

June 6, 2025

POLICE & FIRE
GPD Hosts Tots and Cops
The Greenwich Police Department held its annual Tots and Cops event. Local children and police officers participated in activities together. The event aimed to promote interaction between the police and community youth.

GFD Appoints New Leadership
On June 4th, the Greenwich Fire Department swore in Tom Lenart as assistant chief of operations. He will assume responsibilities in this role effective immediately. The department announced the appointment publicly.

GPD Releases May Crime Stats
In May, the Greenwich Police Department recorded two motor vehicle thefts, down from eight in April. The most common citation was for speeding, and forgery was the most reported crime. Police responded to 3,877 calls, including two burglaries, two thefts from vehicles, 10 domestic violence incidents, 11 DUIs, and 194 motor vehicle collisions.

FROM TOWN HALL
Town Launches Online Dog Licensing
Greenwich launched an online platform, ClerkXpress, for residents to register and renew dog licenses starting June 1, 2025. The system allows users to complete the process via phone or computer, with options for in-person or mail submissions remaining available. Licenses must be renewed by June 30 each year to avoid penalties.

Binney Park Loop Safety Improvements Approved
At its latest meeting, the Greenwich Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed a proposal from the Department of Public Works to install pedestrian safety improvements on the Binney Park loop scenic road. The plan includes adding flashing beacons at the Wesskum Wood Road bridge crossing, new striping and signage on Arch Street, and yield markings at crosswalks around Sound Beach Avenue. The project was presented because the road's 2020 scenic designation requires Commission review for modifications.

Greenwich Launches Safe Streets Initiative
The Greenwich Department of Public Works will hold the first public meeting for the Safe Streets Greenwich initiative on June 10 from 6

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Green Thoughts

By Anne W. Semmes

"Wonderful how completely everything in wild nature fits into us, as if truly part and parent of us. The sun shines not on us, but in us. The rivers flow not past, but through us, thrilling, tingling, vibrating every fiber and cell of the substance of our bodies, making them glide and sing." John Muir. "Mountain Thoughts" written in 1870s, collected and published by Linnie Marsh Wolfe as "John of the Mountains" in 1938.

Concours d'Elegance Returns to Greenwich



A 1932 Duesenberg Model J Disappearing Top Convertible Coupe (lower right) was chosen as this year's Best of Show – Concours d'Elegance at the annual car show. This year's event focused on celebrating car culture and honoring concours tradition while providing new opportunities for enthusiasts. Photos by Bob Capazzo.

The Man Who Shows Up: Why Joe Kelly Is Greenwich's Tenth Sentinel

By Anne White

A Quiet Force Behind a Loud Impact

Joe Kelly isn't easy to sum up. Ask ten people in Greenwich who Joe Kelly is, and you'll likely get ten completely different answers: the Wall Street veteran, the rugby coach, the volunteer firefighter, the Board of Education leader, the guy who refereed girls rugby, the successful business founder, the boxing coach, the volunteer responder following 9/11.

This year, he is also the tenth recipient of the Sentinel Award, an honor recognizing community members who lead by lifting others while remaining grounded in humility, kindness, and service. Kelly joins the company of past recipients like the first Sentinel, Police Chief Jim Heavey and the other Sentinels, each recognized for putting others before themselves. Kelly, whose resume reads like five lifetimes compressed into one, is a fitting honoree as the award reaches its tenth year.

Queens, Iona, and a Ticket Out

Kelly was raised in Queens, New York, one of six children in a single-parent household after the early death of his father. "We were poor, but we didn't know it," Kelly said. "Everyone around us had the same situation." From paper routes to bartending six nights a week through college at Iona, Kelly embodied the work ethic he would later instill in the countless young people he has mentored.

Though he entered Iona on a track and field scholarship, Kelly gravitated toward rugby, a sport that would later form the core of his community contributions in Greenwich. But finance was his degree, and Wall Street was his destination.

Tokyo, London, and a Career in Overdrive

After securing an early job in the back office of a Wall Street firm, Kelly quickly moved up the ranks, eventually volunteering to help open a Tokyo office in the 1980s—an opportunity few others wanted.

Once there, Kelly and his colleagues had to build the operation from the ground up. There was no office space, no client base, no infrastructure. "It was soup to nuts," he said. They secured real estate, recruited clients, handled regulatory issues.

The experience was intense. Despite the pressure, he found the experience exhilarating. "It was a baptism by fire," he said. "But we built something real, and I learned how to run and scale a business from the ground up."

With his future wife Jill remaining in the U.S., the two sustained their relationship long-distance for two years, with only one visit in between. "We tested our relationship living as far apart as two people can," he said. They passed the test. When Kelly returned, he brought with him not only a deepened commitment to Jill, but also the confidence and experience of

someone who had succeeded in a high-stakes international challenge.

He later relocated to London, where he helped grow a trading operation that went from ten people to more than 250. By then Kelly had married Jill and by the end of their eight years abroad, they were parents to three children.

When they returned to the United States in 1998, it was Jill who chose the place they would finally call home. "She said she'd stay three more years in London if she could choose anywhere she wanted to live. She chose Greenwich."

Unemployment as a Gift

Upon returning, Kelly was contractually barred from working for two years under a non-compete agreement. "I was given a lucrative package, but I couldn't have so much as a paper route," he said. With his usual outlet—"being a workaholic"—cut off, Kelly was forced to do something he came to cherish—find balance.

The adjustment was jarring. "I went from full speed to zero overnight," he said. "It was purgatory."

Yet in that forced stillness, something shifted. Stripped of work, Kelly turned to family and community. He spent time with his young children. He started volunteering—coaching youth soccer, football, basketball, and eventually rugby. He discovered that the sense of purpose he had once found in business could also be found on a field, helping a kid improve his game or mentoring a young athlete off the field.

"I realized I could still work hard, but in a different way," he said. "I didn't need to chase deals 24 hours a day to feel fulfilled." That recalibration changed everything. When his non-compete expired and he reentered the professional world, he did so with new clarity. He could still build companies, invest in complex ventures, and lead teams—but he could also keep balance. Work matters. So does family. So does community.

From that pause came what would become a defining era. "That's when Coach Kelly began," he said.

From Fields to the Boardroom to Ground Zero

Professionally, Kelly returned to Wall Street and worked at Cantor Fitzgerald in 2000. A disagreement with leadership led to his departure in the summer of 2001. Weeks later, the company's offices were destroyed in the September 11 attacks. "I had friends, my brother, my sister-in-law working there," he said. "They left with me. At the time I thought the worst thing had happened. It turns out it saved our lives."

Kelly was downtown when the planes hit. "I walked to the towers. I was under the second tower when it was hit," he said. After evacuating and returning to Greenwich, he joined his brother and returned to Ground Zero. "We did search and rescue for three days," he said. That experience led him to become a firefighter with the Amergerme Fire Department, where he responded to local calls for ten years.

Coaching State Champions, Protecting Girls on the Field

Later, Kelly took over the Greenwich High School rugby program. "Coach Lapham was stepping down. He said, 'I can find someone to coach, but not someone to continue the culture,'" Kelly recalled. "That meant something to me." Kelly led the team to nine state championships in ten years.

"I saw kids being left out. I made sure everyone had uniforms, that no one was left off a trip because they couldn't afford it," he said. He and Jill organized fundraisers and quietly covered costs for athletes without means. "It wasn't sustainable, they told me," he said. "But we made it sustainable—because we built a culture around it."

Today, the Greenwich High School rugby program is led by Joe Kelly Jr. who had gone on to play professional rugby for three years—an experience that deepened his technical mastery of the game. Under his guidance, the program has regained its competitive edge, earning a return to the state championship this season for the first time since his father coached.

Joe Jr. brings a sharper technical

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Fiscal Guardrails "Breaking"

Elizabeth Barhydt

Just before the stroke of midnight on Tuesday, June 3, the Connecticut General Assembly gave final approval to a \$55.8 billion two-year budget, sending it to Governor Ned Lamont, who is expected to sign it.

The final vote—99-49 in the House came down largely along party lines, with two Democrats voting against. In the Senate the 25-11 vote was exactly along party lines.

Behind those numbers lies a deeper shift: a bipartisan experiment in fiscal discipline that began in 2017 has been partially undone.

The budget required 22 votes or more to pass in the 36-member Senate because state budget control changes must be approved in both chambers by at least a three-fifths margin.

For legislative Democrats, the budget is being hailed as a compassionate investment. It boosts Medicaid reimbursement rates, increases the property tax credit, and devotes \$60 million over two years to special

I'd like to see the guardrails extended indefinitely," said former Senator L. Scott Frantz. "They've proven their worth, and it would be a huge mistake to go back to the old ways of doing things."

education. It also includes a \$250 expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income working families—though not the broader child tax credit favored by progressives.

Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney called it a "transformational budget," and Governor Lamont emphasized that it "holds the line on taxes" for the middle class.

Legislative Republicans disagree. They say the budget sidesteps the fiscal guardrails that helped rebuild the state's credit and stabilize its reserves over the past eight years. "This year they are being broken and taxes, spending, and debt are set to go up," said Fazio.

The spending cap, instituted during the 2017 bipartisan budget reforms, was exceeded by more than \$450 million. Additionally, lawmakers created a \$300 million "off-budget" education fund, and revised the volatility cap to divert \$1.8 billion from debt payments into general spending—moves Republicans say are breaking the guardrails and sending Connecticut back to its old ways that led to the brink of bankruptcy and a credit rating reduction.

"The volatility cap alone has paid down \$8 billion of our roughly \$90 billion in unfunded liabilities and avoided over \$700 million in higher taxes annually," Fazio noted. "What the government spends and borrows, it must raise taxes to fund sooner or later."

Former State Senator L. Scott Frantz, who co-led the bipartisan fiscal reform effort in 2017, has been watching with concern. "We were on the verge of bankruptcy," Frantz told the *Sentinel* in an interview last year. "The forecasts were horrific. It was clear that if we didn't change course, the situation was going to implode."

Frantz pointed to the long-term consequences of years of unchecked spending and overreliance on volatile income tax revenue. "We had windfall revenue from capital gains and other taxes during good years," he said, "but instead of saving for a rainy day, they spent it all."

The result was a downgrade in Connecticut's credit rating, outmigration of major employers, and a crisis of public confidence. "It was insane," Frantz said of the pre-guardrail era. "The pensions were a ticking time bomb, and no one wanted to make the tough decisions to rein in spending."

Since 2017, those tough decisions had paid off. The state built a record-setting rainy day fund, paid billions toward pension obligations, and—until this week—maintained the fiscal guardrails.

Democratic leaders say the investments are necessary. Republican leaders say the consequences are inevitable.

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Players and ponies in action at the Greenwich Polo Club last season. (Photo courtesy of Claudia Suica)

Polo Club geared up to kick off its 2025 season

By Liz Leamy

The Greenwich Polo Club is amped to kick off yet another memorable season with its standard gold-star roster of some of the sport’s most renowned and decorated athletes, both human and equine, who will face off against one another at its magnificent Conyers Farm grounds from June through September.

Specifically, the 2025 season will kick off this Sunday, June 8th with the Dairy Boy American Cup, that will be followed up by a host of Sunday afternoon matches held at the club’s famous pastoral back-country Greenwich locale through September.

Players such as Mariano Aguerre, the iconic Argentinian high goaler, along with the Panelo brothers and so many other premier polo athletes based out of South America as well as Wellington, Florida and

various other locales will go head-to-head against one another in such tournaments as the Greenwich Cup, East Coast Silver Cup, East Coast Gold Cup and East Coast Open throughout the season.

According to Harlan Zeerip, the Greenwich Polo Club’s Director of Marketing and Events, the season is looking to be another exciting one on all fronts.

“We’re really looking forward to the season kicking off at Greenwich Polo Club,” said Zeerip. “It’s always a good feeling when the gates open and the first horse is on the field and people are enjoying their refreshments and spending time with friends in the sun on the lawn or in the grandstand.”

Along with the matches, the Greenwich Polo Club will also feature its host of dedicated partners, including Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. and Audi, as well

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as an array of various retail and food truck vendors.

At the same time, the spectators expected to attend matches this year will no doubt provide yet another vital component of this year’s Greenwich Polo Club experience, as they are famously known for their enthusiasm, involvement and energy in regard to supporting the players and ponies at the matches.

“There’s something special about seeing people come back year after year, whether it’s families, friends or longtime sponsors all enjoying a great afternoon of polo together,” said Zeerip.

Others agreed.

“With great excitement, I’m looking forward to capturing the 2025 Greenwich Polo Club season,” said Claudia Suica of PoloFashionLifestyle, covering the matches for PoloHub Social Media based out of Argentina. “As a photographer, there’s nothing more thrilling than freezing the moments of power, elegance and true sportsmanship, from the players and the incredible ponies. Here’s to another unforgettable season on the field.”

For more information, please check out the club’s website at:
www.greenwichpoloclub.com

Jeremy Frey: Woven

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Jeremy Frey (Pittsburgh, Pa., 1978)
Blue Point Lichen (detail), 2018
Ash, hemlock, and pine, 34 x 34 x 34
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Discovery of First Nesting Bird Fossils North of Arctic Circle

By Anne W. Semmes

Daniel Ksepka, in his 11 years as Curator of Science for the Bruce Museum has acquired fame with his bird fossil discoveries. He’s named the world’s largest flying bird and discovered the world’s largest penguin (a flightless seabird). But today he’s partnered in a new discovery of bird fossils found in Alaska, north of the Arctic Circle, dating back 72 million years, the age of the dinosaurs, identified as migratory birds breeding in that freezing part of the

For Ksepka the discovery of the “migration and the nesting” exhibited with these found bird fossils is “the real heart of the story.”

world.

Ksepka spells out the significance of this finding. “Prior to our discovery, the oldest record of birds breeding in the Arctic or Antarctic came from fossil penguin bones (including young birds) discovered on Seymour Island, Antarctic. Those bones are about 40 million years old. So, our discovery pushes that back by about 32 million years.”

“So, the discovery was of all these little bird bones (including from embryos and hatchlings), which is amazing... Alaska was farther north during the Cretaceous period.... The continent drifted south. And so, when you’re up that high, you’re having more than a hundred days a year where it’s dark 24 hours a day. And on the other side of that coin, you have more than a hundred days of perpetual sunlight in the summer.”

And in those 100 sunny days he tells, “The plants are growing rapidly. There are bugs. That’s what they’re eating. If you’re something that eats fish, there’s a lot of plankton and there’s a lot of fish... and when you leave the lights on 24 hours a day, you’re safer from predators. So, think about a fox or raccoon raiding a nest at night. These nocturnal predators, they can’t sneak up on you.”

The discovery team

Ksepka wasn’t there for the actual bird fossils discovery. But his story goes that at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks Princeton PhD student Lauren Wilson was working on her master’s thesis centered on her research - with contributions of nine other team members - in the finding of bird fossils across several field-hunting seasons. He cited Wilson as a “brilliant young woman doing amazing work.” She was introduced to the director of the Museum of the North at the University of Alaska, Pat Druckenmiller with his passion for collecting fossils in a place called the Prince Creek Formation. “And amongst those Cretaceous period rocks,” says Ksepka, “he found dinosaur bones and then a bunch of bird bones.”

Ksepka with his bird fossil finding fame was recruited to serve on Wilson’s thesis committee and be a part of the documenting team of the discovery with Wilson as “lead author,” and Druckenmiller as co-author. But Kspeka notes, “This is Lauren’s project more than anyone else’s.”

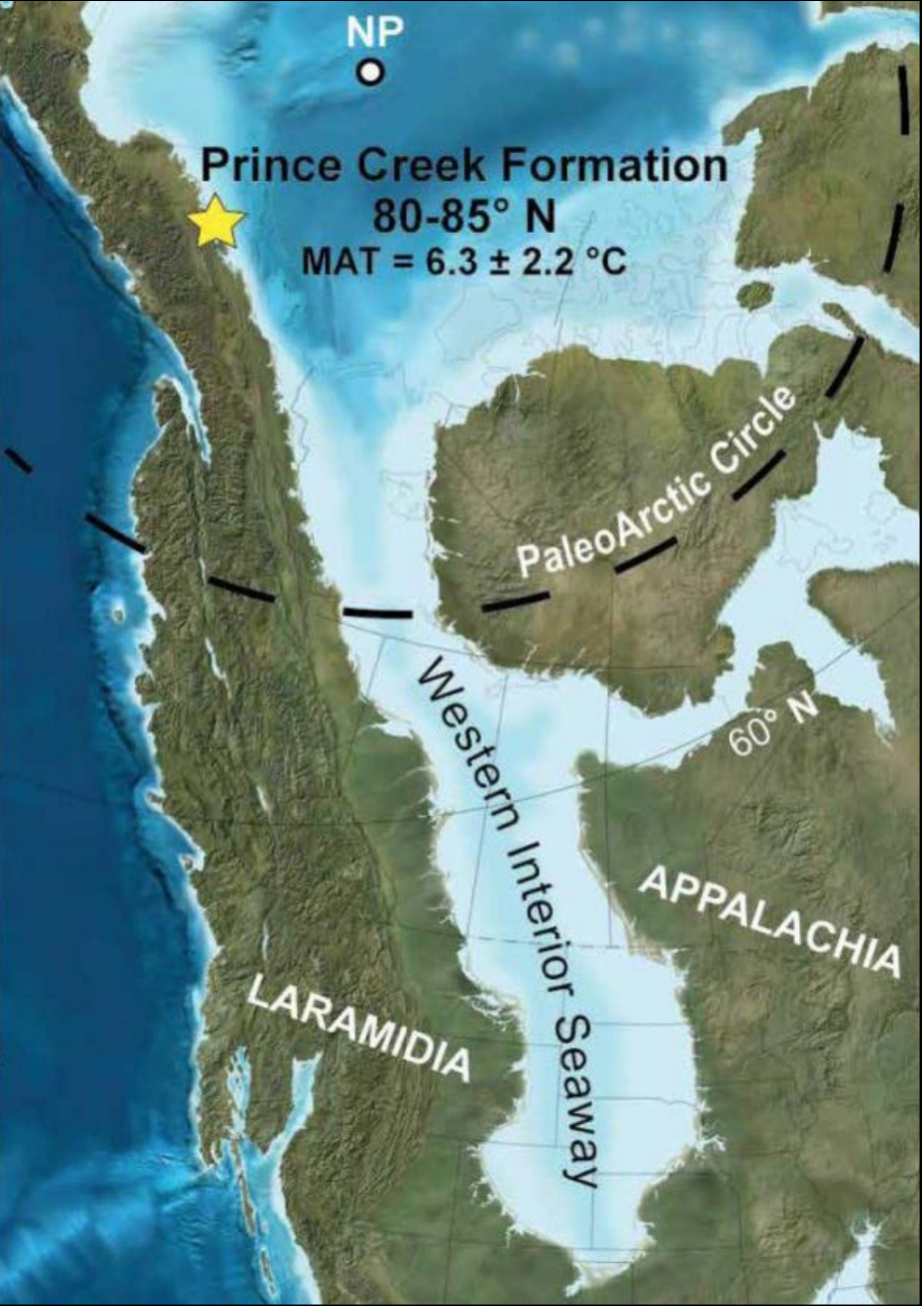
The discovery made the cover of Science magazine last week and has since spread across the world. And those found bird fossils include more than one species. Ksepka describes some of them as illustrated on the Science cover with dinosaurs included. On the left are seagull looking birds – “these are more primitive birds that still had teeth in their beaks. They probably had a tern-like morphology...living in aquatic environments.” Yes, one has a fish in its mouth.

On the right of the image are a gathering of striped baby birds, the more “modern” birds. “These are toothless,” he tells adding that “all the babies seem to belong to this type of bird.” A larger one resembles a duck.

Ksepka shares another image demonstrating just how tiny those bird fossils were, as placed on a penny. “Those are pieces of the feet, bones, and skull bones. This is why this fossil site people had thought was tapped out already... But the University of Alaska crew went back...bringing big blocks of sediment into the lab, and then carefully picked through them. You’re sorting it under a microscope, and then you find these tiny treasures...It’s a vast undertaking, but



“Science” magazine cover with dinosaurs depicted within a 73-million-year-old Arctic environment. L to R a flock of toothed ichthyornithine birds rest on a gravel bank; newly hatched beaked birds follow their parents. Illustration by Gabriel Ugueto.



