

Please Note there is no Greenwich Sentinel next week in honor of Independence Day.

Local News Brief
...catching you up quickly.

POLICE & FIRE
Greenwich Firefighters Contain Blaze Quickly

Greenwich Fire responded to a structure fire in Central Greenwich this past Sunday. The fire, located in the kitchen and basement, involved multiple floors, with four hoses deployed, three in use. The incident is under investigation by the Greenwich Fire Marshals.

Students Explore Police Vehicle at School

Students at Whitby School visited a police vehicle brought by the Greenwich Police Department. They learned about the vehicle's parts and the role of police officers in community safety. The event provided a practical connection to classroom lessons.

FROM TOWN HALL
Greenwich Implements Summer Leaf Blower Restrictions

Greenwich has implemented summer restrictions on gas-powered leaf blowers in residential zones, which apply to both homeowners and landscapers. Violations should be reported to the Greenwich Police Department's non-emergency number, not the First Selectman's Office. The restrictions do not apply to other landscaping equipment like lawn mowers or weed whackers, but those are still subject to noise regulations.

Greenwich Property Tax Payments Due Soon

Property tax payments for Greenwich residents are due starting July 1. Payments must be received by August 1 to avoid delinquency and interest charges. Bills can be paid in person, by mail, or online, with extended in-person hours on July 26 and August 1.

Young Student Leads Greenwich for Day

On Wednesday, Henry Rothenberg, a third-grade student, served as First Selectman for a day in Greenwich. He presented a list of priorities, including improving road safety, adding baseball fields, building a new ice rink, and creating a dog park at the high school. Henry toured Town Hall, met with department heads, and held a brief meeting in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

P&Z Rejects Large Construction Proposal

The Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission rejected a proposal to demolish the house at 91 Cherry Valley Road and build a large structure with an athletic facility and residential unit, as it did not meet the zoning requirements for a single-family dwelling. The commission found that the design resembled an accessory building rather than a primary residence. Despite revisions, the application was denied due to concerns about maintaining the residential character of

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Green Thoughts
By ANNE W. SEMMES

“Reshaping our society and economy to confront climate change will be an immense and unprecedented experiment.” Kate Marvel, climate scientist, in her 2025 book, “Human Nature, Nine Ways to Feel About Our Changing Planet.”

Town Celebration July 4

This Independence Day, Greenwich will do more than raise the flag. It will raise an historical arc—connecting centuries of patriotic tradition—by launching a yearlong commemoration of our nation's 250th anniversary.

At 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 4, 2025, at the rear of Greenwich Town Hall, all residents are invited to participate in the community ceremony hosted by the Independence Day Association of Greenwich.

The event will feature the raising of the first American flag, a parade of colonial banners by local Scouts, and readings from the Declaration of Independence. Patriotic music from the Sound Beach Community Band and the presentation of Good Citizenship Awards to Greenwich students will round out the morning.

But beyond the red, white, and blue pageantry lies something deeper: a conscious turn toward civic memory. As noted in Mary Jacobson's Fourth of July article on page 5, this Independence Day marks the beginning of a 12-month celebration of America's 250th, culminating in the semi-quincentennial (*Semi* = *half*; *Quin* = *five*; *Centennial* = *100 years*; *Semi-quincentennial* = *half of 500 years*) on July 4, 2026. With it, a return to the stories that shaped the local character of this town.

Among the most vivid accounts is that of Gladys Husted Rungee Owen, a descendant of one of Greenwich's founding families, who in 1993 recalled how her family's Fourth of July celebrations in the 1890s and early 1900s were both elaborate and deeply rooted in civic ritual. “Entire families of the whole town were invited,” she said, estimating crowds of up to 200. “Everybody ... loved this party, even though it meant a lot of work.”

As Owen recounted to the Oral History Project, the day began with the reading of the Declaration of Independence—always by a member of the Husted family—followed by a prayer from the local Congregational minister. Guests would then enjoy games, prize contests, and a feast that included pork, beef, oysters, fresh corn, and apple pie. “Almost the whole body of a steer would be on” the spit, she recalled.

Children rode ponies and played croquet, darts, and Parcheesi. Employees from neighboring farms competed in tug-of-war, ox-pulling, and hay-baling competitions.

The evening ended with music, dancing, and fireworks. “Each child would also be given a sparkler... it looked like a whole bunch of fireflies descending on the group,” she said. The only forbidden indulgence? Firecrackers. “Great-grandmother would allow no firecrackers, absolutely no firecrackers.”

That ban didn't last into the next generation. Frank Nicholson, remembering Greenwich in the 1920s, recalled saving up for firecrackers, buying them one by one, and hiding them from his siblings. “You could be the first one out here on the Fourth of July at the crack of dawn to set off the first firecracker,” he said.

COLUMN

The Happy Warrior



By FRED CAMILLO

Thursday the Greenwich Sentinel Foundation honored Joe Kelly with the 10th annual Greenwich Sentinel Award. As with all the previous honorees, the Sentinel has chosen well.

Joe Kelly, or Coach Kelly to hundreds of former GHS Rugby players, has been in Greenwich since 1998, having moved here from New York via London with his equally active and popular wife, Jill, and their then very young family. In the three decades since arriving in his new hometown, Coach Kelly has left his mark in many different areas: coach, mentor, Board of Education member and chairman, volunteer fireman, and friend and neighbor to untold numbers of Greenwichites.

Whether coaching his team to 11 consecutive state championships

(a legendary achievement that calls to mind Coach John Wooden and his amazing run at UCLA, Coach Red Auerbach of the Boston Celtics, and Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees), overseeing the construction of the new Cardinal Stadium, raising money for worthwhile causes, or mentoring so many young students and athletes, Joe Kelly has undertaken each task with energy, emotion, and enthusiasm that has rubbed off on all those in his presence. He leads by example. He leads with purpose. He leads with direction. These traits are what good leaders exhibit.

In addition to all of this, Joe launched the *Good News Game Plan*, a podcast rooted in the very values he lives by: optimism, civility, and community spirit. The premise was simple but powerful—bring people together across differences and focus on what unites rather than divides. Every guest, no matter their background or views, was asked to keep the conversation constructive and positive. It was vintage Joe—turning a modern

platform into a force for connection, mentorship, and encouragement.

Having been fortunate to meet Joe and his family when they first arrived in town, I can state without hesitation that he is the same person today as he was back in 1998. He is also the same in private as he is in public, a rarity in today's world.

Cheerfulness aside, someone who mistakes positivity for weakness does so at his or her own peril, as Joe Kelly has a competitive side that has always fueled his need to succeed, whether in business, on a playing field, or in the political arena. He will compete to win, and then be the first to extend the hand of friendship when the battle is over. That is what leaders do. That is what gentlemen do. That is what happy warriors do.

Please join me in celebrating a Greenwich treasure and this year's Greenwich Sentinel Award honoree, Joe Kelly.

*Congratulations to
Greenwich's Happy Warrior!*

COLUMN

The Gift That Saves Lives



By STEPHANIE DUNN ASHLEY

As June comes to a close and the Fourth of July draws near, many of us here in Greenwich are looking forward to a summer full of fireworks, barbecues, and time spent with loved ones. It's a season of relaxation and celebration, but we can also take time to reflect on the values that bring us together: community, compassion, and care for each other.

This summer, I'm asking you to consider a different kind of celebration — one that could save a life. As a volunteer with Greenwich Emergency Medical Service, I've seen firsthand how critical donated blood is during emergencies. It's not just a nice thing for us to do — it's a lifeline for people during the most urgent crises of their lives.

The need for blood is constant, but especially during summer months when people are away from school and work — and the associated blood drives that many of these institutions so generously host. That's why we're asking you to make and keep a blood or platelet donation appointment now to help power the blood supply through the busy weeks ahead.

All blood types are needed, but type O blood is especially in demand. Type O negative is the universal blood type used in trauma situations when

there's no time to determine a patient's blood type. Type O positive is the most common and is vital for treating a wide range of patients. Whether it's a car accident survivor, a cancer patient, or someone undergoing surgery, your blood donation could be the difference between life and death.

Here in Greenwich, we're fortunate to have the Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, a vital part of our community's health infrastructure. It's a convenient and welcoming place to donate, and I encourage everyone who is eligible to visit and roll up a sleeve. As a regular blood donor myself, I can tell you that the experience is simple, safe, and deeply rewarding.

The whole donation process can take about an hour in total. That includes checking in, undergoing a medical screening, waiting for an available chair to open up, eight to ten minutes to actually draw a pint of blood, and fifteen minutes of snacks and water afterwards. To the person who needs your blood donation, the impact lasts a lifetime.

So, as you plan your summer calendar, I encourage you to add one more meaningful event: a blood donation. You can schedule an appointment by visiting



Stephanie Dunn Ashley donates blood at a Battle of the Badges blood drive in Greenwich, Conn.

RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS, or using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Let's make this Fourth of July not just a celebration of freedom and independence, but a celebration of life. Together, we can ensure that every patient who needs blood has access to it — because kindness, like fireworks at Binney Park and Greenwich Point Park, is best when shared.

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Warren White remembered Breslow's News Store on lower Greenwich Avenue, where skyrocketes and salutes were piled “in front of the store... the most volatile things.” He noted, with a laugh, that modern fire commissioners “would have apoplexy.”

For those seeking a more formal look at town-wide commemoration, Marie Krumeich's memories of the 1940 Tercentenary Pageant provide a preview of what a unified community celebration can look like. Recalling floats, costumes, and reenactments—including the purchase of Greenwich Point from Native Americans in 1640—Krumeich noted, “It seemed everyone in town had an active part.” Local shopkeepers decorated their windows; scenes from the Civil War and First World War were reenacted; and a statue honoring Major Bolling, a Greenwich pilot lost in WWI, was unveiled.

As the town moves forward into its 250th year, these stories remind residents of what's worth preserving. The full narratives—titled “Husted Family,” “Growing Up on Lewis Street in the 1920s,” and “The Tercentenary Pageant”—are available from the Greenwich Library Oral History Project and are featured in this week's *Greenwich Sentinel* on page 5.

Friday's flag-raising will honor both past and present. It will include tributes to Revolutionary War patriots, descendants of early settlers, and today's veterans. Following the outdoor ceremony, attendees are invited inside Town Hall for America's birthday cake. We hope to see you there!

Lamont Vetoes 5002

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

With Hours to Spare, Lamont Said He Would Veto the Housing Bill That Divided Connecticut.

In a press conference on Monday morning, June 23 — just one day before House Bill 5002 would have automatically become law — Governor Ned Lamont said he would veto the wide-ranging housing reform bill, halting what had become one of the most contentious legislative efforts in recent Connecticut memory.

The decision capped weeks of public outcry and lobbying from local officials, grassroots organizations, and bipartisan lawmakers who warned that the 92-page omnibus bill, passed swiftly at the end of the legislative session, would upend long-standing traditions of municipal land-use control.

“I am glad to hear of the governor's last-minute veto to H.B. 5002, which several of my colleagues and I called for as soon as it passed the Senate and tens of thousands across the state petitioned the governor's office for,” said State Senator Ryan Fazio (R-New Canaan, Stamford, Greenwich), who personally urged the veto in conversations with the governor last week. “This should never have been in question. H.B. 5002 was a historic attempt to undermine local control of decision-making for towns and cities.”

Governor Lamont's veto was not limited to housing reform. In tandem, he rejected Senate Bill 8, which would have extended unemployment benefits to workers on strike — a move he described as “a bridge too far.” But it was H.B. 5002 that galvanized sustained and organized opposition, particularly from suburban and small-town leaders across Fairfield County.

The bill's provisions — which included “as-of-right” commercial-to-residential conversions, transit-oriented rezoning mandates, relaxed parking requirements, and affordable housing production quotas tied to infrastructure funding — drew criticism for being both sweeping and hastily introduced. Released just days before its passage, the legislation quickly became a symbol of what opponents decried as “top-down” policy-making.

CT169Strong, a grassroots coalition of local officials and zoning volunteers, blasted the process as undemocratic.

“The 92-page omnibus bill was an ill-conceived attempt to usurp local control on zoning matters, stifle public input and instill unworkable provisions,” wrote co-founders Alexis Harrison and Maria Weingarten. “Good intentions are no excuse for poor policy.”

Yankee Institute President Carol Platt Liebau echoed those sentiments, calling the veto “a win for residents, businesses, and Connecticut's affordability.” The group credited others — including the Council of Small Towns (COST) and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) — for helping “raise statewide awareness of the potential harm the bill would have inflicted.”

In Greenwich, the veto was met with appreciation by elected officials who had viewed the bill as an existential threat to local governance.

“I want to thank the governor for taking the time to listen to the concerns of local officials all over the state,” said First Selectman Fred Camillo. “Here in Greenwich, where we've seen a 14% increase in affordable units in just the last 5½ years, we will continue to work towards the 10% goal — but in a way that takes into consideration all local factors and challenges that our community faces.”

For Governor Lamont, the decision underscores the difficult balance between statewide planning and municipal autonomy — a tension that has become central to Connecticut's housing discourse. While he acknowledged the need for reform, he signaled a desire to revisit the issue, possibly in a special legislative session this fall.

Yankee Institute and others are urging caution, warning that any future legislation should be debated “through an open and transparent process during the regular legislative session.”

Senator Fazio, for his part, said he remains open to bipartisan collaboration. “We can still find common

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Round Hill edges out One and Only Resorts

By Liz Leamy

This past Sunday, Round Hill, the stealth high-goal team lead by John Lipman of Greenwich, its number-one player, clinched an all-important 11-9 victory against the powerhouse One & Only Resorts contingent whose patron is Al Kesvrazien, to qualify for the East Coast Silver Cup semi finals with this tournament having commenced at the Greenwich Polo Club in early June and concluding Sunday, June 20th .

This high-octane match, which drew more than 4,000 spectators, was all about drama, athleticism and energy as Round Hill, whose roster, in addition to Lipman, featured Joaquin Panelo, the powerful six goaler along with Santiago Llavallol Aguerre and Marcos Garcia del Rio, both of who are esteemed five goalers, put the pedal to the metal to take the win against One & Only Resorts by two points.

For the players, it was a showdown to remember.

“It’s been a great tournament and I always love playing here. The polo here is super competitive, the club does an amazing job with the fields and organization of all the events and the crowd is always great,” said Joaquin Panelo, who was named Most Valuable Player of the match. “We were a little nervous at the beginning, but by the third and fourth chukkers we started to figure it out.”

Panelo, one of the marquee players at the Greenwich Polo Club, also spoke about the importance of staying focused and calm while out on the field.

“You have to keep moving and think about the next play,” said Panelo. “It also fires you up to be out there playing in front of the crowd and it all makes for such a great atmosphere.”

His teammates agreed. “It’s was great to play here today, like it always is,” said Marcos Garcia del Rio, whose father also played in tournaments at the Greenwich Polo Club over the years, along with his brother,

Tomas, who is also a renowned high-goaler of the sport. “The crowd was amazing, the fields were amazing and this club is amazing.”

Along with the world-class polo, it was a five-star afternoon in every other regard in terms of the enthusiasm and energy of the attendees who were all seeming to enjoy themselves as they sat watching the match from the grandstand or under tents, cabanas and tables and chairs along the sidelines.

At the same time, many also could be seen checking out the merchandise at some the many vendor tables and tents there and also enjoying the delicious culinary fare of the food trucks there as well as buying merchandise at the ever-popular Greenwich Polo Club store situated underneath the grandstand that sells club-inspired apparel, accessories and other items.

“The matches are great and this club is great,” said Mark Steinberg, co-owner with his brother, Michael Steinberg, of the Trail Network merchandise company based in Port Chester, partners of the Greenwich Polo Club and proprietors of the Greenwich Polo Store. “These are tremendous athletes out there and the club is bigger than ever. People love coming here. It’s beautiful and there’s so much happening. You leave here inspired and uplifted and we want to offer people the opportunity to take those memories with them through what we have here.”

Ralph Pietrafesa, President of Longford’s Ice Cream based in Stamford, whose blue Mobile Scoop Shop has been a staple up at the Greenwich Polo Club for eight years running and is another big spectator hotspot at matches each week also spoke about its amazing atmosphere.

“The Greenwich Polo Club is incredible and it’s an event you really don’t get to experience anywhere else,” said Pietrafesa. “It’s always busy here and you

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Players and ponies charge down the famous Conyers Farm field at last Sunday’s match at the Greenwich Polo Club (Photo courtesy of Bob Capazzo)

can see everyone having such a great time. It also seems to have grown tremendously in the last three to four years and we’re excited to be part of it all.”

Along with all of the incredible sports, retail and culinary activity taking place during this match, Connecticut Cottages & Gardens (CTC&G)/Cottages and Gardens Publications, a media company based in Norwalk with magazines centered around architecture and interior design, gardens, art and

antiques, real estate and lifestyle pursuits, among other things, hosted a memorable private event in tandem with Design Within Reach, which has a retail studio based on Canal Street in Stamford at its massive white tent area near the scoreboard area.

This event, which drew more than 300-plus guests, represented one of the most exciting aspects of the day as those there could be seen enjoying watching the match while relaxing on couches

and chairs or walking around the area chatting, taking photos, enjoying the gourmet food and refreshments there or taking in the beauty and excitement of the whole environment.

“This was a party we hosted with Design Within Reach for some of our best advertisers and their customers. It is like a thank you to them,” said Jennifer Barbaro, Director of Marketing, Events and Public Relations for Cottages and Gardens

Publications, whose organization has been a sponsor of the Greenwich Polo Club for 15 years running and will be a presence at the club through the end of the season. “We have a lot of design enthusiasts here today and it’s always a great experience to be here at the Greenwich Polo Club.”

For more information on the Greenwich Polo Club, please contact them at : www.greenwichpoloclub.com



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The Old Greenwich Riverside Community Center (OGRCC) is proud to celebrate the achievements of our youth soccer teams at the 2025 Spring Connecticut Cup, hosted by the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association (CJSA).

In an action-packed final, the 11U Boys Blue Thunder Soccer OGRCC team (in photo) claimed the Connecticut Cup championship title with a thrilling victory 1-0 over New Fairfield, showcasing outstanding teamwork, determination, and skill. Their hard-fought win was a testament to months of dedication and preparation.

Adding to the celebration, the 14U Boys OGRCC team delivered a fantastic performance in their final matchup against Enfield, securing the championship with a 6-3 victory. Their drive and passion were on full display, earning them well-deserved recognition as one of the top teams in the state.

We also extend a special shout-out to our 11U Girls Blue team, who advanced all the way to the State Cup Final. While they came up just short in the championship game, their commitment, sportsmanship, and heart throughout the tournament made the entire OGRCC community incredibly proud.

“These young athletes exemplify the spirit of the OGRCC—dedication, sportsmanship, and love for the game,” said Jen Ludington, Executive Director. “We are so proud of every player, coach, and family who helped make this season a success.”

The Connecticut Cup is one of the state’s premier youth soccer competitions, and OGRCC is honored to have such strong representation on the championship stage.

For more information about the Old Greenwich-Riverside Community Center, visit myogrcc.org.

