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POLICE & FIRE
Officer Completes Probation Successfully
Officer Scofield has completed her probationary period and received formal recognition from Chief Heavey. She now holds full status within the department. The transition marks the end of her initial evaluation phase. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

Tom Lenart Named Assistant Chief
The Greenwich Fire Department has appointed Tom Lenart as the new Assistant Chief of Operations. He was officially sworn in during a department ceremony. Lenart will oversee operational responsibilities within the department. Photo credit: Greenwich Fire Department

Greenwich Police Welcome New Officers
Rosana DiMaggio-Carolino and Kailey Ego have joined the Greenwich Police Department as new officers. DiMaggio-Carolino holds degrees in Sociology and Women's Studies and completed the GPD Citizens Police Academy. Ego earned a degree in Criminal Justice with a focus on Police Science and has prior experience with the Norwich Police Department and Connecticut State Police. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

FROM TOWN HALL
Boots and Shoes Program Returns
The Greenwich Department of Human Services Fund has launched its 2025 "Boots & Shoes" program to provide DSW gift cards to children from low-income families from back-to-school footwear. The program supports children ages 5 to 15 and distributed cards to 166 students last year. Donations can be made online or through Amazon, with gift cards distributed in August.

Joan Lynch Appointed Greenwich CFO
Joan Lynch became the Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller for the Town of Greenwich on July 1, 2025, succeeding Peter Mynarski following his retirement. She has worked in several finance

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Green Thoughts
BY ANNE W. SEMMES

"The best thing we can do to save the planet is very simple - waste nothing. Don't waste time. Don't waste money. Don't waste resources." The late Ceia Webb, an entrepreneuring Greenwich native, creator of numerous non-profits, while mothering five children including Beth Barhydt, editor/publisher of the Greenwich Sentinel.



Almost 400 gathered on Friday last week to celebrate Independence Day. Above: the crowd stands as Christina Kampler sings The Star-Spangled Banner after the flag was raised by the Color Guard from Army and Marine Veterans from American Legion Post 29 in recognition of America's two oldest military services. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

Town Honors Independence Day, Launches Yearlong Celebration of Nation's 250th

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Michael Aaron Hayden stood at Greenwich Town Hall on July 4, watching almost four hundred neighbors gather for the Independence Day ceremony. A Marine Corps veteran who flew jets off carriers in the Mediterranean during the Cold War, Hayden told the *Greenwich Sentinel* the day was especially meaningful to him.

"It is very special. I'm happy to still be here and to celebrate," he said in an interview. "With the strife that we have, the discord we have in this country right now, it's important that we recognize our roots and where we are going."

His reflections captured the deeper purpose behind Greenwich's celebration—a ceremony that was more than bunting and brass bands. It marked the official kickoff of America 250 | Greenwich, a yearlong commemoration of the nation's 250th birthday, with plans for historical exhibitions, community gatherings, and educational programs running

through July 4, 2026.

Established by First Selectman Fred Camillo in partnership with the Greenwich Historical Society, the America 250 | Greenwich Commission is an affiliate of the America 250 Connecticut Commission. Together, they aimed to inspire Greenwich to remember its own frontier history while imagining a collective future.

That sense of connection was everywhere at the celebration behind Town Hall. Neighbors in red, white, and blue fanned themselves in the July sun, waving flags provided by the Malcolm S. Pray Foundation. Volunteers scrambled for enough plates to serve birthday cake in the gazebo afterward—a happy testament to local turnout.

The morning began with the Sound Beach Community Band's trumpet call, a bright, brassy summons that seemed to wake the whole green. The Byram Veterans Association delivered a ceremonial rifle salute and, later, a solemn 21-

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gun salute after a moment of silence.

Edward Dadakis Remarks
Master of Ceremonies Edward Dadakis welcomed the crowd on behalf of the Independence Day Association of Greenwich. "We gather not to just mark a date but a profound moment in history," he said. "This is a day of pride, reflection, and gratitude for the bold vision that birthed our nation 249 years ago. It's a day to honor the courage, sacrifice and enduring spirit that continues to define who we are as a nation."

He also reminded the audience of the responsibility behind the pageantry. "It's nice to have cookouts and fireworks and parades," Dadakis said. "But

let's not forget the sacrifice it took to give us these freedoms. Let's teach our children what it means to be citizens, to serve, to stand up for what is right."

Maggie Wein, Co-Chair of the Independence Day Association, introduced local dignitaries before First Selectman Fred Camillo delivered his remarks.

Fred Camillo Remarks
"Most towns in the United States do have a story to tell, but I believe few as compelling as Greenwich," Camillo said. He described the Revolution-era town as truly split: Patriots to the north, Loyalists to the south in Westchester and across the Sound.

"Greenwich was evenly split 50/50, neighbor against

neighbor," he said. "It was a battleground. There was a lot of bloodshed here in Greenwich that lasted for a long time. We always hear about those brave men who signed the Declaration of Independence, but it was also a lot of people that we don't hear about who sacrificed everything—their house, their homes, their family, and in many cases their lives. They truly did meet the moment."

"So when we go to our cookouts and barbecues and parties today, it's nice to reflect on what they did. But let's do a little bit more than that. Let's endeavor in our daily lives to meet the moment, whether it's small or big, no matter what the issue is. Let's all try and meet the moment in everlasting memory of all those who gave us what we have today, which is freedom. Happy Birthday America."

Christina Kampler led the crowd in "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee," asking everyone to

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HDC Gives Unanimous Green Light for George H.W. Bush Statue



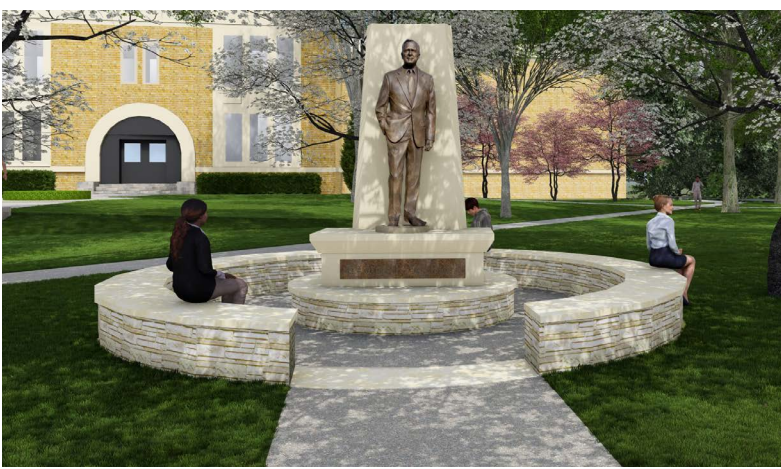
George Bush as a pilot, seated in an aircraft

By ANNE WHITE

The plan to honor President George H.W. Bush with a statue in downtown Greenwich is moving ahead after the Historic District Commission (HDC) voted unanimously to recommend the proposed location at Veterans Plaza Park, in front of the Havemeyer Building.

First Selectman Fred Camillo called the decision an important milestone in recognizing a local hero whose life was defined by service, courage, and statesmanship.

Bush grew up in Greenwich before enlisting in the U.S. Navy on his 18th birthday to fight in World War II. He became the youngest naval aviator of the time, flying 58 combat missions in the Pacific. In 1944, he was shot



An initial rendering from Conte & Conte of the statue to honor George H. W. Bush.

down while attacking a Japanese installation—bailing out over the ocean and being rescued by a U.S. submarine after completing his bombing run. Two crew members died in the attack. Bush received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his valor.

"He was the 41st President of the United States, a war hero, and someone who grew up here," Camillo said. "This is the perfect spot to honor him in the town he once called home."

The unanimous HDC vote means the recommendation now heads to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Supporters say Veterans Plaza Park—already home to memorials honoring those who served—is an especially fitting location to recognize Bush's extraordinary military service and decades of public leadership.

The statue project also reflects the

commitment of local professionals who have kept it moving forward. The late landscape architect John Conte worked on the design before his passing. His wife and son, who run the Greenwich firm Conte & Conte, have taken over the project to see it through.

Camillo praised the family's dedication. "John was wonderful to work with, and his family has been terrific in continuing his vision," he said.

With the HDC's green light, supporters say momentum is strong to ensure that Greenwich will soon have a permanent tribute to one of its own who answered his country's call—first as a young naval aviator, then as president.

"This is about honoring service and courage," Camillo said. "Greenwich should be proud."

Camillo to Announce

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

First Selectman Fred Camillo will officially launch his re-election campaign Monday, July 14, at 4:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the Board of Education Building on Greenwich Avenue, inviting supporters to hear the news in person.


Confirming the plan in an interview Wednesday morning, Camillo underscored his record of bipartisan work, personal relationships across party lines, and his vision for Greenwich as a model for the state.

"I not only love the job, but I love serving my hometown," he said. "We've gotten a lot of the things we said we'd work on in December of 2019 either done or in the midst of getting done. That makes me very proud. We've certainly transformed a lot of the town in several areas: public safety, pedestrian safety, outdoor dining, public-private partnerships, getting long-idle stalled projects done, and starting other ones that promise to be transformational."

Camillo emphasized his approach to collaboration both locally and on contentious state-level issues like housing mandates, where he works to protect Greenwich while offering solutions for the state. "I reached out to Bob Duff and Jason Rojas (both authors of parts of the 5002 Hartford omnibus housing bill). We had great conversations," Camillo said, describing his personal relationships with top legislative Democrats. "Even something as controversial as that, if you have open lines of communication where a lot of people don't,

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stand and wave their flags. Children and parents sang with equal enthusiasm.

Young People Take Center Stage

Local Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the GEMS Honor Guard added ceremonial weight with the presentation of 13 colonial flags.

Davi Moreira and Chris Crooks of the Arch Street Teen Center delivered “Ragged Old Flag” with earnest gravity.

Army and Marine Corps veterans from American Legion Post 29 served as Color Guard for the ceremonial flag-raising, honoring America’s two oldest military services during their own 250th year.

Bea Crumbine, founder of the Independence Day Association, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Students from Greenwich schools brought Thomas Jefferson’s words to life. Steele Barhydt, Emma Johnson, Campbell Medhurst, Fuller Medhurst, Annetta Solari, and Max Quigley stood proudly to read excerpts from the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident...”

Mary Ellen LeBien offered reflections on Greenwich’s earliest settlers and descendants, reminding everyone that the town’s history isn’t just in textbooks but in family names and local soil.

Good Citizen Awards

Good Citizen Awards were presented by Natalie Pray and Maggie Wein to students chosen by their schools: Zara Haque (Greenwich High School), Matias Hood (Greenwich Country Day), Ainsley Clogh (Sacred Heart), Cosimo Giovine (Brunswick School), and Alice Grace (Greenwich Academy).

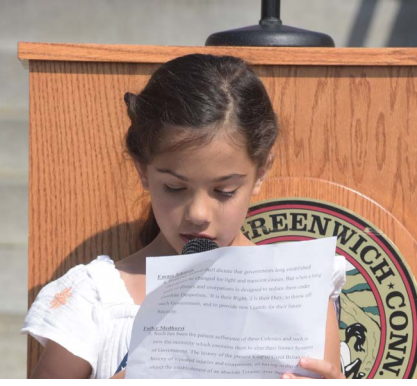
Greenwich’s Fallen

Frederick Floyd Nagle, Chairman Emeritus of the Yale Veterans Association and a Vietnam War combat veteran, read the names of Greenwich’s Revolutionary War fallen: Joseph Banks, Daniel Carter, Samuel Close, Daniel Darrow, Thomas Hitchcock Sr., Nathaniel Jessup, Samuel Knapp, Stephan Knapp, Timothy Lockwood Jr., Ebson Mead, Solomon Mead, Sylvanus Mead, Zabid Palmer, Benjamin Reynolds, Jonathan Reynolds, and John Rundle.

Afterward, people lingered over cake in the gazebo as the *Sentinel* chatted with Hayden and fellow veteran Peter LeBeau.

LeBeau reflected on the meaning of the day: “As usual, it was a very nice ceremony. Everybody spoke well. The weather cooperated. And in terms of our country, only a country as great as ours with the freedoms and liberties that we have could survive for 250 years. And I’m grateful to be an American.”

Neighbors chatted, veterans swapped stories, kids wiped frosting from their faces. It felt, for a moment, like a town perfectly in tune with its history—and determined to carry it forward.



FlyHouse edges out La Fe 17-16 in thrilling Gold Cup first round match



By LIZ LEAMY

Last Sunday was another golden summer moment full of high drama at the Greenwich Polo Club as FlyHouse edged out La Fe 17-16 in a thrilling first-round series match to mark a dramatic kickoff of the 2025 Interactive Brokers East Coast Gold Cup tournament that will be running through the month of July.

Clearly, these two formidable 16-goal teams were firing on all cylinders as all of the players and ponies flew around the vast Conyers Farm Field with remarkable speed and skill throughout this match, much to the exhilaration of the more than 3,000 people there in attendance.

In the end, FlyHouse triumphed over La Fe, the 2025 East Coast Silver Cup champions, due to the fact that Ezekiel Martinez (Wayne) Ferrario, the team's firecracker six goaler, knocked in his contingent's winning goal in overtime with incredible quickness and resolution to put his team at the top of the leaderboard over La Fe, which they had been tied with, 16-16 at the conclusion of the sixth chukker.

For the players, it was just about doing their best and giving it all they had.

"La Fe is a great team and we knew we had to be very strong," said Ferrario, who has emerged as a big Greenwich Polo Club crowd since he first commenced playing there several years ago. "It was good being out there today."

His teammates agreed.

"It was a really tough game and we were fighting until the end. We just tried to do our best, that's what mattered more

Ezekiel Martinez (Wayne) Ferrario (left) of FlyHouse goes head to head with Lucas Diaz Alberdi of La Fe (right) at last Sunday's Interactive Brokers East Coast Gold Cup first round match at the Greenwich Polo Club. (Photo courtesy of Claudia Suica)

than anything," said Nicolas Diaz Alberdi, FlyHouse's electric four goaler who was named Most Valuable Player of the match and whose brother, Lucas Diaz Alberdi, the renowned six goaler, played the number three position for La Fe. "It's always great to play here."

Notably, the five-star standard of Alberdi, Ferrario and everyone else involved in this showdown, both equine and human, was much appreciated by the crowd, who cheered for all of them all the way from its start to finish, something that further designated the energy of the event as electric.

"We always want to give 100 percent out there," said Ferrario.

The ever-powerful and mesmerizing faction of polo horses who played at an optimal level were also a huge crowd favorite with Valdi, a stunning charge ridden and lead by Lucio Fernandez Ocampo of La Fe, being named Best Playing Pony of the match due to his skills, quickness and work during the fourth and sixth chukkers.

It was particularly poignant to see onlookers, most of who were watching the game from the club's famous wooden grandstand or at one of its many white tents, cabanas and also tables and chairs set up alongside the field, be so involved in the action-packed happenings of this high-goal faceoff, designating this as an interactive and collaborative experience on so many fronts.

At the same time, streams of people

could be seen who were lined up at one of the food trucks and/or visiting the retail vendors at this event, including the ever-popular Greenwich Polo Club store that is operated and managed by Mark and Michael Steinberg, owners of TrailNetwork merchandise company based in Port Chester, New York and partner of the Greenwich Polo Club.

"It's always great being here. You can see everyone is always having such a nice time," said Mark Steinberg. "I also think people come to the store in order to bring home memories of being here and that really means everything to us."

Others concurred.

"This is an amazing place," said Alan Johnson of Greenwich whose band, Mojo, was playing at the Cottages and Gardens Media Players Tent throughout the afternoon. "You've got a world-class sport here with amazing horses and players, nature and people from so many different places all coming together on a summer Sunday afternoon. I mean, how much better can it be?"

Note: The six-team high-goal entry roster of the 2025 Interactive Brokers East Coast Silver Cup Tournament consists of FlyHouse, La Fe, Ronin Capital, Land Rover, Dracarys and DaVinci Windows.

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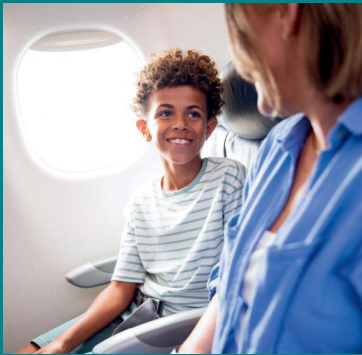
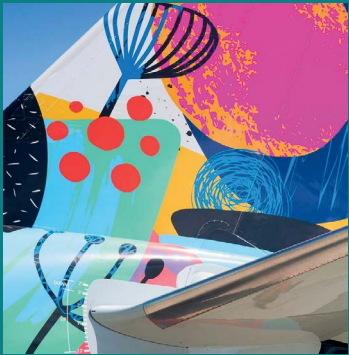


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Sorting out the Puzzle of My Medical Insurance at the Wallace Center

By ANNE W. SEMMES

On this past Fourth of July weekend this reporter was feeling gratitude for an organization in town that is supporting my ability to maintain my independence, regarding that important part of my life, my health. The story goes I received a phone call from someone I did not know who was offering me, for free, an improvement of my health insurance. How he was referred to me was a mystery. But he was a friendly gentleman, listed on the web, and he convinced me I could save substantial money with his insurance plans. Yes, I learned he is one of many insurance brokers out to “sell” insurance plans, to be compensated by those health insurance programs he assigns his clients.

But errors followed, a new plan had my first and middle name but not my last. My primary care doctor did not take my new insurance. Time to get help – the Commission on Aging at the Wallace Center - and yes, I am over 65. I was alerted that the Center offers counselor service on Medicare. I was assigned an insurance counselor, Heidi Nolte, who rescued me along with the prowess and leadership of Lori Contadino, who heads up the Commission on Aging. Surprised I was to be ushered into the conference room by Lori and Heidi to sort out my medical insurance situation.

Needless to say, my health insurance is back to where it was, and this counsel was all free! Time to spell out this worthy service with the help of Lori and Heidi. Lori begins. “I am the staff person who helps coordinate or lead the team – myself and four certified counselors... We’re certified through the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging Choices program...We accept no fees for service, and anyone, regardless of where they live,

can avail themselves of the service that we provide.” But “predominantly we serve folks in Fairfield County and the majority of folks live here in the town of Greenwich.”

Back story of Health Insurance Counseling program

It was in the 1990’s that this Health Insurance Counseling program kicked off tells Lori, “The first such counseling effort in the Southwest Region if not in the state. The original program was started by Maxine Goldstein, who was the Director of the Commission on Aging in co-operation with Family Centers.” Begun to counsel seniors on Medicare Supplements, “it grew to include Medicare D with the passage of the bill in 2006,” says Lori, adding that the Town’s Human Services Department has and continues to offer Medicaid counseling.

The especially busy time for that counseling team of five is during open enrollment from October 15 to December 7. “We track how many people we see during that time period,” tells Heidi, “Typically 350 to 500 people.” Add 150 “at least during the year, and with those new to Medicare,” says Lori, So, some 700 are getting free help, not counting numerous telephone inquiries.

The fact is, as this reporter has learned from her experience, and as Lori has stated, “The complexity of our health care is almost criminal – it’s so hard to navigate.”

“So first, we want to make certain that the plan that someone is enrolled in is the best possible plan for their individual needs,” says Lori. “And if we can help someone realize a financial savings, that’s what our goal is, and to make certain that all of their drugs are on a plan.” Heidi adds, “So when we enroll



In the Wallace Center conference room is L to R Lori Contadino, executive director of the Wallace Center, who heads up the Greenwich Commission on Aging, and leads the team of four other certified health insurance counselors, including Heidi Nolte. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

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Lori Contadino.

someone in a better drug plan for their particular list of medications, we track the savings of what they would save by switching drug plans.”

“We want folks to be in the driver’s seat to really understand their options,” says Lori. “Both Heidi and I teach folks how to navigate the Medicare plan finder, and how to understand the supplemental insurance. We know the complexity that’s inherent in Medicare and it’s shifting all the time, and we need to stay current with that.”

“So, we try to tease out in our conversation what are the most important things to the client,” tells Heidi. “And for some people it’s purely financial. For some people it’s ‘I want to have the most flexibility when I’m any place in the United States to make sure I have good coverage.’ So, by understanding an individual’s priorities, we can help them prioritize what

would be the best option.”

Couples, individuals, and caregivers

Count in couples seeking that necessary guidance. “Even if you come as a couple,” says Lori, “we count people as individuals because especially with drug plans and supplements, everyone needs their own. And the drug plans are based on an individual’s unique medication profile. You can have one drug company that is the best for you. And your spouse may have a completely different drug plan than you have. The same thing with a supplement. You may have a different health profile than your spouse, and perhaps you’re on a high-deductible supplemental plan and your spouse is on one of the most comprehensive coverage plans based on what they need. So, we listen to what the client tells us... The interactions are confidential, and we are bound by that.”

