

CLARIFICATION

Last week we reported that “Two sections of the final bill [5002] were originally authored by the town’s own Democratic State Representatives, Stephen Meskers and Hector Arzeno. Section 1 mirrors HB 6946, introduced by Reps. Rojas and Arzeno, and requires local Housing Authorities to submit detailed compliance data to the state. Section 2 adopts the language of HB 6534, also theirs, which strips the First Selectman of authority to appoint Housing Authority members.”

We stated that Rep. Arzeno co-authored the bill. He actually co-sponsored the bill and requested that we clarify this.

POLICE & FIRE
Local Firefighters Save Two Lives

At last night’s GEMS awards ceremony, Greenwich Fire Department Engines 4 and 8 were recognized for their response to a motor vehicle accident. They worked alongside the Greenwich Police Department and GEMS medical teams to rescue two occupants. Both individuals survived. Photo Credit: Greenwich Fire Department

Town Welcomes Three New Firefighters

Three recruits—Patrick Conway, John Yish, and Joseph Eannotti—graduated from Connecticut Fire Academy Class 75. Their in-house training with the Greenwich Fire Department begins tomorrow. Patrick Conway received the Instructors’ Award.

Thomas Lenart Named Assistant Chief

The Greenwich Board of Selectmen unanimously appointed Thomas Lenart Jr. as the town’s new assistant fire chief. Lenart has over three decades of firefighting experience, including leadership roles in both Derby and Greenwich. He will officially begin the position in the coming weeks.

FROM TOWN HALL
Greenwich Volunteers Bolster Blood Reserves

Greenwich will hold a blood drive on June 2 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Reform Synagogue to help address the ongoing national blood shortage. Appointments are preferred but walk-

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

“If you have men who will exclude any of God’s creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.” St. Francis of Assisi, died 1226. National Catholic Register.



Memorial Day Parade. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

Honoring Our Heroes: A Community’s Tribute on Memorial Day and Beyond

By LUANA ROCHA

There are many people we should respect and honor: parents, grandparents, and teachers. However, on the last Monday of May each year, we Americans gather together not only to honor those who have fallen to save our country, those who sacrificed their lives, those who never came out. However, we show our gratitude to their families and pay our respects. Dating back to 1923, the Sound Beach Volunteer Fire Department (SBVFD) parade began in Old Greenwich, a tradition established to bring the community together and spread their admiration for the courage it takes to make such a life-altering decision. The event serves as a reflection of the department’s appreciation and commitment to honor the heroes who were lost, thereby strengthening the community bond. On May 26, 2025, residents of Greenwich joined the department during the celebration, with hundreds of people of all ages coming together. Every corner of the street displayed a vibrant display of community spirit that radiated for miles. The department honors our heroes in countless ways,

by featuring local veterans who have the opportunity to share a message, Youth organizations, and service members such as police officers, firefighters, and Emergency Medical Services workers. They all get to walk through the street watching people cheer them on and show them their love, their smiles beaming as they wave back, feeling proud of their role and feeling the impact they have. The

“We can fly our flag. We can salute it. We can stand for it when it passes.”

true beauty of this ceremony lies in watching countless members of the community come together to express their gratitude. However, what many forget is that this can’t just be a one-day celebration; we must emphasize the importance of their sacrifices every day, which is something many of us forget. Jeffrey Thompson, who was present at the parade, explained that “I think we ought to honor them most every day. Especially

when we see those who are still living and amongst us.” he then goes on to say we should

“Maybe contribute to something they’re doing, whether it be a meal or a drink. It’s always nice to do.” Even the most minor things can go a long way in showing them our respect and making them feel the impact they have on this world. Thompson left us with a passionate quote: “We can fly our flag. We can salute it. We can stand for it when it passes.” This serves as a form of encouragement to all people to perform everyday acts of service, not just to honor the flag of our country, but also to acknowledge the risks that veterans face daily, which is the true meaning of national pride. This is not to say that having a huge celebration, such as a parade, isn’t incredible and exhibits kindness and appreciation; however, it isn’t nearly enough in comparison to what veterans do or have done. Yet, the parade on Sound Beach Ave is a representation of love, and at least it is something that can make them feel special as they ride in their colorful cars, waving a flag that means so much to them.

Education, Housing, and the Future of Havemeyer

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Three major stories are developing this week that impact how Greenwich governs, spends, and grows. The *Sentinel* is tracking the Havemeyer Building RFP process, a newly revealed surplus in the Board of Education budget, and the state legislature’s push on a sweeping housing bill that will override local decision making.

Each of these stories raises questions about fiscal responsibility, local authority, and long-term planning. Below is a brief synopsis of two of these issues. Look for more indepth coverage online and in next week’s paper.

Board of Education Carries Over Budget Surplus

The Board of Education is expected to carry over between \$1.5 million and \$2 million in unspent funds from the 2024–2025 fiscal year into the next budget cycle. This development, not previously disclosed during earlier budget debates, is now confirmed as legally permissible

under town guidelines.

The surplus appears to be due to unanticipated savings in special education services and staffing changes. The timing of the disclosure has prompted concern from members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, who have spent months negotiating school funding under the assumption that such a surplus did not exist.

The carryover will likely become a factor in the 2025–2026 education budget debate and raises further questions about financial oversight and forecasting within the school district.

HB 5002 Passes House, Faces Senate Test

House Bill 5002, a comprehensive housing bill, passed the Connecticut House of Representatives on a vote of 84–67 and now heads to the Senate. The bill would require towns to zone for specific housing targets based on statewide need, allow “as of right” conversion of small commercial buildings into housing, expand fair rent commissions, and ban minimum

off-street parking requirements for residential developments.

All three of Greenwich’s state representatives—Tina Courpas, Hector Arzeno, and Steve Meskers—voted against the bill.

Representative Courpas spoke forcefully against the measure, citing its top-down mandates and negative consequences for local infrastructure and planning.

The bill faces additional scrutiny in the State Senate, where Senator Ryan Fazio is expected to take a leading role in fighting the bill. Fazio has voiced opposition and stopped some previous bills with similar zoning mandates, but is faced with a 2-1 margin of Democrats this time. Amendments are likely.

Advocacy groups on both sides are preparing for a high-stakes legislative showdown. The bill’s impact on Greenwich would be substantial, including mandatory changes to zoning plans, reduced local discretion over housing density, and a substantial loss of local authority over development.

COLUMN

Transformational Learning



ADAM ROHDIE

Earlier this month, I had the great fortune of watching our boys tennis team secure the FAA League Championship, completing an undefeated season. After which, I walked down to Offit Field where our boys lacrosse team also completed an undefeated season to win the FAA Tournament Championship. Notwithstanding this terrific athletic success, what really struck me was the level of enthusiasm and commitment each team member put into the season, as well as the agility with which they transferred what they had learned in practice into game play. This is not surprising in athletics, but it is highly instructive in highlighting what can also happen in the classroom. Let me explain.

What motivates teams to work together, what inspires athletes to practice as hard as they do is that, ultimately, there is a real-world application of what they have learned. A player works on his cross-court backhand, not for the sake of knowing how to hit that shot, but rather to use it in a match to help win a point for the team. Traditional education has students practice for the sake of memorization. Think back to your algebra class. You completed the odd numbered problems on page 67; you then went over them in class or repeated them on a quiz—zero application to a real-world setting. Imagine instead, your algebra teacher wants you to learn about linear regressions. To teach the concept you were entered into the Barbie Bungee competition where you had to determine the number of rubber bands you would need to use to drop a Barbie off the roof of the school building so it came closest to the ground without hitting it. That’s when you see true engagement, concept understanding, and a level of knowledge retention that sticks beyond a quiz—not to mention adding an element of pure joy to learning.

At GCDS, we believe that the application of learning is an essential component of ensuring a comprehensive and rigorous learning environment. Application transforms theory into practical opportunities to use knowledge and skills, intensifies understanding, and better prepares students for addressing real-world challenges. Envision fifth graders applying their newly acquired public speaking and systems-thinking skills to deliver a successful pitch to administrators for funding to support a maintenance plan for the chicken population at GCDS’s French Farm, while simultaneously solving for a shortage of eggs due to an avian flu. There you have the deepest learning as well as pride in solving a real-world problem for their community.

When our 8th graders learn the basic laws of physics and then are tasked to build a bridge that can hold the most weight, they are energized to put their learning to use. In our high school, when our global economics class learns the intricacies of supply and demand, but rather than regurgitate the learning on a test, they are tasked to provide consulting services to the CEO of a real company, you get a buy-in and level of rigor that one rarely sees in the traditional classroom.

We all love that feeling of purpose and accomplishment walking off the field after a win. There is no reason a student can’t share that same feeling walking out of an Algebra or English class. In this season of celebrating our high school graduates, my wish for all students in our community is to experience authentic application of learning in and outside of the classroom!

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





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GTP Brings Music, Food, and Unforgettable Moments

By Emma Barhydt

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, Greenwich's Roger Sherman Baldwin Park came vibrantly alive with families, friends, and neighbors joyfully gathering for the annual Greenwich Town Party. Under remarkably clear skies and comfortably warm weather, residents paused their busy lives to reconnect, celebrate community, and enjoy an exciting lineup of musical talent and culinary favorites.

For many families, a major draw of this year's event was the first-ever appearance by children's sensation Blippi, whose playful personality and trademark bright orange suspenders quickly won over the young crowd. Throughout the day, children with brightly painted faces held colorful balloons, adding bursts of joyful color across the park.

The culinary experience was a highlight, with local vendors offering delicious treats that enhanced the day's enjoyment. Garelick and Herbs provided refreshing rose lemonade and lavender lemonade alongside fresh salads and tempting cookies. Longford Ice Cream was a crowd-pleaser, with the longest line by far and growing longer by the minute it seemed. Fjord Fisheries was a standout, drawing enthusiastic lines for their wicked good lobster rolls and crab rolls. Bella Nonna's Italian fare delighted many, while Burgers Shakes and Fries proved to be a runaway success, selling out completely. Little Pub satisfied hearty appetites with their savory BBQ selections, including a vegetarian option, complementing the relaxed, communal vibe of the day.

Throughout the day, a variety



Alanis Morissette takes the stage.

of talented local bands added to the festive atmosphere, including Jake Swamp & The Pine, North County Band, Marci Lynn and the Boys!, Kaintuck, and the Connor Sobieri Group. Their performances created a lively soundtrack, capturing the diverse musical tastes and vibrant community spirit of Greenwich.

As the afternoon progressed, music filled the air, creating a festive soundtrack to the relaxed, yet vibrant atmosphere. Preservation Hall Jazz Band, familiar faces at the Greenwich Town Party, once again delivered their energetic New Orleans jazz sound. The

joyful energy was palpable, a clear testament to the event's ability to bring people together in moments of genuine happiness.

Ziggy Marley provided an outstanding performance, radiating positivity and warmth. His music was uplifting reggae, fully of genuine messages of love, peace, and unity. His set became a joyful celebration, encouraging attendees to leave their chairs and dance freely on the grass which many did.

Just after 7 o'clock that evening, attendees, and much of Greenwich, experienced an unforgettable moment when a vivid double

rainbow arched across the sky. Festival-goers paused, turning upward with delighted expressions, many capturing the fleeting beauty in photos. It was a magical, shared experience that seemed to symbolize the spirit of community and unity at the heart of Greenwich, and the event!.

The excitement peaked around as Alanis Morissette took to the stage, immediately commanding attention with powerful energy and extraordinary vocal prowess. Her performance was electrifying from the very first note, drawing enthusiastic cheers and passionate

sing-alongs from the gathered crowd. Standing near the front, one attendee couldn't contain their excitement, shouting out "We love you Alanis!" during a quiet pause, a spontaneous and heartfelt moment reflecting the audience's genuine thrill to witness her live.

Morissette's set seamlessly moved from energetic hits to emotionally charged ballads, her vocal control and stage presence captivating everyone. Throughout her performance, the atmosphere was charged with an energy both electric and deeply emotional, highlighting her remarkable ability

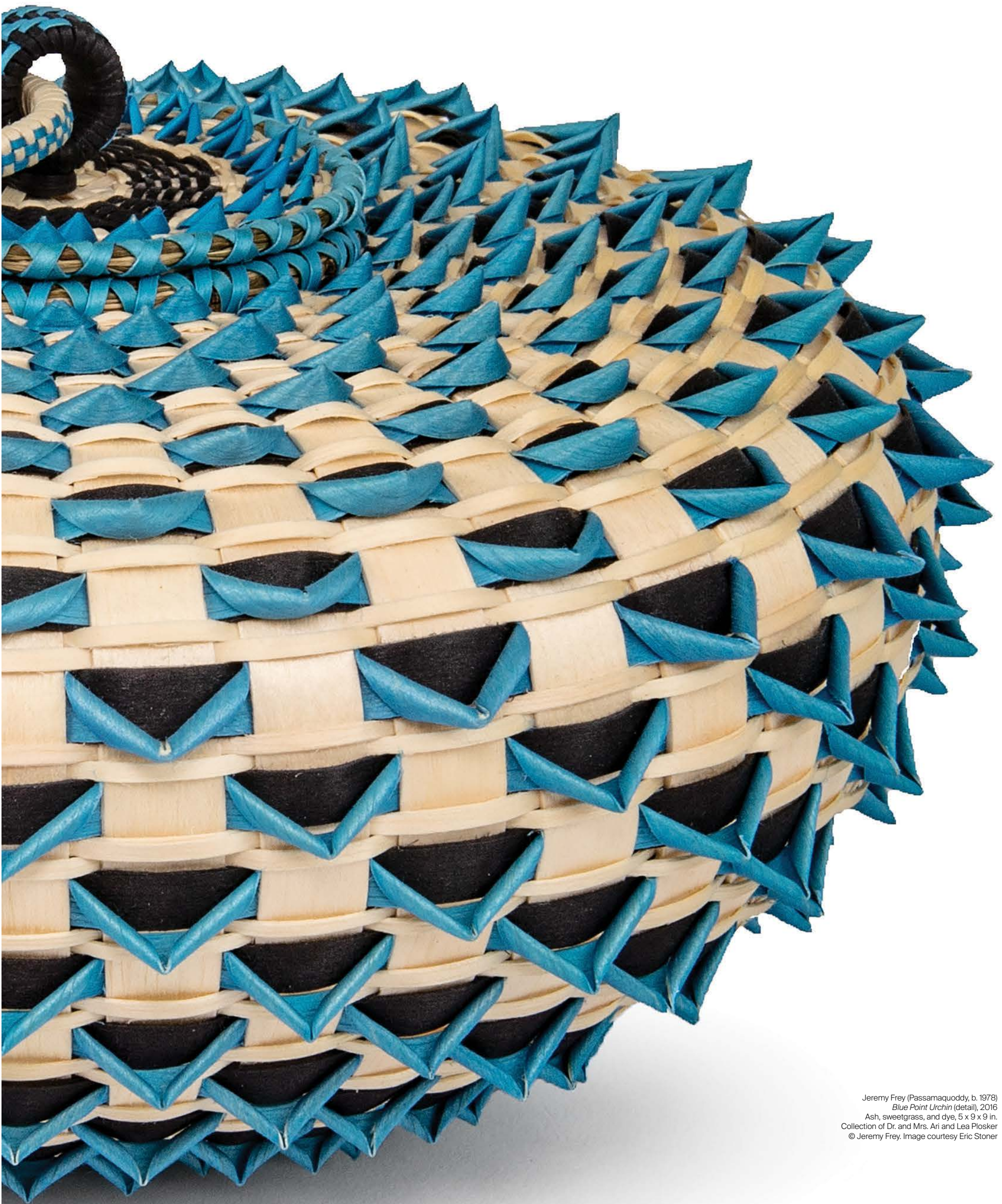
to connect with her audience. Phones and lights twinkled throughout the park, capturing memories of a night that many would cherish long after the last notes faded.

As the evening drew to a close, attendees gradually began to leave, many lingering to savor the final moments of music echoing softly across the park. The event once again successfully captured what makes Greenwich so special—a profound sense of community, joyful celebration, and genuine connection among neighbors and friends.



Jeremy Frey: Woven

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Jeremy Frey (Passamaquoddy, b. 1978)
Blue Point Urchin (detail), 2016
Ash, sweetgrass, and dye, 5 x 9 x 9 in.
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COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

George Gershwin’s Creative Life in Greenwich

By ANNE W. SEMMES

On this past Memorial Day, I enjoyed the sunshine on a long walk listening to a favorite piece of music via my air pods – George Gershwin’s “An American in Paris” conducted by Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. It is a joy to know that that great music was largely composed by George Gershwin in my hometown of Greenwich. And not only “An American in Paris,” but another favorite, the opera

“It was that folk opera ‘Porgy and Bess’ that Joan Warburg best recalled being composed by Gershwin in that Bydale guest house.”

“Porgy and Bess.”

It was my late and lovely friend Joan Warburg who had shared this wondrous news on a visit at her “Bydale” estate on backcountry John Street. Joan was married to prominent banker James Warburg who had died years earlier leaving her with their four grown children. Joan would walk me outside to show me the summer cottage where Gershwin would come to from his abode in New York City.

But this Gershwin story begins back in time at Bydale when Joan’s husband James or Jimmy was first married to Katharine Swift Warburg, mother of their three young daughters. It was on April 17, 1925, when they were hosting a reception for violinist Jascha Heifetz that Gershwin was one of the guests. There was an immediate attraction between Katharine and George that would last nearly to the end of Gershwin’s life at the tragic age of 38 in 1937.

Gershwin would nickname Katharine as Kay that became her professional name of Kay Swift. With Kay’s classical music training, Gershwin would “convert her to popular music... and she became an utterly devoted factotum, editing his music, taking down notation, copying parts, and placing her guest house at Bydale at his disposal,” so reads Howard Pollack’s impressive biography on Gershwin.

This romance certainly had an unhappy impact upon Jimmy and his three young daughters, with a subsequent divorce. But before that happened Gershwin’s musical influence would inspire both Kay and collaborator Jimmy to create a Broadway Show, “Fine and Dandy” in 1930, with Jimmy writing the lyrics as Paul James. And Kay’s 1929 song, “Can’t We Be Friends” became a hit.

“An American in Paris”

Subsequently I would learn on my own of how Gershwin was composing “An American in Paris” at Bydale. In 1926 Gershwin spent a week in Paris. He wrote afterward to his Paris hosts of being homesick for his New York City home overlooking the Hudson River, of being “an American in Paris, homesickness, the blues...walking on the Champs Elysees...the honking taxi.” He would return to Paris early in 1928 still working on the music he had begun, but this time it was those taxi horns that beckoned.

Gershwin would end his visit shopping for taxi horns “that could sound certain notes.” He wound up with some 20 taxi horns in his hotel room. He explained his modus operandi to a couple of visiting pianists. He wished the opening section of the piece to have the traffic sound of the Place de la Concorde during the rush hour. He had written the music and would play it but would ask those two pianists to pick up a horn and play “this one in A flat... or that one in F sharp,” so directed by Gershwin pointing with his head with his hands busy on the keys.

And there they stood listening, “nervous and excited...for the first time hearing a lanky American walking down the Champs-Elysees...capturing the atmosphere, the feeling, the movement, the rhythm so perfectly.”

