

Local News Brief

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POLICE & FIRE

Community Impact Officer

Completes Probation



Community Impact Officer Diaz has completed her six-month probationary period. In her role, she is responsible for building community relationships, engaging with residents, and addressing local concerns. She continues her work with the Town of Greenwich. Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

Detective Rosario Joins

Investigative Division



Detective Rosario has completed his six-month probation and is now fully assigned to the Detective Division. He will be responsible for investigating burglaries, larcenies, financial crimes, and similar cases. His work will support ongoing departmental investigations. Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

Greenwich Police Warn of

Mail Theft and Fraud

Residents are advised to mail checks directly at the post office following a surge in stolen mail and fraudulent activity. Recent arrests include Maulany Holligan for a \$16,277 forged check and three men from the Bronx found with 78 stolen checks and goods valued at \$3,700.

FROM TOWN HALL

Greenwich Celebrates 35th

ADA Anniversary

Greenwich will mark the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 25 at the Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. The event will highlight the ADA's role in improving accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities. A proclamation will be read to reaffirm the town's ongoing commitment to these goals.

Greenwich Celebrates

Bastille Day



Greenwich held its annual Bastille Day ceremony at Town Hall to commemorate France's national holiday and its historic alliance with the United States. The event included a proclamation, the raising of the French flag, and the singing of both national

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

"I see the secret of the making of the best persons, / It is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth." Walt Whitman, "Song of the Open Road, 6, Leaves of Grass," self-published in Brooklyn in July of 1855.

SEE THE SENTINEL EDITORIAL ON THIS SUBJECT ON PAGE 6



LAYLINE TO

LOS ANGELES

A Special Evening to Support US Olympic Sailing

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

THE ATHLETES THAT WILL BE HERE!

Nevin Snow & Ian MacDiarmid

Men's 49er

Gold Medalists at French Olympic Week in Hyères, April 2025

Paris Henken & Helena Scutt

Women's 49erFX

Silver Medalists at French Olympic Week in Hyères, April 2025

Charlie McKee

US Olympic Sailing head coach and two-time Olympic medalist

Leandro Spina

Performance Director, AmericaOne Racing

MODERATOR

Gary Jobson

Author, commentator and former America's Cup tactician

Indian Harbor to Host U.S. Olympic Hopefuls

By EMMA BARHYDT

Indian Harbor Yacht Club will host *Layline to Los Angeles*, a fundraising event on Saturday, October 18, 2025, to benefit U.S. sailors preparing for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The event is part of a broader initiative to address a longstanding funding gap that has challenged American competitiveness in international sailing.

According to event organizers, U.S. sailing athletes must self-fund the costs of multi-year campaigns, including coaching, equipment, travel, event fees, and living expenses. In contrast, sailors from other nations often receive substantial government support. This disparity, organizers note, has coincided with

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Democrats and Republicans Finalize Slates

By JULIA BARCELLO

Late Tuesday night, the Greenwich Republican Town Committee (RTC) voted to endorse its slate of candidates for the November 2025 municipal election. While several positions advanced uncontested, the most competitive endorsements came in the races for the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) and the Board of Education (BOE).

Town Clerk Jackie Budkins, a lifelong Greenwich resident, will seek a third term. "My favorite part is working with our residents in our community and it's different every day," Budkins said during the meeting. Public service runs in her family—her mother, Carmella, was the first female town clerk, and her father, John, served 18 years on the Representative Town Meeting (RTM). Budkins, a Certified Connecticut Town Clerk, has emphasized modernization in her office, pointing to accomplishments like free property alert systems, online dog licensing and renewals, and upgraded voting technology for the RTM. "If re-elected, I will continue building on this foundation, pursuing smart innovations and maintaining the high standard of service Greenwich deserves," she said.

As a team running together, we're ready to challenge the status quo, because you deserve a better Greenwich," said Moor, the nominee for First Selectman. Moor, a longtime journalist and RTM member, criticized the current administration's approach to town planning. "It turns out that at Town Hall here, we don't plan ahead. We wait for things to fall apart and then we beg donors to bail us out. ... There's no leadership in Town Hall."

Greenwich's Board of Selectmen permits no more than two members from a single party. Currently, two Republicans and one Democrat serve. Democratic Selectwoman Janet Stone McGuigan, who will not seek a third term, announced her departure in a statement: "I'm proud of the record and reputation I established, but it's time for change. I remain committed to serving my community, only my role will change. I hope we can all work together to create the Greenwich we all deserve."

