


Local News Brief

...catching you up quickly.

Here are the stories that happened this week.

POLICE & FIRE

GPD Car Show Supports Scholarships



On June 8, 2025, the Greenwich Police Department Scholarship Fund Benefit Car Show was held at Greenwich Town Hall, featuring vintage, classic, and exotic vehicles. The event raised funds to provide college scholarships to the children of active Greenwich Police Officers who meet academic and character requirements. Multiple awards were given across various vehicle categories, supported by local sponsors. Best in Show went to Nicholas Pasani's 1962 Imperial Crown Convertible. Photo Credit: Bob Capazzo

Greenwich Police Support Special Olympics

On June 6, the Greenwich Police Department participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run alongside other departments statewide. The event involved carrying the Flame of Hope to support the Special Olympics. It is held annually to promote awareness and inclusion.

FROM TOWN HALL

Greenwich Launches New Tree Database

The Town of Greenwich Parks and Recreation Department has launched an online program that provides data on local trees. Users can access information on species, size, location, and ecological benefits. The tool is available through a user-friendly digital interface.

Town Hosts Annual Juneteenth Celebrations

Greenwich will hold its third annual Juneteenth flag-raising on June 19 at Town Hall from 12 PM to 1 PM, marking the 1865 arrival of emancipation news to enslaved people in Galveston, Texas. A separate community event hosted by the Greenwich Historical Society will take place on June 21 at its Cos Cob campus, featuring food, music, and educational activities. Both events are free and open to the public.

AROUND TOWN

Delavan Avenue Traffic Flow Improvements

The traffic pattern at Delavan Avenue and Frontage Road has changed:

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

We have enough intelligence, goodwill, generosity, and enterprise to turn Earth into a paradise both for ourselves and for the biosphere that gave us birth." The late E.O. Wilson, from his "The Meaning of Human Existence," 2014. Born June 10, 1929.

Fazio Fights Zoning Bill, Wins Tax and Energy Relief

ANNE WHITE

In the waning hours of Connecticut's 2025 legislative session, Senator Ryan Fazio (R-Greenwich) emerged as a key voice of dissent against a sweeping housing bill and as a leading architect of two bipartisan reforms poised to benefit Greenwich residents. The dual roles—defiant watchdog and pragmatic lawmaker—underscore the political crosscurrents reshaping state-local relations in Connecticut.

Central to Fazio's critique is House Bill 5002, a 160-page omnibus measure that began as a homelessness bill and morphed, in Fazio's words, into a "deeply flawed" top-down assault on municipal zoning powers. He is urging Governor Ned Lamont to veto the bill.

"This bill represents one of the most aggressive attacks on local control our state has seen," Fazio said. "What began as a one-page bill on homelessness has transformed into a 160-page omnibus filled with top-down mandates that override the voices of our towns and cities."

Of particular concern to Fazio is the "Fair Share" mandate, which he said would compel Greenwich and its neighboring towns to build thousands of housing units "regardless of local capacity or planning."

Also included in the bill is "Work Live Ride", which would enable as-of-right zoning for multi-unit housing near transit hubs. The law would also eliminate parking minimums for developments under 24 units effectively forcing towns to subsidize development parking and causing more congestion problems.

The backdrop to Fazio's protest is not simply localist resistance—it is electoral math. The bill passed the Senate 20–15, with more Democrats voting 'no' than on any other successful bill this session. It followed a 2 a.m. Republican-led filibuster. The House approved it by a narrow margin.

While opposing H.B. 5002, Fazio secured a unanimous legislative victory with the passage of Senate Bill 1558, a bill he authored to challenge the cross-border taxation of Connecticut workers by states like New York. The bill creates a legal incentive—through a 60% tax credit—for residents to sue for refunds on income taxed while working from home in Connecticut, even if employed by out-of-state companies.

"For years, Connecticut residents... have been unconstitutionally forced to pay



Just Maybe... The Best Photo We've Ever Received

These siblings: three, five and seven years old, woke up early Saturday morning and let their parent sleep in while they dove into the *Sentinel*. Their mom reported that this was the scene when she woke up: all three children enjoying the *Sentinel* puzzle pages.

high taxes to those other states on days that they work entirely from home in Connecticut," said Fazio. "There is no legal rationale for one state taxing residents of another state for labor entirely performed within the other state."

Greenwich's stake is outsized. Tens of thousands of its residents commute to New York or work remotely for companies based there. Fazio argued that correcting the tax treatment could yield hundreds of millions in recovered revenue for the state, and thousands of dollars annually for individual Greenwich taxpayers.

In another area of bipartisan progress, Fazio celebrated Senate passage of S.B. 4, a compromise bill that delivers \$200 million in statewide annual savings on electric bills. The bill cuts \$100 million from public benefit charges and another \$100 million from transmission costs—cost drivers that have long weighed on Greenwich ratepayers.

"We've heard from tens of thousands of families who are being crushed by these costs," Fazio said. "We never stopped fighting for them. Today's compromise marks one small step toward long-overdue relief."

Republicans had pushed for deeper cuts, but Fazio called the agreement "a step in the right direction," citing provisions to curb costly subsidies and promote transparency. Senate GOP Leader Stephen Harding echoed that the bill "does not go far enough," but credited Fazio's persistence for forcing a bipartisan reckoning with the state's high energy burden.

Lamont is expected to sign S.B. 1558 and S.B. 4. But H.B. 5002 hangs in the balance.

"I urge the governor to veto H.B. 5002," Fazio said. "Let's go back to the drawing board... without gutting local control."

Balance, Impact, and Gloves Up: More of Joe Kelly's Story

ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Coach, Counselor, Community Builder

In Part One of our profile, we followed Joe Kelly from a tight-knit Queens childhood to Wall Street and Tokyo, through a high-stakes career in global finance, and finally to Greenwich, where a non-compete agreement forced a hiatus from work revealing a deeper calling: community.

He coached kids to nine state championships, covered team costs anonymously, helped dig through the rubble after 9/11, volunteered for ten years as a firefighter, and helped shape one of the most collegial Boards of Education in recent town history—all while building businesses and mentoring the next generation.

But that's only half the story.

A Candidate by Request, A Leader by Instinct

In 2019, as local political races were forming, Kelly was approached by the Republican Town Committee to run alongside Fred Camillo as Selectman. He agreed, but the ticket later shifted to Lauren Rabin to better reflect the political moment. Kelly stepped aside without hesitation and ran instead for the Board of Education. "Whatever you guys need," he said. "I'll just apply myself and have a ton of fun with it."

The timing was critical. Trust in town governance, particularly the Board of Education, was fraying. Board meetings had grown tense and polarized. But Kelly brought an unusual blend of energy and stability. "People think they have to fight," he said. "But if you bring everyone together, your productivity becomes exponentially greater."

He used his skill set—developed on trading floors, refined in boardrooms—to foster collaboration, not control. "If you could somehow convince a group that, 'I'm going to protect you,' then they could go on offense," he explained. "you can accomplish a lot."

His approach had a real impact. Under his leadership (by a unanimous vote) the Board of Education became notably less partisan and more focused. "The beneficiaries of the time and effort were the kids," he said. "That's what made it worth it."

Local Service, Global Reach

Kelly's civic work has extended far beyond education. He served for a decade as a volunteer firefighter with the Amergerone Fire Company, showing up to middle-of-the-night calls with his signature calm. He has held leadership roles on the Central Middle School Building Committee, the Havemeyer Committee, and the RTM, where he is currently Chair of District 2. He's a member of the local Roundtable and the Harpoon Club as well as the Greenwich Hibernian Association which puts on the St. Patrick's Day parade. He co-founded the *Coach Kelly Good News Game Plan* podcast, which required all guests—including opposing



Joe Kelly with his family.

candidates—to keep things positive and constructive.

After leaving Wall Street, Joe Kelly turned his attention to struggling small businesses—gas stations, pizza shops, a window manufacturing company, even a vending machine operation. "I'd buy distressed companies, stabilize the management, and rebuild the structure," he said. With a hands-on approach and a sharp eye for operational gaps, he helped turn around failing enterprises, not just for profit, but to protect the livelihoods of the people who worked there. "They'd say, 'Joe, we're all unemployable—please help us keep this going,'" he recalled with a laugh. For Kelly, the work was as personal as it was financial. "Fixing something that someone else depends on—that's incredibly rewarding."

Eventually the larger global field called him back. Today, Kelly runs a uranium brokerage platform he helped build from scratch after identifying a gap in the market—one that lacked transparency and accessibility. In a bold move in an industry that was stubbornly antiquated, Kelly took the stage on a whim at an international conference, explained his model and idea to make it work, and ended with: "If anyone wants to talk more, I'll be in the lobby." They did.

Kelly now runs a successful business that facilitates price discovery and liquidity for nuclear energy markets around the world.

Mentorship, Internships, and Second Chances

Kelly's passion for mentorship is longstanding. For nearly two decades, he has hosted high school and college interns each summer, teaching them business fundamentals, ethics, and communication. Some of his interns have gone on to careers in nuclear energy—one at the Pentagon, another designing systems for submarines.

He and Jill also served as foster parents and legal guardians to children in need of stability. "It's something we really valued," he said. "Sometimes what a kid needs most is just a steady presence."

Gloves Up: Boxing and Perspective

Of all the unexpected chapters in Kelly's story, boxing may be the most surprising. A lifelong boxer, he fought twice at Madison Square Garden in the 1980s—one bout for the Golden Gloves and one that became a high-stakes, sold-out event in the Wall Street circuit.

He continued training over the years, but in 2018, he began preparing someone else for the ring: his wife, Jill. She entered a white-collar charity boxing match at Giovanni's on the Water. "She said, 'If anyone has it in them to fight, it's me,'" he recalled. For three months, they sparred together. "I'd put on headgear, gloves, a mouthguard—she didn't need any of that sparring me," he laughed. "But she'd land a clean shot and just beam."

Kelly had his own farewell match in 2021 at the Gloves Up Greenwich fundraiser. He won by judges' decision—only to have it reversed minutes later. "It was perfect," he said. "It made for a better story."

A Shared Table, A Shared Mission

Throughout it all, Kelly and Jill have shared nearly every role. They've served together on the RTM and RTC, raised four children in Greenwich, and built a life grounded in mutual support. "We do it together," he said. "Even when it's hard. Especially when it's hard."

The Tenth Sentinel

The Greenwich Sentinel Award is given to those who lead by lifting others. Past honorees have stood up quietly, shown up reliably, and done the hard work without seeking recognition. Joe Kelly has done all of that—at scale, across decades, and in every corner of town life.

He's coached kids to become champions, mentored students who didn't think they could succeed, showed up at 9/11 looking for survivors for three days, fought fires in the middle of the night, and brought people together at tables that had grown too tense to be productive.

And he did all of it while managing dyslexia, raising a family, and running global businesses. Not for accolades. For impact. He also happens to be an incredibly supportive and nice person.

Join Us June 26

On June 26, the community will gather to say thank you—not for one act, but for a life of them. Joe Kelly is our tenth Sentinel. And there could be no better one to carry the decade mark.

Visit www.GreenwichSentinel.com for event details and tickets.

Proposed Havemeyer Arts Center Offers Cultural Renaissance—and Rent-Free Space for Board of Education Offices

A partnership between Fareri Associates, philanthropic leader Chuck Royce, and several of Greenwich's leading nonprofit arts organizations is looking for a round two discussion about the Havemeyer building.

The group submitted a proposal to transform the historic Havemeyer Building into a dynamic, community-powered arts center—while simultaneously addressing the critical need of office space for the Board of Education, offered at BOE budget friendly price: free.

A True Public-Private Partnership—With Millions Already Pledged

This collaborative proposal would establish the Havemeyer Arts Center, a flexible, professionally equipped performance venue to serve local artists, students, nonprofits, and residents alike. More than \$3 million in private funding has already been pledged to support programming and program accessibility—at no cost to taxpayers.

Nonprofit leader Chuck Royce, who helped create the Avon Theatre in Stamford and The United Theatre in Westerly, RI, is leading the nonprofit arts initiative. Developer John Fareri has committed to taking on all construction risk and financially supporting the nonprofit center's long-term success. The residential component of the plan is limited in scope, located on existing hardscape, and designed with walkability and sustainability in mind.

"This is about legacy, access, and community impact," said Royce. "It's a smart use of public space—one that brings together education, the arts, and sustainable growth."

Rent-Free Office Space for the BOE—Outside the Havemeyer Building

In addition to the arts center, the proposal includes a vital offer: rent-free office space for the Board of Education, located in Greenwich Office Park or a comparable nearby facility, provided for several years by Mr. Fareri. This option addresses the Town's urgent need for administrative space without incurring rental costs or disruption during construction—unlike competing proposals that require costly temporary relocations or charge market-rate rent.

Seeking Dialogue: "One Meeting Is Not a Process"

While the team submitted a robust proposal and offered an initial solution for the BOE's needs, they were granted only a single meeting with Town officials and received no opportunity to update their plan based on further questions (on both sides) and observations.

"We came in expecting a collaborative process—one where proposals could evolve to meet the Town's needs," said Royce. "We have altered our proposal to reflect substantial upfront payments that may better meet the needs of the Town. We're now asking for the conversation that never happened: a serious sit-down with decision-makers to better understand what Greenwich needs and how we can deliver it."

A Better Fit

Unlike other proposals—with limited public access, and substantial financial burden to the Town—this proposal honors the building's historic civic purpose and offers long-term cultural, educational, and economic benefits.

Competing proposals require the Town to pay rent, or purchase office space, and disrupt the BOE during construction.

"This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity," said Fareri. "We have a plan backed by mission, funding, and a clear public benefit. We're just asking for a real chance to present it."

To learn more about the Havemeyer Arts Center proposal or to support the project, please contact Chuck Royce at HavemeyerArts@gmail.com.

Greenwich Polo Kicks Off Season

By Liz Leamy

The sun was shining amidst some clouds last Sunday afternoon as scores of people, more than 5,000 in all, convened at the Greenwich Polo Club to enjoy a thrilling one-two series of matches to designate a golden kick off for the organization's 2025 season.

This event, the Dairy Boy Polo Classic, was defined by non-stop excitement, world-class sportsmanship and indelible great memories and featured four stellar teams, Amaro, Ronin Capital/Ferguson, Steel Polo/IGEA and Round Hill/Thepaddocked, who faced off against one another in two separate five-chukker matches, respectively.

These matches, featuring such illustrious players as Mariano Aguerre, the iconic Museum of Polo Hall of Fame member, Kris Kampsen, the esteemed Wellington, Florida-based high goaler, Argentinian players Esteban Panelo, Santiago Llavalol and Justo Iraola and a host of other standout athletes, worked in tandem with their stunning equine charges to render a memorable afternoon of sports competition on all counts.

"Today has been such a beautiful day and I've loved every moment of it," said Max Calabrese, Greenwich Polo Club team member. "It's my first day and everything is so great. The players and horses are incredible and everyone is awesome. It's been an experience like no other."

Esteban Panelo, the number two player for Steel Polo/IGEA, also spoke about the great energy of the day.

"I think it's been a wonderful day of polo here in Greenwich," said Panelo, who, along with one of his brothers, Joaquin, are always crowd favorites at Sunday matches. "We had some rain last night, but the perfect amount to have

an amazing day here at the club today. There were lots of goals and lots of people, which was excellent and also signals a great start for the season."

At the same time, Panelo expressed gratitude for Peter Brant, founder of the Greenwich Polo Club and longtime White Birch patron, along with his family, for helping make the whole experience at the club possible for everyone.

"I have to thank Mr. Brant and his family for doing all of this for everyone because now we are part of this too," said Panelo. "Nick (Manifold, the Australian five-goaler and longtime Greenwich Polo Club marquee player), Mariano (Aguerre), Leighton (Jordan, the esteemed Managing Director of Greenwich Polo Club), Harlan (Zeerip, the dedicated Greenwich Polo Club Director of Marketing and Events) and all the crew members also are incredible and do everything they can as well for this to all happen."

Others agreed. "This is a very special place here," said John Lipman, of the Round Hill/Thepaddocked team. "This club is amazing."

Further elevating the energy of the whole atmosphere was the presence of Paige Lorenze, an internationally renowned influencer who is the owner and founder of Dairy Boy, a lifestyle brand featuring eye-catching apparel such as loungewear and denim as well as accessories and housewares that was sponsor of the matches that day. (Lorenze's boyfriend also happens to be Tommy Paul, the American tennis player who is currently ranked eighth in the world who was at the matches that day as well.)

Virtually all of the attendees at the match, meanwhile, also played a paramount role in regard to the wonderful atmosphere at the club on its

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Players and ponies charge down the famous Conyers Farm field at last Sunday's Dairy Boy Polo Classic opening series of matches at the Greenwich Polo Club (Photo courtesy of Claudia Suica)

opening day, as they could be seen sitting in the grandstand, walking around and sitting in chairs, blankets and seats along the sidelines enjoying the beauty of Conyers Farm while watching the matches, something that resonated in a big way with the players.

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match against Round Hill/Thepaddocked. "I've been coming here since I was very young to watch and support the players and it was a great experience being able to play today. It's a great environment. The people, horses and everyone are the best and I was super excited."

Iraola also said the presence and support of the crowd really helped motivate him.

"I was a bit nervous at first, but once I started playing, those nerves went away and turned into motivation to play

well," said Iraola.

At the same time, vendors at this event had a big presence at the matches with their wide variety of offerings such as a diverse range of food, accessories, clothes, jewelry and wellness-related items that went over in a big way with everyone there.

"I think the Greenwich Polo Club is fantastic," said Carol Alexander of Alexander By Design, whose stunning collection of colorful bags was a major draw for the crowd. "It's incredible to watch the players

and horses who are so beautiful and fast and I'm having a great response to my bags here."

Others elaborated about this notion.

"We're excited to be here and be part of the action," said Simon Yi of Manhattan, who was attending the match with Gem Manalo and their dog, Cooper. "It's really nice to be here and enjoy the activity."

For more information, please visit the Greenwich Polo Club at: www.greenwichpoloclub.com

FEATURED TEAM: FLYHOUSE READY TO COMMENCE 2025 SEASON

The FlyHouse polo team, with its dedicated patron, Andrew Gundlach, is geared up to commence a thrilling season of high-goal polo this summer at the Greenwich Polo Club.

This contingent features an exemplary five-member roster that includes Gundlach, his talented son, Max Gundlach, Ezekiel Martinez Ferraro, the renowned high goaler and Felipe Miguens and Nicolas Dias Alberdi, also esteemed high-goal players, who are all said to be amped in regard to the prospect of competing against other premier teams at the club this year.

FlyHouse is a private travel company and jet charter organization based in Scottsdale, Arizona that features a remarkable fleet of luxury aircraft ranging in all sizes, including those with a large cabin, super mid, mid and ultra range that are each beautifully furnished and tailored to meet each clients' needs.

Certainly, watching the FlyHouse polo team at the Greenwich Polo Club this year may be as exciting and memorable an experience as flying on their aircraft.

For information on the FlyHouse travel experience, please contact them at www.GoFlyHouse.com



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Hats, Shakespeare, and a Royal Toast

By Anne W. Semmes

Last Sunday afternoon, a hundred plus members of the Greenwich Branch of the English-Speaking Union (ESU) gathered at the Belle Haven Club overlooking Long Island. The ladies by custom were bedecked in their colorful hats for the event's annual birthday celebration of the reigning English sovereign King Charles III's 77th birthday. But importantly featured were the winners in the ESU's National Shakespeare Competition for high school students, also teachers, with two winning students and two wining teachers from Greenwich.

But who will be the new James Bond remains a mystery.

Presiding in her 18th year as Greenwich Branch president was Natalie Pray, with her new title of MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for her "services to UK/US cultural relations and to philanthropy." She kicked off the presentations with that "raise your glass" birthday toast "To the King," then introduced Dr. E Quinn Peeper, Chair of the ESU of the U.S. and His Majesty's Honorary Consul General in New Orleans, wearing a colorful celebratory suit.

Dr. Quinn spoke of the 100-year-plus age of ESU and praised its continuing focus on Shakespeare. He noted next year's Shakespeare Competition will be held in April as usual at Lincoln Center but at an historic time - "It's America's 250th birthday and on April 23 Shakespeare's [462nd] birthday." He also shared an upcoming ESU Patron voyage on "Marjorie Merriweather Post's Sea Cloud Two," following British Admiral Nelson's life "From Shore and at Sea," with on board biographer Flora Fraser - sailing from Naples to Malta, July 6-14, "with a few spaces available."

