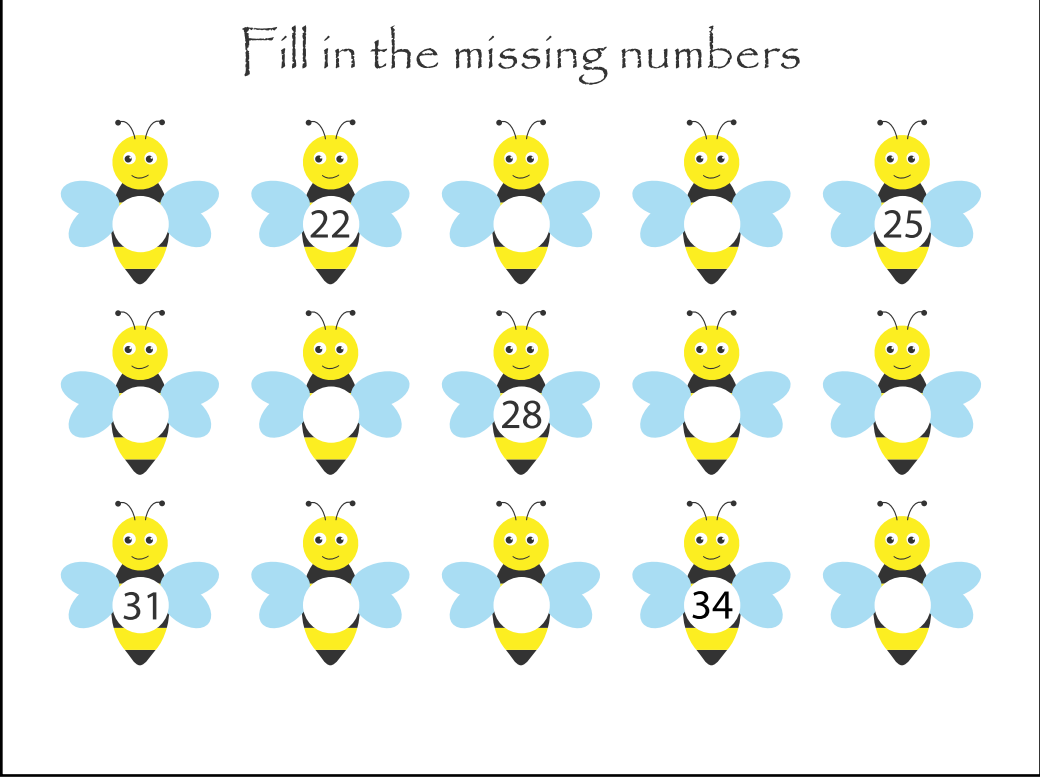
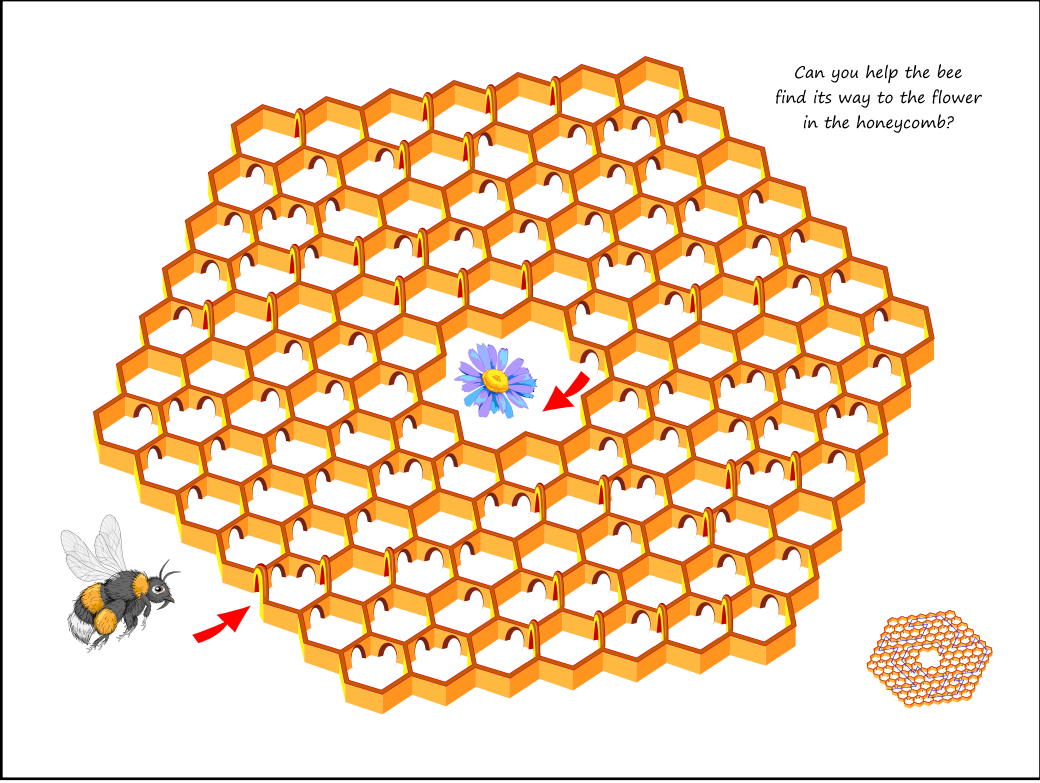