About the OGRCC: The Old Greenwich-Riverside Community Center (OGRCC) fosters a sense of community by offering a range of recreational, athletic, educational, and social programs. Celebrating over 80 years of providing programs and events to the Greenwich community, the OGRCC has increased its membership from 30 in 1943 to nearly 1,800 today and expanded its programming from the original programs to a wide variety of social, educational, and athletic programs – thanks to strong leadership and an engaged Board of Directors. Community volunteers and financial support continue to be an essential component to the growth of the OGRCC! For more information, please visit myogrcc.org.

Audubon Joins Growing List of Gardens for Neighbors

By Anne W. Semmes

There is a need in Greenwich with some 800 families registered as food insecure, reports Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N). Thus, there's an impressive ground swell across town to bring aid to those families with healthy garden-grown produce. Yes, for years some garden produce has been regularly delivered to N2N by the Greenwich Land Trust, and the Town's two Community Gardens on Bible Street and Armstrong Court. But a signal was sent out across town from Julie Des Champs, founder/director of Waste Free Greenwich of the need to "Grow a Row" of gardens to meet that need.

Enter Kim Gregory, alert to the needs of nature in the town, who serves on the Town's Sustainability Committee as well as chairing the advisory board of Greenwich Audubon. Why not create a veggie garden at Audubon? Would the Hortulus Garden Club like to partner in creating it? Eunice Burnett, Hortulus member and another force for nature, tells the creative story, while she is busily planting in that new garden at Audubon, with her story beginning at that meet and greet Coffee for Good.

"This is truly a community program with the generous sharing of land from the Audubon to support our neighbors who may experience food scarcity."
Veronica Richter

"Coffee for Good is our de facto headquarters and we sit there and try to solve the world's problems...we really can't solve the world's problems in a big way, but we can locally." Present was Gregory, also a Greenwich Garden Club (GGC) member, involved with Garden Club America (GCA). Gregory knew of that GCA Common Ground Grant allowing \$10,000 to serve underserved neighborhoods. Hortulus member Veronica Richter is chosen to write up the grant with the Audubon garden named "Birds Feeding Neighbors." "It seemed a natural connection and excellent use of funds," tells Richter,

That resulting garden now measures 28 x 50 feet and is bursting with vegetables – and pollinators. "The beds were installed in the beginning of April," tells Burnett, "And it's like a rolling planting of vegetables since then. We've already harvested all the spinach, so we replant with other things...we just added more tomatoes. Look at how beautiful this is."

She adds, "The idea with these native plants encircling the garden, which is what we're doing right now, is that these native plants attract beneficial pollinators that will help to pollinate the fruit bearing vegetables but also attract predatory insects. And these predatory insects will actually eat the things that eat your vegetables... And it also draws the birds that will come and eat the caterpillars that you don't want... So, it's like a beautiful symbiotic ecosystem here that is achieved without chemicals."

Those plants Burnett is planting around the border "were seeded and grown by Dan Brubaker of the Greenwich Land Trust. And he has sold them to us at a deep discount because of what we're doing here." Gregory just then welcomes workers from Troy Nursery bringing a donated stone bird bath with two perched stone birds. "Troy has become our partner and they're providing us with trees and redoing our pathway here."

Also arriving is Courtney Spade, Brunswick School director of service leadership and sustainability with her Brunswick sophomore son Luke, who with other students is helping



Audubon garden supporters L to R Hortulus members Eunice Burnett Adrienne Westerfield, Anne Louise Boston, and Courtney Spade and son Luke Spade, Brunswick student, and Kim Gregory, Audubon Advisory Board chair.



L to R Karen Saggese, co-chair of Greenwich Sustainability Committee's Food Systems Sector, and Brent Hill, executive director of Neighbor to Neighbor next to N2N fresh food produce.

with harvesting, weeding, and watering." All the while Hortulus president Anne Louise Bostock and Adrienne Westerfield, past Hortulus president are busy gardening. Not present is Catalina Wieser, a GGC member whose husband Robert helped build the garden fencing. And count GRTA member Rusty Parker for bringing in needed manure, and a list of other gentlemen contributing, including Gregory's husband Grant. Richter expressed gratitude for their having "built, hauled dirt, seed started, planted, watered, and engineered electric fencing.... This is truly a community program with the generous sharing of land from the Audubon to support our neighbors who may experience food scarcity."

So, there was a recent first delivery of garden produce from Birds Feeding Neighbors to N2N, allegedly weighing four to six pounds. The person weighing and delivering is Karen Saggese who has played an instrumental part in the Birds Feeding Neighbors kick off. Saggese serves as well on the Town's Sustainability Committee where she co-chairs the Food Systems Sector. And she is Food Rescue Co-Site Director for Fairfield County. Saggese had barnstormed with Gregory on creating a garden at Audubon.

To learn more, we visited with Saggese and Brent Hill, executive director of N2N, meeting up at Hill's N2N office. Saggese shares how her job is to collect the garden produce across town, weighing it and bringing it to N2N. She shares there are now three drop-off sites she picks up from on certain days each week in summer - Greenwich Land Trust, Greenwich

Audubon and from a designated Waste Free Greenwich Tent located alongside the Old Greenwich Farmer's Market.

Surprising it was to learn from them just how that "Grow a Row" initiative has reverberated across town. (And, as of yet there's no listing of private home "Grow a Row" gardeners contributing.) Hill cited a new garden a-growing at Putnam Cottage. "We just got the topsoil down," he says, "and they just put some things in the ground, so they haven't yielded anything yet but we're looking forward."

At Nathaniel Witherell, there's the Parsonage Road Garden, now contributing "one hundred percent." "They've been dropping off the herbs on Monday," tells Saggese, "They gave us Swiss chard... basil, parsley, thyme and romaine lettuce. So, they've been giving us a lot of good stuff." Add contributions from the Bible Street and Armstrong Court Community Gardens, Greenwich Land Trust, and now Birds Feeding Neighbors.

"And we get deliveries from Connecticut Food Share," tells Saggese, "They provide to multiple food pantries in the state. Last week they dropped off Bok Choy and fresh herbs."

Stepping into the grocery-filled room at N2N, with shoppers coming and going, we approached a wall of fresh vegetables, peppers, and cucumbers, with more bunches of greens seen through a refrigerator.

"Turnover is pretty quick," tells Hill. "We have over 800 households registered. So, we're averaging 500 coming in weekly. So, the great produce that comes in - it goes out the door."



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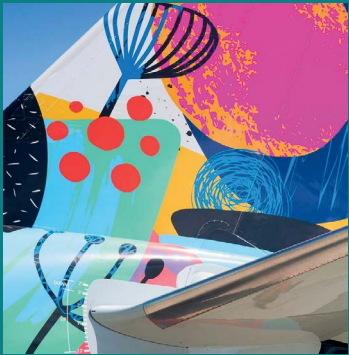


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Greenwich Celebrates the Fourth

By MARY A. JACOBSON

This Fourth of July the Town begins a yearlong celebration of America’s 250th Anniversary, culminating on July 4, 2026, our semi quin-centennial. The Greenwich Library Oral History Project has documented the remembrances of several residents whose reminisces of festive patriotic events are vivid and heart-warming. The following excerpts recall Fourth of July celebrations in the late 1890s and 1920s and Greenwich’s Tercentenary in 1940.

Gladys Husted Rungee Owen, a descendant of the storied Husted family, one of the seminal families in Greenwich, was interviewed in 1993 by Oral History Project volunteer Rhonda Barney Jenkins. Originally owners of one of two of the largest farms in town, Mrs. Husted traces her family back twelve generations in Greenwich. “There were two big farms here in Greenwich at the time, the Husted Farm... and my cousin’s farm, John Lyon, which spilled into Port Chester.”

The Fourth of July celebrations at the Husted Homestead were huge events. “Entire families of the whole town were invited here,” with as many as two hundred people. “Everybody ... loved this party, even though it meant a lot of work... the last Fourth of July celebration was in 1903 on this place.” Some relatives from Brooklyn communicated their attendance by the arrival of homing pigeons, “our Morse code.” Before the festivities began, there was a reading of the Declaration of Independence “always read by some member of the Husted family, and also they never broke bread until the Congregational minister had given a prayer.” Henrietta Husted, Gladys Rungee Husted Owen’s grandmother, provided all the food and all the prizes. “In 1903 the big prize was her late husband’s beautiful shotgun.” It was awarded to the winner of the clay pigeon shooting contest. The surprise sharp shooter winner was seventeen-year-old Adeline Smith Husted, Gladys’s mother.

Children looked forward to playing croquet, hoops, darts, horseshoes, and archery. Pony rides and Billy goat rides were also popular activities for them. In case of rain, there were indoor games of Parcheesi, Chinese checkers, charades, blind man’s bluff, pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, and Hide the Penny. “You were supposed to guess which person had the penny. Grandmother Henrietta always said, ‘You take care of the pennies, and the dollars will take care of themselves.’” Prizes for the winners included produce from the farm including apples, peaches, cherries, eggs, and potatoes.

The employees on the Husted Farm and neighboring farms also gathered together for games and activities. The different farms would play against one another in competitions including tug-of-war, wood-sawing, “bale the hay,” horseshoe pitching, baseball, and ox-pulling. For the latter, “They’d bring a great big boulder, and the oxen of the different farms would come and pull, up towards Knollwood Drive; and that was really quite something.”

Meat preparation would start the day before by heating the rocks in the large pit of the barbeque and keeping the spits continually rotating. “Almost the whole body of a steer would be on this.” The feast included beef and pork, fresh corn, baked potatoes, clams, oysters, and homemade apple pies. Around four o’clock there would be singers and musicians, followed by dancing.



Bicentennial Fireworks display, 1976. Courtesy of Greenwich Historical Society.

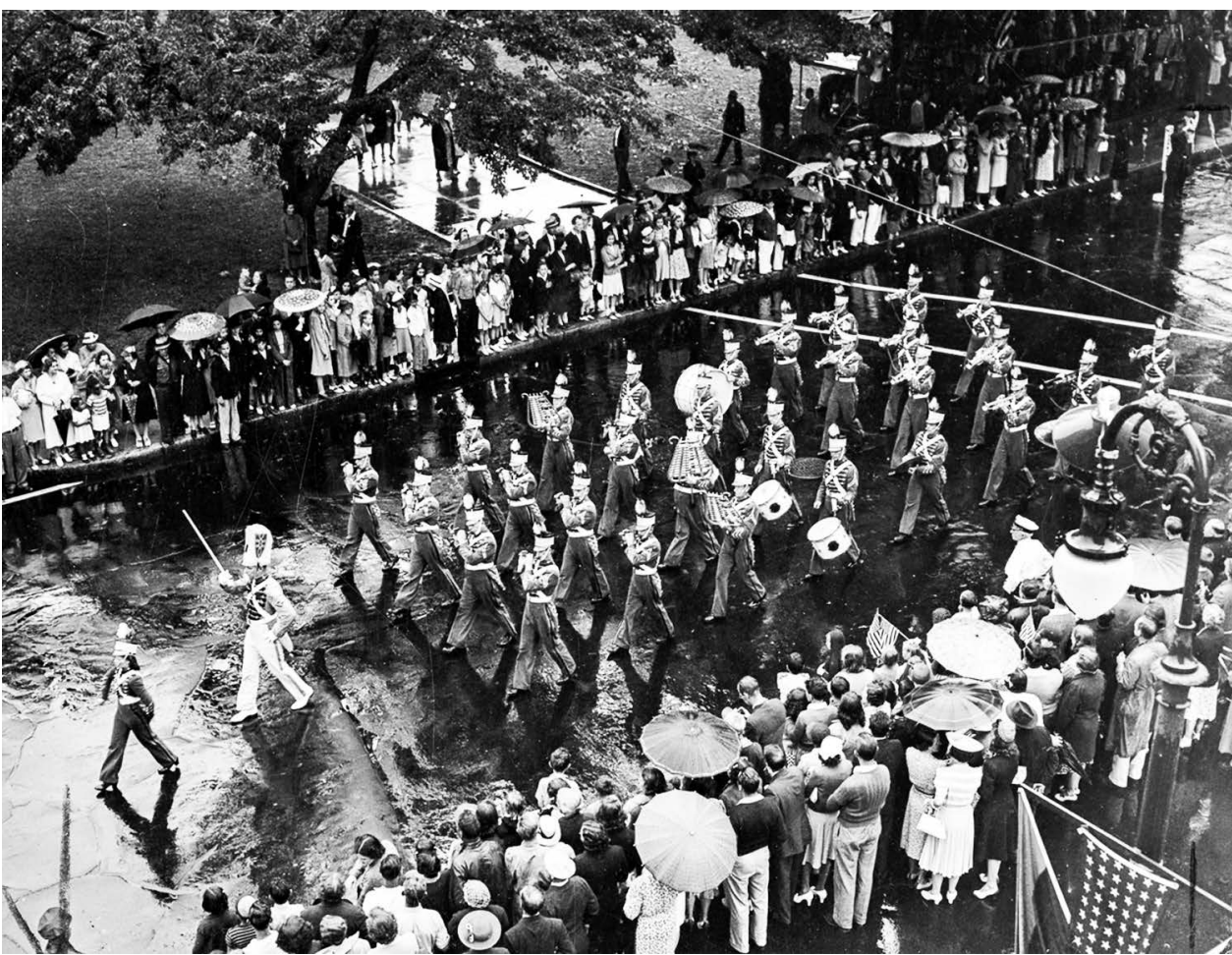
At the end of the evening, guests would sit on the lawn and watch fireworks. Each child would also be given a sparkler “and they would dance around the lawn; and, of course, they didn’t have the electricity we have today. And Grandmother Henrietta said it looked like a whole bunch of fireflies descending on the group.” The one forbidden activity concerned firecrackers. “Great-grandmother would allow no firecrackers, absolutely no firecrackers... and they never had an accident because great-grandmother had very strict rules about what the children were to do and what they were not to do if they were coming to her party.”

Firecrackers, on the other hand, were the highlight of Fourth of July celebrations in the 1920s for Warren White and Frank Nicholson, interviewed by OHP volunteers Marian Phillips (in 1983) and Owen Jones (in 1974), respectively. As Nicholson recalled of his youth, “You had to make preparation for Fourth of July. You had to save up your money to buy your firecrackers one at a time... and store them away in some place where your brother couldn’t find them so you could be the first one out here on the Fourth of July at the crack of dawn to set off the first firecracker.”

According to Warren White’s memories of those days, “We purchased our fireworks in Breslow’s News Store. Mr. Breslow had a cigar, newspaper and magazine store on lower Greenwich Avenue... At Fourth of July time, he sold fireworks. In front of this store, you’d have two or three counters heaped with these skyrockets, salutes, the most volatile things... and just see the fire commissioners today. They’d have apoplexy... Anyway, it was something to be looked forward to and I remember it with great pleasure.”

On a more historic note, Marie Krumeich, interviewed by OHP volunteer Kim Klein in 1974, remembered the extravagant Tercentenary Pageant held in June 1940, celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of Greenwich. “... July 18, 1640 is the date of the founding of Greenwich. The founding fathers, Daniel Patrick and Robert Feake landed on Greenwich Point in a small boat from Captain’s Island, and purchased the land for the first settlement from the Indians for twenty-five coats and some trinkets.” A reenactment of the purchase “actually took place right out there on the Point.” The Tercentenary Pageant lasted a week. “There were many parades, lovely costumes, musical programs, floats, and fireworks every night. It was entitled ‘Under Three Flags’ because Greenwich was first an English colony, and then it became a Dutch Manor for a few years, and finally after the Revolution, American.”

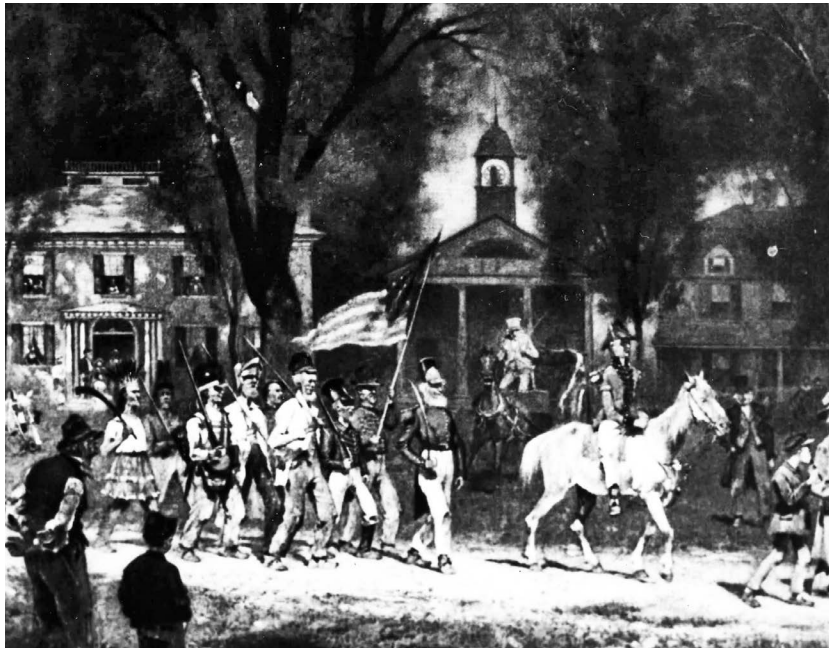
“Before the festivities began, there was a reading of the Declaration of Independence.”



American Legion Drum Corps marching in Greenwich Tercentenary parade, 1940. Courtesy of Greenwich Historical Society.



Tercentenary Parade Viewers, 1940. Courtesy of Greenwich Historical Society.



Lithograph reproduction of Fourth of July parade in Greenwich, circa 1800. Courtesy of Greenwich Library.

This was a town-wide event in which “it seemed everyone in town had an active part,” including the storekeepers who had their windows decorated with historical displays. Various scenes from Greenwich history were reenacted on the old Greenwich football field including the colonial period, the visits to Greenwich

by General George Washington and General Lafayette, the first train passing through town in 1848, the period of industrial development, the Civil War period, the Gay Nineties, the Turn of the Century, and the First World War Years in which Greenwich lost a flyer by the name of Major Bolling, for whom

a statue is dedicated in front of the Havemeyer Building. “The finale even had a scene with a vision into the future of Greenwich. But this scene I don’t remember very well.”

To commemorate this historic event, “a special Tercentenary Stamp designed by a local artist, George Wharton Edwards, was issued by the U.S. Postal Service in Washington. And a special Tercentenary Medal was made at the U.S. Mint, and I have a few of these.” In conclusion, Marie Krumeich stated, “Yes, it was a very exciting time and made a lasting impression on me. In fact, I have been deeply interested in Greenwich history ever since.”

The interviews “Husted Family,” “Growing Up on Lewis Street in the 1920s,” “Ice Cream and Automobiles,” and “The Tercentenary Pageant,” may be read in their entirety or checked out at the main library and are available for purchase at the Oral History Project office. The OHP is sponsored by Friends of Greenwich Library. Visit the website at glohistory.org. Our narrators’ recollections are personal and have not been subjected to factual scrutiny. Mary Jacobson serves as blog editor.



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Tariffs, Immigration, Taxes and Federal Spending: Implications for the Economy and Financial Markets



Dr. Larry Kantor spoke about challenges to the US economy caused by the recent drastic trade and immigration policy changes.

Immigration is vital for funding U.S. retirement benefits such as Social Security, which is facing depletion from an aging population.