Bridget Barry, ESU Education Chair, introduced the two winning Greenwich High School English teachers. "The opportunity to study something as joyful and meaningful as literature," began Keith Contorno, "at an institution like Oxford University is not something that I imagined would materialize in my life as I grew up in a household without a college graduate..." He was looking forward to "diligently" preparing for a summer study of Shakespeare and Jane Austin, to then sharing it he said, "with the community that I serve."

Kara Peters introduced herself as a teacher of British literature, and the course she will take this summer is on "the 19th century English romantic poets. I have to read Wordsworth's autobiographical poem "The Prelude," she told, "which is 200 pages long but I'm relishing every word of it." She shared a short excerpt from its "Book Six, Cambridge and the Alps." "He's studying and hiking in nature which mirrors my emotions... "The poet's soul was with me at that time, / the still overflow, Of happiness and truth. A thousand hopes/Were mine..."



L to R Sally Sickles, Winfield Sickles, and Shakespeare winner Roby Sickles. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



L to R ESU National Executive Director Karen Karpowich, Shakespeare Chair Anne Elser, Eda Peterson, Dr. E Quinn Peeper, ESU Chair of the U.S. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

Pray then handed the baton to Shakespeare Chair, Anne Elser to introduce three of the four high school winning students, with Third Place winner



ESU Greenwich Branch President Natalie Pray. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

Verbatim Rodriguez absent, from the ACES Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven. The first Competition event Elser told of being on March 5 at the Berkley Theater at Greenwich Library. "The competition is open to students in grade 9 through 12, public, independent, and parochial high schools registered to perform for 18 students from nine schools statewide." The final National competition occurred in New York City on April 28 at Lincoln Center.

First up to perform was First Place Greenwich Academy rising junior Abby Kesmodel, whose acting out put her to the floor as Trinculo in Act 2 of Scene 2 of "The Tempest." "Here's neither bush nor shrub to bear any weather at all. And another storm brewing: I hear it sing i' th' wind. Yond

same black cloud, yond huge one, looks like a foul bombard that would shed his liquor. If it should thunder as it did before, I know not where to hide my head."

Second Place winner Roby Sickles - a rising senior at Brunswick School, chose his monologue from "Henry IV, Part 1, as the character Falstaff. "This chair shall be my state, this dagger my scepter, and this cushion my crown. Give me a cup of sack to make my eyes look red, that it may be thought I have wept, for I must speak in passion, and I will do it in King Cambyzes' vein."

Honorable Mention was given to graduating senior Kaylin Harell, from ACES Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven. She performed those famous lines from Shakespeare's "Sonnet 29." "When, in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes, / I all alone beweep my outcast state, / And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries, /And look upon myself and curse my fate."

Afterward, with guests enjoying champagne and edibles Joshua Mandelbaum was introduced as executive director of the St. George's Society of New York, where Natalie Pray has served as president. The Society is another British organization in the U.S. doing good, providing "life-changing assistance to people of British and Commonwealth heritage in New York."

And yes, St. George is the patron saint of Great Britain. Mandelbaum was sharing their recent benefits - a Central Park picnic coming up - and often having a James Bond theme. The word is he told - with production rights now passed from the British to Amazon MGM Studios - a new Bond movie is being fast-tracked. But who will be the new James Bond remains a mystery.

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Diving into Art and Culture: The Bruce Museum’s Free Admission Day



Gabriel Dawe: Plexus no. 43
Photo credit: Katherine Devaney

By KATHERINE DEVANEY

Every Tuesday from 10:00am to 5:00pm, anyone can wander into the dazzling exhibits of the Bruce Museum free of charge, also known as ‘Free Admission Day’. A stroll through the numerous displays throughout the Museum will leave anyone inspired and in awe. On display today is Alaska’s thinning ice exhibit, which was recently written up in the New York Times, modernist landscape portraits and painting labor in Nineteenth-century Denmark, local Greenwich art and landscapes, and the permanent collection of geological and archaeological showcases that are based on the Connecticut school curriculum for natural history. No matter what spark one’s interest, it is assured one will find something within the Museum walls that will captivate.

The Free Admission Day program initiated in the 1992 Bruce Museum Management Agreement with the Town of Greenwich that states “in recognition of the ownership by the Town of the Museum and its collection, BMI (Bruce Museum, Inc) shall, should an admission charge hereafter be imposed for access to the Museum, designate one day per week upon

An oasis from the bustling life of Greenwich should be cherished and utilized- especially on days when it comes at no cost

which Greenwich residents shall be admitted to the Museum without charge.” Today, however, the agreement has expanded to a day of free admission for, not only residents, but all visitors.

According to Rebecca Gillan, who served as interim executive director from April 2024 - April 2025 and has been involved with numerous other roles at the Museum since 2018, Free Admission Day is an effort to “make the Museum accessible to all.” Mary Ann Lendenmann, the volunteer and digital marketing manager, adds that “the primary goal is to invite people to explore the arts, sciences, and natural history.”

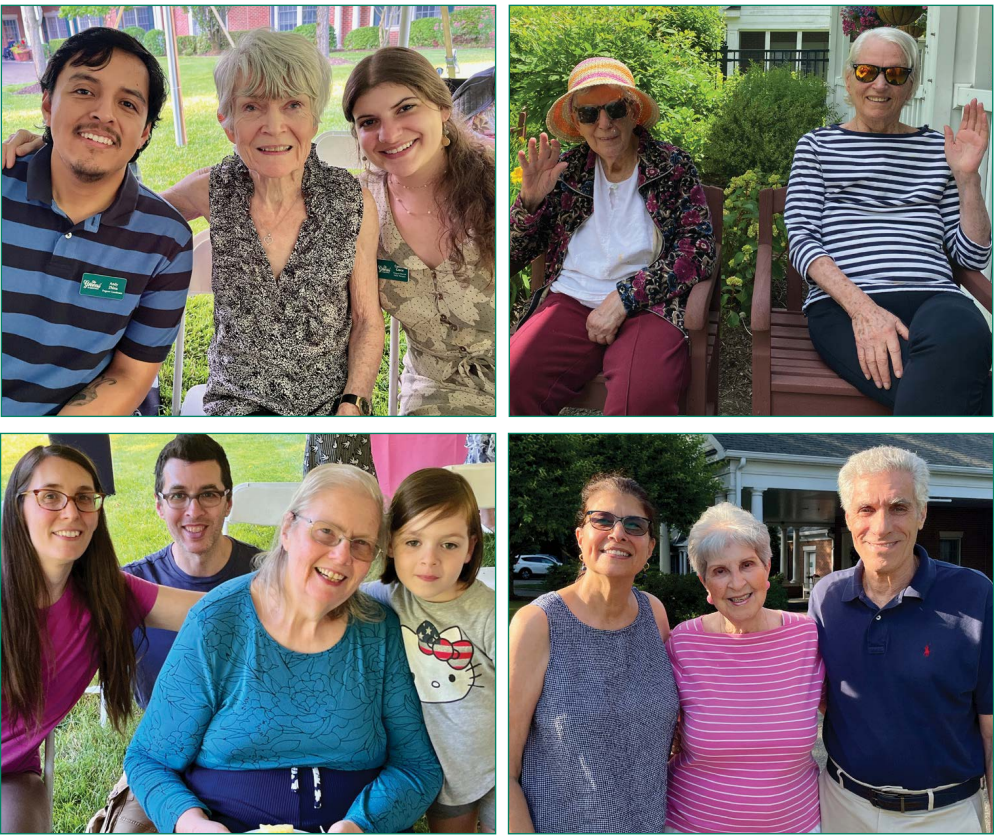
Additionally, an anonymous donor enabled the Bruce to give free admission on weekends to anyone under 18 years old beginning on Saturday July 5th until August 31st, allowing for further accessibility and opportunities for people to explore.

On top of the multitude of visual entertainment, there are also a plethora of family oriented hands-on activities and special programming that occur throughout the year- many of which fall on Free Admission Day. Every Tuesday there is an exhibition highlights tour from 1:00pm to 2:00pm, where a guide will point out and explain the significance of the art within the Museum- the perfect way to dive further into the art and learn more than what one may discover by simply reading a plaque. There are also numerous children’s programs that fall on tuesdays. Upcoming Tuesday programming includes ‘Bruce Beginnings: Woven Paper Baskets,’ which takes place on June 10, 2025, 10-10:45 AM. Looking ahead, on Tuesday, June 17th there is the ‘Bruce Beginnings: Backyard Bugs’ program where children can learn about local insects and engage in hands-on craft.

The summer is also a perfect time to visit the Bruce Museum’s location at Tod’s point, the Seaside

center, which opens on June 22nd and is entirely free of admission. The seashores center’s mission, according to the Bruce Museum website, is to “educate visitors on the ecology of Long Island Sound, raise awareness on environmental and wildlife conservation and instill knowledge of marine science.” The Seaside center sees up to 10,000 visitors each summer and is another amazing opportunity to learn something valuable about our environment.

Having a local establishment that not only acts as an oasis from the bustling life of Greenwich, but a vault of knowledge and entertainment, is truly a blessing for our town that should be cherished and utilized- especially on days when it comes at no cost. For any further questions regarding the Bruce Museum, be sure to check out the website at brucemuseum.org, or call at (203) 869-0376.



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COLUMN



By STUART ADELBERG

Yesterday was a beautiful day, twenty-four hours when the temperature, sunshine, and breeze come together so perfectly that you know it doesn't get any better. So, I did what I do on days like this - went outside for a walk. Walking is my panacea – the therapy that lifts me up no matter what's happening in the world. I don't need a destination, just being outside and enjoying everything around me is enough.

I've been a walker for a long time, but lately the activity has become increasingly difficult. I enjoy busy streets, as the mix of people engaging in whatever brings them joy creates a sense of vibrancy. As far as pedestrians go, the more the merrier. The problem is the vehicles, or more specifically, those who operate them.

I know this is obvious, but drivers have become much more aggressive.

Red lights and stop signs are now considered optional. Right turns on red have given many drivers a sense that even stopping for cars going straight or slowing down to check crosswalks for pedestrians are no longer necessary. The white lines, where drivers are supposed to stop, no longer serve a purpose as many stop at the last minute even if that puts them in the middle of the intersection. I don't think these are evil people or even bad drivers. But many now approach their time behind the wheel as a mission to be completed as quickly as possible. They're in a hurry and universally fed up with traffic, so they focus entirely on getting around any obstacle between them and their destination.

Back to my walk. As I was heading down the road, I approached a crosswalk at a small street with a stop sign. Though I have the right of way, I've learned to wait before entering crosswalks, just to be sure that drivers stop before turning me into an ornament on someone's hood. Sure enough, a vehicle approached

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and continued through the crosswalk before stopping in the middle of the intersection. Being my stubborn self, I decided to cross in front of the car, shaking my head in a display of "disappointment" as I passed in front of the vehicle.

Suddenly, I heard the driver's window come down. Why did I shake my head? Why didn't I mind my own business and keep my opinion to myself? My peaceful walk and wonderful mood were about to be shattered by some driver demonstrating with a nasty gesture or a flurry of unsavory words exactly what he or she thought of my "disappointment" with their driving. I'm looking around to see if there are any other people close enough to be called as witnesses after my beaten body is found on the street!

As I braced for the inevitable, I heard, "Sorry, my mistake!" What now? I turned around, waved at the driver, and without even thinking said, "Thanks, no harm done," smiled, and continued with my walk. The day was even better than I expected!

Postscript: I wrote this story a few weeks ago after a walk that happened exactly as I described. But in a bizarre coincidence, someone very close to me had a similar experience just a few days later that didn't end quite as well. The driver she encountered didn't stop and she got hit. Her excellent, young reflexes limited what could have been a major tragedy, but it shouldn't have happened at all. Can you think of anyplace any of us need to be that might make it worth that kind of risk? I think not. PLEASE, SLOW DOWN!

Stuart Adelberg has a long history of active involvement and leadership in the region's nonprofit arts and human services communities. He appreciates the opportunity provided by Greenwich Sentinel to share his occasional thoughts and observations.

COLUMN

Why the Prospect of Downsizing Makes Many People Freeze & How Families Can Help

By MIMI SANTRY

Relocating and letting go of a lifetime of possessions is one of the most emotional transitions many older adults face. According to The Gerontologist, it ranks among the top three most stressful events for seniors, alongside the death of a spouse and a serious health crisis. Even when a move makes sense, many older adults feel paralyzed by the process. Why is it so daunting—and how can we help?

Why Downsizing is so Difficult

It Feels Like a Loss of Control

More than 75 % of older adults want to stay in their homes and communities, yet nearly half believe they'll need to move eventually, often due to cost, safety or isolation. Keeping up a large home with grounds can be very expensive. For others, a move is needed because of safety issues, such as unmanageable stairs, rooms that cannot accommodate assistive devices like walkers and wheelchairs, or bathtubs that present a fall risk. Isolation is also a driver. If someone feels pressured by family, the process can stir up resentment, anxiety or grief.

Home Equals Identity

A home often represents decades of memories and accomplishments. Many people's identity is closely tied to their home, their history of raising a family and having made connections within their community. They fear being unknown and perhaps undervalued when they move. They enjoy the familiarity of the neighborhood, local haunts, and the familiar rhythms. I worked with a prominent architect who had designed his stunning home (complete with many sets of stairs and a steep driveway). He could barely move within the home due to a fear of falling on those stairs and was "locked in" due to the steep driveway. Despite the obvious safety risks and his isolation, he could not bear to leave the beautiful home he had designed and loved.

Objects Hold Powerful Memories

Many possessions, even unused ones, carry deep emotional value. They bring back memories of loved ones and good times. Letting go of a beloved

dining table or dusty ski gear means confronting the end of a chapter—and that's painful. Holding on to these things is often a coping mechanism to avoid acknowledging that that phase of life is over.

It's Painful When Treasures are Devalued

When children don't want their parents' furniture, or items are labeled "worthless," it can feel like a personal rejection. "No one wants brown furniture" is a phrase I hear frequently. It might be true but it can feel like a cruel insult to the those who collected and loved their antiques. Seniors often feel their taste, and by extension their life, is being dismissed.

It's Scary to Start Over

A client summed it up perfectly – "I know it's time to move but I fear I won't be able to connect with new friends. Most people don't see beyond the fact that I'm old. Gone are the days of easily bonding in the carpool lane and in the playground." Leaving behind familiar people and routines is intimidating and many worry they will never make new connections—or worse, that others will only see their age.

Physical and Cognitive Challenges Can Make the Process Challenging

Downsizing requires sorting, decision-making and stamina. For those who might be struggling with executive functioning and memory issues, it may seem unsurmountable. For those with limited mobility, it can feel impossible.

How Families Can Help

Reframe the Decision from "I Have To Move"to "I Choose to Move."

Help loved ones feel empowered rather than forced. If someone feels forced to move, they will naturally feel anger, loss of control and resentment. If a senior is considering downsizing, let them know that you appreciate that they are not going to leave the chore of downsizing process to their children. Let them know you believe there is something noble about them deciding to use their resources more wisely. "For the record mom, you are giving me the gift of not worrying about you. You can now focus your energy and money on

Downsizing isn't just about loss—it's about setting the stage for a safer, easier, more connected chapter of life.



what really matters. Maybe this will mean more quality time with me and less hassles! I'm grateful to you for being so proactive." This positive reframing can ease fear and resistance.

Honor the Memories

Take the time to survey the home, photograph rooms and ask about meaningful items. Let your loved one tell their stories. Ask questions and be attentive to the answer. It's a great way to validate that these objects were part of a happy journey and that you and your family appreciate all the associated memories. Gently suggest that donating or gifting items is a generous act, not a loss. "Mom, I know you will miss your beautiful furniture but just imagine you are giving your treasures a new life with a deserving new family."

Support Social Connection

Seniors often fear loneliness after a move. Help your loved one maintain ties with old friends through regular calls/zooms/lunches. Help organize regular transportation to see friends or teach them to use ride-share Apps. Encourage them to join clubs or senior centers. In Greenwich, The Wallace Center (www.greenwichwallacecenter.org) offers a full calendar of activities for those over 55+. The Stamford Senior Center also has robust programming and an active membership. (www.stamfordseniorct.org)

Bring in Professionals to Help

When a job seems overwhelming, bring in expert help. Senior move managers and professional organizers are trained specifically to assist seniors

in handling the logistics with compassion and efficiency—from decluttering and estate sales, to packing, moving, and settling in.

Here are some local pros frequently recommended by senior advisors:

Patty Gabal – Stardust Move Management (Certified Senior Move Manager and RN)
www.stardustmoves.com

Jackie Randal – The Settler Concierge move management and professional organizational services.
www.thesettlerhome.com

Andrew Beckman /Alan Hirsh– Caring Transitions (Works locally and is part of a national network which is helpful for out of state moves)
www.caringtransitionsof-chappaquastamford.com

Crissy Robinson - Above and Beyond CT (concierge move and organizing services run by Greenwich residents)
www.aboveandbeyondct.com

Andrea Ruby – Living Forward
www.livingforwardmm.com

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www.mattbairer.com

The Upside of Letting Go

The later phase of life can be incredibly rich and rewarding. Tackling the downsizing/moving is the first step in setting up you and your loved one to succeed in this later phase. Downsizing isn't just about loss—it's about setting the stage for a safer, easier, more connected chapter of life. It can be challenging, but helping your loved one navigate it with empathy, patience and the right support can make all the difference.

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COLUMN



By Stephanie Dunn Ashley

Summer is upon us, and I think all of us are looking forward to spending some long evenings with our loved ones over the next few months. With my daughters’ college graduation photos newly printed and sitting on my mantle, I think back about all the amazing summers we spent together as a family – and all of the things I worried about with the outdoors. Whether sitting outside for dinner on the back deck, a hike in the woods or a sunset picnic at Tod’s Point, summer is my favorite time of year for being outside.

Trekking, walking or hiking are great year-round activities – but especially in the summer – here in Greenwich at some of the wonderful trails and parks as well as throughout the country. When you go, be sure you know the level of ability of the people in your group and the environment around you and plan accordingly. Sprains and falls are some of the most common misfortunes travelers may face, and oftentimes they happen because of poor decision-making, lack of skill or not being properly prepared. Be sure to wear proper footwear for a hike, pack a nutritious snack and bring plenty of water, as well as any supplies you might need for pets (like our dog, Benson) who may not be able to regulate their own body heat.

Hiking goes hand-in-hand with camping, an increasingly popular activity in the United States – more than 81 million people went camping last year, including almost 6 million for the first time – and it’s important to know how to go camping safely. Whether you’re headed somewhere super remote, to a swanky glamping spot or overnight at Island Beach, being prepared is critical to making sure you have a good time. Aside from the tent, food and water, be sure to check the weather and pack

clothes accordingly. Bring a first-aid kit and be respectful of your surroundings.

Unfortunately, oftentimes summer plans are intruded upon by uninvited guests. Don’t let mosquitoes and ticks ruin your summer fun. While mosquitoes may be the obvious outdoor buzzkill – especially at dusk and dawn when they are most active – ticks are silent but dangerous. Here in Greenwich, we should look out for blacklegged ticks (more commonly known as deer ticks).

To reduce the risk of getting bitten by a tick, use insect repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) when you are outdoors and follow the directions on the package. For pets, be sure to spray them with a repellent made for their breed and follow the label instructions. When hiking in woods and fields, stay in the middle of trails and avoid underbrush and tall grass. You can tuck your pants into your socks or boots, or you can use a rubber band or tape to hold your pants against your socks, so that nothing can get underneath your clothing. When you get home, inspect yourself carefully for insects or ticks (use a mirror or have someone else help you look) – be sure to check in hairy areas of the body like the back of the neck and the scalp line. Don’t forget to check your pets too!

If you do find a tick, there’s no need to panic – but you should remove the tick as soon as possible. Do not wait to go to a healthcare provider to remove the tick, as the risk of getting a tickborne disease only increases the longer the tick is attached. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the way to remove a tick is to use some clean, fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin’s surface as possible. If you don’t have fine-tipped tweezers, then regular tweezers or even your fingers will work – just be careful not to squeeze the tick’s body when you pull it away from your skin with steady, even pressure. Don’t twist or jerk the tick, as it may cause

Beating the Bugs this Summer

There are more than 80 days to enjoy before Labor Day marks the end of the summer season.

mouth parts to detach and remain in the skin.