Map of Arctic territory with star locating the Prince Creek Formation bird fossil site. Contributed photo.



Fossil bones of baby birds from the Cretaceous Period of Alaska set on a penny for scale. Image courtesy of Dr. Patrick Druckenmiller, University of Alaska Museum of the North.

it’s worth the results because it tells you so much.”

Fossil sizes and names

So, what sizes are these birds? “They’re on average about the size of a morning dove - they’re not hummingbird size, but they’re nowhere near an eagle... And being small, you don’t want to be trying to tough out the winter. They probably went south.” And what’s “so cool” to Ksepka is that those birds were “living alongside the same Pachyrhinosaurus dinosaur that is outside the entrance to the Bruce Museum’s Steven & Alexandra Cohen Education Wing!”

So, when will there be a scientific naming of these varied bird fossil species?

“We know what groups they belong to, but we haven’t named any of them. So, the problem is all of the bones are scattered...we have a wing bone, a foot bone, and a beak. But because they were found in this riverbed environment, we don’t know which ones go together. And so, we don’t want to make any assumptions that might look foolish later. So, until we find the skeleton united, we’re going to call them by three different types of birds.” The first is that toothed seagull that belongs to the now-extinct group called the Ichthyornithes. Another group he named for a short-winged diving bird that propels itself with its feet was Hesperornithes. And then there are “those modern birds that look like ducks, Neornithes,” a group that includes all living birds.

Ksepka looks upon those bird fossil finds as “a really important discovery.” Those bird fossils represent “some of the most abundant Cretaceous birds known from North America. There are dozens of bones, and they’re so rare in the United States that this adds a lot to that record as well.” But in the final analysis for Ksepka the discovery of the “migration and the nesting” exhibited with these found bird fossils is “the real heart of the story.”

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SENTINEL AWARD WINNER JOE KELLY
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eye than I ever had,” Joe Sr. said. “But more importantly, he brings the same heart.”

Equally meaningful to the original Coach Kelly was a budding girls rugby program. Kelly ensured they had support and a coach as a club and, in 2019, when they achieved official varsity status, he shepherded their first few games as a referee. It wasn’t a formality—it was a safeguard. Rugby, unlike many other sports, has no rule differences between boys and girls.

“In rugby there are 30 athletes on the field and one referee. It can get very hectic,” Kelly explains. “I needed to make sure the game was safe, fair, and respected. I wasn’t going to leave that to chance.” By stepping in as referee, he protected the athletes, set the tone for the program, and sent a clear message: the girls team mattered just as much as the boys. This spring, six years later, 60 girls turned out for rugby—testament to the inclusive and safe program he helped build.

Service on the Board of Education: Turning Defense into Offense

Joe Kelly joined the Greenwich Board of Education not by ambition, but by request. Originally tapped to run alongside Fred Camillo as Selectman, Kelly agreed to step aside when the RTC asked him

to switch places with Lauren Rabin in order to help balance the ticket. “Whatever you guys need,” he said at the time. “Each one, I could just apply myself and have a ton of fun with.”

Once on the Board, he approached the work with the same energy and organizational clarity he had used in business. What struck him most was how often people in the system were forced to play defense—protecting their positions, avoiding risk—rather than being empowered to lead or innovate. “If you could somehow grab a group and say, ‘I’m going to protect you,’ then they could go on offense,” he said. “Even if it’s small things, you can accomplish a lot.”

During his tenure, Kelly helped create what many called the most collegial and bipartisan board in recent memory. “People think they have to fight. But if you bring everyone together, your productivity becomes exponentially greater,” he said. “You don’t have to worry about getting stepped on or embarrassed. You can just roll up your sleeves and get to work.”

Kelly’s ability to absorb political heat—what he described as “jumping on the hand grenades”—allowed others on the Board to focus on improving the schools rather than navigating constant conflict.

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Joe Kelly with Peter Barhydt, Pam Pagnani (2020 Sentinel Award winner), Stephen Walko (2024 Sentinel Award winner), and Bob Capazzo (2023 Sentinel Award winner) at the Beach Ball supporting Tod’s Point.

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Joe Kelly coached the Greenwich High School Rugby team to nine state championships. Paul Silverfarb photo.

“It was simple stuff,” he said. “But it’s hard to ask people to volunteer their time when it gets ugly. I don’t mind. I come from the open outcry markets. You scream and yell all day, so nothing gets to me. It bounces off.”

He found the experience not only worthwhile, but deeply satisfying. “I told Lauren Rabin later, I’m so glad we switched. I would’ve loved working with Fred, but the Board of Ed was more rewarding,” he said. “Because the beneficiaries of the time and effort were the kids.”

Reading People, Not Pages: Living with Dyslexia

Joe Kelly didn’t grow up knowing he had dyslexia. He just knew reading didn’t make sense the way it seemed to for others. “You used to have to hide it,” he said. “People thought you were stupid if you couldn’t read.” So he adapted. “I’d look at a sheet of paper and couldn’t read it, but I’d watch the person who gave it to me. I’d read their expressions, their tone, their face—just to figure out what they were trying to say. That’s how I learned to get information.”

For years, he masked the difficulty. “On the Board of Ed, I’d memorize what I was going to say,” he explained. But the moment of change came during an RTM meeting, when he was unexpectedly asked to read a resolution out loud. “They handed me the thing, and I was standing at the podium in front of 230 people. I looked down and I just said, ‘I’m dyslexic, so I can’t read this off the cuff.’”

Afterward, several people approached him—some with dyslexia, others with kids or grandchildren facing it. “They told me it helped to see someone successful struggle with the same thing,” he said. “I said, ‘You have nothing to worry about. They just learn to cope, and they’ll be fine.’”

Kelly also pointed out that many high achievers have managed dyslexia. “Richard Branson from Virgin Atlantic has it. Mr. Wonderful from Shark Tank has it,” he said. “What you do is learn coping skills. For me, I learned how to read people instead of paper.”

Today, Kelly speaks openly about it, not to draw attention, but to make it easier for others to talk about their own challenges. “Back then, you couldn’t say anything. Now it’s more accepted,” he said.

Over the past decade, the Greenwich Sentinel Award has become one of the town’s most meaningful honors—not because of fanfare, but because of the character it recognizes. Police Chief Jim Heavey, the inaugural recipient in 2016, set the tone with a lifetime of steady, visible, and compassionate leadership. Rev. Jim Lemler (2017) stood beside those who needed a voice. Susan Wohlforth (2018) championed women and nonprofits with equal passion. James McArdle (2019) preserved both legacy and livelihood as a fourth-generation steward of his family business, while offering mentorship and guidance quietly to others behind the scenes. Pamela Pagnani (2020) brought relentless energy to the service of others, always the first to say yes and the last to seek credit. Stephanie Dunn Ashley (2021) gave her time, talent, and deep compassion to every kind of emergency response and anyone who needed help. Bob Capazzo (2022) never missed a moment—photographing the town, while also lifting spirits and cheering us all on in his understated way. Frank J. Gaudio (2023) carried businesses and families through the pandemic with tireless determination, working with his team through sleepless nights for weeks. And Stephen Walko (2024) set a tone of fairness and trust in public service, with a remarkable talent for effectiveness and never forgetting the human element behind every decision. Each of them continues to answer the same call: to help, to show up, and to serve without fanfare. The award is not for prestige. It is for presence. It honors not those who stand out, but those who stand up—consistently, compassionately, and without condition.

Next Week: Coach, Counselor, Community Builder

In Part Two of our profile, we’ll explore Joe Kelly’s local leadership as a public servant, his unexpected boxing matches (including one alongside his wife, Jill), and more. Join us to celebrate Joe on June 26! Visit www.GreenwichSentinel.com for information.

Remembering Gulliver’s Nightclub Fire



Gulliver’s Nightclub after the disaster. Photo by Cal Hood.

By KATHERINE DEVANEY

On June 30th, 1974 in the early hours of the morning, a fire erupted at Gulliver’s Nightclub, resulting in the devastating loss of 24 young people and the injury of 32 others. The club, situated right on the border of Port Chester and Greenwich, had a bustling and lively atmosphere that boasted a restaurant, bar, lounge, and discotheque with a sunken dancefloor– the epitome of the lively nature of the 70’s. On the night of June 30th, 1974, a band called the Creation with lead singer Paul Caravello was performing, however, the music was interrupted when smoke began to infiltrate the discotheque, which was on the lower level of the building. Many hurried to evacuate the building before it was too late but, unfortunately, the smoke was overbearing for the 24 of those who perished, all of them reportedly suffering from asphyxiation.

This year on June 1st, at 1:30pm many gathered for the second year in a row at the Thomas Lyon House, just across the road from where Gulliver’s once stood, to commemorate the lives lost on that early morning 51 years ago. The club was a hotspot and visitors flocked from regions of Fairfield county and beyond. Among those that perished included residents of Cos Cob, Stamford, New Canaan, Westport and Creation’s keyboard player (Damon) and lead singer (George).

The sun cascaded down onto the crowd, which included relatives of the deceased, firefighters, first responders, and first selectman Fred Camillo among many others. After the first ceremony last year

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celebrating the 50th anniversary of the tragedy, the town joined once again to commemorate, a tradition that is widely hoped to continue on. A sheet with a long list of the names of the victims was distributed upon arrival and the ceremony mourned their loss.

According to a 1999 New York Times report by Joseph Berger commemorating the 25th anniversary of the fire, “The fire at Gulliver’s was the deadliest dance club fire in the United States in more than a generation” and it “called attention to the dangers of herding young people into windowless underground rooms without smoke alarms, sprinklers, fire-resistant walls or limits on occupancy.” Berger’s report called attention to the importance of safety measures within establishments, the lack thereof in Gulliver’s being an key player in the sheer volume of loss that occurred.

Notably, as one of the victim’s relatives mentioned, all those killed were very young, the oldest being 34 years old and the youngest being

18 years old.

Today, the event that occurred on the tragic night is vaguely remembered by members of the newer generations. As the brother of one of the victims, Michael F. McManus says, “you know, you ask a lot of young people today, they don’t remember.” Certain horrific incidents are memorialized and documented with “parks and new schools,” while others get brushed to the wayside. Thankfully, the ceremony, which took 50 years to initiate, is now hoped to be a recurring annual event, with First Selectman Fred Camillo working to honor the victims.

As mentioned in his weekly newsletter on May 30th, 2025, Camillo is, “continuing to push for the new bridge project that will connect Greenwich and Port Chester to be dedicated as a memorial bridge to the victims of the fire,” a project that is “easier said than done,” but is nevertheless a priority on his list.

To honor the victims of the Gulliver’s nightclub fire, the list of names can be found below, as presented during the ceremony.

- Robert A. Amico, 19, Stamford, CT
- Alexander Blazinski, Jr., 21, Union City, NJ
- Thomas F. Burke III, 23, Stamford, CT
- George D. Chase, 24, Bronx, NY
- Damon DeFeis, 19, Deer Park, Long Island, NY
- Denise M. DiMauro, 21, New Milford, CT
- Linda S. Edwards, 20, New Canaan, CT
- Michael J. Gauruder, 19, Cos Cob, CT
- Virginia Guannat, 19, French citizen working in Cos Cob, CT
- Janet M. Haehl, 20, Westport, CT
- Jonnetta V. Lunnerman Horsey, 26, Mount Vernon, NY
- Cindy L. Johanessen, 19, Griswold, CT
- SSGT Paul R. Kulikowski, 24, Forest City, PA
- Michael F. McManus, 22, Scarsdale, NY
- Philip P. Memoli, 34, Stamford, CT
- Eugene F. O’Connell III, 20, Stamford, CT
- Betty Ann Pulver, 19, Stamford, CT
- Timothy A. Scaia, 19, Fairfield, CT
- Robin L. Seeley, 18, Port Chester, NY
- Tracy A. Thomas, 19, Stamford, CT
- Mark E. Thompson, 20, Stamford, CT
- Dale Roxie Ward, 26, Mamaroneck, NY
- Lynne M. Wojciechowski, 22, New Milford, CT
- Susan L. Pennington Zizzi, 23, Stamford, CT

Tiger Tenacity: A Recap of an Amazing Season

ETHAN HUDSON

As the 2024/25 school year comes to an end for Greenwich Country Day School (GCDS), so does the spring 2025 athletic season, one that proved to be very successful for GCDS. With a season that yielded a coveted New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) championship, GCDS Athletic Director Tim Helstein had high praise for the Tigers, declaring the season as one of the most successful the school has ever had.

The GCDS Boys Varsity tennis team was among one of the most victorious Tiger programs this spring, capturing the Fairchester Athletic Association (FAA) Tournament team championship (the first in program history), regular season tournament championship, and NEPSAC championship. With a 15-0 regular season record, head coach Steve Feder credited the consistent winning to his players’ attitudes, saying, “I am so proud of our team for their commitment to each other. Tennis is usually an individual sport but our players are completely invested in our team’s success.”

Undefeated seasons for the GCDS spring sports programs do not stop there. Joining the Boys Varsity Tennis team with perfect regular seasons are the Boys Varsity Golf team (11-0) and the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team (16-0). The latter ended the season with a FAA regular season championship, the second in the last three years for the Boys Varsity Lacrosse program. The team benefited from strong veteran leadership throughout the season. “Our senior class in particular deserves a lot of credit - they are flat out winners both on and off the field,” said head coach Andrew Copelan.

In addition to the boys varsity team, the GCDS Girls Varsity Lacrosse team capped off an impressive season, qualifying for the FAA semi-final. Senior Ella Wilner made history this season becoming the first player to score a 200th career goal in GCDS Girls Lacrosse history.

Although not all programs were fortunate enough to go undefeated in the FAA, athletes from all respective teams still turned out some

impressive performances this spring. Junior Grace Gapen, a member of GCDS’s track and field team won first place at the NEPSAC Track and Field championships, winning both shot put and discus.

Yet the individual accolades for the Tigers do not stop there. After every athletic season, GCDS distributes their “Pride Award” for each sport, one that goes to a student-athlete who has overcome adversity, shown true dedication, and growth throughout the season. For Varsity Baseball, Bryce Hill and Mason Zuniga received the award. For Varsity Softball, Gabby Zarro was the recipient. For Boys Varsity Tennis, Julian Toub received the award. For Girls Varsity Tennis, Brynn Forlizzi and Jane Loverro were the recipients. For Boys Varsity Golf, Brennan Cunnion received the award. For Girls Varsity Golf, Charlotte Datwent was the recipient. For Boys Varsity Lacrosse, Parkin Overbay received the award. For Girls Varsity Lacrosse, Chloe Morris was the recipient. For Varsity Rowing, Cate Auerswald and Sofia Orr received the award. For Varsity Sailing, Harrison Thompson was the recipient. For Varsity Track and Field, Romell Sarsoza and Annetta Solari received the award. For Girls Water Polo, Fiorella Deus was the recipient.

As important as performance is for athletes during games, their behavior after the final whistle is something that GCDS does not take lightly. That’s why, similar to the Pride Award, one student-athlete from every team is selected as the recipient of the “Coaches Award,” which goes to an athlete who demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season.

This year, the Tigers truly showed their sportsmanship stripes. In fact, some teams had more than one recipient, such as MD Mutescu and Katherine Salce of the Varsity Rowing team, Liam Kennon, Mia Secko-Thompson, and Charlie Maloney of the Varsity Track and Field team, William Bugbee, Steve Carre, and Griffyn Flood of the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team, Bianca Amen and Ella Wilner of the Girls Varsity Lacrosse team, and Kathryn Byxbee, Talia SandhuZach

*‘You have earned your stripes!’
Go Tigers!’*



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Cole, Nico Della Pietra, and Austin Nelson of the Girls Water Polo team. Landon Ristau of the Varsity Baseball team received the award, as well as Peter Manuel of the Boys Varsity Golf team, Alex Darwent of the Girls Varsity Golf team, Grant Zucconi of the Varsity Sailing team, Sophia Schwartz of the Varsity Softball team, Felipe Miguens of the Boys Varsity Tennis team, and Abby Greenlatt of the Girls Varsity Tennis team.

Because of so many notable individual seasons this year, GCDS will be graduating 20 senior student-athletes who have committed to play their respective sports at the college level, ranging from NCAA Division I to Division III.

Ben Bilden will be playing soccer at Dartmouth; MD Mutescu will be rowing at Northeastern; Austin Nelson will be playing water polo at George Washington; Eli Rosen will be running track and field at Emory; Ella Larken will be rowing at Villanova; Brianna McDermott will be playing basketball at Holy Cross; Owen Chickering will be sailing at Northeastern; Dylan Kellan will be playing lacrosse at Notre Dame;

Wyatt Lupo will be playing golf at Hamilton; Mia Rodgers will be playing golf at Wesleyan; Emily Behr will be swimming at Trinity; Bobby Jones will be playing lacrosse at MIT; Griffyn Flood will be playing lacrosse at Wesleyan; Danielle Braver will be playing soccer at William Smith; Brennan Cunnion will be playing football at Dennison; Luca Corsano Leopizzi will be playing football at Johns Hopkins; Stephen Carre will be playing lacrosse at Sacred Heart; Jackson Anderson will be rowing at Princeton; Elle Price will be playing hockey at Albertus Magnus; Ella Wilner will be playing lacrosse at Clemson. These former Tigers are sure to keep dominating, regardless of the color of their uniforms.

The spring 2025 athletic season resulted in a plethora of medals, trophies, and memories for GCDS student-athletes. Helstein expressed his content with this year’s athletes, saying “It was a pleasure to watch you practice and compete with pride and purpose. It is without question that I can say, ‘You have earned your stripes!’ Go Tigers!”

Byram Community’s Evolving Tribute

CINDY SALCEDO

Every year, the Greenwich Byram Veterans Center hosts a parade as a reminder of service, remembrance, and gratitude for memorial day. Located within the Byram neighborhood, the center is merely a structure, but one that speaks to the tradition of honoring the many town men and women who have served in the armed forces. That legacy comes into focus annually on Memorial Day, when the town turns out for the Byram Veterans Parade. But in recent times not so many locals seem to stop by for the parade.

Part of the reason, Greenwich resident Andrea Doty believes, is invisibility. “They should advertise them a little bit more. Make up the page in the papers or something,” she said. Although the parade is so deeply rooted in Greenwich’s history, many residents are not even aware that it exists. In contrast to the larger Memorial Day events in downtown Greenwich or Old Greenwich, the Byram parade goes unnoticed while it offers a unique way for citizens to reflect on veterans service.

The Byram Veterans Parade used to draw out the crowd. “There would be girl scouts, there would be the gymnast society, the school, they would march. Everything.” Doty recalled. Years back, the parade painted neighborhood streets

and parks with color, music and neighborhood pride. Today, the parade is smaller. Another reason why parades are shrinking are due to fewer World War II veterans, veterans relocating, which changes sizes of local celebrations.

Although fewer in number, the spirit of the Byram Parade stays strong. Those who do attend are reminded of the larger significance of the day to honor those lost in service and to rejoice over those who returned home. The parade concludes at the Greenwich Byram Veterans Center, where flags are removed, names are spoken, and veterans are thanked personally.

The center itself is a vital component of the community throughout the year, not just Memorial Day. It is a place where veterans can gather, socialize, and find support. But its community standing, like that of the parade, could benefit from higher awareness and outreach. Through greater promotion from town pamphlets, to special feature space in local papers, Greenwich could possibly get more to join and have area residents remember the need to honor those who served.

The Byram Parade might have changed over the years, but their importance hasn’t faded.

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Byram veterans association commander giving a speech during ceremony as dignitaries look on including Fred Camillo, State Senator Ryan Fazio (obscured) and State Representative Tina Courpas. Photo by Cindy Salcedo

In fact, the diminishing number of survivors from previous wars and the need to show appreciation grows all the more important. Through recommitting resources and attention to activities at the Byram Veterans Center, Greenwich not only remains true to the past, but also continues to strengthen its present day community.

Through investing in better promotion and raising awareness about the parade, Greenwich will be able to bring back the energy from Byrams past parades. It can bring back to the time where organizations would parade together in Byram with pride. Memorial day is not a summer kick off or a day off from work; it’s a day to remember, honor, respect and to engage.

Greenwich Community Unites for Pride

By Luana Rocha and Emma Barhydt

June marks Pride Month, a time when communities nationwide unite in celebration, solidarity, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ rights. Amid vibrant rainbow flags and celebratory events, Pride Month honors the resilience of LGBTQ+ individuals who have historically endured significant discrimination and injustice.