Returning home he would spend



George Gershwin in 1937, the year he died at age 38. Photo by Carl Van Vechten, 1880-1964, photographer, Van Vechten Collection, Library of Congress.



Kay Swift, wearing her antique gold cuff bracelets given to her by George Gershwin to celebrate the 1928 premiere of “An American in Paris,” pictured in Katharine Weber’s memoir, “The Memory of All That.”

the entire summer of 1928 at Bydale composing “An American in Paris,” as noted by Kay’s granddaughter Katharine Weber in her notable memoir, “The Memory of All That.” By the end of November, he would finish the orchestration of “An American in Paris” slated to debut that December by the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Society. Gershwin would describe the piece as a “rhapsodic ballet...written freely, as “the most modern music I’ve yet attempted.”

But it was that folk opera “Porgy and Bess” that Joan Warburg best recalled being composed by Gershwin in that Bydale guest house. Even so with Joan’s poet-daughter Sally Blumis-Dunn who teaches modern poetry at Manhattanville College.

“Porgy and Bess”

Gershwin had come across DuBose Heyward’s 1925 novel “Porgy” in the summer of 1926, reading it in “one spellbound sitting.” He had immediately reached out to Heyward in Charlston, S.C. “about adapting it as an opera.” The opera “Porgy and Bess” would premiere nine years later in 1935. During those years writes Swift’s granddaughter Weber, “Kay worked tirelessly on ‘Porgy and Bess,’ doing whatever George needed her to do...Scattered throughout the original score...are sections of music in her handwriting - for example, the first sixteen measures of ‘I Got Plenty o’ Nuttin.’”

And during those years Gershwin would travel to Charleston to explore “under Heyward’s guidance local black music.” He was especially impressed

with the “primitiveness of some church services,” especially hearing a woman singing a spiritual that began, “Oh Dr. Jesus.” Traveling with Heyward to North Carolina, to Hendersonville, he would be hypnotized by the singing heard outside the Holy Rollers Church, of a dozen or so voices “raised in loud rhythmic prayer...of primitive intensity.” Gershwin would include in the opera’s storm scene a section “with six different prayers sung simultaneously.” And Gershwin would insist that the cast be all black.

Kay Swift, as wrote granddaughter Weber, was “present at every casting audition and every rehearsal.” Gershwin would be pressured after its first performance in 1935 at the Colonial Theater in Boston to “tighten up his four-hour folk opera.” Kay was “more reluctant” than Gershwin to do this. Painfully, Gershwin would cut an hour, a quarter of the score.

Nearly four decades later, in 1976 all four hours of “Porgy and Bess” would be touring. At Kay’s request of producer Sherwin Goldman, the tour would begin at the Colonial Theater in Boston. And why that insistence?

Add her request to block off seats for her “toward the back of the house.” For that is where she and Gershwin sat for the 1935 premiere. Arriving she recalled the exact seats, and sat in them with the producer, remembering, “I was in tears because of all the cuts that were being made in his work. ‘George,’ I said, ‘they’re not going to hear and see what you wrote.’ He told me, ‘Someday, Kay, you’ll sit in that same seat, and you’ll hear what I wrote. I promise you.’”

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Cos Cob Honors Heroes at Memorial Day Event



Cos Cob VFW members after the conclusion of the ceremony. Photo by Anna Stempien.

ANNA STEMPIEN

On Saturday May 24th, circled around the Memorial Post 10112, the Cos Cob Veterans of Foreign Wars held their annual Memorial Day Ceremony, inviting the community to gather and celebrate a day of remembrance to honor those who gave their lives in action.

As the American flags waved in the breeze, the packed crowd of Greenwich residents, families, and veterans stood in silent reflection. Among the audience, Cos Cob VFW Post members recognized the first selectman, the police chief, town representatives, and the Cos Cob scout troops.

The ceremony not only paid tribute to fallen soldiers but also commemorated two significant milestones: the 50th anniversary of the

end of the Vietnam War

and the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, established in 1899 after the Spanish-American War. These anniversaries served as powerful reminders of the VFW's enduring mission - to support veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. Their outreach efforts include holding events at the Cos Cob elementary school and supporting scholarships, to name a few.

VFW Veterans remark that this holiday is a time to reflect on our brave defenders, and their purpose to help alleviate our country's conflicts. They noted that such reflection offers a moment for people to take a moment out of their busy lives to "pause, pray, honor, and commemorate all those who sacrificed their

"Let us also remember and remember their [soldiers'] loved ones, mothers, fathers, siblings, sweethearts, spouses, children, and friends who loved and supported them during life and who deeply suffered when their loved one died in battle or in service to our country."

life for our society and remember the loved ones who are no longer with us," as one veteran, Bill Cameron, shared. He noted that he believed Memorial day, in addition to its purpose of mourning and honoring those in service, is also a day to remember their loved ones. He comments, "let us also remember and remember their [soldiers'] loved ones, mothers, fathers, siblings, sweethearts, spouses, children, and friends who loved and supported them during life and who deeply suffered when their loved one died in battle or in service to our country."

The event concluded with an announcement

promoting the VFW's ongoing used book drive. Community members were encouraged to bring used books that they no longer need, which the VFW will donate to the Holly Hill Book Swap at the Town of Greenwich Recycling Center.

Saturday's ceremony was not just a day of recognition, but also a celebration of unity and the lasting effects of service. Attendees were reminded to enjoy the freedom that was so diligently fought for and made possible through the sacrifices of those before them.

"Their sacrifices will always be cherished," Cameron closed.

Eugene Morlot Park

ANNA STEMPIEN

On Monday, May 26th, Americans all across the nation spent their day in remembrance, honoring our friends and family members that devoted their time and sacrificed their lives for our country. Memorial day is an incredibly significant holiday, as it gives everyone a chance to express their gratitude to all of the soldiers that have put their lives on the line for the greater good of America. Memorial day originated post Civil War and was primarily known as, "Decoration Day" Starting off as a holiday to honor soldiers who passed in the war by decorating their grave with flags and flowers. Eventually the holiday evolved into a nationwide remembrance and honor of military members who died in service. This day of remembrance and gratitude for our

"My son was in the service, and he devoted two years of his life to our country, so I feel it is important that we remember those who have given their lives for our nation" Betty Shopovic

fallen soldiers was declared an official holiday in 1971.

Held at the Eugene Morlot Park in Byram, CT, the Byram Veterans Association hosted a memorial service for our beloved, passed veterans. Eugene Morlot was a custodian at the Byram school (McKinney Terrance) during WWII. Eugene wanted to honor the former Byram School students who had fought, and lost their lives during the war. In doing so, he raised money to plant trees in loving memory of 13 students who had lost their lives during the war. During the service each tree was decorated with a beautiful flower, and two American flags. Additionally, the large memorial underneath the American flag had a beautiful flower arrangement of red, white and blue flowers, and multiple smaller flags surrounding the stone.

Memorial Day is a holiday that though many recognize, it is important that it is being recognized for its true intention, to honor our soldiers. Unfortunately, many people neglect the true meaning of memorial day, and

treat it as more of a weekend to get away rather than a time to remember our loved ones who passed away while fighting for our country. Many families that attended the ceremony explained how important it is to see that our soldiers who lost their lives, receive the appreciation and honor they rightfully deserve, "We need to provide more services for them, they suffer many mental and physical challenges during their time, and after their time as well" Betty Shopovic noted. Betty Shopovic, mother of a former soldier, and president of the women's club in Greenwich, deeply feels the importance of memorial day, and though she believes Greenwich does an outstanding job in the representation of our soldiers, she feels there is always more that can be

done to show our appreciation. When Betty was asked, what does memorial day mean to you? " She explained, "My son was in the service, and he devoted two years of his life to our country, so I feel it is important that we remember those who have given their lives for our nation" Also, many explained how significant each soldiers roles were, "They gave their lives, and they devoted their time, and it is a major sacrifice" stated Harold Scuterud.

At the Memorial day ceremony in Byram, families shared stories of their past family members, giving everyone a chance to reconnect with those who they have lost. Remembering our fallen soldiers is something each family deeply values, and sharing their stories is something they will continue to do over the years. Memorial day is for remembrance, but these families reminded each other that it is also a time to call attention to others, to continue to honor, remember, and acknowledge the profundity of our soldiers' services to our country.

KATE DZIKIEWICZ

Whether large or small, property development projects in Greenwich often result in tree removal. Most of these projects now include robust planting plans to replace lost trees, and native species are chosen more often than they were in years past. It is wonderful to see urban planning and development including more environmental and ecological components, but the trend of removing mature trees and replanting young ones represents a significant blind spot. The beneficial local impact of a mature tree takes decades to achieve, and no number of saplings can replace that.

A mature tree has an extensive canopy and innumerable leaves. This makes them very effective at reducing airborne pollutants in an urban area, such as particulate matter, ozone, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen monoxide. Some of these pollutants are absorbed by the tree and transformed into less harmful substances while others adhere to the leaves and bark of a tree and are washed away by rain. Research has shown that a tree with a 30-inch diameter trunk has around 100 times more leaf surface area than a 6-inch tree, allowing it to remove 10 times more air pollution. Most trees are planted in the 1.5 – 3-inch range, making them even less effective at cleaning the air.

Mature trees also help mitigate the urban heat island effect. Paved surfaces exposed

to full sun can be 20-40 degrees hotter than shaded areas and have ambient air temperatures up to 9 degrees warmer. Large trees with wide canopies block sunlight and cool streets and buildings. The process of a tree drawing water from the soil and releasing it as vapor into the air provides even more evaporative cooling. Home and business owners experience much lower energy expenses in summer if they have large trees shading their property.

Shade cast by trees also preserves our local infrastructure. The sun's ultraviolet rays degrade asphalt over time and makes roads brittle and prone to damage. Street trees prevent this damage and reduce road resurfacing costs by 15-60%, depending on the level of canopy coverage.

Another way that trees help our infrastructure is by diminishing stormwater runoff. Greenwich experienced a particularly rainy spring this year and we can expect increasing weather variability in the years to come. Trees help manage stormwater by improving soil permeability and absorbing water through their roots. Mature trees are about three times more effective than young trees at reducing water runoff thanks to their extensive root systems and broad canopies that slow rainfall before it reaches the ground.

Across nearly every environmental metric, mature trees deliver significantly

Why Mature Trees Matter

Across nearly every environmental metric, mature trees deliver significantly more benefits than their younger counterparts, which take decades to reach the same size and impact. The removal of mature trees needs to be recognized as a generational loss to a community and avoided whenever possible for that reason.



Photo by Urling Searle

more benefits than their younger counterparts, which take decades to reach the same size and impact. The removal of mature trees needs to be recognized as a generational loss to a community and avoided whenever possible for that reason. These trees represent the investment of many decades of patience and care which can only be replaced by an equal amount of time and attention. It may be easier to remove large trees during construction and plant new ones afterward, but with careful planning trees

can often be preserved, even next to active building sites!

To protect the health of our community, reduce energy costs, and maintain a resilient environment, it is essential that we prioritize the preservation of mature trees in our urban landscapes.

Kate Dzikiewicz
Executive Director, Greenwich Tree Conservancy

To find out more about the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, visit us at: www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org.

Preventing the Summer Slump: Why Mental Health Skills Matter as Much as Math

SHARI SHAPIRO

How families can help kids stay connected, emotionally supported, and resilient over the summer break

When school lets out for the summer, most of us think about making sure kids keep up with reading and math. We don't want them to fall behind academically, and that makes total sense. But what about their emotional health? Just like with academics, kids can lose mental health "skills" too. And in some ways, that's even more important.

During the school year, students have structure, daily routines, and access to caring adults like teachers, coaches, and, for many local teens, TeenTalk counselors. These counselors, part of the Kids In Crisis team, are a quiet but powerful support in many Fairfield County schools, including right here in Greenwich. They help students manage stress, talk through anxiety or depression, and handle challenges at school or at home. Whether it's a quick hallway check-in or a more serious conversation, they are someone students can count on.

But when summer hits, that daily support disappears. Teens suddenly lose the structure

they've relied on, and for some, that leads to loneliness, anxiety, or emotional disconnection. They may be scrolling more, sleeping less, and feeling stuck. And often, parents don't realize what's going on until something feels off.

The good news is that there are simple things families can do to help keep kids emotionally strong through the summer:

Stick to a rhythm. Bedtimes, mealtimes, and screen time boundaries help maintain stability.

Encourage real connection. Sports, camp, beach days with friends, or even low-key time outside the house makes a difference.

Check in regularly. Ask open-ended questions about how they're feeling. Listen more than you talk.

Watch for changes. Mood shifts, withdrawal, or acting out can be signs that your child needs help.

Remind them they are never alone. The Kids In Crisis 24/7 Helpline is always available at 203-661-1911 for any child, teen, or parent who needs support.

As the school year winds down, now is a great time to build those emotional safety nets. Parents can check if TeenTalk is available in their

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child's school by visiting kidsincrisis.org/get-help/teentalk. If we are in your school, ask your child if they know their TeenTalk counselor. Encourage them to introduce themselves and stop by to say hello. It's free and confidential. These relationships matter, and building them early can make all the difference when life gets tough.

Greenwich families work hard to help their children succeed. That includes achievements like test scores and sports trophies, but it also means helping kids feel seen, supported, and emotionally healthy. Let's make this summer not just about staying sharp in math but about staying strong in heart and mind, too.

FREE at Last: Lawrence Schulman and the Great Artists and Composers of 20th Century Classic American Popular Music



Author Lawrence Schulman spoke about the significance of classic American popular music as a serious art form.

By ROBERT HENREY

The speaker at the May 21 meeting of the Retired Men's Association was author Lawrence Schulman on "the Great Artists and Composers of 20th Century Classic American Popular Music." Schulman is a native New Yorker from the Bronx who developed a lifelong passion for classic American popular music, an art form that gave rise to the "Great American Song Book." A graduate of Stony Brook University and of the Sorbonne (University of Paris), he is a music producer and critic who lived in Paris from 1971 to 1997 where he taught, translated and worked with Radio France as a producer and host. He has a well-earned reputation for being a quick study and exceptionally diligent. These talents have contributed to his scholarly and encyclopedic knowledge of his area of expertise. He lives on Mount Desert Island in Maine. This presentation was based on his latest book, "FREE: Words on Music by a Hi-Def Critic in an MP3 World," a collection of his essays and reviews. His next book will be a continuation of this theme entitled "UNFETTERED," and will be published in 2026.

Schulman began by saying that it was his love of music together with a strong, youthful, romantic attachment that took him to Paris. His deep interest in classic American popular music began with his childhood passion for Judy Garland who he feels opened doors for him. This interest expanded to encompass various musical genres, guided by Duke Ellington's idea that there are only two kinds of music, "good music" and "the other kind." Good music, regardless of genre or era, has been the consistent focus of his extensive writings over decades. Schulman's published works include a two-volume set on Judy Garland, "Garland: Beyond Entertainment" and "Reflections on Judy Garland." His recent book, "FREE," was published in May 2024 by Bear Manor Media and is a compilation of his non-Garland writings since 2000. He has also written a book dedicated to the work of the Australian singer Peter Allen. Much of his writing has appeared in the scholarly ARSC Journal.

Schulman mentioned that he consciously avoids terms like entertainment and fan, preferring

to regard popular vocalists and composers as artists whose cultural contributions are as significant as those whose genre is classical or rock music. He believes these artists deserve respect, not mere adoration, and that great music transcends age barriers. He defined classic American popular music as being primarily from the 1930s to the mid-1960s, created by composers and performed by jazz and pop artists. The "Great American Song Book" features enduring songs by composers such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George and Ira Gershwin, and Cole Porter. However, he emphasized that he includes within his broad-based definition country music, the blues, and Broadway-Hollywood musicals. Schulman's work also covers prominent film composers like Bernard Herrmann, Max Steiner, and Franz Waxman.

Schulman then presented engaging, high-quality video clips as examples of artists he admires. He began with Frank Sinatra who was known for his extensive career spanning genres and honed during the Big Band era. Schulman, initially somewhat skeptical, came around, after closer study, to appreciating Sinatra's voice, timing, and sense of swing as truly astonishing. To make his point Schulman presented a great clip of "That's Life" that was part of a 1966 TV special.

Schulman went on to talk about Peggy Lee, who started with Benny Goodman and amassed an astounding catalog. Schulman highlighted her unique, delicate yet swinging voice and her openness to recording new material, including co-writing with Paul McCartney. A performance of "When the World Was Young" from The Judy Garland Show (1963) was then shown.

The third artist selected was Maxine Sullivan, who influenced Peggy Lee and had a prolific career starting in the mid-1930s. Schulman noted that her voice improved with age, becoming richer, more mature, and more musical. She favored sticking to the melody, believing that less was better. She displayed perfect timing and self-assurance. A 1986 performance of Cole Porter's "Just One of Those Things" was shown.

Schulman then focused on Tim Buckley who he described as a highly unusual 1960s singer-songwriter who evolved through folk

rock, jazz rock, and funk. Schulman, who heard him in concert in 1967 when he was student at Stony Brook, praised Buckley's voice by calling it angelic in the intensity of its interiority. His best-known work, "Song to the Siren," was co-written with Larry Beckett, and performed solo on The Monkees, a 1968 TV show. Schulman called it spellbinding and proceeded to show a clip from the show.

The next selection featured Bernard Herrmann, the great film composer whose scores are the glue that enhances emotion and mood. His scores composed for Hitchcock films like Psycho and Vertigo are exceptional in their intensity. In Schulman's opinion his romantic score for The Ghost and Mrs. Muir was particularly moving. He compared its grandeur to a Bruckner symphony. The opening credits of Vertigo with Herrmann's score were shown.

Schulman went on to say that he wanted to include a representative of country music and had chosen Patsy Cline. He read from a review explaining his appreciation for her ability to sing pop tunes as well as country. He believes she would have achieved crossover success like Willie Nelson had she not died tragically in 1963. A 1962 TV performance of "She's Got You" was presented as a clip.

The last artist selected by Schulman for comment was Peter Allen, an Australian singer-songwriter promoted by Judy Garland. Schulman's recent discovery of Allen led him to believe that his music belongs in the pantheon of great American popular composers. He praised his hummable tunes. An article by Schulman on Allen won an ARSC Journal award and was expanded into a book. A 1989 performance of "See You in the Springtime" was shown. It was a song intended as a message of optimism in the midst of Allen's AIDS diagnosis.

All those present expressed their enthusiasm for the excellence of the presentation with a hearty round of applause.

During the Q&A, Schulman stated his personal preference for Jerry Herman over Stephen Sondheim, finding that Sondheim's music often lacked a memorable tune despite its strong lyrics. He also briefly commented on Chet Baker, referring to him as a good singer within the classical American popular music genre. Schulman concluded by reiterating his view that classic American popular music is a significant art form, comparable to other world music traditions. He also advocated for high-definition audio over formats like MP3. His goal as a critic is to provide fresh perspectives and historical accuracy, illuminating music that offers both pleasure and meaning. He hoped his presentation might open ears and change minds about the genre's importance.