To dispose of a live tick, there are a couple ways to do it properly. You can place it in a sealed container, wrap it tightly in tape, flush it down the toilet, or put it in alcohol. Do not cover them with things like nail polish or petroleum jelly – this won’t effectively smother them – and don’t crush them with your fingers.

After removing the tick, be sure to thoroughly clean the bite area as well as your hands with soap and water, rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. The CDC does not generally recommend getting a tick tested, and if in fact the tick is carrying a disease – you are likely to develop symptoms before you get the results of the test back. If you do develop a rash or fever within several weeks of removing a tick, see your doctor and tell them about the recent tick bite, when the bite occurred and where you most likely acquired the tick.

There are more than 80 days to enjoy before Labor Day marks the end of the summer season. Stay safe this summer and remember these easy tips, or visit redcross.org/summersafety for more helpful advice:

1. Sun Protection: sunscreen, SPF clothing and shady spots
2. Hydration: drink plenty of water throughout the day
3. Bug Bite Prevention: as noted above
4. Water Safety: supervise children, wear life jackets, and “Turn It Off 4 Emily”
5. First Aid: have a first aid kit, know the signs of heat-related illnesses
6. Respect Nature: leave it how you found it or better – including the wildlife!

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Red Cross Metro NY North CEO Stephanie Dunn Ashley with her husband and twin daughters at their college graduation in May 2025.

Prevent Tick Bites



Avoid walking in tall grass or underbrush.



Apply insect repellent with DEET.



Wear light-colored clothing to easily spot ticks.



Greenwich High girls track and field earns Class LL championship for first time in program history

By David Fierro

The season keeps getting more and more exciting for the Greenwich High School varsity girls track and field team.

After winning the team title for the first time since 1984 at the recent FCIAC Championships, the Cardinals finished first in the team standings at the CIAC Class LL Track and Field Championships for the first time in program history on June 2nd at Willow Brook in New Britan, Conn., amassing an impressive team score of 105 points.

Displaying its talent and depth, Greenwich out-performed 22 other teams to win its first CIAC Class LL track and field championship and first state title since it won the Class L title back in 1983.

“Winning LLs was definitely a highlight of my season,” said junior Nina Silver, one of the Cardinals’ captains. “I’m so honored to be a captain of a team this incredible. This victory is truly a testament of the hard work and determination of all the girls on this team.”

Greenwich, which is competing in the CIAC State Open Track and Field Championships today (June 7) at Willow Brook Park, certainly entered the ultra-competitive Class LL championships with plenty of momentum after capturing the team title at the FCIAC Championships, which included several rival schools.

“I think today was a great day for all the girls on our team,” said GHS junior Theresa Knuth, also one of the Cardinals’ captains. “We really came together and it paid off. We do lots of interesting team activities to stay bonded leading up to these big meets and I think it works really well.”

Senior captain Sophia Riche’ won two individual events for the Cardinals at the Class LL Championships. She won the 100-meter hurdles title with a time of 15.39 seconds. Gabrielle Rivera of Norwalk, a junior, placed second in the 100-meter hurdles in 15.46.

In the 300-meter hurdles race, Riche’ captured the gold medal, clocking in at 45.73 seconds – a personal-record time. Rivera of Norwalk was the runner-up (47.38).



Members of the Greenwich High School varsity girls outdoor track and field team gather with coach Peter Watson with the championship plaque and banner after winning the team championship at the CIAC Class LL Track and Field Championships at Willow Brook Park in New Britain on June 2nd, 2025.

“Winning the 100 and 300-meter hurdle races has been a goal for me this season and I am super happy to have accomplished this feat,” Riche’ said. “Coach Large has been crucial to strengthening my hurdle form and learning to snap my trail leg down.”

“I had tough competition but the hard work we put in this season paid off and I am also excited about breaking the 46-second barrier in the 300 hurdle race,” Riche’ noted.

The Class LL championship meet began with junior Gemma Hardwick, junior Margaret McCooe, Orla Muir (junior) and junior captain Eliana Daplyn combining to win the 4×800-meter relay race with a time of 9:25.33. Glastonbury placed second in 9:31.70.

“We went into the meet wanting to be competitive but also have fun and enjoy it,” Daplyn said. “We knew we had a shot and we started off strong by scoring some early points, which really set the tone for the rest of the day.”

“What really stood out was how much we were supporting each other – girls were cheering all day, whether they were racing or not,” Daplyn continued.

Greenwich’s 4×400-meter relay also excelled. Hardwick, Silver, McCooe and Daplyn claimed the gold medal with a season-best time of 3:58.92. Glastonbury had a second-place finish in 4:00.89.

“One of the best parts was during the

4×4 at the end – having all the girls who weren’t competing crowding the sidelines and screaming as we came down the homestretch,” Daplyn said. “It made the win feel even more special. I’m so grateful for teammates who always push each other to succeed.”

Said Silver: “My favorite part of the meet was definitely the 4×4. Gemma, Maggie (McCooe) Ellie (Daplyn) and myself had all done events beforehand but despite this we still ran a 3:58 – a PR for our relay. At FCIACs, we ran a 4:02 and LLs was our first time ever

Hardwick reflected on the Cardinals’ outstanding victory in the 4×800 relay.

“I am especially so proud of all the girls who competed with me in the 800,” Hardwick said. “It was a fast race and I am so happy that so many of my team members are advancing to the State Opens.”

Daplyn posted a third-place finish in the 800-meter run at the Class LL meet, registering a time of 2:15.15. Hardwick was fourth in the race (2:15.50, personal-record) and McCooe took fifth (2:18.11). Glastonbury senior Brooke Strauss was the 800-meter champion (2:12.77).

Silver finished fourth in the 400-meter race, crossing the finish line in 59.42 seconds. Ali Sultana (New Britain, 57.78) was the 400 winner. In the field events, Knuth earned the Class LL silver medal in the discus with a throw of 115-10. Knuth was eighth in the javelin

Class LL javelin competition (90-05).

“Knowing that I have my teammates come support me and have expectations for me really makes me compete well,” Knuth said. “I know they are relying on me to bring us some points in the throws and that definitely drove my performance in shot put and discus. I can’t wait to see what we all can do at the State Open.”

Riche’ medaled in the triple jump, finishing second (35-06.00). In the 4×100 relay race, the Cardinals earned a sixth-place finish in 49.73. Freshman Sophia Passalacqua was sixth in a personal-record time of 5:07.27. Teammate Sydney Friedman, a junior, was 13th (5:29.73, PR). Passalacqua took third in the 3200-meter run in 11:06.05 and freshman Adriana Bozza was 12th (11:36.31, PR).

Glastonbury was the runner-up in the team standings with 95 points, while Southington (60 points), Manchester (56) and Ridgefield (50.5 points) rounded out the top-five finishers in the 23 team Class LL Championships.

“I think it was such an amazing day for our team, it was such a special moment and it was so nice to see all of the hard work we have put in pay off,” Hardwick said. “I love how our team is strong in many different areas and it’s so special and rare to have a team with so much adversity and to be scoring in so many events.”

RMA Presents The Melody Men



The RMA Melody Men performing in commemoration of their 50th anniversary season.

This is the 50th anniversary year for the group, which was formed in the summer of 1975.

By BOB GIAQUINTO

The June 4th meeting of the Greenwich Retired Men's Association featured a performance by the RMA's own Melody Men, a 20-man male chorus which entertains at senior living facilities throughout the area. This is the 50th anniversary year for the group, which was formed in the summer of 1975 and made its first public appearance at the RMA Thanksgiving luncheon later that year. It has been the choral community outreach group of the RMA ever since. It currently schedules about 25 one-hour performances each year, during the Spring and Fall seasons, to appreciative senior audiences throughout Fairfield and Westchester Counties. The program includes pop, country, folk, and Broadway show tunes.

The Melody Men have also sung the National Anthem at Citi Field before two NY Mets games, and annually at the Greenwich Old Timers Dinner. They perform "God Bless America" annually at the Greenwich Town Party, and the 9/11 Memorial Service at Cos Cob Park.

The founding director of the Melody Men was Wally Pennells, and the director for many years thereafter was Bob Button. Tom Healy is the current music director and Bob Morgan, a former recording executive and producer, is the arranger/ piano accompanist, ably assisted by Tony Cocchi and Joe Mancinelli.

During its June 4th appearance the Melody Men sang 16 songs, under the leadership of Tom Healy. I found the performance entertaining, enjoyable, and relaxing. I am amazed at the talent of these

members, which not only includes singing a variety of songs but the playing of various musical instruments. On the piano, we were treated to the very talented music legend Bob Morgan. The following songs were featured:

1. "Oklahoma!"
2. "June is Busting Out All Over" - from the show Carousel.
3. "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" - with Jeff Junker on trombone.
4. "Getting to Know You" - including soloist Don Conway.
5. "When You're Smiling" - with Tony Cocchi and Charlie Adams both on their guitars.
6. "Cabaret" - including soloist Jerry Schwendeman plus his dance moves.
7. "A White Sport Coat," made famous by Marty Robbins, and "Graduation Day," made famous by the Four Freshman, including a duet by Tony Cocchi and Joe Mancinelli.
8. "I've Got You Under My Skin" - including soloist Tom Healy.
9. "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" - including Jeff Junker on trombone
10. "Piano Man," sung by Bob Morgan while playing the piano and with Captain Mike Hayden on harmonica.
11. "Take Me Home Country Roads" including a duet by Tony Cocchi and Joe Mancinelli.
12. "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" with special voice and instrumental effects by Joe Mancinelli, and Jeff Junker on trombone.
13. "Top of the World" made famous by the Carpenters.
14. "Sweet Caroline" made famous in 1969 by Neil Diamond, with the audience participating in a sing-a-long.

15. "Nothing like a Dame" including solos by Don Conway and Tony Cocchi.

16. "I Want to be Happy"

The following RMA members took part in this musical presentation: Tom Healy, Bob Morgan, Mike Hayden, Michael Ambrosino, Don Conway, Tony Cocchi, Jerry Schwendeman, Joe Mancinelli, Jeff Junker, Bill Fakundiny, Anders Ekernas, Peter Junius, Bob Phillips, and Jim Butler.

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

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "Tariffs, Immigration, Taxes and Federal Spending: Implications for the Economy and Financial Markets" by Larry Kantor, is scheduled for 10:45 AM on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 (note changed time). RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich.

US Presidents typically get too much credit and blame for the state of the economy. The business cycle is alive and well, determined mostly by the behavior of hundreds of millions of households and businesses both here and abroad, as well as exogenous factors such as weather, OPEC and systemic health issues. Policy also plays a role, although monetary policy usually has a bigger influence than anything the Administration does. But there are exceptions, and President Trump's tariffs clearly fit the bill: The changes have been so extreme that they are having significant impacts on financial markets and the economy. The plunge in immigration will

also have notable effects. The direction is clear: these policies will raise prices and reduce output and employment. The magnitudes, however are not; tariff changes of this size have not been experienced in our lifetimes, and where they will end up and how long they will be maintained is far from clear.

Join us to hear Larry Kantor, who will draw on his many years as a senior leader in the financial industry to tackle the critical economic issues of the day. Larry has appeared on nine previous occasions before the RMA and has received widespread praise for his clear, concise, and comprehensible views on national issues from an economist's perspective. Larry is currently an operating partner at Atlas Merchant Capital, a private equity firm. He was a 2016 Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow at Harvard University following his retirement as managing director and global head of research at Barclays. He was also a member of the investment bank executive committee and made numerous media appearances. Prior to working at Barclays, Larry held several positions of increasing responsibility in academia, at the Federal Reserve Board and in the financial industry. Larry received his PhD and MA in Economics from Ohio State University.

To stream the presentation by Larry Kantor at 10:45 AM on Wednesday, June 18, click on <https://bit.ly/301Bj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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Greenwich High School girls tennis wins CIAC title; Cardinals finish their 2025 season 22-0

By David Fierro

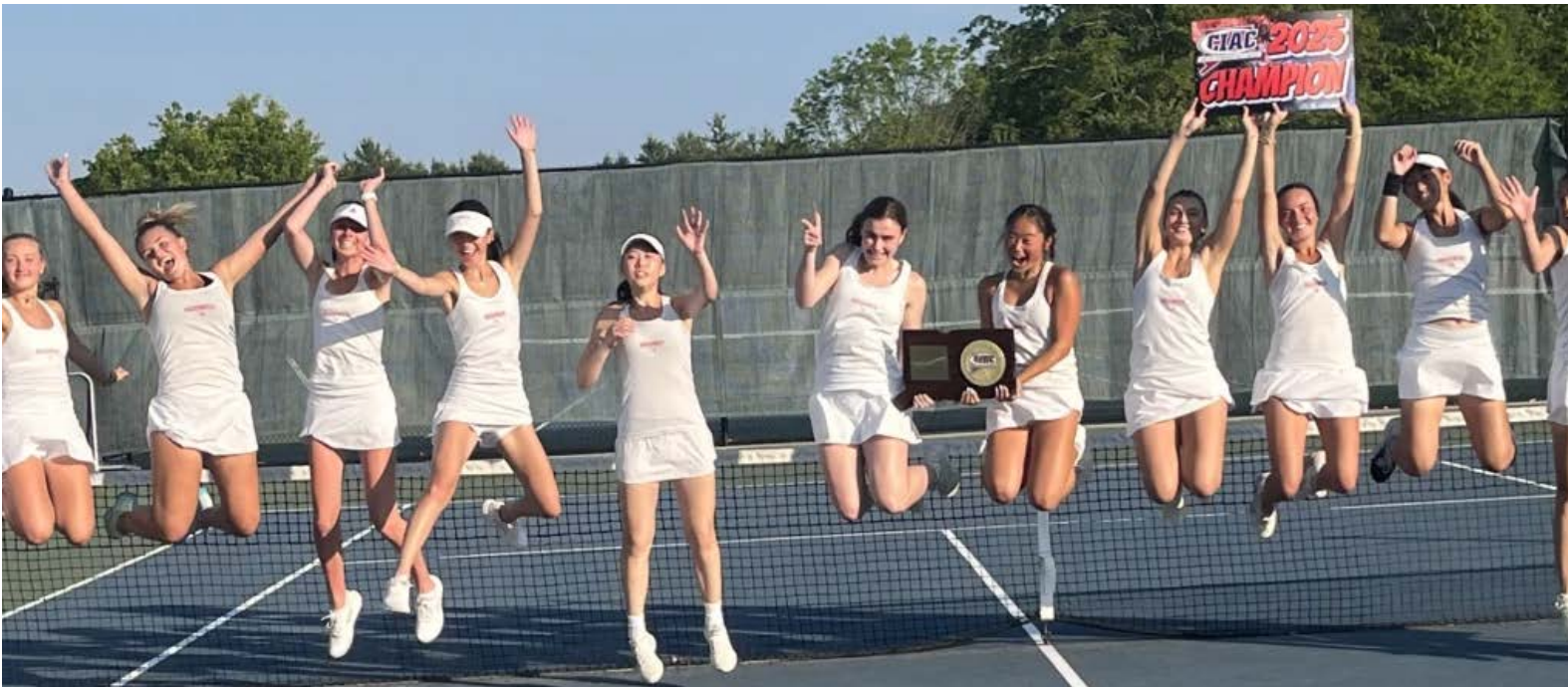
An undefeated season, Class LL state champions, FCIAC champions. Indeed, it was an absolutely perfect season for the Greenwich High School varsity girls tennis team, which became both conference and state champions for the first time since 2009.

Greenwich put the cherry on top of the sundae when it defeated rival Staples, 4-0, in the championship match of the CIAC Class LL Tennis Tournament, earning a sweet repeat in the state tournament, while capping a storybook 22-0 season.

The second-seeded Cardinals captured their 12th state title in program history with an impressive 4-0 victory over fifth-seeded Staples in the CIAC Class LL Tournament final at Joel Barlow High School in Redding.

The Cardinals also defeated Staples for the state tournament title in 2024, also posting a 4-0 triumph.

“It feels amazing, I couldn’t think of a better way to end the season my senior year,” said Greenwich senior captain Emme Pecorin, who won her match against Staples at No. 2 doubles with junior partner Maddy Wilber. “I’m very excited and so proud of this team.”



Members of the Greenwich High School varsity girls tennis team jump for joy after winning the CIAC Class LL Tournament championship by defeating Staples High School in the title match at Joel Barlow High School.

Greenwich, which advanced to the Class LL Ludlowe, 4-1, in the semifinals on June 3, received and third doubles in the state title match versus

Tournament final by topping third-seeded Fairfield victories at second and third singles and second

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NEWS MAKERS

NEW BRIEFS From Page 1

the eastbound left-turn lane is now a shared through/left-turn lane, and the green arrow signal has been removed. A flashing LED sign has been added at the I-95 southbound on-ramp crosswalk to instruct turning vehicles to yield to pedestrians. Drivers are advised to use caution and yield as required.

GPD Officers Earn Top Honor



The Greenwich Police Department’s Officer B. Lombardo and Master Police Officer S. Arenas received the William H. Spurgeon III Award. The award recognizes their leadership and involvement in the Exploring Program. They were honored for mentoring and guiding local youth. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

Greenwich Fireworks Celebration Seeks Support

Greenwich will hold its annual fireworks displays at Binney Park and Greenwich Point on July 5. The town is accepting tax-deductible donations starting at \$25 to help fund the event. Corporate sponsorships are also available.

Greenwich Crossing Project Progresses On Schedule

Construction continues on the privately managed Greenwich Crossing project, which includes upgrades to the Greenwich Train Station. The station is temporarily closed, but train service continues with access provided via alternate routes including Greenwich Plaza Road, Arch Street, and Steamboat Road. The station is scheduled to reopen in November, with updates available online.

Hamill Rink Task Force Reviews Options

At a public hearing, the Hamill Rink Task Force gathered public input on potential sites for a new rink, considering factors like green space, ADA compliance, costs, and temporary rink options. The task force is evaluating eight previously identified locations along with new suggestions from the hearing. They aim to develop a cost-informed, independent recommendation using their established evaluation framework.

New Apartment Conversion

The former RegalCare nursing home at 1188 King Street in Greenwich will be converted into a 17-unit, 26-bedroom apartment complex called Laurelton Residences following Planning & Zoning Commission approval. The building, vacant since Hurricane Ida in 2021, qualifies for conversion under Connecticut’s adaptive reuse law for former nursing homes, provided the structure is not expanded or demolished. Renovations will include an all-electric mechanical system, and traffic impact is expected to be minimal.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Stern Earns Service Award

The Junior League of Greenwich awarded Nora Stern, a Greenwich High School student, its Community Service Award. Stern was recognized for her volunteer work with The Rowan Center, League of Women Voters, YNET, and for organizing a college safety awareness event at Greenwich Library. She plans to continue her community service efforts.

Greenwich Hospital Advances Cancer Center Expansion

Greenwich Hospital revised its proposal to expand the Smilow Cancer Center after two prior denials and a court ruling upholding the town’s Planning & Zoning Commission decisions. The new plan involves internal renovations at the main campus, administrative office conversions at 3 Perryridge Road and 38 Lake Avenue, and traffic flow adjustments using gated entries and exits. The commission approved parts of the proposal but delayed a final decision on renovations to the main hospital building pending further review.

The Horseneck Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution unveiled a historical marker at Putnam Hill Park in Greenwich to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Marquis de Lafayette’s 1824 visit. The marker, donated by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, recognizes Lafayette’s national tour through the original thirteen states, including his visit to honor General Israel Putnam. The event is part of a yearlong series of commemorations organized by the Greenwich Historical Society.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

James Madison Fellowship Honors Greenwich Educator

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation has selected 43 recipients for its 2025 fellowship program, supporting graduate study focused on the U.S. Constitution. Fellows, chosen from all states and territories through a competitive process, receive up to \$24,000 and commit to teaching civics, history, or government in secondary schools. The federally established Foundation funds the program through a combination of public trust funds and private contributions.