The origins of Pride Month trace back to the Stonewall uprising of June 28, 1969, when patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York City bravely resisted a police raid. This watershed moment ignited a nationwide movement that led to the creation of annual Pride celebrations, symbols of both protest and pride.

On Sunday, June 1 at Town Hall Greenwich continued this legacy with its annual Pride celebration. The day featured a robust program,

highlighting the town’s commitment to equality, inclusion, and allyship.

Town leadership, religious leaders, and elected officials came together and joined the LGBTQ+ people, family, and allies of the community to honor the beginning of Pride month through a formal program. Remarks made by First Selectman Fred Camillo, Selectwoman Lauren Rabin, Selectperson Janet Stone McGuigan, State Representatives Steve Meskers and Hector Arzeno all expressed their support and determination to make the community feel safe and welcomed.

A highlight of the afternoon was the formal reading of the official Pride Month proclamation, immediately followed by the ceremonial raising of the Progress Pride flag—a powerful emblem representing diversity,

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progress, and unity.

Beyond the official program, the giggles of children permeated the air, rainbow-painted faces beaming with smiles, as flags were passed around—even outside organizations and four-legged friends came to show their support. Many outside organizations were also present to show their support.

Holly Izant-McSharry, a fellow parent and ally of the community, who attended, expressed how “We want to make sure that these events keep happening so that all kids growing up will know that they’re respected and valued.” These celebrations help ensure that LGBTQ+ individuals can live openly and safely, fostering greater understanding

and acceptance among community members who may previously have had limited exposure to LGBTQ+ perspectives. Izant-McSharry further noted, “Every year it gets bigger and bigger, and people become more accepting. And even friends of mine that maybe twenty years ago wouldn’t have been as accepting are now.”

Greenwich has become an open space that allows people to feel a sense of love, and by hosting events where those in power speak and show support, it radiates a feeling of reassurance and security. As June passes, we must remember, as a community, that pride means much more than just rainbows; it means support and acceptance.

Greenwich Comes Together for Important Cause

By Ethan Hudson

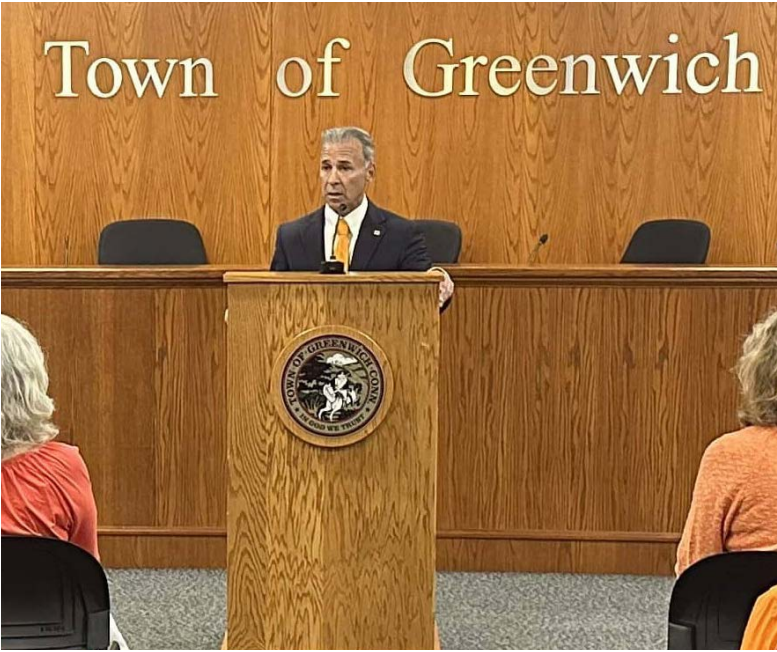
Today more than ever, community is a vital force in furthering societal progress, and is often the driving force behind necessary change. Addressing gun violence effectively demands community unity and engagement, which the town of Greenwich exemplified on Monday, June 2, when residents gathered at Town Hall in vibrant orange to designate June 2 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Orange, a color traditionally worn by hunters to prevent accidental shootings, has become

possessing a firearm.” However, she emphasized an ongoing gap, stating, “The federal law still allows boyfriends or dating partners to obtain a gun even though they’re subject to a restraining order.”

Following the formal proceedings, attendees offered further reflections. Selectman Lauren Rabin emphasized the importance of community engagement, “I think it’s really important to just get the community aware, but also to connect it to the broader issues.”

Sheila Phelan and Jen Nappo, two Greenwich residents who felt compelled to join the gathering,

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emblematic of the struggle against gun-related tragedies—a struggle Connecticut knows all too intimately.

Lauren Rabin of the Greenwich Board of Selectmen began the solemn observance by acknowledging both progress and persistent peril. She remarked, “Today is not a celebration. Connecticut has made so much progress. The latest achievement being the passage of HB 7042, well done, but that news was soon followed by the sickening report of the Waterbury Mall shooting. There is still so much work to be done.”

First Selectman Fred Camillo’s proclamation highlighted alarming statistics: “210 people were killed with firearms during 2024” in Connecticut alone, and “firearms are the second leading cause of suicide in Connecticut and account for more than half of the gun deaths in our state.” Nationally, he continued, “Firearms are now the leading cause of death in children and teens in the United States.” He further underscored, “Abused women are five times more likely to be killed by a partner that owns a firearm.”

Mary Lee Kiernan, CEO of the YWCA Greenwich, spoke regarding the intersection between gun violence and domestic abuse. “Half of all women, and two in five men, report experiencing abuse from a partner, and regrettably, this coercion is a deadly connection between guns, gun violence, and domestic violence,” noted Kiernan.

Highlighting legislative victories and persistent gaps, Kiernan addressed Connecticut’s response to domestic violence through red flag laws, noting the tragic case of Lori Jackson, whose murder led to laws “banning those persons subject to a temporary restraining order from

expressed their passion and urgency towards solving gun violence.

“It’s horrifying that we’re so used to gun violence in this country, and we need to keep the pedal to the metal,” Sheila said. “There’s a focus on mental health being at the back of it, and most times folks with mental illness are not violent...The guns aren’t necessary. I just don’t think they are. Except maybe hunters, but I don’t know why we need weapons of war.”

Jen agreed, urging people to keep advocating for gun safety. ““Having events like this... not forgetting what our goals are and why we need to have stricter gun laws... We need to come together on this. This is a bipartisan issue. This affects everybody,” explained Jen.

The gathering concluded quietly, leaving attendees reflective yet resolute. The sea of orange—vivid yet solemn—signified community, solidarity, and the ongoing imperative to address gun violence comprehensively. Both a symbol for the hunting thing and in tribute to the late Hadiya Pendleton, an innocent Chicago teen who was shot and killed in a park in 2013. The day of the gathering would have been her 28th birthday. As attendees dispersed, conversations lingered, building connections and reaffirming commitments to ensure that future birthdays are celebrated rather than mourned.

Those who were a part of the gathering agree there is still much work to be done, but all recognize that with the rallying of community, it is very much doable work. Holding more events such as the one on Monday are continued steps, no matter how small, towards the right direction.

Where Stories Begin: Diane Garrett’s Legacy of Literacy

Luana Rocha

The saying “you only live one life” is something we often hear growing up, a phrase meant to motivate us to do

she has impacted keeps her going. “Seeing the light in their eyes is all I ever wanted,” she remarked. Thankfully, she has had the opportunity to do that as the community in the town of Greenwich has constantly

It is clear that through her store, Diane has made her mark and helped citizens of Greenwich discover the beauty in books- by participating in the Greenwich United Way’s Reading Champions volunteer celebration and attending reading sessions at schools such as Hamilton Avenue, Julian Curtiss, and New Lebanon, creating a love of reading amidst students. As a way to give back to her community and inspire others, Diane has also organized an Angel Tree Program, where people can donate a book as a gift for children. In recognition of her impact on the town of Greenwich, Diane Garrett was awarded the Malcolm S. Pray Excellence in Business Award, an honor given to businesses that provide significant service to their community.

However, despite the community’s years of support, Diane remains concerned that, after 35 years, the town has yet to make parking accommodations for her store, which she views as a “travesty.” It is very difficult to visit the store due to the terrible parking spaces, which she is still fighting for. Nevertheless, Diane takes pride in what she has accomplished, as she can see the people in town’s love for her and her store. She explains that she admires how people look past this and find a way to come in anyway, and that she feels as though those in town “ have embraced her,” or I wouldn’t have been there for 35 years.”

With countless books read throughout her life, Diane believes that every household in town should read D’Aulaires’ Book of Greek Myths, but not just to themselves; she makes a point that everybody should sit down and read it aloud, Something she has done for her children and grandchildren until they went to college. She emphasizes that this is not just a book you read when you are young; it is a book that you must re-read at twelve, fifteen, eighteen, and so on. Overall, Diane’s book is a piece that strikes a chord with the community, and Diane is grateful that her store can touch the hearts of both the smallest and the biggest. She hopes to continue helping people grow not only as readers but as individuals.

embraced her store and has made an effort to come in and find the book for them. With Diane and her staff being called, “The book Matchmakers,” a nickname given due to their ability to help find the perfect book for you, by providing those in store with an idea of what you want, or just simply a description of the mood you want to be in while reading, at Diane’s books you will find what you are looking for. In today’s age, having a bookstore that focuses on making their buyers fall in love with a piece of literature is a rarity, as people often forget the feeling of walking into a bookstore, because now a novel can be waiting at your doorstep with just a simple click on your phone. As a person who values the bond that books can create, Diane is astonished that this has become a normal thing in our lives, saying how, “Online can’t tell what you want to read,” and those who go to her store, “Come to find what they love,” being able to have a raw conversation about the novel ensures that a person will leave happy rather than just reading reviews online. As a result, over time, it becomes less common for her to see families come in. Diane wants parents to tell their children, “Put the screens away and let’s go to the bookstore.” She highlights how there used to be a time when parents would take their kids to the store, and now many kids spend their time on screens. She hopes that her store and its vision can help children obtain that love and motivate the current generation to read more, as she wants, “reading to be fun.”

Walking into the gem that is Diane’s Books, people are immediately hit with the warm scent of paper and ink...

something we wouldn’t necessarily do. On the other hand, a reader can confidently refute this claim, as we can live a thousand lives through a simple page flip. Whether it’s a life in which their name is Katniss Everdeen, and they are fighting at the capital, or another one in which they are a student at a wizard school learning how to control their magic. A reader can be transported into a different reality simply by reading a sentence. Diane Garrett is no different; growing up with her mother reading stories to her ultimately instilled in her a love that has followed her throughout her lifetime. After moving to Greenwich from Northern Ontario in Canada, Garrett was bothered by the lack of children’s book stores in the area, taking that as a sign, she began working on her dream. That dream, 35 years later, would be called Diane’s Books. Just off Greenwich Avenue, walking into the gem that is Diane’s Books, people are immediately hit with the warm scent of paper and ink, which belongs to over 35,000 titles that the store holds. Taking the term “ there is a book for everyone,” very literally, Diane has a mix of children’s, young adult, and adult novels ready to bring the right person on a journey.

Since 1990, the store has aimed to encourage more people to become lifelong readers and experience the sensation that a novel can provide. With a passion for making a mark in people’s, and especially in children’s, lives, hearing and looking at those

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.

RMA Presents Maestro Malina



Maestro Stuart Malina of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra spoke about his career experiences, trends in the composition of new music, and the contrast between popular and classical music.

Performers are crucial in bringing new music to life, and time and repeated performances determine a work's longevity.

By JIM DEAN

The May 28 meeting of the Greenwich Retired Men's Association featured an interview by Fred Wu with Stuart Malina, the seasoned music director of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra. Maestro Malina, who also leads the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra and the Lake Placid Sinfonietta, offered reflections on a career marked by both triumphant musical moments and unexpected challenges. His distinguished background includes studies at Harvard College, Yale University, and the Curtis Institute of Music. He has led ensembles across the globe.

Recalling especially memorable performances, Malina highlighted his 25th anniversary concert with the Harrisburg Symphony. This program notably featured his performance of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, a piece that bookended his tenure, having also been on the program for his first concert in Greenwich. The Harrisburg concert also included the premiere of a tone poem composed by his son, who recently graduated from Rice University. Malina described conducting his son's 17-minute piece, which he found "extremely beautiful." It was an "overwhelmingly satisfying experience."

He contrasted the conductor's role as a "recreative force" with the composer's role as a "creator of music," expressing pride in his son joining the latter ranks. Beyond family ties, Malina cherishes making music with colleagues and friends he loves, noting that every week offers a memorable musical event. While large-scale works like Mahler symphonies or choral titans such as Beethoven's Ninth Symphony or Carl Orff's Carmina Burana are inherently memorable, he also values the intimacy of playing chamber music on piano.

Malina recounted several "near calamities" that tested his composure. One notable incident

that of a professional orchestra, where players, with decades of experience, sometimes seem to "want to hate their conductor," or approach new conductors with skepticism. Economic constraints, particularly the cost of soloists and stage limitations, often restrict performances of large choral pieces like Giuseppe Verdi's Requiem or Ernest Bloch's Sacred Service.

Turning to the state of contemporary classical music, Malina sees a positive trend in composers focusing on writing music that connects with audiences. He contrasted this with a period in the mid-to-late 20th century when composers like Arnold Schoenberg (after his romantic period works such as Verklärte Nacht) and his follower Anton Webern explored complex techniques, sometimes creating music that was intellectually stimulating to study but difficult to listen to. Malina feels this music was sometimes written for academics

contrasting it with some modern pop he finds repetitive and lacking. He also mentioned other progressive bands like Genesis and King Crimson, and songwriters like Billy Joel, for their interesting melodies and structures.

Malina noted that information on his pre-concert videos could be found on the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra YouTube channel or by joining its email list.

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

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "The Sports Betting Market" by Shaun Kelley, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

This presentation is an in-depth, fast-paced analysis of the history, explosive growth, current status and future projections for the on-line "gaming" (i.e. gambling) industry. Sports betting is a large and growing market, fueled by the legalization of betting in many states and the explosion of on-line betting. Industry expert Shaun Kelley will provide his perspectives on the industry, the drivers of growth, who are the key players, and what the future may hold.

Mr. Kelley is a Managing Director of the Americas Equity Research Division at Bank of America covering gaming, lodging and leisure, and is based in New York. He joined Bank of America in 2004 and has covered his current sectors since 2008. Kelley has been ranked in the Top three of Institutional Investor's annual Americas research poll for 10 of the last 11 years. He also ranked in the top three in the Greenwich Research Associates Poll from 2009-2013. Prior to joining Bank of America, he was an investment banking analyst and associate in technology, media and telecom, primarily at JPMorgan. He has a B.A. degree in political science and economics from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

To stream the presentation by Shaun Kelley at 11 AM on Wednesday, June 11, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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involved a Steinway piano at a Harrisburg performance of Camille Saint-Saëns's Second Piano Concerto with pianist Pascal Rogé. The piano's entire pedal mechanism fell off, forcing a switch to a subpar house piano. Ironically, this led to the orchestra receiving a new Steinway from the dealership. A more distressing event occurred in Harrisburg when Malina had to fire a singer the night before a performance due to lack of preparation for Samuel Barber's Knoxville, 1946 and Maurice Ravel's Shéhérazade. Malina stepped in to perform Rhapsody in Blue himself, a piece he fortunately knew well. In Greenwich, a concert featuring a concerto by Keith Emerson, to be performed by Jeff Biegel, was disrupted when Biegel had to cancel due to a family emergency. Young Concert Artists helped find a last-minute replacement, Albert Cano Smit, who brushed up Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto quickly and performed it masterfully with minimal rehearsal. Malina praised the orchestra's professionalism and heightened concentration in navigating these challenges.

Other issues included a conductor colleague getting Covid in Lake Placid, leading to a program change to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and J.S. Bach's Double Concerto. Malina noted his tendency to remain calm, focusing on achieving the best possible outcome whatever the circumstances. Discussing choral works, Malina, who has a background singing in choirs like the Harvard Krokodiloes, expressed his deep affection for the choral repertoire, despite it being a smaller percentage of his work. He finds conducting a chorus uniquely satisfying due to the detailed focus required, such as managing vocal cutoffs. He contrasted the dynamic between a chorus and a conductor—where choruses often "want to idolize their conductor" and are eager for inspiration—with

rather than the public. Today, he observes an eclectic landscape with composers writing diverse styles aimed at evoking emotion or reflecting on the modern world. He stressed that performers are crucial in bringing new music to life and that time and repeated performances determine a work's longevity. He considers a new piece successful if even a third of the audience strongly responds to it. On the distinction between classical and popular music, Malina suggested the key difference lies in the listening experience. Popular music often provides a quick "emotional punch" while classical music, designed for the concert hall, offers a longer, more nuanced "emotional journey" requiring patience. He used the analogy of a short, action-packed movie versus a longer, reflective film. Historically, much music now considered "classical" was once popular entertainment, such as Franz Schubert's Lieder, Strauss family waltzes, Niccolò Paganini's virtuosic performances, Franz Liszt's recitals, Fritz Kreisler's short works, and Scott Joplin's ragtime like the "Maple Leaf Rag."

Regarding orchestration, the art of assigning music to instruments, Malina named Maurice Ravel as the ultimate "master orchestrator," praising his creative and beautiful instrumental combinations. He also cited Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, author of a seminal book on the topic, and John Williams as superb orchestrators. In contrast, he noted that composers like Robert Schumann and Frédéric Chopin were less skilled, sometimes writing music that, while compositionally brilliant, required significant balancing adjustments due to less imaginative or dense scoring.

Finally, asked about Pink Floyd, Malina expressed admiration, particularly for their album Dark Side of the Moon. He found their music creative, complex, and constantly shifting, with brilliant use of instrumentation (orchestration),

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Driving Change: Greenwich Teens Win



Margaret Hazlett, Head of School Greenwich Academy, Connie Blunden, Faculty Advisor, Tess Azmak, Caroline Stickel and Willow Buscemi, Program Director Meals-on-Wheels

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

In a heartfelt celebration of community spirit and youthful leadership, Tess Azmak and Caroline Stickel, two inspiring students from Greenwich Academy, were honored with the inaugural Driving Force Award by Meals-on-Wheels Inc. of Greenwich at the organization's Spring Volunteer Luncheon. The award recognizes their remarkable efforts as co-founders of Gifts on Wheels, a student-run club that has brought personalized gift bags to Meals-on-Wheels clients alongside their daily meal deliveries.

What started as a simple, thoughtful gesture, adding seasonal gift bags filled with treats

and kind notes, has blossomed into a meaningful community project that's making a difference for homebound residents across Greenwich. The Gifts on Wheels team spreads joy and connection to Meals-on-Wheels recipients, demonstrating how small acts of kindness can have a big impact with every gift bag they make.

"We are so happy that our work through Gifts on Wheels at Greenwich Academy is making a difference in the community," said Caroline. "It was an honor to receive the Meals-on-Wheels Driving Force Award. Thank you to all who support senior citizens in Greenwich, especially Meals-on-Wheels," stated Tess.

That community support extends throughout Greenwich

Students have the power to lead change.

Academy. Margaret Hazlett, Head of School, praised the students' initiative, saying, "Their leadership through service is a model that we value. We are grateful for our long-standing partnership with Meals-on-Wheels, which serves a critical need for our Greenwich neighbors."

Connie Blunden, faculty advisor for the Gifts on Wheels club, noted, "Each gift bag they created was prepared with care and compassion. Acts of generosity like these help strengthen our communities, and the partnership between Greenwich Academy and Meals-on-Wheels is a beautiful reflection of that spirit."

As Tess and Caroline have

shown, students have the power to lead change. Their story is a call to action for other teens to get involved and find meaningful ways to serve. Whether it's delivering meals, offering companionship, or supporting special programs like Gifts on Wheels, volunteers are at the heart of what makes Meals-on-Wheels a lifeline for so many.

Now more than ever, Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich welcomes new teen volunteers who want to make a difference.