Count too Lori adds, “Sometimes it’s an adult child that has power of attorney for an older adult, and that person may be the decision maker on behalf of a parent.”

“It’s a pretty wide range of ages,” notes Heidi, “because we have people who are just hitting retirement who have always had a company plan, and now suddenly, they’re going to Medicare and they’re in a complete panic. When they worked for a company, they had a choice of two plans, and it was pretty easy. And now all of a sudden, they dive into this world of Medicare...And then we have much older adults who have been with the program for years, and they just come in and say, ‘I just want you to check that my plan is still good for next year.’”

Those insurance recruiters

But, returning to those pitfalls of seniors being recruited by insurance

brokers, Lori addresses. “They have something to sell, right? There’s something to gain. We have nothing to sell. This is a service. People seek us out. We’re not making cold calls to anyone’s home. People that have seen us in the past will receive one mailing a year from the office of the Commission on Aging, reminding them that Medicare D open enrollment is coming. If you want an appointment to meet with a counselor, we give them the date that we will start scheduling... But we find that it’s a very predatory environment around Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, drug plans, supplemental plans... And if it sounds too good to be true, it’s often too good to be true. Our rule of thumb is if they want to send you information, you accept the information, you can bring it in to review it with us but make no decisions over the phone.”

Those wanting basic information on Medicare can visit the Commission on Aging website at greenwichct.gov/1785/medicare-insurance-counseling. “We also put the supplemental plan rate sheets on the website,” tells Lori, “And there’s a registration form if you want to meet with our counseling team.”

Heidi has a final suggestion. “We would just encourage people who are approaching retirement at whatever age to come talk to us if they want help sorting this out, and to remind people, that just like with your eyes, an annual checkup of what your insurance coverage is, is very reassuring and potentially money saving.”

For more information on insurance counseling call the Greenwich Commission on Aging at 203-862-6710.

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With patience and understanding gently wrapped in human dignity and respect, we can help remove the barriers, seen and unseen, for even the strongest, self-reliant individual for the benefit of the caregiver and loved one alike.



By RUSSELL R. BARKSDALE, JR.

If you were raised by parents or grandparents born before 1930, you likely absorbed a profound ethic of self-reliance and personal responsibility. This generation—aptly named the “Greatest Generation” by Tom Brokaw—is remembered for its extraordinary sacrifices during the Great Depression and World War II. Their strength was forged in adversity, their values rooted in service, commitment, and quiet fortitude.

Yet, when members of this generation or those deeply shaped by its ethos become caregivers later in life, especially for a spouse, the very traits that once empowered them can become sources of hidden strain. Research consistently shows that being a caregiver, particularly in later adulthood, can take a heavy toll on one’s physical, emotional, cognitive health, and overall well-being.

Caregiving, while an act of deep devotion, is rarely without personal cost. It can be physically strenuous, emotionally draining, and socially isolating. The emotional complexity intensifies when the care recipient is a life partner—a person with whom one has shared decades of memories and mutual support.

Cultural and generational

influences often lead senior caregivers to assume this burden in silence, guided by values that can now inadvertently negatively contribute to their own well-being:

1. An Unshakable Sense of Duty

Caregiving is not just an obligation—it’s a sacred vow. The words “in sickness and in health” were taken quite literally. Delegating such care may feel like a betrayal of marital and moral responsibilities and accepting help may equate to personal failure.

2. Stoicism and Endurance

Shaped by hardship, this generation learned to “make do” and “tough it out.” Showing vulnerability or admitting fatigue may be considered a sign of weakness. As a result, even when overwhelmed, many will resist asking for or accepting assistance.

3. Reluctance to Seek Help

Many adults influenced by this era equate asking for help with being a burden. There is a deep-seated fear of being judged or pitied. In their minds, caregiving is an expected role, not something that warrants special attention or assistance.

4. Privacy and Modesty

This generation values discretion and often views outside intervention as intrusive. Medical or personal care issues are regarded as private matters, meant to be handled within the marital bond. Trust in external support is limited, especially if it feels impersonal.

5. Fear of Losing Control

Accepting help may also feel

like relinquishing control—not just over caregiving tasks, but over the household, finances, and even the care recipient’s dignity. The fear of becoming irrelevant or being perceived as incapable may loom large.

For those supporting a caregiver shaped by this generational mindset, the most effective approach is grounded in respect and affirmation. Acknowledge their strength and resilience. Frame offers of help as tools to enhance their loved one’s care—not as a suggestion that they are failing.

Yet, it’s vital to recognize the risks caregivers face for themselves—no matter how committed or resilient they may be:

Declining Physical Health: Prolonged stress elevates the risk of hypertension, heart disease, and a weakened immune system. Sleep deprivation is common, particularly when caring for someone with dementia or mobility issues. Physical injuries from lifting or supporting a loved one are not uncommon, and caregivers frequently neglect their own medical care.

Emotional and Mental Strain: Caregivers are significantly more likely to experience anxiety,

depression, and burnout. Many struggle with feelings of guilt when needing rest, and those fleeting private thoughts of resentment only deepen the emotional burden.

Cognitive and Social Consequences: As social connections wane, isolation takes root. Lack of engagement and intellectual stimulation can hasten cognitive decline and lead to a sense of purposelessness. Social isolation is a known risk factor for dementia among senior adults.

Financial Stress: For seniors, the fear of outliving savings is palpable. Caregiving can interrupt estate planning, delay legal preparations, and reduce oversight of household finances. The economic implications can be both immediate and long-term.

While caregiving is undeniably an expression of love and commitment, no one should bear its weight alone. Acknowledging the toll caregiving can take isn’t a betrayal of values, it’s a necessary act of self-preservation. When caregivers receive adequate support, the quality of care for their loved one can easily improve exponentially.

Fortunately, our community is home to a range of nonprofit, mission-driven providers who offer

compassionate, dignified support tailored to both caregivers and care recipients. There is no one-size-fits-all solution, but thankfully, there is an individualized path forward.

Care plans can include respite care, support groups, adult day programs, and services provided by specially trained home health aides, nurses, and therapists. These resources not only enhance the quality of care but also ensure that caregivers can safeguard their own health and well-being.

Even experienced healthcare professionals may not always know what support services are free, easily accessible, or covered by insurance. Today’s complex healthcare ecosystem is often confusing by design, filled with red tape, pre-certifications, complex terminology, and technological hurdles.

Thankfully, we live in a community where advanced navigation is freely provided. With patience and understanding gently wrapped in human dignity and respect, we can help remove the barriers, seen and unseen, for even the strongest, self-reliant individual for the benefit of the caregiver and loved one alike.

Russell R. Barksdale, Jr., PHD, MPA/MHA, FACHE is President and CEO Waveny LifeCare Network.

BY DAVID LANCASTER

Abraham Lincoln, the ever-prudent politician, wisely concluded: “You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can’t fool all the people all of the time.” Already adept at the first two practices, Greenwich’s Democrat representatives are working hard to disprove Honest Abe’s final warning.

Consider first this simple question: Why do local Democrats relentlessly press local Republican officials to condemn Trump’s policies, irrelevant to town governance, while Greenwich Democratic Representatives Arzeno and Meskers escape scrutiny for harmful legislation from Hartford that directly affects our quality of life?

I’m referring to Hartford House Bill HB 5002, misleadingly titled “An Act Concerning Housing and the Needs of Homeless Persons.” In reality, the bill became a brazen state power grab, stripping Connecticut municipalities of their sovereignty through “Fair Share” housing quotas and mandated transit-oriented development.

Representatives Arzeno and Meskers did vote “no” on HB 5002, a calculated move likely permitted by their party’s supermajority to shield them in swing districts like Greenwich. More than a few

Fairfield County Democrats also voted “no,” hinting at a coordinated strategy to protect vulnerable representatives while advancing Hartford’s agenda unchallenged.

Beyond their hollow votes, they also failed to support key amendments that could have mitigated the bill’s impact. These amendments would have allowed accessory apartments to be included as affordable housing units and would have exempted municipalities from submitting housing plans if they met the 10% threshold of affordable housing units under 8-30g “Affordable Housing Land Use Appeals Procedure”. The amendments were tailored to protect zoning autonomy. The other proposed amendments were attempts to extend tight time frames, protect rural areas and watersheds (drainage basins), reduce administrative costs and regulatory reporting burdens. They also sought to eliminate “as of right” development (translation: towns having no say in their development) and soften penalties for non-compliance. Messrs. Arzeno and Meskers repeatedly pledged to defend local zoning on the campaign trail. Yet, there’s no evidence of their advocacy—no speeches, no votes for protective amendments, no effort to safeguard Greenwich’s independence. Their silence stands in stark contrast to Senator Ryan Fazio who backed Senate Schedule A which made transit-oriented development voluntary,

Fooling the People

Why didn’t they fight for Greenwich’s zoning rights on HB 5002?

freeing towns from state pressure to rezone near train stations for high-density housing. Representative Tina Courpas also spoke out vigorously against the state overreach regarding the sovereignty of Greenwich’s zoning.

If Representative Meskers expressed concerns about HB 5002’s scope, why didn’t he or Representative Arzeno support the amendments to curb the bill’s ambitions? Their inaction betrayed their loyalty to Hartford’s party bosses over Greenwich’s residents. Mr. Meskers praised the previous legislative session’s “Work, Live, Ride” bill, which he and Mr. Arzeno backed after securing minor “local-friendly” amendments only for it to fail in the Senate thanks to Senator Fazio’s filibuster. Their selective engagement raises a critical question: Why didn’t they fight for

Greenwich’s zoning rights on HB 5002? Why did Messrs. Meskers and Arzeno vote for the strike-all bill amendments (A and B), which paved the way for a bill with a narrow focus on homelessness to an omnibus housing reform.

Greenwich deserves political leaders who don’t hide behind token “no” votes but fiercely defend our zoning autonomy at every turn. The only Greenwich Democrat to take a stand was Governor Ned Lamont, a Greenwich resident, who vetoed this undemocratic overreach. Messrs. Arzeno and Meskers had clear opportunities to back corrective amendments as Representative Tina Courpas and Senator Ryan Fazio did, but they chose silence. They endlessly boast about having ‘a seat at the table’ as majority Democrats, but they never use their influence to challenge their party’s harmful policies like HB 5002. Their inaction was tantamount to consent to Hartford’s mandates, prioritizing party loyalty over Greenwich’s interests. Our town’s future depends on representatives who prioritize Greenwich’s right to local control over its affairs rather than party ideology and the special interests of developers of every stripe. Lincoln’s timeless warning to public servants about fooling all the people all the time is standing the test of time in Greenwich. These political antics no longer fool some of the people for even a moment.

NEWS MAKERS

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roles within the town since 2019 and was officially appointed by the Board of Estimate and Taxation in May. In her new position, she is responsible for managing the town’s finances, overseeing reporting and budgeting systems, and maintaining fiscal compliance.

Greenwich Launches Annual Photo Contest

The Town of Greenwich is accepting submissions for its 5th Annual Community Photo Contest through July 31. Entries must be original, high-resolution, unedited photos taken within Greenwich that feature parks, recreation programs, or events. Participants must be 18 or older to submit, with up to four entries allowed per person.

Riverside School Renovation Committee Formed

The Board of Selectmen has approved the creation of a committee to oversee renovations at Riverside School. Residents interested in serving can apply through the Selectmen’s Nominations Advisory Committee. Applicants must live in town and be approved by both the Board of Selectmen and the Representative Town Meeting.

Town Seeks Architectural Committee Volunteers

Greenwich is seeking volunteers to join its Architectural Review Committee, which evaluates proposed commercial and multi-family construction and renovations. Applicants must be town residents and have interest or experience in architecture, planning, construction, landscaping, or preservation. The committee provides advisory input to the Planning and Zoning Commission to ensure design consistency with town standards.

AROUND TOWN

Greenwich Celebrates Bastille Day Together

The Alliance Française of Greenwich will host Bastille Day events on Monday, July 14, to mark the anniversary of the 1789 storming of the Bastille, a key event in the French Revolution. A morning ceremony at Greenwich Town Hall will include official remarks, flag-raising, and a reception. Evening activities include a French jazz event at Bistro V and a dinner at L’Escale, both requiring reservations.

Greenwich Launches Summer Paving Program

Greenwich’s annual summer paving program began July 7, starting in Byram and moving east to Old Greenwich. Work will occur weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., with police or flaggers managing traffic; access to homes and businesses will remain available. Driveway apron adjustments will follow paving where needed, excluding Belgian block or curbing.

American Oystercatchers Nest at Greenwich

A pair of American Oystercatchers is nesting at Greenwich Point for the first time in many years, indicating potential progress in local conservation. Their nesting area is fenced off and must not be disturbed, as the species is legally protected. Visitors are advised to avoid the area, remove trash, report disturbances, and consider volunteering for shorebird monitoring. Photo credit: Greenwich Shellfish Commision

New Holly Hill Permits Available

Starting July 1, 2025, all vehicles entering the Holly Hill Resource Recovery Facility must display a valid 2025–2026 entrance permit. Permits can be purchased online or in person, with one hanging tag issued per household. Lost or undelivered permits must be reported within one month or replaced at full cost.

Water Service Restored After Disruption

On July 8, 2025, a contractor working at 151 Hamilton Avenue in Chickahominy damaged an Aquarion water main, cutting off water to the area for most of the day. The incident disrupted traffic, which was rerouted through nearby streets, and caused issues for local businesses and services. Aquarion replaced a six-foot section of pipe, restoring water service by evening.

Martial Arts Studio Gains Approval

Greenwich Planning & Zoning approved a coastal site plan and special permit for JED Martial Arts LLC to open a studio at 30 South Water Street in Byram. The property, formerly a Bank of America branch, is owned by the DiFilippo and Farina families, who also own the neighboring building at 2 South Water Street. The commission approved the proposal with conditions related to parking, building modifications, and a class schedule.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Greenwich Students Join Civic Effort

The League of Women Voters of Greenwich is forming a student committee for grades 7–12 who live or attend school in Greenwich. The committee will focus on learning about government and promoting voter access and education. Applications are open to public and private school students and can be submitted online.

GrahamBerries Return for Summer Season

GrahamBerries are organic blueberries grown in upstate New York and sold seasonally in Greenwich and Darien through Abilis, a nonprofit that supports individuals with disabilities. The sale of the berries provides employment training for Abilis program participants. They are available at multiple local locations through mid-August, while supplies last.

Church Housing Expansion Plan Proposed

An application has been submitted to Greenwich Planning & Zoning to combine the properties at 30 and 38 West End Avenue in Old Greenwich, which include a church and a 1900-built house. The proposal includes retaining both existing buildings and constructing two new residences for clergy, along with increasing parking capacity from 76 to 102 spaces. The application, submitted by Joe Pecora on behalf of LHCC, includes requests for site plan, coastal site plan, and special permit approval.

Greenwich Library Announces 2025 Selection

Greenwich Library has selected The History of Sound by Ben Shattuck as the 2025 Greenwich Reads Together title. The book is a collection of twelve interconnected short stories set in New England across three centuries. Shattuck will speak at the library’s Berkley Theater on October 28, with the event also available via livestream.

Do It All Dudes Thrive

Three college students from Greenwich launched a summer business called Do It All Dudes, offering manual labor and event support services across Fairfield and Westchester Counties. The business began after one of them purchased a used pickup truck and was asked to help with odd jobs. They now operate regularly, providing services such as junk removal, lawn work, power washing, and event staffing.

Swimmers Raise Funds For Safety

On July 19, swimmers will participate in the 36th Annual One Mile Swim at Tod’s Point, organized by the Greenwich Swim Committee and YMCA of Greenwich. Proceeds support the YMCA’s swim safety programs and scholarships for children who need financial assistance. The event includes a one-mile swim in Long Island Sound, age-grouped heats, and awards for top finishers.

Greenwich Hospital Cancer Center Approved

Greenwich’s Planning & Zoning Commission approved the final application for Greenwich Hospital’s Smilow Cancer Center to renovate existing buildings rather than build new ones. The plan consolidates services within the hospital’s current footprint and shifts other medical functions to satellite locations. The hospital must report back on traffic, parking, and pedestrian safety one and two years after opening.

St. Roch Festival Returns

St. Roch’s Church in Chickahominy will hold its annual summer feast on church property from August 15–17, 2025, due to ongoing construction at the adjacent Hamilton Avenue School. The event will include rides, games, food vendors, live entertainment, and a religious procession. This change in location has occurred before during previous school construction.

Bruce Museum Offers Kids Free

The Bruce Museum in Greenwich will offer free weekend admission for up to four children under 18 with each paying adult from July 5 through August 31, 2025. The program is funded by an anonymous donor and aims to increase access to the museum’s exhibits and programs. Weekend activities include art and science sessions, a sustainability-themed Family Day on July 19, and two exhibitions: one on Indigenous basketry and another on climate change in Alaska.

Cos Cob Library Services Continue

The Cos Cob Branch Library is temporarily closed for renovation and expansion. During this time, library holds can be picked up at The Reading Room, 5 Suburban Avenue, Cos Cob. Pickup hours are Tuesday–Friday from 12–4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Riverside Garden Club Celebrates Community

The Riverside Garden Club concluded its 106th year with a luncheon recognizing members for contributions in horticulture, design, and civic work. The club also hosted 85 North Mianus School students at Binney Park for educational sessions on native plants, bees, and wildlife. Activities included expert-led talks and a scavenger hunt to reinforce learning.

Off-Beat Players Present Pippin

Off-Beat Players, an inclusive theater group based in Greenwich, will stage

the musical Pippin on July 31, August 1, and August 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kerrick Performing Arts Center at Greenwich Country Day School. The organization includes about 40 teens and young adults with and without disabilities and was founded in 2007 as a nonprofit. Tickets and details are available at www.offbeatplayers.org

Greenwich Students Lead Civic Simulations

The American Legion and its Auxiliary created the Girls and Boys State programs to teach high school students about state and national government through simulation. In 2025, six Greenwich High School students participated, taking on roles such as legislators, town officials, and candidates within fictional towns. The program includes elections, party affiliations, and legislative processes to build understanding of civic systems.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Peter Mynarski Retires After Distinguished Service

Peter Mynarski retired after nearly 21 years as Greenwich’s comptroller, concluding a career that began with the town in 1981. He led the Finance Department through multiple budget cycles and economic challenges, working with 11 Boards of Estimate and Taxation. Joan Lynch has been named the new comptroller.

Fuscaldo Honored With Teaching Award

Bethany Fuscaldo received the 2025 Joseph Mitchell Kaye Award from the Greenwich Kiwanis Club at the Havemeyer Building. She was selected by Greenwich Public Schools as its nominee for the Connecticut State Department of Education’s 2026 Teacher of the Year Program. Fuscaldo has worked in the district since 2007 and currently directs the orchestra at Greenwich High School.

SCHOOLS

GPS Appoints Wellness Coordinator

Greenwich Public Schools has appointed Jessica McEvily as the district’s new Coordinator of Student Wellness and Support. In this role, she will oversee mental health services and coordinate efforts among school counselors, psychologists, and social workers. McEvily previously served as assistant principal and school psychologist within the district. Photo credit: Greenwich Public Schools

Sacred Heart Educators Complete Pilgrimage

Six educators from Sacred Heart Greenwich walked over 120 kilometers of the Camino Francés from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela. They attended a Mass led by Archbishop Julián Barrio and witnessed the botafumeiro ceremony. The group also visited a network school in Seville and concluded their trip at Finisterre. Photo credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich

SPORTS

Greenwich Youth Sparks Yankees Win

A youth baseball team from Greenwich, Connecticut, introduced the Yankees’ starting lineup during a Sunday broadcast on the YES Network. That day, the Yankees broke a six-game losing streak by defeating the Mets 6-4, then won again against the Mariners after a rest day. The team’s recent wins followed the youth team’s appearance.

RMA Presents “Safe Haven: My Family’s Escape from Nazi Germany to Shanghai”



Professor Henry Tischler recounted his family’s desperate journey from Germany in the 1930s to the United States via Shanghai, China.

President Harry S. Truman issued directives granting priority to displaced persons, allowing many, including Tischler, to enter the United States.

By Rick Donohue

In a poignant presentation at the June 25 meeting of the Retired Men’s Association, Henry Tischler, a sociology professor and member of the community, shared his family’s remarkable journey in a talk entitled “Safe Haven: My Family’s Escape from Nazi Germany to Shanghai.” The talk became even more compelling as Tischler recounted his narrow escape from a recently disrupted educational trip to Israel, experiencing bomb shelters and disruptions that echoed his family’s past. This personal experience underscored the historical narrative of survival and displacement that defined his early life.