In addition to Moor and Khanna, the

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Tax Collector Heather Smeriglio also received the party's backing for another term. Praised by the RTC for achieving "one of the highest collection rates in the state," Smeriglio reached a 99.8% collection rate this past year. As a former banker, she currently serves as president of the Fairfield County Tax Collectors Association. "I love being tax collector. I love helping people," she said. Smeriglio highlighted the importance of maintaining low taxes: "That's a big attraction to Greenwich... keep our taxes low and keep people coming here for our great town."

The committee endorsed six Republican candidates for the BET: Sally Bednar, Joe Pellegrino, Harry Fisher, David Alfano, Nisha Arora, and Lucia Jansen. Bednar, an RTM representative from District 6, is described by colleagues as straightforward and patriotic, with a family connection to military service. Pellegrino, who has served on both the RTM and the BET, chaired the BET Budget Committee for two years and, according to First Selectman Fred Camillo, delivered "a mill rate increase of 2.75% each year, which is what Greenwich residents have come to expect."

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Greenwich Education Spending Debate Deepens Amid Carryover Funds, Audits, and Hidden Costs

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

In Greenwich, the sharp divide over education spending isn't about millions. It's about which millions count.

The Board of Education's operating budget stands at roughly \$220 million. Add capital projects — \$112 million for Central Middle School, \$43 million for Old Greenwich Elementary, and about \$20 million more for other building work — and the numbers climb fast. Factor in town-paid benefits, transportation, and other fixed costs, and even seasoned officials struggle to pin down the total.

That confusion deepened earlier this year when it was revealed that the BOE spent almost \$1 million extra over their budget allotment for substitute teachers covering "Friday flu" sick days and still had an unused surplus of \$2.5 million. That money, left over from the previous fiscal year, will now be added to the next fiscal year's budget, thanks to a change in state law that allows school districts to roll forward up to 2 percent of their operating budgets.

"They [the BOE] asked for a \$12 million increase on a \$200 million operating budget. We [the BET] reduced the increase by \$4 million. They already had \$2.5 million left over from last year that they rolled over and put back into the budget," Harry Fisher, the BET chair said. "So it is only a reduction of \$1.5 million on the increase they originally asked for."

The way those funds are tracked — and not tracked — fuels skepticism. Benefits for school employees, liability insurance for sports and field trips, even mowing athletic fields fall outside the BOE budget and are covered elsewhere in town accounts. "The Board of Ed's operating budget is not like peer communities," Mike Mason clarified. "Much of their expenses are in other departments or in fixed charges."

Audits have added another layer of tension. The BOE has faced multiple audit findings in recent years, with compliance issues repeating across consecutive reports. The concerns are less about outright missing money and more about how financial controls are structured — and whether reporting practices give an accurate picture of total costs. The existence of parallel accounts — operating, capital, fixed charges, and school activity funds — means few residents, and sometimes few officials, have a single number that captures total education spending.

For Mason, who has spent years in town labor negotiations, this fragmentation is more than an accounting

*"People don't really understand: we're talking about a difference of \$1.5 million out of a \$220 million budget"*

FOI Complaint Challenges Meeting That Never Occurred, Forcing Outside Legal Costs

By ANNE WHITE

Tony Turner, a member and former chair of the Central Middle School Building Committee, has filed a Freedom of Information complaint against the Town Attorney's Office. The complaint concerns a June 24 meeting where an executive session was briefly considered but never took place.

The agenda for that meeting included possible executive session discussion of contract negotiations with JLL regarding an \$89,719 service amendment.

During the meeting, members debated whether entering executive session for that purpose was permitted under Connecticut's FOI law. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and the committee continued entirely in open session.

The Town Attorney's office later confirmed in an email that, because the committee did not enter executive session and the discussion occurred publicly, the matter was considered moot.

Despite this, Turner filed a complaint alleging the Town Attorney's Office failed to provide a written opinion justifying or rejecting the session and mischaracterized the legal guidance given during the meeting.

Because the complaint names the Town Attorney's Office, the town must now retain outside legal counsel to respond, adding cost to taxpayers over a dispute about a closed-door session that never happened. The Freedom of Information Commission will review the filing and determine next steps.

REMINDER

The Greenwich Sentinel goes on its annual hiatus for two weeks beginning August 8. There will be no paper on August 8 or August 15.



# La Fe Scores Interactive Brokers Title In Thrilling Final Against FlyHouse, Polo Returns Aug 24



By LIZ LEAMY

Last Sunday marked another golden moment at the storied Greenwich Polo Club as La Fe, the formidable high-goal contingent from Wellington, Florida, scored the 2025 Interactive Brokers East Coast Gold Cup title in dramatic style with a 16-14 victory over FlyHouse, the stealth team based out of New York, much to the thrill of the more than 5,000 spectators on hand there.