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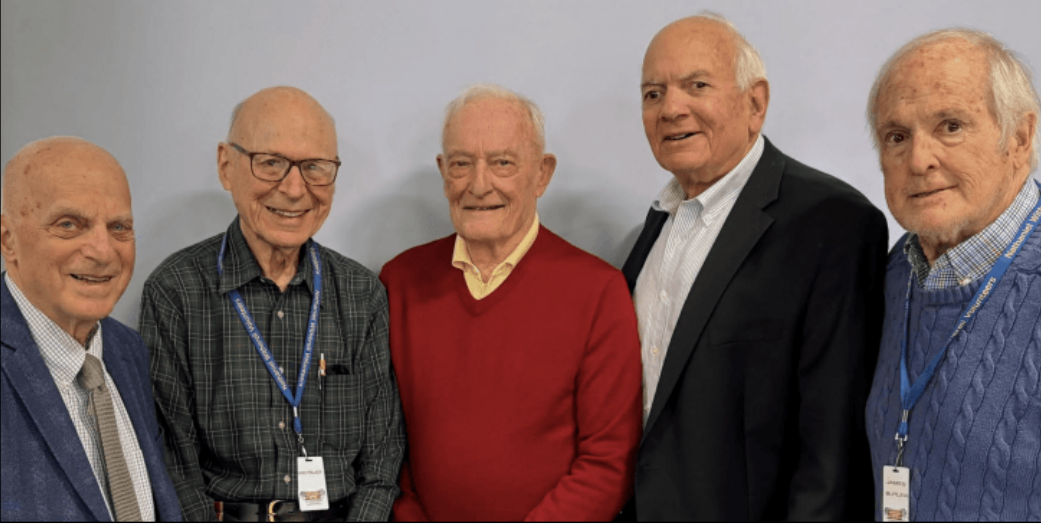
Toast to Friends of Nathaniel Witherell

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

At The Nathaniel Witherell, kindness isn't just a nice idea, it's a daily reality, thanks to the amazing Friends of Nathaniel Witherell volunteers who give their time, energy, and heart to make life brighter for our community's older adults. And recently, we hit pause on their usual good deeds to give them something in return: a fabulous luncheon full of gratitude.

The luncheon, hosted by the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, was a joyful celebration of the incredible people who step up every day to lend a helping hand, whether it's wheeling a resident to an activity, playing a board game, lending an ear, or helping out at the gift shop with the world's friendliest smile. The event was buzzing with cheerful conversations and heartfelt appreciation. Volunteers swapped stories, shared hugs - like a warm community quilt stitched together by stories and smiles.

It's clear these are real-life superheroes (no capes needed). From high school students to longtime community members who simply love making someone's day, this volunteer team is as diverse as it is dedicated. And every single one of them proves that giving back can be incredibly fun and deeply meaningful. As Executive Director John



Members of the Retired Men's Association

To all our Friends of Nathaniel Witherell volunteers: THANK YOU!



Deb Parker & Andrew Graham



Alicia Medina & Isabel Zumelzu

Mastronardi put it, quoting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve." And serve they do. Every smile, every moment spent, is a gift that echoes long after the

day is done.

Here's the thing, volunteering with Friends of Nathaniel Witherell isn't just good for the residents. It lifts the spirits of the volunteers, too. Just ask them. The

friendships, the laughter, the joy of making someone feel seen and loved is contagious. It's a beautiful circle of giving that never stops giving back.

So to all our Friends of Nathaniel Witherell volunteers: THANK YOU. Your kindness doesn't go unnoticed, and your presence truly makes The Nathaniel Witherell a happier, warmer place. You are the heartbeat of this community, and we're so lucky to have you.

Thinking of joining the fun? Check out friendsofnathanielwitherell.org to learn how you can get involved. 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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In Greenwich, there’s a spirit that still feels hand-stitched. People know each other’s names, ask about each other’s kids, remember birthdays and band concerts. The pace may have picked up, but the principles remain: we show up, we help out, we care. And in this town of doers, where neighbors still bring soup and coaches still volunteer their Saturdays, one question comes up again and again: “How do I get my event—or my team, my fundraiser, my cause—into the paper?”

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We are already a town of participants. Let’s be, just as proudly, a town of readers.

Editorial Page

HB5002 Fails to Address Housing

By MARGARITA ALBEN

The housing bill just passed by the CT General Assembly, HB5002, is a combination of 22 different bills proposed during the 2025 legislative session.

The bill moved so quickly that Planning & Zoning is still unpacking its language and potential impact. My personal view is the bill does not tackle the single greatest obstacle to the creation of affordable and diverse housing in our State.

HB 5002 fails because it doesn’t address funding or economics. The bill presses municipalities to increase housing density. In the face of that, it’s worth knowing Greenwich Planning & Zoning has recently approved over 1,000 new housing units. Yet, many of those housing units aren’t being built.

Why aren’t we seeing that housing construction?

Builders tell us they are struggling with increases in materials costs, interest rate hikes and tariff uncertainty. Other towns are hearing the same from their developers. That’s why approved housing projects aren’t moving ahead,

not only here but throughout the State. Shifting economics.

Zoning approvals accomplish little if there is no financial support to enable greater affordability. I’ve pleaded with legislators from all over the State to create mechanisms for funding Affordable Housing Trusts. Yet, this awkward 86 page legislation does not address the one overriding challenge of funding.

What does HB5002 do other than seek density? It prohibits certain parking requirements, facilitates conversion of commercial space to residential, makes it more difficult for zoning commissions to protect the health and safety of residents, encourages development near transportation, and implements more reporting requirements. I don’t see how any of that advances affordability goals.

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The Greenwich League of Women Voters is giving its 2025 Community Impact Award to Margarita Alban for her commitment to transparent democratic process and inclusive leadership. She wrote this LTE as a private citizen although she is a long time member and current Chair of the Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Beginning of the End of Local Government

By JONATHAN GOLDSTEIN

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Regarding HB 5002

To the Editor:

HB 5002, which was recently passed in Hartford by the House & Senate, will have significant impact on our community if it is signed into law. The bill is lengthy, but I would like to highlight some of what I view as the most troubling features for Greenwich.

Section 2 – Converts commercial only zones to allow 2-9 unit multifamily development “as of right” with no parking requirement and no affordability set-aside requirement. Could be 100% market rate developments that do not help the Town solve its affordable housing challenges or achieve 8-30g moratorium points. This creates significant change to historic land use patterns in parts of Town like East/West Putnam Avenues, Greenwich Avenue, and Sound Beach Avenue that already have significant parking challenges based on existing commercial uses.

Section 3 – Prohibits the P&Z Commission from

implementing any parking requirements for proposed residential development of less than 24 units anywhere in Town.

Section 6 – Requires the Town to prepare an affordable housing plan for submission to the State OPM every five years. Since Greenwich is in the highest 80% of the net grand list per capita towns, it must also prepare a “priority affordable housing plan” that sets forth how the Town is going to change its zoning regulations to “create a realistic opportunity” that the 1,000+ affordable housing units required for Greenwich under the State’s “Fair Share” formula are going to be created. The Town doesn’t own enough land to create a “realistic opportunity” to build that number of units. The only way would be through regulation changes to increase density, height and available areas for multifamily development, further eroding traditional land use patterns. Plus, there

are no tools in the bill to make affordable units economically feasible for developers in a Town like Greenwich with extremely high land and construction costs. Who knows what future legislation might impose on the Town as a result of its lack of compliance with the “Fair Share” requirements?

Section 17 – The Town is responsible for developer legal fees if it loses any Section 8-30g related litigation.

This bill is long on bureaucracy and regulation and short on real world solutions to the State’s chronic shortage of affordable housing. It does not move us forward. There are so many positive steps that could have been taken with this legislation, like:

- Improvement and expansion of the State’s low-income housing tax credit program to make more private sector capital available for new affordable housing development

- Utilize a set-aside of State sales tax revenues on building materials, equipment, and services to support revenue bonds sold to provide “gap capital” on new affordable housing developments

- Offer State reimbursement to municipalities that provide property tax abatements to new affordable housing developments with long term affordability restrictions

- Allow Developers to accelerate depreciation of eligible property expenditures in connection with new affordable housing developments

I would encourage Governor Lamont to veto this bill and send the House and Senate back to the drawing board to develop practical solutions, not onerous regulation.

Ken Rogozinski
Riverside

COLUMN

Pope Leo XIV First Impressions and Other Papal Musings

By Patricia Chadwick

The scene of the newly elected Pope Leo XIV standing on the balcony of Saint Peter’s Basilica, his arms outstretched toward the throngs below in Saint Peter’s Square, was both emotionally stirring and spiritually inspiring. There was something rapturous about his visage, and the only way I could describe it to myself was that he seemed to emanate “holy joy”—referring to that sense of peace and happiness associated with a deep connection with God. At the same time, his humanity was evident in the gentleness of his smile, as he looked down on the more than 300,000 people in the light of early dusk who, regardless of their own religion, welcomed him with a chorus of “Papa.” His first papal words were in Italian, the official language of Vatican City. “La pace sia con tutto voi!” “Peace be with all of you!” His speech, not much longer than ten minutes, paid tribute to his predecessor, Pope Francis, and focused on the love of God for everyone and the “new mission for the whole church for peace in the world.” He was speaking not only to crowd below, but also to the 1.4 billion Catholics who were now his subjects, and to the more than eight billion souls on this earth, so many of whom were rejoicing in his role as the new pontiff.

Though more than 4,000 miles from Rome, I felt a kinship with the crowd in the square and couldn’t hold back the tears that welled up in my eyes as I stared at the man whose name I had never heard before—Robert Francis Prevost. Throughout the morning, my four siblings and I

had been texting each other as we were on “smoke alert,” and when the plume was white we entered a guessing game—all five of us were wrong. And then came the news that the new pope was American—what a shock and what a joy! For decades, the conventional wisdom seemed to be that “an American pope was unlikely.” Pundits—Vatican watchers, reporters, and theologians—argued that “America had too much power” and “Italian cardinals don’t like Americans” and on and on. And then it happened. An American polyglot who had spent most of his life outside of the United States as a missionary and a member of the order of Augustinians, a man who had been cardinal for less than two years, was elected pope by nearly 80% of the voting cardinals. An America pope with not an ounce of American bombast or pomposity, and with a pleasant Midwestern accent. An American baby boomer, younger than I and younger than all my siblings. That realization came as a bit of a shock, but I guess that’s not too surprising when one has lived through eight papacies.

The insatiable American curiosity to know more about this unpretentious man was satisfied in large measure because his brothers and others who knew him well were willing to share details with the world. We discovered that his American heritage was both multi-cultural and multi-racial—with Creole, Italian, French and Caribbean influences. His brother John let the world know that Pope Leo plays Wordle every day. An avid Wordle player myself, I found that peek into the pontiff’s recreational

interests particularly pleasing, and it gave me an insight into his personality. The Wordle players whom I know (including myself) are pretty competitive, particularly if they play with the same person every day, as the pope does with his brother John, who also shared with the press that while still Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost he watched the movie, Conclave, shortly before participating in the real thing. One might have expected a prospective priest to have studied theology in college, but it was mathematics that attracted Pope Leo at Villanova University, before he went on to earn a Master of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He himself has willingly shared with the public that his favorite sport is tennis, and he hopes to find a way to play again. He’s also a White Sox fan—which must have demonstrated a healthy amount of faith and hope in the last couple of decades. Tidbits such as these that began emerging within moments of Robert Francis Prevost becoming pope had a way of humanizing the man we were coming to know as Pope Leo XIV.

Then three days later, on Sunday, May 11, following the High Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica, I witnessed the spiritual side of our new pope. He appeared again on the balcony of the basilica, and after a brief introduction, he led, in a strong and pleasing tenor his favorite hymn of priesthood. I wished for the Ukrainian people to reach “an authentic true and lasting peace.” He prayed for an



Reginal Caeli (Queen of Heaven). The ease with which he led the thousands of visitors in the square convinced me that he had sung that very hymn hundreds—maybe even a thousand times—over his forty plus years of priesthood. I sent the link of his leading the hymn to dozens of friends, hardly all of them Catholic. The message he shared from the balcony with his audience touched on the tragedy of a third world war. He wished for the Ukrainian people to reach “an authentic true and lasting peace.” He prayed for an

immediate ceasefire in Gaza and for humanitarian aid to come to the people living there, and he expressed happiness that India and Pakistan had agreed to a ceasefire. In his closing words he noted that it was Mother’s Day and wished a “happy feast day” to all mothers.

Pope Leo XIV has been pontiff for less than a month, but it is heartening to ponder his choice of a name. His most immediate papal namesake, Leo XIII, built his own legacy on the encyclical he wrote in 1891 entitled, “Rerum Novarum”

(“Of New Things”). It dealt, not with dogma or doctrine, but spoke to the obligation of capitalism to treat labor with humanity and fairness. It was an example of Catholic social teaching in light of a century of changes brought about by the industrial revolution in Europe and the United States. In an interview just days after the new pope was elected, his brother, John, used the phrase, “a second Pope Francis,” in describing how his brother will lead, adding, “he has a deep feeling for the disenfranchised, for the poor, those who were not listened to..... He will follow right in the footsteps of Pope Francis. He will speak his mind.” Not yet seventy years old, Pope Leo XIV’s reign could be a long one. In an increasingly authoritarian world, we must hope and pray that the new pope’s message of peace and caring for the underserved will resonate with leaders of good will around the world.

Patricia Chadwick is a businesswoman and an author. Her first book (2019): Little Sister: A Memoir, tells the story of her growing up in a religious community-turned cult in the 1950s and 1960s. Her most recent memoir (2024), Breaking Glass, with the subtitle: Tales from the Witch of Wall Street, came out last May. It is a sequel to Little Sister and tells of her starting out on the lowest rung of the corporate ladder and succeeding in what was then the all-male bastion called Wall Street. www.patriciachadwick.com

Coffee with a Cause: The Inspiring Mission Behind Coffee

By Vanessa Posada

Organized in the historic 1858 Mead House on Maple Avenue, Coffee for Good is a beautiful demonstration of Greenwich’s power of community, and how it is capable of turning something as common as a coffee shop into a program that aids people with disabilities in gaining work experience. Coffee for Good is an independent, nonprofit business that is much stronger than a shot of espresso, it is a mission-focused business that strives to reduce the staggering unemployment rate, currently landing at about 80%, among young adults with developmental disabilities. “The high unemployment rate for children with disabilities, and our business wanted to make a change by giving them job experience,” Stated Deb Rogan. Coffee for Good was founded with the help of Abilis, an organization in Greenwich that supports and provides services to individuals of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The creation of Coffee for Good was rooted in a personal cause regarding Abilis’ executive director Deb Rogan. Deb has a nephew who inspired her to jump start this business, and give opportunities to those who aren’t always given the chances they rightfully deserve. As Deb viewed her nephew’s struggles, he eventually became her fuel to begin this project, observing his areas of struggles and successes. Though her nephew unfortunately lives too far away to participate in this program, he is part of the reason this is all possible, and hopefully more platforms like this will be able to exist in the near

future.

Coffee for Good serves as an inclusive meeting place for the Greenwich community, whether it’s to grab a quick coffee, a bite to eat, sit, relax, to catch up with a friend or even to get work done. This cafe also offers free parking, outdoor seating, and is overall a very special coffee shop that radiates kind energy and a cozy ambience. Since the opening of the coffee shop in 2021, over 25 graduates have been trained in the Coffee for Good program, and later moved into competitive employment. It is extremely important to the directors of the program that their employees are guided in the process of finding employment beyond the cafe. “We help all of our employees find further employment after our program, and we make sure it is in close proximity to where they live, as most of them are unable to drive, and we match them with local employment options in order to find the best fit for them,” noted Rogan. During the employees’ time at the cafe, they are trained to practice skills that give them the extra step towards being able to work in more competitive places, including aspects of cafe operations, customer service, point-sale transactions, and how to manage your responsibilities under moments of pressure.

Coffee for Good has become partners with many other businesses nearby as they have hired former employees, such as, Gregory’s Coffee, The Norwalk Maritime Aquarium, The Home Depot, Wilton High School, Sarachek Law Firm, Marcia Selden Catering, Honey Joes Coffee, YMCA Greenwich and Darien, The Milbrook Club, and more.

Coffee for Good is an independent, nonprofit business that is much stronger than a shot of espresso, it is a mission-focused business that strives to reduce the staggering unemployment rate, currently landing at about 80%, among young adults with developmental disabilities.



Coffee for Good’s success would not have been possible without the collaborative effort that Greenwich has put into this small business. The Greenwich community has been of major support by simply being customers, funding the program directly, and even volunteering, which is something many students at Greenwich High School have done. We are fueled by the support of others because we need each other in order to grow and expand our horizons, which is the exact goal for Coffee for Good. The business’ dedication to inclusivity and empowerment has made a huge impact on Greenwich and has thankfully not gone unnoticed. Roughly 3 years ago in December of 2022, the cafe was honored with the first-ever community impact leader award given by the Connecticut Restaurant Association after having recognized the business’ honorable contributions to the Greenwich community.

As Coffee for Good continues to grow as a business, it serves as a symbol for how businesses can make an incredibly strong social impact on members of the community. By supplying high-quality products, and creating a kind and supportive environment, Coffee for Good not only serves as a delicious coffee shop that offers quality service to its customers, but it also supports its employees to lead fulfilling and independent lives.

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COLUMN

By JENNIFER TOBENSTEIN

In her 2002 anthem to optimism, Soak Up the Sun, Sheryl Crow observed: “It’s not having what you want. It’s wanting what you’ve got.” This song about gratitude and personal accountability asks us to consider: What could life look like if we more fully embraced the blessings we have?

Crow’s challenge echoes teachings both ancient and new about the value of gratitude. One such teaching from the Talmud states that a person should recite 100 blessings each day. Two thousand years ago the rabbinic sages called upon us to move through our lives with awareness. They challenged us to be present, to recognize the good, and to express gratitude for what we have. In the twentieth century,

a contemporary sage, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, expanded upon this idea: “There is no worship, no music, no love, if we take for granted the blessings or defeats of living...

Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement... to get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted... To be spiritual is to be amazed.”

I am so grateful for my many blessings in life. And much of the time, I am amazed by them, even radically so. But I am writing this article in the shadow of the devastating murders of two young Israeli Embassy diplomats in Washington D.C. who were attending an event about bridge-building and peace. They were a couple in love, about to be engaged, and they were also engaged in trying to make the

Wanting What We’ve Got

“Kindness has no bounds, gratitude has no restrictions, and we can move towards a more loving and gracious world one thoughtful word at a time.”

Middle East and the world a more just and peaceful place. As I grapple with the tragedy, I can’t help but recall another ancient Jewish teaching that states that while it is not incumbent upon us to finish the task, neither are we free to desist from it.

While it is painful to live in the never-ending news cycle of all the suffering in the world, we cannot turn a blind eye to it. We are called to persevere, to try more, to do better. How, then, do we resolve this calling with appreciating “what we’ve got”?

A few hours before I saw the news of the D.C. murders, I was visiting with a resident at The Nathaniel Witherell where I’ve had the privilege to serve as a chaplain for the last three years.

The resident was managing a new health challenge and was temporarily bedbound. We had only met once before, and I wasn’t sure she would remember me. I reintroduced myself and asked how she was doing. Through her pain, she looked me straight in the eye and said, “It’s just terrible what happened to those two young people in Washington. My heart’s breaking for you.” Not sure what she was talking about, I nodded and thanked her, and then changed the subject to her personal well-being. Later, when I heard the news, I was radically amazed by this woman’s earlier thoughtfulness. Through her physical pain, the resident had the presence of mind to

process a terrible news story, to remember who I was and surmise that I might be Jewish (I function at the Witherell in an interfaith capacity), and then to recognize that I may be feeling some personal connection to the tragedy. The compassion and connection of her words touched me deeply and reminded me how the task of spreading kindness is indeed limitless. The residents, patients, and caregivers at the Witherell continue to demonstrate daily that kindness has no bounds, and that we can move towards a more loving and gracious world one thoughtful word at a time.

When Soak Up the Sun was released in March of 2002

our country was still reeling from the devastation of 9/11 and was in the early throes of the American war in Afghanistan. What better message then - and now - is there than a recommitment to the virtues of gratitude, kindness, and continuing the task of bettering our broken world. In the memory of those whose lives were lost in service to these values, may we all be able to embrace and bless the goodness of “what we’ve got.”