By FRANK SCARPA

At the June 18th meeting of the Retired Men’s Association Bob Phillips introduced Larry Kantor, Ph.D (Ohio State U.), an economist from Atlas Merchant Capital. This was Dr. Kantor’s tenth appearance before the RMA. His topic: “Tariffs, Immigration, Taxes and Federal Spending: Implications for the Economy and Financial Markets.”

Dr. Kantor forewarned that his presentation would not be “political,” but the significant policy changes of the current administration are certain to have an effect on the economy, and discussion of these factors cannot be avoided. After all, tariffs and immigration restrictions both increase prices and reduce output. Forecasting in the midst of these changes is difficult, even for experts like Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan. The fact that war is brewing in the Middle East only complicates matters. However, Kantor concluded that the immediate effect on gasoline prices would be modest, despite Iran’s role as a major oil producer, pointing out that the U.S. is essentially energy-independent and is now a net exporter of oil and natural gas.

A central theme was tariffs, which Kantor clarified are absorbed by U.S. importers, not by foreign exporters, with costs largely passed on to consumers. He championed free trade’s historical benefits to the U.S.-lower inflation and boosted growth. While U.S. manufacturing faced costs from global competition, these are outweighed by broad gains for Americans enjoying cheaper goods and increased spending on

services.

Kantor challenged negative perceptions of the U.S. trade deficit. He explained that dollars leaving the U.S. return as foreign capital, a unique advantage due to the U.S.’s unparalleled, liquid, and safe capital markets. This foreign investment, owning significant U.S. financial assets, helps keep interest rates low, supporting high investment despite a low domestic saving rate, thereby powering current and future GDP growth.

He warned that tariffs inevitably provoke retaliation. Prior Trump administration tariffs led to reciprocal duties that hurt U.S. agriculture and caused a decline in manufacturing employment preceding the COVID-19 pandemic. The average U.S. tariff rate surged to approximately 25% with China tariffs briefly hitting 145%, a “virtual embargo.” The “de minimus” exemptions on goods costing less than \$800 were suspended on May 1. Market reaction was evident: a sharp rise in average tariff rates prompted Wall Street recession forecasts and capital flight. However, a subsequent 90-day tariff pause led to a market rebound, signaling the administration’s sensitivity to the “TACO trade” and accusations of market manipulation and insider trading. Kantor emphasized that tariff revenue would not significantly alleviate U.S. budget deficits or replace income taxes.

Shifting to immigration, Kantor predicted that reduced inflows would lower output and fuel inflation. Immigrants constitute a significant portion of our workforce and have accounted for most of its growth since 2004. Immigration is also

vital for funding U.S. retirement benefits such as Social Security, which is facing depletion from an aging population. Solutions involve raising taxes, cutting benefits, or increasing immigration.

Addressing the U.S. budget, Kantor cited CBO projections of deficits that are around 7% of GDP. This would constitute the highest non-recession deficit since World War II. U.S. public debt has sextupled since 2007, with interest payments exceeding \$1 trillion. Proposed budget changes, like extending tax cuts, would keep deficits elevated, offering only a modest economic stimulus.

For the Federal Reserve, these policies create a “supply shock” dilemma: tariffs raise prices and reduce output, while less immigration boosts wages and slows job growth. This bind means that the Fed will likely remain on hold.

Despite these complexities, Kantor concluded that the U.S. economy would “bend but not break” because it is resilient--thanks to solid job growth, low household and business debt and strong investment. He attributed the current lack of tariff-driven inflation to businesses “front-loading” imports. He forecast future inflation settling at 3-4%, higher than the pre-COVID era due to factors like supply chain diversification and increased trade barriers.

Interest rates are expected to remain elevated. While the stock market’s performance indicates optimism, Kantor regards current valuations as “expensive.”

In the brief Q and A session, the topic was China: Dr. Kantor pointed out that only 9% of

Chinese exports go to the U.S. “They have all the cards,” despite suffering from a major “real-estate bust” and excessive credit. But the Chinese can “handle weakness” better than the U.S.

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

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “Don’t Fall for It! Recognizing and Avoiding Scams” by Aaron Woodin, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

There are a variety of ways to get scammed, and the conduits are everyday, familiar objects which we all use - the computer, and the phone. In this informative presentation, which will reflect the latest trends, computer consultant Aaron Woodin will discuss some of the most common “con games” by which people are fleeced so they can be detected and avoided.

Born and educated in White Plains, Woodin studied journalism, but found computers far more interesting. He spent roughly seven years in corporate IT, before going fully on his own in the summer of 2002, founding his own consulting and computer repair company, PCVentures LLC, which is located in White Plains.

To stream the presentation by Aaron Woodin at 11 AM on Wednesday, July 2, click on <https://bit.ly/30tBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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

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

YMCA Chance to Attend Camp

Summer is often described as a season of freedom and joy for children – a time to explore the outdoors, build new friendships, and grow in confidence. But for many families in Greenwich and the surrounding area, the cost of summer camp is a barrier that makes these experiences feel out of reach.

To help bridge that gap, the YMCA of Greenwich is launching its annual Summer Camp Scholarship Campaign, aimed at providing financial assistance to families who would otherwise be unable to afford camp. The goal: to make sure every child has access to a safe, engaging, and enriching summer, regardless of their financial circumstances.

The need is clear. Last summer, nearly 40% of campers and 50% of children enrolled in the Y’s after-school enrichment program received some form of financial assistance. Support from the community helped ensure those children had a place to learn, play, and grow during the summer months – while also providing critical child care coverage for working parents.

But the impact of summer camp goes far beyond child care.

More Than Just a Week of Camp

Experts warn that children

often lose one to two months of academic skills over the summer – a phenomenon known as the “summer slide.” Programs like camp at the YMCA of Greenwich help combat this through built-in enrichment activities such as reading, STEM projects, and creative arts.

Water safety is another critical component of the Y’s summer camp experience. In a waterfront community like Greenwich, access to swim lessons and free swim time is more than just fun – it’s life-saving. Campers learn essential skills that boost their confidence and help prevent drowning, a leading cause of accidental death among children.

There’s also the simple joy of childhood. Campers explore nature, try new sports, visit places like the beach and aquarium, and make memories that can last a lifetime. It’s this kind of summer – one filled with laughter, learning, and new experiences – that the campaign is working to make accessible for every family.

How the Community Can Help

The campaign accepts donations of any amount, with every gift going directly toward summer camp scholarships to support local families. Examples

To learn more or to make a donation, visit: <https://GreenwichYMCA.org/Summer-appeal>



of how contributions make a difference include:

- \$100 provides a week of afternoon camp for a child attending summer school
- \$250 helps cover extended care for nearly two weeks, giving working parents peace of mind
- \$500 sponsors a full week of traditional camp for one child
- \$1,000 funds two weeks of Discovery Camp for a preschool-aged child
- \$2,500 covers five full weeks of camp and extended care for a child in a family with

two working parents

For those looking to make a local impact this summer, the YMCA’s Summer Camp Scholarship Campaign offers a direct and meaningful way to support children in the community. Donations help ensure that summer is a season of possibility for every child – not just those who can afford it.

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The Greens at Greenwich delights residents and guests with outdoor concert and art show

By Liz Leamy

Last Saturday was a golden moment on all counts as nearly 60 people gathered at The Greens at Greenwich to celebrate the start of the summer season with a festive outdoor musical event featuring an incredible string quartet from Manhattan and exciting art show held at its beautiful King Street location.

Residents, their families and friends, along with the management and staff of The Greens at Greenwich gathered to enjoy the music of the Evanescent Quartet, a renowned string contingent based out of New York City.

Artwork created by residents of this esteemed King Street-based Memory Care community was also on display and attendees enjoyed tasty culinary fare provided by its talented Executive Chef, Luis Arista.

“This is a kickoff of our summer outdoor concert series. It’s so nice to see everyone having such a good time, our residents their families, friends and our community partners” said Mary Ellen Frango, the

Executive Director of The Greens at Greenwich. “Music is a common denominator for so many people, and it connects all of us to a place, memory or feeling. Today is a wonderful afternoon of expressions through art and music.”

Frango elaborated on the role of music in the daily lives of The Greens at Greenwich residents.

“Music is joy and there’s always music playing here. Whether it’s live musical performances, music therapy, karaoke or the dance therapist with her suitcase of instruments” said Frango, adding that The Greens at Greenwich regularly brings in a variety of popular music presentations by talented pianists, jazz musicians and entertainers who sing classic standards made famous by such legendary entertainers as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and other notable artists. “Music is a way for us all to be touched, involved and engaged. It’s a common experience we all can enjoy.”

The Greens at Greenwich specializes in providing quality care and support for those individuals living with



Mary Ellen Frango, Executive Director at The Greens at Greenwich, stands by some of the lovely artwork created by residents at their memorable event held at their locale on King Street last weekend. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

Alzheimer’s or dementia with its dedicated team who is passionate about senior care and experience.

“It’s all about caring, joy and giving our residents purpose,” said Frango. “We’re meeting

them where they are, honoring their past, finding new things they enjoy, exploring former hobbies and interests and connections with each other and the team here. It really is joyful, which is a word I like to

use all the time.” Frango also spoke about her gratitude in regard to being involved with the residents and their families at The Greens at Greenwich. “It is a privilege to be here

and be part of the residents’ journey,” said Frango. “You walk in the door and feel our spirit; it’s a lively community. There is laughter, affection, and again, joy. This isn’t a clinical environment. This is home and everyone here is family.”

This event represents the first of a series of outdoor musical experiences scheduled to take place at The Greens at Greenwich this summer, including a jazz concert to be held in its pastoral backyard garden area in July and a steel drum band performance that will be held during one of its popular Sunday socials in August.

“These events are just a few examples of what makes The Greens at Greenwich so special,” said Frango. “It’s all about fostering a caring and vibrant community.”

For more information about The Greens at Greenwich, please contact them at:

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the area.

AROUND TOWN

Greenwich Fireworks Display Returns July 5

Greenwich will host its annual fireworks display on Saturday, July 5, 2025, at Binney Park and Greenwich Point. Donations for the event can be made through the “A Bang for Your Buck” fundraiser at www.towngreenwichprfoundation.org/donate Corporate sponsorships are also encouraged to support the celebration.

American Oystercatchers Nest at Greenwich Point

A pair of American Oystercatchers is nesting at Greenwich Point, signaling the success of local conservation efforts. The nesting area is fenced off to protect the birds, and visitors are urged to stay away. Disturbing the oystercatchers is illegal, and individuals can report disturbances to local authorities or the Audubon Alliance for Coastal Waterbirds.

Filipino American Families Celebrate Strong Unity

On Friday, the Connecticut Association of Filipino and American Families (CAFAF) held a celebration at Town Hall, featuring the raising of the Filipino flag. Over 100 people attended, including Senin T. Mangalile, the Philippine Consulate General, and members of the Knights of Rizal. The event marked the return of a tradition that had been paused for five years due to the pandemic, with the day being officially declared “CT Association of Filipino and American Families Day” in Greenwich.

Community Celebrates Juneteenth with Ceremony

On Thursday, the community observed Juneteenth with a flag raising, speeches, music, and a reception. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger declared freedom for enslaved people in Texas, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. First Selectman Fred Camillo presented a proclamation to the Diversity Advisory Committee, recognizing the significance of the day.

Greenwich Kicks Off America 250 Celebrations

In July, Greenwich will begin its year-long America 250 celebration in partnership with the Greenwich Historical Society, featuring exhibitions, educational programs, and community events. Highlights will include a visit from a Tall Ship and Fourth of July events at Town Hall. The community is encouraged to submit event ideas and follow updates on the town’s website and social media.

Ferry Service to Great Captain Island Resumes

The Greenwich Parks and Recreation Department announced that ferry service to Great Captain Island has resumed following an engine replacement on the Islander II ferry. The repair was part of a capital improvement program aimed at enhancing ferry fleet reliability and reducing long-term maintenance costs. Great Captain Island, a town-owned 17.2-acre island, offers various amenities and can be accessed via ferry, with schedules available on the town’s website.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Perrot Library Launches Annual Summer Reading

The Perrot Memorial Library in Old Greenwich is launching its annual Summer Reading Program on June 23 for all ages. Participants can earn prizes for reading books, with specific incentives for kids, teens, and adults. The program offers various rewards, including local business gift cards and chances to win grand prizes like tickets to events or memberships.

Pet-Inspired Art Show Supports Community

The art show “Unleashed” at Coffee for Good features pet-inspired works by artists from the Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative. The show runs until September 15, and the art is for sale, with proceeds benefiting the artists, the cooperative, and Coffee for Good. The cooperative provides a space for people with disabilities to learn and create through an arts program.

Abilis Provides Jobs at Island Beach

Abilis is managing the Island Beach concession stand for its fifth year, offering food and drinks daily until August 31 and on weekends until September 14. The non-profit provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The stand serves as a community service while supporting Abilis’ programs.

Greenwich Youth Pitch Innovative Solutions

The First Selectman’s Youth Commission (FSYC) hosted Greenwich Shark Tank on June 14, 2025, at the YWCA Greenwich, where students pitched nonprofit ideas focused on solving social problems. Community leaders and nonprofit professionals provided feedback and support for the projects. Awards were given for innovative proposals addressing issues like housing, mental health, and teacher shortages.

Greenwich Women’s Exchange Seeks Volunteers Today

The Greenwich Women’s Exchange, established in 1901 and located at 28 Sherwood Place, is seeking volunteers to help expand its limited hours of operation. The nonprofit shop, which specializes in handcrafted items, is currently operating with reduced staffing following the death of its longtime board president. The Exchange is also accepting donations for building upkeep and plans to hire a manager to assist with operations.

RMA Partners with Hospital

The Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich partnered with Greenwich Hospital for an event at the Bruce Museum, part of the hospital’s “Medical Insights” lecture series. The program, titled “Diagnosis, Treatment, Prevention: The Future of Urology,” featured a panel discussing advancements in urological health. The event aimed to educate the community and support the hospital’s Arc of Care Campaign, which is raising funds for clinical expansions.

Matching Challenge Boosts Bruce Museum Fundraising

A trustee and two anonymous donors are offering a Matching Challenge, doubling all gifts to the Bruce Museum’s Annual Fund up to \$250,000, until June 30, 2025. The museum relies on community support to fund exhibitions, educational programs, and collections preservation. Contributions are essential for maintaining its operations amid rising costs and shifting funding sources.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Student Organizes Kindness Project for Seniors

Estelle Robertson, a third-grade student at North Street School, organized a project to create handmade bracelets, bookmarks, and artwork for residents of Nathaniel Witherell, a nursing facility in Greenwich. She also painted a landscape, which will be displayed in a resident’s room. The project was funded by a grant from the Greenwich Alliance for Education.

Beth Krumeich Named President of At Home

At Home In Greenwich, Inc. has appointed Beth Krumeich as president of its Board of Directors. The organization, based in Greenwich, Connecticut, supports older adults in living independently in their homes. The Board also elected Barbara Ormerod-Glynn and Michael Sandifer as new members.

SCHOOLS

Fifth Graders Showcase Skills in Exhibition

The fifth-grade class at the International School of Dundee recently completed their IB Exhibition, a required component of the IB Primary Years Program. The exhibition allows students to research and present a topic of interest, using skills developed throughout their studies. Each student explores their own area of inquiry within a small group project.

Greenwich Students Recognized in Essay Contest

Greenwich High School juniors Gabriel Elezaj, Abigail Meyers, and Lila Mootabar received Honorable Mentions in the 2025 Connecticut Foundation for Open Government’s Forrest Palmer High School Essay Contest. The contest, with 143 submissions from 25 schools, asked students to write on First Amendment issues, including student arrests, political messages on clothing, and free speech protections. The contest, established in 2000, awarded \$50 prizes to the Honorable Mention winners.

SPORTS

Greenwich Athletes Sign to Colleges

Greenwich High School held a Division III signing ceremony for student-athletes committing to various colleges. The athletes will compete in sports ranging from track and field, swimming, and soccer to sailing, baseball, and water polo. The schools include Washington and Lee University, Carnegie Mellon University, Johns Hopkins University, and others.

Brunswick Athletes Shine at Nationals

George Kapp and Phil Martone from Brunswick School competed at the 2025 USRowing Youth National Championships in Sarasota, Fla., with Kapp finishing ninth and Martone placing 20th. Kapp won the “B” Final with a time of 7:12.61, and Martone set a personal best in the “C” Final. Kapp, a former UI7 National Champion, is now preparing for the USA UI9 Trials and Selection Camp.

Greenwich Doubles Team Wins Championship Again

Yumi Inagawa and Cameron Sowter of

Greenwich High School won the CIAC Invitational Girls Tennis Tournament doubles title for the second consecutive year, finishing their undefeated 2025 season with another championship. In the final, they defeated their teammates Emme Pecorin and Maddie Wilber, securing a 6-2, 6-1 victory. The win capped a perfect season for the team, which also included FCIAAC and CIAC Class LL Tournament titles.

Greenwich Lacrosse Team Finishes Strong Season

Greenwich High School’s varsity boys lacrosse team started their season strong with a win over Staples, but fell 10-2 to the Wreckers in the CIAC Class LL Tournament quarterfinals. Despite a tough schedule, the Cardinals finished the season with an 11-8 record, highlighted by wins over Staples and Wilton. Coach Bobby Lutz praised his seniors, especially captains Mikey Brescia and Colin Zeller, as they ended their careers with strong leadership and significant contributions to the team.

FROM HARTFORD

New Law Strengthens Penalties for Street Takeovers

Governor Ned Lamont signed Public Act 25-80 into law, which increases penalties for those involved in street takeovers and provides law enforcement with more tools to address the issue. The law includes harsher penalties for illegal street racing, such as a two-year license suspension for repeat offenders, and allows municipalities to create local ordinances to further address the problem. It also grants local authorities the power to destroy seized vehicles involved in street takeovers.

ACROSS CT

Record Number of Travelers Expected Nationwide

AAA projects that 72.2 million Americans will travel at least 50 miles from home over the Independence Day holiday, marking a 2.4% increase from last year. A record 61.6 million people are expected to travel by car, while 5.84 million will fly, also setting a new record. Popular destinations include Florida, Hawaii, Alaska, New York, Boston, and international cities like

NOTICE TO PAY TAX

The Tax Collector of the Town of Greenwich hereby gives notice that Real Estate First Half, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle, Sewer System Maintenance and Improvement tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2024 of the Town of Greenwich is due and payable July 1, 2025 and may be paid during the month of July without penalty. Tax is delinquent if not paid by August 1, 2025 and subject to interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month (a partial month is considered a full month CGS 12-145) from the due date of July 1, 2025. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Tax may be paid by mail or online at www.greenwichct.gov. A convenience fee is charged by the provider for this service. Tax bills are issued in the name of owner of record. Tax Bills are scheduled to be mailed June 16, 2025. Notify the Tax Collector office if you do not receive a bill. Failure to receive a bill does not exempt you from liability (CGS 12-146).

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COLUMN

Healing Ourselves with Love and Kindness



By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav taught:

“You have to judge every person generously, including yourself!”

He guides us further: “A little bit of good.

That’s all you need to find: Just the slightest bit, a dot of goodness.

That should be enough to give you back your life, to bring you back to joy.

By seeking out that little bit, even in yourself, and judging yourself that way, you show yourself that that is who you are.

You can change your life this way and turn yourself to teshuvah and your place of true repentance.”