This showdown was one for the books as La Fe and FlyHouse were clearly firing on all cylinders throughout its entirety, something that seemed logical considering both contingents came into the final ranked as the two top-scoring leaders among the six-team entry roster of this prestigious three-week 16-goal tournament that kicked off in early July at the Greenwich Polo Club.

Although FlyHouse had initially led the game in points during the first half, La Fe, the 2025 East Coast Silver Cup titlists, subsequently turned things around in the second half with their stellar and style of playing to wind up at the top of the leaderboard in the final standings.

For the dedicated members of this team, including Lucas Diaz Alberdi, La Fe's remarkable six-goaler who was named the match's Most Valuable Player, the goal was to be focused and work together in as optimal and harmonious fashion as possible with all of his colleagues, both equine and human.

"Both teams were tough teams," said Lucas Diaz Alberdi, who stunning charge was named as one of its two Best Playing Ponies of the match. (Ezequiel Ferrario of FlyHouse's horse was cited as the second winner of the Best Playing Pony honor.) "We focused and tried to play our game."

This season, both of these remarkable teams, with their talented and accomplished contingent of athletes (again, both equine and human), have emerged as huge Greenwich Polo Club crowd favorites due to their tremendous speed, strength, skill and power and presence.

"The crowd is amazing here," said Diaz Alberdi, whose brother, Nicolas Diaz Alberdi, a powerful four-goaler, played the number four position for FlyHouse, with the two both being renowned players in the

La Fe celebrates at the awards ceremony upon clinching the Interactive Brokers East Coast Gold Cup title at the Greenwich Polo Club last Sunday (Photo by Liz Leamy)

sport. "They were cheering on both teams and it was great to hear."

Notably, La Fe and FlyHouse were also the two finalists in the 2025 East Coast Silver Cup tournament that was held last June at the Greenwich Polo Club, with La

Tourism and the Greenwich Polo Club all the more profound.)

Yearwood, who was at the match with his lovely wife, Jakita, and young son, Jesse, also spoke about the incredible experience of being at the club.

***"Both teams were tough teams," said Lucas Diaz Alberdi, La Fe's renowned six goaler who was awarded the Most Valuable Player citation of the match and whose stunning charge was named one of the game's two Best Playing Ponies. (Ezequiel Ferrario of FlyHouse's powerful horse was cited as the other Best Playing Pony.) "We focused and tried to play our game."***

Fe claiming the title over FlyHouse,17-16, in overtime.

In addition, La Fe was featured in the popular Netflix documentary, 'Polo' that premiered last fall, a behind-the-scenes look at the lives of professional polo players and teams based in Florida on and off the field, something that further added to all the excitement of Sunday matches at the Greenwich Polo Club this season.

For those on hand at this final, the gold standard of playing was much appreciated, that is for certain.

"Every week, there are more and more people who come here and it's very popular. People are very interested in seeing the polo and happy to be here," said Jason Yearwood, Business Development Manager of Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc., a partner of the Greenwich Polo Club that is based in New York City. "The athletes are incredible, the horses are beautiful and this is a very sought-out sport." (Polo is also a very popular sport in the Barbados

"It's always amazing to be here," said Yearwood. "It's lovely to be in this big, open natural space with its lushness, beauty and green trees and fields with all of the sun and fresh air."

Sunday matches at the Greenwich Polo Club, meanwhile, will resume with the kickoff of the prestigious 2025 East Coast Open tournament on August 24th that will then wrap up September 7th.

This event will then be followed up with the Greenwich Cup that is scheduled to be held Sunday, September 14th.

For more information on the Greenwich Polo Club, please visit their website at :

www.greenwichpoloclub.com  
2025 Interactive Brokers East Coast Gold Cup finalists :

La Fe:

-Louis Devaleix  
-Lucio Fernandez  
-Ocampo  
-Lucas Diaz Alberdi  
-Roberto Bilbao

FlyHouse:

-Andrew/Max Gundlach  
-Ezqueil Martinez (Wayne) Ferrario  
-Felipe Miguens  
-Nicolas Diaz Alberdi



Above: First Bank of Greenwich President and CEO, Frank Gaudio with the bank's polo ponies! And more photos from the season by Bob Capazzo.



GREENWICH POLO CLUB			
SUMMER Schedule			
2025			
JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
8 DAVID RIV AMERICAN CUP	6 EAST COAST SILVER CUP	24 EAST COAST SILVER CUP	7 EAST COAST SILVER CUP
15 EAST COAST SILVER CUP	13 EAST COAST SILVER CUP	31 EAST COAST SILVER CUP	14 GREENWICH CUP
22 EAST COAST SILVER CUP	20 EAST COAST SILVER CUP	27 EAST COAST SILVER CUP	28 EAST COAST SILVER CUP
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# The Rev. Dr. Justin Crisp is welcomed as rector of St. Barnabas

In an Episcopal liturgy heavy with symbolism, the congregation of St. Barnabas Church on Lake Avenue officially welcomed the Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp as its fifth rector on Sunday, June 8. But if the service was rich in tradition and form, it was just as rooted in theological clarity: this was not, as the bishop reminded parishioners, a celebration of one man’s ascent, but a moment to reaffirm that God—not personality—is the subject of the sentence.