Rabbi Jen Tobenstein is the lead chaplain for Greenwich Chaplaincy Services at The Nathaniel Witherell. Learn more about GCS at: www.greenwichchaplaincy.org

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. *B3 Market Share: Worship & Networking Event: Tuesday, June 17, 7pm.*

Baptist

First Baptist Church

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

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

Greenwich Baptist Church

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

Worship: Sun, 11am (in person and online through Facebook & YouTube). Children Sunday School: 9:30am, ages 9-14y. Adult Bible Study: Sun, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall. Prayer Gathering: Wed, 7pm, Pastor’s Office or virtual on Google Meets. *Greenwich Baptist Church and Trinity Church host “True North” – a Vacation Bible School experience for Kindergarten-Fifth grade: June 24-27, at GBC, \$90 (If finances are an issue, please reach out to Scott at scott.tilton@trinitychurch.life)*

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. First Friday Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: June 6, 6pm, in the Chapel (every first Friday of the month). Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite parishioners who knit or crochet (or would like to learn) to join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Their next monthly meeting is on Saturday, June 7 at 9:30am, in the School Hall.*

St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes

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

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

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm – Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine’s Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine’s Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm; St. Catherine’s Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am – Daily Mass, St. Catherine’s Church; 5:15pm – Daily Mass, St. Catherine’s Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine’s Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine’s Church. Ongoing: *Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine’s church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals – Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 & March 14), stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose. New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There’s no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes or even Catholic,*

you just need to be registered. If interested, please contact Parish Partners at (203-637-3661, ext. 375). Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or ParishPartners@stc-sta.org. Beach Mass (Bilingual): Sunday, June 8, 9am, Tod’s Point (bring a beach chair/blanket). All are welcome. St. Catherine’s Support Circle presents Telling Your Story: The Cornerstone of Networking – Zoom presentation. RSVP required by Monday, June 9 at jcw@wca-search.com, stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle

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. Annual Parish Golf Outing: Monday, June 16.*

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. First Friday Devotion: June 6 – there will be 9am Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Act of Consecration, and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will also be available 8:30-8:55am. First Saturday Devotion: June 7 – pray the Rosary, 9am, in Church.*

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. *First Friday Adoration: June 6, 9am-5pm; there will be a Mass at 6pm, followed by Station of the Cross in Spanish at 7pm.*

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. Sunday Funday: June 8, 11am, after worship, all ages.*

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. *Celebration Sunday and Father’s Day: Sunday, June 15, 10am.*

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 Sunday worship at 10:30am. Tent Weekend: June 6-8 – Join us for food, fellowship, fun & worship.*

Episcopal

Anglican Church of the Advent

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

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

Christ Church Greenwich

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children’s Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this 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 Leimbach: 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. Gentle Hatha Yoga: Fridays, through June 27, 2:30pm, Free. Praying Together: Thursday, June 26, July 31, Aug.28, 11:30am. Dads Playground Gathering: Saturday, June 14, 9:30-11am, CCG Preschool.*

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: [st.barnabasgreenwich](https://www.instagram.com/st.barnabasgreenwich)). Small church feel - Big church experience.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447
www.stpaulsverside.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. Shabbat Service: Friday, June 13, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church.*

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. *Pride Shabbat: Friday, June 6, dinner at 5:45pm, services at 6:30; For more information and to RSVP, contact Admin@GRS.org.*

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. *8th Grade Pizza & Ice Cream Social: Sunday, June 8, 6:30pm. Game Night: Mah Jongg & Canasta: Monday, June 9, 7pm. Celebrate Pride with Temple Sholom and the Greenwich Fellowship of Clergy: Tuesday, June 10, 6:30pm (off-site at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Riverside). Sisterhood Spring Fling: Thursday, June 12, 6pm, (at a private home in Greenwich).*

Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church

286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466
www.firstpaul.com

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

Methodist

Diamond Hill United Methodist

521 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-2395
www.diamondhillumc.com

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

First United Methodist Church

59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584
www.fumcgreenwich.com

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

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal

42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

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

Nondenominational

Dingeltown 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: Monday, June 9, 7-9pm, \$120 register at CSDPastor@gmail.com. Guided Meditation: Tuesday, June 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. *Red Cross Interfaith Blood Drive: Saturday, June 14, 7am-3pm. Beach Service: Sunday, June 15, 8:30-9:30am.*

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.

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Obituaries



ERMINIA COGLIANDRO

Erminia (Mildred/ “Millie”) Cogliandro, née Rizzi of Riverside, Connecticut, died on May 29, 2025, having celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends in July of 2024. Mildred was predeceased by her husband, Dominick J. Cogliandro, after a marriage of 62 years. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Nicola Rizzi, Vincent Rizzi, and Eugene Rizzi, and sisters, Maria Grazia Tornatore, Raquel (“Lena”) Cocchia, Vincenza Balducci, and Felicia Stramandinoli, who she loved dearly. Mildred was born in Minturno, Italy, in 1924, and emigrated to the United States through Ellis Island in 1929. The family settled in Stamford, CT. Mildred was known for her creativity with plants, gardening, and gorgeous craft work. Her favorite way to spend an afternoon was to walk through her garden, admiring the many flowers, weeding, and picking vegetables. Mildred loved to travel with her husband and was privileged to visit numerous countries throughout the world, Italy being her favorite destination.

Following her husband’s death, Mildred found a special community of friends at Hill House in Riverside, CT, where she lived for the past nine years. She was involved in many special projects and activities during her time there. She dedicated herself to support of the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven, CT, by collecting can tabs from everyone she knew and delivering them to New Haven twice a year. She also found great joy in mentoring middle school and high school students and in making unique floral pins for each Hill House resident during the Covid pandemic. Mildred’s spunk, love of family, humor, and zest for life, even as she declined in her own well-being, inspired all who knew her.

Mildred is survived by her daughter, Lisa Cogliandro and Lisa’s spouse, Amanda Zuretti; her son, John Cogliandro and his spouse, Maureen; four dearly loved grandchildren, Abigail and Daniel Cogliandro, Kyle and Ryan Gildea; two great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Max Gildea; and many nieces and nephews.

Mildred’s funeral will be celebrated at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 4 Riverside Ave., Riverside, CT, at 10:00 a.m. on June 19, followed by burial at St. Mary’s Cemetery, 399 North St., Greenwich, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation to Ronald McDonald House, 860 Howard Ave., New Haven, CT 06519, or to Smile Train, PO Box 96231, Washington, DC 20090-6231.

ROBERT HANSEN, JR.

Robert F. Hansen Jr., age 63, of Shelton, entered into rest on May 28, 2025. He was the husband of 36 years to Brenda (DiSapio) Hansen, and the beloved father of Nicole, Kendall, and Tyler Hansen.

Bobby was born in Stamford, on March 8, 1962, the son of Robert Sr. and Nancy (Harrington) Hansen, and grew up in

Greenwich. He attended Dundee School, Eastern Junior High School, and St. Mary’s High School (Class of 1980). He was a devoted and unwavering Dallas Cowboys fan for his entire life. Bobby proudly served in the United States Marine Corps as a Radio Communications Operator, Rifle Sharpshooter, and Pistol Sharpshooter. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal in the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

In 1987, he followed in his father’s footsteps and became a police officer for the Greenwich Police Department. He was a certified EMT, a member of the Special Response Unit, an FBI-Certified Sniper/Observer, an Emergency Medical Dispatcher, and a member of the Scuba Team. After his retirement in 2016, he continued serving Greenwich as a Special Police Officer while also working security for the Belle Haven Land Company in Greenwich.

Bobby served the youth of Greenwich and Shelton as a dedicated volunteer coach. He coached the Greenwich Jr. Babe Ruth Baseball (Police) team, the Glenville Mavericks Football team, the Shelton National Little League Softball team, the Shelton Flag Football team, the Shelton Pop Warner teams, and the Xtreme Chaos Fastpitch Softball team.

In addition to his parents, Bobby is survived by his brother, Thomas Hansen, and his in-laws: Diane Warzoha; Denise and Michael Grabarz, Albert DiBella, and Jennifer Hansen. He was the fun uncle-and master of sand digging operations-to Matthew, Kristyn, Connor, Stephen, Daniel (Kathryn), Meghan, Christopher (Sydney), Zachary, Anthony, Gavin, and Layla. He was predeceased by Alfred and Shirley DiSapio, Dan Warzoha, Laura DiBella, and Christine Hansen.

Bobby’s kindness, humor, and unwavering love for his family and community left a lasting impact on everyone he met. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him. Semper Fi #22.

Calling hours were held on Friday, May 30, at Coxe and Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 31, at St. Roch’s Church, Greenwich. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Silver Shield Association, P.O. Box 1123, Greenwich, CT 06836, or to the Wounded Warrior Project.



EILEEN CHIAPPETTA

Eileen M. Chiappetta, of Greenwich, passed away peacefully on May 27, 2025 with her family by her side at the age of 86. Eileen was born in New Rochelle, NY on January 1st, 1939 to John and Helen MacElroy.

Eileen had a strong work ethic and enjoyed a long career with the Hyatt Corporation as Executive Assistant for the general manager at the Greenwich Hyatt. Her hard work and dedication allowed for many years of travel throughout

the United States and abroad with her husband, and many times with her family.

Eileen’s family was always her primary focus, and she never missed an opportunity to see her children or grandchildren, no matter the occasion. In the two weeks before her passing, Eileen joined in celebration of a birthday and a First Holy Communion for two of her great granddaughters. Eileen cherished her many friends, who enjoyed her kind, caring, and always selfless nature. Eileen was active in bowling and golf for many years. As captain of her bowling team, she led her team to several championships at the Pickwick, Doral, and Greenwich Lanes. She played golf with her friends and family at Bruce and The Griff. On a nice day, Eileen could be found walking the boardwalk at Playland, enjoying the view of the playful dogs on the beach. Eileen had a deep faith, and she was a lifelong parishioner at St. Roch’s Church. She dedicated time to volunteering for Kids in Crisis.

Eileen is now reunited in heaven with her husband of 63 years, Rocco (Shabby) Chiappetta, and her parents John and Helen MacElroy, brother James Joseph MacElroy, and sister Maureen MacElroy. She is survived by her cherished children Rocco (Rick) Chiappetta (Heather), LeeAnna Whitely (Robert), and loving grandchildren Alex Chiappetta (Stephanie), Morgan Marcinek (Bryan), Alyssa Magliola (Andrew), Connor Whitely (Janine) and Dylan Whitely, as well as 11 (soon to be 12) great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Brenda Petrizzi (Robert), and her sisters-in-law, Marie Chiappetta and Jane Carriero.

There will be no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial was held on June 5 at St. Roch Church, Greenwich. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Kids in Crisis, Greenwich, or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. For more information or to place an online condolence, www.coxeandgraziano.com



SUSAN FIGGIE

Susan A. Figgie, a longtime resident of Greenwich, CT, passed away on Friday, May 23. She was 44 years old. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Susie was the beloved daughter of Dr. Harry E. Figgie III and Catherine “Tina” Figgie, and the cherished sister of Catherine “Katie” E. Figgie and Harry E. Figgie IV.

A fierce advocate and gifted public speaker, Susie’s voice carried not only her own convictions but also the hopes and needs of many in the disability communitiespecially at the Capitol in Hartford, where she passionately championed increased funding for nonprofits.

Susie was a treasured member of the Abilis family. She will be remembered for her radiant smile, joyful singing, and legendary dance moves. Her presence brought light and laughter to all who knew

her.

Friends are invited to calling hours on Friday, June 6, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, 31 Arch Street, Greenwich, CT 06830. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, June 7, at 11 a.m. at Saint Catherine of Siena Church 4 Riverside Ave., Riverside, CT 06878.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Abilis, an organization that provides vital services and support for individuals of all ages with special needs and disabilities: <https://www.abilis.us/donate/>



ADELE HARRIS

February 23, 1927 - May 16, 2025

Adele “Apples” Harris, age 98, passed away peacefully at Greenwich Hospital on Friday, May 16, surrounded by her loving family.

Apples was born on February 23, 1927, in Islip, Long Island, to Helma and August Appel. Her family moved to Greenwich shortly thereafter, where she became a lifelong resident. She attended Greenwich High School and graduated in 1941, where she was very active in many school programs and was an avid basketball player.

She joins her beloved husband, Rowland “Mike” Harris, who passed before her in 2014. They married in 1948 and raised three sons together: Jeff, Bob, and Rick.

Apples was a homemaker first-her most important role in life was caring for her boys. In addition to raising her family, she worked part-time for many years at Fawcett Publications and later for the Town of Greenwich, in the departments of Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetlands.

A gifted cook, Apples loved spending time in the kitchen. She and her husband “Pops” were avid travelers, splitting their time between Greenwich and Florida and vacationing in Bermuda and across New England.

Well known throughout town, Apples made a lasting impression on friends and neighbors alike. She could often be found reading a book and basking in the sunlight of her beloved sunroom in the “yellow house on the hill”.

She leaves behind her sons: Jeff (Cindy), Bob, and Rick (Flavia); her grandchildren: David Harris, Chris Harris (Liz), Megan Ince (Bailey), Katie Harris, Loris Harris and Izzy Harris; her great-grandchildren: James Harris, Petyon and Finley Harris, Reed and Lyla Ince.

In accordance with Apples’ wishes, no public services will be held. The family will have a private burial and celebration of life.

The Sentinel does not charge for obituaries. To submit an obituary email Caroll@GreenwichSentinel.com

NEWS MAKERS

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to 8 PM at Town Hall, with a Zoom option available. The meeting will present the program's goals and gather resident input on traffic and pedestrian safety. The initiative aims to use data to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on local streets.

Greenwich Plans Pedestrian Safety Upgrade

The Greenwich Department of Public Works will hold a virtual public hearing on June 9 to present and receive feedback on a proposed installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) and signage at a pedestrian crossing on Wesskum Wood Road in Binney Park. The Wesskum Wood Road Bridge, originally built in 1950, was replaced in 2024 using a \$1.67 million project funded in part by the state's Local Bridge Program. The proposal for the RRFB installation has been submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

AROUND TOWN

Havemeyer Building Public Meeting

The Havemeyer Building RFP Evaluation Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11 at 7 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, with remote participation available via Zoom and live streaming on GCTV and YouTube. Public comments can also be submitted online at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/FormCenter/Office-of-First-Selectman-6/Havemeyer-Building-RFP-Evaluation-Commit-567> The committee currently favors a proposal to redevelop the building as a hotel, restaurant, and cultural venue, but no decision has been made.

Town Launches Tree Information Program

The Town of Greenwich has launched the TreeKeeper Program, an online tool that provides data on trees located along public rights-of-way. The platform allows users to access information such as tree species, size, location, and ecological functions. It is intended to support public awareness and the town's environmental management efforts.

Byram River Corridor Gains Greenway Status

A 249-acre section along the Byram River in northwest Greenwich is now a state-designated greenway. It includes land owned by Greenwich Land Trust, Greenwich Audubon Center, and the Town of Greenwich. Plans are in place to develop trails while maintaining environmental protections.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Cos Cob Library Prepares For Renovation

The Cos Cob Branch Library will temporarily close starting Monday, June 2, and is scheduled to reopen in the fall. From June 2 to June 6, holds can be picked up at the library on Sinawoy Road with no public access to other services. Beginning June 10 through July 5, holds will be available for pickup at The Reading Room on Suburban Avenue, with additional summer schedules to be announced.

Nathaniel Witherell Staff Aids Trumbull Evacuation

On May 16, a nursing facility in Trumbull was evacuated due to critical fire safety system failures, requiring relocation of over 100 residents. Nathaniel Witherell staff transported evacuees to Greenwich and nearby facilities and prepared accommodations for new patients overnight. The response involved coordinated efforts in transport, admissions, and patient care.

Hope Grows With Community Support

The Undies Project, a local non-profit, is running a spring fundraising campaign in partnership with Old Greenwich florist Something Special. The campaign, which began on May 23 and will run until June 20, 2025, aims to raise \$12,000 to provide new underwear and bras to shelters during the summer months. Donors are eligible to win floral arrangements based on donation tiers.

Community Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold an Interfaith Blood Drive on June 14 at First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, 1 West Putnam Avenue. Blood donations of all types are needed. Donors can register online using code FPCG or call 1-800-RED CROSS, and will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card and a chance to win a \$7,000 gift card.

Ceremonial Bricks Support Club Renovation

The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich is undergoing renovations, with a formal reopening scheduled for September 30. Donors can support the project by purchasing ceremonial bricks for the new entryway, which can include personalized inscriptions. Additional information about the renovation and donation options is available online.

YMCA Opens New Early Learning Center

The YMCA of Greenwich will open a state-licensed Early Learning Center this fall for children aged 6 months to 5 years, offering age-appropriate programs aligned with the public school calendar. The center provides play-based, hands-on education focused on key developmental skills, with financial assistance available. The program will operate at the main YMCA facility, using updated childcare spaces and providing access to indoor and outdoor areas.

Off-Beat Players Celebrate Inclusive Theater

The Off-Beat Players, an inclusive theater company based in Greenwich, will make their New York City concert debut on July 9 at The Green Room 42 with "The Off-Beat Players and Friends: A Celebration of Disability and Neurodivergence." The event will feature performances by members of the company and cast members from the Broadway show How to Dance in Ohio. Tickets, including livestream access, are available through The Green Room 42's website.

Greenwich Students Promote Ocean Cleanup

Greenwich Green & Clean is holding a poster contest for K-12 students in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup on September 20, 2025. Students must submit original digital artwork by August 1, 2025, including required event details, with winners announced August 7. Prizes include tickets to local attractions, and winning posters will be used to promote the event.

Chef Rosenberg Joins Constantino's Team

Constantino's Pasta Bowls, an 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 with head chef Jacinto Perez to update the menu with new dishes. The restaurant, which opened in July 2024, has previously drawn celebrity visitors.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Man & Dog Camp to Support Senior Care

Greenwich resident Jeff McCarthy is camping outside River House Adult Day Center to raise \$100,000 for the organization, which provides daytime care for older adults. An event with food trucks, music, and activities will be held at the center this weekend to support the fundraiser. More information and donation options are available on River House's social media pages.

Hunter Earns Conservation Leadership Award

Hunter N, Sacred Heart Greenwich class of '25, received a senior award from Friends of the Great Swamp (FrOGS), a conservation organization in Putnam and Dutchess counties. Hunter contributed by managing social media, promoting student involvement, and writing newsletter articles. The award aligns with the organization's goal of encouraging actionable social awareness.

SCHOOLS

Western Middle School Honors Kindness Legacy

Western Middle School held its sixth annual Sudell Sprint and color throw in memory of former student Steven Sudell, who died of brain cancer in 2018. The event included a school assembly, fundraising for a memorial scholarship, and a run on newly refurbished athletic fields. Messages promoting kindness were displayed throughout the campus.

Sacred Heart Greenwich Celebrates Graduates

Sacred Heart Greenwich holds its 176th commencement ceremony today, Friday, June 6th, at 2:00 PM on campus in Greenwich, Connecticut, graduating a class of 76 students. The class includes 15 long-term attendees, 13 student-athletes committed to collegiate sports, and multiple national award recipients. Samantha Saperstein, Global Head of the Office of Women's Affairs at JPMorgan Chase, is delivering the keynote address.

GPS Honors Outstanding Employees

Greenwich Public Schools named 64 employees as May recipients of its monthly Difference Maker award, which recognizes staff who have made significant contributions within the school community. The award is open to all full- or part-time GPS employees in good standing and is based on nominations from students, families, coworkers, or community members. Honorees are recognized at individual school celebrations.

GCDS Senior Clears Ice On Summit

On Monday, May 26th, Penelope, a senior from Greenwich Country Day School, during her internship program through the school cleared glaze ice from weather instruments at the Mount Washington Observatory to maintain accurate data collection. Ice forms despite heated instruments and must be regularly removed. Approximately one inch of new snow was recorded on the summit the following day.

Brunswick Students Excel At ARML

Students from Brunswick School participated as members of the Connecticut math team at the American Regions Mathematics League (ARML), a national mathematics competition. Alex Svoronos earned the highest individual score at the New England site following a tiebreaker round. Vikram Sarkar, Jack Whitney-Epstein, and Alex Svoronos achieved perfect scores in the individual round of the national competition.

First Selectman Camillo Honors Horizons Program

First Selectman Fred Camillo issued a proclamation declaring May 16 as Horizons at Brunswick School Awareness and Giving Day. The proclamation recognized the Horizons program, which provides academic and enrichment opportunities to over 135 boys from under-resourced communities in Greenwich. The program has operated for 12 years at Brunswick School.