Tischler began by tracing his family’s deep roots in Germany, where they had been integrated into society for generations. Despite the rising tensions under the Nazi regime, his family, like many others, initially believed the situation would blow over. The turning point arrived with Kristallnacht, the “Night of Broken Glass,” on November 9-10, 1938. This violent pogrom saw 267 Jewish synagogues burned and 7,000 Jewish businesses damaged or destroyed. During this event, approximately 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to concentration camps like Dachau. Tischler’s father and grandfather narrowly avoided immediate arrest by happening to be not at home, only to find military officers searching for them upon their return. His grandfather, who had fought for Germany in World War I, naively believed his military service would protect him, a common sentiment among German Jews who had been fervent supporters of their country. Tragically, this belief proved false, and he was subsequently arrested and held in Dachau for three months.

Upon his release from Dachau in 1939, a grim condition was

imposed: he had to leave Germany. However, this presented a profound dilemma, as most countries had closed their borders to Jewish refugees. The unlikely “safe haven” emerged in Shanghai. For a brief 11-month window, due to Japan’s invasion of China, Shanghai had no passport control, allowing refugees to disembark without visas. This unique circumstance saved between 16,000 and 18,000 Jews, including Tischler’s family. The journey itself, on a luxurious Italian steamship from Genoa, offered a temporary respite, but the reality of Shanghai was stark. Refugees, including Tischler’s family, were housed in crowded, squalid conditions, often relying on soup kitchens. Assistance came from organizations like the Joint Distribution Committee, tirelessly aided by individuals like Laura Margolis, whom Tischler described as a hero for securing funds from the United States to support the refugees.

The family’s ordeal was far from over. In 1942, Josef Meisinger, a Nazi representative, approached Japanese authorities with a plan to exterminate Shanghai’s Jewish population through starvation and overwork. Although the Japanese rejected this genocidal plan, they did require all Jews who had arrived after 1937 to relocate to the Hongkou Ghetto. This one-square-mile area was already home to over 100,000 impoverished Chinese, leading to extreme overcrowding, hunger, and outbreaks of diseases like smallpox, malaria, and typhoid fever. Tischler’s father contracted typhoid fever during this period. The refugees, cut off from news, were unaware that their desperate circumstances were still preferable to the horrors unfolding in Europe.

Life in the ghetto was controlled by a Japanese official named Kanoh Goya, who, despite being referred to as the “King of the Jews,” sometimes treated them harshly

while also dispensing passes needed to leave the area. Despite the hardships, the refugees strove to create a semblance of normal life, establishing newspapers and schools, turning the ghetto into “Little Vienna.” The Japanese, while making life difficult, never actively participated in the Nazis genocidal plans, partly due to a mixture of respect for Jewish culture and an exaggerated assumption about Jewish wealth.

The war officially ended on September 3, 1945, the day Tischler was born, marking the disappearance of the ghetto boundaries. Even with the war over, leaving Shanghai proved challenging, taking Tischler’s family another 28 months. US Secretary of State Cordell Hull had maintained restrictive immigration policies, even turning away ships like the SS St. Louis. However, President Harry S. Truman issued directives granting priority to displaced persons, allowing many, including Tischler, to enter the United States. Tischler, born in China, was considered stateless, as China did not grant automatic citizenship by birth at the time.

Upon arrival in San Francisco and eventual relocation to Philadelphia, the family started anew with nothing. Tischler vividly described his father’s struggles: no formal education, limited skills, and poor English, forcing him into a demanding, low-paying factory job until retirement. Tischler himself faced academic difficulties in high school, but a counselor’s intervention and later his wife’s support proved pivotal in his path to becoming a professor.

His story, he reflected, encapsulates the “American immigrant story” – coming with nothing and building a life. He also noted that prominent individuals, such as Lawrence Tribe (a law professor at Harvard) and Peter Max (an artist), were among the

displaced persons who came through Shanghai, highlighting the significant contributions of this immigrant group.

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

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “The Troublemaker: How Jimmy Lai Became a Billionaire, Hong Kong’s Greatest Dissident, and China’s Most Feared Critic” by Mark Clifford, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Jimmy Lai escaped mainland China when he was twelve years old, at the height of a famine that killed tens of millions. In Hong Kong, he hustled and by his mid-twenties owned a factory that was supplying sweaters and shirts to some of the biggest brands in America. He was planning to create new businesses, but then came the Tiananmen Square democracy protest and the massacre of 1989.

His reaction to the violence was to start a newspaper to advocate for democracy in Hong Kong. Its mix of bold graphics, gossip, local news, and opposition to the Chinese Communist Party was an immediate hit. He also took his activism abroad, traveling frequently to Washington. China reacted with fury in 2019 when he met with Vice President Mike Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. A draconian new security law came into effect in Hong Kong in mid-2020, effectively making human rights advocacy and free speech a crime. Lai was arrested and convicted on trumped-up charges that could see him jailed for life, alleging “collusion with foreign forces” and printing seditious materials. China’s most famous political prisoner has been held in solitary confinement since 2020, while his supporters and family fight to have him freed. This is his story.

Mark L. Clifford is president of the Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation, an NGO dedicated to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law for the people of Hong Kong. Previously, he was executive director of the Hong Kong-based Asia Business Council, and a board director at Next Digital, the Hong Kong media giant founded and majority-owned by Lai. During his 28 years in Hong Kong, he served as editor-in-chief of both English-language newspapers, the South China Morning Post and The Standard, of which he was also publisher. He holds a PhD in Hong Kong history from the University of Hong Kong. Clifford has won numerous journalism, academic, and book awards, and is the author of The Troublemaker as well as Today Hong Kong, Tomorrow the World: What China’s Crackdown Reveals About Its Plans to End Freedom Everywhere.

To stream the presentation by Mark Clifford at 11 AM on Wednesday, July 9, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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

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Rooftop party marks golden commencement for stunning new 100 East building in Cos Cob

By Liz Leamy

Last Tuesday, more than 200 people gathered at 100 East Putnam Avenue in Cos Cob to celebrate the arrival of a stunning new luxury residential and retail building, 100 East, marking another great event sponsored by The First Bank of Greenwich who always supports the community and was one that symbolized an exciting new era for this area of town and its whole surrounding community.

This gorgeous structure, designed by Granoff Architects of Greenwich and brought to life through a venture between the Wellbuilt Company of Stamford and St. Katherine Group of Port Chester, has the presence of a crown jewel site, with it being based in the center of a vibrant neighborhood featuring easy access to so many key places including the Cos Cob Metro-North train station, Interstate 95, public and private schools, libraries, restaurants, parks, grocery stores, gyms, downtown Greenwich and other spots to help render one a truly dynamic and optimal lifestyle.

This event, organized by Daniel Suozzo/Westfair Productions and their staff, was held at the beautiful rooftop locale of 100 East as well as at its expansive parking area at its ground level and was certainly an

affair to remember on all counts.

Throughout the evening there, guests enjoyed live music performed by the outstanding band, ‘Chasing Romeo’ while also getting to experience delicious food, refreshments and other offerings of such local businesses as Pastaficio, Chicken Joe’s, Meli Melo, Marc Penvenne from Bistro V, Randy’s Post Wines & Spirits, Guy Fortt Eleven 86 Water and Pause Wellness Spa, among other local retail hotspots.

“This is an amazing place and this has been an amazing event,” said David S. Noto, Owner and Producer of the ever-popular Altanave Prosecco that is sold at Randy’s Post Wines & Spirits on 230 Post Road (owned by Randy Caravella of Greenwich) and whose table of prosecco at the event was very popular with guests. “This building is beautiful and it elevates and adds to the whole environment and energy here. I think it’s going to help further expand and grow the presence of Cos Cob and the area in a significant way, which is exciting.”

Others agreed. “It’s been a wonderful event and it’s really all about supporting one another,” said Frank Gaudio, Chief Executive Officer and President of The First Bank of Greenwich.

Notably, this event was lead by Scott Lumby and Mitch Kidd,



The band 'Chasing Romeo' performing at the event last Tuesday. (Photo by Liz Leamy)



Griff Harris Jr., Michael Imbrogno, Mitch Kidd and Scott Lumby at the memorable event sponsored by The First Bank of Greenwich that was held last Tuesday to celebrate the arrival of the stunning 100 East luxury residential and retail building in Cos Cob. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

both of who are Co-Founders of the Wellbuilt Company and Advisory Board members of The First Bank of Greenwich.

“Scott and Mitch are on the bank’s Advisory Board and everyone is here to help celebrate and support them,” said Gaudio. “We all work together and are there to support one another. That’s what it’s all about.”

The Wellbuilt Company’s figureheads had the same sentiments.

“It’s been great of The First Bank of Greenwich to bring everyone together to witness the end product, which we’re very

proud of,” said Lumby. “We’re very thankful for their support.”

Lumby also expressed his stellar regards for Cos Cob in terms of its whole character, energy and spirit.

“We’re big supporters of Cos Cob and really like the location of this property,” said Lumby. “It’s a great area.”

At the same time, Denise and Peter Rosato of the Rosato Team/Coldwell Banker located on Field Point Road in Greenwich also helped make much of the magic happen at this event, indicating teamwork is indeed what helps make the dream work, that is for certain.

Local businesses who provided food, refreshments and other offerings at the event:

- Pastaficio
- Meli Melo
- Marc Penvenne from Bistro V
- Chicken Joe’s
- Fjord Fish Market
- BE Chocolat
- Guy Fortt Eleven86 Water
- Randy’s Post Wines & Spirits
- Daniel Suozzo/Westfair Productions (Suozzo is also the Director of Special Events at the Greenwich Historical Society)
- Pause Wellness Spa
- Bob Gaudreau/Provence Rose’ Group by MDCV

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that helps. My opponents did not have those connections, especially across the aisle. I do, and I’m proud of that. That comes with time and effort and a lot of sweat equity. You have to work at relationships. They don’t just happen.”

He said both Duff and Rojas recognized that Greenwich’s housing strategy can serve as an example for other towns. “If you can come to Greenwich, see what we’ve done here, and promote that to other towns, see if that would help them get more affordable units—but in a local way and not through mandate from Hartford—then we’re happy to help. Because we’re a part of Connecticut,

we want Connecticut to thrive,” he said.

Camillo pointed to concrete gains in affordable housing. “Since I took office, we’re up over 14% over what we were, which is a lot in a short period of time. We have plans on the table that will get us to 7% overall in the next few years, which again is a huge jump,” he said. “There are other ideas that could take us even further. All done with local leadership and local ideas. No one knows what’s best for a municipality better than those who live there.”

Reflecting on his style, Camillo said, “When I was in the legislature, sometimes I would debate my friends across the aisle on budgetary measures and controversial items, but we did work together. Even if you disagree on a lot of things, to have a relationship and in many cases a friendship—that helped and even saved

some of my legislation that got passed into law.”

He also shared his hope for a more constructive civic culture. “I’ve always said, even with my toughest opponents, I want to have a good relationship. You can disagree, but you don’t have to be disagreeable. I think that’s what people want to see: adults in the room who can talk things through and make progress.”

Camillo said he hopes Greenwich will continue to set the tone for the rest of the state. “Greenwich is a leader in so many ways. We want to keep showing how you can do things thoughtfully, carefully, and collaboratively. We’re willing to put our ideas out there because we want all of Connecticut to succeed.”

He added: “Anybody who serves publicly, the main thing they try to do is always leave

things in a better condition than they found it, and to hand it off to future generations and office holders so they can build upon what you’ve done. Just like we’ve tried to build upon what others have done before us and to be transformational.”

Camillo credited the late former First Selectman Griff Harris as a model for transformative leadership and said Harris’s son, Griff Harris Jr., will formally nominate him on July 23. “I always patterned myself after that—to try and be transformative, build upon what we love about Greenwich and marry that with a brighter and bolder future,” Camillo said. “It takes a little more work, but it’s definitely worth it. And you’re seeing that now with the projects being done and just the look and feel of Greenwich.”

T.S. Eaton wows crowd with stunning art exhibit at GR Art Gallery

By Liz Leamy

Several weeks ago, T.S. (Tim) Eaton, the talented and renowned Stamford-based artist with strong Greenwich ties wowed those attending the opening of his exhibit in which many of his creations were centered around stunning nature-inspired themes at the expansive GR Art Gallery based at 1086 Long Ridge Road in Stamford.

This event, which drew more than 125 people, was a memorable one on all fronts as virtually everyone there was buzzing about his paintings with their dreamlike pastoral themes featuring such attributes as orange-hued skies, vibrant flower gardens, blue rivers and other things that made one feel as if they were practically present at that designated place in the work itself.

“I was first introduced to Tim Eaton and his artwork while a juror for an exhibit in Stamford,” said Emily Laura Derr of Stamford, Founder of Grassroots Impact creative Consultants/Art Collecting and friend and colleague of Eaton who wrote the forward of his book, ‘The Art of T.S. Eaton.’ “Tim’s painting intrigued and captivated me as it stood apart due to its mood and dreamlike qualities. Having seen his artwork in multiple exhibits, I feel transported into the painting, standing in a field or on a promontory secretly implicated in his natural vision.”

Eaton, who graduated from Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, where his art teacher, Richard Whitney first recognized his talent, also studied fine art

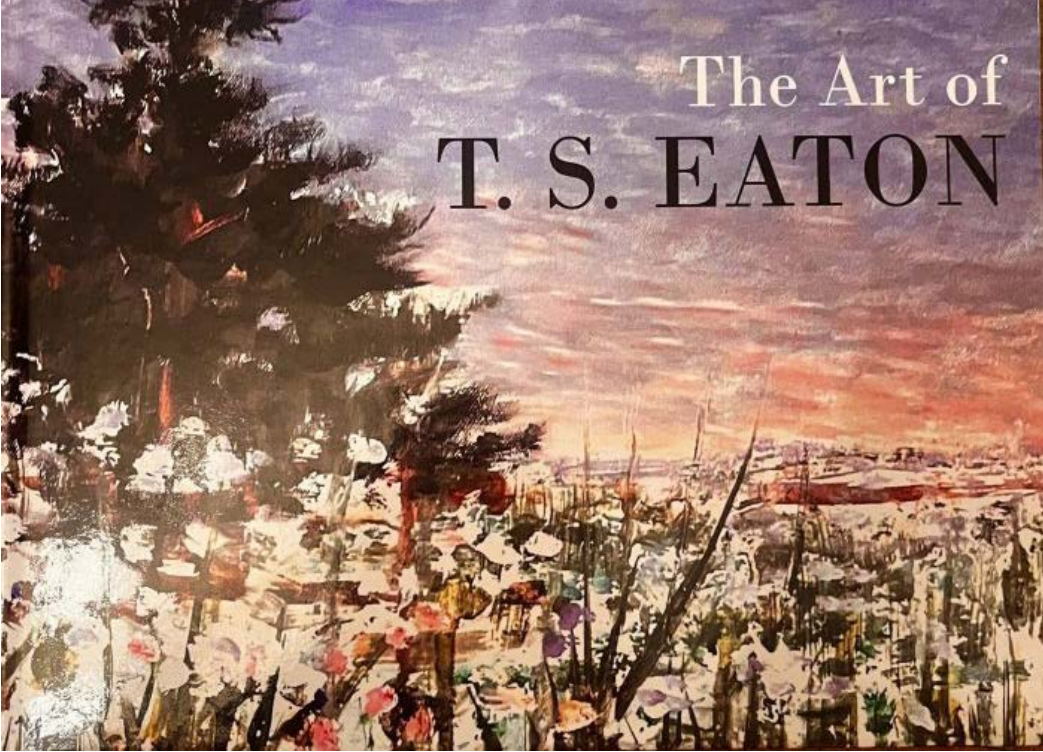
at the University of Vermont and the National School of Decorative Arts in Nice, France, respectively.

“His inspiration and artistic aspirations became a passion, sealed through his exposure to the myriad of museums in France and Italy where he had access to the original works of the great masters of the late 1800s through the mid 1900s,” said Derr. “Tim’s paintings express and embrace the seasons and the essence of plants, trees, water and skies steeped with his experience growing up in the northeastern U.S.”

This exhibit, which will be on display at the GR Art Gallery through August 25th and is free of charge to all visitors, features his extensive collection of paintings, prints and other works, which are all available for purchase. (Prints of any size can also be made of any of his paintings as well.)

“I’m thrilled with everything happening here tonight and so grateful to George (Pali, owner of the gallery) for helping to make this happen,” said Eaton, whose exhibit features more than 100 pieces of his work. “I just really love to do what I do and it’s also not just what I do, but who I am. It comes straight from the heart and I want to share this with people.”

Eaton, whose work has been displayed at the Slater Museum in Norwich, Connecticut and at the Westport Fine Arts Festival in Westport, will presenting his art in Maine, the Rockefeller Preserve Nature Center in Pleasantville, New York, the Bruce Museum Outdoor Crafts Festival in Greenwich



and the Serendipity Labs in Rye, New York this fall.

“It’s an exciting time and I’m so grateful for everything,” said Eaton.

The GR Art Gallery is a theme-oriented contemporary art gallery based on Long Ridge Road near the Merritt Parkway.

An architectural standout, it is known for its signature mosaic-designed portico above its entryway and is owned and operated by George Pali, an internationally renowned contemporary visual artist who has been painting since the age of seven.

In addition, Pali is a well-known contractor who built this venue in 2017 and has, since its opening that same year, emerged as a major supporter of artists, art and culture in the Fairfield and Westchester County areas due to his support of so many local artists and creators in regard to exhibiting their work on an ongoing basis at the gallery.

For more information,

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).

Heather Smeriglio
Tax Collector
Greenwich, Connecticut
203-622-7891

contact the GR Art Gallery at:

GR Art Gallery
1086 Long Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06903
203-274-7497
www.grartgalleries.com
GR Art Gallery Hours:
Wednesday-Saturday 12-6pm and Sunday 12-4pm, or anytime by appointment

T.S. Eaton’s book, ‘The Art of Eaton’ that was featured at his opening at the GR Art Gallery in Stamford last month.

His art will be on exhibit there through the end of August. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

COLUMN

Faith & Freedom: The Harmony of Jewish Heritage and American Ideals



By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

Following the commemoration of our nation's Independence Day, we American Jews have particular reason to reflect on our country's extraordinary blessings and the remarkable harmony between our Jewish heritage and American ideals.

Our Jewish American story began in 1654, when 23 Jewish refugees (fleeing Portuguese persecution in Brazil) disembarked in the Dutch Settlement of New Amsterdam and became the first Jewish settlers in what would eventually become the United States.

From our humble beginnings, American Jews have woven themselves into our nation's rich tapestry, contributing immeasurably to its growth, culture, and character.

We have found more within America than mere tolerance; we have found genuine acceptance and the opportunity to flourish.

President George Washington wrote a letter in 1790 on religious freedom to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island. Washington's words

became one of American history's most eloquent statements on religious freedom, and his words deserve our careful reflection:

"The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy—a policy worthy of imitation.

All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship.

It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for, happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

Washington concluded his letter with a blessing that resonates deeply with Jewish sensibilities:

"May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants—while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid.

May the father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness,

Our Judaism and Americanism don't merely coexist; they enrich and strengthen each other.

upon our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy."

Washington invoked the Hebrew Biblical imagery from the Book of Micah, sitting "under his own vine and fig tree," to convey the ancient Jewish hope praying for security, prosperity, and peace for all. And Washington's commitment to what he called "rules of civility and decent behavior" shaped the moral foundation of our republic.

As a sixteen-year-old, Washington transcribed 110 rules that would guide his and our Nation's character. These principles, adapted here, offer timeless wisdom:

- On Respect and Consideration:
- Every action in company should show respect for those present
 - Show nothing to your friend that may frighten him
 - Sleep not when others speak; sit not when others stand; speak not when you should hold your peace
- On Character and Demeanor:
- Let your countenance be pleasant, but in serious matters, be somewhat grave
 - You may feel satisfaction when justice is served, but always retain

- your compassion
 - When visiting the sick, refrain from playing physician
 - Avoid arrogance; be sweet and gentle in manner
- On Speech and Relationships:
- Express no joy before one who suffers
 - Use no reproachful language; neither curse nor revile
 - Associate with people of good character
 - Let conversation be free of malice or envy; in all matters, set aside passion and let reason govern
 - Don't criticize others or be excessive in commanding
 - Offer advice only when asked
- On Integrity and Faith:
- Don't undertake what you cannot perform, but carefully keep your promises
 - Speak of God and divine attributes with seriousness and reverence
 - Honor your parents
 - Let your recreations be wholesome
 - Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience
- The profound alignment between these American founding

principles and Jewish ethical teachings should fill us with pride and gratitude.

Our rabbinic sages, who codified the "Ethics of the Fathers" nearly two millennia ago, articulated values that find their echo in America's founding documents and Washington's moral vision.

Both traditions emphasize human dignity, justice tempered with mercy, the importance of community, and our responsibility to future generations.

Both recognize that freedom requires moral restraint, that rights come with responsibilities, and that a just society protects the vulnerable while encouraging individual excellence.

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The American experiment in religious liberty has allowed Jewish life to flourish as rarely seen before in history, while Jewish contributions to American law, science, arts, and public service have helped fulfill America's promise as a beacon to the world.