The service, conducted under the authority of the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, blended Scripture, ritual, and reflection. It included readings from the Book of Numbers, Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, and the Gospel of John. And it was marked by solemn prayers, the presentation of pastoral symbols, and a sermon that placed the entire event in a biblical context of humility, giftedness, and spiritual responsibility.

“Justin, you have been called to work together with your bishop and fellow presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher,” said Bishop Mello as he read the official letter of institution. “Accepting its privileges and responsibilities... do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and in your life, proclaim the Gospel.”

The letter was dated June 8, 2025, and sealed in Meriden, Connecticut—the official marker of the bishop’s canonical approval. Yet, if the office was formally bestowed, the tone of the ceremony was strikingly communal and Christocentric.

Bishop Mello, whose remarks were framed in pastoral warmth

and liturgical reverence, issued one of the afternoon’s most defining lines near the end of the service.

“Justin is your rector. He’s not your savior,” said Mello. “That job’s already been taken.”

That line, which brought murmurs of assent and a heartfelt “Amen” from Crisp himself, underscored a theme that would run throughout the service: Christian leadership is real and necessary—but never ultimate. The Church’s power lies not in its clergy’s charisma, but in Christ’s ongoing presence in the sacraments, the Scriptures, and the people.

Mello added that clergy are called not just to serve, but to be spiritually transformed in the communities they shepherd.

“God brought Justin and his family here because God knows that Justin and his family need to be here—to grow in their faith and in their ministry,” said the bishop. “So I entrust you to one another’s care.”

### A sermon of clarity: “Justin gets it”

The sermon, delivered by the Rev. Fleming Rutledge, one of the Episcopal Church’s most respected preachers and authors, was titled simply, “Justin Gets It.”

Rutledge anchored her message in Paul’s letter to the Corinthians—specifically his rebuke of a church divided by personality cults and “spiritual one-upmanship.” Rutledge noted that Paul’s epistles were never polite essays but dictated letters written “on the run,” filled with urgency.

“Already you have become kings,” she quoted Paul, before adding, “This is the letter in which Paul says that the apostles are fools for Christ’s sake.



With wife Jewelle and baby Beatrice at his side and Bishop Mello looking on, Rev. Crisp receives a stole from children of the parish as they speak the words, “Be among us as a pastor and priest.”

## God is the subject of the sentence, not us

Anyone claiming to be spiritually wise is on the wrong track.”

She connected that to Crisp’s leadership style and theology.

“God is the subject of the sentence,” she said. “Not us—to our joy and to His glory.”

She recounted her own conversations with fellow theologians who confessed to struggling with prayer. The Christian life, she emphasized, does not depend on spiritual achievement.

“We do not know how to pray as we ought,” Rutledge said, quoting Romans 8. “But the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.”

It was a powerful moment of shared recognition: a church is not held together by perfection, but by grace.

### Receiving the symbols of

### office

The formal institution included the presentation of the traditional symbols of the priestly office. Each was delivered by a member of the parish or diocesan colleague, with a brief invocation:

**A Bible: “Be among us as one who proclaims the word.”**

**A pitcher of water: “Help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.”**

**A stole: “Be among us as a pastor and priest.”**

**A prayer book: “Be among us as a man of prayer.”**

**Oil: “Be among us as a healer and reconciler.”**

**Keys: “Let the doors of this place be open to all people.”**

**Bread and wine: “Break the**

### bread and bless the cup.”

These symbols are more than formalities. In Episcopal theology, they are signs of a lifelong vocation rooted in sacrament and service. Each one carries weight—and responsibility.

**Justin’s response: “Make me an instrument”**

Crisp, visibly moved, responded with a prayer from the Book of Common Prayer.

“Oh Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof,” he began, quoting the centurion in the Gospels. “Yet you have called your servant to stand in your house and to serve at your altar... Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care.”

He prayed for memory, understanding, readiness

in preaching, and devotion in prayer. He asked that his teaching might draw others into “your blessed kingdom.”

Later, he addressed the congregation more informally, noting with humility: “I am just a forgiven sinner.” He thanked his family, his staff, the bishop, and the organist and choir—adding with a smile that “you haven’t heard anything yet” as the postlude loomed.