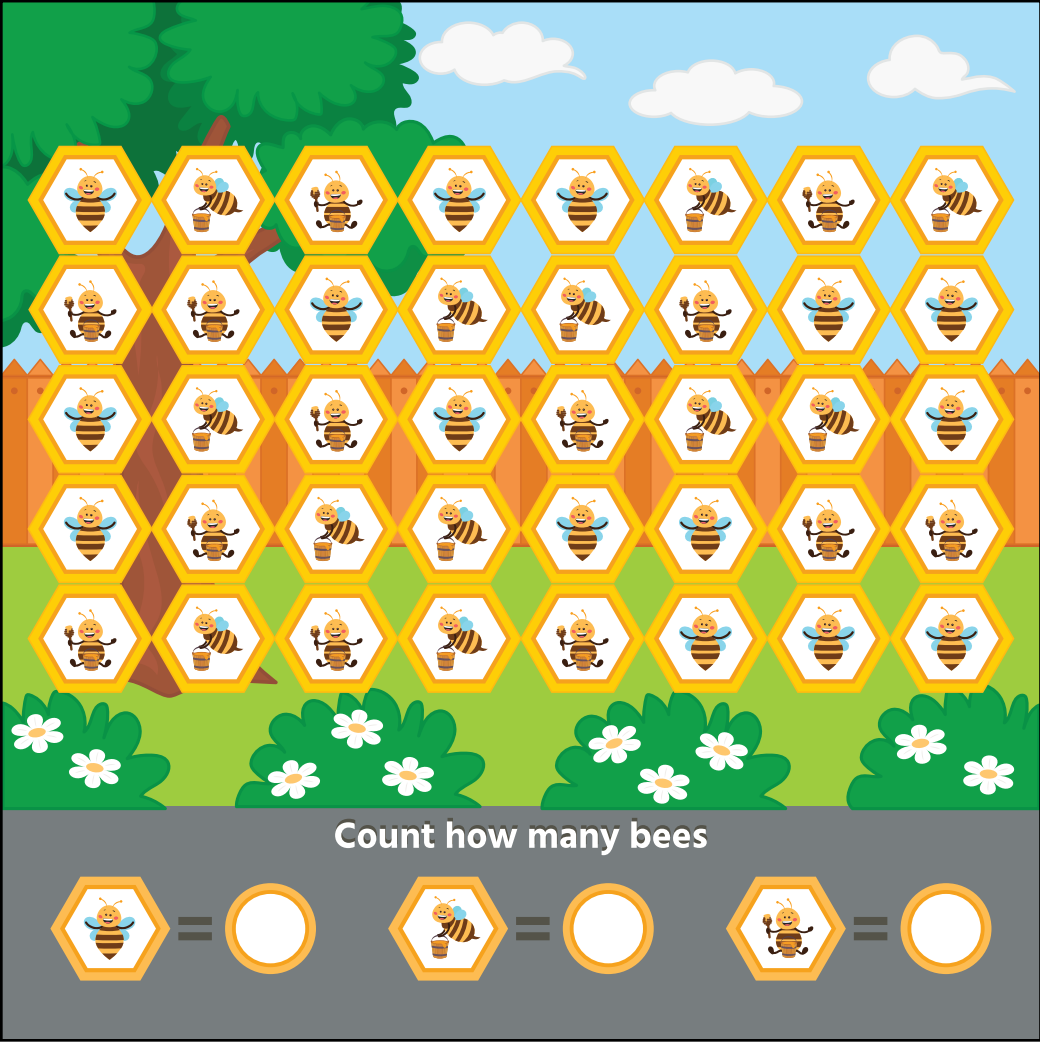
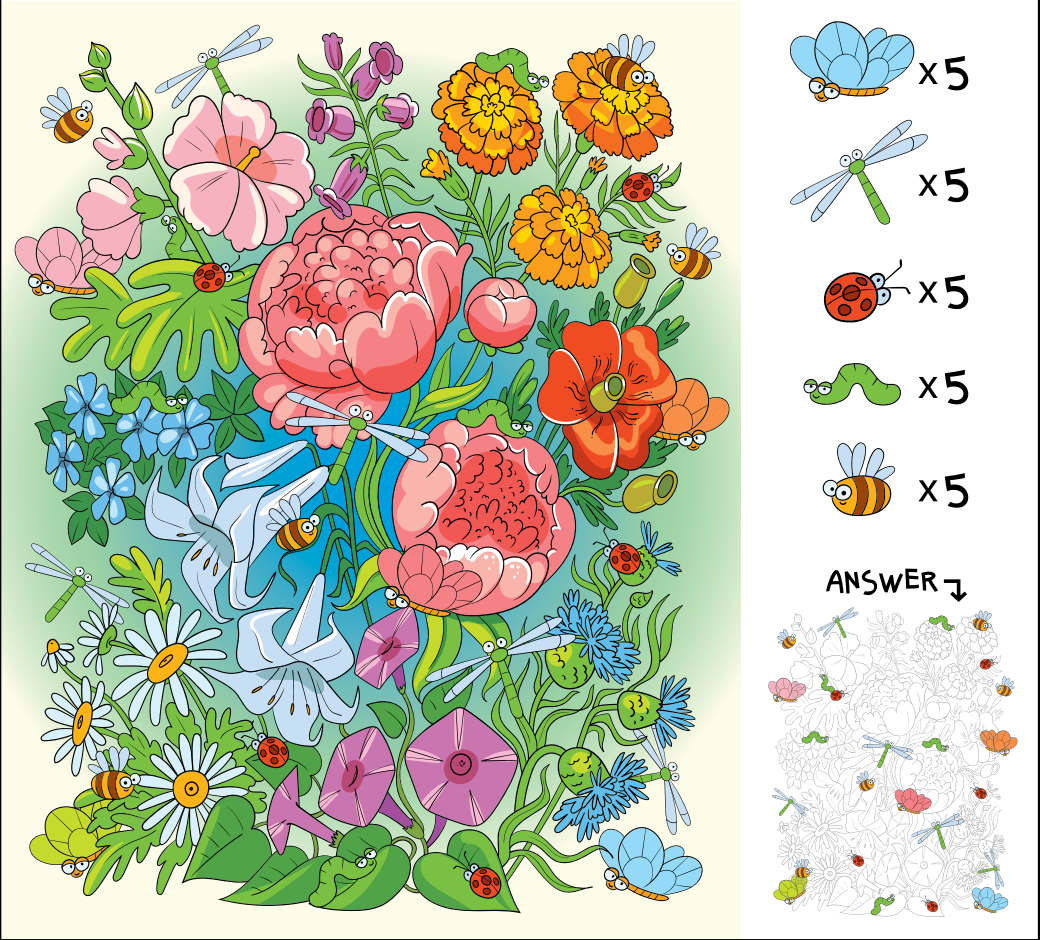
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FIND HIDDEN INSECTS AMONG THE FLOWERS