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

The RMA's upcoming presentation will be a performance of the RMA Melody Men, in celebration of their 50th year. This public performance is scheduled for 11 AM

on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

The Melody Men of the Retired Men's Association of Greenwich have been bringing smiles, laughs and joy-filled singing to Greenwich for 50 years and will celebrate their 50th anniversary year on June 4 at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall of Christ Church. Everyone is invited for the hour long performance.

The group made its first public appearance at the RMA Thanksgiving luncheon in 1975, and has been the choral community outreach group of the RMA ever since. It currently schedules about 25 one hour performances each year, during the Spring and Fall seasons, to appreciative senior audiences throughout Fairfield and Westchester Counties. The program includes pop, country, folk, and Broadway show tunes.

Some of the venues are Greenwich Woods, River House, Hill House, The Mews, Nathaniel Witherell, Atria Senior Living in Rye Brook NY, Briarcliff Manor NY, Darien, Stamford, Woodlands - Ardsley NY, Broadview at Purchase NY, Edgehill and Waterstone - Stamford. The Melody Men have also sung the National Anthem at CitiField before two NY Mets games, and annually at the Greenwich Old Timers Dinner. They perform God Bless America annually at the Greenwich Town Party, and the 9/11 Memorial Service at Cos Cob Park.

Tom Healy is the current music director and Bob Morgan is the arranger/ piano accompanist, ably assisted by Tony Cocchi and Joe Mancinelli. Current performers are Michael Ambrosino, Charlie Adams, Jim Butler, Tony Cocchi, Don Conway, Jim Dean, Anders Ekernas, Bill Fakundiny, Mike Hayden, Tom Healy, Bill Howland, Peter Junius, Jeff Junker, Doug MacLaury, Joe Mancinelli, Bob Morgan, Bill McKiegan, Bob Phillips, Jerry Schwendeman, and Horst Tebbe.

To stream the presentation by The Melody Men at 11 AM on Wednesday, June 4, click on <https://bit.ly/301Bj2l>. 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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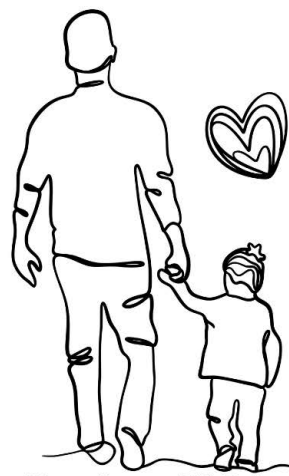
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BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich recently hosted a jubilant luncheon to celebrate the heart and soul of its mission: the volunteers who tirelessly keep the wheels turning. Attended by First Selectman Fred Camillo, the event was highlighted by a heartfelt proclamation declaring the day as Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich Day, honoring the unwavering dedication of those who serve the community.

Since its inception in 1960, Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich

has been a beacon of compassion, delivering not just meals but also smiles, companionship, and a sense of community to those in need. With over 75 volunteer drivers covering 11 routes throughout Greenwich, these volunteers dedicate one to two hours each week to ensure that homebound individuals receive nourishing meals and a friendly face. In 2024 alone, they delivered over 22,000 meals, providing essential nutrition and reducing isolation for many recipients. This month they delivered 4,086 meals!

But the impact of these volunteers extends beyond meal

Volunteers deliver hope, dignity, and a reminder that no one is truly alone.

delivery. They are often the only human contact for many clients, offering a sense of security and connection. Their efforts help recipients maintain their health and independence, reducing hospital visits and long-term care facility admissions. Additionally, volunteers assist in delivering fresh bread and fruit, further enhancing the well-being of clients.

The luncheon served as a heartfelt tribute to these devoted

individuals, emphasizing the vital role they play in the community. Their selfless commitment ensures that Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich continues to provide more than just a meal - it delivers hope, dignity, and a reminder that no one is truly alone.

Want to get involved with Meals on Wheels in Greenwich? Reach out to us at mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com.

Friends of Witherell Through Olivia’s Lens

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Olivia Morris, a sophomore at Sacred Heart Greenwich, is doing something seriously cool with her free time - and making a real difference while she’s at it. She recently volunteered with Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, a nonprofit that supports a local nursing home in Greenwich, The Nathaniel Witherell. And created five awesome podcasts to help share the stories of the people who live and work there.

With her bubbly personality and kind heart, Olivia jumped right in, filming and editing each episode herself. The podcasts feature conversations with staff and volunteers, giving everyone a peek into the community and all the special moments that happen there every day. Her goal? To help Friends of Nathaniel Witherell raise awareness, inspire more people to volunteer, and bring in support to keep their programs at The Nathaniel Witherell going strong.

Friends of Nathaniel Witherell is all about making life better for the residents of the nursing home. They run fun activities like art classes,



Olivia Morris

You don’t have to wait to be an adult to make a real impact.

music, and holiday events—and they rely on volunteers like Olivia to help make it all happen. Whether you’re into filming, chatting with seniors, playing games, or just being a friendly face, there’s something for everyone.

Olivia’s story shows that you don’t have to wait to

be an adult to make a real impact. She’s proof that one good idea and a little time can go a long way. So if you’re looking for a fun, meaningful way to give back, maybe it’s time to check out what Friends of Nathaniel Witherell is doing and see how you can help, too.

If you’re a high school student looking to make a difference, consider joining the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell’s volunteer program. For more information, contact Mary Tate, Director of Resident and Volunteer Services, at mary.tate@witherell.org or 203-628-4228. We’d love to have you! For the latest updates, stories, and ways to support, follow Friends of Nathaniel Witherell on Instagram @friendsofnathanielwitherell and Facebook at @FriendsOfNW.



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How to Remember

There are towns that host parades, and towns that hold ceremonies. And then there is Greenwich, which remembers—with purpose, with clarity, and with heart.

Over Memorial Day weekend, in neighborhoods from Byram to Cos Cob to Old Greenwich, residents came together not simply to mark a holiday, but to honor those who gave their lives in service to the nation. They showed up not for spectacle, but for solemnity. They remembered.

In Old Greenwich, the Sound Beach Volunteer Fire Department led the annual parade, a tradition dating back to 1923. Firefighters marched alongside scouts, local veterans, police officers, EMTs, youth groups, and clergy. Families lined Sound Beach Avenue

“Pause, pray, honor, and commemorate all those who sacrificed their life for our society.” – Bill Cameron, Cos Cob VFW

waving flags, the faces of children lit up by the sight of uniformed service members walking past. There were no gimmicks, just gratitude. No need to perform patriotism—only to live it, briefly and sincerely, in the company of neighbors.

A few miles away, the Cos Cob VFW Post 10112 held its own remembrance ceremony, drawing veterans, town leaders, and scout troops together around the Memorial Post. The gathering commemorated not just those who fell, but the enduring legacy of service. This year marked the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and the 125th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. These milestones weren’t framed as history lessons—they were personal reminders of promises kept and sacrifices made.

“Pause, pray, honor, and commemorate,” said veteran Bill Cameron. He reminded the crowd not only to remember those who wore the uniform, but also their families—the parents, children, sweethearts, and friends who bore the burden of absence and loss. His words were not polished or rehearsed; they were true, and that was enough.

In Byram, the Veterans Association held its traditional service at Eugene Morlot Park. There, under trees planted in memory of former Byram School students lost in World War II, residents reflected not just on wars past, but on lives lived and names preserved. One by one, the trees were decorated with flowers and flags—small gestures that together told a larger story: Greenwich remembers in detail.

And the remembering wasn’t limited to speeches. The Cos Cob VFW collected books for donation, extending the day’s spirit of service into daily life. Small actions—bringing a flag, planting a flower, sharing a memory—quietly affirmed what Betty Shopovic, mother of a former soldier, said so plainly: “We need to do more to show our appreciation.”

She’s right. And in Greenwich, people still try. They gather in parks and on sidewalks. They lift a flag when the wind catches it. They stand when it passes. They tell their children what it means. They stop, if only for a moment, to remember.

This year’s events were full of those moments. Not just applause, but reflection. Not just celebration, but reverence. Memorial Day, after all, is not just a long weekend. It is a national promise—to never forget the cost of the freedom we enjoy.

Greenwich kept that promise. Quietly. Faithfully. Together.

COLUMN

A Salute To Those Who Are In The Arena



By FRED CAMILLO

The strength of Greenwich has always been its people—engaged, spirited, and ready to roll up their sleeves when their town calls. Today, that call is being answered through the work of several citizen-led task forces, where dedicated volunteers are leading efforts that will shape our community for generations. These are not passive committees; they are action-oriented, problem-solving groups that embody the best of civic leadership.

Two such examples are the Havemeyer Building Task Force and the Hamill Rink Task Force, chaired by Andy Duus and Matt DeSchamps, respectively. These teams have been digging in—

listening to residents, studying the data, and evaluating the possibilities for how to reimagine iconic town assets. Their charge: help us deliver a long-awaited new ice rink and chart a future for the Havemeyer Building that both honors its history and meets the needs of today.

Their work builds on the successful efforts of the very talented Greenwich Plaza Task Force, led by Ross Moore, which tackled tough questions about air rights, train station aesthetics, and public-private collaboration. That model—neighbors with diverse expertise and backgrounds, united by their shared love of Greenwich—is now the standard we’re building on. And it works.

This is the Greenwich way: volunteers, experts, and visionaries coming together—not for credit or acclaim—but because they believe in the mission. They

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believe in their town. They believe in each other. Just like the task forces before them, Andy, Matt, and their teams are not waiting for direction. They are leading it. They are not just proposing change—they are shepherding it forward.

The recent opening of the Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center stands as a shining example of what can happen when the people step forward with purpose. That new civic center is more than a building—it’s a living

testament to teamwork, vision, and action.

All of this reminds us: leadership is not a title. It’s action. Civic involvement is not a luxury. It’s essential. Vision, dedication, teamwork—these are the bedrock values that move Greenwich forward.

As Teddy Roosevelt once said, “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” Here in Greenwich, we are doing just that—and we’re just getting started.

OP ED

BET Republicans Block Democrat’s Effort to Raise Taxes

Democrat BET Try to Raise Taxes to “Fix” a Problem That Doesn’t Exist

At the Monday, May 19th Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) meeting to set the FY2026 mill rate, Democrat BET members advocated for higher taxes—citing what they described as a “fund deficit” and warning that failure to act could jeopardize Greenwich’s AAA credit rating. These claims were misleading, unsupported by the town’s financial position, and appeared aimed at justifying a tax hike we didn’t need.

Understanding the Fund Balance

Greenwich’s fund balance is essentially the town’s savings account—used to manage expenses, address one-time needs, and stabilize taxes from year to year. As of mid-May, the unassigned fund balance stands at \$69.2 million, or approximately 14.7% of general fund expenditures. According to BET policy, the target range for this reserve is 8% to 15%, placing the current level near the top of the intended range. A portion of the fund is drawn down deliberately each year to reduce the tax burden, cover non-recurring costs, and avoid unnecessary borrowing. Historically, the fund

balance has fluctuated within a wide but healthy range—typically between \$25 million and \$72 million—making today’s level well above average and firmly within expected norms.

The “Deficit” Claim Didn’t Hold Up

Democrat BET members claimed Greenwich was in a “fund balance deficit,” citing a year-over-year decrease from \$71.2 million to \$69.2 million, and proposed raising taxes to “restore” the fund balance. But small declines are expected when reserves are near the top of the target range. A \$2 million shift in a \$475 million budget is marginal—and reflects the responsible use of reserves, not financial weakness. By any reasonable measure, Greenwich remains in a strong fiscal position.

Greenwich’s AAA Rating Is Not at Risk

Greenwich has held a AAA rating from all major credit agencies for over two decades—even when fund balances dropped as low as 6%. Ratings agencies focus on long-term fundamentals: tax base, debt, governance, and overall reserves—not minor year-to-year shifts. As the Comptroller noted, a \$2 million change is effectively flat. Democrats’ claims that our AAA rating is at risk

A tax increase now is unnecessary and ill-timed. In the current economic climate, families are already feeling the strain of inflation and high property taxes.

simply don’t align with the facts or the town’s record.

Why overfunding reserves matters

The push to grow the fund balance beyond policy limits opens the door to future spending without public debate or direct taxpayer scrutiny. It creates a cushion that can quietly absorb new initiatives or budget growth—without clear justification. That may ultimately be the goal.

As one Democrat legislator recently said, “Tax my people—they won’t even notice.” That mindset has no place in Greenwich, where taxpayers do notice — and expect fiscal responsibility.

Democrats Pushed for More—Then Backed Off

A tax increase now is unnecessary and ill-timed. In the current economic climate, families are already feeling the strain of inflation and high property taxes. Asking them to pay more—not to improve services, but to pad reserves that already exceed policy targets—is neither prudent nor necessary. After Republicans laid out the facts, Democrat BET members backed off. The final FY2026 mill rate was set at 12.04, reflecting a 2.8% increase—well below the 3.2% Democrats most recently advocated and far lower than their earlier proposals of up to 4–5%.

By Republican BET Members: David Alfano, Nisha Arora and Lucia Jansen

OP ED

Leadership in Action: Camillo Stands Up for Greenwich’s Most Vulnerable

Greenwich Communities, formerly known as Greenwich Housing Authority, is the primary provider of low- and moderate-income housing in Greenwich consisting of 1248 apartments and Section 8 Vouchers.

Low-income housing is the most affordable form of housing available to our residents, funded through a combination of federal dollars and tenant rents that are based on 30% of a family’s income. This combination of funding sources does not provide sufficient resources to operate and reinvest in the properties. Greenwich Communities’ low-income properties are Wilbur Peck - family housing, Quarry Knoll 1, and Agnes Morley providing housing for the elderly. The average tenant paid rent for Agnes Morley is \$485.00 a month in a building that is heated and cooled through electricity which is paid by Greenwich Communities and

not by the tenant. During the most recent spike in electricity cost, Greenwich Communities paid over \$800,000 dollars for this commodity that year.

Greenwich Communities has always relied on annual assistance from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Community Block Program (CDBG) which is federally funded by HUD and administered by the Town. The Town of Greenwich does not provide any town tax dollars to Greenwich Communities. The CDBG program is intended to aid the lowest income residents, especially those in public housing, and our most vulnerable elderly.

However, in recent years Greenwich Communities’ funding request to the CDBG board for replacement of original windows at Agnes Morley or resurface and repair the entry ways to the apartments at Wilbur Peck were rejected, and zero funding was offered toward

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these improvements.

Gratefully, our First Selectmen, Fred Camillo, through his wisdom and compassion for our most vulnerable communities made an executive decision in both cases to provide \$50,000 dollars in funding to help cover the expense of these much-needed improvements and direct the funds to the people HUD intended to assist.

This was not the end of the story. Some people believe that the First Selectman should not have intervened in this process and therefore given Greenwich Communities no funding

whatsoever and went public with their opposition to his change in the funding decisions. Is their disagreement based on a belief that our low-income residents are not worthy?

We thank our foresighted courageous First Selectmen, Fred Camillo for taking a stand against this injustice. This is what Leadership is, standing up when others are telling you to sit down!

Sam Romeo, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Anthony L. Johnson, Executive Director



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

Recently, a small group from Christ Church Greenwich took a private tour of the Yale University Art Gallery with Professor Vasileios Marinis, who guided us through the Dura-Europos collection. Dura-Europos was a military stronghold located on the banks of the Euphrates River in what is modern day Syria. It was an ancient Babylonian city that was destroyed in 256 A.D.

In 1928, the Syrian government allowed Yale archeologists to excavate the ruins. They discovered oldest known Christian house-church in the world. The first Christians met in private homes, which were modelled after the Upper Room, where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. Before the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D. legalized Christianity, house churches were pivotal for spreading Christianity.

The house church in Dura-Europos was composed of a series of rectangular rooms. One served as a baptistery with a baptismal font. The walls were decorated with biblical scenes – the three women at the empty tomb, Jesus and Peter walking on the water, and Jesus carrying a lost sheep over his shoulder. These are the oldest Christian paintings ever discovered in a church.

It is fortunate that they were taken to Yale, because

ISIS soldiers destroyed the house-church and much of Dura-Europos in 2014. A fourth painting depicts the healing found in John’s Gospel (John 5:1-9), where Jesus commands a paralyzed man, saying, “Pick up your mat and walk.” This painting is the earliest depiction of a healing miracle performed by Jesus found in Christian art.

Thanks to archeologists, we know that this biblical story of healing is not a legend, but rooted in history. Archeologists unearthed the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem where this miracle occurred. St. Anne’s Monastery was erected over this site in the 11th century. The site was a pagan healing shrine. The pool was large, 220 by 315 feet with four colonnades and five porticoes.

The Jewish temple authorities scorned such pagan healing shrines and those gathered around the healing pool, but Jesus did not. As Jesus passed by, he met a man who had been sick for 38 years. Jesus had no obligation to help him. It’s unlikely that the man was Jewish. He was lame and the standard belief was that he was paralyzed because he or his parents or grandparents were sinners. He had been paralyzed for longer than most men lived in antiquity.

Jesus asked, “Do you want to be made well?” The man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” It was believed that whenever

the water was stirred up, an angel was present, and whoever stepped in first would be healed. But for 38 years this paralytic had failed to enter the healing pool first. Hence, he was never cured. Jesus uses no other means than his voice, his words of eternal life, to lift up this man and allow him to move forward again.

All of us suffer from the hurts and errors of yesteryear. These can leave us emotionally or relationally paralyzed. I know a man whose wife died years ago. Ever since, he’s been stuck. He’s unable to make a decision, to move on, or make changes in his life. What event or experience has left you paralyzed? It is something someone said or did to you many years ago?

I think of a woman who dated a young man for seven years. He had plans for his future when she met him, but he never pursued them. He stayed home for years playing video games. He was stuck in neutral and couldn’t find a job. He was paralyzed.

What if Jesus walked past the place where you are seated right now and asked, “What do you want me to do for you?” How would you respond? Would the question be too frightening? After all, healing has its implications. A beggar in Jesus’ day depended on his disability to receive charity. His disability

shaped his life. If he was cured, he lost his job, his identity, and his livelihood. After 38 years of paralysis, any change must have seemed scary. Not everyone wants to be cured.

Healing requires agency on our part. Jesus didn’t pick up the man’s mat for him. He didn’t pamper the paralytic. Rather, Jesus invited the man to rise up and claim his wholeness. The man had to stand up, act, carry his mat, and ignore the burdensome religious rules that outlawed healing on the sabbath.

God invites us into a partnership, where God exerts spiritual and physical healing, but we must do our part. Biblical scholar N.T. Wright notes that having been cured, the former paralytic now “finds himself launched on the much harder, but much more satisfying, way of life that goes with no longer being a cripple... When Jesus says, “Get up!” the word is one regularly used in the New Testament to describe Resurrection... [Jesus] is bringing a new life, a new creation. It bursts through into the present world, bringing healing and new possibilities...”

If this paralytic were among us today, some of us would be tempted to ask, “Why doesn’t he get a job?” “Why should our taxes be spent on someone like this?” “We don’t need people who

contribute nothing.” This kind of cruel thinking is becoming more common in our country.