Jack Holl Joins Tunnel To Towers

Greenwich native Jack Holl, a Penn State-Behrend student-athlete, joined the Tunnel to Towers Foundation’s Student-Athlete Advocate Program, which raises awareness for first responders, veterans, and their families impacted by 9/11. The nonprofit provides mortgage-free homes, smart homes for injured veterans, and assistance for homeless veterans, funded largely by public donations. Holl’s involvement continues his family’s personal connection to 9/11 and public service.

SCHOOLS

Fifth Grader Leads Humane Society Drive

Fifth grader Arabella McKersie organized a donation drive at Cos Cob Elementary for the Connecticut Humane Society, collecting food, supplies, and toys. The donations were delivered to the society’s Westport location. Students in grades K-5 participated, and the class that donated the most items won a pizza party.

Greenwich Students Earn National Writing Honors

Seven juniors from Greenwich High School received the 2025 Achievement Award in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English. The program, established in 1957, recognizes outstanding high school junior writers from the U.S. and select international schools. This year, 680 students were nominated and evaluated on content, organization, and style by independent judges.

PTAC Essence Awards Honor Community Volunteers

The PTAC Essence Awards took place at Town Hall, recognizing six nominees: Tom Casazzone, John Fisher, Elizabeth Rutledge, Katrina Sabeti, Lisa Sylvester, and Heather Woodworth. Tom Casazzone received the 2025 PTA Council Award for Excellence in Voluntarism. Lisa Sylvester received the 2025 PTA Lifetime Award for Excellence in Voluntarism.

GHS Student Earns State Essay Honor

Greenwich High School junior Abigail Meyers was named a runner-up in the 25th Annual James W. Cooper Fellows Quintin Johnstone Statewide High School Essay Contest. Her essay, From Flags to Factions: Examining Student Expression and School Policy, was reviewed by a panel of Connecticut Supreme Court justices, judges, law professors, and attorneys. She attended the awards ceremony at the Connecticut Supreme Court in Hartford.

Greenwich Schools Honor Student Service

Greenwich Public Schools annually recognize students from each school for their participation in community service projects, with one high school student receiving the Fleishman Service Award for significant contributions. The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education established the Awards of Excellence for Educational Communications in 1975 to highlight effective communication in school districts. In 2016, the award was renamed after longtime CABE staff member Bonnie B. Carney.

CMS Construction Progresses Smoothly

Construction of the new Central Middle School is ongoing and updates are published monthly in Campus Connections on the project’s website. Recent work includes completion of the truck route and foundation systems, with steel framing and gym wall masonry beginning in June. Saturday construction will occur throughout the month.

Greenwich Teachers Earn Top Ranking

Greenwich Public Schools’ teachers rank third in Connecticut according to Niche’s 2025 rankings. The district received an A+ for teaching and high marks across academics, extracurriculars, facilities, and administration. New Canaan ranked first, and Mariemont City Schools in Ohio led the national rankings.

Greenwich Students Earn Merit Scholarships

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced over 2,900 college-sponsored scholarship recipients, including Greenwich High School students Calvin Donat and Austin B. Sciulla. Donat will study astronautics at Claremont McKenna College; Sciulla will study mechanical engineering at Purdue

University. The scholarships, funded by 146 institutions, provide \$500 to \$2,000 annually for up to four years.

SPORTS

Greenwich Athletes Commit To College

The Greenwich High School Division III signing ceremony recognized student-athletes who committed to continue competing at the collegiate level. These athletes balanced academics and athletics throughout high school to reach this milestone. The event marked the official start of their NCAA Division III athletic careers.

Cardinals Shine In Strong Tournament Run



Greenwich High School’s varsity lacrosse team ended its 2025 season with an 11-8 quarterfinal loss to Wilton in the CIAC Class LL Tournament. The Cardinals, seeded sixth, had advanced by defeating Stamford 17-5, highlighted by senior captain Aubrey Roth surpassing 200 career points. Roth and junior Giselle DiPietro led the offense throughout the postseason, while the team finished the season with a 9-10 record. Photo Credit: David Fierro

Greenwich Girls Track Team Makes History

The Greenwich High School varsity girls track and field team won its first-ever CIAC Class LL championship, scoring 105 points and outperforming 22 other teams. Senior captain Sophia Riche’ won both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles, while relay teams also secured multiple victories. The team’s depth and strong performances across events led to their historic state title and advancement to the State Open.

Greenwich Girls Tennis Achieves Perfect Season



Greenwich High School’s varsity girls tennis team completed a perfect 22-0 season by winning the CIAC Class LL state championship and FCIAC title, defeating Staples High School 4-0 in both finals. This marks their second consecutive state title and 12th in program history, with key victories from players including Caitlin Mahoney, Izzy Everett, and the doubles teams of Inagawa/Sowter and Pecorin/Wilber. The team dominated throughout the season, shutting out 18 opponents and showcasing strong teamwork and consistency. Photo credit: David Fierro

Greenwich Tennis Dynasty Extends Streak

Greenwich High School’s varsity boys tennis team completed another undefeated 22-0 season in 2024, repeating as FCIAC and Class LL champions and extending their winning streak to 66 matches. They defeated Fairfield Prep 5-2 in the Class LL final, with strong performances in both singles and doubles play. Led by seniors Alexander Salib and Manuel Galli, the Cardinals secured their third straight state title and 16th overall.

FROM HARTFORD

Attorneys General File Voting Rights Brief

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong and 18 others filed an amicus brief urging the Eighth Circuit to allow private individuals to sue under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits racial discrimination in voting. The case stems from a North Dakota redistricting challenge where a lower court found vote dilution, but an appellate panel ruled private citizens lack standing to sue. The brief argues that private enforcement has historically been essential to the Act’s effectiveness.

COLUMN



By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

In Jewish history, Hillel and Shammai are foundational scholars who profoundly shaped Rabbinic Judaism. Living roughly a century before the Roman destruction of the Great Jerusalem Temple, they navigated the intense challenges of Roman military occupation and the empire's efforts to suppress Jewish faith and practices.

Shammai generally interpreted Jewish law strictly, while Hillel was notably more lenient. Beyond their legal distinctions, their personalities differed significantly: Shammai was often described as strident, whereas Hillel consistently demonstrated patience and kindness.

A well-known rabbinic story vividly illustrates their contrasting approaches.

An individual once approached Shammai, asking to be taught the entire Torah while standing on one foot. Seeing this as mocking God's profound teachings, Shammai became enraged and chased the person away.

The same individual

Harnessing the Wisdom of Disagreement

then approached Hillel with the identical request. Hillel, unoffended, saw sincerity in the query and offered a profound answer:

“What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow. This is the essence of Torah, and the rest is commentary. Now, go and pursue your learning.”

While Shammai is often viewed negatively in this narrative, it's crucial to appreciate his concern that the depth of Judaism shouldn't be reduced to a soundbite.

However, Hillel recognized an opportunity to open the door to Judaism, believing that once someone stepped through, they would willingly explore its beautiful depths.

In rabbinic law, Hillel's guidance is generally followed when there's a legal dispute between the two. This often reflects the understanding that a pleasant demeanor and an accommodating approach weigh heavily alongside the merits of an argument.

Hillel's method was more sensitive to the needs of others, while Shammai prioritized what he saw as the most righteous path. Rabbinic Judaism felt the imperative to preserve and honor both approaches to Jewish law.

Even though Shammai's views weren't always followed, they were still deemed worthy of attention and study for all future generations.

In some instances, we even ritually honor Shammai's minority view. For example, during the Passover Seder, we ritually wash our hands early without a blessing (per Shammai's view) and then later rewash our hands with the prescribed blessing before eating the matzah (following Hillel's view).

This dedication to remembering and honoring minority views is a critical Jewish discipline, fostering a culture that embraces pluralism, moderation, and centrism.

Respecting Shammai's desire for higher standards reflects an admiration for his unwavering commitment to embracing God's will in daily Jewish life.

On the other hand, Hillel sought to create an “open door,” hoping that once individuals entered the sacred space of Jewish tradition, they would desire to settle more fully into their spiritual home.

It is equally vital to uphold uncompromised Divine values and ensure that people are drawn to explore them. From this perspective, contemporary Jews can learn that our shared dedication to Godly values is the most critical pursuit.

This lesson extends beyond the Jewish world.

In our contemporary society, people too often retreat into echo chambers, denying themselves the opportunity to learn from differing viewpoints. While liberalism, tolerance, and acceptance are vital, they can still critically assess notions that might not benefit society.

Individuals focused on emphasizing their perceived “right” versus another's “wrong” could greatly benefit from compassionately appreciating different viewpoints. When well-intentioned people genuinely listen, they often reconsider previous conclusions and set aside personal agendas to understand others' perspectives.

Many desire “black and white” answers to complex questions. However, the more intricate the

problem, the greater the need is to consider diverse views and different perspectives.

Judaism embraces the idea that multiple valid answers can exist for almost every question. This is why the Rabbis assert that any disagreement pursued “for the sake of Heaven” should have its views honored and preserved.

Famously, after three years of debate between the schools of Hillel and Shammai, a “Divine Voice” proclaimed:

“Both these and those are the words of the living God.”

Every religious, political, or familial disagreement should begin with active listening and a genuine appreciation for sincere perspectives. We can ultimately disagree, but if that disagreement follows a successful session of active listening and evident respect, it will significantly lower the “flames” of contention.

Consider the insightful approach of a rabbi who, when his students gave opposing answers, responded to the first:

“I understand your view; I think you may be right.”

To the second, who offered the

opposite answer, he said:

“I understand your view; I think you may be right.”

When another student questioned how both could be correct, the rabbi hesitantly replied:

“I understand your view; I think you may be right.”

Let us strive to create a world where we learn to disagree respectfully and argue “for the sake of Heaven”, rather than solely for our own sake. If we achieve this, we will improve our relationships, and our world, rather than destroy.

Shabbat Shalom.

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

Sustainable Gardening: How Green is Your Garden?

By Janet McMahon

Summer is just around the corner which means that many of us gardeners are tending to our gardens! Whether you have a small or large garden, are a novice or a master gardener, there is no greater joy than reaping the literal - and figurative - fruits of your labor. As you may have already known, growing your own edible garden is not only healthy for you and your wallet, but also for the planet. But did you know that you can maximize your environmental impact by gardening sustainably as opposed to relying on traditional gardening methods?

You don't need to make drastic changes to your gardening routine to create a more sustainable garden. Sustainable gardening focuses on eco-friendly practices that conserve natural resources, improve soil health, and protect biodiversity. In short, it's about working with nature, rather than against it. Even better, there's no one-size-fits-all formula—you can blend traditional and organic approaches in a way that fits your space, time, and lifestyle. The greener your garden, the better it is for both the planet and your personal well-being.

One of the simplest and most impactful steps one can take toward “greening your garden” is discontinuing or reducing the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides. These toxic chemicals have the potential to not only damage wildlife

habitats and ecosystems but have adverse effects on the humans, insects, and animals that come into contact with them. There are many natural DIY alternatives to pesticides and herbicides such as Neem oil, castile soap spray or chili pepper spray. (<https://www.treehugger.com/natural-homemade-insecticides-save-your-garden-without-killing-earth-4858819>) Better yet, consider planting native species in or around your vegetable garden. Plants like mountain mint attract native pollinators and beneficial insects, helping to naturally reduce the need for pesticides.

Backyard composting your food scraps and lawn debris is another powerful and surprisingly simple way to support sustainable gardening. (<https://gltrust.org/event/composting-turning-scraps-into-soil-workshop/>)

Compost, through the addition of organic matter, enriches the soil with essential nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, as well as beneficial trace elements such as calcium, magnesium, iron, and zinc. Compost also helps retain moisture, reduces erosion, and supports beneficial soil organisms—cutting down on the need for synthetic pesticides and fertilizers while also increasing resiliency during dry spells. Not up for managing a compost pile at home? There are several curbside composting services that collect your food scraps and return rich, organic



Greenwich Land Trust's Edible Garden at the Mueller Preserve

compost in return.

Water conservation is another key piece of the sustainable gardening puzzle. Traditional sprinklers and manual watering often waste large amounts of this precious natural resource. A better alternative? Drip irrigation systems, which deliver water directly to plant roots where it's needed most. You can also collect rainwater in barrels and use it for watering—an easy way to cut down on water use. Pro tip: Water early in the morning

or in the evening to minimize evaporation and ensure your plants get the full benefit.

At Greenwich Land Trust (GLT), we're proud to steward 1,012 acres of open space using sustainable practices. As the area's oldest local land conservation nonprofit, we're committed to promoting sustainability within our community, starting with the next generation of environmental stewards. Through our Youth Corps program, Greenwich teens

get a hands-on education in conservation while earning a paid summer job. (<https://gltrust.org/youth-corps/>) A portion of their time is spent working in the vegetable gardens at the Mueller Preserve, where they grow fresh, organic produce for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor food pantry. Last year alone, the Youth Corps delivered over 1,300 pounds of sustainable, homegrown produce to those in need. Visitors are always welcome to stop by and see our gardens

during normal business hours.

If you're eager to experience more sustainable gardens in Greenwich up close, we invite you to purchase a ticket to our annual Tour de Veggie fundraiser on Thursday, July 31st, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Now in our third year, this event showcases seven stunning gardens across town. On this self-guided tour, you'll wander through vibrant, lush landscapes—from carefully cultivated vegetable plots and charming backyard beds to inspiring school, church, and estate gardens. It's a day filled with beauty, creativity, and plenty of green inspiration!

Afterward, patrons with special tickets are invited to a private picnic at the Mueller Preserve from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. There, you'll enjoy delicious, garden-inspired bites prepared by Happiness Is Catering, cool beverages, and soft music in a peaceful, natural setting. Please join us! (<https://gltrust.org/special-event/tour-de-veggie/>)

Janet McMahon is the Communications Coordinator at Greenwich Land Trust. She has a husband, two children and a cat, and aims to spread awareness of all of the good things Greenwich Land Trust is doing for the community.

GIRLS TENNIS

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the Wreckers. The No. 1 and No. 4 singles matches and third doubles match were not completed, because GHS clinched the match, overall, by winning four matches.

Junior Caitlin Mahoney won the clinching match at No. 2 singles for the Cards. Mahoney defeated her Staples High School opponent, 6-0, 6-1 and immediately after she won the final point, the members of the Cardinals squad, rushed the court in celebration of their second straight state title and undefeated season.

“It feels surreal, the second I joined my group I started crying, I'm in disbelief that it's the end of the season with my team,” said Greenwich senior captain Yume Inagawa, who played at first doubles with sophomore Cameron Sowter.

Mahoney, who won all of her matches at second singles for the Cardinals, was the aggressor and in control throughout her match against Staples.

“It went really well, I just worked on being consistent with every shot, moving my opponent from side to side and it really paid off,” Mahoney said.

She had an inkling that her match could be the one that clinched the state title for the Cards.

“I definitely felt in the end, the momentum, because I knew three matches had finished and I was the fourth one,” Mahoney noted. “So, that was definitely an exciting moment.”

Senior Izzy Everett was victorious at third singles for Greenwich, registering a 6-1, 6-1 win over her Wreckers foe. Everett also won her singles match versus Staples in the state title match one season ago.

“It feels awesome, because me and Emme and Yume – the captains – have been working for four years, trying every year to win a title,” Everett said. “We finally won one last year, but we wanted both. So, we came here today and did it and it really meant a lot. It shows how far we came as a team.”

“I wanted to be one of the four that won, so it was also really

nice to do that,” Everett added.

At No. 1 singles, junior Shining Sun won her first set against Staples, 6-3 and the second set was tied at 1-1 when the match was halted since GHS clinched the team victory. Sun was especially pleased for the squad's seniors.

“It feels really good, they are the seniors that have been here from the start, so this is the perfect sendoff to give them,” Sun said.

Fourth singles saw Avery Li take her first set against her Staples opponent, 5-2 and her match was still in progress when the Cardinals clinched the team triumph. Inagawa and Sowter, Greenwich's undefeated No. 1 doubles team, posted a 6-3 win in the opening set versus the Wreckers and were in their second set in their unfinished match.

Inagawa and Sowter will compete in the CIAC Invitational, which begins on Sunday at Conard High School. The Cardinals' successful duo are the defending CIAC Invitational doubles champions.

“I'm excited, because me and Cameron won and we have a good shot to defend our title,” Inagawa noted. “We just have to take the time off we have between now and Invitationals and take care of ourselves and rest.”

Pecorin and Wilber concluded another undefeated season at second doubles. They notched a 6-0, 6-1 win over Staples at the No. 2 spot.

“This year we've had the best season we've had in a really long time,” Pecorin said. “Especially for my last year, that's been amazing.”

“This has been a really great run,” Wilber said. “We have been playing for so long and we just really wanted to get that perfect season.”

Winning two titles this spring was, indeed, one of the Cards' main 2025 goals.

“We were really close last year, but we weren't quite there, so this made it a really nice way to end the seniors' senior year,” Wilber said.

Pecorin/Wilber also won their match against Staples in the 2024 Class LL title match. In the No. 3 doubles matchup, juniors Bella Barban and Oliva Popp were 6-1, 6-0 winners for GHS.

“It's definitely very emotional,” Popp said. “For the past four years, we've gotten so close, like last year during FCIACs and then states, we finally won it all. But it's been so long since we've won both in a row. It's sad to watch our seniors leave, but we're just so proud of this team. We couldn't have done it without everyone.”

The Cardinals' No. 3 doubles team has progressed significantly since last season, becoming a force this spring.

“I think we both played pretty well,” Barban said. “Our communication skills have really gone up since our freshman year and I'm really proud that we were able to do this.”

“It feels really good to be one of the four to win for our team,” Barban continued. “We didn't play last year, so going from not playing last year to winning one of the four – it felt really good.”

Greenwich High School's varsity girls tennis team completed an undefeated season with a win vs. Staples in the Class LL final.

For the season, Greenwich registered an eye-opening record of 22-0, while sweeping/shutting out, 18 of its opponents.

“I'm speechless, what can I say,” Greenwich coach Jerry Sulli said. “The fact is, 12 of the 15 matches in the regular season were shutouts. This team was just incredible.”

The Cardinals went 4-0 in the Class LL Tournament, while playing four matches in four days.

“The way they were focused for four matches in four straight days and going 4-0 – it's a testament to their character,” Sulli said of his squad. “They played well together, they encouraged each other. I'm so fortunate to be coach of this team.”

Winning the Class LL title added state championship No. 12 to Greenwich's resume. The Cardinals' other state championships came in 2024, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 1999, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1990 and 1989.

“It feels really great, I'm really proud of everyone,” Mahoney said following Greenwich's latest championship win versus Staples. “I don't think I could have asked for a better end to the season. It was the perfect season.”

Sun paid tribute to the Cardinals' seniors.

“The seniors are the core of the program,” she said. “They are always there motivating us. They bring so much liveliness to the team.”

COLUMN



By REV. MAXWELL GRANT

For the last two years, our church has held Confirmation classes in partnership with First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich and its remarkable pastoral team, and I have to say, I've enjoyed the experience in a whole new way.

First, we've asked families to slow down and recognize Confirmation as a process that takes time (in our case, a school year and meetings twice a month, rather than the six week "crash course" that I received and went on to teach for years). Confirmation, after all, is something God does. It's not just a quick survey of the key facts that define our faith, followed by a handshake.

Second, I've enjoyed teaching the class in partnership with colleagues, and I have seen that the experience is much more meaningful when multiple perspectives are part

of it all along. Certainly, the experience is more exuberantly Congregationalist in approach, which is to say, a decidedly multi-vocal way of being Christian. Our tradition holds the possibility of conversation close to its heart, even if that means we sail awfully close to argument now and again, but always looking for the consensus that slowly emerges as differences come to be understood in terms of a larger frame.

In Congregationalism, there is a (mostly) healthy reluctance to let other people speak for you, although it comes with the ongoing challenge of making sure others can still speak to (and with) you.

I feel like our classes have modeled that.

Over the last two years, our confirmands have now come to include the young people who were babies or toddlers when I first arrived, including my own daughters, and that has also made the experience of teaching the class land differently.

The adorable peanuts who became the rugrats and then the cherub choir and then the

mission trip kids and Children's Church helpers (phew!) have now, of their own decision, come forward to acknowledge that God has called them to be Christians.

Having known them for so long, I'm both surprised and not surprised. Let me explain.