Rabbi Nachman begins by speaking of others, but then moves to the realm of the self because he knew this was

the hardest practice.

I sometimes struggle to find the holy spark inside myself more than in others, and I can struggle to love the person I see in the mirror. Yet, I believe that perfect holiness is already present in our imperfect souls.

Love of self comes with time and tolerance, and with the ability to see one’s own reflection as one would comfort a cherished friend.

Each of us needs to cultivate both the love and kindness we extend to others and the love and kindness we extend to ourselves.

To better feel the intimacy gifted to us in our lives, to feel watched over in our sleep and solitude, and to be protected from dangers and our own weaknesses, we need to firmly grasp the blessings of both compassion and self-compassion.

We readily and naturally reach out with love and compassion to family, friends, neighbors, and even

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strangers.

Our innate empathy reaches out to those we know who are hurting, hunted, or alone. We easily know how to feed their hunger for love and nurture their need for human kindness. Yet, sometimes we find ourselves imprisoned in our own self-created jail, reinforced by a lack of compassion for ourselves.

Too often we disapprove of and judge our own flaws and inadequacies harshly. The prison walls of self grow higher and thicker, making us feel more separate and cut off from the rest of the world.

When we deny ourselves the same love and compassion we would grant to anyone else, this becomes a self-inflicted punishment.

But if we were counseling another person suffering in this way, we would encourage them to take a

more balanced view of the situation and to try to see their own failings as part of the human condition.

We would encourage them to see themselves as created in God’s image, and no matter their faults or imperfections, we would urge them to see the good in themselves and to respond with love and patience.

What we would do for others we must do for ourselves. Otherwise, being cold-hearted toward ourselves risks our becoming more isolated, more stuck within our personal prisons, and failing to look for others waiting for us just beyond the borders of our self-imposed fences.

Judaism teaches that having compassion for oneself is really no different than having compassion for others. When we share

our love with others and ourselves, we broaden our essence and better unite with God’s creations.

Compassion for others and for ourselves means offering understanding and kindness, even when confronting mistakes or failure.

Compassion for ourselves means giving ourselves the same love and care that we would offer to someone else whose suffering touched us—the same love and care we give to others as a natural consequence of our humanity.

We feel compassion because we realize that suffering, failure, and imperfection are all parts of our shared human experience.

We don’t want to ignore the pain of others, but we also must not ignore our own pain.

Mary Oliver wrote: “You do not have to be good. You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting. You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.”

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.

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By Kate Dzikiewicz

After a cool and rainy spring, the heat of summer has finally arrived in Greenwich. Longtime residents may have noticed summers gradually getting warmer over the past few decades, and heat waves are becoming more frequent and intense. To keep comfortable, we crank up the air conditioners, but trees offer a powerful and natural way to fight the heat.

As the Town of Greenwich continues to develop and expand, the region loses tree cover, especially in urban areas. This contributes to the urban heat island effect, a phenomenon which describes how urban neighborhoods are often significantly warmer

than nearby rural areas. Many factors contribute to this effect, especially dense concentrations of impermeable pavement and buildings built from materials like concrete and asphalt. These manmade materials retain and radiate a lot more heat than soil or sand. Limited green space and lack of shade only make matters worse for urban residents.

According to the EPA, urban areas can be 18–27°F warmer than nearby undeveloped spaces. This temperature spike does more than just increase energy use during warm months; it also worsens air pollution and raises the risk of heat-related illnesses and deaths. Vulnerable populations, including the elderly and people with health conditions,

Tree Power: Nature’s Air Conditioners

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are especially at risk, but high heat affects everyone, lowering productivity and quality of life.

While any greenery helps cool an area, trees are the most effective. Their leaves and branches block up to 90% of sunlight before it reaches the ground. Rather than being retained as heat, this solar energy is used to convert carbon dioxide and water into sugars via photosynthesis. Buildings shaded by trees can see surface temperature reductions of 20–40°F, and parked cars under tree cover can be up to 45°F cooler. No

wonder shaded parking spots are always in high demand!

Trees have another less visible way that they cool the air. They absorb water through their roots and release it from their leaves as water vapor in a process called evapotranspiration. Evaporation draws heat from the environment, making trees living evaporative cooling systems. A single mature oak tree can release up to 40,000 gallons of water into the air each year, and a tree-lined street multiplies these benefits.

Any sort of planted green space will help reduce heat

in a neighborhood, but large mature trees have the greatest cooling impact. This is why the Greenwich Tree Conservancy advocates retaining these large mature trees whenever possible. It can take decades for young trees to reach the size and impact of their mature counterparts, and removing a single large tree from your property can make for a big decline in your comfort during the summer.

If you want to help keep your home or business cooler and contribute to a healthier community, consider planting more trees and protecting

the ones already in place. Trees placed on the west and southwest sides of buildings are especially effective at reducing afternoon heat. Just be sure to choose species suited to our local climate and urban conditions.

Trees are important in every season, but in summer we have even more reasons to appreciate them!

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

Muscle Needed to Move Lives



Giving the Gift of Movement

This is more than volunteering. It’s giving someone the gift of movement.

By Debra McLaughlin

At The Nathaniel Witherell, a beloved nursing and rehabilitation center in Greenwich, every day brings new opportunities to bring dignity, connection, and comfort to its residents. One of the most crucial, yet often overlooked, needs is for strong and compassionate volunteers to help transport residents in wheelchairs to physical therapy, religious services and social events within the facility.

These moments of movement aren’t just logistical necessities - they’re lifelines. For the seniors and

disabled residents who call The Nathaniel Witherell home, the simple act of being wheeled to a piano concert or chapel service is a powerful reminder that they’re not forgotten. It means they’re seen. They’re part of a community.

That’s where you come in. The Friends of Nathaniel Witherell are seeking volunteers, especially those who can provide the strength and stability required to transport wheelchair-bound residents safely. This is hands-on help with a heartfelt purpose. You don’t need medical training. What you need is time, reliability,

a caring spirit - and if you’re able, the physical ability to assist in transporting residents with care and dignity.

These volunteers are often the first warm smile residents see as they begin their day. A helping hand pushing a wheelchair becomes a human connection, a conversation, a moment of joy. This role is perfect for someone who wants to make a tangible difference and can commit even just a few hours a week.

If you feel called to help, please reach out to Mary Tate, Director of Resident and Volunteer Services for Friends, at mary.tate@witherell.org or 203-618-4228. The need is real, and the impact is immediate. You can also visit friendsofnathanielwitherell.org or follow their Instagram [@friendsofnathanielwitherell](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofnathanielwitherell) for more about the people, programs, and joy that make this place so special.

This is more than volunteering. It’s giving someone the gift of movement, independence, and belonging. If you’ve ever wanted to help in a direct, meaningful way, this is your moment.

GCDS + Meals-on-Wheels

By Debra McLaughlin

At Greenwich Country Day School (GCDS), some amazing 8th graders did something really special this year. Every week, they helped deliver meals to older adults in the community through Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich. But they didn’t just drop off food - they brought friendship, kindness, and even personal notes that made people smile from ear to ear!

Their delivery stop was a senior living community called Agnes Morley, where many of the residents are older and may not get visitors often. These students didn’t just deliver lunches, they delivered joy. On a certain delivery day the students did something extra thoughtful. They wrote handwritten notes to each of the people they had been delivering to. Kind words, drawings, and thank-you’s were scrawled all over each card. Meals-on-Wheels clients were so happy and touched by the kindness.

What Is Meals-on-Wheels?

Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich is an organization that brings food to people who can’t easily leave their homes, especially seniors. They make sure no one in the community goes hungry or feels forgotten. Volunteers, like the GCDS students, help deliver meals.

Why This Matters

Greenwich Country Day



Greenwich Country Day School 8th Graders

No one is too young to make a big difference!

School believes in helping others, and this is just one of the many ways students get involved. Through their Center for Public Good, students learn how they can make the world better, one small act of kindness at a time. Whether it’s delivering meals, writing letters, or just spending a little time with someone who needs it, these students are learning how to be thoughtful, caring citizens.

Want to Help?

If you’re a student wondering how you can make

a difference, remember:

Say hello to someone who looks lonely.

Write a kind note or draw a cheerful picture.

Ask your school how you can volunteer or help others.

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For more on Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich, check out: mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org

Learn about service at GCDS: gcds.net

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Is It Realistic to ‘Love’ My Political Opponents?



By BEN VALENTINE

We live in the age of the viral takedown. Scroll through social media for five minutes and you'll encounter videos with titles like "Conservative HUMILIATED by College Student" or "Woke Activist Gets OWNED by Facts." Our digital discourse has become a gladiatorial arena where the goal isn't understanding or dialogue, but public defeat of our opponents.

This isn't just harmless entertainment. Walk down Greenwich Avenue on any given day and you'll witness our community's remarkable civility (mostly!). We hold doors, exchange pleasantries at Whole Foods, navigate the school pickup line with courtesy. Yet online, many of these same thoughtful neighbors become warriors in the culture wars, sharing content designed to humiliate those who think differently.

We've created a culture addicted to humiliation, where complex issues are reduced to zero-sum battles and nuanced conversation dies. But what if

there's a better way forward?

The Ancient Wisdom We've Forgotten

Most people misunderstand the famous principle "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." Far from promoting vengeance, this ancient law was actually revolutionary in its restraint. It established proportionality in justice: the punishment should fit the crime, no more, no less. Before this principle, injury to a member of a powerful family might result in the destruction of an entire village.

But even this measured approach has limitations. While proportional response prevents escalation, it doesn't break the cycle of retaliation. It manages conflict but doesn't transform it.

The Revolutionary Third Way

Two thousand years ago, a young rabbi from Nazareth proposed something radical. Instead of fight or flight, instead of domination or submission, Jesus outlined what scholars call "the third way." In his famous Sermon on the Mount, he said:

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also." (Matthew 5:38-39)

Most people read this as a call

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to become a doormat, but Jesus was actually proposing something far more subversive. In the first-century culture of that region, a backhanded slap to the right cheek was an insult between unequals, a way for superiors to humiliate inferiors. By turning the left cheek, you force your aggressor to either walk away or strike you with an open palm, the way one hits an equal. It's a brilliant act of nonviolent resistance that exposes the aggressor's bullying while asserting your own dignity.

Jesus wasn't teaching passive resignation but creative, subversive resistance that exposed injustice while maintaining dignity. These are acts of creative resistance that break the cycle of retaliation while exposing injustice.

Applying the Third Way Today

What might this look like in our current moment? Instead of responding to political opponents with increasingly inflammatory

rhetoric, we might ask genuinely curious questions about their concerns. Instead of sharing videos that humiliate people we disagree with, we might seek to understand the fears and hopes driving their positions.

This doesn't mean abandoning our convictions or avoiding difficult conversations. It means engaging in a way that seeks transformation rather than domination. It means recognizing that the person across the political divide is made in the same image of God we are, worthy of dignity even when we believe they're wrong.

The third way requires more creativity and courage than either aggressive retaliation or passive avoidance. It asks us to step outside the predictable cycle of attack and counter-attack to find solutions that address underlying needs rather than just surface positions.

The ultimate expression of the third way is what Jesus

called loving your enemies. This isn't sentiment or emotion; it's a determined commitment to seek the good of those who oppose you. It's choosing to see opponents as fellow human beings rather than obstacles to be removed.

This kind of love isn't weakness; it's strength. It takes tremendous courage to respond to hostility with genuine care. It requires the security that comes from knowing your worth isn't dependent on defeating others.

Our culture's addiction to humiliation isn't making us happier, wiser, or more unified. The dopamine hit of watching someone get "owned" is fleeting, and it's contributing to a society where we see each other as enemies rather than neighbors.

The third way offers a different path. It suggests that our deepest problems require more than better arguments or more effective takedowns. They require transformation, both of ourselves and our relationships with others.

This isn't naive optimism. It's a realistic assessment that our current approach isn't working. Whether we're discussing school board policies, town budget decisions, or national politics, we need to learn the difficult art of loving our enemies.

In a world obsessed with winning, perhaps the most radical thing we can do is choose transformation over domination. Perhaps the strongest response to those who oppose us isn't to humiliate them, but to love them.

What if we started practicing this third way right here in Greenwich? What if instead of sharing that viral takedown video, we chose to have an actual conversation with someone who sees things differently? What if we approached our next political disagreement with genuine curiosity about the fears and hopes driving the other person's position?

That might just change everything.

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. *Vacation Bible School '25 - for Children Age 4-Grade 6: Sunday, June 29 to Thursday, July 3, 6:30-9pm.*

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

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

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

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

Catholic
Sacred Heart Church
95 Henry St.; 203-531-8730
www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. *Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. 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 temperament a las 12pm en lugar de las 6:30 durante los***

muses 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. Coffee & Bagels: Sunday, June 22, following the 9:30 and 10:30am Masses, in the newly renovated Narthex and patio. Social Seniors trip to Amaran's Sea Cliff in New Haven: Wednesday, June 25, \$125 per person, call Carol Weigold at 203-820-7876.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. *Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. 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. *New Saturday Mass & Confession schedule: Beginning Saturday, June 28, the following changes will take effect: English Mass will be celebrated at 4pm (formerly 5pm); Italian Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm; Confessions will be heard from 3-3:30pm.*

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 29: "Christian Science."*

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

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. A Special Celebration for The Rev. Dr. Ed Horstmann - Worship Service & Luncheon: Sunday, June 29, on the occasion of his 40th ordination anniversary.*

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: July 13, 20, 17, Aug. 3, 10, 17). Women's Fellowship Summer Socials at Greenwich Point - Sue Baker Pavilion - 4th Mondays of June, July and August: June 23 - Aug. 25, 5:30pm. Open & Affirming Sunday: June 29, 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
Angelic Church of the Advent
606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432
facebook.com/greenwichanglican

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

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this mid-week service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. *The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Book Study: The Anxious Generation: Sundays, March 30 & April 6, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Anna Leinbach: Sundays, April 6, May 11, June 1, Joyful noise with Rob Mathes: Sundays, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 5pm. Lenten Lectio Divina with Rev. Tim: Wednesdays, through April 16, 11:15-11:45am, Chapel. Gentle Ha-tha Yoga: Fridays, June 20-27, 2:30pm, Free. Preach on the Beach: Sunday, June 29, 9am, Tod's Point, Old Greenwich (No Messy Church Today). Joyful Noise Casual Worship Service with Rob Mathes: Sunday, June 29, 5pm. Volunteer Opportunity - volunteer to provide part of a meal for residents at the Inspirica Women's Emergency Shelter in Stamford: Wednesday, July 2, Drop off 4 cooked chickens and/or mashed potatoes for 15 at the Christ Church Parish Office; Please sign up here to drop off food with Deacon Susie in the Parish Office between 3-4pm on the date you choose.*

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.stpaulsriveriside.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.

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. Pride, Pain and Purpose Astride the Mideast: Tuesday, June 24, 7-9pm, on Zoom. Beach Shabbat: Friday, June 27, 6-8pm, Tod's Point Beach.*

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.

Temple Sholom
300 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-7191
www.templesholom.com

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

Lutheran
St. Paul Lutheran Church
286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466
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Sunday Divine Service: 9am. Sunday Bible Study: 10:30am. Wednesday Dinner: 5:30pm. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm.

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

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

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

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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).

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Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Beach Service: Sunday, June 29, 8:30-9:30am.*

Grace Church of Greenwich
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In-person & online (LivingHopeoct.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopeoct.org/resources/alpha. *Forum for Fathers: Are you a man with or who has kids or family members with ADHD? We meet Sundays at 9am at the church to pray, seek God, and encourage each other. Contact Todd.klair@gmail.com for more information. Women's Summer Bible Study - A Heart of Grace: beginning July 1, 10-11:30am, other dates: July 8, 15, 22, 29, Luncheon to follow on July 29.*

COLUMN

The Power of Reading

By Jay Briar

The summer months offer a unique and precious opportunity to cultivate one of the most powerful tools for success and well-being: a love of reading. While teachers reinforce the importance of reading throughout the school year, the warmer days provide a natural opening for families to deepen their connection with books.

We all know the allure of the season: the freedom, the outdoor adventures, and perhaps, for some, the siren song of screens. While balance is key, I want to emphasize the profound importance of prioritizing reading with your children. It's more than just a way to fill time; it's an investment in their cognitive development, emotional intelligence, and a shared family experience that builds lasting bonds.

For our youngest learners, the benefits of shared reading are well-documented. Snuggling up with a picture book, pointing at illustrations, and sounding out words lays the groundwork for literacy. This simple act builds vocabulary, develops phonological awareness, and instills a sense of wonder about the world. It fosters a lasting positive association with books.

However, the magic of reading aloud doesn't end

when children learn to read independently. Extending read-alouds to older children and even the whole family offers a wealth of benefits. Imagine gathering on the porch on a warm evening, sharing chapters from a captivating novel. This practice continues to build vocabulary and comprehension, exposes children to more complex narratives and literary structures, and can spark rich discussions about characters, themes, and life lessons. It's a wonderful way to foster critical thinking and empathy. Moreover, it creates a shared cultural experience, a common ground for family conversations that transcends the latest video game or social media trend.

The research overwhelmingly supports the vital role of reading in child development. A comprehensive report in 2014 by the American Academy of Pediatrics, titled "Literacy Promotion: An Essential Component of Pediatric Primary Care," highlighted that "reading aloud to young children stimulates language and cognitive development and strengthens parent-child relationships." This underscores that the benefits are not solely academic but deeply rooted in the emotional and relational fabric of families.

Furthermore, a 2017 study published in Reading Research

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Quarterly by researchers from the University of London found that shared reading experiences, particularly interactive ones, have a positive impact on children's vocabulary, comprehension, and even their social-emotional skills. These findings consistently reinforce what many parents intuitively know: reading together is a powerful act of nurturing.

Making reading an enjoyable part of your daily routine is simple. Why not tuck a captivating chapter book into your child's camp bag, giving them a literary escape during downtime? Encourage them to choose books that genuinely interest them, whether it's a thrilling mystery, an adventurous fantasy, or an

insightful biography. The key is to make reading a source of pleasure, not a chore.

Let's embrace the opportunity to unplug and reconnect with the simple yet profound joy of stories. By carving out time for shared reading, we not only nurture our children's minds but also create cherished memories and lay the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. So, grab a book, find a cozy spot, and embark on a literary adventure with your children. It's a journey you'll all be glad you took.

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

Greenwich Hospital and Retired Men's Association Join Forces for Medical Insights Lecture at Bruce Museum

The Retired Men's Association (RMA) of Greenwich, in a new partnership with Greenwich Hospital, recently enjoyed a wonderful evening together at the Bruce Museum. The evening was part of Greenwich Hospital's ongoing and popular Arc of Care Campaign "Medical Insights" lecture series.

The program, entitled, "Diagnosis, Treatment, Prevention: The Future of Urology," is part of the series designed to educate the community about the hospital's work and inspire investment to sustain and grow programming.

The event brought together medical professionals, community leaders, and volunteers to discuss key urological health matters. Both

organizations are committed to strengthening their relationship by enhancing outreach to inform, educate, and foster dialogue for a healthier local community.

Opening remarks were delivered by W. Robert Berkley Jr., Chair, Greenwich Hospital Board of Trustees, and David Michonski, President of the Retired Men's Association. Berkley commented on the ongoing success of Greenwich Hospital's Medical Insights lecture series.