The treatment of the least among us is a moral concern for every Christian. We, who claim to follow Jesus, must act and speak out. Coming to church doesn’t make us a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes us a car. Emulating Jesus and how we care for the least among us is what makes us a Christian.

At each baptism Episcopalians are asked, “Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?” We answer, “I will, with God’s help.” But do we really mean this? If we fail to stand up for what is right, to act, to speak out, take risks, heal like Jesus, and strive like Jesus to help those paralyzed by fear, poverty, illness, handicaps, or isolation, we cannot call ourselves Christians. What makes us Christians is how we love one another.

Christianity demands the whole person. It concerns how we handle our money, time, voting, volunteering, listening, reading, speaking, parenting, what we do for a living, and who we help. Real Christians do not align with a politician or a political party, but with Jesus Christ.

The paralyzed did nothing to “earn” his cure, but God

does not require it. For the sheer grace and glory of God’s gift of healing is that it is not for saints, but for sinners. It is a gift for all of us.

Jesus took risks to do this. In the first five chapters of John’s Gospel, Jesus heals three people on the Sabbath. Jewish teachers forbade cures from being performed on the sabbath unless it was necessary to save a human life.

When Jesus told them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working,” his listeners thought that Jesus was equating himself with God. It sounded like blasphemy. They committed to eliminating him. The fact is that they were not ready for God’s new creation, for the living Word of God that has power to take things that were cast down and raise them up.

This story is relevant to what is going in our world today and to our own lives. All of us have parts of us that are paralyzed, perhaps in a relationship, a career, or being paralyzed to act or speak out for justice or make a difference in our community. Jesus asks each of us today, “What do you want me to do for you?” and says to each of us, “Pick up your mat and walk.”

GREENWICH SYMPHONY

Stuart Malina, Music Director

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 3:00 P.M.

Jonathan Leshnoff, String Quartet No. 3
Ludwig van Beethoven, Symphony No. 9
with Greenwich Choral Society

ADULTS \$50 STUDENTS \$15

Performing Arts Center behind Greenwich High School Hillside Road, Greenwich, CT

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COLUMN



By EDWARD HORSTMANN

If I had been asked, during the summer before my junior year in high school, to describe the quality of relationship between my parents, I would have said that there was no meaningful connection to speak of. No displays of affection, no friends in common, no cause to support. We ate meals together, we watched a little television together, but we were in no true sense a family. We did not belong to any organization or faith community that might have given us a sense of purpose larger than the small plans that we made to get us from day to day. If you had visited us in our home at that time, you would have had no difficulty observing the utter absence of joy.

Then my father was diagnosed with cancer. And

although he underwent major surgery following the diagnosis of his condition, that only confirmed that he did not have long to live. But oddly enough, this became the moment when he discovered a whole new sense of vitality and meaning. He stopped abusing alcohol, stopped erupting in rages, walked our dog several times each day for exercise, pitched batting practice to me on mornings when the dew soaked our shoes and the baseballs we used. He began to attend services at the local Lutheran church and deepened a friendship with two Roman Catholic priests he had met while hospitalized. We began to watch television with a purpose, homing in on comedy shows to lift our spirits, and learned to laugh together again. After I received an award at a high school ceremony that my parents attended, my father wrote a note to me, acknowledging his frequent lack of support in the past, but expressing his pride in my

My Prodigal Dad

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achievements.

It wasn't all smooth sailing. The sudden removal of alcohol from my father's body did not make his body a happy camper, and he was mighty unhappy until he settled into new and healthier habits. And there was no halting the advance of the disease that would, in less than a year, claim his life. Though we did not speak openly of death, my father and mother had long conversations at the dining room table about how to manage things should that day come when she would need to manage without him.

It was for me a unique and precious experience in those months to finally feel safe within the walls of our home. We learned to be glad in each other's company, and my father shared much about his past that we had never known before. He was once again the storyteller

I loved when I was little, and the restlessness that had defined his life for many years was transformed into a quiet strength. When he rested on his bed in the middle of the day, I would sit on the window seat outside his room and, miracle of miracles, we would talk and listen to one another. When I needed support at moments of failure or discouragement, I knew I could count on both of my parents to see me through.

Later in my life, when I became familiar with the stories of Jesus, I saw the pattern of my father's awakening in one of those narratives, known as the Parable of the Prodigal Son. In that story, Jesus painted the portrait of a young man who asked his father to release his inheritance, then promptly left home, squandered his funds, and eventually returned to the family farm in great humility.

What he found upon his homecoming was a surprise: his father running down the road to meet him, and a big bash in the backyard to celebrate that the wayward son, lost for such a long time, had found his way home.

Over the years my father would leave us for days at a time, and we never knew for certain whether he would come back. Even when his car pulled into the driveway after one of these absences, he was never really with us or for us. But after he became ill, he turned homeward and returned to us. Truth be told, we did not exactly run up the road to meet him, but grudgingly, we let our hearts open in his direction. A little bit at first, and then progressively more with each passing day. My missing-in-action father, became my prodigal dad.

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personal collection of profiles in courage, my dad's story will be the opening chapter. Because it took courage and moral strength to confront his flaws and turn a track record of bad decisions into a path of care and consideration. It took courage just to get up each morning especially as his body was losing its essential energy. My parents and I became what we had not been for a long time: a family. And there in our midst was one who had finally made his way home: my prodigal dad.

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Worship Services

Assemblies of God
Harvest Time Church
1338 King St., 203-531-7778
www.htchurch.com

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. *Fire In The Night (with Water Baptisms): Friday, May 30, 6pm. Men's Breakfast: Saturday, May 31, 8:30am. Fill In The Blanks (Norwalk): Saturday, May 31, 1-3pm. College Connect (Ages 18-23): Sunday, June 1, 5pm.*

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.*

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*

Jeanmemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or ParishPartners@stc-sta.org. ***Music in the Spring' concert – Chamber and Choral music: Sunday, June 1, 2:30pm, Free (donations welcome). Beach Mass (Bilingual): Sunday, June 8, 9am, Tod's Point (bring a beach chair/blanket), All are 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.*

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

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. *New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christian Science
First Church of Christ, Scientist
11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencect.org/greenwich

Sundays: Church and Sunday School at 10:30. Weds. 7:30pm testimonies of healing. Call # for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520. Reading Room 333 Greenwich Ave. M-F 1:00-5:00 203-869-2503. Bibles, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, children's books, and more.

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children's Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. *Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. Round Hill Art & Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm. Hike for Haiti: Saturday, May 31. "Teaching is a Work of Heart": Sunday, June 1, 11am.*

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.

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. *Tent Weekend: June 6-8 – Join us for food, fellowship, fun & worship.*

Episcopal
Anelican 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 mid-week 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. Volunteer Opportunity – volunteer to provide part of a meal for residents at the Inspirica Women's Emergency Shelter in Stamford: Wednesday, June 4, July 2 & Aug. 6, Drop off 4 cooked chickens and/or mashed potatoes for 15 at the Christ Church Parish Office; Please sign up here to drop off food with Deacon Susie in the Parish Office between 3-4pm on the date you choose. Gentle Hatha Yoga: Fridays, May 30-June 27, 2:30pm, Free. Choir Recognition: Sunday, June 1, 11:15am, Tomes Higgins House Back Lawn. Joyful Noise with Music by Anna Leinbach: Sunday: June 1, 5pm. Praying Together: Thursday, June 5, 26, July 31, Aug. 28, 11:30am.*

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 10AM (in person and livestreamed). Our exciting Sunday School programs for kids and youth take place during the 10am 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. Sundays also feature joyful preaching by our clergy. Father Justin and Rev. Phoebe, and beautiful music by our director of music, Marnus Greyling, and the St. Barnabas Choir. Come experience the joy of the God of Jesus Christ. Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @stbarnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

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

www.stpaulsiverside.org

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs – drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. *The Second Annual Greenwich Clergy Fellowship Interfaith Pride Service will be held at St. Paul's on Tuesday, June 10, 6:30pm, All are welcome.*

St. Saviour's Episcopal Church
350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262
www.saintsaviours.org

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

Jewish
Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich
75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059
www.chabadgreenwich.org

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. *Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. Kabbala & Challah: Thursdays, 9:15am, \$20 p/class. Friday Night Live: June through August, 6:30pm. Reception with Sapir & Sasha: Tuesday, June 10, 5:30pm, private residence, RSVP.*

Congregation Shir Ami
One W. Putnam Ave; 203-274-5376
www.congregationshirami.org

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. *Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church. Pride, Pain and Purpose Astride the Mideast: alternating Tuesdays through June 24, 7pm, on Zoom. Soul Spa - Meet the Midrash: Saturdays, 10am, through Aug. 9, on Zoom. Unlocking the Jewish Prayer Book with Rabbi David: Sunday, June 1, 5pm, 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. *Broadway Shabbat: Friday, May 30, 5:30pm dinner, 6:30 service. Red Cross Blood Drive: Monday, June 2, 1:30-6:30pm. GRS Reads: "Dear Miss Perkins": Thursday, June 5, 12-1pm.*

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. *Pajama Drive: Please donate brand new pajama sets (tops & bottoms) in sizes newborn to adult XXL (older kids need PJ's too) to support The Pajama Program – through May 30, Collection bins are located in the lobby. Tikkun Leil Shavuot Learning with Rabbi Mitch: Sunday, June 1, 7:30pm. Shavuot Services: Monday, June 2, 10:30am, In-person & virtual. Book Discussion with Author Jacqueline Friedland: Wednesday, June 4, 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 diamondhill.com).

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

Sunday Worship, 9:30am (except the last Sunday of the month at 10:30am).

Virtual Daily Gathering: Mon-Fri, 3pm, Zoom. Talking with Your Hands: Mon, 3pm. Reading this World as a Christian: Tue, 3pm. Back to Rock – music with Mr. Bruce: Tue, 3pm, via Zoom. Reading the Shape of Scripture: Wed, 3pm, via Zoom. Spring Bible Study: Thu, 3pm, via Zoom. Tea & Talk: Fri 3pm, via Zoom.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Albertsonpccc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Virtual Spiritual Mediumship: Mondays, June 2 & 9, 7-9pm, \$120 register at CSDPastor@gmail.com. Guided Meditation: Tuesdays, June 3 & 10, 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. 9:15 & 11am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd., Larchmont, NY. 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. 9:45am, Online. *TK True North: A Trinity Kids Summer Experience: June 24-27, at Greenwich Baptist Church.*

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am.

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. *Church Lunch (1st Sun of every month): Sunday, June 1, 12-2pm.*

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

In-person & online (LivingHopeoct.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopeoct.org/resources/alpha. *"Empowered Women of Integrity" Women's Retreat: Friday, May 30, 7-9pm & Saturday, May 31, 9am-3:30pm.*

Obituaries

ROBERT FORTUNATO

It is with great sadness that the family of Robert “Bob” P. Fortunato Sr. announces his passing on May 24, 2025 surrounded by his loving family.

Bob was born September 3, 1947 to Nicholas and Rose Fortunato. He was a graduate of Greenwich High School and went on to work for the Town of Rye, NY for over forty years until his retirement. He worked hard to provide for his family and always made sure to spend quality time with his children. Bob was also a volunteer fire fighter with the Central Greenwich fire police in his younger years. He enjoyed spending time fishing and trips to the casinos. But his true joy came by spending time with family and loved ones creating memories.

He is survived by two daughters, Bonnie Fortunato and Wendy Cantavero (Anthony). He is also survived by four grandchildren Anthony (Mai), Christopher, Kayli and Michael Cantavero. He would’ve also welcomed a soon to be great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Fortunato and his only son Robert P. Fortunato Jr.

At Bob’s wishes we will celebrate him with a private family dinner.



MARGARET CHERNEK

Margaret Cherneck, a lifelong resident of Greenwich and Stamford, passed away peacefully Thursday May 22. She was 103.

Born October 19, 1921 to Andrew and Judith Gregor; Margaret enjoyed a 42 year long career as a lab technician at the Lifesaver’s plant, in Port Chester. She was also an active member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Byram, and served on their Mary Martha Guild for many years. She also was a member of the Sokol Union Club.

Margaret was predeceased by her beloved husband George in 1964; she is survived by her loving daughter Judith Cappello and her cherished grandchildren, Frank Cappello Jr. and Cynthia Cappello. She is predeceased by her siblings Anna Bliska, Irene Baron, Andrew Gregor, Julie Urban, John Gregor and Helen Dempsey.

To honor her life, family and friends will gather 10am Wednesday at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Byram. Interment will follow at Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye.



GREGORY BEAURLINE

Gregory Allan Beaurline, 63, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 16, 2025, surrounded by family. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 29, 1961, Greg graduated from Greenwich High School in 1982.

Greg took pride in his employment at various local businesses over the years, including Pizza Hut, Davidoff, Nathaniel Witherell, Hope Street Pharmacy, and Abilis. He loved life and getting to know people. Greg never missed an opportunity to dance or sing, whether he knew the lyrics or not. In his youth, Greg was an avid swimmer, participating in the Special Olympics and proudly earning dozens of medals.

The eldest child of Terry (deceased) and Theresa Beaurline, Greg is survived

by his siblings: Allison Bok, Cara Kramer (David), Kelley Galipeau (Paul), Jeffrey, Christopher (Marilyn Schlosser), and Kevin Beaurline. Greg was a proud uncle to Adam (Godson), Hannah, Liam, and Olivia Bok, Matthew, Daniel, and John Kramer, Jacob and Julia (Goddaughter) Galipeau; Christian and Jaime Beaurline (Jeffrey), and Patrick and Elizabeth (Goddaughter) Beaurline (Kevin).

Greg will be remembered for his gregarious personality and love of family, friends, and faith. He had a special bond with his housemates and staff at Abilis. His warmth, resilience, and unique wisdom were gifts to all who were lucky enough to have known him.

Services will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Riverside, on Friday, May 30, at 11am. Burial to follow at St. Mary Cemetery, in Greenwich. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you kindly consider making a donation to Abilis of Greenwich, CT, who supported and loved Greg for many years.



DEACON RIGG

It is with profound sadness that we share the beloved husband, father, and friend, Deacon Russell Thomas Rigg, “Russ”, entered into eternal life on May 16, 2025, at the age of 82, from complications of pulmonary disease. Born in Troy, New York in 1942, raised in Greenwich, CT, he graduated from Greenwich High School and Lehigh University, going on to work at Hasken and Sells, NYC, Combustion Engineering Inc. (CE Refractories). In his later years, he converted to Catholicism and in June 2008 became an Ordained Deacon. He worked for the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT with several parishes, including St. Michael the Archangel and Holy Spirit.

In Russ’s free time he loved golf. He was an active member of Chester Valley Country Club in PA. From a young age, he greatly enjoyed watching almost any sport on TV, particularly his beloved NY Yankees. He cherished spending time with his loved ones, particularly summer vacations to Indian Lake, Ohio. He is survived by his beloved wife of almost 54 years, Barbara (Lacher); his loving daughters, Jennifer Rigg-Brandt and Stefanie Ramstine (Terry); his only grandchild, Abigail Brandt; his sister, Sue Bartolai (Lucio); and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alwin and Evelyn (Sutphen) Rigg. His unwavering spirit and kindness will forever be remembered by those who knew him.

Russell’s Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, May 23, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Greenwich. His interment was held in Huntsville Cemetery, Huntsville, Ohio on Tuesday, May 27.

His family would like to thank all who have cared for Russ, with special thanks to the nursing staff of Stamford Hospital. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in his name to a favorite charity or church.

Connecticut Arrangements are in the care of Castiglione Funeral Home Inc, Greenwich CT. Condolences may be expressed at <https://www.castiglionefh.com/obituary-listing>

Ohio Arrangements are in the care of Shoffstall Funeral Home, Lakeview, OH. Condolences may be expressed at shoffstallfuneralhome.com.

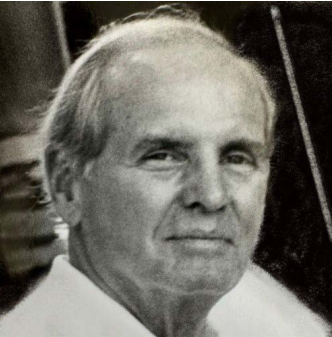
RUSSELL SANDLER

Russell Muir Sandler of New York City, formerly of Greenwich, CT, passed away on May 12, 2025. He was 35. Our beloved Russell Sandler

was born in Columbia, South Carolina on March 26, 1990. Russell is survived by his loving parents, Richard Sandler and Ronda Muir, cherished sisters, Elisabeth and Victoria Sandler, and his brother-in-law Tom Sandler. Russell is also survived by his stepmother, Bridget Healy and his stepbrother, Alex Healy.

The family held a graveside service on Friday May 23 at St. Mary’s/ Putnam Cemetery in Greenwich, CT. A Celebration of Life/Memorial Service will be held for Russell at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Russell’s memory to The Fortune Society, www.fortunesociety.org or Housing Works, www.housingworks.org/donate.



DONALD MILLER

FEBRUARY 2, 1932 – MAY 10, 2025

Donald K. Miller passed away on May 10, 2025, at his home in Palm Beach surrounded by the people who loved him most.

Born in Akron, Ohio, on February 2, 1932, Don was the son of Clinton R. Miller Sr. and Hazel E. Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Clinton R. Miller Jr. and Judith M. Tamsen. A graduate of Buchtel High School in 1950, he was a National Honor Student, captain of the varsity football team, and was proudly voted “King B” of his graduating class.

Don went on to attend Cornell University, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1954 as a Military ROTC graduate. In 1994 Don established the Donald K. Miller Scholarship to help make a Cornell education attainable for others.

Following graduation, Don served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, where he was one of two officers assigned to the Adjutant General’s Office at the Pentagon. There, he played a key role in the installation of the IBM 705 mainframe computer system.

After his military service, he earned his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1959. He would later endow the Donald K. Miller Fellowship at HBS to support future business leaders.

Don began his business career in New York City, first at Chase Bank and next at Electric Bond & Share Company. He then joined three of his HBS classmates at G.H. Walker & Co., where he helped launch the Corporate Finance Group. He continued to make his mark after the firm was acquired by White Weld & Co., joining the board of RPM International, Huffy Corp., and working closely with Sam Walton during Walmart’s secondary offering following its NYSE debut. He often enjoyed recounting his travels in Sam’s truck as they travelled with the dogs from store to store, or in the small plane piloted by Sam himself, as Walmart continued to grow.

Don went on to hold senior leadership roles at Blyth, Eastman, Dillon & Co and at Paine Webber after their merger. He later served as Chairman of Greylock Financial Inc., a private equity firm. His distinguished board service included roles with Christensen Boyles Corporation, Thomson Advisory Group, PIMCO Advisors, and Layne Christensen Company.

In 1998, Don co-founded Axiom Investors, a global growth equity manager based in Greenwich, Connecticut. He served as an active Chairman for many years, taking great pride in the firm’s growth and accomplishments.

Don was drawn to people, and they were drawn to him. He cherished the communities he called home - Greenwich, Connecticut and Palm Beach, Florida - yet he always carried with him the humility and values of his Midwestern roots.