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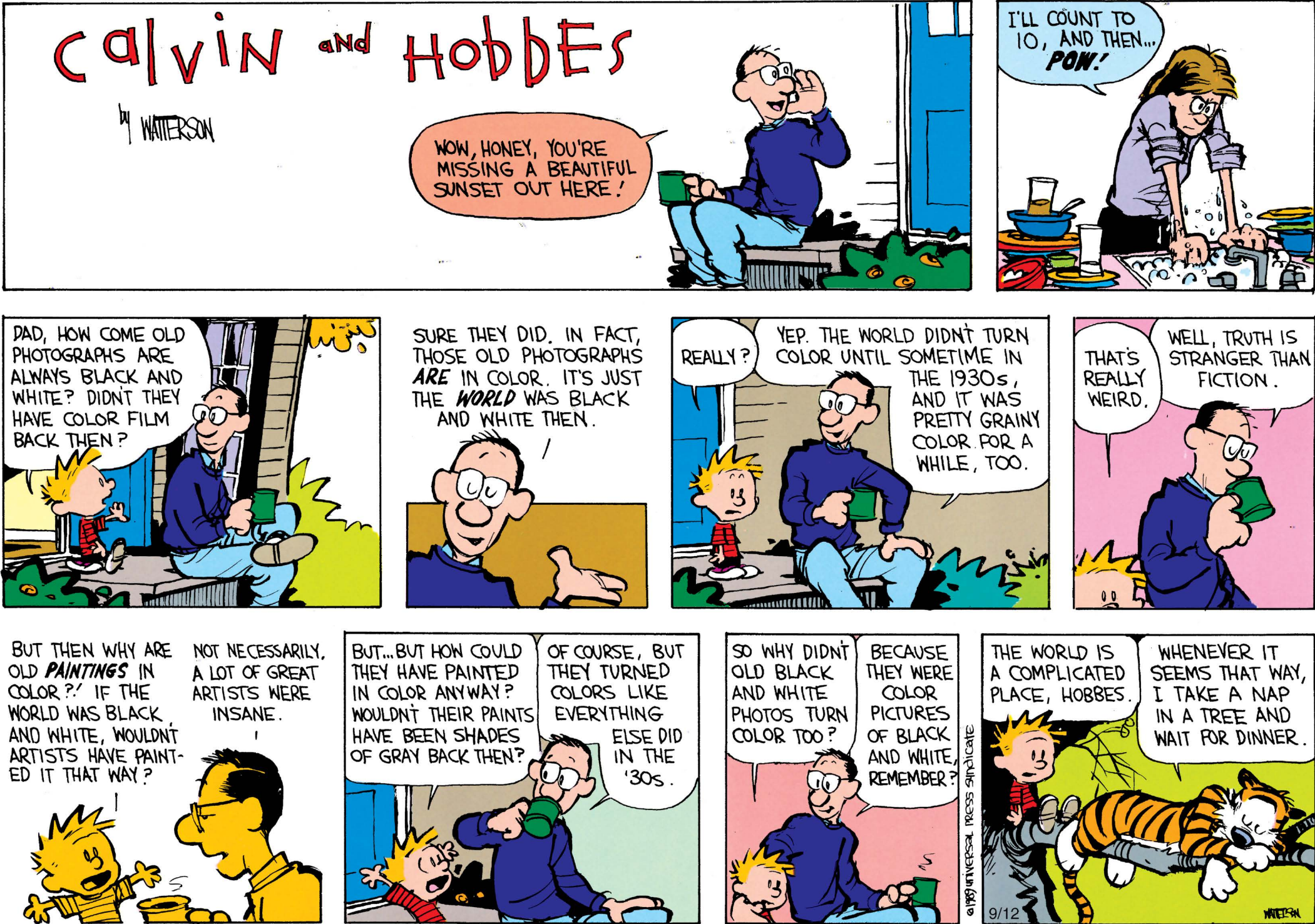