RMA President David Michonski thanked Mr. Berkley for his leadership and highlighted how the event perfectly aligns with RMA's mission to support its members in leading vibrant, engaged lives. He explained that RMA

fosters mental sharpness and fellowship through activities such as bridge, a dynamic book group, and a forward-thinking AI group, and much more. To promote physical well-being, RMA offers a wide range of sports activities—including golf, pickleball, boating, and many other activities. Additionally, the organization's renowned speaker series includes programming dedicated to health topics related to aging, ensuring members and the public stay informed and empowered as they navigate this important stage of life.

Greenwich Hospital Chief Medical Officer Karen Santucci, MD, introduced the panel of experts: Michael Karellas, MD, William Oh, MD, and Daniel Petrylak, MD. The expert panel

engaged the audience with the latest advancements in screening, medicine, and new technologies, including health education and outreach.

Future lectures are planned as part of the hospital's Arc of Care Campaign, which is seeking to raise \$125 million to expand clinical areas important to the community. Since the Campaign's inception, \$90 million has been raised toward the overall goal.

Retired men interested in joining the Retired Men's Association are encouraged to visit <http://www.GreenwichRMA.org> to request an application or simply attend a weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall of Christ Church Greenwich on Putnam Avenue.

S.E.L.F. to Host "Homecoming 2025" Gala Honoring Advocacy Leaders on October 18

The Special Education Legal Fund (S.E.L.F.) will host its annual "Homecoming 2025" fundraiser on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 6:00 to 11:00 PM at the Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich. Co-chaired by

Stacey Burton and Stephanie Cowie and hosted by Henry Hager, the event supports S.E.L.F.'s mission to provide legal advocacy for families of children with disabilities. Ashley and Rev. Shawn Garan will

receive the President George H.W. Bush Disability Advocacy Award for their dedication to caregiving and education advocacy. The evening features live music by MOJO, food by Food Design, and homecoming-

themed celebrations. Sponsorships are available. For tickets or details, visit: <https://bit.ly/SELFHomecoming2025>.



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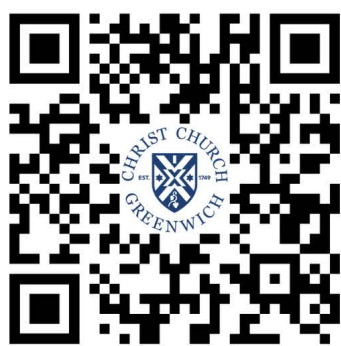
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8 Muriel Place	Greenwich	\$6,800	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
34 Thunder Mountain Rd	Greenwich	\$3,950,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
201 Shore Road	Greenwich	\$2,499,000	Sat 12-2 PM	Coldwell Banker
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79 Richmond Hill Road	Greenwich	\$6,795,000	Sun 12-2 PM	Sotheby's
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51 Old Kings Highway 5	\$670,000	\$740	905	0	2	2	Old Greenwich
18 Maple Drive	\$849,000	\$666	1,274	0.1	2	1	Old Greenwich
5 Glen Street 303	\$950,000	\$474	2,004	0	2	2	South of Post
33 Guilford Lane	\$1,645,000	\$767	2,146	0.23	4	3	Glenville
4 Ponderosa Drive	\$1,900,000	\$895	2,123	0.29	4	3	South Parkway
90 Brookside Drive	\$2,395,000	\$888	2,696	0.65	2	2	South Parkway
295 Taconic Road	\$2,495,000	\$722	3,454	5.2	8	3	North Parkway
22 Stepping Stone Lane	\$2,800,000	\$579	4,836	1	4	4	South Parkway
32 Meyer Place	\$2,925,000	\$712	4,108	0.31	5	4	Riverside
176 Bedford Road	\$3,000,000	\$1,757	1,707	4	2	2	North Parkway
15 Deepwoods Lane	\$3,450,000	\$787	4,382	0.34	4	4	Old Greenwich
34 Edgewood Drive	\$4,995,000	\$953	5,244	1.27	4	4	South Parkway
25 Game Cock Road	\$7,495,000	\$1,487	5,039	0.6	4	4	Byram
44 W Brother Drive	\$7,995,000	\$1,017	7,862	0.61	7	7	South of Post
198 Shore Road	\$21,900,000	\$2,991	7,323	0.67	6	5	Old Greenwich
8 Fox Run Lane	\$22,000,000	\$1,564	14,071	5.42	8	9	South Parkway

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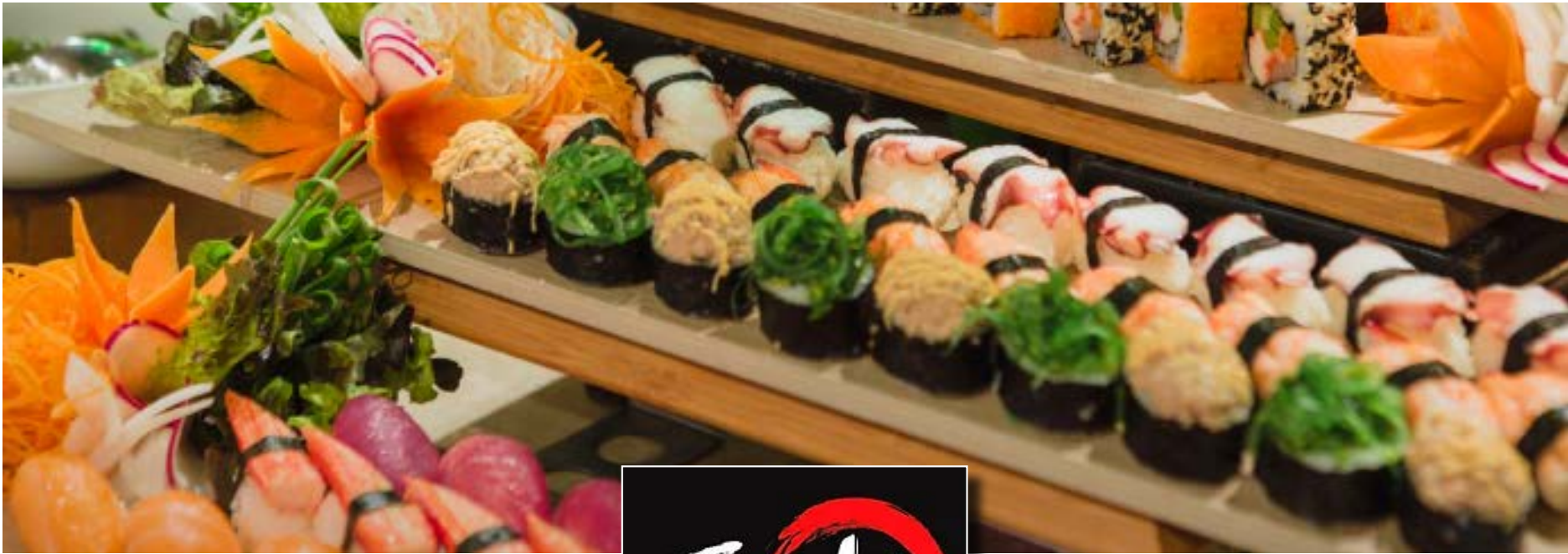
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28 Sound Beach Avenue	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	29	4	2	0.18	1,680
8 Somerset Lane	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,850,000	5	3	2	0.28	1,965
9 Hillside Drive	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,100,000	37	4	3	0.79	3,816
2 Prescott Lane	\$3,795,000	\$3,795,000	\$4,250,020	8	3	4	0.25	2,847
47 Arcadia Road	\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000	\$4,200,000	6	5	4	0.21	4,224
7 Gisborne Place	\$4,495,000	\$4,495,000	\$4,850,000	7	7	6	0.29	5,549
282 Round Hill Road	\$5,595,000	\$4,795,000	\$4,575,000	231	5	3	2.52	5,412
8 Cherry Blossom Lane	\$4,900,000	\$4,900,000	\$4,900,000	23	4	4	2.43	5,203
10 Francine Drive	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000	\$5,725,000	8	6	4	0.59	5,133
27 Weston Hill Road	\$5,350,000	\$5,350,000	\$5,170,000	504	6	5	0.31	6,607
851 Lake Avenue	\$6,395,000	\$6,395,000	\$6,450,000	7	6	5	4	8,018
34 Turner Drive	\$10,950,000	\$10,950,000	\$10,950,000	0	6	7	1.39	8,000
6 Windrose Way	\$16,990,000	\$16,990,000	\$16,175,000	98	6	7	2.01	8,111
5 Cat Rock Road	\$4,370,000	\$4,370,000	\$4,350,000	13	5	6	0.64	6,219
647 Lake Avenue	\$4,395,000	\$4,395,000	\$4,450,000	18	5	4	2.1	5,935
19 Parsonage Road	\$5,800,000	\$5,800,000	\$5,850,000	10	6	7	1.01	5,615
2 Oneida Drive B2	\$5,995,000	\$5,995,000	\$6,100,000	25	3	4	0	4,847
558 Lake Avenue	\$6,495,000	\$6,495,000	\$6,400,000	7	7	7	2.98	9,281
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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Respect all, fear none.

Do something nice for a stranger and don't tell anyone what you did.

Cheer loudly!

Teach children as if they are future leaders of the world.

Answer the phone.

Stay positive!

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

Drive as if your child is driving the other cars.

Give generously.

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

Be an active listener.

Avoid interrupting others when they are speaking.

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

Smile... great! Now add eye contact.

Visit your friends regularly.

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

Send flowers.

Be honest.

Consider the other side.

Assume the best in others.

Be patient.

Don't sweat the small stuff.

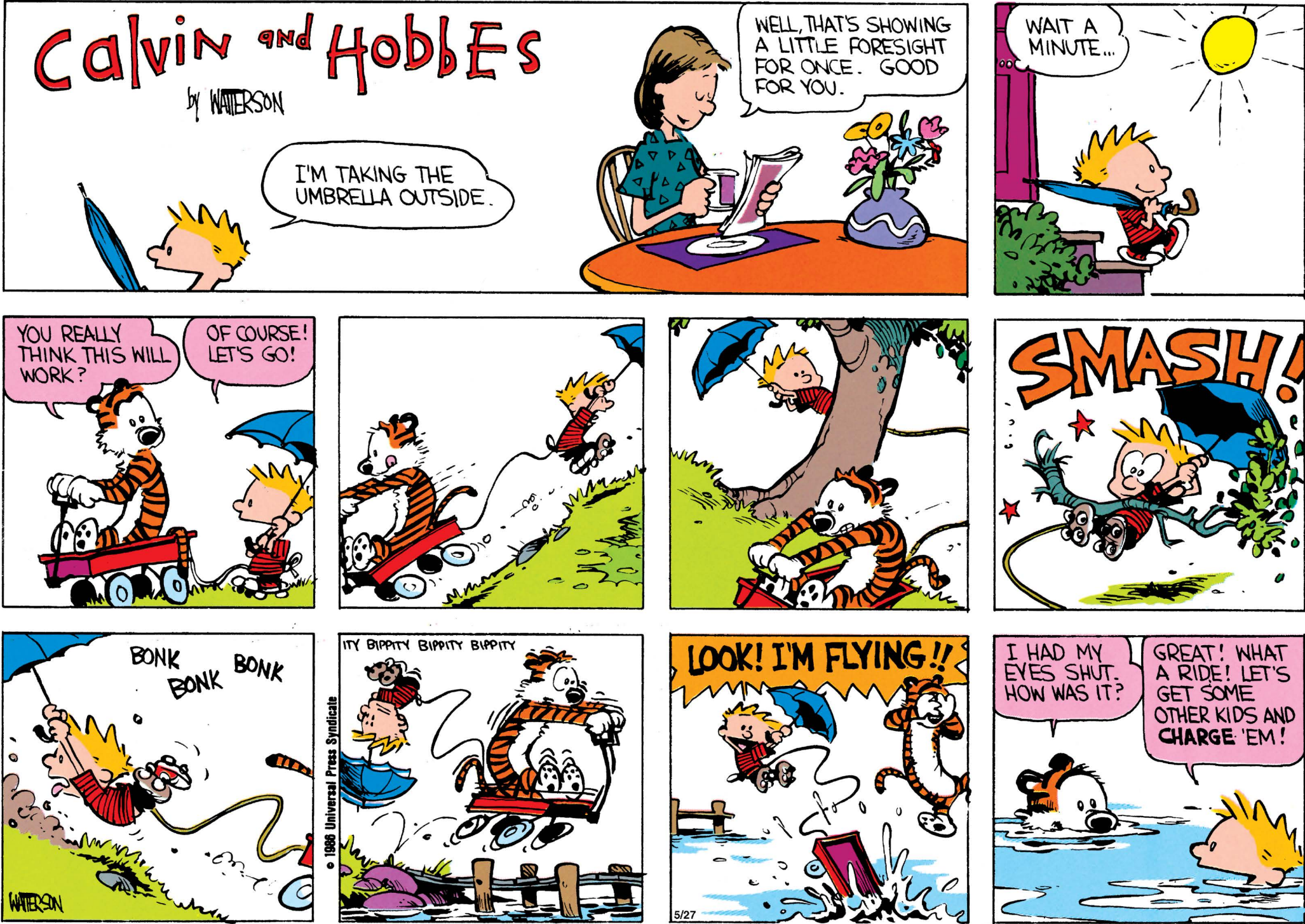
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EDUCATION

From the Sentinel Foundation: the educational page for our readers.



WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE FIREFLY

99 Million Years of Magic

BY JIM KNOX

“We got one!” my older siblings called out excitedly. Laser focused—undeterred by fleeting opportunities gliding around us, my brother Bruce and I locked on the location of the last yellow-green flash we saw and held our breath in excitement. Virtually invisible in the growing June darkness, our quarry too had gone dark, seeming to taunt us in our effort as we scanned our yard close to the inky wood line. After what seemed like minutes, another brief yellow-green glow blinked on no more than 10 feet away and climbed toward the edge of our reach before blinking out once more. With the aid of a slightly brighter indigo sky as a backdrop, we spied the small creature rising ever higher. Without hesitation, we stretched up and—with a quick scoop—whisked it into our Mason jar. With a quick downward screw of the fork-punctured lid, we brought the jar to our 6-to-8-year-old eye-level and excitedly awaited confirmation. After another few seconds it happened. The soft unmistakable glow illuminated our faces, sparking another glow—that of our smiles. For a few brief moments that June night we beheld one of nature’s wonders. A harmless, beautiful, and ethereal creature—it mesmerized us in that moment, just as its kin have mesmerized our species through recorded history.

With a pedigree extending back 99 million years in the fossil record, and known worldwide in many guises, the Firefly is not just one—but a family of some 2000 species. Members of this family, Family Lampyridae, include the Glowworms and the Lightning bugs with most bearing the hallmarks of nocturnal lives and bioluminescence (the ability to generate light). Of the 15 or so species native to New England, the most common and well known is the Eastern or Big Dipper firefly, Photinus pyralis. For generations, chasing Lighting bugs has been a rite of childhood in New England—the unofficial start of summer marked by kids joyfully running across their yards in search of these harbingers of the season.



The Firefly

Lighting up the night. Beckoning us. Lightning bugs capture our fascination and seem to spawn a new question with each flash of light. What are they exactly? Why do they light up? How do they light up? While we know these answers, with more species being discovered, new questions emerge.

Lightning bugs are soft bodied

flying beetles. While the strategy varies by species, most Lightning bugs flash their light display to attract a mate. Typically, males flash their signals in flight, while the flightless females signal back to locate one another. The signaling flash characteristics are quite complex. Color, duration, timing, frequency, repetition, direction, and flight height vary

among species and by geography. Possessing the remarkable ability of bioluminescence, Lightning bugs “light up” due to highly specialized adaptations. These insects utilize luciferase, a collective class of enzymes which function in light producing organs in their abdomens. Ranging from red, to yellow, green, and even pale blue, Firefly “cold light”

does not produce any infrared or ultraviolet frequencies and is used in medical research and forensic science.

Favoring wetlands and forests throughout the planet’s tropical and temperate regions, Lightning bugs thrive in these insect-rich habitats. Feeding on soft-bodied prey such as worms and slugs, Lightning bugs spend much of their time underground or in leaf litter. In the larval Glowworm phase, Lightning bugs prey on insects and other invertebrates and true to their name—they all glow. This is a form of aposematic or warning coloration and display to all potential predators. Many Lightning bugs produce a steroid known as lucibufagin. With a chemical signature similar to bufotoxin—a potent toad poison, this compound protects Lightning bugs from most predators...but not all.

Certain “femme fatale” Lightning bugs in the genus Photuris mimic the light signaling patterns of the distasteful, lucibufagin-laden male Eastern Fireflies, luring them in. When a male touches down next to the false female—she strikes, eating the male and sequestering his toxin to use for her own protection from predators, including amphibians, birds, and

mammals!

Though tested by time, Lightning bugs suffer from habitat loss, climate change, light pollution, and a host of factors. Yet, in areas where conservation measures are stringent, their populations remain strong.

Beautiful, potent, timeless, beneficial, Lighting bugs have a lot to offer us. By refusing to conform to any one conventional description, these fascinating creatures teach us that we too can perform beyond any narrow definition. Armed with this knowledge, and this example, we humans can strive to exhibit our personal beauty, strength, and resilience simultaneously. We too can utilize our unique abilities to innovate, advancing knowledge and benefit to those around us. With a 99-million-year model of success to study, we’ve got a running start. It’s not always easy, but anything’s possible... when you follow the light.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo where he directs education efforts for Connecticut’s only zoo. A proud Member of The Explorers Club, Jim enjoys sharing his passion for wildlife conservation with audiences in Connecticut and beyond.



Catching fireflies.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

6 - 10 a.m.
 Unity with Color - Pride Art Show – Bring your favorite breakfast baked goods to share if you’d like, and enjoy the art during the Y’s scheduled member coffee. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free. greenwichymca.org/events

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

8:30 p.m.
 Firefly Night. Greenwich Audubon Center. \$15. RSVP. Bring your own plastic hole-punched jars (no glass). audubon.org/events?view_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 The Nick Loeb Foundation’s 4th Annual “Party with the Police” BBQ & Pool Party. Private residence, Purchase, NY. thenick-loebfoundation.com/2025-party-with-the-police-event

12, 1, 2 & 3 p.m.
 Greenwich Historical Society: Re-Framing 95: Interactive Art Installation and Walking Tours. Free, Members; \$15, Non-members. greenwichhistory.org/events

1 p.m.
 Science Solvers: Sun Prints (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, June 29. brucemuseum.org

8:30 p.m.
 Firefly Night. Greenwich Audubon Center. \$15. RSVP. Bring your own plastic hole-punched jars (no glass). audubon.org/events?view_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

1 p.m.
 Science Solvers: Sun Prints (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

MONDAY, JUNE 30

7 p.m.
 Perrot P.I.s: “The Late Show,” by Michael Connelly. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

TUESDAY, JULY 1

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

10 & 11 a.m.
 Bruce Beginnings: Rainbows (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, July 2. brucemuseum.org

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

9:30 a.m.
 Greenwich Newcomers Club: Coffee Morning. Byram Park – picnic area, 4 Ritch Avenue West. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

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

11 a.m.
 Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich: Aaron Woodin “Don’t Fall for It! Recognizing and Avoiding Scams.” Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

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

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, JULY 3

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

FRIDAY, JULY 4

9 a.m.
 Greenwich 4th of July Celebration. Greenwich Town Hall – Back Patio. greenwichct.gov

SATURDAY, JULY 5

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 North American Butterfly Count (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. Free. Rain Date: Sunday, July 6. audubon.org/events?view_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

1 p.m.
 Art Adventures: Pinch Pots (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, July 6. brucemuseum.org

9:10 p.m. (approx.)
 Independence Day Fireworks at Binney Park. Featuring the Sound Beach Community Band. Rain date: Sunday, July 6. greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1468/Fireworks-PDF

9:35 p.m. (approx.)
 Independence Day Fireworks at Greenwich Point Park. Rain date: Sunday, July 6. greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1468/Fireworks-PDF

SUNDAY, JULY 6

10:30 a.m.
 Purple Martin Talk at the Greenwich Point

First Sunday Bird Walks. Clambake Area & Salt Marsh (beach pass required for entry). Free. 203-622-6461. greenwichct.gov/2030/Purple-Martin-Monitoring

THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Greenwich During the Revolutionary War: A Frontier Town on the Front Line exhibition. Greenwich Historical Society. greenwichhistory.org/events

THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 30

Re-Framing 95: Interactive Art Installation. Greenwich Historical Society. greenwich-history.org/events

WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCT. 29

2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 Old Greenwich Farmer’s Market. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Avenue, Old Greenwich. Through Oct. 29. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com.

SATURDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 22

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Greenwich Farmer’s Market Opening Day. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). Through Nov. 22. greenwichfarmersmarketct.com.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. info@archstreet.org. archstreet.org

TUESDAYS:

10 a.m.
 Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524- 8032. greenwichymca.org

5 - 7 p.m.
 Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse

WEDNESDAYS:

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org

12 - 2 p.m.
 Waste Free Greenwich’s Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/composting-at-rhcc

12:15 p.m.
 Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. [sheila.gog-](mailto:sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com)

ggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org

6 - 7:30 p.m.
 Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks – moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.org

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

2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org

THURSDAYS:

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
 Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experience-taichi.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 27
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Metal Luggage Tags – All day. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@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.

7 p.m.
 Friends Friday Films: “Paddington in Perú.” Greenwich Library Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, June 28
9 a.m.
 Cos Cob Temporary Hours at The Reading Room, 5 Suburban Avenue, Cos Cob.

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Friends of the Byram Shubert Library Book Drive: Children’s Book Donation Drop Off. Byram Shubert Library Lot. 203-531-0426.

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

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PREACH ON THE BEACH

**Sunday, June 29
9:00 am**

Tod's Point, Old Greenwich

Bring your beach chairs, towels, flip flops,
sand toys and worship and sing with us
on the beach!

Everyone is welcome!



No beach pass required
Tell the person at the gate
you are with
Christ church Greenwich!
christchurchgreenwich.org



1 p.m.
PrintLab: 3D Printed Windup Butterflies. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovation-lab@greenwichlibrary.org.

Monday, June 30

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

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

12 p.m.
Cos Cob Library closed.

1 p.m.
Fiction Addiction: Lunchtime Edition. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

2 p.m.
PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab.

Tuesday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 2

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

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

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

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

2 p.m.
Laser Engraved Candle Holders. Innovation Lab.

3:30 p.m.
Teen Craft Club. Teen Commons.

Thursday, July 3

11 a.m.
Tech Help. Learning Lab.

11 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online.

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

Friday, July 4
All Libraries closed.

Saturday, July 5

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

10 a.m.
Satur-yay! Storytime. Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.
Hatha Yoga for Adults with Inger. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

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

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

Monday, July 7

6:45 p.m.
NAMI Family Support Group Meeting. Greenwich Hospital – Noble Conference Center, 5 Perryridge Rd. Free. namisouth-westct@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 9

5:30 p.m.
Talk: Healthy Eating When Eating Out. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. Free.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org

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

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

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

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: RedCross-Blood.org

Saturday, June 28

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Ave., Norwalk.

Sunday, June 29

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

Monday, June 30

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Bruce Museum. 1 Museum Drive.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Road, Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

Tuesday, July 1

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

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich.

Wednesday, July 2

9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

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

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford.

12 - 5 p.m.
American Legion Post 347, 1 Locust Ave., Flint Park Larchmont, NY.

Thursday, July 3

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

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Road, Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

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

Saturday, July 5

9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

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

Sunday, July 6

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

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, June 30

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

5:30 p.m.
Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors Meeting.

6:30 p.m.
Board of Health Regular Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

Tuesday, July 1

4 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

Wednesday, July 2

6 p.m.
FS Hamill Rink Task Force Meeting. Mazza Room and Virtual via Zoom.

Monday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 9

10 a.m.
BET Audit Committee.

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

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

6 p.m.
FS Hamill Rink Task Force Meeting. Cone Room and Virtual via Zoom.

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

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

7 p.m.
PZBA Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE:

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, July 14

5:30 p.m.
La Vie En Rouge Paris Jazz & Swing. Bistro V, Greenwich. RSVP. audreyappleby.com

Monday, August 11

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

Sunday, Sept. 7

3 p.m.
The Annual Lighthouse Tea Dance – benefitting Lighthouse, a Kids In Crisis program. Foundation House, Greenwich. kicteadance2025.givesmart.com

Monday, Sept. 8

1 p.m.
Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo’s 19th Annual Golf Tournament. Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield. beardsleyzoo.org/golf.html

Thursday, Sept. 18

5:30 p.m.
Celebrating Our Mentors - A Fundraiser to Support Women’s Mentoring Network. Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich. eventbrite.com/e/1412520158819

Sunday, Sept. 21

10 a.m.
‘Puttin’ on the Dog.’ Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, Greenwich. adoptadog.org

Thursday, Sept. 25

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

Monday, Sept. 29

9:30 a.m.
The 28th Annual Kids Challenge Golf Tournament, benefitting Kids In Crisis. Shorehaven Golf Club, Norwalk. kic-golf2025.givesmart.com

Saturday, Oct. 18

6 p.m.
The Special Education Legal Fund’s (S.E.L.F.) “Homecoming 2025” fundraising gala. Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich. bit.ly/SELFHomecoming2025

Saturday, Nov. 8

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

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

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

2 p.m.
Friday Flicks: Sonic the Hedgehog 3. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

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

7:30 p.m.
Curtain Call presents The Sponge Bob Musical. The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (June 27 & 28). curtaincallinc.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

10 a.m.
New Canaan Land Trust’s Last Saturday on the Trail: Magic of the Fireflies Firefly Sanctuary, 34 Sleepy Hollow Road, New Canaan. newcanaanlandtrust.org/events

11:30 a.m.
Nature Camp: Farm Fun. Ferguson Library – Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

2 p.m.
Know Your Inner Universe: Unlock Your Mind & Self - Through Breathing. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

MONDAY, JUNE 30

11:30 a.m.
Balance Boost: Injury Prevention Through Physical Therapy. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

TUESDAY, JULY 1

9 a.m.
Summer Days at Stepping Stones. Stepping Stones Museum for Children – Mathews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk. stepping-stonesmuseum.org/summer

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, JULY 2

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

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 True statement
5 Improvise in jazz
9 Strongly suggests
14 ____ vera gel
15 Scandinavian furniture store
16 Medieval Scandinavian language
17 *What studying many pages makes you good at?
19 Old-timey chalkboard material
20 “Code Switch” network
21 Totenberg or Simone
22 Alternative to a ballpoint
23 U.S. Poet Laureate Joy
25 Wipe clean
26 *Chores assigned by a spouse, collectively
30 Lrk
33 Closing musical passage
34 Miley Cyrus’ musical sister
36 Chest muscle, informally
37 Bicycle brand
40 Bert and Ernie, e.g.
41 “____ the night before ...”
43 Move like sap
- 44 Make a speech
46 *Tool with inch marks
49 April payments
50 Stevie of Fleetwood Mac
53 42-Down calls
55 Not that?
57 Haven’t yet paid
59 Archaeologi-cal city in Jordan
60 Words of encourage-ment that also hint at each starred answer’s start
62 Mete out
63 “Jane ____”
64 Priority Mail org.
65 Ejects forcibly
66 Treble, for flute music
67 ____/them pronouns

DOWN

- 1 Bambi, for one
2 Hebrew letter before bet
3 Serpentine yoga pose
4 ____ Talks
5 Eyesight
6 Related (to)
7 Humongous: Prefix
8 Word after “frying” or “pie”
9 Steam open, say
10 Arrives like fog

- 11 Drink that might turn your tongue purple
12 East of Spain?
13 “I feel ____ and heard!”
18 Delights in (That was corny!)
22 Greek P
24 Circular currents
25 Reverberates
27 “Holy guacamole!”
28 Stretched tight
30 Like the name Joe, for a barista
31 Little salamander
32 One of 11 for the UConn women’s basketball team
35 Tool stored near a shovel
38 Tags along

- 39 Completely safe
42 Bird with a house variety
45 “Parks and ____” (2009-15 TV show, informally)
47 Americans living abroad, for short
48 Youth-assisting org.
51 ____ ball (toy with strands)
52 Make a choice on Tinder
53 Pros at 49-Across
54 “Rescue me!”
55 Texter’s “Bye for now!”
56 Bring on board
58 Site with handmade Mother’s Day gifts
60 “Just a ____!”
61 Chiding syllable

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Chain piece
5. Shed item for breaking dirt
8. (K) Jab in the ribs
12. (K) Brilliant notion
13. Quaint little home away from home
14. Like the desert
15. (K) Lion’s bellow
16. “And breakfast” go-with, on vacay
17. (K) Like tea in the summer
18. (K) Camel-like animal you can pet
20. (K) Powerful fighting force (2 words)
22. Recurring facial twitch
23. (K) One coming up to Santa’s knee?
24. (K) Creature with three toes
27. Reserved in public
29. One-up, as a verb
33. What many people draw at night (2 words)
36. Banish from one’s country
37. (K) A large, noisy crowd
38. (K) Place for notes or a mouse
39. Like the desert
41. (K) Hamster doc
43. Incredibly calm and peaceful
46. Like a wild throw
50. (K) One way to roll
51. No amount at all
53. Certain sandwich cookie
54. What a bargain hunter wants
55. Training-pants wearer
56. (K) Thin glass container in a laboratory
57. Another powerful fighting force

58. (K) “Do you have ____ more licorice?”
59. ____ Grey of tea fame
- DOWN
1. Type of money once spent in Rome
2. (K) “False” thing placed on a pedestal
3. Type of tide
4. Gold measurement
5. Grill alternative
6. (K) First number you learned
7. Provide with a quality or ability
8. Like some dental work
9. Seal consumer
10. Ukraine capital
11. Miniature whirlpool
19. Water storage tank
21. (K) Dribble like a baby
24. (K) Adam’s lady
25. Tex-____ (cuisine type)

26. (K) Prefix for “cycle” or “verse”
28. (K) Sweet potato
30. (K) Waiter’s reward
31. Now-common genetic letters
32. (K) Even plus 6-Down
34. (K) Like anyone 97 years old
35. Kind of shop that’s not the norm
40. Gossipmonger
42. With “treasure,” a very valuable find
43. (K) Common thirst quencher
44. Eternally, before “after”
45. (K) 500 sheets of copy paper
47. Opera solo
48. (K) Standing right next to
49. (K) Payment to cross a bridge
52. (K) Suffix with “affect”

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

Side of turkey?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

Elevators for cakes?
7-D) YEAST

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5/9 Form a Bond by Karen and Matthew Stock

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Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

The Sun’s entry into Cancer on June 20 shifts your focus to home and family matters. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your productivity, making it an ideal time to tackle domestic projects. Be cautious of the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day, which may introduce challenges requiring patience. The New Moon in Cancer on June 25 offers a chance to set new intentions related to your living situation or familial relationships.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Communication becomes a central theme as the Sun enters Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports productive conversations and learning endeavors. However, the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23 may cause misunderstandings; strive for clarity. The New Moon on June 25 is an opportune moment to initiate new writing projects or educational pursuits.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Financial matters come into focus with the Sun’s transition into Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 encourages strategic planning for income growth. Be mindful of the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day, which may present obstacles requiring careful navigation. The New Moon on June 25 is a favorable time to set financial goals and reassess your budget.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

As the Sun enters your sign on June 20, personal growth and self-reflection are highlighted. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 boosts your confidence and motivation. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may bring challenges that test your resilience. The New Moon in your sign on June 25 offers a powerful opportunity to set intentions for the year ahead.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

The Sun’s move into Cancer on June 20 encourages introspection and rest. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports behind-the-scenes efforts and spiritual practices. Be cautious of the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23, which may blur boundaries; maintain clarity. The New Moon on June 25 is an ideal time to release past burdens and focus on inner healing.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Social connections are emphasized as the Sun enters Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your ability to collaborate effectively. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may introduce tensions in group settings; approach with diplomacy. The New Moon on June 25 presents an opportunity to set goals related to community involvement and friendships.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Career and public image take center stage with the Sun’s transition into Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports strategic planning and professional growth. Be aware of the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23, which may cause confusion; seek clarity in communications. The New Moon on June 25 is a favorable time to set intentions for career advancement.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

The Sun’s entry into Cancer on June 20 encourages exploration and learning. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your drive to pursue new knowledge or travel. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may present challenges that require adaptability. The New Moon on June 25 offers a chance to set goals related to education or spiritual growth.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Financial planning and shared resources become focal points as the Sun enters Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports collaborative financial endeavors. Be cautious of the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23, which may lead to misunderstandings; ensure transparency. The New Moon on June 25 is an opportune moment to reassess joint financial goals.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Relationships are highlighted with the Sun’s transition into Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your ability to connect deeply with others. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may introduce challenges that test your commitment. The New Moon on June 25 offers a chance to set intentions for strengthening partnerships.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Daily routines and health come into focus as the Sun enters Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports the implementation of beneficial habits. Be mindful of the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23, which may cause confusion; maintain clarity in your goals. The New Moon on June 25 is an ideal time to set intentions for wellness and productivity.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Creative expression and leisure activities are emphasized with the Sun’s move into Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your inspiration and motivation. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may present obstacles that require perseverance. The New Moon on June 25 offers an opportunity to set goals related to artistic pursuits or hobbies.

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 energize (10)
2 walk like a penguin (6)
3 chips in (11)
4 trumpet-like red flower (9)
5 cover stories (6)
6 herb in Italian sausage (6)
7 in a scathingly biting way (9)

SOLUTIONS

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Previous Answers: FORENSICS 2. SWERVED 3. MANAGES
4. SHINED 5. LEADER 6. REVERENCE 7. PROCTOR

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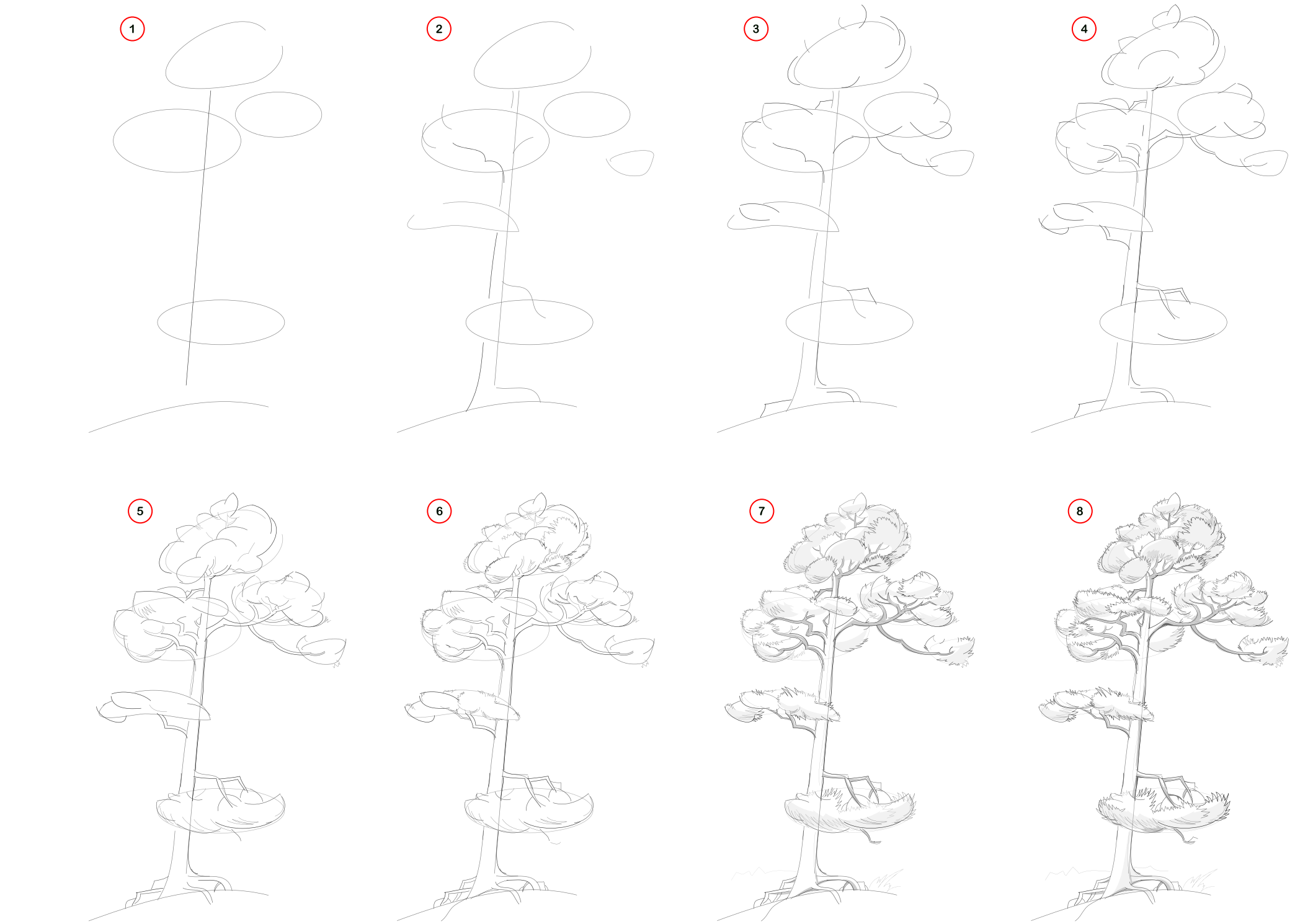
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How To Draw Many Ways: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