Though he achieved much, and was a longtime philanthropist, for many his

true wealth lay in the time, wisdom, and warmth he offered so freely to others. He was deeply committed to sharing his experiences, lessons, and stories with younger generations. He was a lifelong learner, a man of deep empathy, unwavering integrity, and quiet generosity. He had a profound love of history, an uncanny memory for facts and quotes, and a particular fondness for Kipling’s “If” and Teddy Roosevelt’s words: “People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

A proud patriot, Don remained active in Republican politics, supporting candidates such as his close family friend, Senator Dan Sullivan.

An avid athlete, Don found joy on the squash and tennis courts, whether at the Bath and Tennis Club, The Everglades Club, the Round Hill Club, or the New York Racquet Club. He thrived on the camaraderie and competition. At 91, he could still be found playing tennis on the weekends in Palm Beach.

Above all, Don was a devoted husband, father, and “Papa.” His love for his family was boundless, and his legacy will live on in the values, memories and love he instilled in them.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Priscilla (Muffy) Miller; his devoted sons, Prescott C. Miller and Barclay St. J. Miller; daughter-in-law, Randi S. Miller; and five cherished grandchildren: Avery, Prescott, Rush, Sailor and Barclay Miller.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who were fortunate to know him.

A private family service was held at the Church of Bethesda-By-the-Sea in Palm Beach. A Celebration of Life will follow in Palm Beach later this year.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach (please contact Dawn Miller at dmiller@palmbeachpreservation.org or 561-832-0731); or to Eaglebrook School (please contact Schuyler Bogel at sbogel@eaglebrook.org or 413-774-9182 - Miller Family Faculty Fund).



BARBARA NORRGARD 1931-2025

Barbara Erikson Norrgard, cherished wife, devoted mother, beloved nana, and treasured friend, passed away peacefully at her home in Old Greenwich on Saturday, April 26, at the age of 93. Her passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know her. Barbara touched countless lives and left behind a legacy of compassion, commitment, and love.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband of 71 years, John (Jack) Norrgard, with whom she shared a lifetime of adventure and partnership. She was the heart of their family, which includes their four children: Kristin Norrgard of Edwards, CO; Erik Norrgard (Kellie) of Jacksonville, FL; Dwight Norrgard (Melissa); and Lisa Norrgard of Old Greenwich. Barbara was a proud and adoring nana to nine grandchildren: Dylan, Anika, Haley, Kelsey, J.Q., Kristina, Aly, Derik, Brittany and one great-grandchild, Bo—each of whom brought her endless pride and joy. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emma (Dahlberg) Erikson and George Erikson.

Born on December 9, 1931, in New York City, Barbara spent her early years in Queens, graduating from Bryant High School. Her first career as a flight attendant for United Airlines was a fitting role for her curious and adventurous spirit. In 1954, she met and married Lt. Commander John Norrgard. During her husband’s service,

they lived in Newport, RI, and London, England, before settling in Old Greenwich in 1958 to raise their growing family.

Barbara devoted herself wholeheartedly to her family. She was a steady presence in her children’s lives— whether volunteering on numerous committees at the Rocky Point Club or cheering poolside at countless swim meets. Winters brought many weekends and school vacations on the ski slopes in Vermont, building a lifetime of memories.

In midlife, Barbara’s deep commitment to learning and service led her back to the classroom. She earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Fairfield University and went on to teach in the Greenwich Public Schools for 20 years. At Greenwich High School, she inspired students in subjects ranging from Social Studies to Psychology and Russian History.

After retiring from teaching, Barbara remained an active and beloved presence in the community. She led the Greenwich High Student Loan Fund, championed childhood literacy through Reading Champions at the Boys and Girls Club and poured her love into animal rescue at Adopt-A-Dog.

An avid gardener and tireless environmentalist, Barbara found great joy and purpose in nurturing life. As president of the Garden Club of Old Greenwich, she shared her passion for conservation and cultivated a vibrant backyard organic garden that was both sanctuary and source of beauty.

At the center of Barbara’s life was her unwavering faith. For 67 years, she was a devoted member of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, where she served in many roles—as a deacon, member of the Women’s Fellowship, Allocations Committee, Chancel Choir singer and volunteer at the Rummage Room. Her voice also lifted in harmony with the Greenwich Choral Society, reflecting her lifelong love of music.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the First Congregational Church of Greenwich on June 20 at 11:00 a.m., with a reception to follow at the church. All who knew and loved Barbara are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an animal rescue organization of your choice or to the Music Program at First Congregational Church of Greenwich—causes that reflect the generous, nurturing spirit that defined Barbara’s life.



RENEE CHIN MARCH 27, 2008 - APRIL 24, 2025

Renee Sophia Chin, 17, passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2025. She was born on March 27, 2008, in Greenwich, CT and was a junior at Greenwich High School, having previously attended North Mianus School and Eastern Middle School.

Renee was not only a model student, but also a model community member, whose curiosity and compassion pushed her to understand the world around her. She naturally excelled in school, where her favorite subjects were history, digital art, and math. Beyond the classroom, Renee enjoyed daily walks, painting and creating digital art, crafting, and building with Legos. She had a distinct personal style and took pride in her naturally long nails and intricate nail polish designs. She loved dyeing her hair, hosting and attending tea parties, going thrifting, and spending time at Tod’s Point.

Renee was also keenly interested in American history and loved visiting historical sites and museums. In addition,

Renee was a devoted volunteer with Live Like Luke, a local group that organizes beach cleanups. Among her favorite foods were chicken quesadillas, chicken tenders, and fresh pasta from Tutti Pazzi in Stamford.

Renee will be remembered for her sharp wit, boundless intelligence, sincere faith, and a spirit that was captivating, curious, and kind. Her love for her family brought her great joy, and she often expressed how grateful she was for the lasting memories she shared with her two beloved sisters. She leaves behind a legacy of love, curiosity, and creative expression, and she will be dearly missed.

Renee is survived by her parents, Darin and Nancy Chin; sisters, Catherine and Rebecca Chin; grandparents, Helen and Jimmie Chin, and Sau Kuen Lip; uncles and aunts, Gordon Ng, Eric Lip, Marino and Glenda Lip; and cousins, Alexandra Ng, Marcus Ng, and Valentina Lip. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Teung Leung Lip, and aunt, Sheri L. Chin Ng.

In lieu of flowers, Renee would have encouraged that you spend quality time with your family and make memories together-whether gathered around the dinner table or exploring new places together. Donations in her memory may be made to the Live Like Luke Memorial Scholarship through Greenwich Scholarship Association (<https://greenwichscholarship.org/gsa-donation-form/>). Please check the “Donation intended for” box and enter “The Luke Meyers Memorial Scholarship.”

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Harvest Time Church, 1338 King St., Greenwich, CT. In honor of Renee’s vibrant spirit, guests are warmly encouraged to wear bright or colorful attire.



JANE STEEN

Jane Steen, born Alice Jane Queenan, resident of Stamford, CT and formerly of New Canaan, CT, passed away peacefully, after a long illness, on April 18, 2025, with her loving family by her side. Born on September 16, 1931, to the late John William and Alice Queenan of Greenwich, CT, Jane grew up in Wilmette, IL and Greenwich, CT. She graduated from Mount Holyoke in 1953 and received her M.S. in Family Therapy from the University of Bridgeport in 1977.

Mrs. Steen raised two children, Stephen Coenen and Alison Coenen Abrams, with her former husband, Dale Coenen, in New Canaan, CT. Jane founded the Family Recovery Center in Wilton, CT, in 1988 and served families and individuals as a psychotherapist. In 2001, she married Tom Steen, her classmate from Greenwich High School. They enjoyed 23 years of marriage, traveling and spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Jane was predeceased by her husband, Thomas A. Steen, her son, Stephen T. Coenen, her first husband, Dale Coenen, and her second husband, Robert Gallagher. She is survived by her daughter, Alison Coenen Abrams and her husband Dale Abrams, stepchildren, Jessica Pfalzgraf (Michael Pfalzgraf), Clint Steen, Maria Stadler, and her grandchildren, Quinn Abrams, Eliza Abrams and Melissa Merva.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Jane’s memory to the Alzheimer Foundation of America, www.alzfdn.org

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AROUND TOWN

Greenwich Celebrates Pride Flag Raising

Greenwich Pride will take place at Town Hall on June 1, with a flag-raising ceremony beginning at 1 p.m. The privately organized event is open to everyone. Attendees can expect light refreshments, a DJ, and community tables.

Greenwich Champions Community Gun Safety

Greenwich will host Wear Orange Day at Town Hall’s Meeting Room on June 2 at noon to highlight gun violence prevention. Town officials will issue a proclamation declaring June 2, 2025, National Gun Violence Awareness Day. In 2024, 210 people in Connecticut died by firearms.

Greenwich Boosts Foster Family Support

May is Foster Care Awareness Month, and Greenwich has officially designated May 22 as Foster Care Awareness Day. The town is highlighting the ongoing need for safe, stable homes for local foster children. Residents interested in fostering or kinship care can contact the Annie C. Courtney Foundation at 475-235-2184 or visit its website.

Greenwich Installs Smart Composting Bins

Greenwich accepted a \$15,892 DEEP MMI grant to install three sensor-equipped food scrap recycling bins in Binney and Cos Cob Parks, expanding its five-year voluntary recycling program that has diverted over 600,000 pounds of organic waste. The grant covers infrastructure and smart-bin technology, while the Department of Public Works will handle hauling under a forthcoming operating contract. Participation remains at 7–10% of households, and a cloud-based app will collect usage and fill-level data for program monitoring.

Greenwich Police Increase Community Patrols

The Greenwich Police Department has increased patrols at Jewish places of worship and community institutions following the May 21 shooting outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C. Officials stated there is no current threat in Greenwich, but the enhanced patrols are a precautionary measure. The department also expressed support for those affected by the incident.

Greenwich Considers Honoring Housing Leader

Greenwich officials are considering renaming a street within the Armstrong Court housing development to honor Sam Romeo, chairman of Greenwich Communities. The proposed change would be symbolic only and would not affect mailing addresses. The Board of Selectmen will review the proposal at upcoming meetings, beginning June 12.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

YMCA Gala Surpasses Fundraising Goals

On May 9 at the Greenwich Country Club, the YMCA of Greenwich held its annual Casino Royale-themed gala with over 250 attendees, raising more than \$490,000 for community programs and financial assistance. Governor Ned Lamont and Senator Richard Blumenthal were honored for their support of YMCA initiatives in childcare, youth mental health, and water safety. Major contributions from Lugano Diamonds, Golub Capital, Compass Partners, Clear Street, Carnegie Prep, and Greenwich Psychology Group bolster the YMCA Annual Campaign, which awarded over \$460,000 in aid and scholarships in 2024.

Greenwich Summer Concerts Return

The Greenwich Historical Society’s summer concert series will run every other Thursday through September 4, with performances held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the Great Lawn in Cos Cob. Admission is free for members and children, and \$10 for non-members. The series includes a range of live music acts, with an updated schedule following the postponement of the May 22 concert due to weather.

Chef Rosenberg Joins Constantino’s Team

Constantino’s Pasta Bowls, a family-owned Italian restaurant in Greenwich, has appointed chef Bill Rosenberg as its new executive chef. Rosenberg, a Culinary Institute of America graduate with over 35 years of experience, will work alongside head chef Jacinto Perez to expand the menu using local ingredients and global influences. The restaurant, known for attracting celebrity visitors, plans to introduce new dishes including fish and chicken scarpariello.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Students Drive Bee Conservation Effort

Five fifth graders from the International School at Dundee’s Eco Elite Project raised \$1,200 through a honey and bake sale for the Town of Greenwich’s Parks and Recreation Department. The event included a hive exhibit on bee population collapse and showcased research on marine pollution, coral reef decline, ozone layer protection, and the vaccine-testing use of horseshoe crab blood. The students advocated for SB-9 to restrict neonicotinoid pesticides and will present their full findings later this spring.

Diaconu Powers USA To Gold

Team USA won all seven of its matches at the Pan American Championships, defeating Canada 18–7 in the final to claim gold. Teodora Diaconu who competes for the Greenwich Aquatics water polo club scored 12 goals over the course of the tournament. Photo Credit: Greenwich Aquatics

Philanthropy Funds Critical Medical Innovations

Greenwich Hospital’s annual Benefit honors Barbara Netter

for spearheading the \$125 million Arc of Care Campaign, which funds advances in neuroscience, oncology, behavioral health, children’s health, and heart and vascular care. It also recognizes neurosurgeons Murat Günel and Zion Zibly for their pioneering work in neurorestorative treatments enabled by Netter’s philanthropy. Proceeds support the hospital’s expansion of innovative research, technologies, and patient services.

Campout Raises Senior Care Funds

Starting June 7, board member Jeff McCarthy will camp on the River House Adult Day Center lawn until he raises \$100,000 for its care program. River House, Greenwich’s only accredited medical-model adult day program, provides health oversight, personal care, grooming, transportation, and meals for \$120 per day. In 2024, 70% of its revenue came from public and private grants and 10% from fundraising, and the center relies on volunteers to operate.

Frantzes Donate for Gym Naming

Scott and Icy Frantz donated \$500,000 to the Greenwich Parks and Recreation Foundation for naming rights to the gymnasium at the Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. The Board of Selectmen approved the gift on first reading, and the Representative Town Meeting will consider final approval on June 9. If approved, the gymnasium will be named the Frantz Gymnasium.

SCHOOLS

Teachers Awards Inspire Community Celebration

The 2025 Distinguished Teachers Awards took place at Central Middle School earlier this month, honoring Frances Bittman, Bethany Fuscaldo, Dr. Beena Ramachandran, Robin Chenot, Julia Haas-Godsil, and Ralph Marmor.

GPS Earns Music Distinction

Greenwich Public Schools has received the NAMM Foundation’s Best Communities for Music Education designation for the 15th consecutive year. This annual award recognizes districts that maintain a strong, ongoing commitment to music instruction.

Facilities Team Rescues Ducks Safely

A family of ducks entered Cos Cob School’s courtyard earlier this month and became trapped among playground structures. The district’s facilities team intervened and safely relocated the ducks back to nearby water.

Eastern Middle Welcomes New Gators

Eastern Middle School held a sixth grade orientation for incoming students from its feeder elementary schools. Attendees toured the building, reviewed elective options, met teachers and classmates, and took part in campus activities. The event is part of a broader transition plan aimed at preparing new students for life at Eastern.

First Graders Share Community Discoveries

First-grade students at Sacred Heart Greenwich researched the school’s traditions, values, and daily operations by interviewing staff and examining institutional goals. They compiled their findings into a hand-illustrated community book. Today they shared the completed book with their parents. Photo Credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich

Students Embrace Local Climate Science

Eastern Middle School sixth graders spent a day at SoundWaters as the culmination of their climate research and Long Island Sound STEM program. SoundWaters’ curriculum centers on climate science to explain environmental changes, effects, and possible mitigation. During the visit, students took part in four hands-on activities: seining, water quality testing, a horseshoe crab blood lab, and studying animal adaptations.

Eagle Hill Debuts Inspiring Founders Film

Eagle Hill School is screening The Founders, 1975 on May 30, 2025, today at 6:00 PM. The short documentary, produced by Sonja Bartlett, traces how eleven educators founded the school in 1975 to serve students with language-based learning differences. The film combines archival footage and narration to document the school’s origins.

Students Serve Costa Rican Communities

Whitby School’s eighth graders have arrived in Costa Rica. They will participate in community service projects—such as repairing school facilities and working in organic gardens—and explore local culture. The trip is designed to foster global citizenship. Photo Credit: Eagle Hill School

North Mianus Celebrates 100 Years

Founded in 1925 in Greenwich, North Mianus School serves over 500 students in grades K–5. In 2025 it reaches its 100th anniversary, marking a century of continuous operation. This centennial underscores the school’s enduring presence and evolution within the community.

Second Graders Improve Local Watershed

Whitby School’s second graders took part in a watershed workshop with the Stamford Nature Center. They studied how water travels across the landscape and how contaminants move through a watershed. Through experiments, they identified pollution pathways and proposed ways to reduce water contamination. Photo Credit: Whitby School

SPORTS

Eagle Hill Baseball Stays Unbeaten

Eagle Hill School’s baseball team finished the season undefeated, capping it with a 10–1 win over Ridgefield Academy. The team’s coordinated play and consistent execution produced its perfect record. This unbeaten season

marks a milestone in the school’s athletic history.

GHS Boys Track Team Triumphs

Greenwich High School boys track and field team won the 2025 FCIAC Championship for the third time in four years, scoring 140 points to defeat 15 other teams. Their success was fueled by strong performances across all events, particularly in relays and sprints, with numerous athletes setting personal records. Team members and coaches credited their victory to depth, unity, and a supportive team culture.

GHS Girls Track Team Triumphs

Greenwich High School’s girls track and field team captured the 2025 FCIAC Championship for the first time since 1984, scoring 125 points to outpace 15 other teams. Their dominant performance was driven by standout showings in sprints, distance, hurdles, throws, and relays, with multiple personal records set. Led by captains Eliana Daplyn, Theresa Knuth, Sophia Riche`, and Nina Silver, the Cardinals showcased depth and unity throughout their historic win.

GHS Girls Shine Despite Loss

On Senior Night, Greenwich High School’s girls lacrosse team held a strong first-half lead but ultimately fell to Wilton, 14-8, on May 20. Despite standout performances from seniors and juniors alike, Greenwich was later eliminated from the FCIAC Tournament with an 18-4 quarterfinal loss to New Canaan. The team, however, remains in contention for the CIAC Class LL state tournament.

GHS Volleyball Celebrates Season Growth

The Greenwich High School varsity boys volleyball team showed marked improvement in the 2025 season, earning six wins and qualifying for the FCIAC Tournament after only two victories in 2024. Seeded eighth, they faced top-seeded Staples in the quarterfinals and honored their seniors on May 19, despite a 3-0 loss. Led by standout performances from captains Keito Fukushima and Hiro Sibble, the team demonstrated growth, leadership, and resilience throughout the season.

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GHS Boys Tennis Dominates Ridgefield

Top-seeded Greenwich High School’s varsity boys tennis team swept Ridgefield 4-0 in the FCIAC Tournament quarterfinals, extending their winning streak to 60 matches. The Cardinals clinched the match with dominant doubles play and a decisive singles victory before three other matches were called off. They now advance to face rival Darien High School in the semifinals.

ACROSS CT

Connecticut Hearst Staff Unionize

The Connecticut News Guild announced that reporters, photographers, editors and digital producers at Hearst Connecticut voted to unionize with The NewsGuild-CWA. Of 85 ballots cast, 68 (80%) supported the union, requiring Hearst—the state’s largest print and digital news organization—to begin good-faith contract negotiations. The organizing drive, launched nine months earlier amid concerns over job restructuring and stagnant wages, will now formally shape employees’ pay and working conditions.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Stamford Downtown Plans New Events

Stamford Downtown has officially ended the Alive At Five concert series after 27 years. The decision was part of a broader shift to update event programming in response to changes in the downtown population and business landscape. The organization plans to continue hosting other events throughout the year.

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By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

The thesis statement of our Judaism is succinct:

Shema Yisrael – Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.

Shema is our Jewish testimony of faith.

But, right after these sacred words, we recite:

Veahavta – You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

“Heart,” “Soul” and “Might” each inform us of the different ways in which we love God.