For ages, I've known how loved these new Christians have been by our church. I'm glad they've felt it, too.

But even if they have, you never know where that will lead.

Love needs to be without an agenda to be the real thing. With that in mind, if a teen reaches the "years of discretion" and feels a sense of gratitude for the grown-ups (their Sunday School teachers, youth ministers, and that lady who always bakes from scratch for coffee hour), but isn't lead beyond that, it needs to be o.k.

Confirming God's Love

We hope our young will catch on that our care and kindness reveal an even more full and enduring expression of love: the love they find in God. But that only works if it's offered without strings. Sadly, churches don't always remember that as clearly as we must

To love always needs to be counted as a win. If our young people learn nothing else at church, they need to learn that it is a privilege to love them, as we always have, still do, and mean to keep right on doing.

We also hope, of course, that they'll catch on that our care and kindness reveal an even more full and enduring expression of love: the love they find in God.

But that only works if it's offered without strings. Sadly, churches don't always remember that as clearly as we must, although admittedly, they can be subtle even with the best of intentions.

There are strings of loyalty, an implicit expectation that the young will not "embarrass" us by eating all that homemade pie over the years, only to disappear when it's time to stand up and join.

There are strings of other social expectations, whether they are showing up for services in the church's unwritten dress code (every church has one), or more insidiously, performing the community's gender expectations (boys being expected to help with tables and chairs, girls in the kitchen or the nursery, etc.)

If that's all we're "confirming" in new Christians, we should go ahead and quit.

Thankfully, we're not. Confirmation is the holy moment when the church faces its young people and asks, "Well, what do you make of it all?" And being Congregationalists, they tell us.

The power of their testimony makes it astonishing each time.

Anyone who thinks that all affirmations of faith are fundamentally the same isn't doing justice to the amazing

variety of how God moves in human hearts or electrifies different imaginations. God blesses people with very distinct gifts, prompting them to ask their particular questions and to come together in service and learning.

The better you know them, the more miraculous and humbling it is to see them confirm their own faith.

We've been praying for them for so long now. What a joy it is to know they'll be praying for us and joining the work of the Kingdom.

Rev. Dr Maxwell Grant has served as senior minister of the Second Congregational Church of Greenwich since 2012. He is currently Board Chair of the Congregational Library and Archives in Boston, and Moderator of the Fairfield West Association of the United Church of Christ

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. Anchor Night! for Young Adults: Friday, June 20, 7pm.**

Baptist

First Baptist Church

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

Sunday Servings: 11:30am, Facebook Live or by 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. **Adoration on First Fridays at 6pm in the Chapel will be on hiatus for the months of July & August and will resume Friday, Sept. 5 at 6pm.**

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. **Summer schedule change for Spanish Mass: A partir del Domingo 15 de Junio, la Misa en Español se celebrará temperamento a las 12pm en lugar de las 6:30 durante los meses de verano / Starting Sunday, June 15, the Spanish Mass will be temporarily moved from 6:30pm to 12pm during the summer months; the Mass will be celebrated in the Main Church.**

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. **The Women's Guild will be purchasing flowers for the weekend of June 14 and 15 in recognition of Father's Day. Please find envelopes in the pews and in your envelope packets which will be used to purchase flowers. You may also contribute through on-line giving. We are currently accepting donations for the Malta's House, which is one of the only homes for pregnant women in Fairfield County to help young mothers and their babies. A large box will be placed by the side doors for donations until July 11. They are in need of Cleaning Items such as: Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent ("sensitive skin", "free & gentle" etc.), Baby Wipes and Cleaning Wipes.**

St. Roch Church

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

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

Christian Science

First Church of Christ, Scientist

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

Sundays: Church and Sunday School at 10:30. Weds. 7:30pm testimonies of healing. Call # for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520. Reading Room 333 Greenwich Ave. M-F 1:00-5:00 203-869-2503. Bibles, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, children's books, and more. **Sermons: June 15: "God the Preserver of Man." June 22: "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" June 29: "Christian Science."**

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 roundhill-communitychurch.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.

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. **Summer Beach Services: June 15 to August 17, 8-9am, Greenwich Point Park (No passes are necessary. Simply tell the gatekeeper you're attending First Congregational's service. Park in the first parking lot on the right. Bring your own beach chairs. All dates are: June 15, 22, July 13, 20, 17, Aug. 3, 10, 17). 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 in our air-conditioned Chapel at 9:30am. Children's Chapel during worship. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @2CCGreenwich.

Episcopal

Anglican Church of the Advent

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

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

Christ Church Greenwich

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. **Joyful noise with Rob Mathes: Sunday June 29, 5pm. Gentle Hatha Yoga: Fridays, through June 27, 2:30pm, Free. Dad's Playground Gathering: Saturday, June 14, 9:30-11am, CCG Preschool. Young Men's Gathering (ages 30-50): Thursday, June 19, 7:30-8:30pm, Tomes Higgins House. Summer BBQ at Pacific House: Friday, June 20, 4:30-6pm, 597 Pacific Street, Stamford. Splash! Event for Young Families: Sunday, June 22, 11:15am-1pm, Tomes-Higgins House Back Lawn.**

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). Small church feel - Big church experience.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447
www.stpauls-riverside.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. **Summer Vacation Bible School (Camp Joy) launches Monday, June 16 for 2 weeks.**

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.**

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. **Performance of "The Diary of Anne Frank" a one-act play adapted by Wendy Kesselman, presented by the Broken Glass Theatre Company: Saturday, June 14, 7pm, followed by a reception. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated, RSVP.**

Temple Shalom

300 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-7191
www.templeshalom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. **New Parent/Child Summer Music Class for Tots: Mondays, June 16, 23 & 30 and July 7, 14 & 21, 9:15am.**

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). Virtu-

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

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal

42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

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

Nondenominational

Dingletown Community Church

376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

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

Revive Church

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

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

Stanwich Church

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

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

Center for Spiritual Development

293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615
www.Center4SpiritualDev.org

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). **Psychic Fair: Saturday, June 14, 11am-4pm, free admission. Virtual Class - Understanding Auras: Unlocking Your Energy Field with Stacy Schuerman: Wednesday, June 18, 7-9pm, \$35, register at csd-pastor@gmail.com. Virtual Healing Service: Thursday, June 19, 7-7:30pm (3rd Thursday of the Month). Contact: CSDPastor@gmail.com for Zoom link.**

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

Obituaries



EVELYN LATTARULO

On Friday, June 6, 2025, Evelyn J. Lattarulo, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully, at the age of 87.

Evelyn was born in New York, New York, on April 20, 1938, to James and Josephine Tricario. She was raised in the Bronx, New York, and attended St. Helena's High School. She married her long-time sweetheart, Dominick Lattarulo, on June 1, 1958, and had six children.

The family relocated to Greenwich, CT in 1972. After dedicating herself to raising her children, she entered the workforce. She spent years at Greenwich Federal Savings, and after that went on to work in Cash Management at United States Tobacco Co, later called UST, Inc. She spent 25 years there and made dear friends, who she continued to keep in touch with long after her retirement in 2003.

Evelyn was a gifted cook and had a passion for gardening during her time in Greenwich. She looked forward to the spring, when she would plant tomatoes, herbs and flowers. She enjoyed entertaining by the pool, and no one would ever leave hungry. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and loved when her grandchildren visited and spent time with her. Thoughtful and kind, she never forgot a birthday, and always made sure birthday wishes were sent. To sit and talk with her would reveal many funny family stories from years past.

Evelyn loved Greenwich and all the things it offered; she loved the beaches, especially the ferry to Island Beach and you could always find her spending time at the library. While her family was growing, the home was always filled with nearby family and neighborhood children, who would steal her famous Sunday meatballs.

Evelyn recently moved to Stamford, Connecticut, but her heart remained in the community she loved and considered home. She will be remembered for her wonderful personality, generous heart and will be missed by her family and all who knew her.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her loving husband, Dominick, her loving son, Richard; father, James, and mother, Josephine. Evelyn is survived by her children, Joseph (Kitt), Linda, Donna, Donald (Teresa), Lori, and four grandchildren, Julia, Matthew, Amanda and Thomas. Evelyn is also survived by her sister, Marilyn Giordano (Anthony), several nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

Visitation was Wednesday, June 11 at Leo Gallagher's Funeral Home, Stamford, CT. Funeral services took place on Thursday, June 12, at St. Michael's Church, Greenwich, CT. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Greenwich CT.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Lustgarten Foundation, https://lustgarten.org/donatenow/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=1747544548



MARIE CHIAPPETTA

Marie A. Chiappetta (Mimi), of Greenwich, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on June 5, 2025, at the age of 93. Maria was born on March 3, 1932 to Rocco and Anna Chiappetta. She was born and raised in Greenwich.

Maria is known by all in Cos Cob from her many years working in restaurants, especially The Country Squire. If you didn't see her at the restaurant, she could always be found walking throughout Cos Cob.

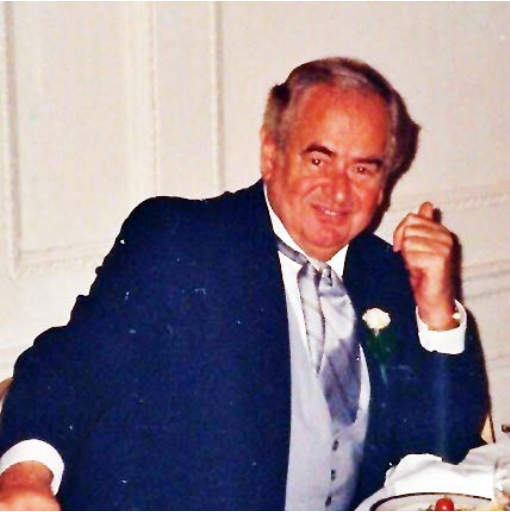
Marie loved and cherished her family. 25 years of Friday night dinners with Jane, Joe, Shabby and Eileen, and Wednesday night bowling with the girls. Marie belonged to the Social Seniors in Riverside and enjoyed the many trips to the casino or other outings. Marie loved the summer, being outside, reading, watching Hallmark movies and going to the Knights of Columbus. She was a loyal volunteer at the St. Roch Feast, in the burger booth, with her Knights of Columbus boys.

Marie whole-heartedly loved life, loved being surrounded people, always had a smile on her face. Marie loved a party and you could always find her at an outside restaurant on Greenwich Avenue, enjoying a glass of Chardonnay.

Marie is now in heaven with her husband, Dominick (Chippy) Chiappetta, of 66 years, and her mother and father, Rocco and Anna Chiappetta, her brothers, Michael and Rocco (Shabby), loving brother-in-law, Joe Carriero, and sister in law, Eileen Chiappetta. She is survived by her cherished daughter, Marianne Andersen, her sister, Jane Carriero, her many nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, June 11 at St. Roch Church, Greenwich. Burial will be private. Visitation was Tuesday, June 10 at Castiglione Funeral Home, Greenwich CT.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org . Special thank you to Dr. Howes, Dr. Franco and his ICU team, and Dr. Mayus.



SALVATOR FINELLI

Salvator "Sal" Finelli of Pound Ridge, peacefully passed away on May 26, 2025, "Memorial Day", with his devoted daughters by his side.

Sal was born to the late Angelina Polcini and Joseph Finelli on December 6, 1927 in the Bronx, NY and grew up in Mamaroneck. As a teenager, his family moved to Bethlehem, CT for several years. He attended Iona College in New Rochelle. He enlisted in the Air National Guard and The Marines, serving in Newfoundland, Canada.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Linda Ambrosiano, in 1951 in Bronxville and they raised their family in Pound Ridge, NY where they happily remained for many years. After an early career in Sales, Sal founded two successful printing companies, County Reproduction in Stamford, CT and Academy Reproduction in White Plains, NY in 1957. He served as CEO until 2001, when he sold his company to Merritt Graphics.

Sal enjoyed investing in Real Estate and was a beloved landlord. Sal was a devoted husband to Linda to whom he was married for almost 73 years. They were inseparable. Linda predeceased him by only nine months (we believe he passed from a broken heart!).

In his leisure time, Sal enjoyed boating, fishing, was an avid Yankee fan, but most of all he loved nurturing the beautiful landscaping and breathtaking Japanese Gardens that he created over the years, literally planting each shrub and placing each stone with passion. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife and daughters, exploring new restaurants, and entertaining friends and family at his home, always the consummate host.

Sal is survived by his loving daughters, Laurinda Finelli of Old Greenwich, CT and Kathryn Finelli of Pound Ridge, NY and many nieces and nephews. The youngest of five children, Sal was predeceased by two sisters, Louise Molassi and Lillian Finelli, and two brothers, Damon Finelli and Dr. Alphonse Finelli. Sal left this life as he lived it... with pride, dignity, class, humility and most of all, HUMOR.

Sal's Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, June 7 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY.



MARGARET OVERTON

Margaret Ruth Overton passed away peacefully in Greenwich, CT surrounded by her family on May 19, 2025. She was born on June 16th, 1936, in Brooklyn, New York, and was predeceased by her father and mother, Albert and Martha Bolanz. She spent much of her childhood in Cambria Heights in Queens, NY, and then

moved to Stamford, CT, where she graduated from Stamford High School. She attended Beaver College (now Arcadia College) in Glenside, PA, receiving her degree in English and Early Childhood Education.

Margaret taught in elementary schools in New Jersey and Connecticut and was beloved by her students, who fondly called her "Mary Poppins" because of her warmth and piano-playing abilities, joyfully bringing music into the classroom and singing along with her students. She married George Overton, Jr., who predeceased her, and went on to work at GE Capital in Stamford, CT, while also volunteering in Stamford schools.

Margaret raised her son and daughter in Greenwich, Connecticut. She is survived by her beloved children, George Overton III (Kristin) of Weston, CT, and Rachel Overton Raabe (Brian) of Old Greenwich, CT; her sister, Elizabeth Yerks of Shelton, CT; many cousins and nieces and nephews; and eight grandchildren: Morgan, Max, Graydon, Harrison, Lucy, Jack, Katherine, and Victoria. Her best friend of over 80 years, Susan Brillat, also survives her.

Margaret loved spending time with her family, summers in Montauk and on Fire Island, ice cream, convertibles, reading, finding the perfect gift, Broadway shows, music from the 50s, trips into New York City, ice skating (especially at Rockefeller Center with her grandchildren), solving puzzles on Wheel of Fortune before anyone else, relaxing at the beach, following politics, picking stocks, traveling, and her cocker spaniel, Sally. She was compassionate, optimistic, inspiring, and always cheerful and looking to laugh along with you, even in her final days. She was gentle yet determined, and her wonderful independent spirit will live on in all she touched.

In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask that donations be made in Margaret's name to either Nathaniel Witherell (70 Parsonage Road, Greenwich, CT 06830), in support of its mission and caring staff; the American Brain Foundation (www.americanbrainfoundation.org), since your contribution will help fund vital research that offers hope to millions affected by neurological conditions; or Farm Sanctuary (www.farmsanctuary.org), an organization close to Margaret's heart and honors her compassion for animals and commitment to a kinder world.



POLLY SANNA

Polly Weintz Sanna, a beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend to all, passed away at age 65 on Monday, May 12. She was surrounded by family when she took her last breath in the early morning.

Polly was born on December 3rd, 1959, to Jacob Frederick Weintz, Jr., and Elizabeth Brewer Weintz. She was the second-born of four children. In 1985, she met her husband, John Sanna, at a bar in New York City, and they were married for 26 years. They had one daughter, Lucy, who grew up in a home full of love, songs, and laughter.

Polly graduated from the University of Denver in 1981 with a degree in mass communications, and her heart was aligned and directed toward several philanthropic ventures. Over the years, she balanced family life and actively supported Feed the Children, Oceania, and NPR. She was the Special Events Planner for the New York Public Library's annual "Night of One Hundred Dinners," a benefit event across NYC restaurants, venues, and private homes to fund the library's essential free resources.

After attending university, Polly stayed in Colorado and taught skiing for four years as part of the Aspen Ski Co. in Snowmass, a town where she grew up skiing with her family. After her first season, she received the award "rookie of the year," which her nephew would go on to win as well after following in her footsteps. She left an incredible legacy in the Snowmass kids ski department, and her old friends and coworkers would beam at the mention of her name.

Our memories of Polly will be lit by her warm, funny, vibrant, loving, and generous spirit. Her legacy will be one of a life fully lived, making everyone feel like family and reminding us to celebrate life's wins with a splash of Veuve Clicquot.

Polly is survived by her husband, John Sanna, and daughter, Lucy Sanna; her sister, Elizabeth ("Beppie") Weintz Cerf and husband Bob; and her brothers, Dr. Eric Cortelyou Weintz and wife Joy, and Karl Frederick Weintz and wife Teryn.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 19th, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church of Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the

Christ Church Music Fund.



FRANK PLIMPTON

1954 - 2025

Frank Sawtell Plimpton passed away peacefully on April 13, 2025, in Naples, Florida. His death was unexpected and deeply felt by those who knew and loved him. He was 71 years young.

Frank was born on February 4, 1954, and grew up in Sherborn, Mass. as the third child of John and Katharine Plimpton, and a loving brother to Sam, Jane (Trusty) and Jack. A gifted student with a lifelong curiosity for learning, he was a graduate of the Charles River School, Milton Academy, and Harvard University (where he graduated with honors in Applied Mathematics and Economics, and was a member of the Spee Club), and later earned both his MBA and JD from the University of Chicago. Frank went on to work as a litigation and bankruptcy lawyer at Milbank Tweed, as an investment banker at Paine Webber and at Salomon Brothers, and as a partner at private equity firm MatlinPatterson, building a reputation for his intelligence and integrity.

He served on a number of corporate boards including RailWorks, NRG, National Holdings Corp, and XLHealth, and was a former board member of The Round Hill Association in Greenwich, CT. He was a member of Shenorock Shore Club, Bears Paw Country Club, the Mountainy Pond Club, and was previously a member of both Siwanoy Country Club and the Mill Reef Club.

While his professional achievements were many, Frank was most proud of the life he built with his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 49 years, Kathy (Riley) Plimpton, and their three children: daughter Molly and her husband Montez Haywood; son Andy and his wife Emma; and son CJ and his wife Deniz. "Gampy" was a devoted and loving grandfather to six grandchildren, who brought him immense joy. His face would light up in their presence-his greatest happiness came from making them smile and laugh.

Ever since he was a boy, Frank spent each summer in Maine, and it remained his most cherished place. He created Lookout Farm in Muscongus Bay, as a place where he could fully embrace his love of farm and coastal life - operating heavy equipment, building a complicated beach house with his own hands, tending his gardens and fields, and documenting natural beauty with his camera. He was especially captivated by the landscape in his own backyard, capturing its intricate beauty and peaceful moments - as a passionate photographer, he loved sharing his nature photos with his grandchildren, always encouraging their curiosity and wonder.

Frank enjoyed an unusually wide array of hobbies and interests that made him endlessly fascinating to those around him - in his youth, he flew hang gliders; he lived and loved to ski; he cultivated berries, picked them all by hand, and made hundreds of jars of homemade jelly to give to friends and family; he was a long-distance cyclist, who won a 100-mile cycling race in his classification in February; but mostly he delighted in feeding and watching the many native birds, and particularly his hummingbirds, from his kitchen in Maine. His sense of wonder, playfulness, and desire to try new things never faded.

Frank's life was marked by quiet strength, deep compassion, and a joyful appreciation for both the big and small moments. He was endlessly generous with his time and love, a steady presence in the lives of his family and friends, and someone whose legacy will be felt for generations.

Frank is also survived by his beloved sisters-in-law, Mary Riley, Wendy Shattuck and Michiko Sakai, his brother-in-law Michael Trusty, and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins and all their children. We were all blessed by his example, his humor, and by his sense of kindness and happiness.

We will miss him. Goodbye, sweet Gampy. A service was held on June 12, at St. Barnabas Church, Greenwich CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Frank's memory to the Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

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The Rotary Club Of Greenwich Teams With Sorokin Gallery For A Festive Night Of Fashion And Art



Frank Gaudio, President and Chief Executive Officer of The First Bank of Greenwich, Claudia Suica and Agathe Likoba at the 'Fashion Meets Art' event held at the Sorokin Gallery last week. (Photo by Liz Leamy)



Agathe Likoba, President of the Rotary Club of Greenwich (third from left) with members of the Rotary Club of Greenwich at the memorable 'Fashion Meets Art' event held at the Sorokin Gallery on Greenwich Avenue last week. (Photo courtesy of Claudia Suica)

By LIZ LEAMY

It was an evening full of energy and optimism as the Rotary Club of Greenwich joined forces with the Sorokin Gallery on Greenwich Avenue with a dynamic and exciting presentation of fashion and art last Wednesday, all of which was very much appreciated by everyone in attendance.