He spoke of his years as associate rector at St. Mark’s in New Canaan and how the congregation there shaped his ministry. And he shared a final reflection on the influence of the Rev. Rutledge on his life and theology:


“I was living my life as though I was the subject of the sentence,” Crisp said. “And you told me—no, no, no—God is the subject of the sentence.”

### A church on mission

Crisp has served at St. Barnabas since Palm Sunday 2023. In the time since, the congregation has grown from an average Sunday attendance of about 60 to over 130, including nearly 40 children most Sundays. His wife, Dr. Jewelle Bickel, serves as the parish’s Director of Children’s Ministry. Associate Rector the Rev. Phoebe Oler focuses on youth and family formation.

The church has invested in programs for families, launched music and outreach initiatives, and now looks to the future with a steady hand.

As Bishop Mello told them Sunday: “I look forward to who you become as a congregation with Justin’s leadership. And I look forward to who you [Justin] become as a child of God, with St. Barnabas as your partners in ministry.”



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# Discovering More Exceptional Free Gifts in the Town of Greenwich



By ANNE W. SEMMES

These discovered treasures run the gamut – they address technical support, health education, exercise, entertainment, music, food, and transportation!

In an earlier article this reporter shared the amazing free medical insurance counseling found at the Wallace Center. And “Mom, don’t forget at tax time you can get free income tax information in Greenwich,” my daughter had alerted.

But finding the treasure of **Tech Help at Greenwich Library** has triggered this article. Twice a week on the lower level, those Library techies are there, Thursday and Saturday mornings, from 11 to 12. Yes, you have to register in advance on their online calendar or call the reference desk. There are computers there to learn on, but I brought my laptop, because it contains the book I am working on. And because of Tech Help I have pulled together my book, words, art, et al.

Surprisingly, Tech Help sessions

have been ongoing for at least 15 years, tells Lorna Rhyins, Assistant Technology Training Librarian. And, starting this Fall she shares, “Patrons will be able to sign up for a 30-minute appointment with one of our librarians for targeted training in the application or technology skill of their choice. Assistance is available for MS Office, Google Suite, PC & Apple devices and more.”

And for those with a thousand photos on their iPhone like mine, check out how you can edit and enhance your iPhone photos in a two-part online program that kicked off July 23. Part 2 will be July 30 at 6 p.m. “In just a couple of minutes, you can enhance any image by using editing tools that adjust color and brightness, apply filters, straighten, crop, and much more. For all skill levels and iPhone models 11 - 16 with iOS 18.”

Greenwich Library is also a fountain of entertainment choices for free - Friday films and authors galore, and special Peterson Concerts happening in their Berkley Theater. How I wish I had booked earlier for the Dave Brubeck Quartet the Library is offering for free this Sunday at 3. I grew up with the Dave Brubeck Quartet music, meeting the Dave Brubeck himself once in my youth in the South

## “But finding the treasure of Tech Help at Greenwich Library has triggered this article.”

when he and group came visiting.

**Greenwich Hospital** is a great health educational source, whether you have sleeping issues or specific health issues. Check out their Community Health website: <https://www.greenwichhospital.org/about/community/community-health>. Included are a number of programs available by zoom or in person. Like the Better Breathers Club, “open to anyone with breathing difficulties or lung disease, as well as those who just wish to learn more about breathing disorders.”

Count too their “The Nurse Is In: Have your blood pressure checked, and your health questions answered by an experienced registered nurse. Available five days a week in various locations in Greenwich and Westchester.”

After getting a new knee in my life, I had learned about **Call a Ride**, transportation for seniors, aged 60 plus. Just give them a call at 203-661-6633 but early booking recommended!

And little did I know of those in West Lyon Farm able to beg off

cooking by calling **Meals on Wheels** (203-722-7932). Yes, not free, but boy what a bargain! “For \$8 a day you get lunch and dinner brought to you,” says Willow Buscemi program director. For that \$8 you receive, “A sandwich of chicken/turkey salad, fruit cup, juice, and milk,” and a nutritious dinner to microwave of “chicken and two sides.” Delivered once a day or every weekday! This reporter was alerted of Meals on Wheels by friend Susan Fisher who was inspired by a male friend delivering Meals on Wheels longtime, so she signed on and reports enjoying “chatting with recipients.” She’s impressed to be one of 150 or more others delivering those packaged meals to individuals and families in their houses, apartments, and retirement homes across the town of Greenwich.

Finally, under one roof at the **Wallace Center** on Greenwich Avenue you will find – if aged 55 plus - nearly 30 summer classes “focused on health, fitness, and wellness” happening five days a week tells Center Executive Director Lori Contadino. All that’s

needed is a membership card - costing nothing. And alongside is the Wallace Café offering nutritious food, “priced below market making good nutrition affordable,” adds Contadino.