R a m b a m (M o s e s Maimonides) taught that “love God with all your heart” is the commandment to love God at all times, when we feel fortunate or in despair.

The great medieval rabbinic philosopher notes that it is easy to love God

when things are going well; when we and our loved ones are healthy and prospering. At such times, we can bless God without any difficulty.

But when our loved ones confront life’s challenges and our frustration grows, we might find it much more difficult to bless God because we do not feel blessed.

A heart’s true love is unconditional. Even if we feel sad or angry, we find the strength of a loving heart when confronting our challenging circumstances. We cling to the blessings we can still recall, and then empower our memories by infusing them with the love that can mitigate our hurt.

To love God “with all our soul” is explicated within the Talmud when it records that two thousand years ago, the Romans arrested Rabbi Akiva after he had publicly recited the Shema while teaching Torah to his students. Afterward, the Romans publicly tortured Akiva, yet he simply

continued to recite the Shema.

The other rabbis, forced to witness this horror, pleaded with Rabbi Akiva to stop so that his torture might end with his quick death. Even the torturer urged the Rabbi to stop, so that he might end Akiva’s suffering.

They all asked Akiva: “Do you need to suffer so much for the sake of Torah?”

Rabbi Akiva answered them all:

“All my life, I have wondered about the meaning of the verse ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul.’ I have loved God with all my heart. I have loved God with all my might. But I have never known what it meant to love God with all my soul. Now that I have come to this point—where God is about to take my soul—I know what it means.”

Then Rabbi Akiva recited

the Shema for a final time, and his soul departed him as he recited the final word: Echad – God is One.

Rabbi Akiva taught us that when we are ready to die for something of greater importance than ourselves, this is when we love God with all our souls.

A well-known American example of such soulful love for our country was articulated by Patrick Henry when he gave his famous speech, “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death,” to the Second Virginia Revolutionary Convention:

“Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”

When we “love God with all our might,” rabbinic

commentary informs us that this is when we are willing to use our financial resources to support a higher purpose than ourselves.

Loving God does not mean turning over all of our resources to God. The obligation to share our resources is so that our love of God will flow out from us to love others concretely.

To love God is a wholehearted commitment. Heart, soul, and might are the levers by which our love becomes manifest.

God’s river of love flows through us so that we become God’s “outstretched arm” that loves all of God’s creations. The river receives water from upstream and passes on what it receives.

We are to be like the river. We receive God’s love, and all we have to do is to pass it on.

We always pass on God’s love through our very lives

and the concrete sharing of our words and our sacred actions.

God is One, the Divine source of unconditional love. All we need to do is love God with all our heart, soul, and might.

Shabbat Shalom.

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

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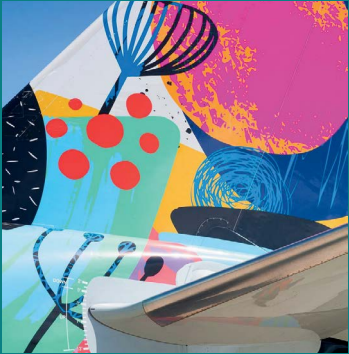


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NEW LISTINGS							
TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964							
Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
453 E Putnam Avenue 1i	\$770,000	\$526	1,464	0	2	2	Cos Cob
47 Lafayette Place 4C	\$799,000	\$1,043	766	0	1	1	South Parkway
50 Almira Drive B	\$975,000	\$542	1,798	0	2	2	Glenville
104 W RITCH Avenue 6	\$1,299,000	\$531	2,446	0	3	3	Byram
113 Stanwich Road	\$1,750,000	\$620	2,824	0.49	4	2	South Parkway
23 Westview Place	\$2,299,000	\$871	2,641	0.18	4	3	Riverside
301 Riversville Road	\$2,400,000	\$726	3,308	4	4	4	South Parkway
36 Horseshoe Road	\$2,495,000	\$674	3,704	1.34	6	4	Cos Cob
6 Perryridge Road	\$2,495,000	\$931	2,681	0.2	3	4	South Parkway
24 Round Hill Road	\$2,950,000	\$1,264	2,333	1	4	3	South Parkway
6 Francine Drive	\$3,950,000	\$1,334	2,962	0.47	4	3	South Parkway
12 Stallion Trail	\$3,950,000	\$455	8,681	2	4	6	North Parkway
296 Old Church Road	\$4,150,000	\$749	5,542	2.88	6	6	South Parkway
5 Jofran Lane	\$4,195,000	\$898	4,672	1.22	5	5	South Parkway
2 Swan Terrace	\$4,495,000	\$918	4,898	0.34	4	4	South of Post Road
86 Winthrop Drive	\$5,350,000	\$905	5,914	0.5	4	5	Riverside
52 Breezemont Avenue	\$5,575,000	\$934	5,970	0.4	6	6	Riverside
25 Dialstone Lane	\$6,195,000	\$950	6,520	0.26	6	7	Riverside
280 Round Hill Road	\$6,700,000	\$668	10,036	2.51	6	8	South Parkway
7 Dairy Road	\$13,995,000	\$1,143	12,239	2.11	7	9	South Parkway
11 Langhorne Lane	\$19,500,000	\$737	26,454	8.79	8	12	North Parkway
11 Round Hill Club Road	\$19,900,000	\$1,730	11,500	3.04	6	7	South Parkway

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Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
37 Windsor Lane	Cos Cob	\$1,400,000	Sat 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
69 Taconic Road	Greenwich	\$4,550,000	Sat 12-4 PM	BHHS New England
254 Stanwich Road	Greenwich	\$2,799,000	Sun 12-2 PM	BHHS New England
69 Taconic Road	Greenwich	\$4,550,000	Sun 12-4 PM	BHHS New England
6 Coachlamp Lane	Greenwich	\$4,895,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
25 Dialstone Lane	Riverside	\$6,195,000	Sat 2-4 PM	Sotheby's
190 Lake Avenue	Greenwich	\$4,000,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
25 Dialstone Lane	Riverside	\$6,195,000	Sun 2-4 PM	Sotheby's

NEW SALES								
TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964								
Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
351 Pemberwick Rd 205	\$445,000	\$445,000	\$450,000	12	1	1	5	643
1465 E Putnam Ave 527	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$540,000	12	1	1	0	784
43 High Street	\$533,000	\$533,000	\$700,000	-41	2	1	0.16	1,812
33 Talbot Lane 12	\$645,000	\$645,000	\$600,000	8	3	1	0	1,280
47 Lafayette Place 4D	\$790,000	\$790,000	\$790,000	46	1	1	0	774
328 Hamilton Avenue 2	\$799,000	\$799,000	\$745,000	58	3	1	0	1,604
63 Indian Harbor Drive 5	\$975,000	\$975,000	\$1,205,000	8	3	2	0	2,139
85 Valleywood Road	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	\$2,105,000	7	4	3	0.21	2,472
12 Innis Lane	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,825,000	7	4	3	0.17	2,960
13 Lake Drive	\$3,150,000	\$3,150,000	\$3,610,000	6	4	3	0.34	3,565
63 Byram Shore Road	\$3,150,000	\$3,150,000	\$3,150,000	0	3	4	0.49	3,975
7 Cherry Tree Lane	\$3,495,000	\$3,495,000	\$3,680,000	26	5	4	0.7	3,764
181 Stanwich Road	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,750,000	4	5	4	1.18	4,890
1 Partridge Hollow Road	\$4,350,000	\$4,350,000	\$4,150,000	44	5	6	4.03	6,468

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A Game of Inches and the Butterfly Effect



BY JOHN ENGEL

The phrase “a game of inches” has its roots in sports, particularly football, and has evolved into a metaphor for high-stakes situations where small differences determine success or failure, whether in sports, real estate, leadership, or life.

The phrase was immortalized by Al Pacino’s electrifying locker room monologue in *Any Given Sunday*: “You find out that life is just a game of inches... Because in either game – life or football – the margin for error is so small. I mean, one half step too late or too early, and you don’t quite make it... The inches we need are everywhere around us. They’re in every break in the game, every minute, every second. On this team, we fight for that inch.”

Knicks fans know a game of inches. Tyrese Haliburton tied Game 1 at 125 with a jumper at the buzzer, though his foot was on the line, making it a two-pointer and sending the game to overtime.

While not a sport, real estate is most certainly a game of inches. Precision in pricing, presentation, and positioning can create or destroy millions in value.

Pricing inches: While a home priced \$25,000 too high might sit on the market for months, that same home priced right might generate multiple offers and exceed asking. That margin, a few percentage points, is often the difference between success and failure.

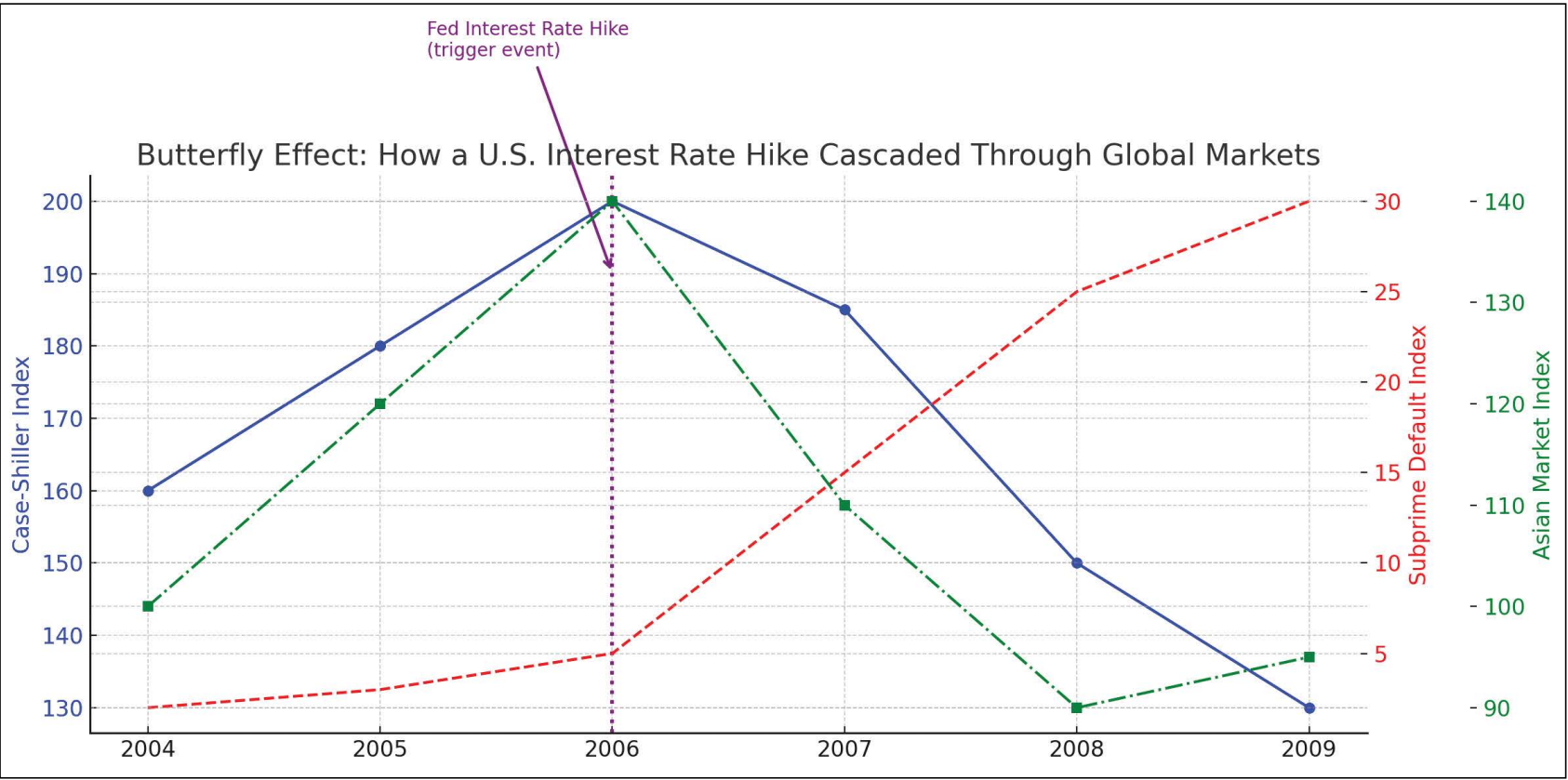
Staging and presentation inches: I’ve said it before and say it again: A poorly lit room, an untrimmed hedge, dirty windows, or the wrong paint color can shift perception from dream home to project. Buyers are emotional. First impressions hinge on tiny details that create or kill desire.

Negotiation inches: Deals hinge on small concessions: a closing date, service contract, a minor repair, or what’s included. I am working on a multi-million-dollar deal now in which the wheelbarrow has been specifically named in the contract as one of the things that stays. These inches move the deal forward or blow it up.

Timing inches: Listing a week earlier might avoid competition, while accepting an offer a day too late is a day too late. Never cut and dry, these are subjective inches of judgment gained from experience doing many deals over a career.

Legal inches: Failure to close out permits, identify a legal pool site or easement, or meet a deadline have scuttled deals. The contract is full of them. These are the literal inches, objective, and demand attention to detail.

In the early ’90s, I completed a large assignment for a client, but I was late and he wouldn’t pay me, saying, “It’s binary.” I didn’t understand. He meant close doesn’t count; you succeeded or didn’t. It was an expensive lesson I



The Butterfly Effect in real estate using real-world dynamics from the 2007-2009 financial crisis highlights how a minor interest rate change led to resulting mortgage defaults in the U.S. that cascaded into a global economic downturn – a classic butterfly effect.

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haven’t forgotten.

The second phenomenon, much less obvious, is the butterfly effect. This is the idea that tiny causes lead to large, unpredictable outcomes. (Like if you didn’t go to that party, you wouldn’t have met your wife.) While a game of inches is usually linear and cumulative, the butterfly effect is usually non-linear and exponential, where a small change leads to a massive shift. While real estate as a game of inches is about precision, control, and detail, real estate can also be a journey of unpredictability and sensitivity to initial conditions. Small things matter, but for very different reasons.

Where does this idea come from? Meteorologist and mathematician Edward Lorenz first asked, “Does the flap of a butterfly’s wings in Brazil set off a tornado in Texas?” in the early 1960s. He discovered that changing one tiny input value led to wildly different weather forecasts. Small causes can have massive, unpredictable effects in complex systems. But it was in Ray Bradbury’s 1952 short story “A Sound of Thunder” where a time traveler’s inadvertent killing of a butterfly in the past drastically alters the future, emphasizing the weight of seemingly minor actions. Ben Franklin anticipated the butterfly effect when he wrote in 1758 a variation of the 13th-century proverb, “For want of a nail.”

Are there modern-day examples of this principle, particularly in our real estate market?

The “IKEA Effect” is a variant of the theme describing what happens when a new building changes traffic patterns and spikes property values in the surrounding area. GE’s departure from Fairfield devastated Connecticut, while a potential Amazon move to Long Island City briefly buoyed the

entire tri-state area.

In New Canaan, the decision by the Waze algorithm to re-route Merritt Parkway traffic through residential neighborhoods affects real estate values, not to mention has a profound effect on local families. To reverse the trend, we modify the inputs to the algorithm, adding a “no right turn” sign, slowing the neighborhood traffic and disincentivizing the detour.

The tree that blocked the view is another example. If a landscaper doesn’t trim the hedge before photos are taken, then the view is blocked, the buyer passes, the house sits, the next buyer offers \$100,000 less, and that changes the comp set for the neighborhood. “There goes the neighborhood,” a phrase that dates to the ’40s, is now an idiom to mark any disruptive change, real or perceived, that can trace its roots to a particular event – maybe even that untrimmed hedge.

Covid Zoom towns are an example of unanticipated knock-on effects. In 2019, nobody thought remote work would shift demand, but the virus led to zoom policies, and that led to suburban and rural booms while crashing some urban cores. Despite corporate back-to-work mandates, we may never get that genie back in the bottle.

Focusing in, we see that every small decision – staging a room, choosing a buyer, fighting over the washer and dryer, delaying a listing – has the potential to trigger outsized consequences. Zooming out, we know that policy changes (we are about to rewrite New Canaan Zoning Regulations) and 8-30g legislation, pandemics, and buyer psychology (which can be altered by a single headline) can ripple across the region in massive ways that nobody could have predicted.

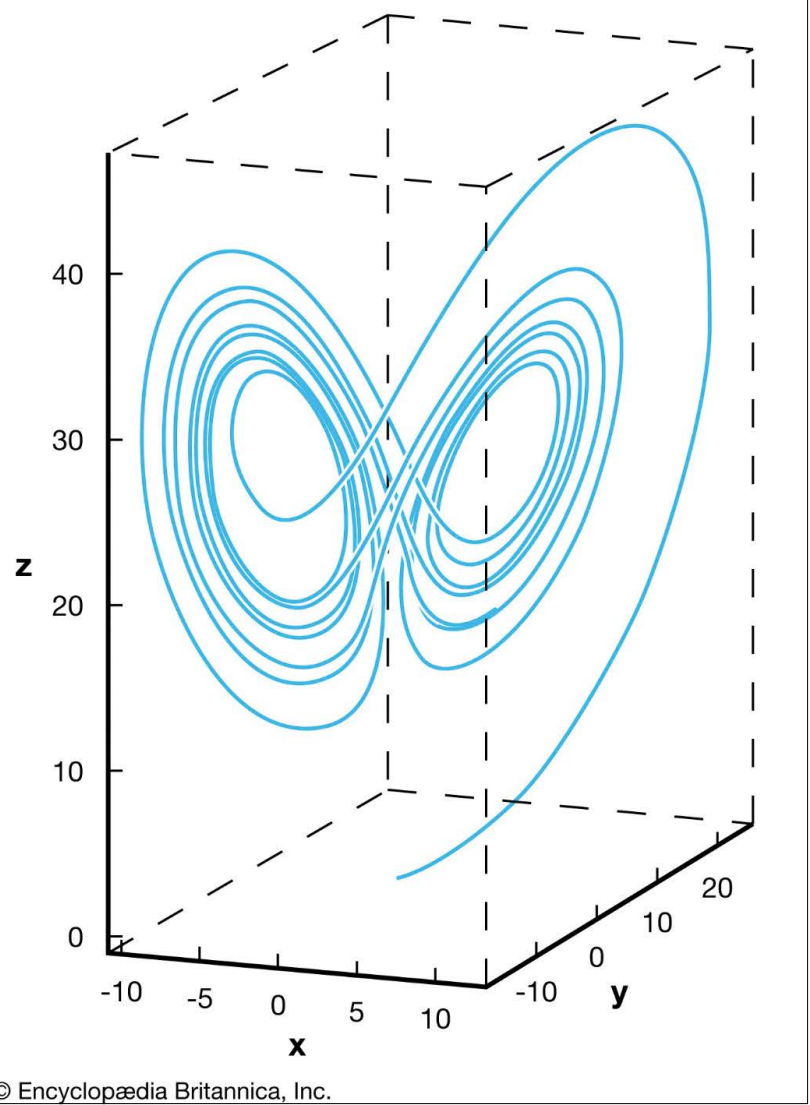
Notes from the Monday meeting

A multi-million-dollar sale is falling apart over the exclusion of four rugs. Another sale fell apart over the exclusion of the furniture last week, but a new buyer stepped up and scooped it up, unfurnished. We have a third example where the buyer wants the furniture and the seller has provided a spreadsheet with prices and sources. While Covid’s challenging supply chains provided an exception

during which furniture had a moment, the sale of furniture is a complication most agents avoid for good reason.