This memorable 'Fashion Meets Art' event, held on a sunny June night, featured the fashion creations of Agathe Likoba, President of the Rotary Club of Greenwich, a renowned designer known for her sparkling and enticing jumpsuits that were presented by a host of models who showcased them amidst the backdrop of amazing paintings, sculptures and other wonderful art on display at the Sorokin Gallery which is owned and run by Carol Sorokin.

"It's all about bringing fashion and art to the community with the colors,

message and inspiration," said Likoba, who has won the Couture Designer of the Year award twice (in 2016 and 2019) and whose work has been featured at New York Fashion Week in New York City and Atlantic City, New Jersey. "This is a community and we're promoting business and getting people together with fashion and art as the unifier. This event helps connect people and enjoy themselves."

Certainly, it was clear everyone in attendance at this event was having a great time as they applauded the designs of Likoba in tandem with all of the showcased art at the Sorokin gallery, while at the same time, connecting and catching up with one another while also enjoying music by Frank Rogers and Erik Klein and some delicious edibles and refreshments, among other things.

"This has been an amazing event," said Gianna Tapia of Greenwich, a model at the event.

"I have so much respect for the Rotary Club and love being part of this whole experience. It's incredible when people come together. Greenwich has such a dedicated community of people and I just love being part of it."

Specifically, Likoba's designs were defined by of a whole range of colors and details that went over in a big way with the crowd, to say the least.

For Likoba, it's all about everyone working together so as to build in all regards.

"It's been an amazing experience to be involved with the Greenwich Rotary Club," said Likoba, whose role as Greenwich Rotary Club President will wrap up as of this July. "It is all for the community and I am all about working as hard as possible in regard to the people. I think our efforts are reflected in the work we've done with the team and I'm so grateful to be part of this group and also be part of the community."

Likoba further spoke about her involvement with the Rotary Club of Greenwich and its affiliates, particularly in looking ahead.

"Being President has been great," said Likoba, who, as of July 1st, will be taking over the role of Assistant Governor for the organization and mentoring the Club of Greenwich, New Canaan, Stamford and Darien. "I actually had my first club visit yesterday as Assistant Governor. I'm looking forward to continuing my contribution in fashion and the legacy of service as Rotarian."

For more information on the Rotary Club of Greenwich, please visit them at:

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Address	List Price	Price/ SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
43 Harold Street B	\$925,000	472	1,958	0	3	3	Cos Cob
45 Ettl Lane 504	\$969,000	535	1,812	0	2	2	Glenville
25 Indian Harbor Drive 12	\$1,050,000	549	1,912	0	3	2	South of Post Road
24 Homestead Lane B	\$1,200,000	740	1,621	0.11	3	3	Pemberwick
24 Homestead Lane A	\$1,200,000	740	1,621	0.11	3	3	Pemberwick
26 Homestead Lane A	\$1,200,000	740	1,621	0.11	0	0	Pemberwick
2 River Lane	\$1,300,000	806	1,613	0.14	3	2	Cos Cob
56 Sherwood Place 8	\$1,350,000	920	1,467	0	2	2	South Parkway
20 Church Street A34	\$1,500,000	951	1,578	0	3	2	South Parkway
65 Halsey Drive	\$1,695,000	835	2,031	0.19	4	4	Old Greenwich
29 Maplewood Drive	\$1,950,000	458	4,258	0.5	7	5	Cos Cob
9 Carleton Street	\$2,200,000	1,307	1,683	0.32	3	3	South Parkway
30 Buckfield Lane	\$3,450,000	761	4,534	2.07	4	4	North Parkway
4 Mountain Laurel Drive	\$3,495,000	623	5,613	2.03	6	6	North Parkway
22 Tomac Avenue	\$3,950,000	1,124	3,515	0.46	5	4	Old Greenwich
331 Round Hill Road	\$4,350,000	827	5,257	4	5	6	North Parkway
636 Steamboat Rd 3A,B & E	\$5,775,000	1,511	3,821	0	3	3	South of Post
6 Dorchester Lane	\$5,900,000	843	7,000	0.3	6	5	Riverside
828 North Street	\$8,950,000	932	9,600	4.31	6	7	North Parkway
37 Burying Hill Road	\$19,900,000	1,106	18,000	9.03	7	7	North 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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22 Tomac Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$3,950,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
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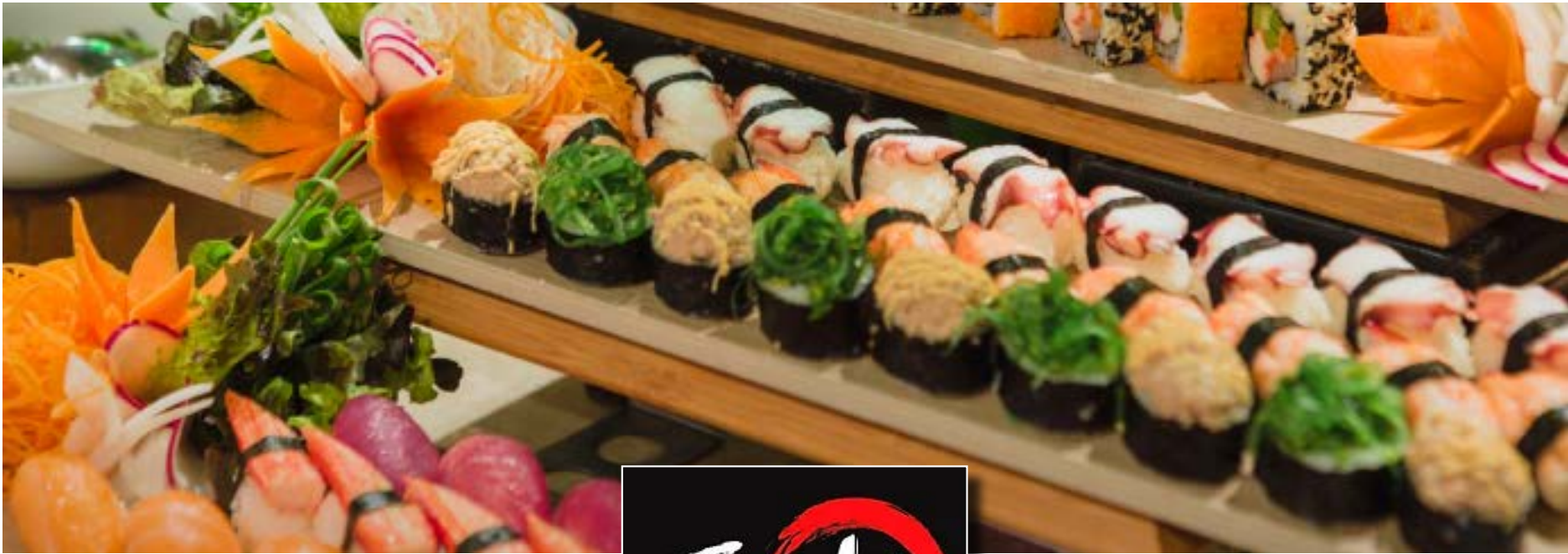
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1525 E Putnam Ave 303	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$390,000	18	1	1	0	665	
73 Putnam Park 73	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$550,000	28	1	1	0	920	
20 Church Street A37	\$545,000	\$499,000	\$495,000	0	1	1	0	493	
15 River Road 210	\$799,000	\$799,000	\$865,000	35	2	2	0	1,104	
4 Putnam Hill 1G	\$799,000	\$799,000	\$825,000	12	3	2	10	1,560	
103 Sheephill Road	\$1,095,000	\$1,095,000	\$1,337,050	8	3	1	0.28	1,179	
51 Forest Avenue 44	\$1,225,000	\$1,225,000	\$1,355,000	9	2	2	0	1,511	
85 Indian Field Road	\$1,295,000	\$1,295,000	\$1,428,000	12	5	2	0.36	2,983	
119 Bowman Drive	\$1,599,000	\$1,599,000	\$1,700,000	8	4	4	1.03	2,804	
15 Blind Brook Lane	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	-2	3	2	1.12	2,028	
146 Woodside Drive	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	0	4	2	0.75	1,865	
7 Griffith Road	\$1,995,000	\$1,995,000	\$2,150,000	6	4	3	0.17	2,428	
16 Dandy Drive	\$2,075,000	\$2,075,000	\$2,100,000	48	4	4	0.62	5,943	
43 Arcadia Road	\$2,395,000	\$2,395,000	\$2,800,000	8	4	2	0.2	2,839	
17 Perryridge Road	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	39	4	3	0.25	3,151	
70 Round Hill Road	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,600,000	268	6	4	1.23	5,302	
9 Oak Lane	\$3,495,000	\$3,495,000	\$3,100,000	72	3	2	0.19	1,891	
75 Dearfield Drive	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	0	5	4	0.91	4,502	
36 Edgewood Drive	\$3,975,000	\$3,975,000	\$4,925,000	5	4	3	1.43	4,774	
82 Rockwood Lane	\$4,000,000	\$3,695,000	\$3,775,000	35	5	4	1.88	3,887	
56 Milbank Avenue 1	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,750,000	17	3	5	0	4,872	
731 Lake Avenue	\$7,825,000	\$7,825,000	\$7,825,000	0	5	6	3.05	6,515	
11 Wynnwood Road	\$9,750,000	\$9,750,000	\$10,752,500	9	5	7	2.24	12,612	
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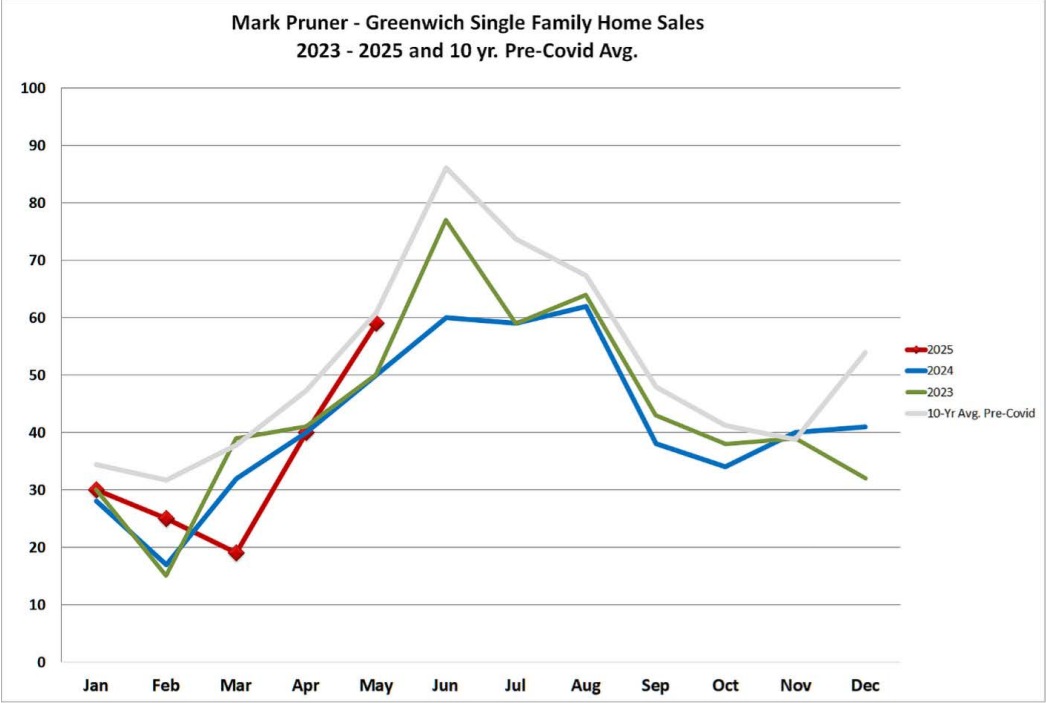
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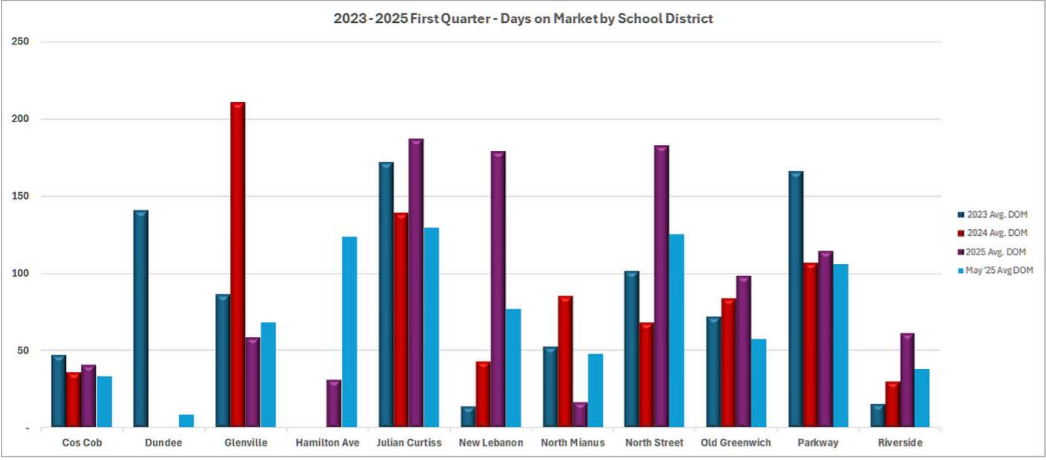
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Real Estate Market Tightening Further But at a Turning Point?

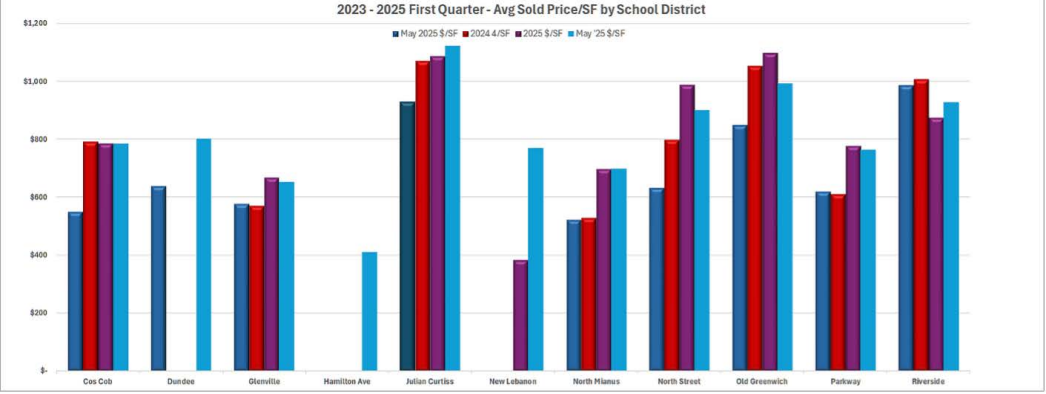


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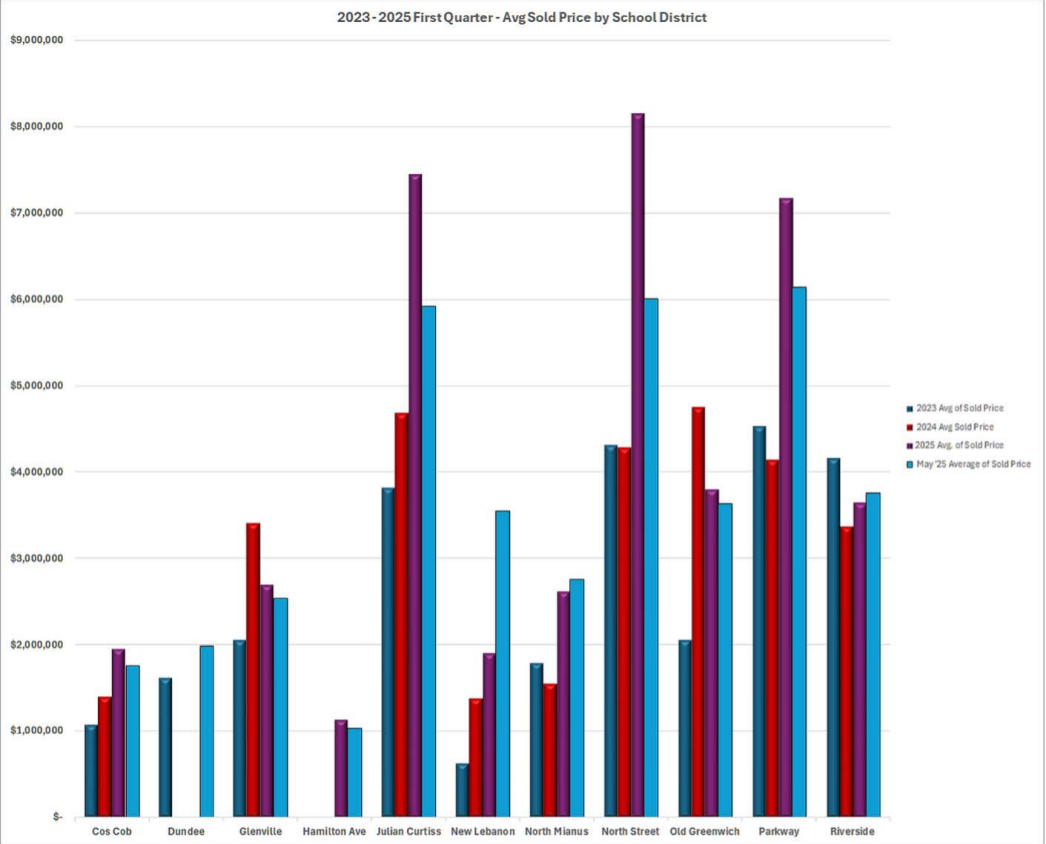
- March 2025 was the second worst March since March of 2009 during the Great Recession
- Sales have rebounded strongly in April and May as people rush to close in case the stock market drops
- Despite record low inventory sales almost match our 10-year average when we had 3 times the amount of inventory



- The average days on market is down in just about every school district, indicating an even more competitive market since the first quarter.
- Houses that have come on the last two months are going to contract quicker than they did in the first quarter
- Where the DOM is up in Glenville and Hamilton Avenue school district its due to a few sales that have been sold. This actually indicates a strong market as listings that have been on for a long time are finally finding buyer



- The average sold price/SF is similar to what we saw in the first quarter in most school districts
- In North St., Old Greenwich, Glenville and Parkway the average sold price/SF is actually down slightly. Does this indicate a slight softening in demand
- The price/SF is up slightly in Julian Curtis and Riverside school district. This mix of ups and downs may show a peak in the market. Only time will tell



- The average sold price is down in many district, which may indicate more cautious buyers
- This is only two additional months of sales, so it's hard to be sure this is a trend, but you would expect that house prices would be going up, particularly with other stats showing a tight market



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Colony Grill, Originator of the Irish Pizza, Celebrates 90 Years

By KIA HEAVEY

Connecticut recently caused a buzz after its Office of Statewide Marketing and Tourism claimed the title of Pizza Capital of the United States. Indeed, there are many decades-old, pioneering, and delicious pizza restaurants in the Nutmeg State, and one of them — Colony Grill of Stamford — is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

“The local Irish crowd – and anyone else who visited Colony – seemingly could not get enough of this unique pizza...”

“Our ownership group is proud to lead the Colony Grill brand and, this year, celebrate its rich 90-year legacy,” co-owner and chief operating officer Ken Martin told the *Sentinel*. “We look forward to creating more memorable moments — and delicious pizza — for our guests in the years ahead.”

The original Colony Grill, founded and still located at 172 Myrtle Avenue in Stamford, Connecticut, is a local institution renowned for its unique thin-crust “bar pie” and vibrant community atmosphere.

“In 1935, a post-Prohibition tavern named Colony Grill opened in an Irish immigrant neighborhood in Stamford, Connecticut. Since then, Colony has become famous for what is now its only menu offering: a one-of-a-kind, thin-crust pizza that is best served

with the signature ‘hot oil’ topping,” dishes the eatery on its website, colonygrill.com.