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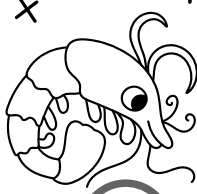
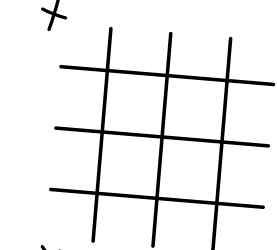
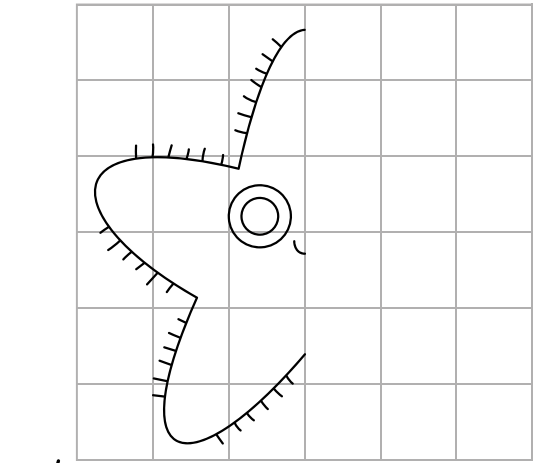
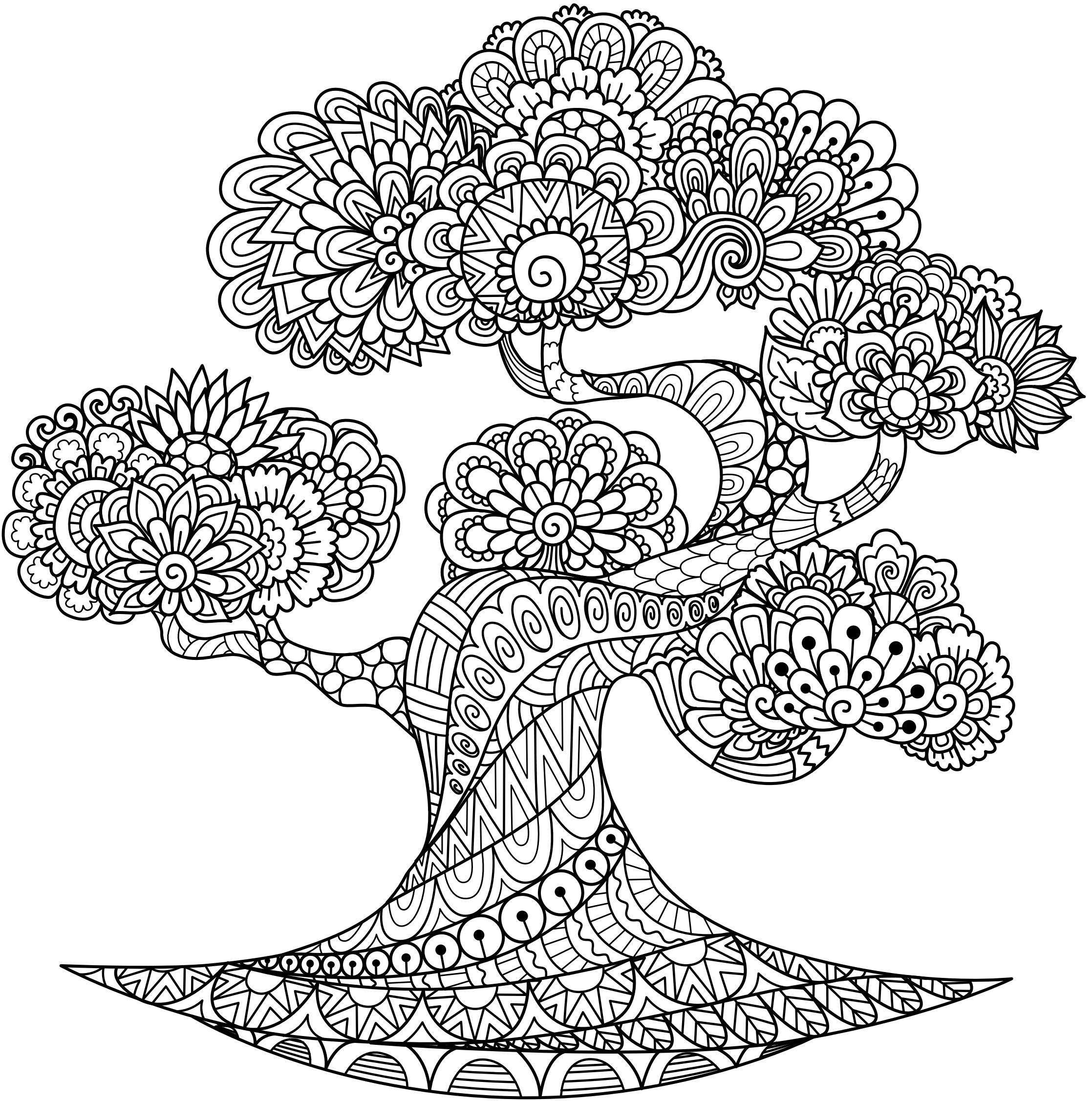
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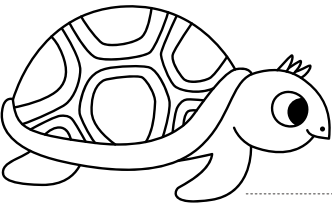
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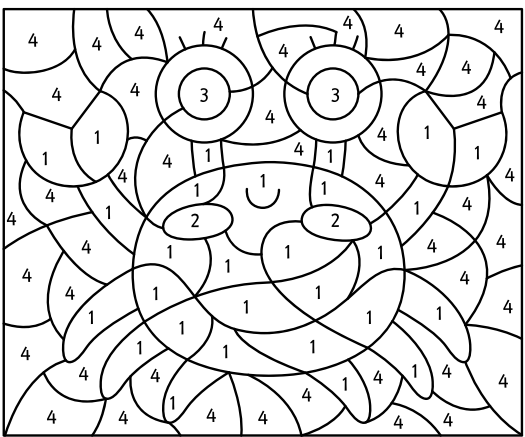
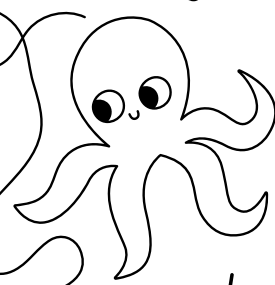
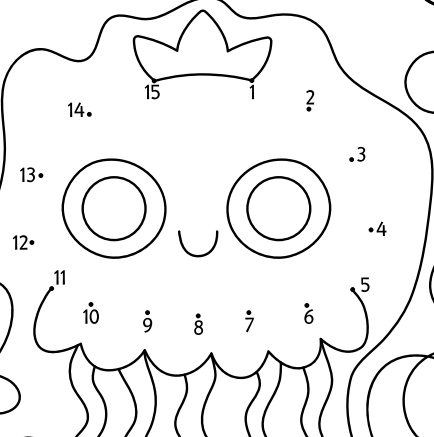
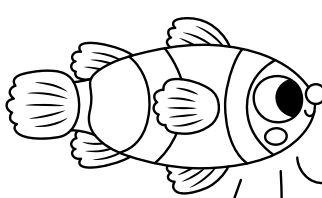
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Find objects in the puzzle and discover the hidden word



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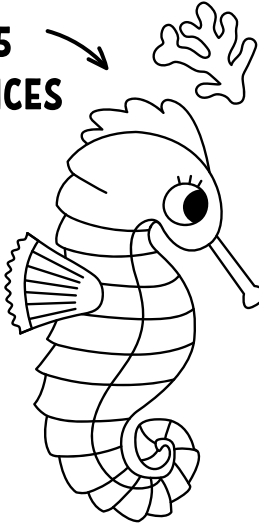
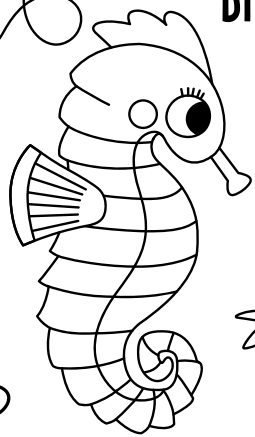
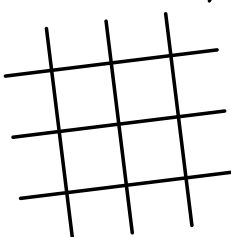
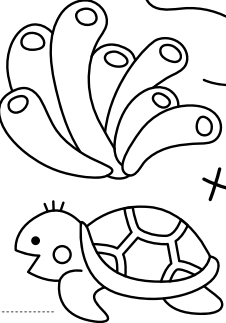


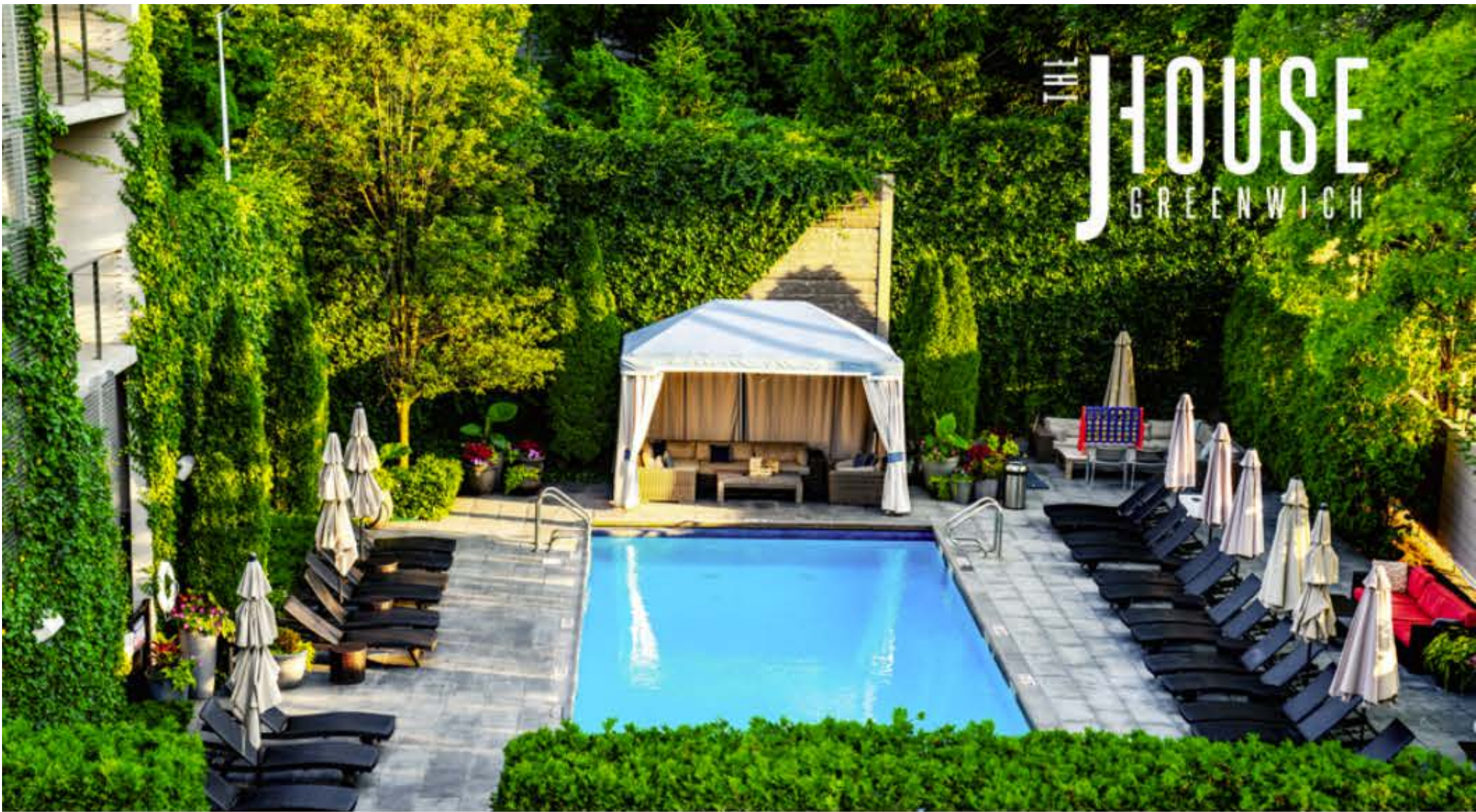
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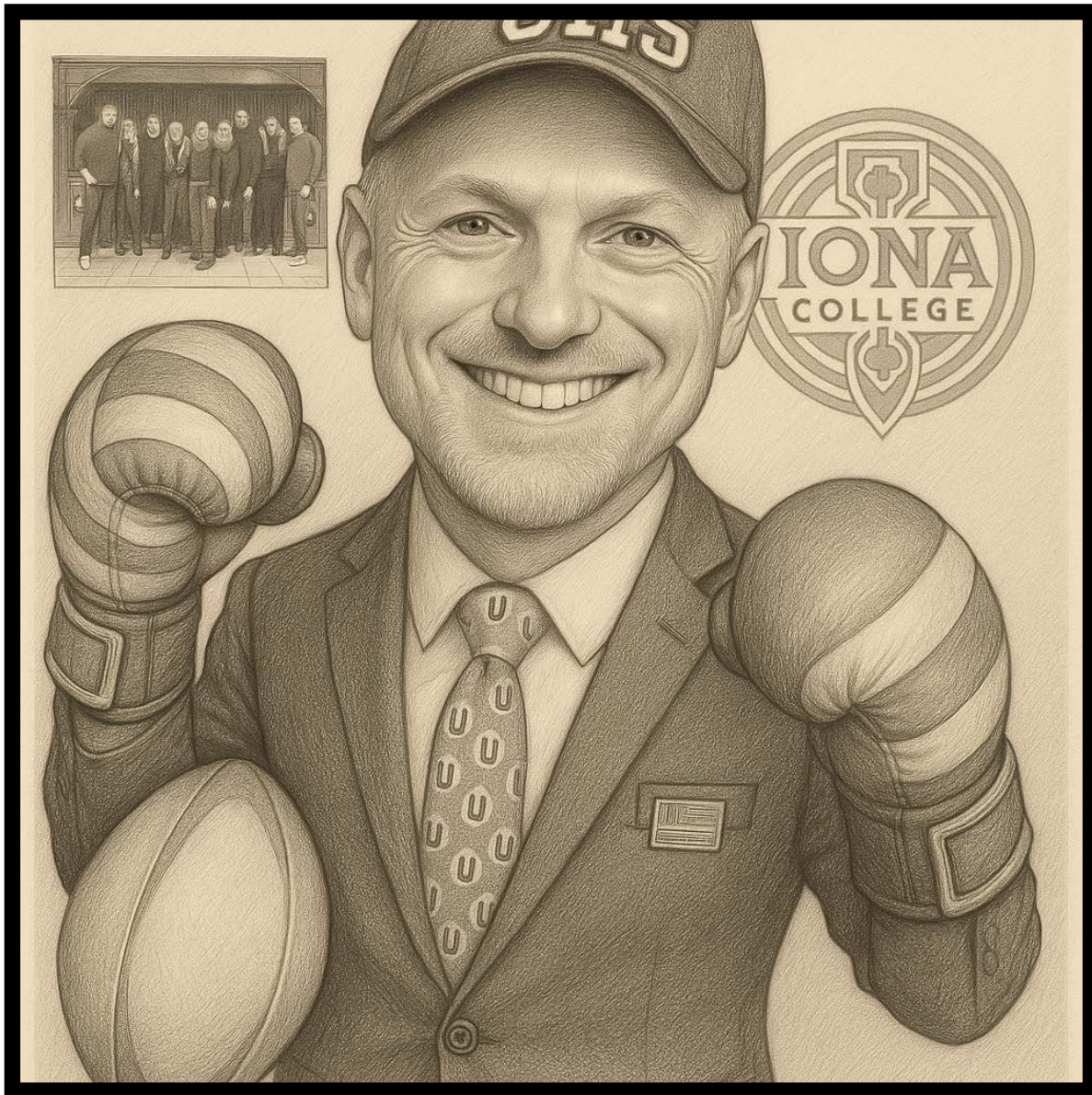
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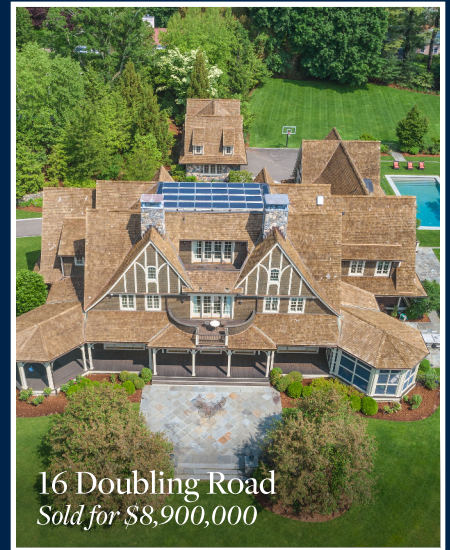
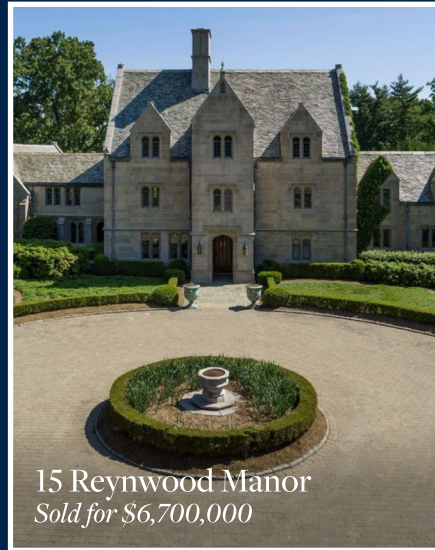


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Frank Gaudio, 2023
Stephen Walko, 2024
Joseph J. Kelly 2025

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Joe Kelly



In real estate, we talk a lot about property value—but the true worth of a town lies in the people who nurture it. Joe Kelly is one of those rare individuals whose commitment strengthens not just Greenwich, but our collective spirit.

I've watched Joe give his time and heart selflessly—whether in town meetings, over the phone, on the sidelines, or at construction sites. His generosity and hands-on dedication are reminders that Greenwich is more than a beautiful place to live—it's a community we build, protect, and improve together.

Thank you, Joe, for being a guardian of that ideal. People like you are the reason it's so easy, and rewarding, for me to help others make Greenwich their home.



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CONGRATULATIONS DAD!



Congratulations to the guy who manages to do so much for others and still be there for our family.

He's a leader who knows how to get things done and still have fun!

We are all very fortunate to have you in our lives always thinking of ways to eliminate the negative and accentuate the positive.

From 1983, the year we met, until now you have continued to impress me and your family with your involvements and accomplishments.

You are an inspiration to all of us to be the best we can be.

Thank you for being our family's strength and stability.

Team Kelly has no limits with your leadership. We look forward with excited anticipation to what you will do next!

Go Joe (& Dad)!

Love-

Jill, Kristi & Graeme, Brittani & Jaime,
Joe & Alexandra, and Kaitlin



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Joe Kelly

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Editorial Page

Editorial: Our Sentinel

Today, we gather to honor the Greenwich Sentinel Foundation's 2025 Sentinel Award recipient: Joe Kelly.

What defines a Sentinel? The answer lies in Joe himself. A Sentinel shows up—without needing the spotlight, without asking for applause. A Sentinel sees what others need and finds a way to help. A Sentinel protects, encourages, and rallies—not just in emergencies, but in everyday life. For ten years, the Sentinel Award has honored Greenwich residents who embody

that spirit. In Joe Kelly, we find it all: the heart of a coach, the discipline of a business leader, the courage of a unifier, and the compassion of a neighbor.

The Greenwich Sentinel Foundation is proud to host this annual tradition. The Foundation exists to support the community: to help our first responders, shine a light on our amazing houses of worship, lift up nonprofits, encourage young people, celebrate lives well-lived, and recognize the doers among us. Joe's values

align perfectly with that mission. Together, we aim to share stories of goodness, elevate local heroes, and build a community where character counts.