John Engel is a broker with The Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, and he understands why furniture matters. Each piece tells a story. And some houses only make sense when they are furnished in a similar style. Frank Lloyd Wright believed “form and function are one” and created custom pieces for his houses, as did Marcel Breuer and Allan Gelbin. In contrast, New Canaan’s legendary furniture designer Jens Risom believed “Good design means anything good will go well with other equally good things.” Mix and match away, but keep in mind that Le Corbusier famously said, “Chairs are architecture, sofas are bourgeois.”

Lorenz attractor graph



The Lorenz attractor shows how small changes in a complex system – like real estate – can trigger unpredictable, far-reaching outcomes. Just as this pattern never repeats yet isn’t random, a minor Fed hike or local zoning tweak can ripple through prices, behavior, and global markets.

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After graduating among the top of his class at New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Teppner trained at the renowned Institute of Reconstructive

Plastic Surgery, NYU Langone Medical Center, completing his plastic surgery residency as well as fellowships in craniofacial reconstruction and pediatric plastic surgery.

Dr. Teppner lives in Greenwich, provides specialized care from Manhattan to Connecticut and consults worldwide. He is acclaimed for his role in the separation of conjoined twins Jadon and Anias McDonald, performing similar surgeries twice more in Brazil.



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Why Coloring Mandalas Benefits People of All Ages

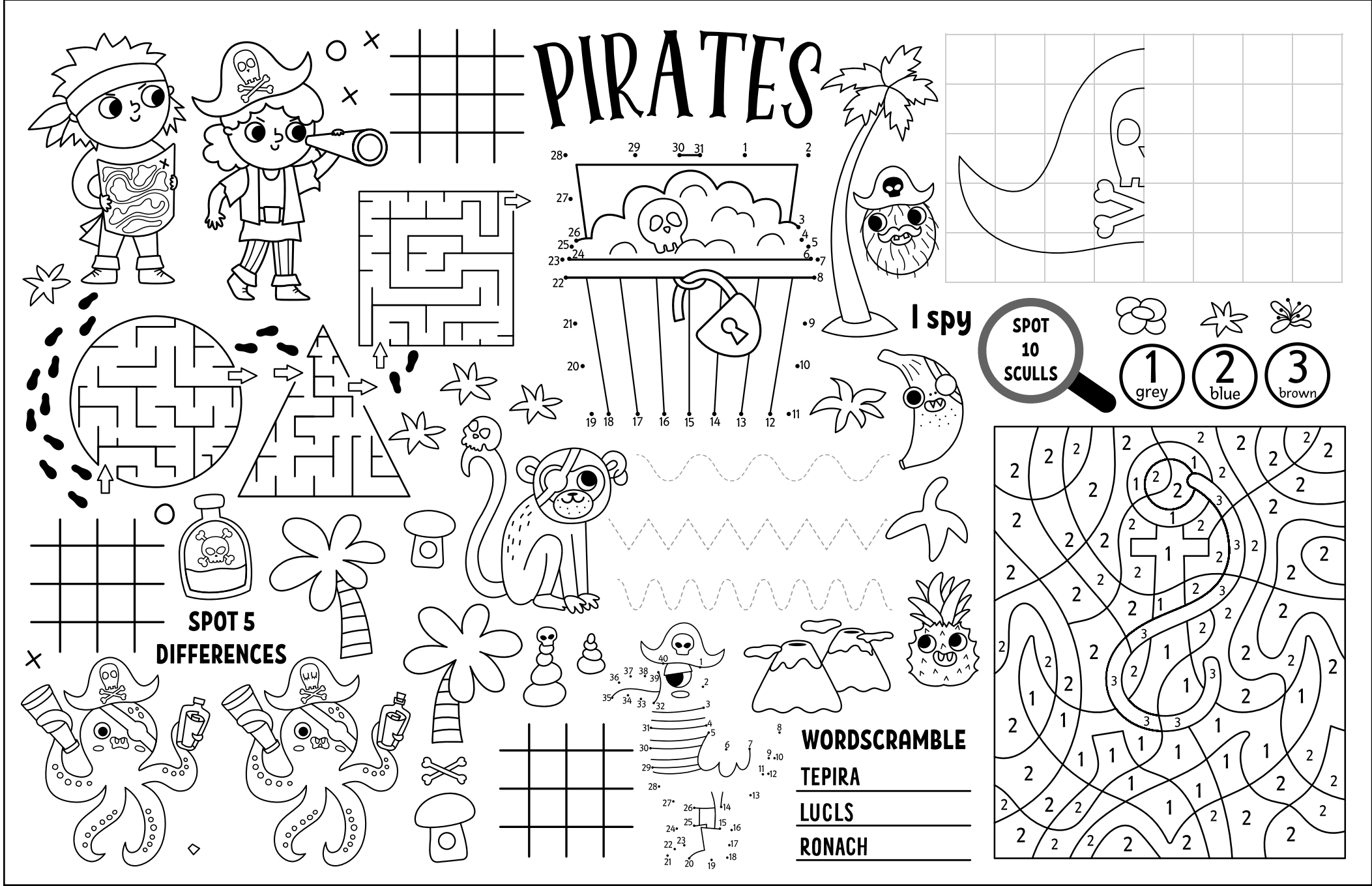
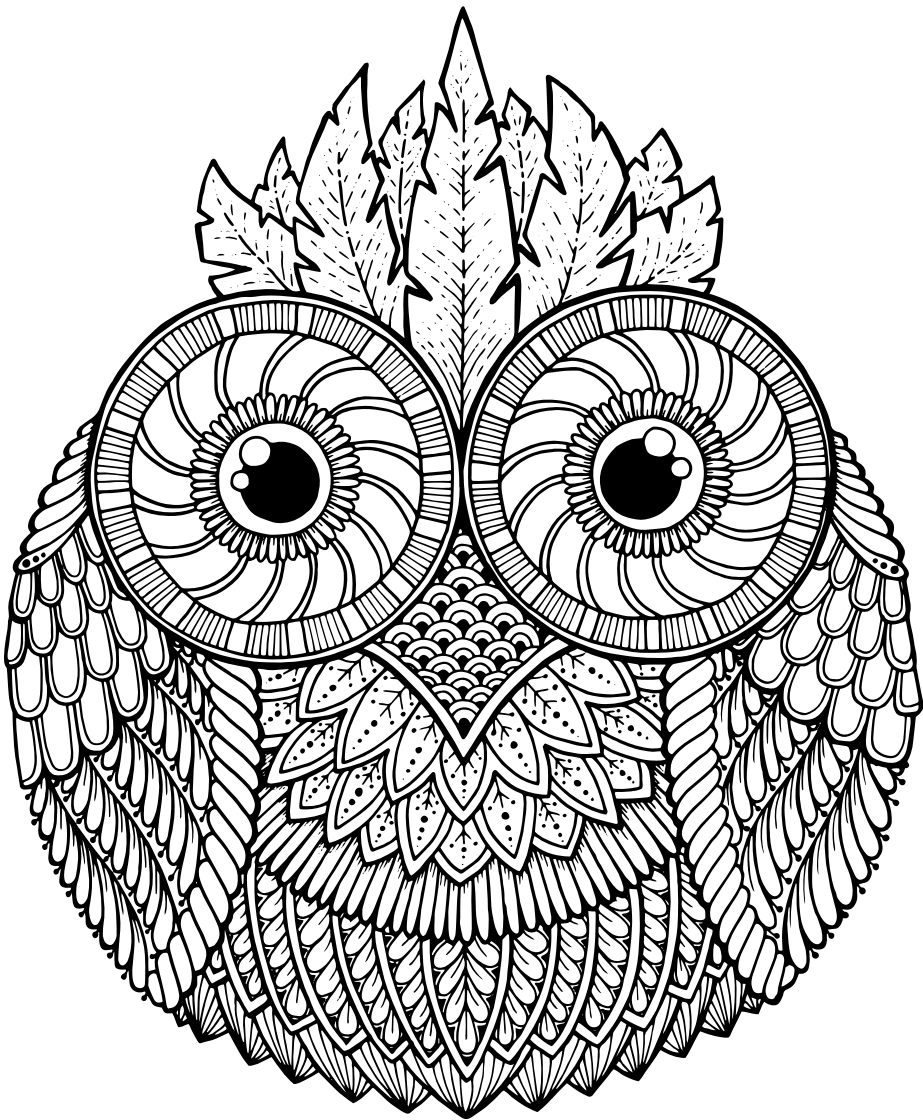
Coloring mandalas offers psychological and emotional benefits that extend across all age groups, from young children to older adults. Rooted in centuries of spiritual and artistic tradition, mandalas—geometric designs often arranged in concentric circles—provide a structured yet creative outlet that promotes focus, calm, and self-expression.

For children, coloring mandalas can improve fine motor skills, boost concentration, and encourage patience. The symmetry and repetitive patterns help develop spatial awareness and early mathematical thinking. Mandalas also offer a gentle, nonverbal way for children to process emotions and settle into a focused, meditative state.

Adults and teens often find mandala coloring to be a powerful stress-relief tool. According to research published in Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association, structured coloring—particularly of mandalas—can significantly reduce anxiety levels. The predictable shapes guide attention away from intrusive thoughts and toward the present moment, creating a mindful experience similar to meditation.

For older adults, coloring mandalas may support cognitive function by engaging visual processing, hand-eye coordination, and memory recall. The creative process fosters a sense of accomplishment and emotional wellbeing, and group coloring sessions can reduce feelings of isolation.

Regardless of age, the act of coloring a mandala provides a rare intersection of structure and freedom.



FRIDAY, MAY 30

9:30 a.m.

Greenwich Newcomers Club: Friday Beach Walks at Tod’s Point. Meeting Spot: Second concession stand near the flagpole. Beach passes required. Register. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

3:30 p.m.

North Mianus School’s 100th Year Anniversary: Alumni Tours of the School – view the school’s archives and get a tour of the inside of the school led by current 5th grade NMS students. Sign up. signup-genius.com/go/10C054DACAD2BA2F-FC07-55238972-alumni#/

4 p.m.

Teen Afternoon: Free Admission. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. RSVP. bruce-museum.org

5 p.m.

Teen Afternoon: Sip, Paint, and Relax. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. RSVP. bruce-museum.org

5 p.m.

TGIF Fitness Made Fun Dance Class For Individuals with Special Needs. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to everyone. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

SATURDAY, MAY 31

9 - 10:30 a.m.

Sensory Friendly Mornings. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free admission for children 18 & under. bruce-museum.org

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

10 a.m.

Hike for Haiti – Greenwich Edition (Walk, Run, Bike or Skate) in solidarity and raise funds to support healthcare and education access in Haiti. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. give.hopeforhaiti.com/event/hike-for-haiti-2025-greenwich/e670246

12 p.m.

Colonial Crafts: Make Paper Quilling Cards in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

1 p.m.

Art Adventures: Clay Sculptures (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, June 1. bruce-museum.org

1 p.m.

ASL Tour – Members of the D/deaf, Hard of Hearing, and ASL student communities. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free. Registration required. bruce-museum.org

7:30 p.m.

Greenwich Choral Society concert. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School, 10 Hillside Rd. greenwichsymphony.org/may-31-june-1

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Art in the Park. Binney Park. Rain date: Sunday, June 8. ogmerchants.com

10 a.m.

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

12 p.m.

Healthy Kids Day – Arts & Crafts, Dancing, Interactive Games, Healthy Snacks & Refreshments, Raffles & Prizes. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

1 p.m.

Greenwich Pride – flag raising and activities. Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Rd. Rain or Shine. All are welcome.

1 p.m.

Young Artists Philharmonic (YAP) concert. First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave. 917-968-7009. fluteclassics101@gmail.com. youngartistsphil.org.

2 p.m.

Fred Elser First Sunday Science: Foraging with the “Wildman.” Innis Arden Cottage, Tod’s Point. Free (No beach pass is required if you are attending this event). bruce-museum.org

2:30 p.m.

‘Music in the Spring’ concert – Chamber and Choral music. St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes, 4 Riverside Ave. Free (donations welcome). 203-637-3661. stc-sta.org

3 p.m.

Greenwich Choral Society concert. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School, 10 Hillside Rd. greenwichsymphony.org/may-31-june-1

MONDAY, JUNE 2

12 p.m.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation Presentation - Wear Orange Day. Town Hall Meeting Room, 1st floor, 101 Field Point Road. greenwichct.gov

1 p.m.

Greenwich Decorative Arts Society Lecture: “Collecting and the Pursuit of History.” Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$30, greenwichdecorativearts.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

9:30 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

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

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Dinosaur Friends (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, June 4. bruce-museum.org

2 p.m.

The Alliance Française of Greenwich: Arranging Wild Flowers and Herbs: Provence Inspired, with Master Florest Trish O’Sullivan. 299 Greenwich Avenue, 2nd floor. \$15, including raffle to win Trish’s arrangement. afgreenwich.org/Culture-Events.html

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

10 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings Junior: Dinosaur Friends (ages 12 Months-30 Months). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. First come, first served. bruce-museum.org

11 a.m.

Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich: Melody Men. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

5:30 p.m.

League of Women Voters of Greenwich Annual Meeting & Dinner. Riverside Yacht Club, 102 Club Rd. \$85, Members; \$95, Non-members. RSVP. lwvgreenwich.org

6 p.m.

Bruce Presents: Jeremy Frey: Woven, A Panel Discussion. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Non-Member, \$20; Member, \$16. bruce-museum.org

7 p.m.

LGBTQ+ 101: An Introduction to Identities & Allyship. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x20. lisat@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

7 p.m.

FS Hamill Rink Task Force Public Forum. Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom. greenwichct.gov/calendar

7 p.m.

Finding Your Voice as a Parent Webinar: Legal and Financial Planning for Your Child’s Future. Zoom webinar. Free & open to the public. stamfordjcc.org/events/2025/06/04/inclusion/finding-your-voice-as-a-parent-webinar

9 - 11 p.m.

Astronomical Society of Greenwich: Bowman Observatory Public Nights. Bowman Observatory, on the grounds of the Julian Curtiss

School. Free. GreenwichStars@Gmail.com. astrogreenwich.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

9 a.m.

Meet for Coffee with William Huhn. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free. RSVP. bruce-museum.org

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): Small Business Certification: Doing Business with the State. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

6:30 p.m.

Music on the Great Lawn: Joe Calzone’s Mad Dog Redux. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free, Members; \$10, Non-members. greenwichhistory.org/events

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

9:30 a.m.

Greenwich Newcomers Club: Friday Beach Walks at Tod’s Point. Meeting Spot: Second concession stand near the flagpole. Beach passes required. Register. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

5 p.m.

“Night under the Tent.” Second Congregational Church, 139 East Putnam Ave. 2cc.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

12 a.m. - 2 p.m.

50th Annual Summer Bird Count. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Also held Sunday, June 8. greenwich.audubon.org/events

9 a.m.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Fit in the Forest. Converse Park Preserve. Register. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

9 a.m.

Meet for Coffee at the Bruce: Poetry with William Huhn. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free. RSVP. bruce-museum.org.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Greenwich Botanical Center: 68th Annual Grandiflora Garden Tour. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org/upcoming-events

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Greenwich Police Department Benefit Car Show. Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Rd. Rain date: Sunday, June 8. gpd-scholarshipfund.org/gpdsf-car-show

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Foundation House Art + Nature Day. Foundation House at Old Mill Farm, 124 Old Mill Rd, Greenwich. Free & open to the public. foundationhousect.org

11 a.m.

Museum Movers: Yoga for Kids (Ages 3-6). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. bruce-museum.org.

1 p.m.

Science Solvers: Imagination Playground Sculptures (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, June 8. bruce-museum.org

1 p.m.

Lunch and Learn: Jeremy Frey and Ants. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. bruce-museum.org.

2 p.m.

Bruce Experiences: Indigenize the Plate – film screening & panel discussion. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$10, Members & Non-Members. bruce-museum.org.

1 p.m.

Lunch and Learn: Jeremy Frey and Ants. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. bruce-museum.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

India Cultural Center - ICC: Day Trip to BAPS Temple, 112 N. Main St., Windsor, NJ. \$25 & \$40. iccgreenwich.org

3 p.m.

iCreate 2025: Opening Reception. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. RSVP. mlendenmann@bruce-museum.org. bruce-museum.org.

SATURDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 22

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

Greenwich Farmer’s Market Opening Day. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). Through Nov. 22. greenwich-farmersmarketct.com.

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. - 1 p.m.

Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; non-members, \$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. roundhill-communitychurch.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

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.

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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, May 30

10 a.m.
Storytime. Cos Cob Library (Outside). 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: “A Real Pain.” Greenwich Library Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, May 31

10:30 a.m.
Meditation for Families with Roberta Brown. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

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

Monday, June 2

11:30 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

12 p.m.
Broadway on a Budget - Summer in the City Edition. Online.

3:15 p.m.
Nutmeg Book Club with Ms. Flynn “Falling Short” by Ernesto Cisneros. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

6 p.m.
Create Engaging Social Media Content: Reels & YouTube for Personal & Business Growth. Learning Lab.

Tuesday, June 3

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

5:30 p.m.
Annual Friends of Byram Shubert Library Meeting. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

7 p.m.
Peterson Music Lecture: Unpacking Sondheim’s Musical Genius. Berkley Theater.

Wednesday, June 4

10 a.m.
La Leche League of Greenwich/ Stamford/Rye. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

11 a.m.
The Nurse is in: Free Blood Pressure Screening. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

6 p.m.
Successful Aging: Practical Steps You Can Take to Age Well. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Thursday, June 5
9:30 a.m.
Great Books Discussion. On Zoom.

11 a.m.
Tech Help. Learning Lab.

4 p.m.
Celebrating Father’s Day: Ceramic Workshop with Lucia (Registration required). Byram Shubert Library Community 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, June 6

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

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: “The Last Rifleman.” Greenwich Library Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, June 7

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.
Hooked On Crochet. Teen Commons. 203-625-6549. alaughlin@greenwichlibrary.org

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

1 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12). Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

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

2 p.m.
Flinn Gallery Artist Led Exhibition Tour. Flinn Gallery. flinngallery.com.

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

4 p.m.
Share Your Story Reception. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

Tuesday, June 3
5:30 p.m.
Webinar: Biological Clock: Control Your Fertility. Free.

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

Tuesday, June 10
12 p.m.
Talk: Stroke Updates. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. Free.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org

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

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

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

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: RedCrossBlood.org

Saturday, May 31
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The Stamford Hotel, 700 E. Main St., Stamford.
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
New York Athletic Club, Field House, 31 Shore Rd., Pelham Manor, NY.

Sunday, June 1
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Monday, June 2
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St, Cos Cob.

Tuesday, June 3
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
St. Gregory’ the Great Church, 215 Halstead Ave, Harrison, NY.