On Independence Day, we

celebrated our nation's birth and the ongoing miracle of a country where ancient wisdom, modern democracy, particular heritage, universal values, Jewish identity, and American citizenship exist in perfect harmony.

May God continue to bless America with peace, security, happiness, and prosperity.

May the rights and freedoms we cherish endure for generations yet to come.

May we prove worthy of both our heritage and our citizenship, contributing to the ongoing work of building a more perfect union.

Amen.

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.

COLUMN: MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Grandparenting in a Time of Big Feelings

By Shari L. Shapiro

The other day, I spoke with a friend who had just spent a week with her grandkids. She laughed as she told me how exhausted she was. "I used to think I raised three kids just fine," she said, "but now I'm apparently doing everything wrong. I put the bib on backwards. I gave too many snacks, and I didn't swaddle tight enough."

We both smiled, but there was a tenderness behind it. Being a grandparent is one of life's great joys. It can also be surprisingly hard.

At Kids In Crisis, we spend most of our time supporting young people and their parents. But lately, more and more, we're hearing from grandparents, too. They're asking good, heartfelt questions. "My daughter is really anxious. How do I help her without stepping on her toes?" "My son says I can't drive the baby anywhere, even to the park. Should I be offended?" "How do I stay close to my grandkids when the rules keep changing?"

These are not small concerns. They are reminders that mental

health is not just a teen or kid issue. It's a whole family issue. Especially during summer, when school is out and families are spending more time together, the dynamics between generations can get complicated. And emotional.

There's a quote from AARP that I think every grandparent should hear: "Your grandchild is not your child. Repeat, not your child."

It's tough love. But it's true.

Our job as grandparents is to love deeply, support gently, and keep learning. We may have raised our kids decades ago, but that doesn't mean we stop growing. Sometimes that means watching our adult children parent in ways that feel unfamiliar or even frustrating. Other times it means holding back on advice, even when we're certain it would help.

One grandmother I know told me she bought a fancy musical toy for her granddaughter's birthday. It sang, it lit up, it did a little dance. She was so excited to give it. But her daughter gently told her not to bring it. "We're trying to cut back on noise and clutter," she said. So

The other day, I spoke with a friend who had just spent a week with her grandkids. She laughed as she told me how exhausted she was. "I used to think I raised three kids just fine," she said, "but now I'm apparently doing everything wrong."

the grandmother kept the toy at her house instead. And now, every time her granddaughter visits, they press the button together and giggle at the silly tune. It turned into a special tradition, not a point of tension.

These kinds of small adjustments can make all the difference.

Here are a few things we've seen help grandparents show up in ways that support mental health for the whole family:

Ask your adult children how they're doing, not just how the kids are doing.

New parents can feel overwhelmed, lonely, or unsure. A simple "How are you holding up?" can open the door to real conversation. Sometimes just being there without judgment is the greatest gift you can give.

Respect the parenting rules,

even if they're different from your own.

Yes, babies now sleep on their backs, use different car seats, and have new feeding schedules. You don't have to understand it all, but you do have to follow it. Doing so builds trust and keeps everyone feeling safe.

Make space for connection, not perfection.

Reading a book together on the couch. Letting a toddler "help" you make cookies. Cheering from the sidelines at a soccer game. These are the moments that stick. Grandkids don't need you to be an expert. They just need you to be there.

The truth is, none of us have this all figured out. We're all navigating the push and pull of family life, the messy middle between wanting to help and knowing when to stay quiet. But

what I've learned, both in my work and in my life, is that showing up with curiosity, patience, and love goes a long way.

And if you ever feel unsure, or if your family is facing something heavy, we're here. The Kids In Crisis 24/7 Helpline is open to parents, grandparents, and caregivers, not just kids. Call us at 203-661-1911. Whether it's a question about your grandchild's behavior or just needing to talk something through, we will listen.

Families today are juggling so much. Mental health challenges, screen time worries, sleep struggles, and the ever-growing pressure to get it all right. But you don't have to fix everything. You just have to be someone they can count on.

That's what makes all the difference.

Shari L. Shapiro is the Executive

Director of Kids In Crisis. Located in Cos Cob, Kids In Crisis provides emergency shelter, crisis counseling, and community education programs for children of all ages and families facing crisis. Crisis can include domestic violence, mental health concerns, homelessness, substance abuse, economic difficulties, and other critical challenges.

The Kids In Crisis Helpline is staffed 24 hours a day with trained Crisis Counselors and provides free, confidential phone and face-to-face intervention, counseling, and referrals. Since its founding in 1978, Kids In Crisis has provided vital 24-hour services to almost 170,000 children and teens, and their families. Providers, educators, community members, and family members are encouraged to call the 24-hour Helpline: 203-661-1911 for support or visit www.kidsincrisis.org.

A Parent's Guide to Meaningful Volunteering



Gabrielle and David Finn

It's not just about delivering food; it's about showing your child the joy of helping others and giving them the kind of perspective that no classroom can teach.

By Debra McLaughlin

In the hustle of everyday parenting, between school drop-offs, sports practices, and homework, finding time to teach our kids about empathy and community can feel like one more thing to add to an already full plate. But what if that lesson could come not from a lecture, but from a shared experience that actually strengthens your bond? Volunteering with your children, especially through a local organization like Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich, offers exactly that opportunity: a meaningful, eye-opening way to spend time together while doing something that truly matters.

Meals-on-Wheels has been serving our Greenwich neighbors since 1960, delivering meals to homebound seniors, individuals with disabilities, and

others who struggle to access consistent nutrition. What many parents may not realize is that their impact also extends to preschool children through a thoughtful partnership with Family Centers. Each month the organization provides shelf-stable meal bags, purchased from Filling in the Blanks, to kids at Armstrong, Grauer, Warburg and Gateway preschools. These bags are designed to carry children through the weekend when school meals aren't available, ensuring they have something nutritious and reliable at home.

Recently, Meals-on-Wheels board member David Finn brought his young adult daughter Gabrielle along to help deliver some of these bags. It was a simple act, handing out meals, but one filled with quiet power. For Gabrielle, it was a

firsthand look at the needs that exist beyond the classroom and an opportunity to realize that even as a college student, she could make someone's day better. For David, it was a moment of shared purpose with his daughter, a memory they'll both carry long after the delivery route ended.

As parents, we're always looking for teachable moments and they don't always come in the form of conversations at the dinner table. Sometimes they happen in the front seat of the car, heading to deliver food to someone in need. These experiences are what shape values that stick: gratitude, empathy, kindness, and the confidence that comes from knowing your actions matter.

Meals-on-Wheels makes it easy to get involved as a family. Volunteering just an hour or two a week can open your child's eyes to the world around them, while also offering you a rare moment of connection in a busy life. It's an activity that doesn't just fill a schedule, it fills hearts.

So the next time you're looking for something meaningful to do with your child, consider delivering meals together. It's not just about delivering food; it's about showing your child the joy of helping others and giving them the kind of perspective that no classroom can teach. And in doing so, you'll be helping to nourish not only others, but your own family, too.

C h e c k o u t mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org to sign up or get more info.

By Debra McLaughlin

Residents of The Nathaniel Witherell, a premier skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility in Greenwich, are experiencing the world from new heights thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell and the artistry of photographer David Fales.

Fales, a Connecticut-based photographer, is renowned for his drone-captured images of coastal landscapes and seascapes. His work, which has been featured in publications like Newsday and NY Sunday News, offers viewers a bird's-eye perspective of the world, showcasing the dynamic interplay between sea and sky. These high-resolution images provide a fresh perspective on familiar landscapes, allowing viewers to experience expansive vistas and dynamic weather patterns from the comfort of their community.

The Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents, brought this exhibition to the facility. Their mission is to support The Nathaniel Witherell through philanthropy, ensuring it maintains its position as one of the top-tier skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers in the region. By funding programs for recreation,



Aerial view by David Fales

For the residents of Nathaniel Witherell, the aerial photographs offer a window to the broader world.

entertainment, social engagement, and facility improvements, the Friends organization continually seeks to bring enriching experiences to the facility.

For the residents of Nathaniel Witherell, many of whom may have limited mobility or opportunities to travel, the aerial photographs offer a window to the broader world. This exposure to diverse environments can stimulate cognitive engagement, evoke memories, and foster a sense of connection to the outside

world. Through initiatives like this photography exhibit, the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell demonstrate their commitment to celebrating the lives of residents and providing them with moments of joy and inspiration.

For more information about David Fales' work, visit his photography gallery at davidfales.smugmug.com. To learn more about the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell and their programs, visit friendsofnathanielwitherell.org.



By EDWARD HORSTMANN

In late June, the congregation of Round Hill Community Church hosted a wonderful celebration for the fortieth anniversary of my ordination to Christian ministry. I can say without hesitation that it was one of the highlights of my life.

On the day after that party, an old and dear friend, who could not be present for the festivities, left me a voicemail message to add his congratulations. He concluded his beautiful sentiments with these words: “So there: now your day is better because I’ve called you.” And he was right!

My friend’s comment is not one I could ever imagine coming from the mouth of the biblical prophet Jeremiah. Not that most of the other biblical prophets were given to upbeat expressions of personal affection. But Jeremiah leaned hard into harshness. His words are fierce, and ring with anger. His legacy lives on in part through

the English word jeremiad, which refers to a sustained series of lamentations.

Jeremiah lived six hundred years before Jesus. His generation grew up with the constant knowledge that the nation’s safety was never secure. The main threat to national security at that time came from a regional superpower called Babylon, a vast nation that lay to the east of present-day Israel. Jeremiah was certain that an invasion by the Babylonians was not far off and would lead to the occupation of his homeland and most likely the deportation of many its people.

Jeremiah tried to make this situation clear to anyone who would listen, but his audience was tone deaf when it came to truth, and Jeremiah did not exactly have a winning way when it came to the art of persuasion. His speeches overflowed with warnings and condemnations; he blamed people for their faithlessness in God, and he accused political leaders of being insufficiently aware of the crisis that was sitting on the nation’s doorstep. Over time he alienated himself from his family and was accused of treason. He was a royal pain to the king and

his court prophets, who despised the way that he confronted them with his white-hot words.

It’s no joy ride being a prophet who feels called upon to speak truth to powerful people who don’t want to hear the truth. Dom Helder Camara, a Brazilian archbishop and civil rights activist once said that “when I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist.” Then there’s the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, who enjoyed a close relationship with President Lyndon Johnson during the civil rights movement in our country; until April 4, 1967, when Dr. King delivered a message at Riverside Church in New York City entitled “A Time to Break Silence.” On that day he declared his open opposition to the Vietnam War and his connection with President Johnson rapidly deteriorated.

And there’s Phyllis, a woman

who belonged to the congregation I served in central Vermont in 1982. Phyllis told me that she was looking forward to the Fourth of July parade that year as she always had, but with one exception. She was thinking about joining others who intended to march in the parade as part of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. She knew this choice might alienate her from some of her family members. But she marched anyway and did not allow the threat of alienation to change her mind.

Jeremiah never stopped speaking his mind. And one of the curious and distinguishing features of his life work is that despite his sharp-edged rhetoric, he would occasionally interrupt his bad news broadcasts with outbursts of encouragement and hopefulness. Despite the tumult of his time, he counseled others to “Stand at the crossroads, and ask where the good way lies, and walk

in it, and find rest for your souls.” Against all reason, he purchased a plot of land (not a great time for real estate transactions) in the belief that one day the descendants of those who had been deported would return to Israel (and he was right about that). At a time in our lives when moral courage, care for the earth, and compassion for the fragile are under constant threat, Jeremiah challenges us to speak out and stand up for the deepest dreams of God for all humankind.

Jeremiah believed that he could become for others an experience of hope. Many of our nation’s leaders do not see themselves as living out that kind of vocation. But that cannot stop us from exercising every opportunity to be a beacon of hope for others. We can be conscientious objectors who stand up for the power of fairness, justice and compassion even when many of our political leaders will not.

I see Jeremiah as a complicated

demonstrator of moral courage, someone who was not afraid to speak the truth of God, as he understood it, to everyone around him. He encouraged others to follow the ancient paths, ones that had been well traveled by Moses, and the people of God, on their journey to freedom and a free land. He demonstrated a belief that new beginnings could emerge out of tough times and dead ends. I’m paying attention to his voice, because for all its roughness, it rings true with good news.

The Rev. Dr. Ed Horstmann is the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at Round Hill Community Church, and an artist. Along with Susan, his wife, and Dot, their feisty Miniature Schnauzer, they have lived in the back country of Greenwich for twelve years. They are also resilient fans of the Minnesota Vikings.

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. **Thriving in the Middle: Sunday, July 13, 9:30am. Worship Across The Decades! Wednesday, July 16, 7pm. Anchor Night! for Young Adults: Friday, July 18, 7pm.**

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

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

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. *Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, all are welcome. 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 meses de verano / Starting Sunday, June 15, the Spanish Mass will be temporarily moved from 6:30pm to 12pm during the summer months; the Mass will be celebrated in the Main Church.

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. *New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. WWP Summer special event – Rosary: Tuesday, July 15, 9-10:30am.*

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. *Events/Via 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. Women’s Guild Meeting: Wednesday, July 16, 1pm, in the parish center, All Women of the parish are welcome to join.*

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
christiansciencct.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: July 13: Sacrament. July 20: Life. July 27: Truth. August 3: Love.**

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. Ser-

vices will not be held on Sundays in July or August other than those listed. Regular fall worship will resume on Sept. 7. July 13: 5th Sunday after Pentecost, 10am.

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhill-communitychurch.org anytime. Children’s Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. *Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. Round Hill Art & Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm. RHCC Movie Night: Friday, July 18, 6pm.*

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 July and August, 5:30pm. Founders Day & Heritage Sunday: At Community Hour after the 10am service on July 20, the Proclamation of Founders Day will be read by First Selectman Fred Camillo, All are welcome.*

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. Children’s Chapel during worship. *Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @2CCGreenwich. Ladies Book Swap at Coffee for Good: Monday, July 14, 11am.*

Episcopal
Anglican Church of the Advent
606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432
facebook.com/greenwichanglican

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

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children’s Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this mid-week service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Book Study: The Anxious Generation: Sundays, March 30 & April 6, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Anna Leimbach: Sundays, April 6, May 11, June 1. Joyful noise with Rob Mathes: Sundays, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 5pm. Lenten Lectio Divina with Rev. Tim: Wednesdays, through April 16, 11:15-11:45am, Chapel. Sung Compline Sundays, July 13, 27, Aug. 10, 17 & Sept. 7, 5pm.*

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 10AM (in person and livestreamed). Our exciting Sunday School programs for kids and youth take place during the 10am service: Children’s Church for kids 4-8 years old, and YC (Youth Church) for those 9+. Children are also welcome in church for both services, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Sundays also feature joyful preaching by our clergy, Father Justin and Rev. Phoebe, and beautiful music by our director of music, Marnus Greyling, and the St. Barnabas Choir. Come experience the joy of the God of Jesus Christ. Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447
www.stpauls-riverside.org

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children’s Chapel downstairs – drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning.

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

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

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. *Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. Kabbala & Challah: Thursdays, 9:15am, \$20 p/class. Friday Night Live: June through August, 6:30pm. Pre-Shabbat Concert & Dinner: Friday, July 18, 4pm, RSVP.*

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

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. *Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church. Pride, Pain and Purpose Astride the Mideast: alternating Tuesdays through June 24, 7pm, on Zoom. Soul Spa - Meet the Midrash: Saturdays, 10am, through Aug. 9, on Zoom.*

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. *Picnic Shabbat: Friday, July 11 – Dinner, 5:30pm; Service, 6:30pm.*

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. *Game Night: Mah Jongg & Canasta: Monday, July 14, 7-9:15pm. Trivia Night for Adults: Wednesday, July 16, 7pm.*

Lutheran
St. Paul Lutheran Church
286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466
www.firststpaul.com

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

Methodist
Diamond Hill United Methodist
521 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-2395
www.diamondhillumc.com

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

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

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

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

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

Nondenominational
Dingetown Community Church
376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane
Sunday Service: 10:30am. Philip Antinone – Chaplain.

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

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

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

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 9am & 10:45am. Kids Ministry for grades 5 and under, and Student Ministry for grades 6 & above, are offered. Live stream and recorded media are available at stanwich-church.org. We’d love to meet you here!

Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC
293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615
www.Center4SpiritualDev.org

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children’s Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Psychic Fair: Saturday, July 12, 11am-4pm, Free admission.*

Trinity Church
5 River Rd.; 203-618-0808
www.trinitychurch.life

In-Person Services: Sun., 10am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich. 9:15 & 11am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd., Larchmont, NY. 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. 9:45am, Online. *Alpha Day Retreat: Wednesday, July 23, 10am-4pm, Convent of St. Birgitta in Darien.*

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Beach Service: Sunday, July 13, 8:30-9:30am.*

Grace Church of Greenwich
89 Maple Ave.
203-861-7555
www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sundays, 8:45am, 10:45am & 4:30pm, Woman’s Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

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

In-person & online (LivingHopeoct.org/ livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopeoct.org/resources/alpha. *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 15, 22, 29, Luncheon to follow on July 29.*

Obituaries



NANCY FAIRCHILD

September 7, 1932 – June 30, 2025

Nancy Palmer Fairchild, 92, of Meadow Ridge in Redding, CT passed away peacefully on Monday, June 30, 2025, surrounded by her three daughters.

She was predeceased by her husband of 47 years, Charles M. Fairchild. She was a former longtime member of First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich and Executive Assistant to Rev. Thomas Stiers. She loved helping many young brides prepare for their wedding day at First Church.

Nancy and Chuck retired to Cape Cod, MA in 1993. She is survived by her three daughters, Lisa Heist (Bill) of Trumbull, CT, Suzanne Trujillo (Curt) of Escondido, CA, and Julia Carmichael (Philip) of Bellevue, WA., her sister, Martha Palmer of Bridgewater, NJ, and brother J. Robert Palmer of Holliston, MA.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Lower Cape Outreach Council PO Box 665, Orleans, MA 02653, a charity close to her heart.



JOHN CARRIERO

John Carriero, born July 15, 1954 at United Hospital in Port Chester, NY, passed away peacefully at Greenwich Hospital on June 29, 2025. John was the son of Angelo “Sharp” Carriero and Catherine Carino Carriero.

John lived his entire life in his family home on Pemberwick Road, which truly was his Happy Valley. His favorite memories were made at Pemberwick Park, uniquely pitching both lefty and righty on Pemberwick baseball teams.

John worked in his early years at Vaccaro’s Supermarket in Port Chester, as well as working for several local sanitation refuse companies.

John endured 5 decades of kidney complications and was fortunate and forever thankful when after 9 years of dialysis, he received a kidney transplant 8 years ago. John enjoyed fishing and 1960s music, and was a devoted and knowledgeable Yankee fan.

John was predeceased by his parents and by his brother Paul Carriero (Gerry) and their baby Scott. He is survived by his sister Linda Ross (Joe) of Riverside and his sister Cathy Carriero (Tom) of Greenwich. He is also survived by his niece Lisa Kramer and five nephews, Adam and Dan Ross, Michael and Tim Carriero and Lucas Gazianis. In addition, he is lovingly survived by his dear cousin Marie Cofone as well as 40 other first cousins, and 11 grandnieces and nephews.

To honor his life, family and friends will gather on Thursday, July 3 at Coxé & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. Interment followed at Putnam Cemetery, Greenwich. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor John’s memory may make a donation to the National Kidney Foundation: www.kidney.org



DOUGLAS FISCHER

February 18, 1943 - June 28, 2025

Douglas Montgomery Fischer died unexpectedly on June 28, 2025 at Stamford Hospital, due to a brain aneurysm. He had been enjoying one of his favorite pastimes, walking his dog in the woods, when it happened. He was 82 years old.

Doug was a lifelong Greenwich resident who dedicated his career to serving his community. He spent 32 years working for the Greenwich Police Department before retiring as Lieutenant. He continued community service in retirement as a 20-year volunteer for Call-a-Ride of Greenwich, which transports ambulatory seniors to appointments

around town.

Whether hunting, fishing, practicing archery or watching baseball, Doug was happiest outdoors. He was a longtime member of Cos Cob Archers. He was a skilled woodworker, an avid Mets fan, and loved dogs.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judy Fischer (Dahlberg) and their sons, Scott (Michele), Craig (Lana), and Stephen (Kristy) Fischer. He is also survived by his brothers, Richard and Allan (Meck) Fischer and grandchildren, Hannah, Jaena, Ben (step), Jack, Owen, and Brynn.

A celebration of Doug’s life was held on Thursday, July 3 at the Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home in Greenwich.

The family is grateful for the outflow of support from friends, relatives and neighbors. They would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to GEMS and the Greenwich Police and Fire departments for their swift response.