The Sentinel Award evening is not just a celebration of one person—it's a celebration of the best in all of us.

For all that we could say about Joe, we could not have said it better than Fred Camillo who captured Joe in his *Sentinel* column: *The Happy Warrior*.

The Happy Warrior

BY FRED CAMILLO

Tonight the Greenwich Sentinel Foundation honors Joe Kelly with the 10th annual Greenwich Sentinel Award. As with all the previous honorees, the Sentinel has chosen well.

Joe Kelly, or Coach Kelly to hundreds of former GHS Rugby players, has been in Greenwich since 1998, having moved here from New York via London with his equally active and popular wife, Jill, and their then very young family. In the three decades since arriving in his new hometown, Coach Kelly has left his mark in many different areas: coach, mentor, Board of Education member and chairman, volunteer fireman, and friend and neighbor to untold numbers of Greenwichites.

Whether coaching his team to 11 consecutive state championships (a legendary achievement that calls to mind Coach John Wooden and his amazing run at UCLA, Coach Red Auerbach of the Boston Celtics, and Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees), overseeing the construction of the new Cardinal Stadium, raising money for worthwhile causes, or mentoring so many young students and athletes, Joe Kelly has undertaken each task with energy, emotion, and enthusiasm that has rubbed off on all those in his presence. He leads by example. He leads with purpose. He leads with direction. These traits are what good

leaders exhibit.

In addition to all of this, Joe launched the Good News Game Plan, a podcast rooted in the very values he lives by: optimism, civility, and community spirit. The premise was simple but powerful—bring people together across differences and focus on what unites rather than divides. Every guest, no matter their background or views, was asked to keep the conversation constructive and positive. It was vintage Joe—turning a modern platform into a force for connection, mentorship, and encouragement.

Having been fortunate to meet Joe and his family when they first arrived in town, I can state without hesitation that he is the same person today as he was back in 1998. He is also the same in private as he is in public, a rarity in today's world.

Cheerfulness aside, someone who mistakes positivity for weakness does so at his or her own peril, as Joe Kelly has a competitive side that has always fueled his need to succeed, whether in business, on a playing field, or in the political arena. He will compete to win, and then be the first to extend the hand of friendship when the battle is over. That is what leaders do. That is what gentlemen do. That is what happy warriors do.

Please join me in celebrating a Greenwich treasure and this year's Greenwich Sentinel Award honoree, Joe Kelly.

Congratulations to Greenwich's Happy Warrior!



1 2025 Sentinel Honoree



2 Life partners, Jill and Joe



3 Guided by the Holy Trinity

4 Magnificent Kelly children



5 Shamrocks who feel lucky
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The Man Who Shows Up: Why Joe Kelly Is Greenwich's Tenth Sentinel

A Quiet Force Behind a Loud Impact

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

This year, he is also the tenth recipient of the Sentinel Award, an honor recognizing community members who lead by lifting others while remaining grounded in humility, kindness, and service. Kelly joins the company of past recipients like the first



As Chairman of the Board of Education (a position for which he was unanimously supported) Joe Kelly cuts the ribbon for the official re-opening of Cardinal Stadium on November 13, 2021. Photo by John Robben.

Sentinel, Police Chief Jim Heavey and the other Sentinels, each recognized for putting others

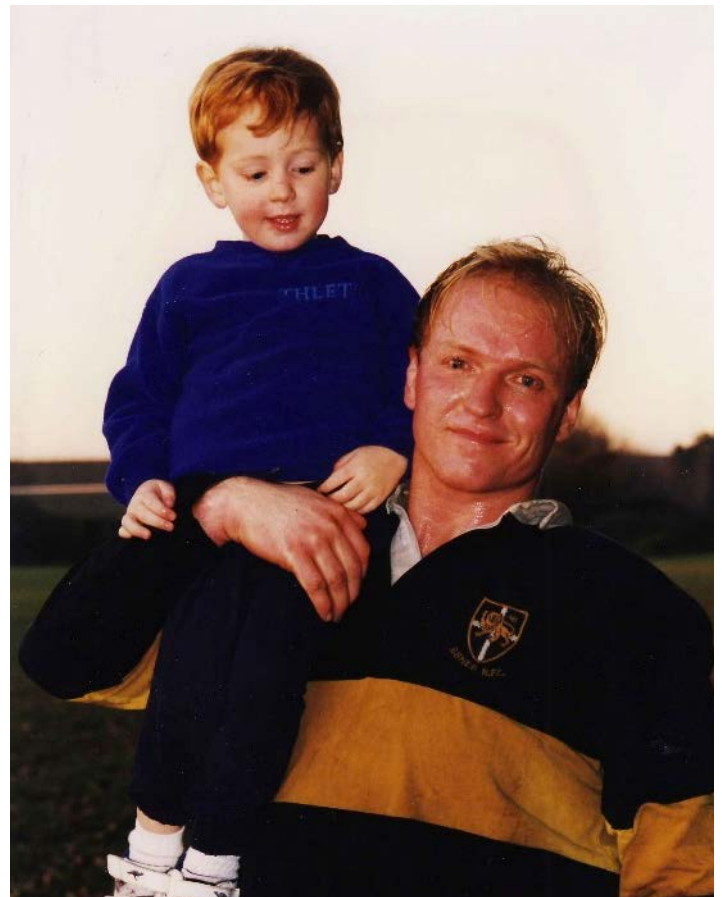
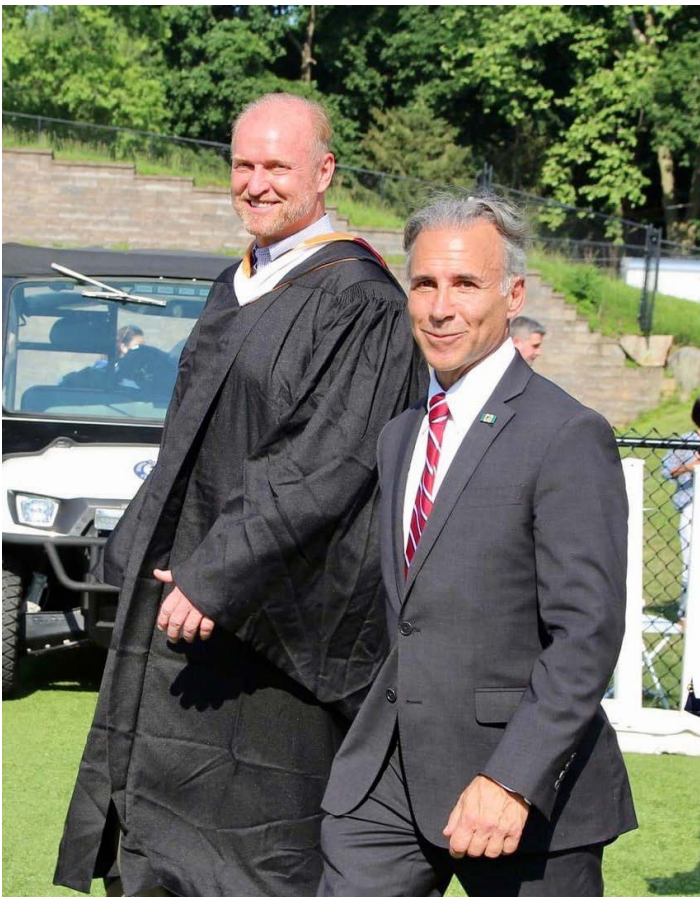
before themselves. Kelly, whose resume reads like five lifetimes compressed into one, is a fitting

honoree as the award reaches its tenth year.

Queens, Iona, and a Ticket Out

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

Though he entered Iona on a track and field scholarship, Kelly gravitated toward rugby, a



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sport that would later form the core of his community contributions in Greenwich. But finance was his degree, and Wall Street was his destination.

Tokyo, London, and a Career in Overdrive

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

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

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

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

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



parents to three children.

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

Unemployment as a Gift

Upon returning, Kelly was contractually barred from working for



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

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

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

From Fields to the Boardroom to Ground Zero

Professionally, Kelly returned to Wall Street and worked at Cantor Fitzgerald in 2000.

A disagreement with leadership led to his departure in the summer of 2001. Weeks later, the company’s offices were destroyed in the September 11 attacks. “I had friends, my brother, my sister-in-law working there,” he said. “They left with me. At the time I thought the worst thing had happened. It turns out it saved our lives.”

Kelly was downtown when the planes hit. “I walked to the towers. I was under the second tower when it was hit,” he said. After evacuating and returning to Greenwich, he joined his brother and returned to Ground Zero. “We did search and rescue for three days,” he said.

That experience led him to want to become a volunteer firefighter and so he and his brother both trained and served.

Coaching State Champions, Protecting Girls on the Field

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

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



two years under a non-compete agreement. “I was given a lucrative package, but I couldn’t have so much as a paper route,” he said. With his usual outlet—“being a workaholic”—cut off, Kelly was forced to do something he came to cherish—find balance.

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

Yet in that forced stillness, something shifted. Stripped of work,



around it.”

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

“Joe Jr. brings a sharper technical eye than I ever had,” Joe Sr. said. “But more importantly, he brings the same heart.”

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

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

Service on the Board of Education: Turning Defense into Offense

Joe Kelly joined the Greenwich Board of Education not by ambition, but by request. Originally tapped to run alongside Fred Camillo as Selectman, Kelly agreed to step aside when the RTC asked him to switch places with Lauren Rabin in order to help balance the ticket. “Whatever you guys need,” he said at the time. “Each one, I could just apply myself and have a ton of fun with.”

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

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



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Kelly's ability to absorb political heat—what he described as “jumping on the hand grenades”—allowed others on the Board to focus on improving the schools rather than navigating constant conflict. “It was simple stuff,” he said. “But it's hard to ask people to volunteer their time when it gets ugly. I don't mind. I come from the open outcry markets. You scream and yell all day, so nothing gets to me. It bounces off.”

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

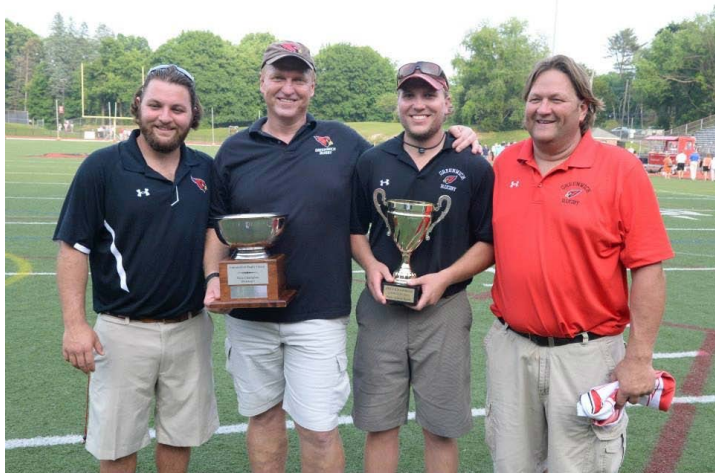
Reading People, Not Pages: Living with Dyslexia

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

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

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

Kelly also pointed out that many high achievers have managed



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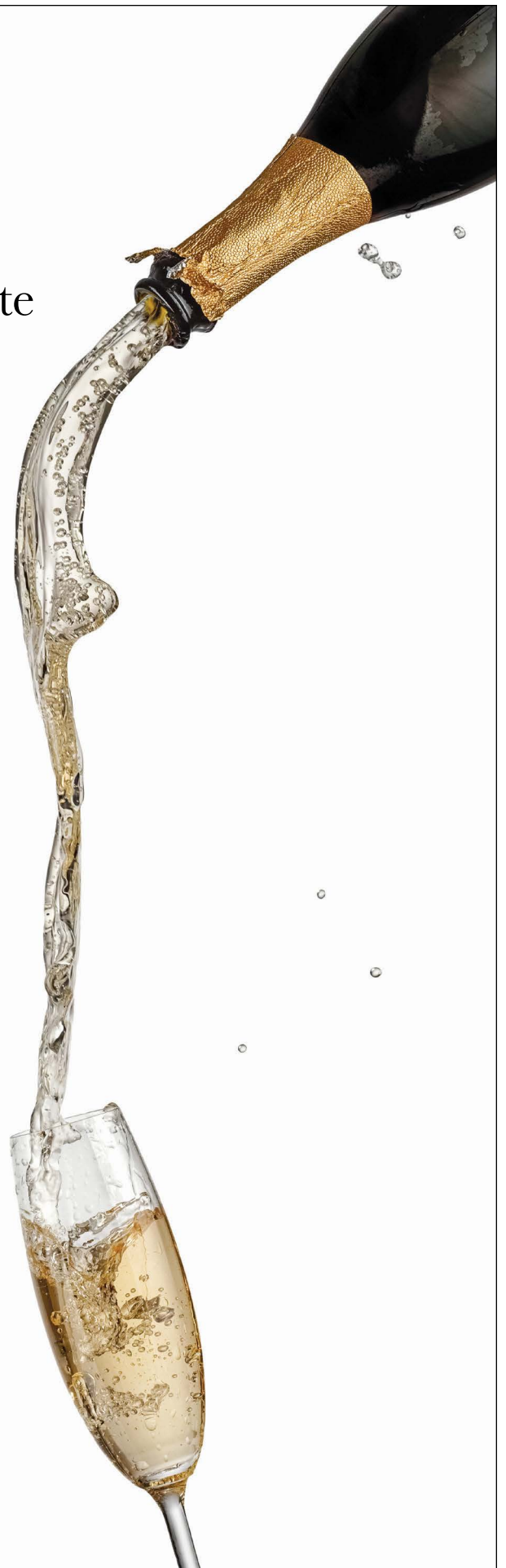
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dyslexia. “Richard Branson from Virgin Atlantic has it. Mr. Wonderful from Shark Tank has it,” he said. “What you do is learn coping skills. For me, I learned how to read people instead of paper.”

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

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

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

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.

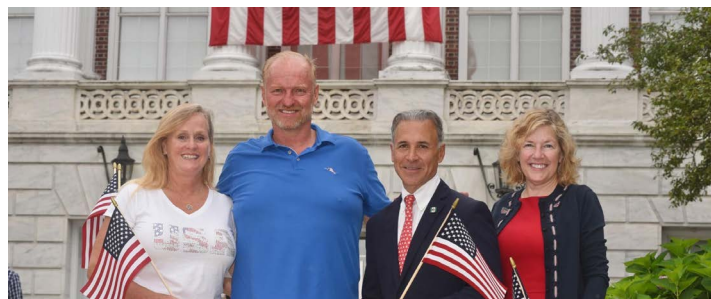
He coached kids to eleven state championships, covered team costs anonymously, helped dig through the rubble after 9/11, volunteered as a firefighter, and helped shape one of the most collegial Boards of Education in recent town history—all while building businesses and mentoring the next generation.

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

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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 as a volunteer firefighter, showing up 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 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





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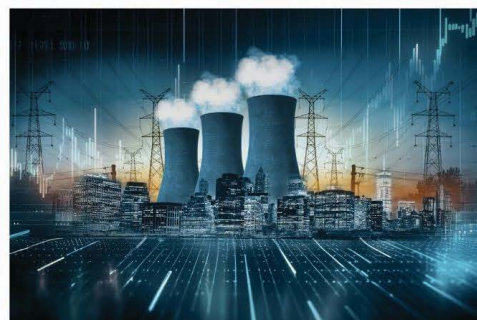


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personal as it was financial. "Fixing something that someone else depends on—that's incredibly rewarding."

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

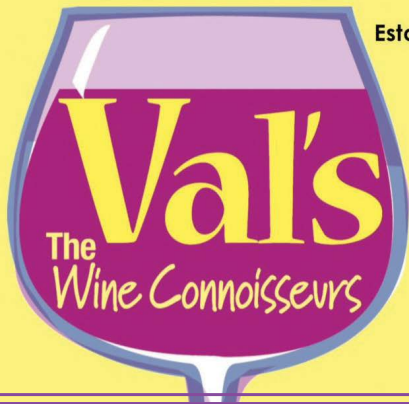
Kelly's passion for mentorship is longstanding. For nearly two decades, he has hosted high school and college interns each summer, teaching them business fundamentals, ethics, and communication. Some of his interns have gone on to careers in nuclear energy—one at the Pentagon, another designing systems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





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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



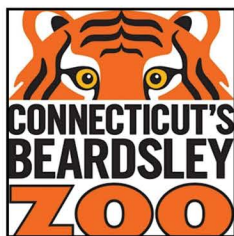
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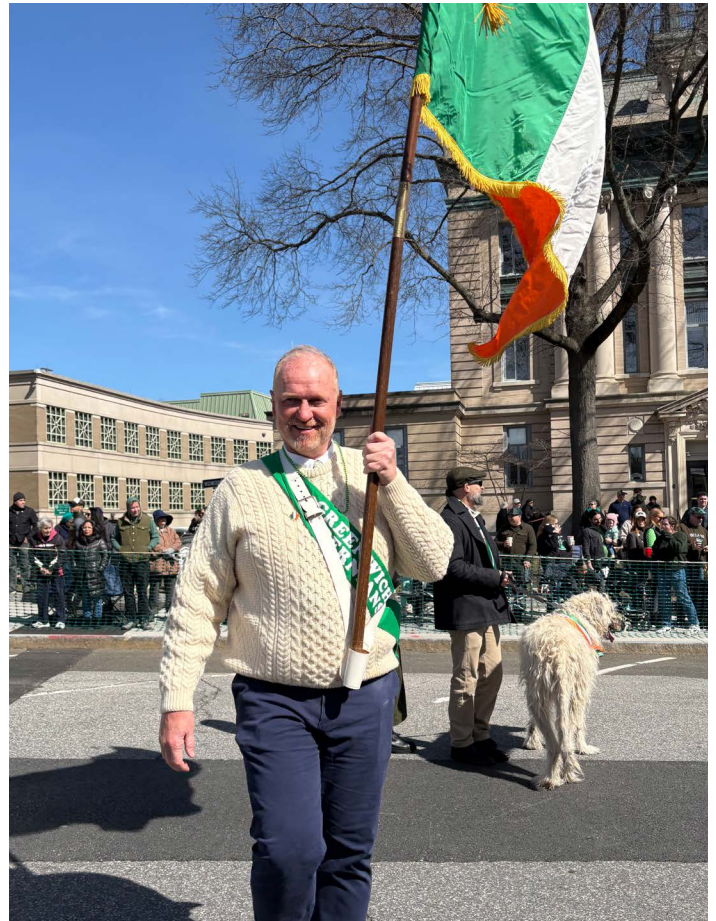
Kelly has done all of that—at scale, across decades, and in every corner of town life.

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, showed up in the middle of the night, and brought people together at tables that had grown too tense to be productive. He also supports almost every first responder organization in town.

And he does all of it while managing dyslexia, raising a family, and running global businesses. Not for accolades. For impact.

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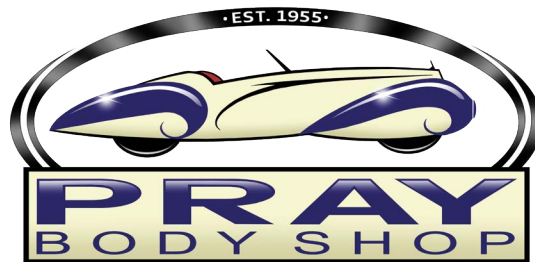


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