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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE HONEY BEE

A Vital Partner

Sometimes, on a still summer morning, I'll walk past a patch of blooming clover—white pom-poms dotting the green like stars against the field—and pause at the gentle hum of wings. There, a honey bee hovers, legs laden with golden pollen, moving with quiet industry from bloom to bloom. I watch her work, tireless and unseen, and I remember that this tiny creature is among the most important animals on Earth.

The Western Honey Bee, *Apis mellifera*, has become both a symbol of ecological interconnection and a bellwether of environmental health. She is not native to our continent—European settlers brought her to North America in the early 1600s—but she has long since become essential to our ecosystems and agriculture. Now, in Fairfield County, Connecticut, wrapped into the rolling hills and flowering trees, these bees are both thriving in pockets and struggling in others, dependent on the choices we make.

Why Honey Bees Matter

The honey bee is not just a honey-maker—though that product is itself a marvel of biology and chemistry. She is, above all, a pollinator. Across our region, she transfers pollen from flower to flower, fertilizing blossoms and allowing plants to bear fruit. One-third of the food we consume relies directly on pollinators. Apples, cucumbers, blueberries, squash, almonds, even the clover she's buzzing through—all owe their existence to creatures like her.

In Fairfield County alone, local farms depend on pollination to produce their crops. But honey bees serve more than human appetites—they are also key to wild ecosystems. They pollinate native and ornamental plants, providing food for birds, mammals, and other insects. Their absence would create a cascade of losses up the food chain.

Yet they are vulnerable. Colony Collapse Disorder, pesticides, habitat loss,



these bees are both thriving in pockets and struggling in others, dependent on the choices we make.

parasites like the Varroa mite, and climate change have each exacted a toll. Beekeepers in Connecticut report winter losses above 30% in many years—well above sustainable levels.

The Honey Bee's Year

To understand the honey bee is to understand her rhythm. A single bee may live only a few weeks in summer, but a colony endures. In spring, as redbuds and forsythia awaken, worker bees scout the blooms and return to the hive with tales of nectar, conveyed through the famed waggle dance. The queen, mother to all, lays thousands of eggs. Drones rise to mate, then vanish. By late summer, worker bees raise a sturdier generation that will live through the winter, huddled

together around their queen, fed by stored honey and the colony's tireless cooperation.

This cycle repeats, year upon year, a living testament to adaptation, unity, and purpose.

Who's Doing the Work?

It's worth pausing here to correct a common misunderstanding. That tireless honey bee—darting from blossom to blossom, legs powdered with pollen and returning with nectar to share—is not male, nor genderless. She is a female, as are all worker bees. Each of them emerges from a fertilized egg, just as the queen does, but is raised on a different diet that steers her toward a life of labor instead of royalty. These sisters—nurses, foragers, guards, and builders—power the entire hive.

Only a small portion of the colony is male: the drones, who hatch from unfertilized eggs. Unlike the industrious workers, drones do not forage, make wax, or defend the hive. Their role is singular—to mate with a virgin queen from another colony. Once that task is done, or if the season grows lean, they are often expelled. In the end, it is the female workers—the unsung daughters of summer—that carry the hive on their wings.

How You Can Help – This Spring

Spring is the season of awakening—for bees, and for us. As the dogwoods bloom and the first dandelions rise like tiny suns, our choices can make a world of difference for pollinators just beginning their annual labor. Here's how we in Fairfield County can help, right

now:

1. Plant Early-Blooming, Native Flowers

Spring forage is vital. Choose native species like red maple, pussy willow, bloodroot, and trout lily—plants that bloom in March, April, and May and provide the season's first nectar and pollen. Even letting your daffodils and dandelions bloom before mowing helps.

2. Delay Lawn Care

Hold off on that first mow. Bees emerge hungry from winter, and many early "weeds" like clover and ground ivy offer critical food. A few extra weeks of wildness can feed thousands of pollinators.

3. Avoid Pesticides as You Prep Gardens

As tempting as it may be to spray for grubs or weeds,

skip the chemicals—especially neonicotinoids. Spring is when queen bumblebees and honey bee colonies are at their most vulnerable. Choose organic mulch and compost instead and ask your landscapers to do the same.

4. Support Local Beekeepers and Markets

Spring is swarm season, and local beekeepers are often busiest expanding hives. Support their efforts by buying raw honey and beeswax at farmers markets reopening this season in New Canaan, Westport, and Greenwich.

5. Set Out Fresh Water Sources

Bees need water to regulate their hives and hydrate. A shallow dish with pebbles or twigs for landing can become a spring oasis. Replace the water every few days to keep it clean.

6. Educate and Explore

Visit a spring beekeeping demo or pollinator walk—many are hosted by the Backyard Beekeepers Association or local nature centers like the New Canaan Nature Center and Audubon Greenwich. Bring your kids or a neighbor. Share what you learn. Wonder is contagious.

A Wild Reminder

I once stood near a backyard hive on a quiet property just outside Wilton, where a friend keeps bees. As he gently opened the wooden box, thousands of bees stirred, their wings thrumming in harmony. The air itself seemed to hum with life, purpose, and balance. It felt sacred.

The honey bee reminds us that no creature is too small to matter, and no effort too modest to count. In this time of environmental strain, she offers a model: be industrious, adapt when needed, protect the future, and stay connected—to each other, to nature, to purpose.

In every bloom we plant, every harmful chemical we avoid, and every sweet spoonful of local honey, we choose to be allies to a vital partner.



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