“We know what you are thinking...Irish pizza? Grill? The local Irish crowd — and anyone else who visited Colony — seemingly could not get enough of this unique pizza, which was made even more appealing when drizzled with a spicy, full-of-flavor, pepper-infused creation simply called: hot oil.”

The site goes on to elaborate how its signature dish was invented: “The original owners of Colony were indeed Irish-Americans, but they employed some Italian and Eastern European chefs during the Great Depression. These men proudly wanted bar patrons to try the pizza recipes from their homelands, in addition to other menu items, but needed to figure out how to fit a pizza tray on the narrow Colony bar top.

“The solution: the ‘bar pie’... extremely thin crust, smaller in diameter than a traditional pizza, and not too much cheese or sauce so that slices can be easily managed with one hand, fittingly leaving the other hand free to hold a glass. Eventually, across the decades, the hot oil bar pie became so popular that all the other Colony menu items faded away, as did the need for a grill. But the name Colony Grill remains as a link to our heritage.”

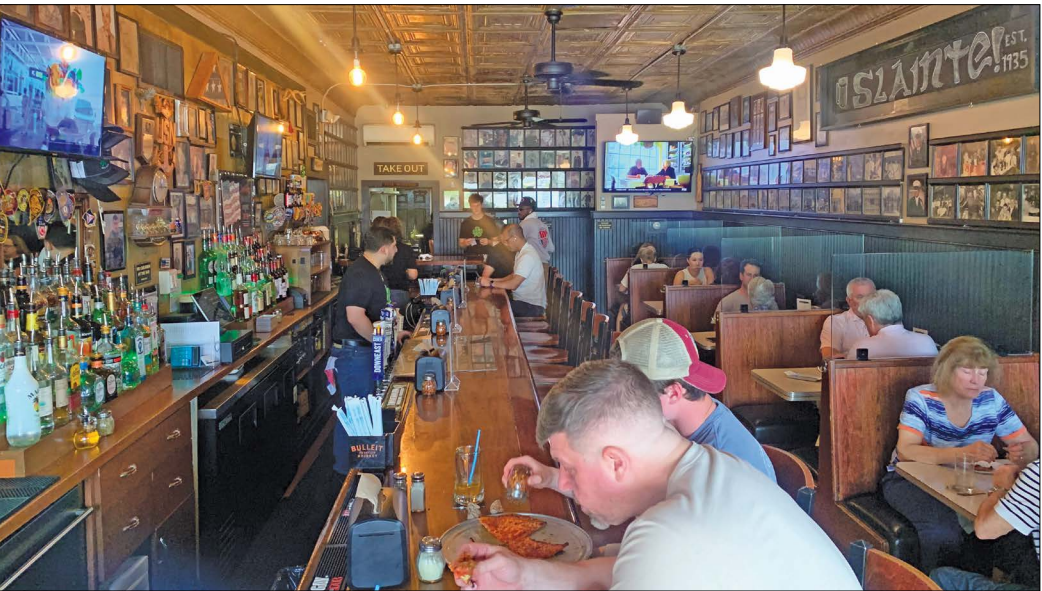
In fact, the singular pie has such a following that Colony Grill now has restaurants in Fairfield, Milford, and



Colony Grill’s legendary Hot Oil Pie.
Photo courtesy of Colony Grill.



The facade of the original Colony Grill, founded in Stamford in 1935 and just as popular today. *Photo: Kia Heavey*



The original Stamford location consists of two large rooms, the tavern side and a dining room. Both are shown above serving a typical late-lunchtime weekday crowd. *Photos: Kia Heavey*

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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

(submit yours at www.GreenwichSentinel.com under Submit A...)

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

6 p.m.

Ride with Pride! Friday Night Spin Class and Meetup. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free, members; \$10, non-members. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

7 p.m.

Live Music: 41 North Band. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd., Cos Cob. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com/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&location=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

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dads Fun Day. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

11:30 a.m.

Parsonage Cottage Senior Residence 4th Annual “Tee Party” Fundraiser. Grounds of Parsonage Cottage, 88 Parsonage Rd. \$30 for a single player. 203-869-6226. penny@parsonagecottage.org. parsonagecottage.org

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: Paper Weaving (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.

6 p.m.

Bruce Experiences: Japanese Folk Dance Performance. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free. RSVP. brucemuseum.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

10:30 a.m.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 16

12 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Mastering Marketing & Budgeting for Small Business Success. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

7 p.m.

Environmental Book Group Discussion: “The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World,” by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. judy@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

10 a.m.

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

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Backyard Bugs (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, June 18. brucemuseum.org

10 a.m.

Native Shrubs and Deer Browse. Greenwich Land Trust's Lapham Preserve. gltrust.org/event/nativeshrubsanddeerbrowse

1 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC) Orientation – for Artists and Creative-based Businesses. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

10 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Launching Your Business: A Step-By-Step Guide. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

11 a.m.

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Larry Kantor, PhD., Economist, “Prospects for the Economy.” Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.

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

12 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Financial Foundations: Small Business Funding: “Meet the Lenders”. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

2:30 & 3 p.m.

Bead with Pride (Ages 7-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

4 p.m.

VOICES – Voices Center of Resilience: Preparedness Workshop – Preparing Individuals and Families for an Emergency. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

7 p.m.

Greenwich Pen Women Book Discussion: “Lonesome Dove,” by Larry McMurtry: Part 1. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. judy@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

9 - 11 p.m.

Astronomical Society of Greenwich: Bowman Observatory Public Nights. Bowman Observatory, on the grounds of the Julian Curtiss School. Free. GreenwichStars@gmail.com. astrogreenwich.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

10 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Preparing for Summer in the Vegetable Garden. Greenwich Botanical Center. \$10, Members; \$20, Non-Members. 203-869-9242. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

11:30 a.m.

An Afternoon of Charm, Shopping & Celebration. Townhouse Greenwich, 35 Church St. <https://www.townhousegreenwich.com/>

12 p.m.

Juneteenth Flag Raising and Proclamation Presentation. Front Steps of Greenwich Town Hall. greenwichct.gov/calendar

6 p.m.

“Nature Re-Imagined” – A Posthumous Exhibit of Alberta Cifolelli's Work Opens. Sorokin Gallery, 98 Greenwich Ave. 203-856-9048. sorokingallery.com

6:30 p.m.

BackCountry Jazz: Greenwich Jazz Festival Benefit Concert. Round Hill Community House, 397 Round Hill Road. give.classy.org/BCJazzSpringBenefitConcert2025

6:30 p.m.

Music on the Great Lawn: Billy & The Showmen. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free, Members; \$10, Non-members. greenwichhistory.org/events

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

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

2 p.m.

International Horseshoe Crab Day Celebration with Greenwich Conservation Commission and Friends of Greenwich Point. Tod's Point – near the Chimes building and Kayak Boat launch. Beach Pass required for entry. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

9:30 a.m.

YMCA of Greenwich Trailblazer Club Hike: Bear Mountain, NY. Meeting at the front entrance of the Bear Mountain Inn. Free. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

12 - 3 p.m.

Juneteenth Celebration Festival. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free & open to the public. greenwichhistory.org/events

1 p.m.

Art Adventures: Suncatchers (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, June 22. brucemuseum.org

2 - 4 p.m.

Family Pool Party. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. \$5 for each member swimming; \$10 for non-members. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

3 p.m.

Safe Solutions for Gardens & Landscapes with Lorraine Ballato. Greenwich Botanical Center. \$10, Members; \$15, Non-Members. 203-869-9242. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

6 p.m.

Bruce After Hours: Solstice Celebration. Bruce Museum. Members, \$20; Non-Members, \$25. brucemuseum.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

1:30 p.m.

Bruce Presents: Cultural Landscapes & Soundscapes. Bruce Museum. Members, \$16; Non-Members, \$20. brucemuseum.org

SATURDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 22

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

Greenwich Farmer's Market Opening Day. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). Through Nov. 22. greenwichfarmers-marketct.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. roundhill-communitychurch.org

THURSDAYS:

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.

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

5 - 7 p.m.

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

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, 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. lmattthews@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.

Monday, June 16

10 a.m.

Summer Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

3:15 p.m.

Nutmeg Book Club. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

Tuesday, June 17

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.

2 p.m.

Community Sponsored: At Home In Greenwich - Information Session. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

4 p.m.

Minute to Win It (Grades 2-5). Children's Constellation Room.

5 p.m.

International Book Club (Zoom): Middle-march.

7 p.m.

Foreign Affairs Book Group Community Room #5.

Wednesday, June 18

10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Career Coach - AI in Action: Job Seeking Strategies for the Digital Age. Byram Shubert 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.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

3 p.m.

Travel with Libby eBooks, Audiobooks & Magazines. Learning Lab.

3 p.m.

R.E.A.D. to a Dog. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

5:30 p.m.

Community Sponsored: League of Women Voters Board Meeting. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

6:30 p.m.

SCORE Presents: Basic File Management for Business Success. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Thursday, June 19

11 a.m.

Tech Help. Learning Lab.

12 p.m.

Cos Cob Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

4 p.m.

Summer Reading Kickoff -- Animal Show with Two by Two Animal Haven. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

6 p.m.

Historical War Game: Wings of Glory. Teen Commons.

7 p.m.

Friends Performing Arts Series: Kings Return. Berkley Theater.

Friday, June 20

11:15 a.m.

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

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

(submit yours at www.GreenwichSentinel.com under Submit A...)

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

2 p.m.
Jerry’s Movies: Hitchcock Movie Fest: Strangers on a Train. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

Saturday, June 14

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

Monday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 18

7 p.m.
Pediatrician 101. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. Free.

Thursday, June 19

11 a.m.
Talk: Added Sugars. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. Free.

Saturday, June 21

9 a.m.
Childbirth Preparation - 1-Session. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd.

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

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org

Everyday, all day
• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road. The weatherproof bin is located outside of the Parish Hall.
• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.

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

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: RedCross-Blood.org

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.

Monday, June 16

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

Tuesday, June 17

11:15 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

1 - 6 p.m.

Greenville Community Church, 270 Ardsley Rd., Scarsdale, NY.

Thursday, June 19

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

Friday, June 20

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fusion Academy Greenwich, 66 Gatehouse Road, Stamford.

Saturday, June 21

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Archangels Greek Orthodox Church, 1527 Bedford Street, Stamford.

Sunday, June 22

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

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

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.

Tuesday, June 17

10 a.m.
BET Investment Advisory Committee.

1 p.m.
BET Budget Committee.

4 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

7 p.m.
Board of Human Services Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

Wednesday, June 18

10:30 a.m.
FS Active Transportation Task Force FS Active Transportation Task Force Meeting. Virtual via Zoom.

12 p.m.
FS Nominating Advisory Committee Meeting. Virtual Via Zoom.

1 p.m.
BET HR Committee.

7 p.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting.

7 p.m.
Fair Rent Commission Meeting. Zoom Webi-

nar.
6 p.m.
FS Hamill Rink Task Force FS Hamill Rink Task Force Meeting. In-Person @ Hayton Room and Virtual via Zoom.

6 p.m.
Harbor Management Commission Regular Meeting.

Thursday, June 19

12 p.m.
Juneteenth Flag Raising and Proclamation Presentation. Front Steps of Greenwich Town Hall.

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, June 23

11 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich’s Annual Golf Tournament. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/16i/

Sunday, June 29

1 p.m.
The Girl Friends Polo Classic. Greenwich Polo Club. eventbrite.com/e/1341365172339

Saturday, July 12

6 p.m.
Greenwich Point Conservancy: Beach Ball. Tod’s Point. eventbrite.com/e/1230768675239

Monday, August. 11

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

Thursday, Sept. 25

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

Saturday, Nov. 8

10 a.m.
Silver Shield Foundation 6th Annual Green-wich Walk. Greenwich Point. silvershieldfoundation.org/greenwich-walk

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Family Centers Social Worker at the Library. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.
Friday Music & Dance (Adults). Ferguson Library – South End Branch at Waterside, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friends of Ferguson Library Book Shop Bag Sale. Ferguson Library – Outreach, Stamford. fergusonlibrary.org

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/ariel-and-friends

12 p.m.
First-Time Homebuyer Seminar. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

3 p.m.
Music and Conversations: Classical vs. Jazz with Pianist Stefano Miceli. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

MONDAY, JUNE 16

4 p.m.
Kites for Juneteenth. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

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

6 p.m.
Tuesday Night Trivia. Ferguson Library – Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

9:30 a.m.
Voices Center of Resilience: Parents Helping Parents is a peer-to-peer support group for those who have suffered the loss of a child. VOICES Office, 80 Main St., New Canaan. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

6 p.m.
Documentary Screening: I Come From Away: An Immigrant from Maine. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Trivia Night. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

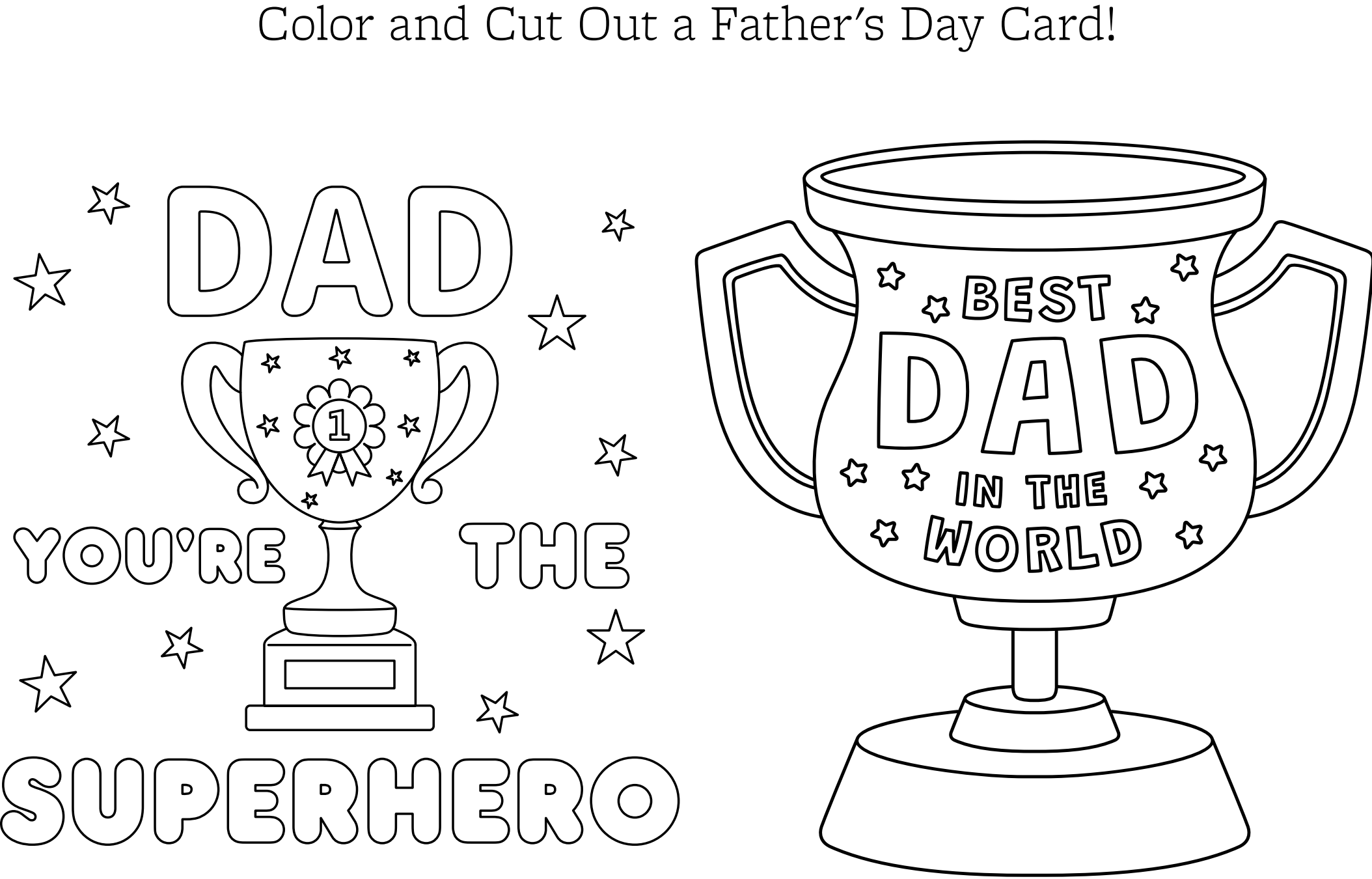
2 p.m.
Adult Crafting Summer Series: English Paper Piecing. Ferguson Library – Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Depolarizing Ourselves Workshop with Braver Angels, Westchester Alliance. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Family Centers Social Worker at the Library. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

3 p.m.
Family Magic Show. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org



Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 School year divisions
6 Fill with food
10 Frosts, as a cake
14 Use one end of a pencil
15 Soothing succulent
16 ___ pit (slam-dancing area)
17 Like a blunt refusal
19 Button you may click before a Zoom lecture
20 SSNs, e.g.
21 Pick up sound waves
22 Free-for-all
23 Word before “freeze” or “fry”
25 One who catches poachers
28 Abyss
30 Makes “it”
31 Loads (of)
33 Body of water between Cleveland and Detroit
37 Sushi tuna
38 “Time for a short break!”
41 Not well
42 Cookie with a green filling
44 Poster fasteners

- 46 Dromedary camel
47 Gawk
49 Unchange-able
53 Froyo chain
56 Adjective for Al Yankovic
57 Tempo
59 Pie ___ mode
60 Galena and magnetite
61 Fixer-upper?
64 Ridiculously funny
65 Composer Satie
66 “To clarify ...”
67 Refuse to admit
68 Chicks’ mothers
69 Items on a to-do list

DOWN

- 1 Not so hot?
2 Wear away
3 Create a ruckus
4 AOL alternative
5 Meyers of late night
6 Greeting that’s Arabic for “peace”
7 Frighten
8 Elephant weight unit
9 Sound after a mouse sighting
10 Dunk into liquid
11 “You ___ have fooled me!”

- 12 Cosmetician
13 Gloss
18 Pleads
22 Purplish ink color
24 Prof.’s degree, usually
26 French for “state”
27 Stop sleeping
29 Amaze
31 Patriotic uncle
32 Chinese life force
33 Sign of summer?
34 Crunchy, puffed foods
35 Type
36 Golf champion
39 Octopus parts
40 Best-___ secret

- 43 In need of a drink
45 Sunflower oil, perhaps?
47 Chips and pretzels
48 It’s part of IT, informally
49 Zorro’s weapon
50 Like a haunted house
51 Attach, as with string
52 Choose to participate
54 Gloomy
55 Sailors’ tales
58 Send forth
61 “I’ve seen better”
62 “You really ___ too much!”
63 Dr.’s org.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Where creatures have creature comforts
5. (K) Thing at the market checkout
9. (K) “How ___ the new puppies doing?”
12. A type of tide
13. (K) River that flows through 11 countries
14. (K) Little one with a Y chromosome
15. (K) “Let me add this to that statement”
16. (K) New store’s mission
17. (K) Put into operation
18. (K) Does more than just show up
21. U.S. lake that’s 210 feet deep
22. (K) Droop in the middle
23. Immeasurably long period of time
25. ‘60s war zone
27. (K) Aladdin discovered it
31. Carelessly lazy

35. (K) Costing you zilch
36. Suffix only one can have for rich?
37. (K) Turn on the waterworks
38. (K) Have spaghetti and meatballs
41. (K) Name on some jeans labels
43. Like funds moved from here to there
47. (K) Tool to punch holes in belts
48. (K) Part of, as a practical joke (2 words)
49. (K) They can “T” you up
52. 6-2, in tennis
53. (K) Warp, as a metal bar
54. (K) Break a stick sharply
55. (K) Marquise “Hollywood”
56. Brown, since 2019
57. Name for a lab gas burner

DOWN

1. Biological ID factor

2. (K) Snake-like fish
3. The blessed event of being born
4. Tracked animal scent
5. (K) On the contrary
6. One section of a seven-layer wedding cake
7. Statue of Liberty National Monument island
8. Type of toast that is flipped in the oven
9. Border against, as frame pieces
10. (K) Flower with thorns
11. They’re useless on a star-nosed mole
19. (K) A vessel of Christopher Columbus
20. (K) Fruit that’s a bit similar to a grapefruit
23. (K) Pepper Minstix, Shiny Upatree or Sugarplum Mary
24. (K) Thing similar to a paddle

26. (K) Jemison who flew into space
28. (K) Cause of two drivers saying “Oh, no!”
29. Scuff up something, for example
30. Tissue layer
32. (K) Stem-to-stern boat beam
33. Falkland and South Sandwich, for two
34. Editorial command meaning “don’t change”
39. (K) Crook’s excuse
40. In good muscular shape
42. The 16 of John 3:16
43. (K) Speak hoarsely
44. Fancy pitcher
45. Second-highest of the four voices
46. (K) Shape of a missile’s nose
50. (K) Person with a ticket to all the home games
51. (K) Hotel extra

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

Shutters closed inside the house?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

Department with pitching coaches?
8-D) Sales

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Tennis Open by Catherine Cetta

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Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 – April 19) The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may prompt sudden shifts in financial matters. Embrace flexibility and be prepared to adapt to new circumstances. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 encourages you to focus on home and family, fostering deeper emotional connections.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may bring unexpected changes in your personal relationships. Maintain open communication to navigate these shifts effectively. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your communication skills, making it an opportune time to express your thoughts and ideas.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) With Mars in your sign squaring Uranus on June 15, be prepared for sudden changes in your daily routines. Adaptability will be key to managing these disruptions. The Sun's transition into Cancer on June 20 shifts your focus to financial matters, encouraging prudent planning.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may introduce unexpected developments in your social circle. Embrace these changes as opportunities for growth. The Sun entering your sign on June 20 marks the beginning of your solar return, enhancing your personal energy and confidence.