The Wallace Center offers classes in art, dance, exercise, foreign languages, “brain boost,” yoga, Tai Chi, calligraphy. And note that “participating in the arts creates paths to healthy aging,” says Contadino. So, you’ll find “educational programs and workshops on Health, Technology, Finding Joy, Memoir Writing & Legacy Journaling.” Or you can sing in the Wallace Center Chorus!

So, who funds all this largesse? The Town of Greenwich with support from the Friends of the Wallace Center, under the direction of the Commission on Aging that Contadino heads that is marking its 50th anniversary this year. And one last caveat. Contadino is there for free for anyone who is navigating serious issues as the Town’s appointed Municipal Agent for the Elderly. She’ll meet with you and direct you to local resources to best meet your needs. Free service 360-degrees – full circle.

### Sullivan New CT U.S. Attorney

David X. Sullivan, a veteran federal prosecutor who spent three decades in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Connecticut, was sworn in as the state’s interim top federal prosecutor. The appointment marks his return to an office where he built his career and places him in a role that has historically bridged Connecticut’s political divides.

Sullivan, 65, succeeds Vanessa Roberts Avery, who stepped down in January, and Acting U.S. Attorney Marc Silverman. He becomes the 56th U.S. Attorney since the office’s founding in 1789, joining a line of appointees that includes Republican John Trumbull Robinson, appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908.

“I am deeply honored to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut,” Sullivan said. “It is especially gratifying to return to the U.S. Attorney’s Office where I spent the vast majority of my career practicing law as a public servant. I look forward to working again with the hard-working men and women of the office, and with federal, state, and local law enforcement. Through our collaborative efforts, we can accomplish great things and, most importantly, ensure the safety of our citizens.”

Sullivan’s role is formally interim, a designation that allows him to serve up to 120 days under federal law without Senate confirmation. That window will expire on September 9, 2025. After that date, either the federal district court could extend his tenure or a permanent nominee could be put forward by the administration and considered by the U.S. Senate.

Whether Sullivan will be nominated permanently is unclear. Connecticut’s U.S. Attorneys have historically been shaped by negotiations between the White House and the state’s two U.S. Senators.

From 1989 to 2019, Sullivan served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Connecticut, leading the Asset Forfeiture Unit and prosecuting cases involving money laundering, tax evasion, and narcotics trafficking. He also served in Washington, D.C., as the Department of Justice’s national Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Coordinator, advising all 94 U.S. Attorney’s offices. He holds degrees from Catholic University of America and an LLM in Taxation from Quinnipiac University School of Law.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office plays a key role in protecting federal election integrity in Connecticut, often working alongside the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) and the Chief State’s Attorney’s Office. The federal office prosecutes criminal violations of federal election law, including voter intimidation, ballot fraud, and fraudulent registration schemes.

Joint investigations in recent years have led to significant federal cases, including the indictment of Bridgeport City Council member Michael DeFilippo on charges of conspiracy, identity theft, and fraudulent voter registration and absentee ballot handling (United States v. Michael DeFilippo).

These prosecutions underscore the office’s continuing mandate to safeguard elections – a responsibility that endures regardless of who holds the U.S. Attorney title.

### Inclusive Off-Beat Players Bring Pippin to Greenwich Stage at GCDS

At the end of July, a group of forty young performers will bring Pippin to life on the stage of Greenwich Country Day School’s Kerrick Performing Arts Center. For three nights – July 31, August 1, and August 2 at 7:30 p.m. – the Off-Beat Players will present their annual summer musical, a production that embodies the company’s central belief: that creative expression through theater should be open to everyone.

Off-Beat Players, Inc., known as OBP, is a Greenwich-based nonprofit that stages fully produced musicals featuring teens and young adults with and without disabilities. Founded in 2007, the group offers its summer program free of charge, relying on donations, ticket sales, and community support to sustain its work. Over the years, their productions have ranged from Fiddler on the Roof to High School Musical to Rock of Ages.

This year’s choice, Pippin – with book by Roger O. Hirson and music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz – follows a young prince in search of meaning and purpose. The show is licensed through Music Theatre International and will feature a live orchestra.

Donald McGuire, whose son Kieran is performing in this summer’s cast, credits Greenwich Country Day School with making the production possible. “I have to say that without GCDS allowing the use of their Performing Arts Center none of this would be happening,” McGuire said.

The experience, he added, has been transformative for his son. “The eight weeks of practice have really brought a spring to Kieran’s step, he is invigorated and really looking forward to the production.”

Beyond the music and staging, McGuire sees something even more

important happening among the cast. “It’s sincerely heartwarming to see those with disabilities working with those without disabilities and all having such a good time getting ready to perform,” he said.