Cowboy Culture Enlivens Wellness Day

Old Greenwich Elementary School hosted a Children's Health and Wellness Day featuring Idaho performer Ernie Sites, who presented cowboy songs and stories. The event included line dancing, art activities, and was organized through Arts for Learning Connecticut. Students also participated in a Hats for Hope fundraiser, collecting over \$500 for pediatric cancer care at Yale Hospital.

New Lebanon School Garden Thrives

New Lebanon School's garden, established with funding from the PTA and Greenwich Alliance for Education, is located in a ravine behind the modern school building near I-95. Students in the after-school garden club plant, maintain, and harvest crops such as radishes, lettuce, kale, and mint. The school was recently selected to participate in the Northeast Farm to School Institute to develop a food and farming education plan.

SPORTS

GHS Students Earn Hockey Scholarship

Owen Milazzo and Brett Sylvester, members of the Greenwich High School Boys Hockey team, were selected as recipients of the 2025 Chris Rurak Scholarship Award. The scholarship honors student-athletes for dedication and commitment to the hockey program. It will be presented at the GHS Awards Ceremony on June 9.

GHS Tennis Team Eyes Perfection

The Greenwich High School varsity boys tennis team, currently 21-0, is aiming for its third consecutive undefeated season and state title, with a 65-match winning streak spanning three seasons. They advanced to the CIAC Class LL final after a 4-0 semifinal victory over Glastonbury and will face Fairfield Prep in the championship match. Key players, including seniors Alexander Salib and Manuel Galli, highlighted the team's strong singles and doubles performances this season.

Cardinals Advance To State Final

The Greenwich High School varsity girls tennis team is set to compete for a perfect season and back-to-back state titles in the

CIAC Class LL final against Staples on June 4. The undefeated Cardinals (21-0) secured their spot in the championship match with a 4-1 semifinal victory over Fairfield Ludlowe. Strong performances across singles and doubles matches highlight the team's depth and determination heading into the final.

Cardinals Advance To State Semifinals

Top-seeded Greenwich High School boys tennis team advanced to the semifinals of the CIAC Class LL Tournament with a 5-1 quarterfinal win over Amity Regional High School, maintaining their undefeated season and 64-match winning streak. The Cardinals will face fourth-seeded Glastonbury next, aiming for a third consecutive state title. Key victories came from the team's singles and doubles players, showcasing their depth and preparation for tougher upcoming matches.

GHS Girls Tennis Team Triumphs

Greenwich High School's varsity girls tennis team, defending Class LL state champions, opened the 2025 CIAC Class LL Tournament with a 5-0 sweep of Glastonbury after winning the FCIAC title. The undefeated Cardinals advanced to the quarterfinals against Wilton, maintaining home court advantage. Key performances included dominant straight-set victories in both singles and doubles, with players emphasizing readiness and confidence for the tournament's upcoming rounds.

Bauer Shines At FCIAC Championship

Greenwich High School's Ally Bauer earned medalist honors at the FCIAC Girls Golf Championship with a 4-over-par 74, leading the field by seven strokes. The Cardinals placed fourth in the team standings, while New Canaan captured the team title. In the individual championship, Greenwich's Ellery Talbot finished second after a playoff, with Bauer placing sixth.

GHS Girls Tennis Wins Championship

The Greenwich High School varsity girls tennis team won the 2025 FCIAC Tournament championship with a 4-0 victory over Fairfield Ludlowe, securing their first tournament title since 2012 and completing an undefeated season so far. The team avenged last year's FCIAC final loss, with standout performances in singles and doubles, and now looks ahead to the CIAC Class LL state tournament. Players and coaches emphasized their teamwork, consistency, and determination to maintain their winning streak.

Brunswick Rowers Excel At Championship

Brunswick School's First Varsity Eight placed ninth and its Second Varsity Eight finished 10th at the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championship Regatta in Worcester, Massachusetts. The Third Varsity Eight did not advance to the finals. The team will next compete at the USRowing Youth National Championships in Sarasota, Florida, from June 12-15.

GHS Tennis Clinches Third Title

Greenwich High School defeated rival Staples 4-2 in a tightly contested 2025 FCIAC Boys Tennis Tournament final, winning three singles matches and claiming its third consecutive conference title. The Cardinals extended their undefeated streak to 62 matches dating back to 2023 and now hold a record 19 FCIAC championships. Key performances included three-set victories from singles players Alexander Salib, Manuel Galli Specos, and Owen Kwon, as well as a decisive No. 1 doubles win by Rohan Mittal and Nicholas Frumin.

GHS Boys Track Team Triumphs

The Greenwich High School boys track and field team won its third FCIAC Championship title in four years, scoring 140 points to outpace 16 competing teams. The team excelled across a range of events, particularly in relays and sprints, with standout performances from captains and several athletes achieving personal records. Their success was attributed to strong coaching, team unity, and a supportive culture.

GHS Girls Track Team Triumphs

The Greenwich High School girls track and field team had an undefeated regular season, won the FCIAC West Division, and captured their first FCIAC Championship since 1984 with a team score of 125 points. They excelled across multiple events, earning numerous first-place finishes in both individual and relay races, and outperformed 15 other teams in the conference meet. Led by captains Eliana Daplyn, Theresa Knuth, Sophia Riche, and Nina Silver, the team now looks ahead to competing at the state championships.

GHS Girls Lacrosse Shows Heart

Greenwich High School's varsity girls lacrosse team celebrated Senior Night on May 20, 2025, taking an early lead against rival Wilton before ultimately falling 14-8, with Wilton dominating the second half. The Cardinals then entered the FCIAC Tournament as the No. 6 seed but were eliminated in the quarterfinals by New Canaan, 18-4. Despite these setbacks, Greenwich looks ahead to competing in the upcoming CIAC Class LL Tournament.

GHS Boys Lacrosse Clinches Thrilling Victory

Greenwich High School's varsity boys lacrosse team ended its regular season with a 7-6 overtime victory against Wilton, improving their record to 10-6. Dean Kim scored the game-winning goal, while Boden Farmer contributed a hat trick, and Mikey Brescia added two goals and two assists. The Cardinals, seeded fifth, will face fourth-seeded Darien in the FCIAC Tournament quarterfinals.

GHS Boys Volleyball Shows Strong Progress

The Greenwich High School varsity boys volleyball team improved this season with six wins and qualified for the FCIAC Tournament as the No. 8 seed after missing it last year. They faced a strong Staples team on Senior Day and again in the tournament quarterfinals, showing progress despite losses. Senior players were honored for their leadership, and the team also secured a notable win over Danbury earlier in the season.

LOCAL POLITICS

Democrats Launch Campaign For Greenwich

On June 2, 2025, Anthony Moor and Rachel Khanna announced their candidacies for First Selectman and Selectwoman of Greenwich, Connecticut. The campaign also introduced additional Democratic candidates for local boards and offices.

The Gift of Summer

By Jay Briar

The end of another school year brings a mix of emotions to our classrooms and the homes across our community. There is much to look forward to during the summer. We can envision a blank canvas of unscheduled days as an opportunity for downtime or a challenge to keep our children active and engaged. For generations, summer vacation has been a cherished cornerstone of childhood, a time for exploration, relaxation, and a different kind of learning. And while the rhythm of the academic year is vital, the pause offered by summer holds immeasurable value for both children and their families.

Summer break is wonderful. It's a period not just of rest, but of active rejuvenation. Firstly, summer offers the invaluable gift of unstructured play and exploration. Freed from bells and timetables, children can delve into activities dictated by pure curiosity. Whether it's building forts in the backyard, losing themselves in a captivating book series, or exploring the natural world on a family hike, this self-directed engagement fosters creativity, problem-solving skills, and a deeper understanding of their own interests. It's in these moments

of unhurried discovery that passions ignite and a love for lifelong learning is often kindled.

Secondly, summer provides a crucial opportunity for family reconnection. The pace of the school year, with homework, extracurricular activities, and parental work schedules, can often leave family time feeling fragmented. Summer allows for a collective exhale. Shared meals without the rush, extended conversations, and new family adventures strengthen bonds and create lasting memories. This dedicated time together nourishes a child's sense of security and belonging, which are foundational to their overall well-being and, consequently, their readiness to learn.

Thirdly, summer allows for mental and emotional recuperation. The rigors of academic life, while stimulating, can also be demanding. Summer provides a necessary mental break, allowing young minds to decompress and recharge. This period of lower stress and greater autonomy can significantly reduce burnout and foster a renewed sense of enthusiasm when the new school year begins. It's a chance for children to pursue hobbies, develop new skills outside of the academic arena, or

simply enjoy the quietude that allows for reflection and personal growth.

That said, it's also helpful to keep in mind a common concern known as the "summer slide." This happens when kids don't get as much practice with academic skills—especially reading and math—and start to lose some of the progress they made during the school year. Without the regular routine of school, children might not read as often, which can affect their vocabulary, comprehension, and overall reading confidence. Since math skills tend to build on one another, a long break without practice can lead to some forgetfulness, making it harder to pick up where they left off when school starts again. A little review and fun practice over the summer can go a long way in keeping those skills fresh!

For generations, summer vacation has been a cherished cornerstone of childhood, a time for exploration, relaxation, and a different kind of learning. And while the rhythm of the academic year is vital, the pause offered by summer holds immeasurable value for both children and their families.

To balance the joys of summer with continued support for long-term learning, all families have to find a sustainable and enjoyable middle ground. Make reading a daily pleasure, not a chore. Visit the local library, let children choose books that genuinely excite them, read together as a family, or listen to audiobooks on car journeys. Even 20-30 minutes of reading a day can make a significant difference. And no matter your child's age, make time to read to them, as well.

Math is naturally part of everyday life and can easily be integrated into daily activities. Cooking and baking involve measurements and fractions. Budgeting allowance can teach financial literacy. Board games and card games often require strategic thinking and number manipulation. Look for fun math apps or workbooks

that can be tackled in short, engaging bursts. Before the school year ends, you can also ask your teacher for specific topics or activities that would particularly benefit your child.

Ultimately, summer is a gift. It's an opportunity for children to grow in different ways, recharge their spirits, and connect more deeply with their families and the world around them. With a little thoughtful planning, we can ensure that our children return to school in the fall not just rested, but also reinvigorated, curious, and ready to embrace the learning adventures ahead.

Jay Briar is the Head of Whitby School in Greenwich which serves students from preschool through middle school, offering Montessori and International Baccalaureate programs.



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45 Ettl Lane 301	\$969,000	\$535	1,812	0	2	2	Glenville
104 W Ritch Avenue 6	\$1,299,000	\$531	2,446	0	3	3	Byram
2 River Lane	\$1,300,000	\$806	1,613	0.14	3	2	Cos Cob
510 W Lyon Farm Drive	\$1,649,000	\$738	2,233	0	3	3	Glenville
65 HALSEY Drive	\$1,695,000	\$835	2,031	0.19	4	4	Old Greenwich
37 Park Avenue	\$1,795,000	\$719	2,496	0.17	4	2	Old Greenwich
74 Valleywood Road	\$1,825,000	\$830	2,198	0.22	4	2	Cos Cob
622 W Lyon Farm Drive	\$1,850,000	\$592	3,124	0	5	4	Glenville
22 Maplewood Drive	\$1,950,000	\$639	3,050	0.19	5	4	Cos Cob
18 Sound Beach Avenue	\$2,199,900	\$1,113	1,977	0.19	4	3	Old Greenwich
30 Meadowbank Road	\$2,350,000	\$1,165	2,018	0.25	3	2	Old Greenwich
6 Prescott Lane	\$2,450,000	\$1,025	2,391	0.2	4	3	South Parkway
39 Indian Mill Road	\$2,695,000	\$675	3,994	1.01	5	3	Cos Cob
14 Edgewater Drive	\$2,699,000	\$1,181	2,286	0.17	4	2	Old Greenwich
5 Jofran Lane	\$4,195,000	\$898	4,672	1.22	5	5	South Parkway
52 Breezemont Avenue	\$5,325,000	\$892	5,970	0.4	6	6	Riverside
86 Winthrop Drive	\$5,350,000	\$905	5,914	0.5	4	5	Riverside
6 Dorchester Lane	\$5,900,000	\$843	7,000	0.3	6	5	Riverside
25 Dialstone Lane	\$6,195,000	\$950	6,520	0.28	6	7	Riverside
121 Valley Drive	\$6,290,000	\$974	6,461	1	5	6	South Parkway
34 Carrington Drive	\$8,850,000	\$1,113	7,948	3.58	6	6	North Parkway
828 North Street	\$8,950,000	\$932	9,600	4.31	6	7	North Parkway
7 Dairy Road	\$13,995,000	\$988	14,169	2.11	7	9	South Parkway
11 Langhorne Lane	\$19,500,000	\$737	26,454	8.79	8	12	North Parkway
37 Burying Hill Road	\$19,900,000	\$1,106	18,000	9.03	7	7	North Parkway
26 Meadowcroft Lane	\$29,750,000	\$1,740	17,100	3.02	9	11	South Parkway

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39 Riverside Avenue	Riverside	\$2,175,000	Sun 2-4 PM	Berkshire Hathaway
15 MacArthur Drive	Old Greenwich	\$1,925,000	Sat 12-3 PM	Berkshire Hathaway
2 River Lane	Cos Cob	\$1,300,000	Sat 12-2 PM	Sotheby's
2 River Lane	Cos Cob	\$1,300,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
25 Dialstone Lane	Riverside	\$6,195,000	sun 1-4 PM	Sotheby's

NEW SALES

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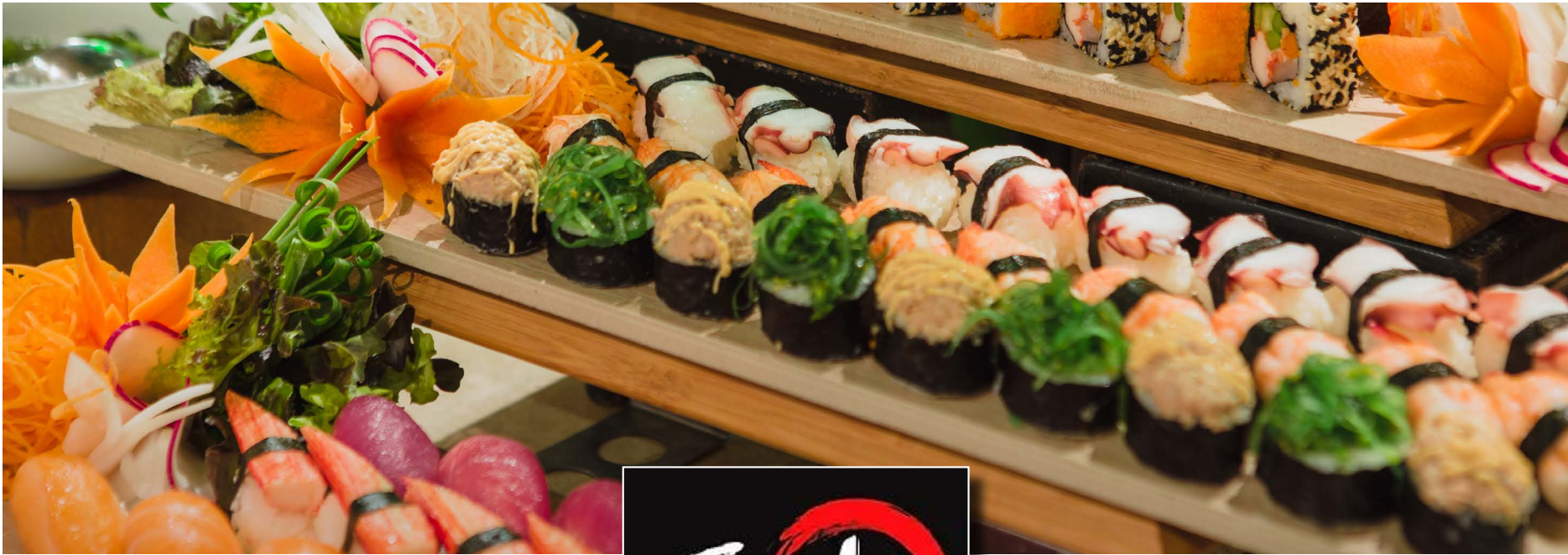
Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
203 S Water Street A	\$999,000	\$999,000	\$975,000	300	3	3	0.24	2,758
25 Mary Lane	\$1,997,500	\$1,997,500	\$1,500,000	232	4	2	4.68	1,846
8 Stoney Wylde Lane	\$4,800,000	\$4,600,000	\$4,600,000	107	5	5	2.01	5,022
16 Elizabeth Lane	\$2,000,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,790,000	112	4	5	0.26	2,638
4 Avon Lane	\$3,495,000	\$3,495,000	\$3,944,500	4	5	3	1.1	4,584
5 Cathlow Drive	\$6,495,000	\$6,495,000	\$5,600,000	78	5	5	1.94	7,142
28 Tomac Avenue	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,550,000	8	4	3	0.49	3,481
30 Putnam Park 30	\$539,000	\$539,000	\$537,500	52	2	1	12	905
43 High Street	\$533,000	\$533,000	\$700,000	-41	2	1	0.16	1,812
12 Old Forge Road	\$3,595,000	\$3,595,000	\$3,900,000	7	5	3	2.07	3,404
28 Curt Terrace	\$1,780,000	\$1,780,000	\$1,650,000	13	5	3	0.4	2,419
26 Deepwoods Lane	\$2,895,000	\$2,895,000	\$2,985,000	20	4	4	0.31	3,006
23 Hillcrest Park Road	\$3,998,000	\$3,998,000	\$3,975,000	310	5	5	3.23	9,312
24 Riverside Lane	\$1,195,000	\$1,195,000	\$1,315,000	9	3	3	0.22	1,871
19 Palmer Street 2	\$699,000	\$699,000	\$750,000	62	2	2	0	1,524
1 Arrowhead Lane	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	\$2,460,000	13	4	3	1	3,120
52 Sherwood Place 4	\$985,000	\$985,000	\$1,125,000	10	2	2	0	1,467
18 Mortimer Drive	\$2,495,000	\$2,495,000	\$2,650,000	12	4	3	0.21	2,200
213 Round Hill Road	\$5,495,000	\$5,495,000	\$5,350,000	22	3	2	2.01	5,192
1065 King Street	\$1,595,000	\$1,595,000	\$1,606,500	18	4	3	1.52	4,269
16 Zygmont Lane	\$995,000	\$995,000	\$1,175,000	21	4	2	0.47	2,020
1465 E Putnam Ave 527	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$540,000	12	1	1	0	784
1 Relay Court	\$895,000	\$895,000	\$1,075,000	11	3	2	0.09	1,113
73 Putnam Park 73	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$550,000	28	1	1	0	920
146 Woodside Drive	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	0	4	2	0.75	1,865
15 Blind Brook Lane	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	5	3	2	1.12	2,028



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House Sales Rocket Upward in May 2025



By MARK PRUNER

But for How Much Longer?

Greenwich single family home sales continued to climb like a SpaceX rocket in May 2024. The question is will sales crash like a SpaceX Starship, when the second stage kicks in. Last month, we had 59 single family home sales, the most May sales since the Covid years and before that you have to go all the way back to 2015 to find a better May.

With stock prices recovering in the month of May, buyers decided it was time to close, before their stock values fell again like they did in the March when Greenwich house sales cratered to their second worst March this century. When stock prices recovered in the last 10 days of the April, delayed closings happened quickly.

The May 2025 sales continued this spate of quick closing as sales numbers increased at a rate higher than normal. In two months, we went from a horrible March to a May that just about matched our 10-year average, when we had been well below average all year and for most of the two prior years.

What's really remarkable about the May jump in sales is that we did with inventory way down; 81% lower than in 2019. This low inventory in 2025 has been consistent with every week this year setting a new record low for that week. Having average sales with only 19% of the inventory that we had had in prior years is astounding.