Leo (July 23 – August 22) Professional advancements are highlighted this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may introduce unexpected changes in your career path. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 encourages introspection, prompting you to reassess your goals and aspirations.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22) The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 encourages you to expand your horizons through learning or travel. Be open to new experiences that challenge your perspectives. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your ability to connect with others, making it an excellent time for

networking.

Libra (September 23 – October 22) Financial matters come into focus this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may bring unexpected expenses or changes in income. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 supports collaborative financial planning, making it a good time to discuss joint investments.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21) Relationships take center stage as the Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may introduce sudden changes in partnerships. Maintain open communication to navigate these shifts effectively. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your ability to connect on a deeper emotional level.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21) Focus on health and daily routines this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may prompt you to adopt new habits or wellness practices. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 supports teamwork, making it an ideal time to collaborate on projects.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19) Creative pursuits are favored as the Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may inspire innovative ideas. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your confidence, encouraging you to share your talents and take calculated risks in personal endeavors.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18) Home and family matters are highlighted this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may bring unexpected changes in your domestic life. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 supports open communication, making it a good time to address any underlying issues.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20) Communication is key this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may lead to surprising news or shifts in your immediate environment. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your persuasive abilities, making it an opportune time for important discussions.

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 used your car’s horn (6)
2 Donatello or Rodin (8)
3 breaking off in bits (8)
4 sounded like a hen (7)
5 made money (6)
6 focus in OOTD post (6)
7 impromptu, like a hoops game (6)

SOLUTIONS

- _____

CKL	CH	SC	HON	PT
KED	NG	FIT	IP	ED
OR	EA	CA	UL	ED
RN	KUP	OUT	PIC	PI

Previous Answers: CHIPPER 2. FINGER 3. STORYTELLER
4. SCUFFED 5. CRUMMY 6. SECONDHAND 7. BALL

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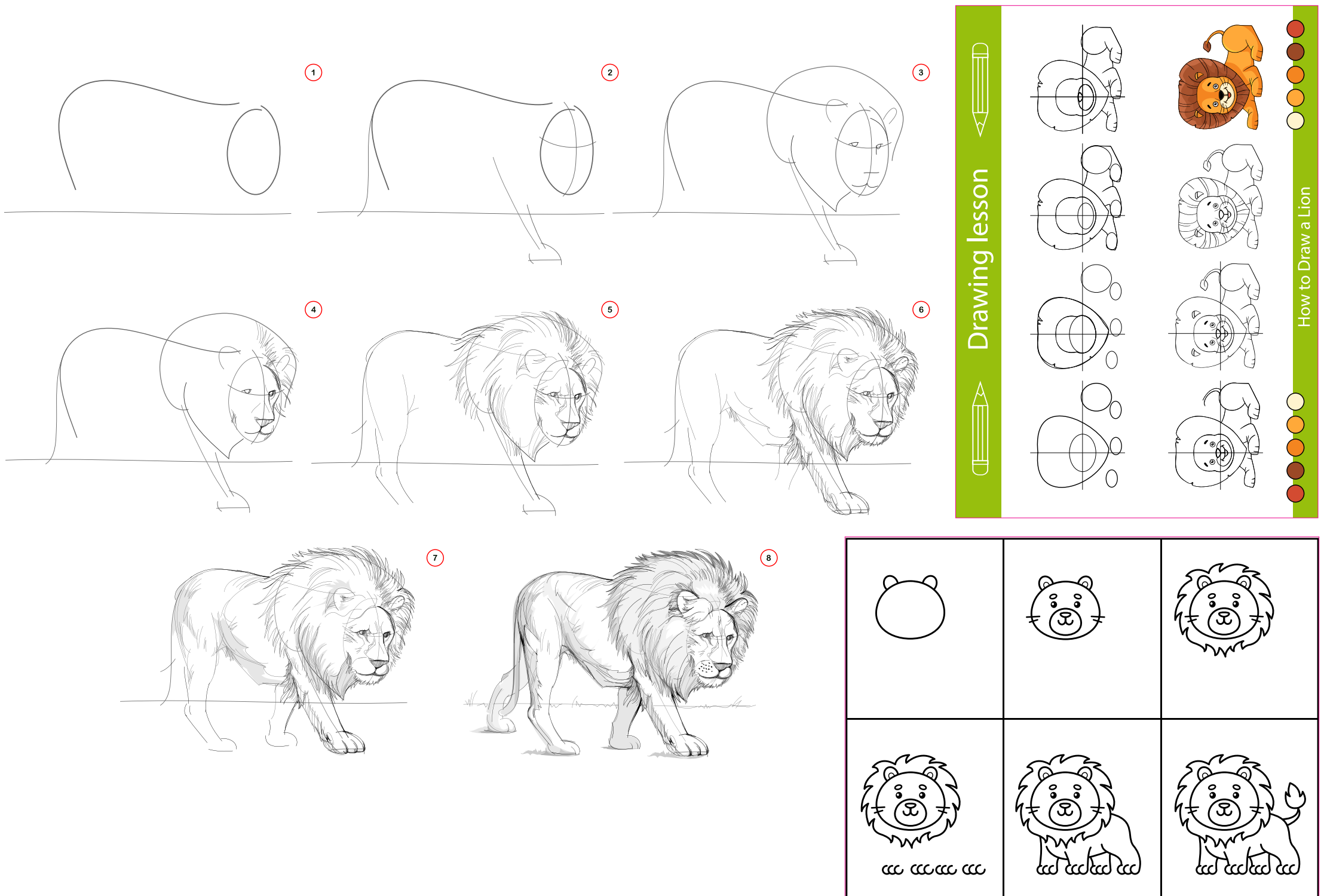
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How To Draw Many Ways: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

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SUDOKU

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Sudoku answers

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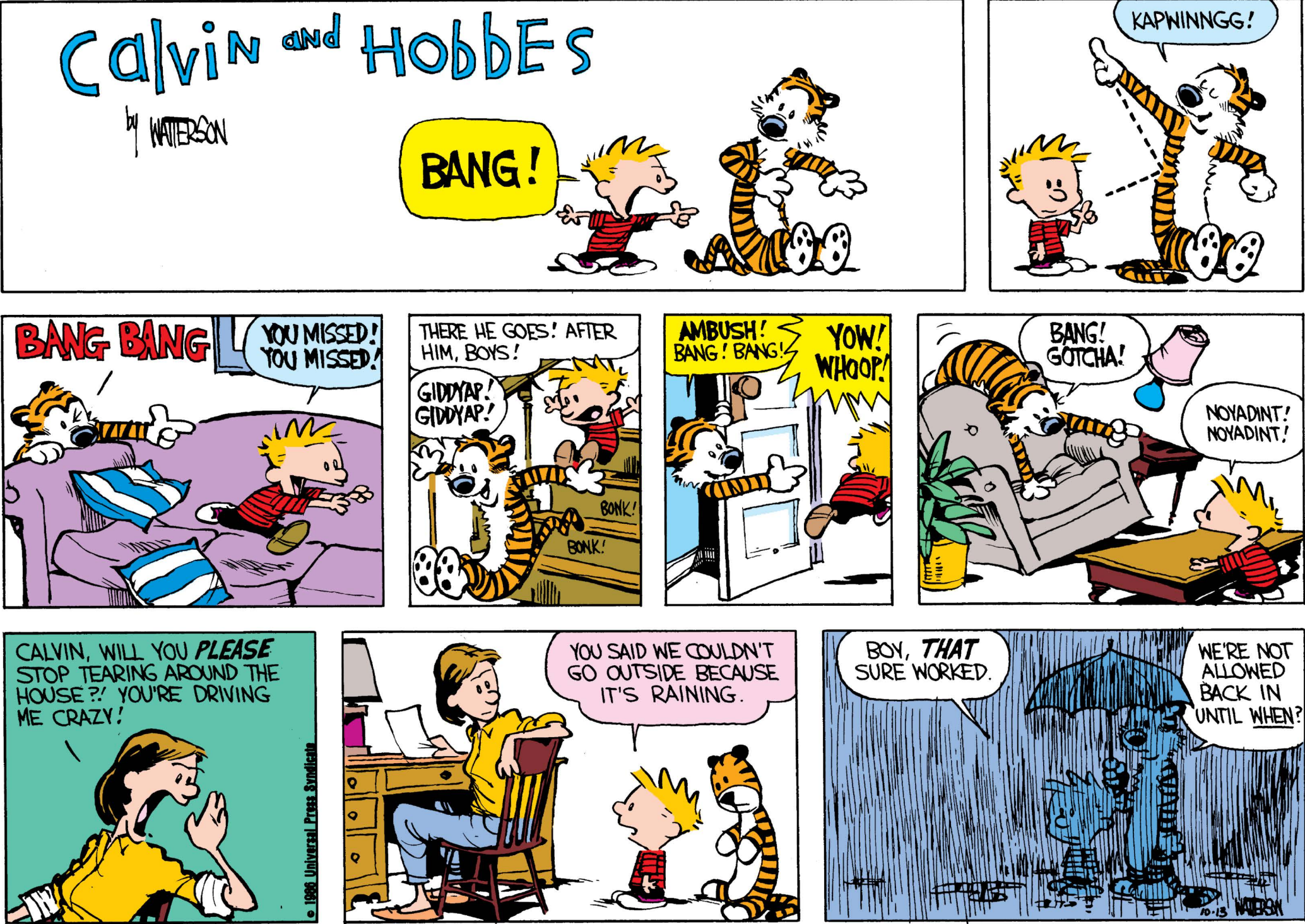
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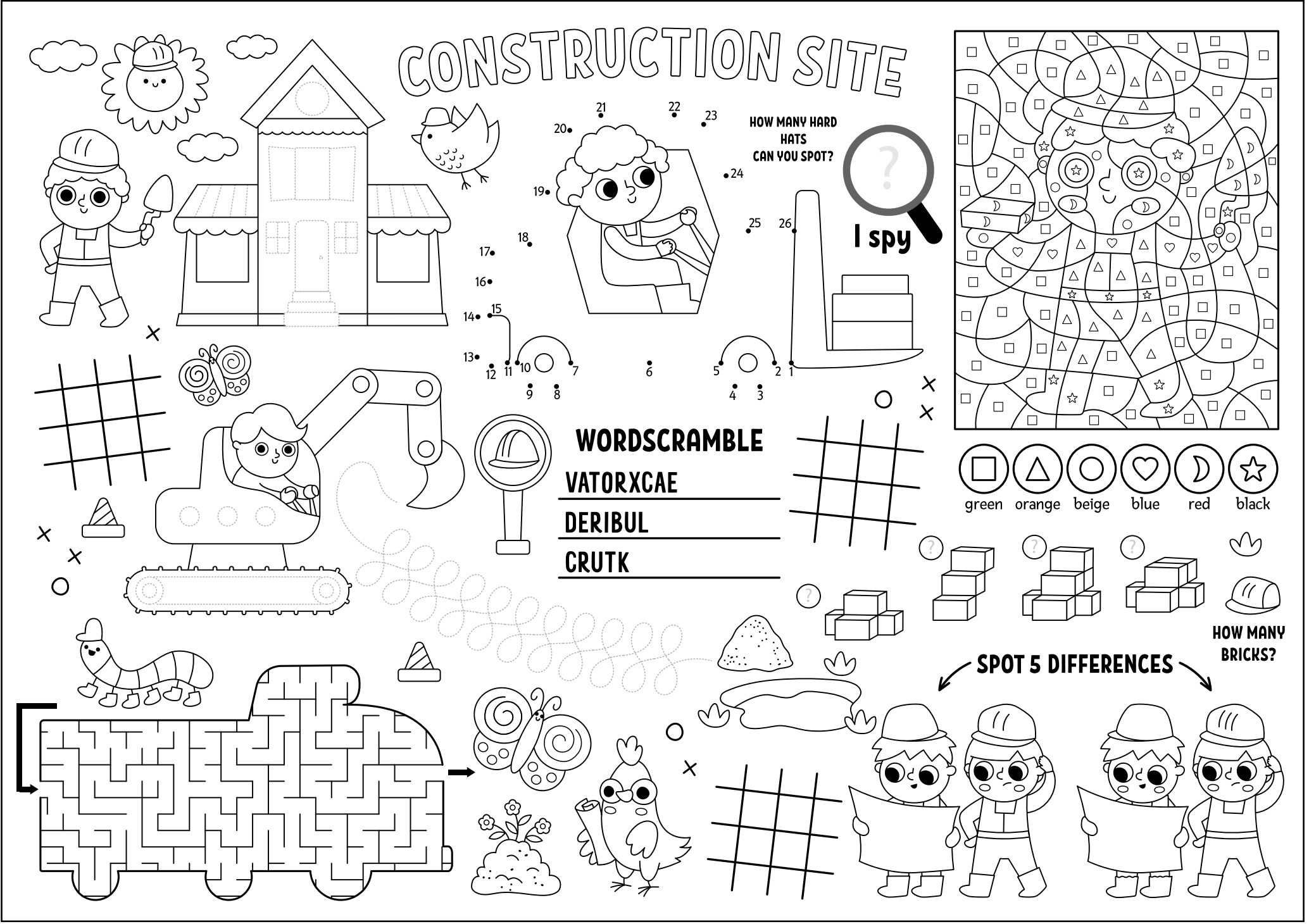
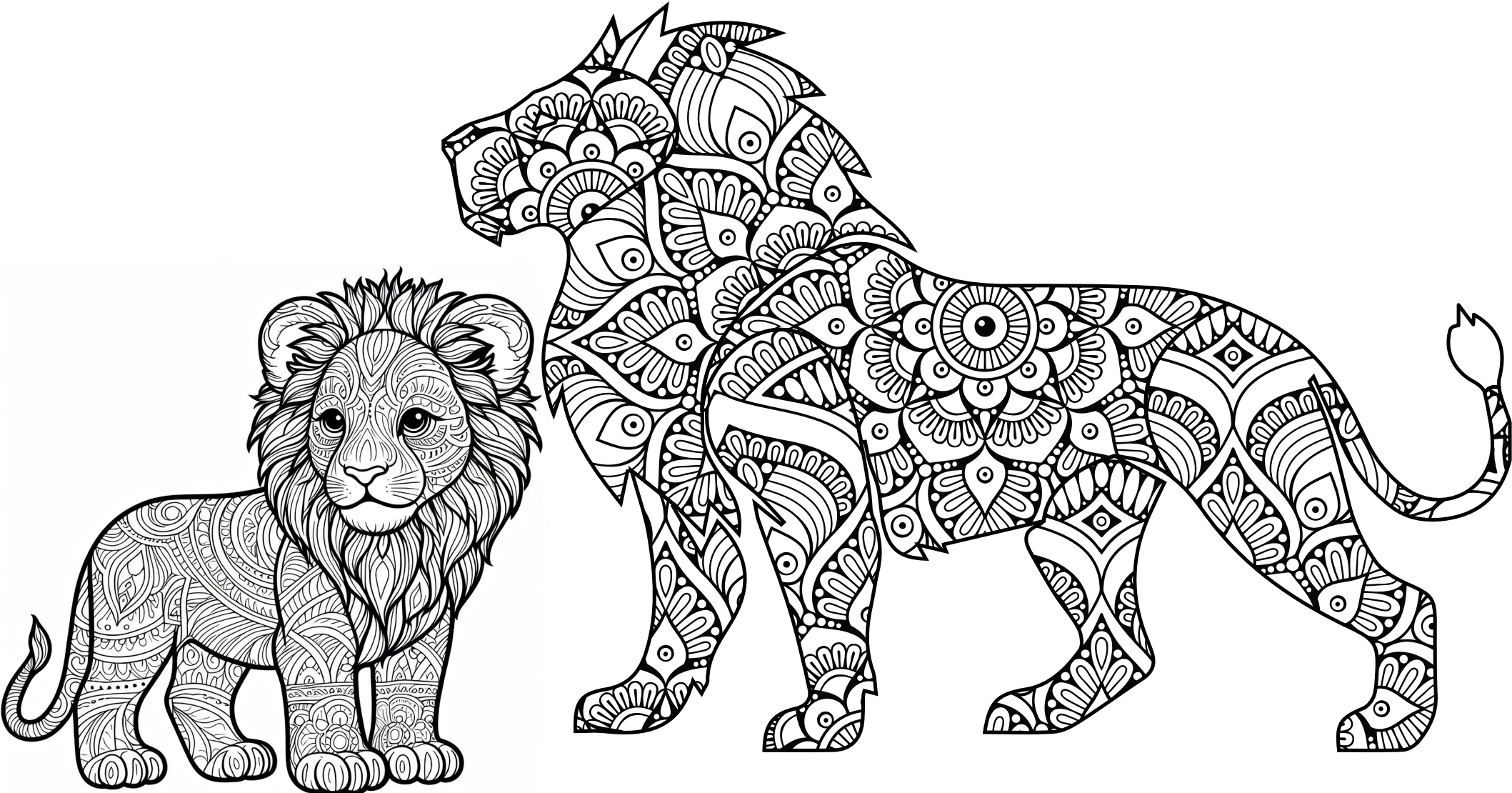


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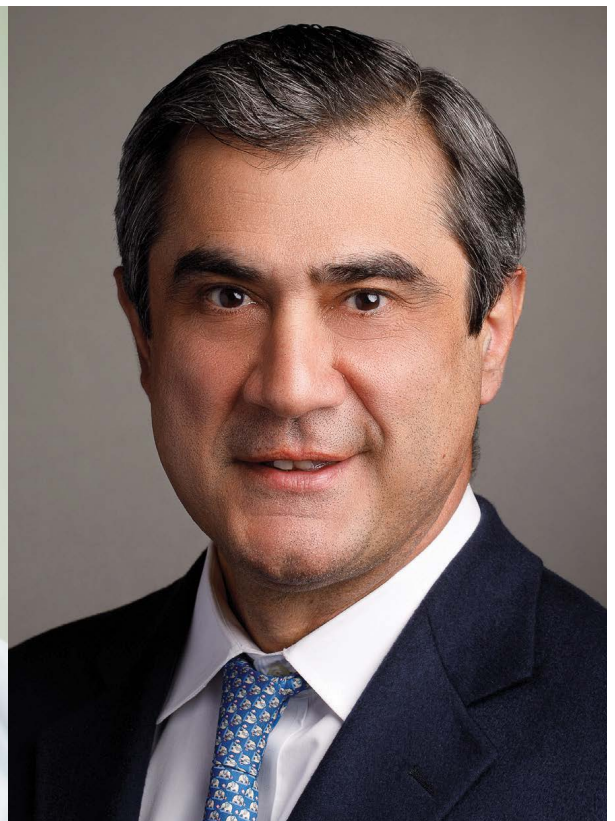
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