1 - 5 p.m.
Thomas H Slater Center, 2 Fisher Ct, White Plains, NY.

Wednesday, June 4
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
West Harrison Senior Center, 251 Underhill Ave., West Harrison, NY.

Thursday, June 5
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

12 - 5 p.m.
American Legion Post 979, 40 Bell Rd., Scarsdale, NY.

Saturday, June 7
8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
New Canaan Community YMCA, 564 South Ave., New Canaan.

Sunday, June 8
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, June 2
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 p.m.
Joint Committee Meeting of Education, Finance, Land Use, Legislative & Rules and Public Works. Town Hall Meeting 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.

Tuesday, June 3
4 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

7 p.m.
Joint Committee Meeting of Health & Human Services, Parks & Recreation, Town Services and Transportation. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7:30 p.m.
Appointments Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7:30 p.m.
Health & Human Services Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

7:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:30 p.m.
Town Services Committee Meeting. Hayton Room.

7:30 p.m.
Transportation Committee Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

Wednesday, June 4
6:30 p.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting.

7 p.m.
FS Hamill Rink Task Force Public Forum. In-Person @ Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

7:30 p.m.
District 11 Meeting. Greenwich Country Day School.

7:30 p.m.
District 8 Meeting. Cos Cob School Media Center.

7:30 p.m.

District 4 Meeting. Mazza Room.

Thursday, June 5
11 a.m.
FS Sustainability Committee Meeting. In Person @ Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

7 p.m.
Conservation Commission Regular Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

7 p.m.
District 10 Meeting. Round Hill Church.

7 p.m.
District 3 Meeting. Hamilton Avenue School.

7:15 p.m.
District 2 Meeting. Cone Room.

7:30 p.m.
District 12 Meeting. North Mianus School Library.

7:30 p.m.
District 5 Meeting. Riverside School Library.

7:30 p.m.
District 6 Meeting. Old Greenwich School Cafeteria.

7:30 p.m.
District 7 Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:30 p.m.
District 9 Meeting. Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center.

8 p.m.
District 1 Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, May 30
5:30 p.m.

Greenwich Land Trust’s ‘An Evening at the Farmstead’. 370 Round Hill Rd. gltrust.org/event/an-evening-at-the-farmstead

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 9
10 a.m.
VOICES (Voices Center of Resilience) 11th Annual Golf Outing. Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Scarsdale, NY. voicescenter.org.

Monday, June 23
11 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich’s Annual Golf Tournament. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/I6i/

Monday, August. 11
8 a.m.
Cos Cob School PTA Golf Outing. Griffith E. Harris Golf Course. coscobpta.org/packet/271159454

Thursday, Sept. 25

9 a.m.
Stepping Stones Museum for Children’s 22nd annual ‘Swing Into It!’ Golf Tournament. Stanwich Club, Greenwich. steppingstonesmuseum.org

Saturday, Nov. 8
10 a.m.
Silver Shield Foundation 6th Annual Greenwich Walk. Greenwich Point. silvershieldfoundation.org/greenwich-walk

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, MAY 30

7 p.m.
Backbeat – Rob Cavenagh guides you through the music that makes movies memorable. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

SATURDAY, MAY 31

8 a.m.

New Canaan Land Trust Bird Walk at Bristow Park, 47 Old Stamford Road, New Canaan. Meeting Point: Apple Cart Concession Stand at Mead Park. newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/on-the-trail-bird-walking

2 p.m.
An Afternoon with Ling & Lamb, Authors of Beautiful Foolishness. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7:30 p.m.
Curtain Call presents Julie Benko: Standby Me. Norwalk Concert Hall, 71 Wall St., Norwalk. curtaincall-inc.com

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

2 p.m.
Family Centers Social Worker at the Library. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.
Ballroom Dance Workshop: Session 1. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.
The How and Why of Creativity with Kelly Corrigan. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

5 p.m.
Seed Starting Made Easy. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.
An Evening with David Enrich, Author of Murder the Truth: Fear, the First Amendment, and a Secret Campaign to Protect the Powerful. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

3 p.m.
Start Your Job Hunt with an AI Sprint. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

10 a.m.
Family Centers Social Worker at the Library. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

2 p.m.
TinkerCAD Workshop. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.
David Wolff performs. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free Admission, no reservation required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

7 p.m.
Friday Music & Dance Blast. Ferguson Library – South End Branch at Waterside, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7:30 p.m.
Curtain Call presents The Sponge Bob Musical. The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27 & 28). curtaincallinc.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

6 p.m.
Pops in the Park. Waveny Great Lawn, New Canaan. (Rain date: Sunday, June 15, 6pm). pops-in-the-park.eventcube.io

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Desert haven
- 6 “Door number 1, 2 or 3?”
- 11 Conducted
- 14 Moan and groan
- 15 Main artery
- 16 A third of tri-
- 17 Throw to the side, say? (see the last 4 letters in this answer ...)
- 19 Time in history (... + all 3 in this one)
- 20 Formal deal
- 21 Forearm bones
- 23 Ran into (all 3 letters in this answer ...)
- 25 Mishmash (... + the first 3 in this one)
- 29 Plum’s center
- 30 Highest peak in Alaska
- 31 Highlander (rhymes with “Braille”)
- 32 Hacienda brick
- 34 ___ box (Japanese lunch)
- 36 Certain football player (the last 3 letters in this answer ...)
- 39 Clash with foam ammo (... + the first 3 in this one)
- 43 Orange, but not apple
- 45 Submit taxes online

- 46 2012 film that won Best Picture
- 49 Drop in
- 52 Hack (off)
- 53 Overnight sensation’s trajectory (the last 2 letters in this answer ...)
- 55 Salt Lake City student (... + all 3 in this one)
- 56 St. Teresa’s Spanish birthplace
- 57 Humorist Lebowitz
- 59 Rapper ___ Nas X
- 60 Ending a relationship, or a theme hint
- 67 Snaky fish
- 68 Fire remnant
- 69 Fix, as a hair bow
- 70 Blow away
- 71 Honey Smacks frog
- 72 Very proficient
- DOWN
- 1 Hogwarts messenger
- 2 “I get it now!”
- 3 Take a load off
- 4 Not at all proficient
- 5 Vaccine fluids
- 6 Sam of Sam’s Club
- 7 Short flight
- 8 Spousal ___
- 9 Pennies: Abbr.

- 10 Invites to the penthouse
- 11 Angola’s capital
- 12 Hold the attention of
- 13 Semi fuel
- 18 Massage target
- 22 Sign out
- 23 Calf-length skirt
- 24 English prep school
- 26 Apply gently
- 27 Secluded valley
- 28 “___ kleine Nachtmusik”
- 29 Buddy
- 30 Floor model
- 33 “Keep your shirt on!”
- 35 Card that beats a deuce
- 37 Not to mention
- 38 Chris of “The Good Wife”
- 40 Become limp

- 41 Lotion additive
- 42 Single exercise
- 44 Sushi eggs
- 46 Flowering shrub
- 47 Critic’s write-up
- 48 Front piece on a car
- 50 Image-building group
- 51 Brought into being
- 54 Wrapped, as an ankle
- 55 Like a groom-to-be
- 58 Taj Mahal’s city
- 61 French friend
- 62 Late SCOTUS great
- 63 Casual shirt
- 64 Absorbed, as a loss
- 65 Toy’s sound?
- 66 Group of exercises

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Where a pig belly-flops
4. (K) Parts of many breakfasts
8. (K) Strike hard, as a watermelon with a mallet
12. “Is that it over there? YES!”
13. (K) Jog like a horse
14. Hit the thumbs-up button
15. December drink with 4-Across
16. (K) 23 X 7 - 101 minutes
17. Between, a bit old-school
18. Experimental creatures (2 words)
21. Coffee holder for a wedding reception
22. (K) Delay or postpone (2 words)
26. Say it a few times and shake your head to shame
28. Part of RPM
29. (K) The Halloween ghost said what?

30. Objective of big factories (2 words)
34. (K) Prefix you read already
35. University of Louisville’s color
36. (K) “___ be my honor”
37. (K) Globetrotter’s home
39. (K) Creature that’s almost purr-fect
41. In a sorry state?
46. Major musical composition
49. (K) Like an 1821 first-edition book
50. (K) Words said before a big reception
51. (K) Things you can flap
52. Endorse with your John Hancock
53. (K) Marvel Comics icon Stan
54. (K) It puts a character in the wrong place
55. (K) Cut an actor’s lines
56. Young fellow

DOWN

1. (K) You can beat the drums to it
2. (K) You, 500 years before you were you
3. (K) “Pic-a-nic basket” bear
4. Anesthetic for Shakespeare
5. (K) Let everyone know you’re in pain
6. (K) Rise, like prices (2 words)
7. (K) Like your basic zebra
8. Use dynamite
9. (K) Point an arrow at a bull’s-eye
10. Do Vail
11. (K) “I told him ___ get stronger lifting weights”
19. (K) Pistachios and relatives
20. Super-wise adviser
23. Something written in 1865 for Abe Lincoln
24. Like warm memories
25. (K) Cloud you can walk through

26. Mansion in “Gone With the Wind”
27. Word with “friendly”
28. Container aboard a sci-fi UFO
30. (K) Stat that interests a lstate trooper
31. (K) Start to get ready
32. Guilt and sorrow
33. Provide quotations for
38. (K) Tossed ranch rope
39. Welsh dog with short legs
40. (K) Employee of professional athletes
42. Placed, as one tile beside another
43. (K) It separates cash
44. (K) Brilliant, creative thought
45. Like colleges for girls and boys
46. Certain type of grain
47. Use a crowbar
48. (K) Person calling you out?

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

Start to mature?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

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

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Gotta Split! by Roland Huget

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Horoscopes for Next Week

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

The Mercury-Sun conjunction on May 29 enhances clarity in communication. Use this energy to articulate your ideas and address any misunderstandings. As the week progresses, focus on aligning your actions with long-term goals.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Financial matters come into focus. Review your budget and consider long-term investments. Avoid impulsive spending and seek advice before making significant financial decisions.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

With the Sun in your sign, personal projects gain momentum. The Mercury-Sun conjunction on May 29 offers a fresh perspective. Embrace new ideas and be open to constructive feedback.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

This week encourages introspection. Take time to reflect on past experiences and consider how they shape your current path. Prioritize rest and self-care to recharge your energy.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Collaborative efforts are highlighted. Engage with your community and consider how collective goals align with your personal ambitions. Networking can lead to promising opportunities.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Professional responsibilities demand attention. Stay organized and address tasks methodically. Your attention to detail will be appreciated by colleagues and superiors alike.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Expand your horizons through learning or travel. Seek experiences that challenge your perspectives and contribute to personal growth. Stay open to new philosophies and ideas.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Deep emotional insights surface. Use this time to address underlying issues in personal relationships. Honest conversations can lead to healing and strengthened bonds.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Partnerships take center stage. Collaborate with others to achieve common goals. Balance is key; ensure that both parties' needs are acknowledged and met.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Focus on health and daily routines. Implement habits that support your well-being and productivity. Small, consistent changes can lead to significant improvements.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Creative pursuits flourish. Engage in activities that bring joy and allow self-expression. Share your ideas with others; collaboration can enhance your projects.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Home and family matters come into focus. Create a nurturing environment that supports emotional well-being. Address any domestic issues with compassion and understanding.

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- 1 concern for plane passenger (7)
- 2 western Pennsylvania school (4)
- 3 “Home Alone” mom O’Hara (9)
- 4 a “Four Corners” state (7)
- 5 like a cheesy pizza crust (7)
- 6 soup-and-sandwich chain (6)
- 7 cozy quality (10)



SOLUTIONS

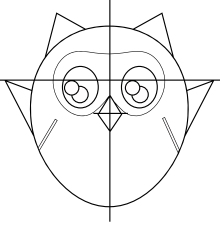
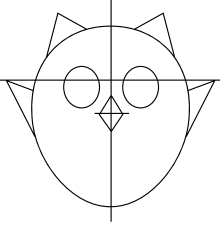
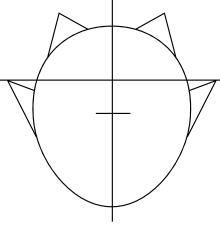
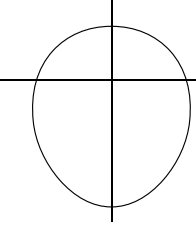

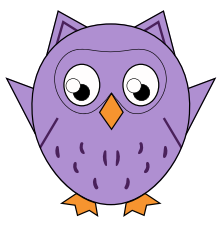
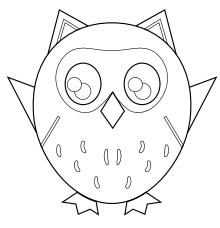
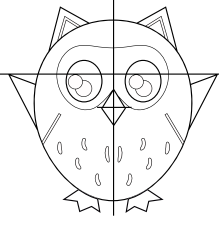




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Previous Answers: 1. INCOLNS 2. REARRANGE 3. STOKED
 4. POTSTICKERS 5. EGRETS 6. BELIZE 7. SONS

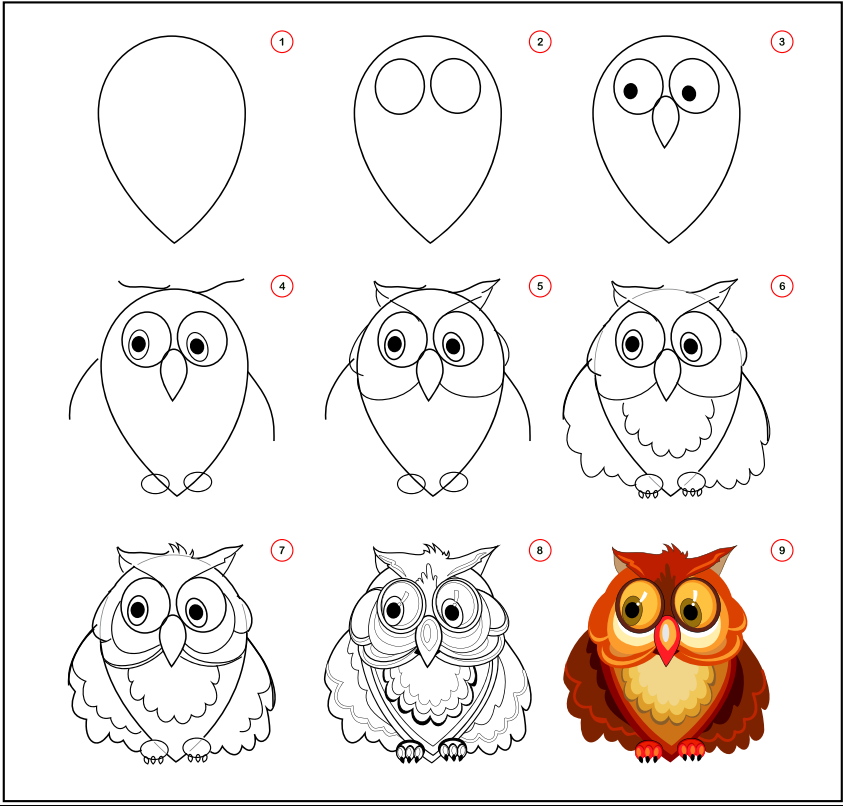
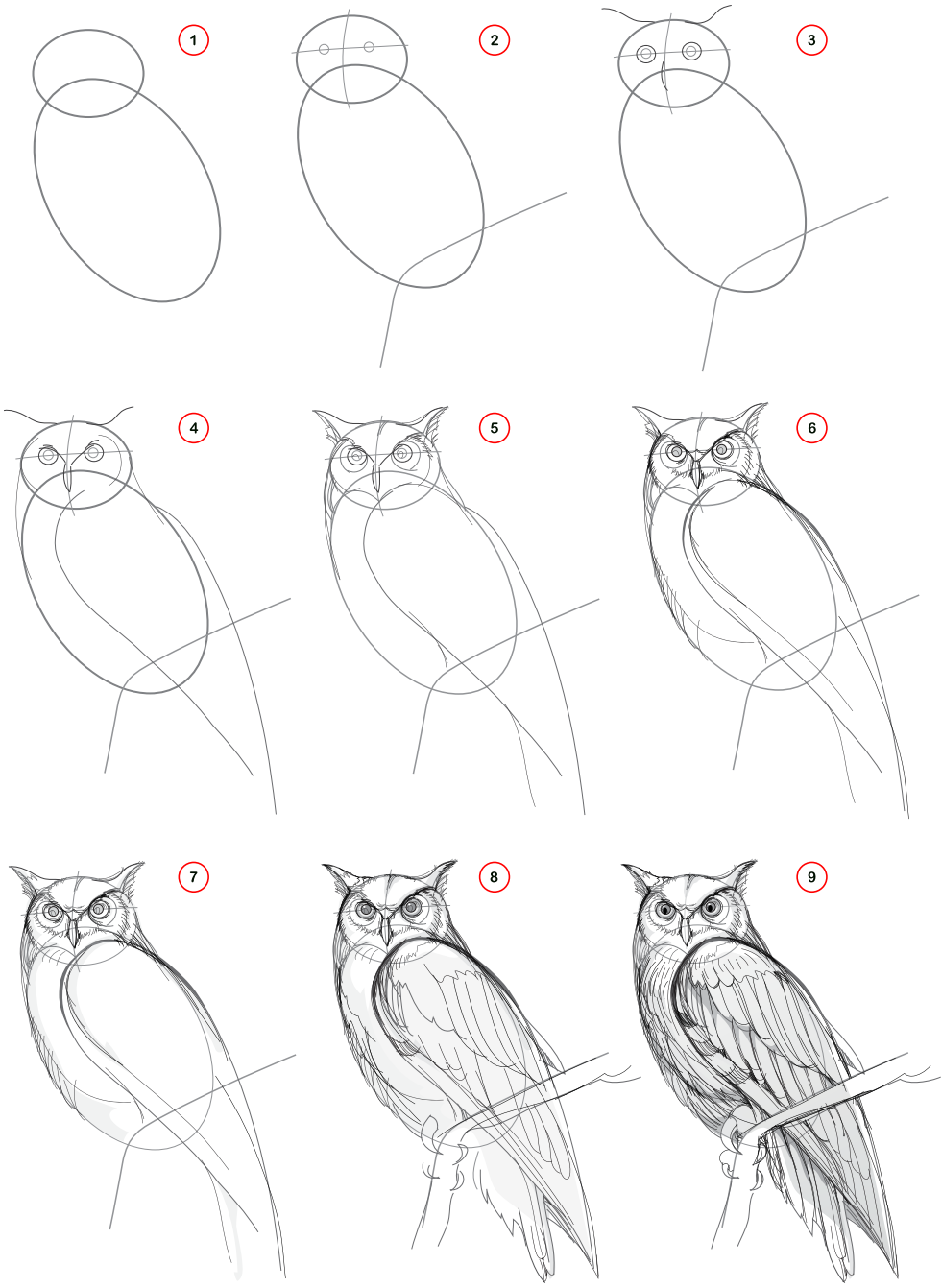
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How To Draw Many Ways: step by step

 Drawing lesson 

How to Draw a Owl



Sudoku for Kids

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Sudoku answers

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