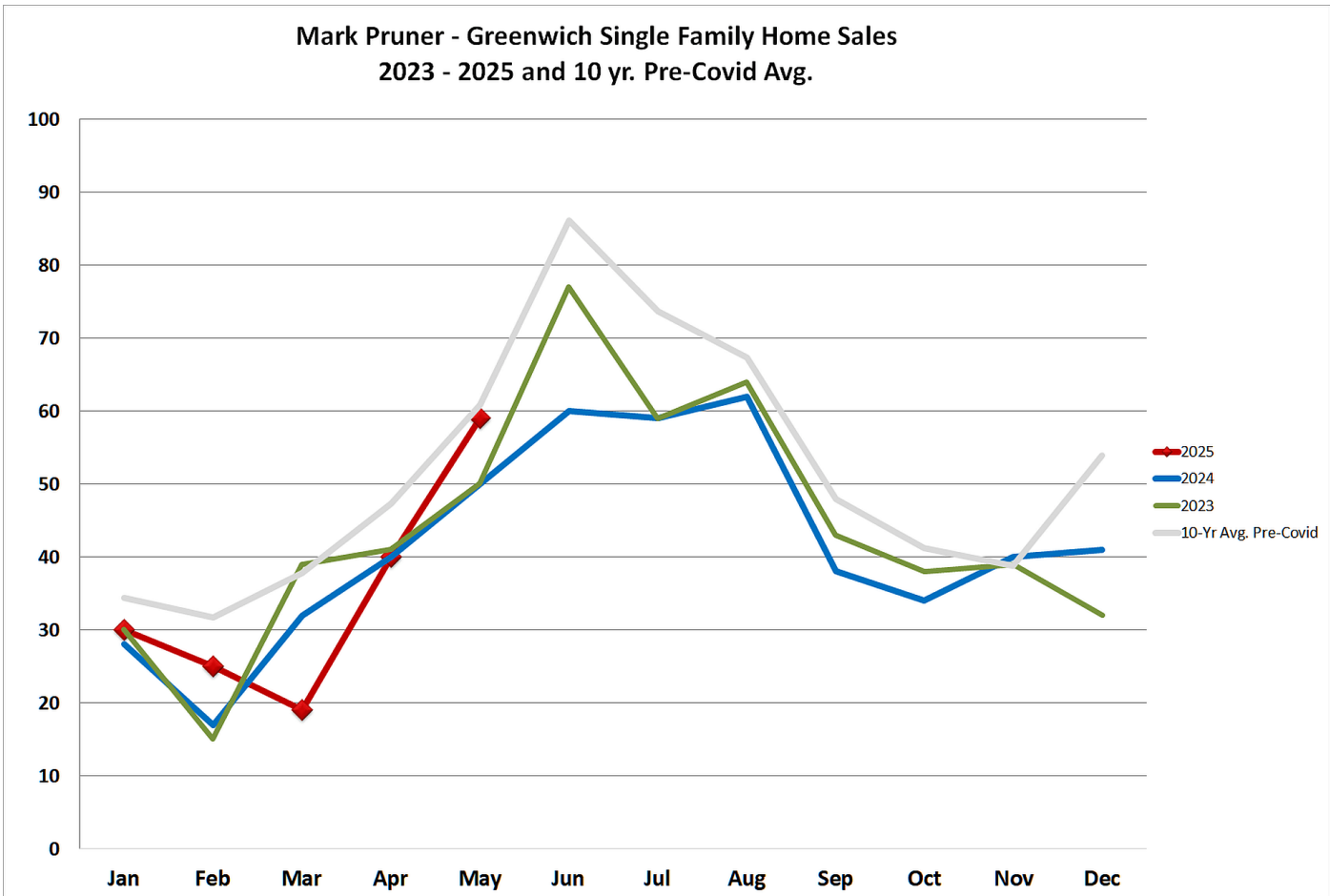
Can we keep up this pace of sales? Do we have enough fuel for that second stage of the

rocket? The answer is not clear. Our inventory has climbed steadily since March, as it is supposed to do in the spring market. (It's also supposed to grow in January and February, albeit more slowly than in the spring market and it didn't really do that this year.) Last week our inventory took a big jump from 135 listings to 151 listings, our highest number of listings this year. We're hoping this is the beginning of a surge of new listings coming to market.

But is that one week jump in inventory significant. For you contrarians out there, you can also argue that the big jump last week was due to Memorial Day two weeks ago when we saw an actual drop in inventory. If you average the plus 5 new listings Memorial Day week with the 18 new listings last week, you get a much less inspiring 12 new listings average for the last two weeks. Only time will tell whether inventory will rise as market uncertainty slows demand as it has done in most of the rest of the U.S.

As the Chinese saying goes, “May you live in interesting times.” So now comes the interesting times. More inventory in May led to more sales, but the rocket jump in sales was aided by a lot of contracts closing, which meant the number of contracts, which should be growing, took its largest week to week drop in the last couple of years. What will happen in June, which is traditionally our biggest month for sales. Our 10-year average for June sales is 86 single-family home sales. What are the chances of getting there this year?

The last two months sales have jumped about 20 sales per month, which would get us to 79 sales, not too far from our 86 sales average. This would



mean that we would need to get 79 sales out of our present 112 contracts plus quick closes. In April 2024, we got 40 sales out of our 111 contracts at the beginning of last April. To make it to 79 sales we would need a bunch of quick closes or an even bigger drop in contracts than we saw this month.

In May 2025, we burned a lot of rocket fuel, i.e. contracts to get to our 59 May sales and we will need a bunch of even quicker closes to get to 79 sales in June 2025. If we do get to 79 sales in June, it will be our best June since 2016 except for the record Covid year of 2021.

It's not only the big rebound in May sales that shows that the market is hot, it is just about every other number. Our months of supply is below 6 months all the way up to \$6.5 million. When you add in our contracts, months of supply is showing a tightening market in every price category. The greatest tightening is in the price ranges above \$6.5 million.

Inventory in 2025 is down 10.7% from 2024. All the price ranges below \$4 million are down. Below \$1.5 million, I can show you every house on the market in less than 90 minutes, as I only have 4 houses to show you (as my brother Russ pointed out in our office meeting this morning). While our contracts are down, this is because a lot of people closed quickly in May when stock prices stayed up.

We do see an increase in inventory over \$4 million and over \$5 million are up a lot. High-end sales are up 59% from 29 sales in 2024 to 46 sales so far this year. As the Wall Street Journal pointed out in an article on May 16th ultra-high-end sales are up in markets across the country. (Our Greenwich Streets Team still has the highest sale and contract price this year at \$21 million, but we have 10 houses listed above that price. Only 2 of those 10 houses have been on for less than 60 days on market, but the high-end buyers are out there.

In the statistics that lots of people are interested our sales price is up 10.3%. At the end of May our YTD median price is \$3,200,000 compared to \$2,900,000 in May of last year. About half of that median price increase is due to mix of what is selling. We have little inventory under \$1.5 million and a 59% jump in sales over \$5 million. It's not likely that your house is up 10.3% from last year. A better number to look at is price per square foot. This stat is less affected by the mix of what is selling. Price/sf is up 4.5% from \$758/sf last year to \$792 this year.

Our median days on market last year was a ridiculously low 26 days and in 2025, it's a slightly more ridiculous 24 days. Of our 59 sales last month, 35% went for over list and another 20% went for full list price for a total of 55% selling at full list price or over. This is just a bit higher than last year when 54% of 2024 sales went for full list price or over.

The market is tight and continues to be as we have lots of buyers for the pittance of inventory that we have. The consensus at our office meeting this week is that all the uncertainty, the persistent higher interest rates and a flat to down stock market is resulting in some pull back in in buyers. However, if you are buyer, you are not really going to notice it. Buyers need to be prepared to either do some work to fix up a house or wait for “their” house and then move quickly.

For sellers, it's a good time to list.

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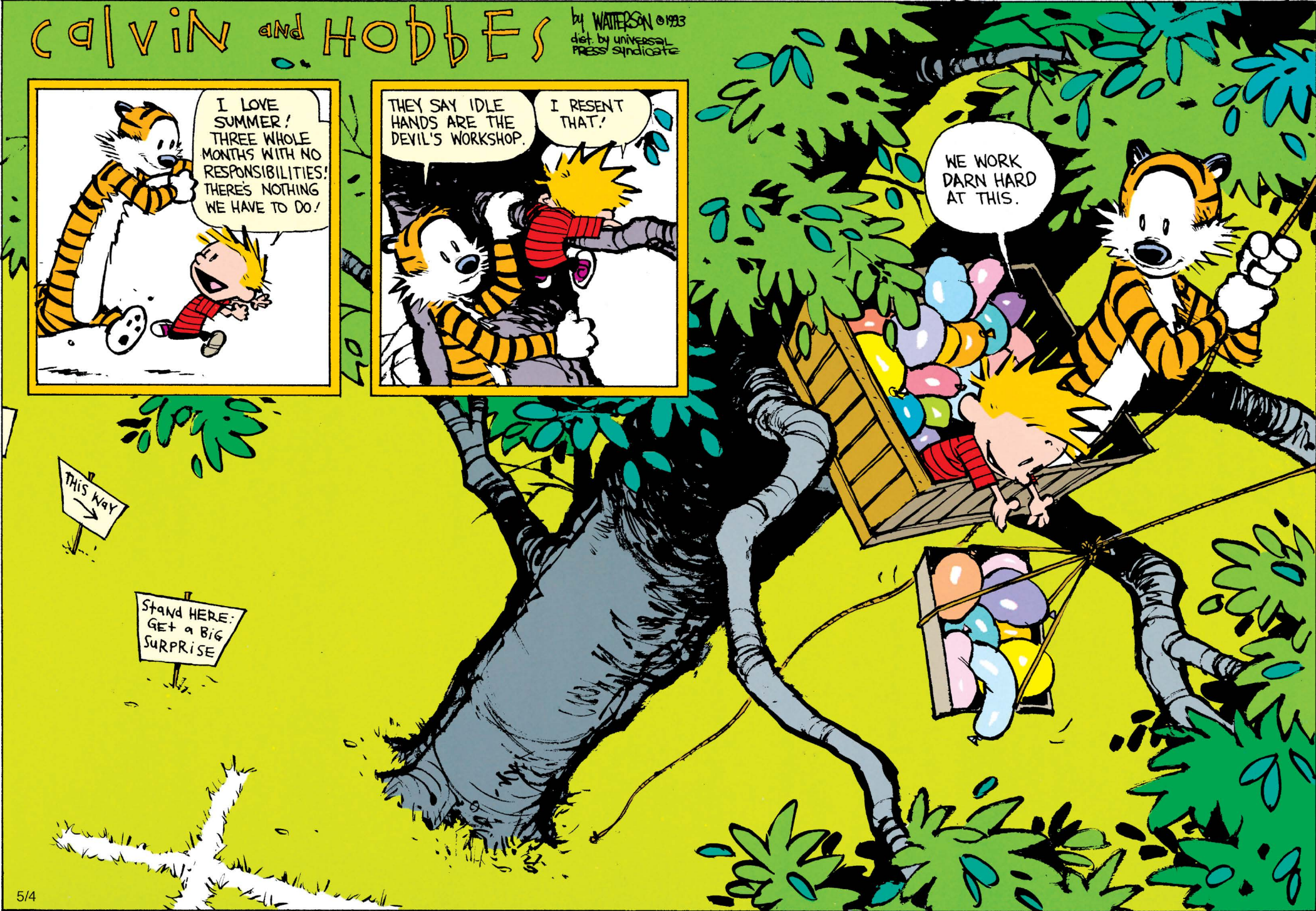
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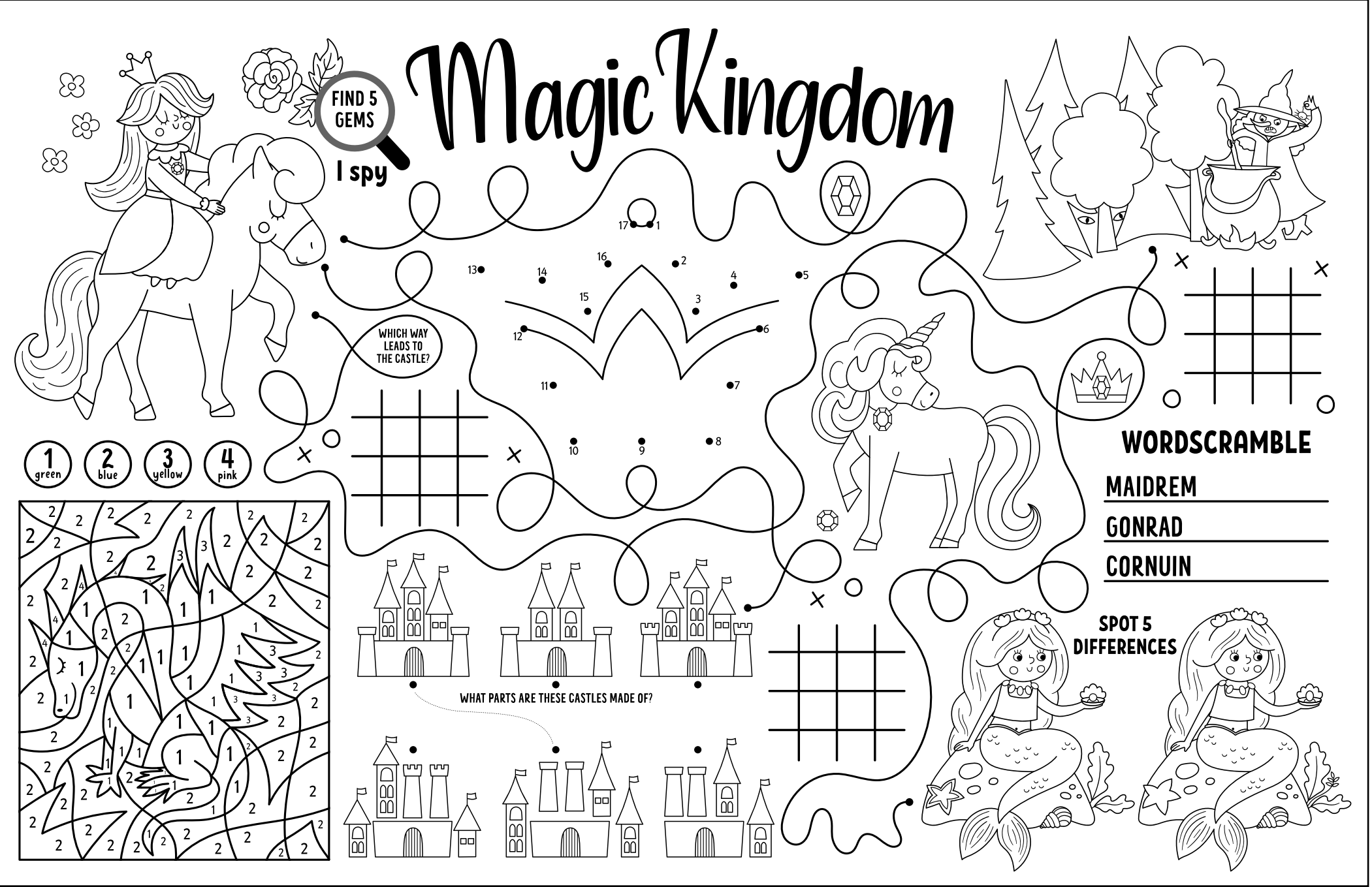
Coloring mandalas offers psychological and emotional benefits that extend across all age groups, from young children to older adults. Rooted in centuries of spiritual and artistic tradition, mandalas—geometric designs often arranged in concentric circles—provide a structured yet creative outlet that 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, 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. audubon.org/events?view_type=row&llocation=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

9 a.m.

“One Man. One Dog. One Big Goal” fundraiser for River House Adult Day Center. facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1105759684912814&set=a.327253356096788

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. brucemuseum.org.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Byram Neighborhood Association: Byram Cleanup Day. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 286 Delavan Ave. signupgenius.com/go/10C054EA4AE2EABFDC70-57127317-byram?fbclid=IwY2xjawKqtC9leHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETFmSDJyd1E0Y1l5TDFuczB-kAR49Kf8bVBFmENwTrPvSIN8zNoD-5Cr3YHfvmrDbJ1ElR8ZKhEtPD9urII-7YXfw_aem_ujcrh1ofM0NrDuaLKN-5plw#/

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic. Greenwich Animal Control, 393 North Street. \$20 p/pet for a 1 or 3-year vaccine. 203-622-8299.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Greenwich Police Department Benefit Car Show. Greenwich Town Hall. Rain date: Sunday, June 8. gpdscholarshipfund.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. brucemuseum.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. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.

Lunch and Learn: Jeremy Frey and Ants. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org.

2 p.m.

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

1 p.m.

Lunch and Learn: Jeremy Frey and Ants. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.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

10 a.m.

Friends of Greenwich Point Summer Concerts: Jumpin’ Jams. Tod’s Point. In the event of rain, the concert will be indoors at Bosco’s Bar + Grill, 148 Sound Beach Ave. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

3 p.m.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Awesome Trees Reception. Greenwich Audubon Center. Register. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

3 p.m.

iCreate 2025: Opening Reception. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. RSVP. mlendenmann@brucemuseum.org. brucemuseum.org.

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

4 p.m.

Friends of Greenwich Point Summer Concerts: The Danned. Tod’s Point. In the event of rain, the concert will be indoors at Bosco’s Bar + Grill, 148 Sound Beach Ave. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

MONDAY, JUNE 9

2 p.m.

CT Ceramics Circle: Adam Chau Sings the Blues. On Zoom. Free for Members & first time guests. Register. cceramicsc.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

9:30 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

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

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Woven Paper Baskets (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, June 11. brucemuseum.org

6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Interfaith Pride Service. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 200 Riverside Ave., Riverside. RSVP. gina.cristino@templeholom.com

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

10 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Garlic and Shallots - Care and Harvest. Greenwich Botanical Center. \$10, Members; \$15, Non-Members. 203-869-9242. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

11 a.m.

Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich: Shaun Kelly, Merrill gaming analyst, “The Sports Betting Market.” Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.

Colonial Crafts: Make a Revolutionary Tricorn Hat in the Time Travelers Kid-Studio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

1 p.m.

Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC): Business Essentials: Trademark Basics for Startups – Protecting Your Brand. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

2 p.m.

Book Talk: “Taking a Ride on Butterfly Wings” with Catherine T. Horn. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free & open to the public. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

7 p.m.

Havemeyer Building RFP Evaluation Committee Public Hearing. Town Hall Meeting Room & on Zoom. greenwichct.gov/calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

10 a.m.

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

6 p.m.

Caring for Dahlias in Season with Joe Lysik. Greenwich Botanical Center. Free, Greenwich Dahlia Society Members; \$20, GBC Members; \$35, Non-Members. 203-869-9242. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

7 p.m.

Greenwich Conservation Commission: “Oh Deer! Managing Greenwich’s White-Tailed Deer Population.” Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room, 101 Field Point Rd. & on Zoom. Free. Register. signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44ADAA2FABFDC61-54873351-ohdeer

7 p.m.

Healing Voices: An Evening of Lights with award-winning actor, singer, and recording artist, Karen Mason. Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave. Free. RSVP. greenwichartsCouncil.org

7 p.m.

St. Catherine’s Support Circle presents Telling Your Story: The Cornerstone of Networking. On Zoom. RSVP required by Monday, June 9. jcw@wca-search.com. stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

10:30 a.m.

Greenwich Newcomers Club: Hike with Laura. Mianus River Park, 450 Cognewaugh Rd. Free. Sign up. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

10:30 a.m.

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

12 p.m.

Group Coaching - Interactive Presentation with Author Dr. Helene Seiler. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the public. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

8 - 10 a.m.

Let’s Go Birding Together! A Pride Month Birding Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. RSVP. Free (donations accepted). audubon.org/events?view_type=row&llocation=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Y-Flag Day Triathlon. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. \$25, Members; \$35, Non-Members. greenwichymca.org/events

1 p.m.

Birding at the Bruce Museum with Greenwich Audubon – a tour of the neighboring Oneida Sanctuary. Meet at the Bruce Museum Lobby. Free. RSVP. brucemuseum.org.

1 p.m.

Art Adventures: Clay Sculptures (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, June 15. brucemuseum.org

3 p.m.

Bruce Experiences: Japanese Folk Dance Workshops. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. RSVP. info@brucemuseum.org. brucemuseum.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

10:30 a.m.

Greenwich Historical Society: Re-Discover Greenwich Avenue Guided Walking Tours. \$20, Members; \$25, Non-members. greenwichhistory.org/events

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. greenwichfarmersmarketct.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; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org

12 - 2 p.m.

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

12:15 p.m.

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

6 - 7:30 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

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

2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

THURSDAYS:

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.

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

5 - 7 p.m.

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

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwich-library.org

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. 203-622-7947. 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.

Monday, June 9

10 a.m.

Summer Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

LEGOS for Wee Ones with Beth. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

12 p.m.