Flowers will be accepted, or memorial contributions may be made to Call-a-Ride of Greenwich by visiting www.callaridegreenwich.org/donate



TERESA WALKER

Teresa Blatz “Terry” Walker passed away peacefully on June 26, 2025, in Greenwich, CT, at the age of 98. Born on October 21, 1926, in Minneapolis, MN, she was blessed with nearly a century of life, so the experiences of her human journey were broad and varied, touching the lives of many.

Terry was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George Walker, Jr. She is lovingly remembered by her children: Elizabeth (Mark) Herrin, Melissa (James) O’Shaughnessy, and Christopher (Susan) Walker. Her legacy continues through her seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with her wishes, Terry requested only a brief obituary. She wanted it to express her deep gratitude to the family and friends who filled her life with love and kindness over the years. Their presence made her life a happy one.

May her memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved her. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 from 11:00-1:00 at The Hotel Landing, 925 Lake Street, Wayzata, MN followed by a buffet lunch. A private burial service will follow. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Leukemia And Lymphoma Society.



JILL CARROLL

July 20, 1951 - June 24, 2025

With profound sadness and deep love, we announce the passing of Jill Roina Carroll, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and wife. Jill was born on July 20, 1951, and peacefully left this world on June 24, 2025, in her home, surrounded by her family.

Jill was born in Greenwich Hospital to Ralph and Addie Roina. She is survived by her two brothers, Richard and Kenneth Roina, and her twin sister, Jan Benedict. Jill attended Greenwich High School, Class of 1969. She married her high school sweetheart, Edward Carroll. They were married for 49 years until his passing in 2022. Together they raised four children, Edward (Lauren) Carroll, Peter (Annette) Carroll, John (Sarah) Carroll, and Elizabeth (David) Morrison. Jill was graced with six grandchildren, each one adored and embraced with the special bond this entire family shares. The home where Jill and Ed raised their family is filled with beautiful memories and a warm, welcoming spirit, where friends and family often gathered for celebrations.

Jill always loved living in Old Greenwich, and she was an active member of the community. She and her family were engaged members at the Rocky Point Club of Old Greenwich, where many lasting friendships and cherished memories were formed. As twins, Jill and Jan were inseparable for life, and their profound connection was deepened by their marriages to lifelong friends, Ed and Peter. This foursome built a life of shared joy in Greenwich, enjoying the merging of their families, frequent walks at Tod’s Point, travel, and much more.

Jill dedicated over 30 years to New Lebanon School, working as a Media Tech. In this role, Jill found deep fulfillment in empowering students and teachers through her expertise in technology. Jill turned fleeting moments into lasting memories with her beautiful pictures and videos, which brightened the halls, events, and website of New Lebanon School. Through her thoughtful contributions, Jill helped generations of students feel recognized, valued, and

celebrated.

Though Jill’s absence leaves an immense void, her memory is forever treasured by her extensive family, and all who knew her.



SANTA GIRARD

Santa Marie Girard passed away peacefully on June 23, 2025, in Stamford, CT. Born in Greenwich on September 2, 1933, to the late John and Maggie (D’Andrea) Gangi.

She graduated high school and dedicated her professional life as an executive secretary at Pitney Bowes, where she was known for her hard work and commitment. Santa was a traveler at heart, always eager to explore new places and create memories with family and friends. She enjoyed many days on the golf course especially at Hubbard Heights, where she shared laughter and made lasting friendships.

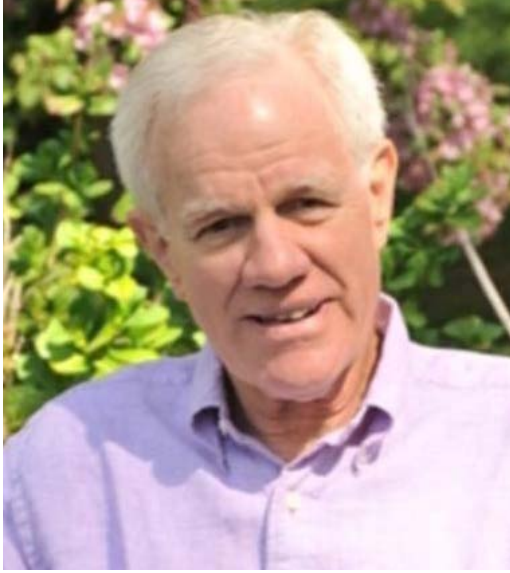
Santa is survived by her loving brother Ralph Gangi, her cherished niece Michelle Saunders, and her nephews Marc Gangi, John Gangi and Rafe Gangi. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Besides her parents, Santa was predeceased by her husband Joseph Girard and brother Vincent Gangi.

Calling hours were held Monday, June 30 at the Lacerenza Macari Family Funeral Home. A Mass was held at St. Catherine of Siena Church that same day, followed by a burial at St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Santa’s name to Make a Wish Foundation.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.lacerenzaafh.com



WILLIAM HOWLAND

William C. Howland passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, June 22, 2025 in his home in Riverside CT. He was born March 9, 1941 in Brooklyn, NY to Robert and Kathryn B. Howland and raised in Metuchen, NJ with his sister Elizabeth.

Bill was a graduate of The Wardlaw School, Plainfield, NJ; The Lawrenceville School’59; Trinity College Hartford, CT’63; and The Amos Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth’65. His dedication to Trinity and his class of ’63 knew no bounds: as class agent, class president, 50th Reunion chair, member of the scholarship committee, as well as sharing football memories and deep friendships.

Bill worked for Allied Chemical (Honeywell) for 35 years culminating his career as Director of Marketing in the Fibers Apparel Division. He loved his work, especially developing warm friendships with his Mexican clients and being able to conduct business in Spanish. In his retirement he consulted with former clients: Schneider Mills and Faytex.

Bill and his family initially lived in Hillside, NJ where he was active in County politics. In 1976 the family moved to Riverside CT where he enjoyed his quick walk to the train station, and later celebrated climbing the 242 steps at the station for exercise which prepared him for his Mount Rainier climb in 1988. When his oldest daughter constructed a homemade incubator and hatched some baby chicks, they built a chicken coop and started raising chickens, complete with a rooster/alarm clock for the neighborhood.

He was a member of the vestry at St. Pauls’ Church and spent twenty plus enthusiastic years with the church Youth Group. He was an active member of the Riverside Association Board and past president. He took his love of gardening to Binney Park each year to plant bulbs with other dedicated volunteers. As a member of RMA he sang with the Melody Men, bringing joy to nursing home residents. He also sang with the Off Sounders of Greenwich for many years

An avid tennis player, he organized and played with many tennis groups at OGTA and with GOBS(Good Old Boys). It seemed nothing would keep him off the courts, not new hips, knees or a triple bypass. He loved skiing with family and friends from their home on Stratton Mountain and sailed at RYC, manning race committee for many years.

Next to the love of his family, he had a strong devotion to the principles of AA which had a powerful impact on his life for 34 years. With love and humor he shared his path with many searching for serenity.

He is survived by his loving wife Martha, of 61

years and their four children: William C. Jr. (Kristin) Elizabeth Boyle (James), Polly Stoyer (Jeffrey), John (Jessie), three grandchildren: Alex Boyle, Taya and Xander Stoyer and bonus son, Rudy Galicia, and Bill’s sister Elizabeth Zavac (Dennis).

A celebration of his life will take place Friday, October third, 2025 at 11:00am at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Riverside CT with a reception following at the Riverside Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers please send donations to: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Arrangements were held by Nutmeg State Cremation Society.

SANDRA RISSE

June 13, 1955 – June 18, 2025

Sandra Risse, of Greenwich, CT, passed away peacefully at Greenwich Hospital on June 18, 2025, with her niece, Cecelia (Andrew), by her side. She was 70 years old.

Born in Orange, New Jersey, on June 13, 1955, Sandra spent most of her life in Greenwich, where she built a life surrounded by family, friends, and the things she loved most. She is survived by four of her beloved sisters, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cherished lifelong friends.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Kathy.

She was a devoted Yankees and Raiders fan, a regular at Byram Beach with her two best friends, and an avid collector of sports cards and coins. Sandra lived life her way - with loyalty, humor, and a heart that left a lasting mark on everyone who knew her.

Per Sandra’s wishes, there will be no formal services. Instead, her loved ones will gather for a beachside barbecue at Byram Beach, later this season, to celebrate her life in the way she would have wanted - with laughter, sunshine, and good company.

Sandra will be remembered always for her warmth, her wit, and the deep love she carried for her family, her friends, and her favorite places.



GERTRUDE MERKLE

Gertrude M. H. Merkle, PhD, died peacefully on June 11, 2025, surrounded by family, shortly after her 96th birthday. She joins her beloved Bill (d. 2020), together 67 years. Gertrude, Trudy, Grandma, Grandmi, was an exceptional woman: courageous, intellectual, steadfast in her convictions, and loving. She excelled at whatever she took on, raising six children, leading civic groups, and completing a doctorate. Trudy will be remembered for her radiant smile, her endless curiosity, and her “next-level” cooking. Gertrude’s deep Catholic faith provided a set of values and practices she lived by, guiding her choices of right and wrong.

Born April 24, 1929, in Geneva, Switzerland, Gertrude was the middle of three girls, raised during World War II. Despite the hardships, Gertrude excelled at school and enrolled in the University of Geneva. She fed her thirst for knowledge, language, and art: speaking French and Swiss German at home, studying Latin and Italian, nannying in post-war England, and working for an art book publisher in her teens. After university, Trudy won a scholarship for a Master’s in English at Radcliffe/Harvard. After a year in the US, she moved to Paris as the international news editor at Le Monde. In Paris she met William Merkle, working in France for the US Army. Bill and Trudy were married in Paris in 1954 and had 3 boys in 3 years.

In 1958, the family moved to the US for Bill to complete his MBA at Dartmouth/Tuck. Gertrude provided for the family, tutoring students in foreign languages and selling sandwiches she carried dorm-to-dorm. After graduation, Bill’s new job required week-long trips, leaving Gertrude a solo parent with 3 young boys trying to assimilate into American life. In 1962, the family moved to CT, selecting Greenwich for the beauty of Tod’s Point, and 3 girls were born in 3 years. By 1967, the family of 8 were weekly attendees at the local Catholic Church. Gertrude loved overseeing homework, teaching her kids, and cooking. She served many friends their first cheese fondue, béchamel sauce, or real chocolate mousse.

In the late 1970s, Gertrude decided to pursue her dream of completing a PhD in Comparative Literature. She took some classes at Yale to be home with the girls and finalized her courses at Harvard. In 1986, she defended her thesis on St. Joan of Arc, knowing she might never use her degree but was “just happy to have it.”

Gertrude shared her love of languages, teaching for several years at Greenwich Country Day School and AP French at Greenwich High School. Well into her 70s and 80s, she ran a program teaching children French in her home. In the 1970s, she was President of the local AAUW chapter, and in the 2000s, she was the President of the NY/CT Swiss-American Club, running fundraisers, organizing meals, and growing membership.

Gertrude was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bill (90), her sister, Marguerite Piletta (96), and her parents. She is survived by her younger sister Helene (92) and all 6 children: Peter (Sharon, Deerfield Beach, FL), Patrick (Washington, D.C.), William (Melissa, Elizabeth, IL), Lee (Kathy, Palo Alto, CA), Mary (Jan, Madison, CT), and Annie (Susan, Guilford, CT). As Grandma/Grandmi she leaves 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Services have been held. In lieu of flowers, Gertrude would appreciate gifts in her memory to At Home in Greenwich, St. Clement’s Church in Stamford, CT, or a museum of your choice.



MARY BROWN

Mary Whitmire Brown died on June 5, 2025 in the early morning in her apartment at The Marshes of Skidaway Island, in Savannah Georgia. She was 104, and known for her boundless energy, her love of life, and her wide circle of friends and family. Her last days were peaceful.

Mary MacSween Whitmire was born on March 15, 1921 in Atlanta, Georgia to Flora Marie Crowe Whitmire and Overdown Whitmire. She attended Smith College from 1939-41 and then she transferred to the University of Wisconsin to study nutrition science and graduated with an MS in 1943. She was a Kappa Alpha Theta sorority member, an association she treasured throughout her life. She obtained an MS at Teachers College, Columbia University in 1945 and later a Professional Diploma from Teachers College in 1967, all in nutrition science and teaching. She was a lecturer for the University of Connecticut, Stamford Branch 1967 - 1982 in two nutrition courses. She was a consultant Dietician during this period for Smith House, Laurelton Convalescent Home, Darien Convalescent Center, and Nathaniel Witherell of Greenwich, CT.

She married Robert Channing Wheeler, MD in 1943 in Atlanta, Georgia. She is survived by their children: Susan Foot (Richard), Robert Channing Wheeler, Jr (Leslie), and predeceased by their children Gail Brewster (William) and Martha Wheeler. She loved her grandchildren Brad Brewster (Jeffrey), Benjamin Brewster (Karen), Alyssa Berg (Jason), Joy Wheeler, Anne Wheeler de Gonzalez (Alberto) and her great grandchildren Katherine Brewster, Georgia Brewster, Jason John Berg, Jr., and Lillian Grace Berg.

The Wheeler family moved to Greenwich in 1952, where Mary lived until 1984. Here she developed lifelong friendships and was active and successful in the Indian Harbor Yacht Club sailing competitions, especially the Ladies Dinghy Sailing Group. She sat on the boards of the Greenwich YWCA, the Greenwich Health Association, Community Chest, and the Mary Harkness Unit of Presbyterian Hospital of New York.

She married Hugh Emerson Brown in 1982, and they moved in retirement to Skidaway Island in Savannah, Georgia in 1984. She welcomed his children into her family: Christina DuBuque, Winifred Bayard, Susan Brown, Toria Brown and Warner Brown (deceased). She was a docent at the Telfair Museum and Davenport House for more than ten years. She enjoyed golf, tennis and sailing.

Her love of travel and adventure began when she was 17 years old and participated in a coed transcontinental “Rolling Youth Hostel” sponsored by American Youth Hostels in 1938. By bicycle and by train she and 20 other youths traveled together starting in Montreal to Ottawa, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Jasper, Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Grand Canyon, Sante Fe, Denver, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Washington D.C., Philadelphia and finally New York City. While there was a lot of train travel, they bicycled more than 2,000 miles as well. She maintained lifelong friendships from this formative trip.

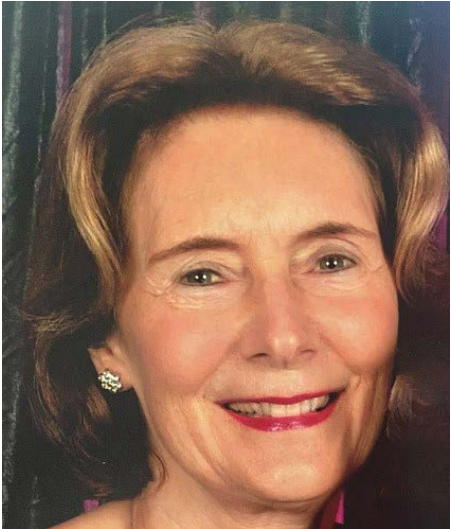
While she traveled with family and friends to Europe and many other countries, her constant travel partner in later life was her good friend Emily Toohey of Greenwich, CT,

with whom she traveled North America, South America, Europe, Africa and Asia. She also welcomed traveling with other members of the Toohey family to an African Safari and other destinations.

Mary was known in her retirement community for her non-stop interest in activities and socializing. She was voted “Voice of the People”. Even at 104 while using a walker she would outpace everyone as she roamed the hallways or while outside during her daily walks.

A lifelong love of learning, an intrepid art museum attendee, Mary was enthusiastic, smart, kind and welcoming. She created spaces for people to mingle, gather and enjoy. There was an unusual energy and light within her that was contagious. Her family loved her, as did the many people she touched through her meaningful life. We will miss you always, but also know what a privilege it was to share our lives with you.

A special note of gratitude from her family to her loyal and compassionate care manager, Mary Carter of Savannah, GA.



GAYLE O'BRIEN

May 6, 1938 – June 3, 2025

It is with all our love that we announce Jesus has called our loving mother, Gayle Van Deusen O'Brien, 87, originally of Loudonville, NY, to join her husband, Peter, in heaven.

As Greenwich residents for more than 35 years, Peter and Gayle enjoyed everything the town had to offer. Gayle was especially devoted to Stanwich Church, Newman's Own Foundation, and The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, which serves children with serious illnesses and their families. She often shared her bright smile, cheerful outlook, and love of Jesus with others. For decades, she was also known as one of Starbucks' most frequent (and dressiest) customers. She treasured family and friends and would travel any distance to provide support.

Gayle was predeceased by her soulmate and husband of 53 years, Peter B. O'Brien, and her sister, Ruth Scholtz. She is survived by her children, Tim O'Brien (Jodie), Kerrie Ballentine (Bruce), Laurie O'Brien, and Peter O'Brien (Susan); her sister, Diane Hazard; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held at Cornerstone Community Church of Lansingburgh in Troy, NY, on Saturday, July 26.



PATRICIA TROMPETER

Patricia Anne Otilia Trompeter, 57, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2025 after a nearly four-year battle with colorectal cancer. She is survived by her son Brandon, her daughter Chloe, and her son-in-law Alexander.

Patti was originally from Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where she was the 23rd of 26 foster children, and the sixth of six children adopted by Henry Fred Trompeter and Ester Doris Modaff.

After graduating from St. Francis High School in 1985, Patti became the first in her family to graduate college, earning a B.S. in Finance and Economics from Marquette University in 1989. After graduating, she spent the next 15 years working at GE Capital, where she eventually served as the CFO of GE Capital IT Solutions, North America.

Patti departed GE in 2004 to devote the next two decades to raising her children, Chloe and Brandon Kekedjian. Patti, Chloe, and Brandon spent these formative years living as expatriates in London, Dublin, and Dubai before settling in Connecticut, which has been home for the last 14 years. Patti was a dedicated mother who brought fun, adventure, and whimsy to every birthday and school event.

As her children grew older, Patti picked up professionally right where she left off. Without missing a beat, she took the helm of the Nasdaq-listed fintech company Sphere 3D Corp. (Nasdaq: ANY) as Director in 2021 and CEO in 2022. As the only female CEO of a public company in her industry, Patti served as a leader and an icon. Her hard work was recognized in 2023, when she was named one of Forbes' 50 over 50 and earned the Marquette Alumni Entrepreneurial Award, and again in 2025, when she was included in Marquis Who's Who. Patti was the talk of the industry; her perseverance and talent for leadership served as an inspiration to many both formally and informally.

Patti never forgot her humble roots, and she always paved the way for others. As selfless as she was generous, Patti never shied away from giving her time and attention to worthy causes. In her community, local restaurants and food pantries alike benefited from donations from her carefully-tended garden. As part of her selfless nature, Patti wanted to use her position to help pave the way for the next generation. A natural mentor, she was a role model for young women, first generation college students, and new industry professionals. As someone who understood the battle of being underrepresented in their field, she always made time for advice, support, or a quick motivational chat. She particularly enjoyed her mentorship work with the Marquette AIM program, and readily opened her heart for the Waterside School and the Domestic Abuse Center at the Greenwich YWCA.

Patti had an impeccable sense of style and an insatiable love of glitter. She would never be caught out to dinner or even at the grocery store without her towering stilettos and designer bag. Patti was a lifelong Chicago Bears fan; she was as loud as she was loyal and could be heard cheering throughout the entire house every Sunday. She was never one to back down from a challenge and was as world-renowned for her galas and dinner parties as she was for her audits and deals. She owned every room she entered and had an innate ability to befriend anyone and everyone. Patti was a larger-than-life personality who touched the lives of many and will be impossible to replace.