That sense of community is at the core of Off-Beat Players’ mission. The company was founded by teachers who believed in making theater accessible to all young adults, regardless of ability. Each summer, 30 to 40 performers and crew members spend weeks rehearsing under the guidance of professional directors, choreographers, and musicians. Volunteers contribute behind the scenes, assisting with set construction and technical support, creating a collaborative environment where every participant has a role.

For families like the McGuires, the impact goes beyond the stage lights. “Making some new friends in the Greenwich community has also been a benefit for him,” McGuire said of Kieran’s involvement. The friendships and bonds formed over the summer rehearsals often extend beyond the performances, becoming a lasting part of participants’ lives.

Tickets for Pippin are available at [www.offbeatplayers.org](http://www.offbeatplayers.org), where supporters can also make donations to help sustain the fee-free program. Off-Beat Players is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Greenwich, Connecticut.

As opening night approaches, the cast is ready to share what months of preparation have built: a musical production that celebrates inclusion, community, and the joy of performance. For audiences, the show offers more than just an evening of theater – it’s a chance to see what happens when a town, a school, and a group of young performers come together to create something extraordinary.

### Garden Party Honors 20-Year Enrichment Tradition

On a warm September evening, The Nathaniel Witherell’s historic Rose Garden will come alive again for a celebration of life, community, and memory. The “Music of Memories” garden party – part fundraiser, part reunion – is the latest chapter in two decades of enriching programs thanks to the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell.

Since its founding in 2004, the Friends have quietly transformed The Witherell from a care facility into a vibrant community hub. They’ve raised over \$10 million to support resident life, including the renovation of the Friendship Garden, auditorium upgrades, and the 30,000-sq-ft rehabilitation center.

In April, the group hosted a 20th-anniversary cocktail reception at Greenwich Country Club, spotlighting their signature initiatives: the David G. Ormsby Resident Life Fund and the Gardens Fund.

Over the past year alone, the *Sentinel* has reported on dozens of life-affirming programs brought to residents by the Friends:

- A pet therapy program featuring therapy dogs like Harry the Labrador and Willow the rescued cat, bringing laughter and nostalgia.**
- Monthly art lecture series from art historian Darby Cartun, whose talks inspired inspired connections to Monet, Picasso, Michelangelo and more.**
- A rotating resident gallery showcasing works by local artists—highlighting folk-art scenes by Carolyn Gamanos in March.**
- Watercolor workshops, where volunteer Nicole—on her way to medical school—helped residents create personalized greeting cards.**

Each of these programs

reinforces the Friends’ belief—that care at The Witherell goes well beyond medical basics. As one resident columnist wrote in May: “The Nathaniel Witherell is a vital part of Greenwich’s legacy and its future... a place Greenwich should be proud of”.

**Next Chapter: Garden Party Fundraiser**

Music of Memories on Thursday, September 4, 5–7 PM, will offer another chance to celebrate—and contribute. Tickets start at \$50, with all proceeds benefiting the Friends Garden Gate Fund, which continues to enhance common spaces like the historic Rose Garden.

Guests can expect:

- Music by the Greenwich Chamber Collective; Hors d’oeuvres and drinks; Appearances by Quiver Spirits (signature cocktail tastings) and B-Sharp Brewing, making a rare Greenwich appearance; Honored speakers, Emily and Phil Trotman, will share personal stories about the compassionate care their loved ones received at The Witherell.
- Floral attire is encouraged—echoing the garden setting and the joy of community.

**Join the Community of Care**

The Friends continue to foster intergenerational bonds, welcoming volunteers of all ages. From high-schoolers hosting Valentine’s bingo, to volunteers brought in through pet-therapy programs and art classes, their impact spans years of bright days.

To attend or learn more about sponsorship, contact Lisa Harding, Director of Development, at [lisa.harding@friendsofnw.org](mailto:lisa.harding@friendsofnw.org) or (203) 618-4227.

Even if you can’t attend, your support keeps The Witherell’s garden growing—and ensures its Rose Garden continues to bloom as a living monument to dignity, community, and memory.

#### COLUMN

## Torah: Our Essential Compass for Navigating Life



By RABBI MITCHELL HURVITZ

The Chazal (Sages of Blessed Memory) taught that parents bear three fundamental responsibilities in raising their children: “to teach them Torah, a trade, and how to swim.”

Our ancient Jewish wisdom offers a comprehensive framework for nurturing children rooted in tradition and prepared for life’s challenges.

Torah encompasses our entire sacred heritage—our teachings, stories, laws, and values that have sustained the Jewish people across millennia.

When we teach our children Torah, we give them an essential

compass for navigating life. They learn to understand their origins and destiny, developing a sense of purpose that transcends the material world.