Byram Book Club: “The Women” by Kristin Hannah. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

3:15 p.m.

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

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

5:30 p.m.
Community Sponsored: Cabinwood Association biennial meeting. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

Tuesday, June 10

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

12 p.m.
Cos Cob Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

1 p.m.
Friends Book Group.

5 p.m.
Gentle Yoga with Kristin. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

5 p.m.
New Yorker Stories Discussion Group. Online.

7 p.m.
Investing: The Millionaire Next Door. Online.

Wednesday, June 11

10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Career Coach - AI in Action: Job Seeking Strategies for the Digital Age. Greenwich Library.

10 a.m.
Summer Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

12 p.m.
Cos Cob Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

1 p.m.
Investment Basics Series VI: The Portfolio Review: Why It Is Important and How to Do It. Online.

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

5:30 p.m.
Bedtime Stories. Children’s Constellation Room.

Thursday, June 12

11 a.m.
Tech Help. Learning Lab.

12 p.m.
Cos Cob Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

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

7 p.m.
Seth Godin: This is Strategy. Berkley Theater.

Friday, June 13

9:30 a.m.
Senior Chinese Book Discussion Group. Online. ywang@greenwichlibrary.org.

11:15 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

12 p.m.
Cos Cob Temporary Hours at The Reading Room, 5 Suburban Avenue, Cos Cob.

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

7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: “A Complete Unknown.” Greenwich Library Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, June 14

9 a.m.
Cos Cob Temporary Hours at The Reading Room, 5 Suburban Avenue, Cos Cob.

10:30 a.m.
Music with Tom Weber. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

11 a.m.
Storytime with Children’s Author Valerie Bolling & Craft with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

1 p.m.
Cloak and Dagger Book Club. This Book Club will meet temporarily at the Perrot Memoria Library, during the Cos Cob renovation.

3 p.m.
Innovation Lab for Kids: Make a Solar House. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwich-hospital.org/events 888-305-9253

Monday, June 9

12 p.m.
Talk: Think Sepsis. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. Free.

Tuesday, June 10

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

Saturday, June 14

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

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntn-greenwich.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: Red-CrossBlood.org

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.

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

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

12 - 5 p.m.
The Osborn - Main Building, 101 Theall Rd., Rye, NY.

2 - 6 p.m.
American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Rd., Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

Thursday, June 12

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

Saturday, June 14

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich.

Sunday, June 15

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

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Friday, June 6

1 p.m.
FS Active Transportation Task Force Special Meeting Virtual. Via Zoom.

Monday, June 9

2 p.m.
Public Hearing Scheduled for Scenic Road Modifications on Wesskum Wood Road.

3 p.m.
Energy Management Advisory Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

8 p.m.
RTM Meeting.

8 p.m.
RTM Full Meeting. Central Middle School.

Tuesday, June 10

12 p.m.
First Selectman’s Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

5:15 p.m.
Board of Ethics Special Meeting. Gisborne Room.

5:30 p.m.
Board of Ethics Regular Meeting. Gisborne Room.

5:30 p.m.
Shellfish Commission Regular Meeting. Via Zoom.

6 p.m.
Public Meeting for the Safe Streets Greenwich. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7 p.m.
FS Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

Wednesday, June 11

10 a.m.
BET Audit Committee.

11 a.m.
FS Operations Planning Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

12:30 p.m.
Nathaniel Witherell Quality of Life Committee Meeting.

6 p.m.
FS Hamill Rink Task Force Meeting. In-Person @ Cone Room & Virtual via Zoom.

7 p.m.
Havemeyer Building RFP Evaluation Committee Public Hearing. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7 p.m.
Historic District Commission Regular Meeting. Mazza Room.

7 p.m.
PZBA Meeting.

Thursday, June 12

10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room & Virtual via Zoom.

Monday, June 16

10:30 a.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting.

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

3 p.m.
BET Law Committee.

SAVE THE DATE:

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/l6i/

Monday, August. 11

8 a.m.
Cos Cob School PTA Golf Outing. Grif-fith 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, 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

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

11 a.m.
Little Gardeners Workshop. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

11 a.m.
Meet a Therapy Mini Horse. Ferguson Library – South End Branch at Waterside, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

1 p.m.
Stamford MLK Committee Film Series: Abolition: The Friendship of Frederick Douglass and John Brown. Ferguson Library – South End Branch at Waterside, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

2 p.m.
Meet a Therapy Mini Horse. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

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

MONDAY, JUNE 9

6:30 p.m.
Evening Deep Sleep Meditation. Carriage House Arts Center, Cranbury Park, 390 Grumman Ave., Norwalk. Bring 2-3 blankets, a yoga mat, eye pillow and bolster for under the knees. \$40. Register. carriage-houseartscenter.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

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

7 p.m.
Paul Anka: His Way. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

6 p.m.
Creating Tax Efficient Strategies in Retirement. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.
An Evening with Carl Siciliano, Author of Making Room: Three Decades of Fighting for Beds, Belonging, and a Safe Place for LGBTQ Youth. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Holy Cow plus cheese tasting. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Ariel & Friends – Party Under the Sea. Summer Theatre of New Canaan, 70 Pine Street, New Canaan. \$33. stonc.org/arieland-friends

12:30 p.m.
The Glass House Summer Party. 199 Elm St., New Canaan. theglasshouse.org/whats-on/the-summer-party-2025

6 p.m.
The Serenity Project - Horses Helping Humans Heal: A Night at the Farm. Marchant Farm, 55 Chestnut Woods Rd., Redding. theserenityprojectct.org

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Stage after larva
- 5 Measures in an old Tootsie Pop ad
- 10 “The Winner Takes It All” band
- 14 Bedroom poster figure, say
- 15 Oscar of “The Last Jedi”
- 16 Wood strip
- 17 What you’re standing on (see the middle 4 letters in this answer)
- 19 Writer Vonnegut
- 20 See 10-Down
- 21 Defib expert
- 23 Softball stat
- 24 Heat shield?
- 25 Shellfish sometimes swallowed whole
- 27 Grammy winner ____ Lipa
- 29 Red sauce ingredient (middle 3 letters)
- 33 Unable to sit still
- 35 Prime Video’s company ____-chic
- 37 Animal with a forked tongue
- 38 Fight about the dishes, perhaps
- 42 Catlike
- 44 Black-and-white bear
- 45 It connects the Atlantic and Pacific (middle 3 letters)
- 49 Word before “bod” or “joke”
- 50 Lagasse of New Orleans cuisine
- 51 Adjust, as a radio
- 53 Dashboard device: Abbr.
- 54 Drag behind
- 56 MeatZZa company
- 59 Nothing ____ than perfect
- 61 Complain loudly (middle 4 letters)
- 63 Toledo’s lake
- 64 They’re just not good
- 65 Titillating
- 66 “Oh, man!”
- 67 Coped (with)
- 68 Word in a shoppe name

DOWN

- 1 Italian city with a famous tower
- 2 Japanese wheat noodles
- 3 Know-it-all?
- 4 Suspect’s story
- 5 Wasn’t straight with Brit’s
- 6 Brit’s “Goodness me!”
- 7 Vehicle on a ferry
- 8 Comedian McKinnon
- 9 Work the room

- 10 With 20-Across, “It’s a well-known fact!”
- 11 Utters impulsively
- 12 Wager over lager, say
- 13 It’s often formal at a wedding
- 18 Eccentric
- 22 Wager for lager, maybe?
- 26 ____ Ana
- 27 Bit of gel
- 28 Game with Wild cards
- 30 In a frenzy
- 31 JennAir alternative
- 32 Occupied
- 34 Until now
- 37 Weaved downhill on skis
- 39 Refusing to accept something
- 40 Vaccine-approving org.

- 41 Grapefruit diet, e.g.
- 43 Release
- 44 Fruits that flavor some Japanese liqueurs
- 45 Certain artificial limb
- 46 Watt per volt
- 47 Loch monster, familiarly
- 48 “Raise your glasses ...”
- 52 Dragster fuel, briefly
- 55 Slight curl in long hair
- 56 Small hollow
- 57 Readable with a laser
- 58 Scottish isle where a terrier originated
- 60 Utters, informally
- 62 Seoul-based Soul maker

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Lower on the farm?
4. (K) Egyptian snakes
8. Move merch
12. (K) “Let me see those tonsils” response
13. “Away from my eye, fly!”
14. (K) “... Mr. Grinch. You really ____ heel” (2 words)
15. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
16. What semitruck drivers do
17. (K) Refined woman
18. (K) When cookouts are plentiful
21. (K) Pose a ?
22. Windsor, famously
26. Score for an outstanding golfer
28. (K) Prefix with “term” or “night”
29. (K) Belonging to Pop-Pop
30. Thing that has many transactions (2 words)
34. (K) What a long, high fly to the warning track is
35. (K) Bark like a puppy
36. “A spider!” or “A mouse!” shriek
37. Trues up
39. (K) Acquired
41. Affording grounds for suing
46. “Back to the Future” bully
49. Mom-and-pop hotels
50. (K) Get ____ of (discard)
51. (K) Bread unit
52. (K) Amount of caramel-covered locusts you crave
53. (K) Slam this on the table to beat a king
54. (K) Good thing to sing
55. (K) Insect that’s super annoying
56. (K) X, in an old Roman classroom

DOWN

1. (K) Some things charged overnight

2. Where the only Royal Palace in the U.S. is
3. “For ____ the Bell Tolls”
4. (K) Grate stuff
5. (K) Bad thing to swim next to
6. (K) Stick out a sour lip
7. Ask for, as donations
8. (K) What retailers ring up
9. Time period marked by a distinctive character
10. (K) Was the person in front of a march
11. (K) Place down, as marble tiles
19. (K) Put an “A” on a school paper
20. (K) Constructed
23. What you used to be?
24. Coupling unit
25. (K) Most powerful suffix
26. Famous McCartney
27. (K) Protester’s prefix
28. (K) Graphic with place names
30. (K) What not to challenge to a squeezing contest
31. (K) Match a moving mouth to the words
32. Job for someone in the king’s court
33. “He never ____ stranger” (2 words)
38. Social blooper
39. Going to, informally
40. (K) Early stage or beginning
42. Two words after “barge” or “zoom”
43. Kid that’s certainly no angel
44. (K) Bloodsucking parasitic insects
45. (K) Eve slept there
46. Type of deli sandwich
47. Letters on a chit
48. (K) It brings the cool

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

Department with pitching coaches?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

Start to mature?
34-A) PRE

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Bighearted by Kyle Dolan

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Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

The Venus-Mars trine on June 5 enhances your charisma, making it an opportune time to pursue creative projects or deepen romantic connections. Mercury’s entry into Cancer on June 8 encourages open communication within your domestic sphere. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may prompt you to reevaluate your beliefs and seek new learning opportunities.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Venus entering your sign on June 6 enhances your natural charm and encourages self-care. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 supports heartfelt conversations with close friends and family. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may bring financial matters to the forefront, prompting you to reassess shared resources.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

With Venus entering Taurus on June 6, you may find solace in solitude and reflection. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 shifts your focus to financial planning and resource management. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 highlights your relationships, encouraging open dialogue and mutual understanding.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 enhances your social life, making it an ideal time to connect with friends. Mercury’s move into your sign on June 8 boosts your communication skills, allowing you to express your feelings more effectively. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may prompt you to focus on health and daily routines.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 brings attention to your career and public image, potentially opening doors for advancement. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 encourages introspection and emotional processing. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may inspire creative pursuits or romantic endeavors.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 enhances your desire for knowledge and exploration. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 supports networking and collaborative efforts. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may bring family matters to light, encouraging open communication at home.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 prompts you to delve into deeper emotional connections and shared resources. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 brings focus to your career and long-term goals. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may inspire you to share your ideas and expand your horizons .

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 highlights your partnerships, encouraging harmony and balance. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 supports educational pursuits and philosophical discussions. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may prompt financial evaluations and adjustments.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 encourages you to focus on health and daily routines. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 brings attention to shared resources and emotional intimacy. The Full Moon in your sign on June 11 offers a personal reset, inspiring you to align with your true self .

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 enhances your creative expression and romantic life. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 emphasizes communication within partnerships. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may lead you to release outdated beliefs and embrace new perspectives.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)a

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 brings focus to home and family matters, encouraging comfort and stability. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 supports health and wellness routines. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may inspire you to engage with your community and pursue collective goals.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 enhances your communication skills, making it an ideal time for creative writing or speaking engagements. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 boosts your creative expression and romantic endeavors. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may bring career matters to the forefront, prompting you to reassess your professional path.

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 tree shredder (7)
- 2 “handy” digit (6)
- 3 fibber (11)
- 4 knocked off the shine (7)
- 5 unwell (6)
- 6 like grapevine news (10)
- 7 1950s TV star Lucille (4)

SOLUTIONS

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4. ARÍZONA 5. STUFFED 6. PANERA 7. TOASTINESS

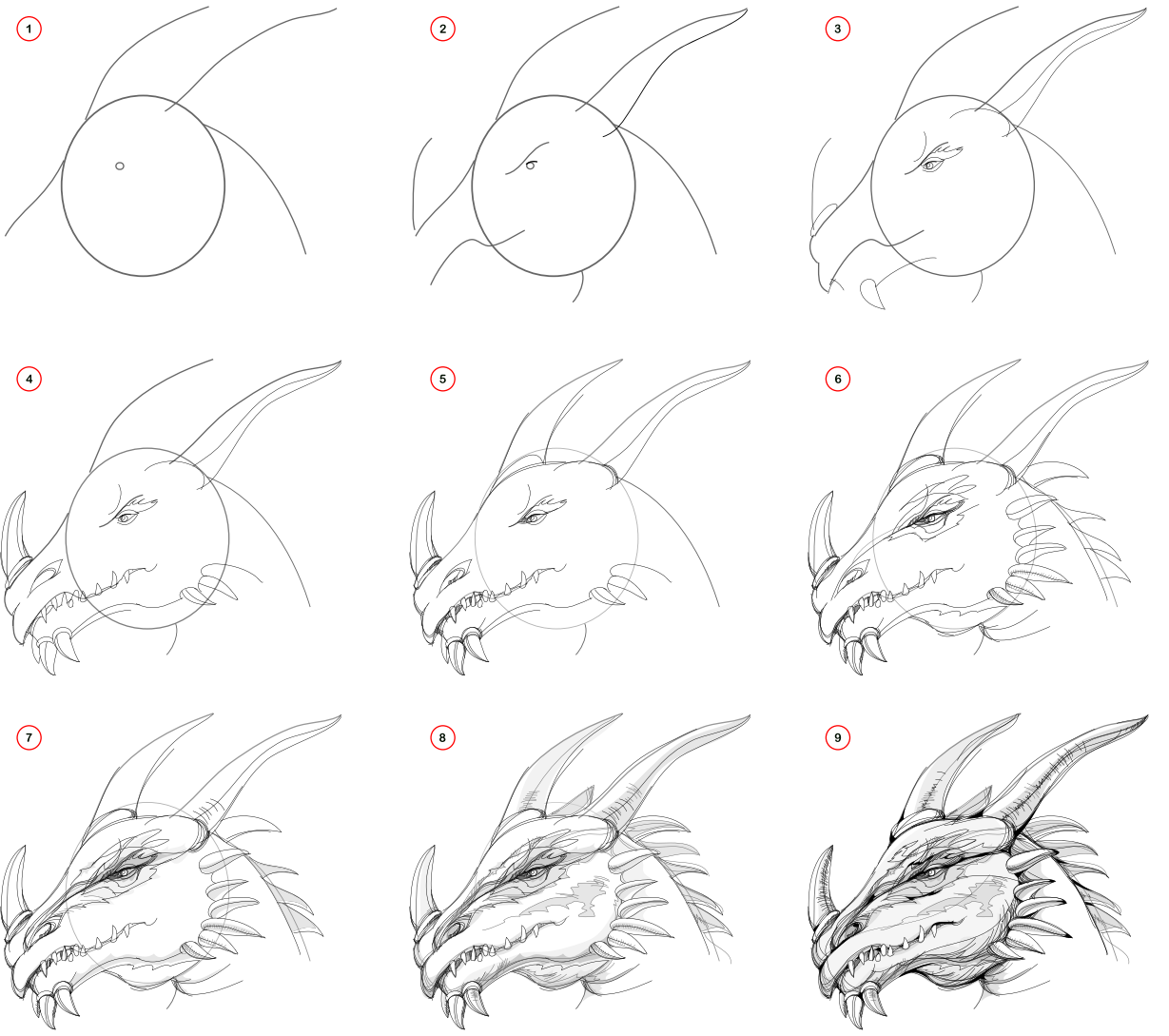
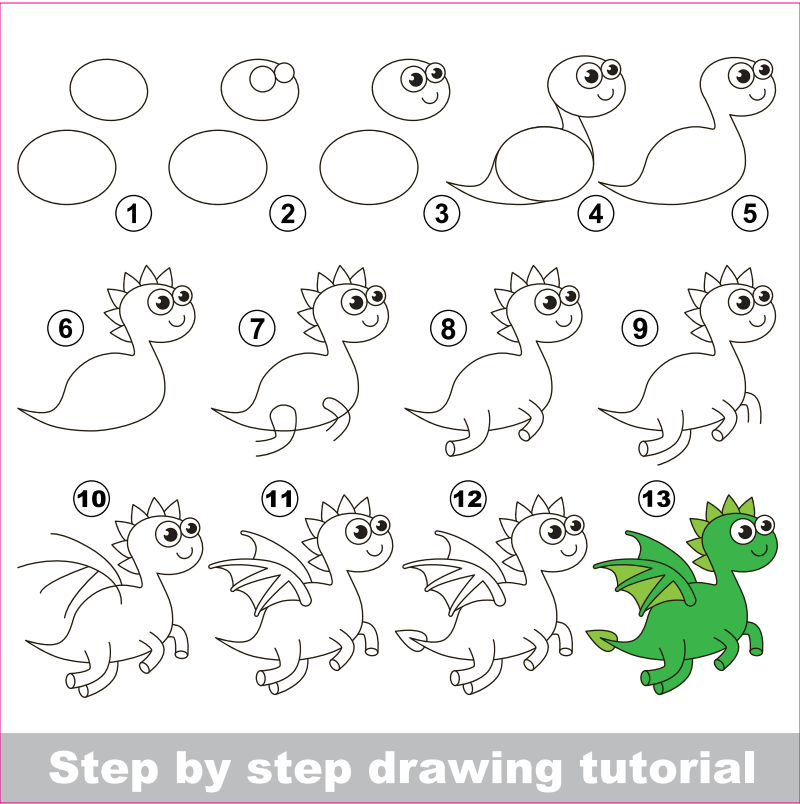
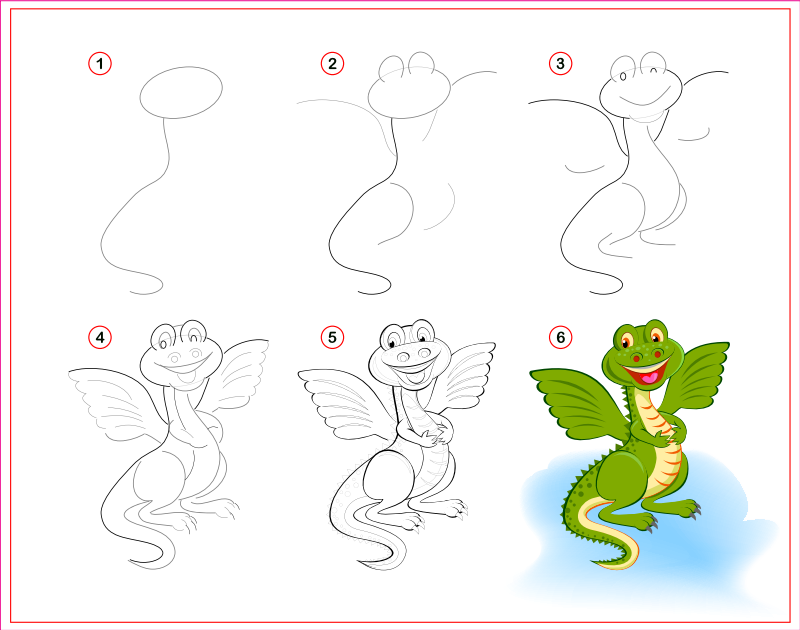
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The answers to this week’s puzzles can be found in next week’s issue.

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How To Draw Many Ways: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

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SUDOKU

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

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