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Greenwich Middle Schoolers Complete 11th Annual Youth Citizen’s Police Academy

 **BY CHIEF JIM HEAVEY**

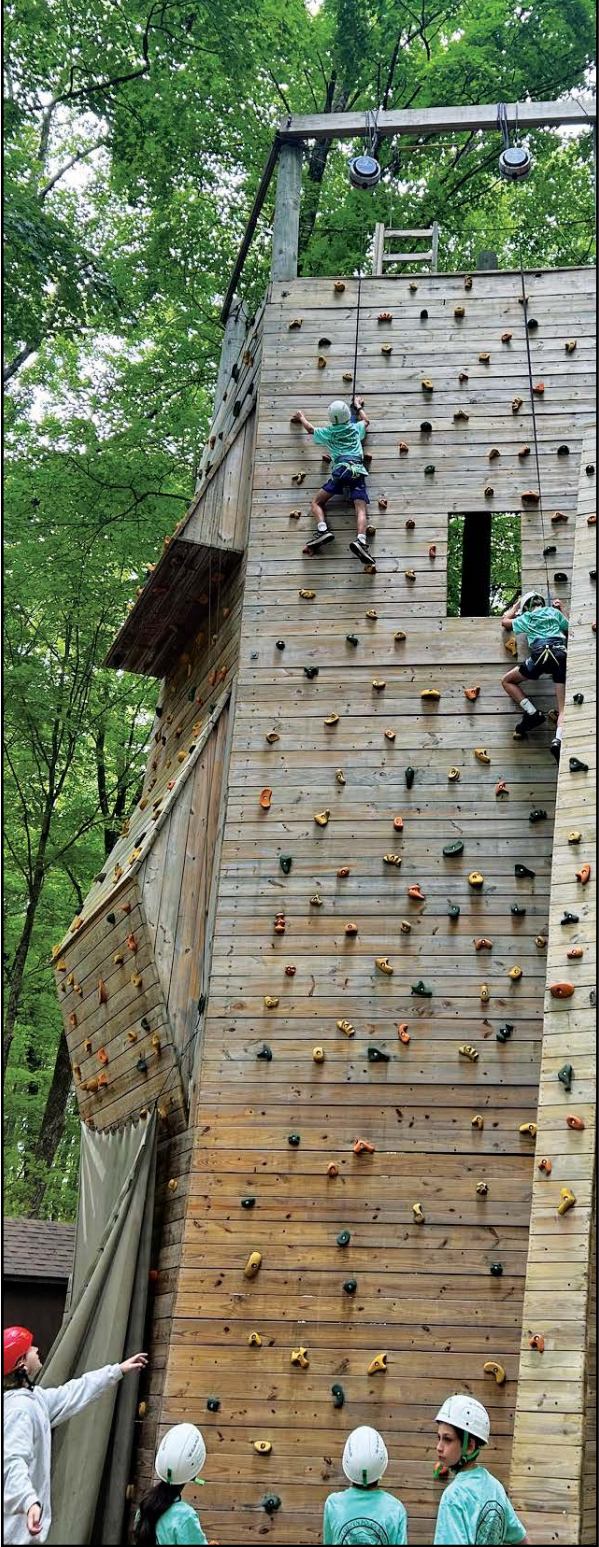
For the last 11 years, the Greenwich Police Department has held a youth citizen's police academy (YCPA) camp the last week in June. The YCPA program is held in conjunction with Scouting America as part of its Exploring program, and it offers young people a look at the inner workings of the police department. This year, 32 middle schoolers completed the week-long program.

Every day started with physical fitness training led by police officers. With the exception of a visit to Greenwich Point on Wednesday, every day was a mix of classroom instruction, demonstrations, and practical exercises. Classroom topics included various police procedures and aspects of the law. Instructors also conducted many demonstrations, including forensics, drones, dive team, pistol range, and marine operations. Greenwich EMS provided first aid training.

On the final day of the program, the Explorers spent the day at the Seton Scout Reservation where they participated in the climbing wall and leadership reaction scenarios and had an opportunity to shoot .22 rifles at the range.

The Greenwich Police Department also sponsors a Police Explorer program for high schoolers during the school year. For more information, contact the GPD at (203) 622-8010. For more information on joining a regular Scout troop, visit beascout.org.

Chief Heavey, an Eagle Scout and long-time Scout leader, based the YCPA on the town's long-running CPA (Citizens Police Academy) with the aim of giving middle schoolers some safety skills as well as the opportunity to enjoy positive interactions with Greenwich Police Officers.



Campers scale the climbing wall.



Det. Aran Santilli and MPO Kaitlin Ciarleglio show campers around the forensics lab. All photos contributed by GPD.



The 2025 YCPA class poses right after their graduation ceremony at Seton Scout Camp.



Campers ride along on Public Safety Vessel 139 with Marine Officers Josh Repick and Joe Turcsanyi.



Ice cream break with School Resource Officer Fred Reisch.



Campers loosen up before commencing daily physical fitness training.



Campers visit the arrest processing area. They were later released.



Master Police Officer Patrick O'Connor familiarizes campers with the GPD's pistol range.



Chief Heavey reviews radio procedures with campers on a break at Greenwich Point.



A camper tries on gear.

Fazio, Courpas Deconstruct Session

BY LIZ LEAMY AND
ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Greenwich Town Hall Fills to Hear Details of Budget and Housing Battles

A full room at Greenwich Town Hall on July 9 underscored the urgency residents feel about state policy choices. State Senator Ryan Fazio and State Representative Tina Courpas spent about 2 hours laying out the complex budget negotiations and the fierce fight over the omnibus housing bill known as HB 5002—while answering pointed questions about what comes next.

“It’s really just such a great honor to be up there and to represent this town, my hometown, for yet another legislative session in the Senate,” said Fazio as the evening opened. “There’s not a day that goes by up there that we don’t feel the immense privilege and honor to represent this great town and a responsibility to do it with the best of our ability.”

Guardrails Debate and Budget Concerns

Much of the discussion centered on Connecticut’s so-called budget “guardrails,” the fiscal caps enacted in 2017 to impose discipline on spending. Fazio warned that the new budget “significantly changed and I think therefore broke those budget guardrails.”

“It significantly lifted and changed that volatility cap to the tune of \$600 million per year, meaning that we will probably be paying down \$600 million of less debt every single year in the state when you have \$90 billion of unfunded liabilities on the backs of taxpayers,” he said.

Courpas, serving in her first term, described her own reaction in stark terms: “From 2017 to

the present, we’ve had a path. We have had a recovery path for Connecticut and we’ve been on it and it has really given us guardrails,” she said. “This is my first legislative session, but I could see the disappointment on the faces of people that have been there a long time. I don’t know where we are now because now that they’re broken, I don’t know where we go.”

The Housing Bill Veto and a “Temporary Victory”

But the most heated issue of the evening was HB 5002, the omnibus housing bill vetoed by Governor Lamont after an outcry from communities statewide.

Fazio did not mince words: “The most significant affront to local control of decision making, especially planning and zoning and housing that we’ve seen in this state in a generation.”

He described pressing the bill’s Senate champion during debate: “I asked her on the Senate floor during the debate if this was just a threat to diminish funding to the towns and cities or if she would rule out voting for a full mandate to take away local zoning in the future in order to achieve this development, she said she would not rule it out. She actually said, I don’t know.”

He credited local activism for changing the outcome: “Ultimately after two weeks of all of you and people like you all over the state sending messages, emails, calls, I know people who personally texted the governor and there was a veto one day before it would’ve gone into law.”

But Fazio warned the veto wasn’t the end of the matter. “Remember, it’s a temporary victory,” he said. “The governor and the legislative leadership promise that they would negotiate and bring us into a

special session to pass something else, which in my mind will probably take away the fair share and maybe water down some of the parking requirements. That would be my guess if I had to make a prediction.”

He was even more direct later when pressed on the timeline and content of what’s next: “It’ll come sooner. The governor and the legislative leadership promised and has negotiated the fact that there will be a special session to pass some sort of housing legislation. My guess is my prediction, although it’s a really difficult prediction to make, is that 70 or 80% of what was in the bill will be passed into law. Maybe the fair share part will be rolled back or taken out. It’s still going to be a bad bill. It’s still going to be something that Tina and I almost certainly vote no on.”

Residents Speak Out with Thanks and Warnings

Throughout the evening, residents repeatedly stood up to thank the two legislators for their work—especially on HB 5002 and on defending local zoning control in the face of what one called an “overwhelming” majority in Hartford.

“First of all, thank you for all the work you guys are doing,” said one attendee. “It’s amazing. And also for the work to fight HB 5002.”

Another added: “Thank you again for both of you for 5002. Appreciate it.”

One resident underlined the challenge of resisting pressure

from Hartford: “I just really want to thank you both for fighting the fight to really protect local zoning and Greenwich, because what’s happening is they’re trying to take it away from us, and we know what’s best for Greenwich. So I know it must be really aggravating to really fight against the tide, but please continue to do that.”

One audience member also thanked them both while turning to local funding concerns: “Thank you both for what you’re doing. One of the things that your colleagues across the aisle take credit for is money’s back to Greenwich for school projects, et cetera. I think you and I know that it’s all formulaic and there’s really no extra money coming back is what’s due.”

Kelly Thompson, a Riverside resident who commutes to New York three days a week, offered particularly personal thanks: “As a PR person who works in New York three days of the week hearing this news about the tax bill is just, I mean music to my ears... I’d like to thank you both because as a PR person, I know it’s tough to get the positive press for all the work you’re doing. Tina, I have a 18-year-old who has learning disability and he grew up in the Greenwich School District for a while and we need someone like you who represents the voices of these children and their parents because for us, it wasn’t continual Madeline. It always was a challenge to make sure he was getting the best education he could. So thank you

Ryan. Thank you for your work on the electricity bill, for the budget guardrails for all of that, but especially on the 5002.”

Another resident echoed the broader gratitude in the room: “I would also like to add my thanks to both of you. Thank you. Being here tonight to educate all of us and let us know what’s happening.”

Pressing for Clarity and Local Control

Questions turned to the work-live-ride provision in HB 5002 and its impact on neighborhoods near train stations. “What the legislation said is that currently that towns or cities would have to deliver a plan to the state government, to the state bureaucracy that would up zone areas around a bus or a train station,” Fazio explained. “Normally half a mile radius, half a mile radius. So actually you’re within that. Yes, because you’re a thousand feet or 2000 feet. And that up zone it to the point that there are up to 10 units. There could be up to 10 units per lot developed as of right or else the town or city loses priority for several buckets of state funding.”

Courpas warned of the bill’s broader implications: “One objection, and we’re trying to get this kind of conversation going, which is this is a very myopic view of the housing situation. We have supposedly, studies have said that we have a lack of 90,000 affordable units in Connecticut, but we have 4,000 homeless people roughly in Connecticut... So what about their incomes? To

me, it’s the fact that people can’t afford the housing that we do have.”

Calls for Transparency in Hartford

Residents also challenged the process in Hartford, with one attendee asking for a law requiring time to review bills before votes. Fazio described his proposal: “I introduced a bill last year and again this year that would require any bill over 50 pages to be published 24 hours before it’s voted on by the full house or Senate, any bill over a hundred pages, 48 hours at minimum in public before it’s voted on.”

Courpas pointed to the reality of the current process: “It used to be the case that the budget could be dropped on you. The budget was 963 pages this year and there’s a law now in the legislature, a self-governing law, which says that the house has to have at least 12 hours to review the budget. So now it gets dropped at three o’clock in the morning.”

Closing the evening, Courpas offered a note of humility and thanks:

“Walking in that building every day and having in my mind the faces of the people in the 149th and knowing the responsibility of representing you was just an overwhelming privilege. So thank you and thank you also for the support and the constant inputs about issues that you care about and your expertise.”

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Joan Suter Appointed Assistant Manager of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Greenwich and Old Greenwich Offices



Greenwich, CT (July 7, 2025) — Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England Properties is proud to announce the appointment of Joan Suter as Assistant Manager of the Greenwich and Old Greenwich offices. A top-performing real estate professional with over 20 years of experience, Joan brings a deep understanding of the Greenwich market and a track record of excellence to this leadership role.

Consistently ranked in the top 2% of the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices network for her outstanding sales performance, Joan has built her career on delivering results, building lasting relationships, and navigating complex transactions with ease. Her expertise in local regulations and property development makes her a trusted advisor to both clients and colleagues. In her new role, Joan will support Director of Sales Eric Bjork in managing daily operations and will lead initiatives focused on agent training and professional development.

"Joan's transition into leadership is a natural fit," said Eric Bjork, Director of Sales for the Greenwich and Old Greenwich offices. "She's respected, highly knowledgeable, and truly invested in the success of her peers. I'm excited to partner with her as we continue to grow and support our exceptional agents."

Joan holds a degree in Economics from Hamilton College and an MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business. Her global perspective—shaped by living in multiple countries—adds a unique dimension to her strategic approach and client service.



“Joan exemplifies the professionalism and integrity our brand stands for.”

Brenda Maher,
President of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England Properties

"Joan exemplifies the professionalism and integrity our brand stands for," said Brenda Maher, President of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England Properties. "Her leadership, market knowledge, and personal commitment to this community make her an incredible asset. We're thrilled to see her step into this role."

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Joan has been an active member of the Greenwich Junior League for over 15 years and is a proud mother of three. She enjoys traveling, golf, and baking in her spare time.



Please join us in congratulating Joan Suter on her new position as Assistant Manager. Her leadership will play a key role in continuing the legacy of excellence in Greenwich and Old Greenwich.

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28 North Ridge Road	Old Greenwich	\$2,600,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's	50 Lafayette Place 4E	\$805,000	\$775,000	\$730,000	87
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40 W Elm Street 5A	\$1,125,000	\$1,071	1,050	0	1	1	South of Post	39 Indian Mill Road	\$2,695,000
19 Cross Street	\$1,195,000	\$645	1,854	0.12	3	2	Pemberwick	69 W Brother Drive	\$2,925,000
172 Field Point Road 9	\$1,300,000	\$553	2,352	0	2	2	South of Post	15 Anderson Road	\$3,700,000
44 Valley Road A	\$1,595,000	\$606	2,632	0	4	3	Cos Cob	19 Crescent Road	\$3,750,000
35 Skylark Road	\$1,695,000	\$1,264	1,341	0.28	2	2	South Parkway	1 Ivanhoe Lane	\$4,500,000
11 Mill Pond Court	\$1,895,000	\$1,056	1,795	0.13	3	3	Cos Cob	2 Swan Terrace	\$4,495,000
43 Buckfield Lane	\$2,500,000	\$663	3,772	8.54	5	4	North Parkway	20 Dingtletown Road	\$4,800,000
65 Sherwood Place	\$2,695,000	\$934	2,885	0	6	5	South Parkway	95 Indian Head Road	\$4,950,000
36 Hendrie Avenue	\$3,195,000	\$913	3,500	0.22	5	3	Riverside	980 Lake Avenue	\$5,175,000
14 Highview Avenue	\$3,275,000	\$892	3,670	0.3	5	2	Old Greenwich	44 N Porchuck Road	\$5,895,000
15 Deepwoods Lane	\$3,450,000	\$787	4,382	0.34	4	4	Old Greenwich	16 Marlow Court	\$6,200,000
40 Bruce Park Drive	\$3,500,000	\$1,224	2,859	0.75	3	2	South of Post	18 Shoal Point Lane	\$7,150,000
27 Cognewaugh Road	\$3,795,000	\$670	5,662	0.42	5	4	Cos Cob	120 Oneida Drive	\$13,995,000
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8 Fado Lane	\$4,450,000	\$632	7,041	0.35	5	6	Cos Cob		
209 Shore Road	\$5,360,000	\$1,258	4,261	0.68	4	2	Old Greenwich		
28 Thunder Mountain Road	\$6,550,000	\$611	10,723	2	7	7	South Parkway		
21 Ridge Street	\$6,850,000	\$1,228	5,577	0.16	6	5	South of Post		
36 Baldwin Farms North	\$7,995,000	\$916	8,728	2.1	5	7	South Parkway		
200 Shore Road	\$11,250,000	\$1,995	5,638	0.5	5	4	Old Greenwich		

Real Estate Market First Half 2025 - Sales Up, Prices Up, Contracts Down, and Taxes



By MARK PRUNER

Our most dramatic Greenwich real estate statistic is that our sales prices are up 19% from the first half of 2024. This year our median sales price for a single-family Greenwich is \$3.25 million, which is up \$608,453 from our 2024 first half median sales price of \$2.73 million. This is a 19% increase at the same time that prices are dropping in what were the U.S.'s hottest Covid markets.

For an even more dramatic numeric jump, our average LIST price is up 21% from \$7.09 million in 2024 to \$8.57 million this year. What is moving these very high listing prices is the dearth of inventory below \$1.5 million. We only have 5 listings below \$1.5 million and only 1 house listed for less than \$800,000. (It is listed for \$695,000 at 58 Riverdale Ave. The house is a 1,123 s.f house with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom on 0.12 acres.) At the other end of the market, we 5 houses listed for over \$34,000,000.

Another remarkable stat is that our sales over \$10 million are up 67% from only 7 sales in the first half of 2024 to 13 sales this year. Our Greenwich Streets Team still has the highest sale at \$21 million, but we have 13 listings over that price that could set a new record for the year.

Our total first half house sales are 232 homes, up 2.7% from last year. At the same time, our inventory at the end of the first half of 2025 is only 133 listings, down 16% from 2024 and down 81% from the first half of 2019. Every week this year set a new record low for inventory in that week of the year.

While sales are up, we have not had a smooth ride so far this year. In fact, it took some extreme bumps to get to slightly improved 2025 sales. In January and February, sales were well below our 10-year average due to very low inventory. Then came March with only 19 sales, the second worst of this century.

Our worst March was March 2019 with one less sale at 18 sales in the heart of the Great Recession. This major drop in sales was caused by increased tariff concerns leading to major drop in stock prices, the main source of high-end cash deals in Greenwich. As a result, most buyers under contract delayed their closing so the value of their stock holdings would have time to recover.

In April, stock prices recovered and sales more than doubled from 19 sales in March to 40 sales in April and 59 sales in May. With stock prices up, buyers were rushing to close, while the stock market stayed up. These quicker contract closing meant that the number of contracts shrank, leading to our third worst June for overall sales. Of course, if you just look at the first half total sales number, it looks like last year and missed all the drama of month-to-month sales.

You would think that with contracts and sales down that we don't have a very good market and in the main you'd be wrong. For the 59 sales that we had in June, 41, or 71% of them went for full list or over list price. The median days on market, i.e. from listing date to non-contingent date was only 13 days. The median sale price to original list price (OLP) was 101% of the OLP.

With the average sales price up 21% from last year, and the number of sales up 3% our total volume of sales went up by 20%.

In the first half of 2024, we sold \$805 million of houses; in the first half of 2025 our total sales volume was up \$163 million to \$968 million.

The upper half of the market is doing well, as people are looking for a more stable investment. This makes the whole market look good, because our high-end is so high it drags up our median and average sales prices and our total sales volume, by much more than the 3% increase in overall sales might indicate.

The lower half of our market is not doing nearly as well, mostly because of the lack of inventory. Under \$1.5 million, we have the aforementioned 5 listing. From \$1.5 million to \$3 million we have 36 listings, which sounds much better, but we have plenty of demand for that inventory. The result is that we are looking at less than 3 months of supply when you add in the contracts for the whole market under \$6.5 million, which I call a super-seller's market.

For the upper half of the lower half of the market, from \$1.5 million to \$3 million, we have sold 57 houses, and we have another 40 houses under contract, which has sucked up a lot of new inventory. Only over \$6.5 million do we have enough inventory to meet the demand that we have. Even with 6.5 months of supply with contracts from \$6.5 - 10 million and 10.3 months of supply over \$10 million, we are still at much lower months of supply at the ultra-high end than we have seen in many years.

With inventory so low, it will take either a lot more inventory or a lot less demand to get to anything that looks like a balanced market.

We've seen some remarkable appreciation with the median sales price up 75% from 2019. A better indicator is probably price/sf, since it less affected by the sales price is up 62% from 2019. Even for this stat, much of this change is due to low inventory limiting sales at the low end and good sales at the high end shifting median up for both stats.

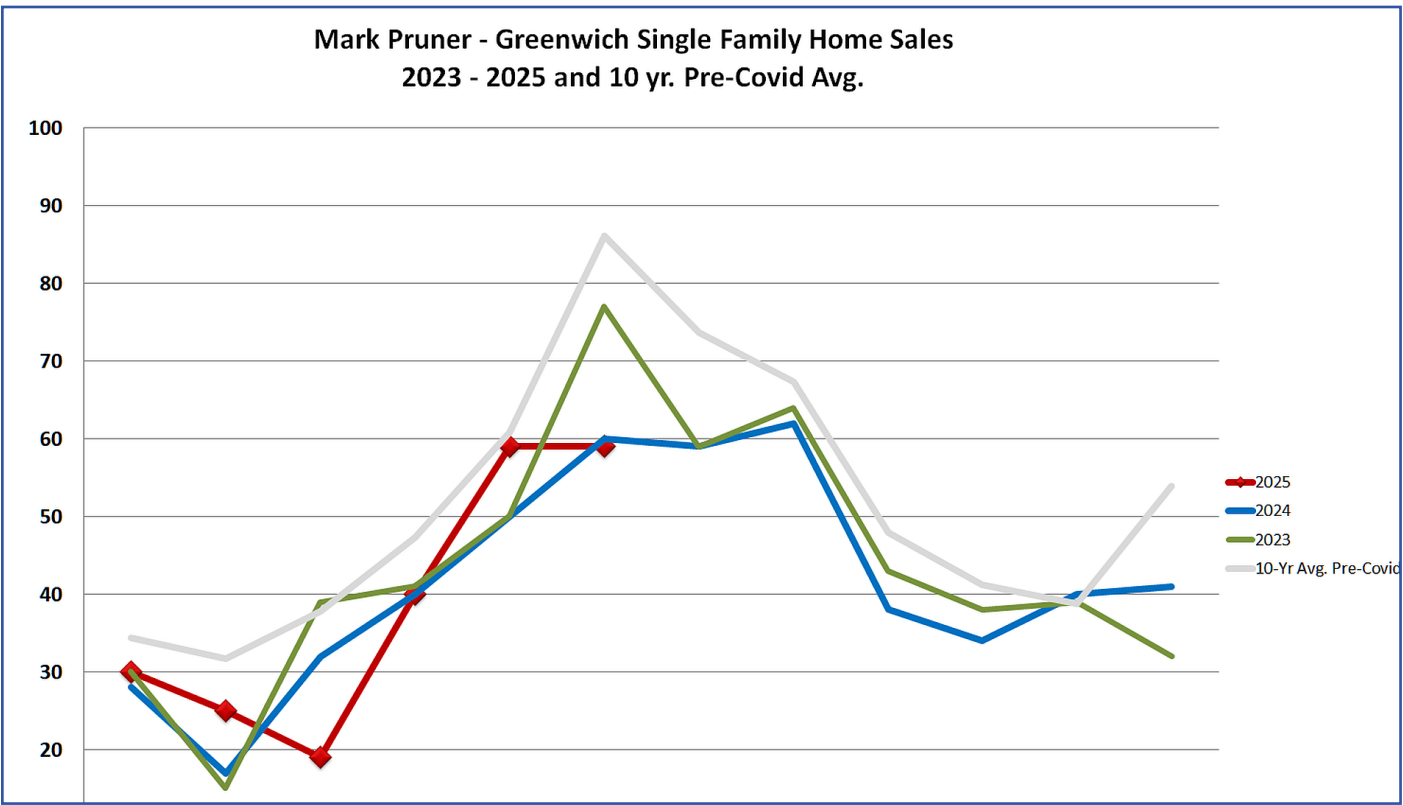
One Big Beautiful Bill Should Help Greenwich

Trump's Big Beautiful Bill, now enacted, continues those tax policies that make the biggest difference in Greenwich house prices. The biggest change is no change, just making permanent the tax bracket reductions in Trump's 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act. This removes the uncertainty as to what may happen to federal income tax rates. The BBA also did not change the carried interest taxation meaning high-end houses still have a good solid funding source.

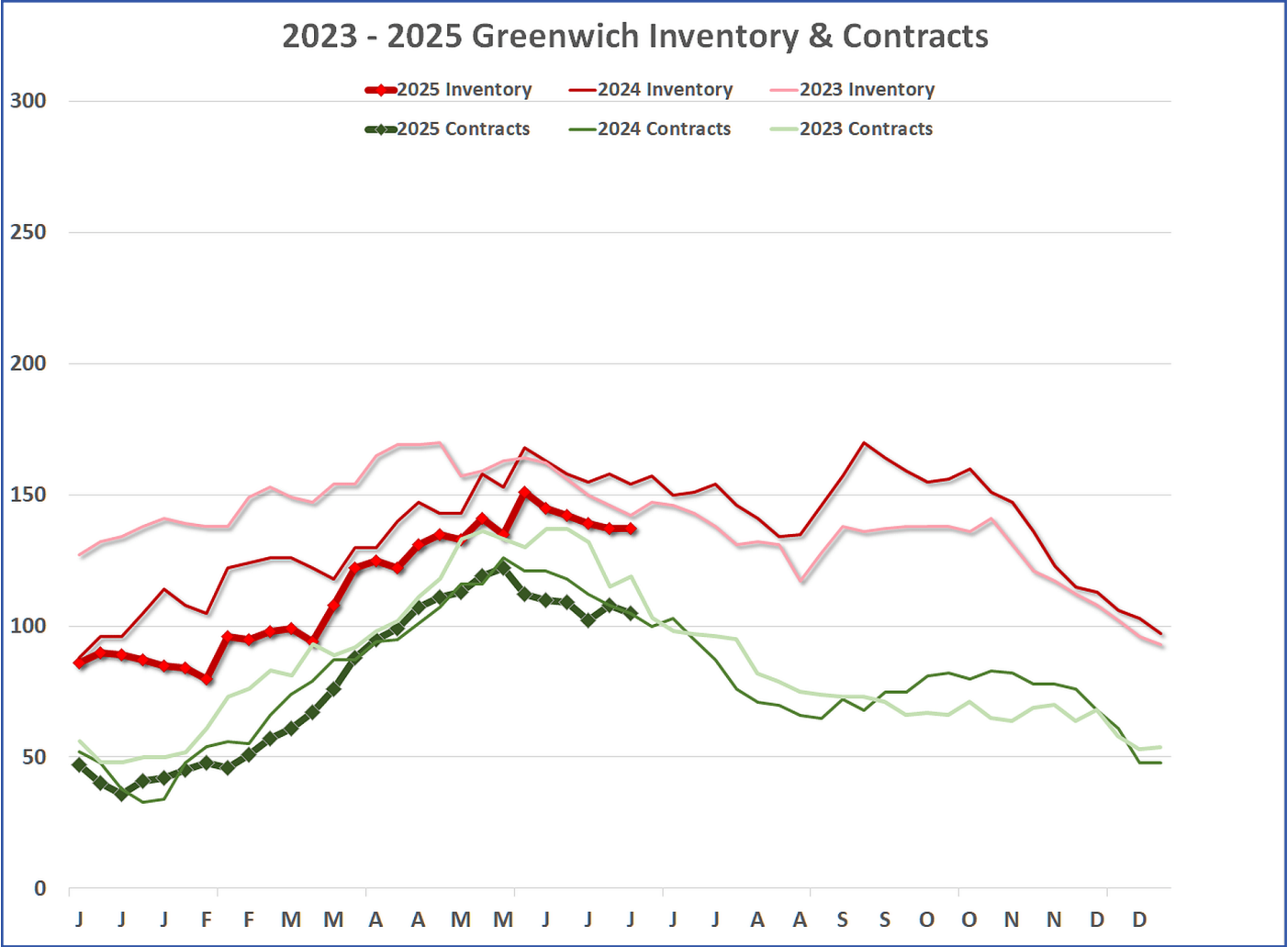
The most discussed change is the increase of the State and Local Tax deduction from \$10,000 to \$40,000. When you look closer, this change is not going to apply to most Westchester home sellers. These are the buyers that drove the Greenwich sales bump in 2018, when sales dropped in Westchester County.

The biggest reduction in users of this benefit is that the standard deduction was increased from \$16,000 to \$32,000. As a result, many people will use that instead of itemizing deductions including the higher SALT deduction.

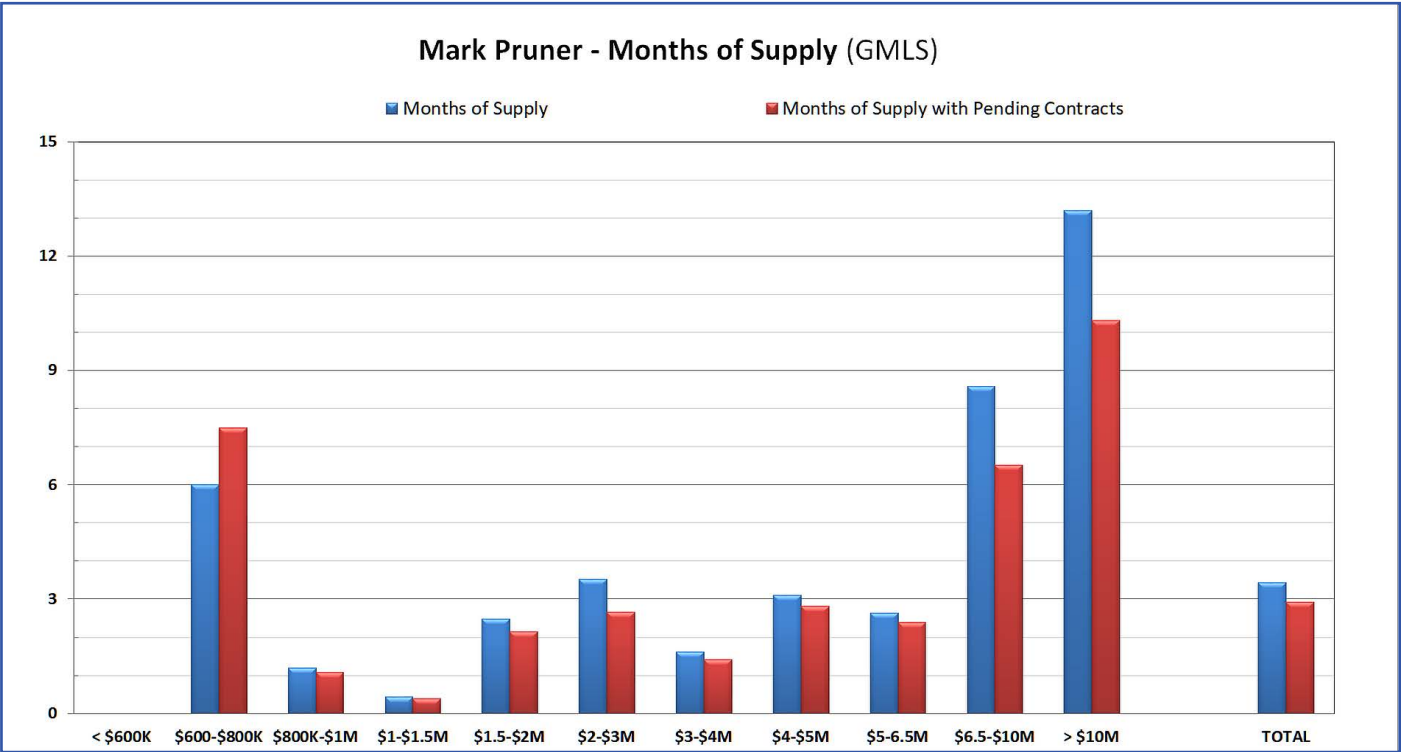
The SALT deduction also phases out over \$500,000 of modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). By the time you get to \$600,000, the increased SALT deduction is gone and reduced to its base of \$10,000. In money terms, the additional \$30,000 in SALT deductions only saves a maximum of \$10,500 (\$30,000 SALT increase x 35% tax bracket). If you are in the highest 37% bracket, the SALT deduction is gone, since it now starts at \$751,600.



Sales were up in 2025, but month-to-month sales were up and down dramatically in the first half of the year.



Inventory in 2025 still hasn't reached the levels of 2024, but with continuing high demand, sales are up.



We have a super seller's market all the way to \$6.5 million. (Inventory from \$600-800K is up due to one more listing.)

Our sales over \$10 million are up 67% from only 7 sales in the first half of 2024 to 13 sales this year. Total sales volume is up \$163 million.

The only people who will benefit are those who itemize deductions and don't have a MAGI over \$600,000. Unlike in 2018, I don't expect a lot of Westchesterites to be motivated to move to Connecticut due to the increased SALT deductions. We

still have much lower property taxes in Greenwich and those lower Connecticut tax brackets, so we will continue to see downsizers move across the border. We will still get lots of Westchesterites downsizing as they have for decades. The increased SALT

deduction will bump a few people into moving to Connecticut, but I don't think it will be a major factor. A bigger impact will be from the increased estate tax and lifetime gift tax deduction increasing to \$30 million for couples and \$15 million for singles.

Moving to other states (Florida, for instance), for estate purposes will benefit a smaller group of estate beneficiaries.

All in all, the BBA is a plus for Greenwich and other Gold Coast house sales, which is better than the problems it may create outside of real estate.

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1 p.m.

Cloak and Dagger Book Club. This Book Club will meet temporarily at the Perrot Memorial Library, during the Cos Cob renovation.

1 p.m.

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

2 p.m.

Art Opening Reception: Art Society of Old Greenwich Exhibit - “Summer Daze.” Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

Monday, July 14

10 a.m.

Summer Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

12:30 p.m.

Battle of the Books Book Club with Ms. Flynn: “Because of Mr. Terupt” by Rob Buyea. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

6 p.m.

Discover the Power of Google Travel Tools. Learning Lab.

Tuesday, July 15

11 a.m.

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

4 p.m.

A-mazing Architects. Children’s Constellation Room.

5 p.m.

International Book Club (Zoom): The Grey Wolf by Louise Penny.

7 p.m.

Surviving Wall Street with Scott L. Bok. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Wednesday, July 16

10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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

10 a.m.

Summer Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

1 p.m.

PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab.

3 p.m.

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

3:30 p.m.

Teen Craft Club. Teen Commons.

5 p.m.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3). Children’s Constellation Room.

Thursday, July 17

10 a.m.

Adult Summer Reading: Introduction to Mah-jong. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

Tech Help. Learning Lab.

4 p.m.

Yo-Yo Presentation and Workshop with Eric and Friends. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

5 p.m.

Jr. Book Club. Children’s Constellation Room.

7 p.m.

Dr. Harry Mamaysky on Investment Strategy for Individual Investors: Part I. Online.

Friday, July 18

1 p.m.

Shark Bristlebot Olympics. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

3:45 p.m.

Kids Writer’s Workshop. Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

5 p.m.

Greenwich Library Early Close (5pm).

Saturday, July 19

10 a.m.

Community Sponsored: Outreach Meeting. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

11 a.m.

Looking at Art for Kids and Families. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

D&D Game: Terrors of the Deep: A High Seas Adventure (Grades 7-12). Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

1 p.m.

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

2 p.m.

Hitchcock Movie Fest. Jerry’s Movies: “Dial M for Murder.” Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

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

Saturday, July 12 & 19

9 a.m.

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

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org

Everyday, all day

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

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

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

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

Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Food Drive at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: redcrossblood.org

Friday, July 11

12 - 5 p.m.

Port Chester Senior Center, 222 Grace Church St, Port Chester, NY.

Saturday, July 12

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Ave., Norwalk.

Sunday, July 13

7 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Darien YMCA, 2420 Post Rd., Darien.

Sunday, July 13

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Monday, July 14

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Stamford, 1101 Bedford St, Stamford.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Tuesday, July 15

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Acrisure, 90 S. Ridge St., Rye Brook, NY.

1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, July 16

9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Thursday, July 17

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

12 - 5 p.m.

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

Friday, July 18

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Ave., Norwalk.

Saturday, July 19

7 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tully Health Center, 32 Strawberry Hill Court, Stamford.

Sunday, July 20

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, July 14

3 p.m.

Energy Management Advisory Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

Tuesday, July 15

1 p.m.

BET Budget Committee.

Wednesday, July 16

10:30 a.m.

FS Active Transportation Task Force Meeting. Virtual via Zoom.

1 p.m.

BET HR Committee.

6 p.m.

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

6 p.m.

Harbor Management Commission Regular Meeting. Mazza Room.

6:30 p.m.

Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting. On Zoom.

7 p.m.

Fair Rent Commission Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

Thursday, July 17

11 a.m.

FS Sustainability Committee Meeting Retreat. Round Hill Community Church.

3 p.m.

BET Law Committee.

Monday, July 14

9:15 a.m.

ADA & Advocacy Advisory Committee for People With Disabilities Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

1 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

SAVE THE DATE:

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 – benefiting 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

Friday, Sept. 19

6 p.m.

Greenwich United Way’s “Brew Ha-Ha”. Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. e.givesmart.com/events/JGz

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. Stan-wich Club, Greenwich. steppingstonesmuseum.org

Monday, Sept. 29

9:30 a.m.

The 28th Annual Kids Challenge Golf Tournament, benefiting Kids In Crisis. Shorehaven Golf Club, Norwalk. kicgolf2025.givesmart.com

Monday, Oct. 6

12:30 p.m.

Greenwich United Way 9th Annual Golf Tournament. Burning Tree Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/JHs

Sunday, Oct. 12

7 a.m.

The 20th Annual Walk/Run for Abilis. Tod’s Point. abilis.us/walkrun

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

Sunday, Oct. 19

Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants – CIRI’s Soirée. Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport. cirict.org

Saturday, Nov. 8

10 a.m.

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

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, JULY 11

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

12 p.m.

Minecraft Competition. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

1 p.m.

Marine Life Encounter Cruise. Maritime Aquarium dock, 70 Water St., Norwalk. \$49.95. maritimeaquarium.org

2 p.m.

Friday Flicks: The Wild Robot. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.

Lauren Minear performs. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free Admission, no reservation required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

SATURDAY, JULY 12

1 p.m.

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

1 p.m.

Josie’s Belly Dancing Workshop. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

1 p.m.

Marine Life Encounter Cruise. Maritime Aquarium dock, 70 Water St., Norwalk. \$49.95. maritimeaquarium.org

SUNDAY, JULY 13

2 p.m.

Friends Author Series: An Afternoon with Daniel Silva, Author of An Inside Job. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

MONDAY, JULY 14

2 p.m.

FSummer Scares Read-A-Thon. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

TUESDAY, JULY 15

11 a.m.

Teen Workshop: Interpersonal Communication. Ferguson Library – West Side Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

2 - 6 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 16

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

1 p.m.

Teen Quilting Club. Ferguson Library – West Side Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

5:30 p.m.

Teen Sewing Workshop. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

5:30 p.m.

Artist Reception: Neon Fame by Frankie Vinci. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free Admission, no reservation required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

6 p.m.

Documentary Screening: Complicated (2025). Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

THURSDAY, JULY 17

11 a.m.

Teen Workshop: Interpersonal Communication. Ferguson Library – West Side Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

2 p.m.

Adult Crafting Summer Series: Diamond Art. Ferguson Library – Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6:30 p.m.

Friends Author Series: An Evening with Lisa Scottoline, Author of The Unraveling of Julia. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

FRIDAY, JULY 18

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

2 p.m.

Dog Man Party. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

2 p.m.

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Regenerist skin care brand
5 Allude (to)
10 Begged earnestly
14 Word after “dirty” or “sticky”
15 Love so much
16 Party with a light show, perhaps
17 Military branch whose logo has two anchors
19 Setting for rising action?
20 “Inuyasha” genre
21 Instruments to shake
23 Prefix for “social”
26 Like lemon bars
27 Model who co-authored “Becoming”
32 Was victorious
33 Largest fencing sword
34 Genuine
36 Worker in an ambulance: Abbr.
37 Turned
41 Feeling after witnessing injustice
42 One may tweet a lot
44 Name that sounds like a fossil fuel
45 “___ to the point!”
- 46 Deep-voiced YouTuber known for horror stories, music and “Among Us”
51 Currency in Beijing
52 Gather, as crops
53 Pair of cellphone accessories
56 ___ Bay
60 Popular streaming service
61 Stop subscribing to cable, or what 17-, 27- and 46-Across literally do?
64 Omani or Yemeni
65 Backspace over
66 Feature of a certain sweatshirt
67 Fuzzy stuff in a forest
68 Aired again
69 Concludes

DOWN

- 1 Ocean predator
2 Jungle predator
3 Berry in a cold bowl
4 Sycophantic guy
5 Dishcloth
6 www.more-house.___
7 Squishy mat-ress material
8 Mistakes in a text?
9 Change, as boundaries

- 10 Person who says “Pencils down!”
11 What spews from a volcano
12 Nights before holidays
13 TV room
18 Chicken finger
22 (I want my biscuit NOW!)
24 Mistake in a text
25 Rapper/actor on “Law & Order: SVU”
27 Stand-up performer
28 Opening segment, for short
29 Arrive at
30 Queen’s time in power
31 Had the courage
32 The last “w” in www
35 Give permission to
38 Go from stop to stop

- 39 Something ___ entirely
40 High school activity with pros
43 Barbecue spice blends
47 British bar
48 Small dish
49 Put up with
50 Geronimo’s tribe
53 Currency in Berlin
54 “Unfortu- nately ...”
55 ___ of David (Jewish symbol)
57 It has been new many times
58 Poke
59 Finds the sum of
60 Easter meat
62 Baggage- inspecting org.
63 Female turkey

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Pins on violins
5. Leather punchers
9. (K) Like a 1901 penny
12. In ___ of (substituting for)
13. Like a fashionista’s best stuff
14. (K) Lamb’s cry
15. Huge containers for hot beverages
16. Teeny amount
17. (K) Suffix with “bass” or “tour”
18. Way of operating
20. Flexible, as a ballerina
22. (K) Top for a plastic container
23. (K) Anyone’s chances of winning
25. (K) Billiards necessity
27. Color that’s close to beige
29. Things worn on Hawaiian Islands
33. KGB’s country, once
35. (K) Letters learned first
36. (K) Every single one
37. (K) Computer’s contents
38. (K) Singer’s device, informally
40. (K) Activate one’s eyeballs
41. (K) Extend a hand and say, “My name is ...”
43. Type of instinct
45. Like a mouth hanging open in shock
48. (K) Critter that might play dead
51. Place for a bio class
52. (K) Safety device for stair climbers
55. (K) Bring onto the staff
56. Rapid-fire weapon
57. (K) 17 ___ 612 is 36

58. (K) A blade has one
59. Successfully reached, as a deadline
60. Like 35-Across
61. (K) Smell like rotten cabbage
- DOWN
1. (K) Purple fruit
2. Dublin’s land
3. (K) Least harsh
4. Fishy meal
5. (K) Metal-eating liquid
6. (K) A simple question
7. (K) Like a light-providing candle
8. Accidentally spill hot coffee on
9. Column of a lifetime?
10. Mascara’s host
11. (K) Feb. 3, 1998 is one
19. Poetic tribute
21. Place for a castaway
23. (K) Circle a planet
24. (K) “Move your big head lower!”

25. (K) A cow chews it
26. Forever stamp letters
28. (K) Arrived
30. Big part of Manhattan (2 words)
31. (K) You can skate on it
32. “___ Loves You”
34. (K) Skate-boarder’s elevator?
39. Reason stars might collide?
42. Seriously spooky
44. Person keeping the bride’s family together?
45. Grad returning to school
46. (K) Stare off into the distance
47. Just slightly (2 words)
48. Deceptive maneuver
49. (K) Desire to do something
50. Mild-mannered
53. Santa place?
54. (K) “___ all over now”

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

Stereotypical parts for pirates?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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V	E	N	E	T	I	A	N	B	L	I
X	I	L	E	O	B	P	A	D		
D	R	Y	V	E	C	T				
E	R	E	N	E	R	A	N			
O	V	E	R	N	L	O	R	E	O	
D	E	A	L	T	O	T	V	I	A	L
A	R	M	Y	A	N	Y	E	A	R	L

Previous riddle answer:

Side of turkey?
28-D) YAM

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String Trio by Sebastian L.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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64					65					66		
67					68					69		

Horoscopes

The week of July 10–17, 2025, is marked by significant astrological events:

Full Moon in Capricorn on July 10, emphasizing career and long-term goals.

Saturn Retrograde begins on July 13 in Pisces, prompting introspection and reassessment of responsibilities.

Mercury Retrograde starts on July 18 in Leo, affecting communication and self-expression.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

The Full Moon on July 10 brings career matters to the forefront. Reflect on your professional goals and consider necessary adjustments. With Saturn turning retrograde on July 13, reassess your long-term plans and ensure they align with your personal values.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

This week encourages you to broaden your horizons. The Full Moon highlights educational and travel opportunities. Saturn’s retrograde motion prompts a review of your belief systems and philosophical perspectives.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Financial matters come into focus. The Full Moon urges you to evaluate shared resources and debts. Saturn’s retrograde invites you to reconsider your career trajectory and long-term ambitions.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Relationships take center stage. The Full Moon illuminates partnerships, prompting discussions about commitment and shared goals. Saturn’s retrograde encourages introspection about personal growth and learning.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Focus on health and daily routines. The Full Moon emphasizes the importance of self-care and organization. With Saturn retrograde, reassess your financial strategies and investments.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Creative pursuits and romantic relationships are highlighted. The Full Moon encourages you to express yourself and embrace joy. Saturn’s retrograde motion prompts a reevaluation of partnerships and collaborations.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Home and family matters come into focus. The Full Moon urges you to address domestic responsibilities and emotional well-being. Saturn’s retrograde invites you to refine your daily habits and health routines.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Communication and learning are emphasized. The Full Moon highlights the need for clear expression and information sharing. Saturn’s retrograde encourages you to revisit creative projects and hobbies.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Financial stability is a key theme. The Full Moon prompts a review of income and expenditures. Saturn’s retrograde motion invites you to reflect on family dynamics and home life.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Personal identity and self-expression are in focus. The Full Moon in your sign encourages you to embrace authenticity. Saturn’s retrograde prompts a reassessment of communication styles and learning approaches.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Introspection and spiritual growth are highlighted. The Full Moon urges you to explore inner beliefs and subconscious patterns. Saturn’s retrograde invites you to reevaluate financial priorities and self-worth.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Social connections and community involvement come into focus. The Full Moon encourages you to engage with groups and networks. Saturn’s retrograde in your sign prompts a deep review of personal goals and responsibilities.

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 walks laboriously (7)
2 Habitat 67 architect Moshe (6)
3 foreboding (10)
4 wary (8)
5 rouged spots (10)
6 maintain order (6)
7 bright light in one’s field (8)

SOLUTIONS

- _____

NT	TRU	TTI	DIE	EKB
ONES	SH	ES	RY	OUS
DG	LUM	POL	SKI	POR
ICE	SAF	CHE	TE	INA

Previous Answers: INVIGORATE 2. WADDLE 3. CONTRIBUTES
4. AMARYLLIS 5. ALIBIS 6. FENNEL 7. MORDANTLY

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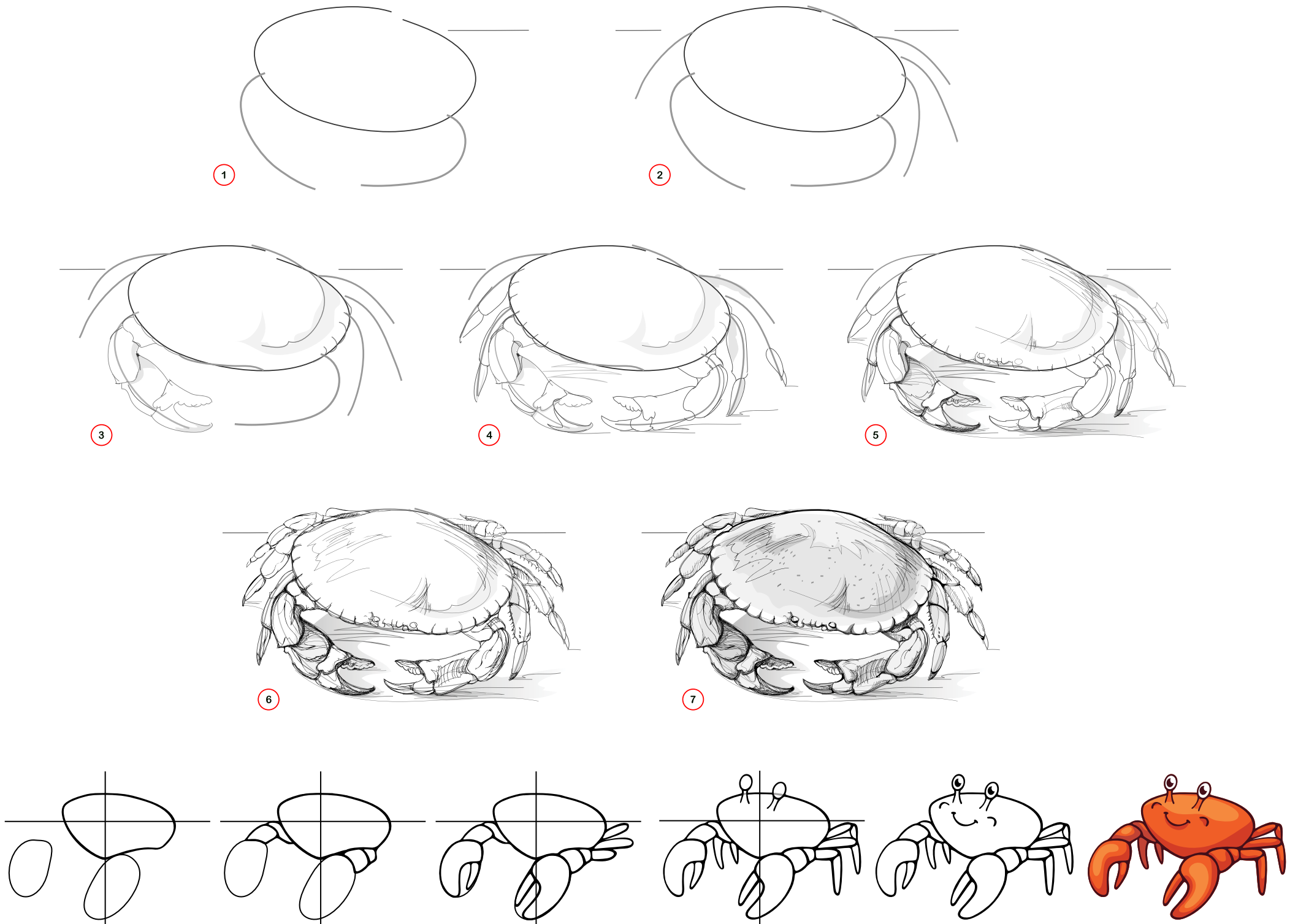
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The answers to this week’s puzzles can be found in next week’s issue.

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How To Draw Two Ways: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

3			
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4	1		2
2		4	1

	2		
1	3	2	
		1	
2		4	3

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SUDOKU

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

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Very Hard								
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3				7				9
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			1					
4	3	9	2	6		5		

Sudoku answers

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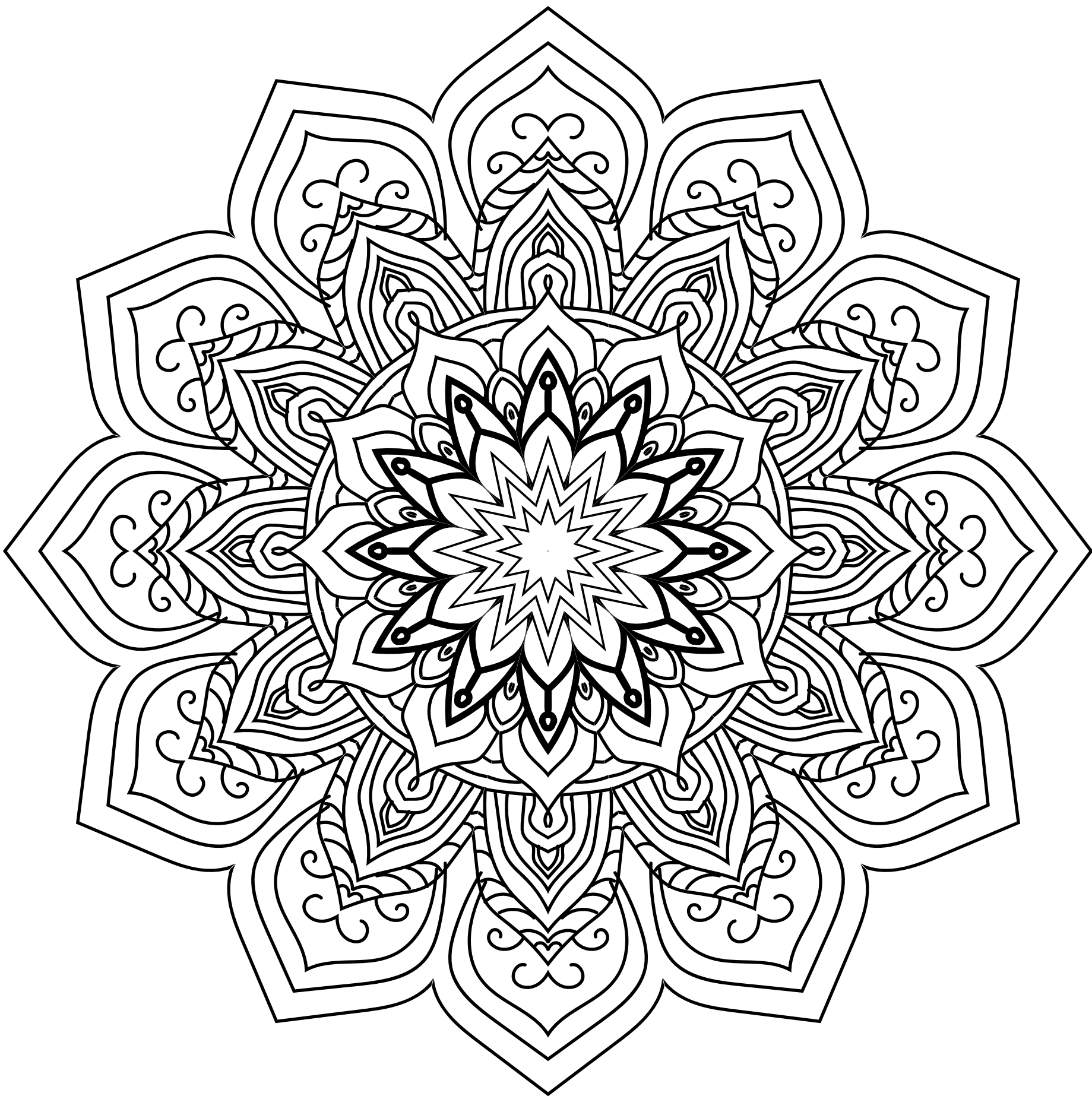
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SNOW MANDALA

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HOW MANY ARE THERE?

COUNT ALL THE CRABS

9

8

7

10

6

3

4

5

7

8

10

9

Find 2 same butterflies

What is capybara eating?

Where does capybara live?

Spot 5 differences

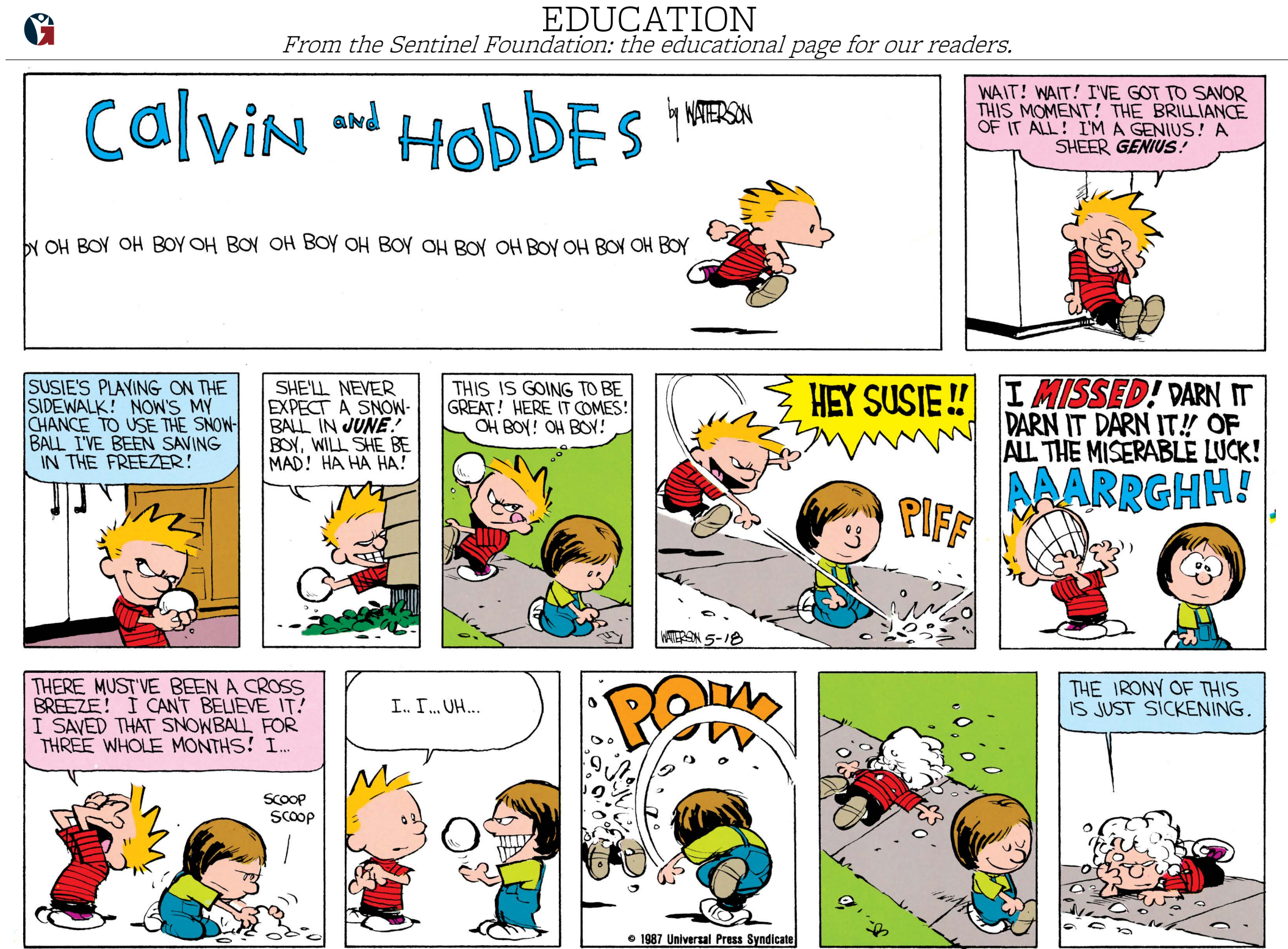
find the words in the puzzle

C	A	P	Y	B	P	O
D	T	B	R	A	R	N
R	A	U	E	E	A	D
A	N	T	Y	D	F	R
G	G	T	E	R	F	O
O	E	R	I	N	L	G
N	F	L	Y	E	Y	A

BUTTERFLY
CAPYBARA
DRAGONFLY
FROG
POND
REED
TANGERINE

	?		?
			?
?		?	

1 brown
2 purple
3 green
4 orange
5 yellow
6 red
7 beige
8 dark green
9 blue



WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE GLACIER ROCK CRAWLER

Extremophiles Are a Hardy Bunch

By JIM KNOX

Extremophiles are a hardy bunch. By definition there are none hardier than these creatures which call the planet's most extreme habitats home. Swimming in Yellowstone's scalding 450 degree fahrenheit hot springs, colonizing Kilauea's fresh lava fields and crawling within the ice-bound recesses of glaciers, these life forms prove that where there's a habitat, there's a way.

Among this cohort of ultimate survivors are a family of creatures discovered little more than a century ago. Inhabiting remote, isolated mountaintops, glaciers and ice caves in Siberia, Japan, China, Canada and the United States. These small life forms astound us with each discovery of their emerging life history.

Glacier Rock Crawlers, also known as icebugs or ice crawlers, represent a little known and ancient lineage of insects which have survived undetected among the planet's most remote and barren glacial regions. With the first species discovered in 1914, the Grylloblatidae Family, also known as "cricket cockroaches" for their shared features with both insect families, are considered to be the ancestors of many modern insect species.

When I first learned of these slender little creatures inhabiting glaciers, I wondered how in the world they did that. How did they survive, quite ably, within high altitude glaciers devoid of growing plants, native animals and water? The climate is forbidding enough but until the discovery of these little beasts, the habitat was not even considered habitat in that it lacked food and constant access to water. Although this was incorrect, it underscores the fact, and that notion, and their existence was completely overlooked by science for centuries.

So how do they do it? Just how do these insects do what others cannot? To properly answer that, we need more information about them, but in essence, their success is built upon the fact that they exploit habitats that are nearly inhospitable. In short,



they succeed because they completely avoid competition by ecologically venturing where others cannot follow.

Topping out at a mere one inch in length, Glacier Rock Crawlers are slender, light brown insects resembling crickets and cockroaches. A key feature of these little beasts, like their namesake cousins, is their adaptability in diet. Though they prefer animal matter, Glacier Rock Crawlers are omnivores, surviving off plant matter when available. In fact, although their lifestyle is predatory by nature, when insect or arthropod prey is in short supply, they simply scavenge. These strictly nocturnal wingless insects venture out under the cover of darkness to avoid predatory birds and hunt and scavenge glacier fields for aeolian deposition—the insect and plant matter deposited by high altitude winds. Lacking eyes, their elongated antennae provide them with powerful scent detection capability, enabling them to find a meal delivered by wind, exposed by melting snow and ice, or beneath stones at the edges of

glaciers. A casual look reveals species in need of even more study. Given that each one of the 26 known species of Glacier Rock Crawlers is classified as a cryophile—vitaly linked to constant near-freezing temperatures—the more we know about these remarkably hardy yet environmentally sensitive creatures, the better informed we are about the health of our highly variable planet.

Like many wild creatures, they embody a powerful irony in their survival capabilities. These are creatures which can withstand a lifetime of greater than five years—an incredibly long lifespan for an insect—subjected to high velocity glacial winds, prolonged cold, darkness, and variable access to food. Yet, this same tougher-than-tough micro beast can perish due to exposure to the heat of a human hand!

Even older than their ancient cockroach descendants, who have been thriving on Planet Earth for no less than 320 million years, these living fossils have pioneered a strategy

for success which relies upon their own unique strengths, rather than on competition with legions of their fellow insect kin.



One of the world's rarest and least understood insects, a grylloblattid ice crawler (*Grylloblatta* sp.). Photographed live at night on an ice field, Northern California, USA. By Alex Wild.

Although an inevitable aspect to our existence is the need to compete. In some instances at least, doesn't it make sense to emulate those who thrive by dispensing with competition—by endeavoring to operate where others wouldn't attempt?

I have made certain promises to myself, not for the new year, but for all years ahead. Aside from the more typical promises of improving fitness and learning new skills, I have made one more. I have promised myself I will venture into realms others fail to consider. Like these little-known creatures which inhabit

the planet's most remote and inhospitable regions, I will explore and I will utilize the strengths nature has given me. I'm certain it won't be easy, but I invite you to join me. If you take that parallel path, I am confident, neither you nor I, will regret it.

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