Torah study cultivates moral reasoning, ethical sensitivity, and spiritual depth. It connects children to something greater than themselves while teaching them their family, community, and humanity responsibilities.

Through Torah, children inherit knowledge and wisdom—the ability to discern right from wrong and find purpose and meaning within their lives.

Teaching children a trade goes beyond mere vocational training; it represents the cultivation of competence and self-reliance. In the modern context, this means equipping children with critical thinking skills, practical abilities, and the confidence to contribute

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meaningfully to society.

When children master a trade (whether traditional craftsmanship or contemporary professions) they develop dignity through capability. They learn that honest work has inherent value and that independence comes through serving others’ needs.

This teaching ensures that children can stand firmly on their feet, supporting themselves and their families, while contributing to the broader community.

The literal ability to swim is also a metaphor for navigating life’s inevitable challenges and dangers.

Children must develop the practical skills to survive and

thrive in an unpredictable world. This includes physical safety, emotional resilience, and the wisdom to recognize and respond appropriately to various threats.

Swimming represents adaptability—the ability to move confidently through different environments. It teaches children to overcome obstacles through preparation, practice, and persistence. Most importantly, it instills the understanding that survival often depends on one’s efforts and capabilities.

These three elements work together to create well-rounded individuals.

Torah provides the why—the purpose and meaning that guide

all decisions. A trade provides the how—the practical skills and work ethic necessary for success. Swimming offers the specific capabilities needed to navigate life’s challenges.

By anchoring children in their sacred heritage, parents provide them with the stability and identity necessary to remain physically and spiritually safe in an often chaotic world.

As parents and educators, we must ensure each child receives this threefold gift. We must be intentional in transmitting Torah wisdom, deliberate in developing practical skills, and vigilant in preparing children for life’s inevitable challenges.

May God grant us the wisdom, patience, and strength to successfully teach our children Torah, a trade, and how to swim—that they may grow into spiritually grounded, practically capable, and resilient adults in the face of whatever life may bring.

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



By CLAY KAUFMAN

What does it mean to be a good self-advocate? And how can we inculcate good self-advocacy skills in our children? Self-advocacy is one of the most valuable real-world skills to build. It includes expressing your thoughts and opinions effectively, learning how to ask for help when necessary and, of course, learning how to stand up for what you believe in. Ultimately those skills help ensure that we all learn how to speak up in our lives and careers when we are not respected, to have the confidence to ask for proper compensation (and not always just accept what we are given) and to seek new opportunities. In broadest terms, it is a tool to confront injustice.

In school, especially for younger students, self-advocacy starts with learning how to speak up. Parents and teachers often begin to inculcate that skill by giving young children choices: would you prefer choice A or B for lunch today, or would you prefer to wear outfit A or B. Children

learn that their opinion matters and they are allowed to express it. For the youngest children, their preferences and choices may not be earth-shattering, but they can learn that it is okay to have preferences. When my son was 4 years old, attending pre-school, he was getting ready for school and came downstairs.

For some reason, he was wearing two shirts. His 6-year-old sister asked, not necessarily helpfully, what was the most shirts he could put on at once. Dashing upstairs and back down, my son proudly sports 6 shirts at once, and, at his sister's urging (again, of questionable helpfulness), insisted on wearing all 6 shirts to preschool. What started out as a lark actually turned into a great example of learning self-advocacy. We received a call from his teacher after school explaining that one of the volunteer parents in the classroom was extremely upset at the idea of 6 shirts and tried to explain to my son why it was "wrong" to wear multiple shirts. Apparently, then, at snack time, my son spilled something on his shirt, walked over to the volunteer parent and, peeling off the outermost shirt, said "See?" His teacher told us she thought it was a great example of him standing up for a harmless preference. My son has indeed grown up to be a

fierce self-advocate!

Of course, self-advocacy doesn't have to be fierce. It can be a gentle correction when someone mispronounces your name (rather than just accepting it), or stating your opinion in a way that ensures that it is part of a conversation, inviting discussion rather than being doctrinaire. Ultimately it means having the confidence to speak up.

For many students, the most challenging kind of self-advocacy is asking for help. Unfortunately, students often feel that in school, quiet acceptance is the rule, and that asking for help imposes on others. Good self-advocacy, however, means speaking up: being willing to ask for clarification about the instructions on an assignment or asking for specific help when you're stuck. That doesn't mean saying, "I can't do this", but rather, "Can you help me write my topic sentence?" or "Can you help me with step 2 of this math problem."

As parents, it can be tempting for us to take over when our children need assistance. However, we can instead encourage our children to be good self-advocates by rehearsing with them how to ask a teacher or another adult for help, and then sending them off to try it themselves. And success in self-advocacy breeds success: once a

*“If our children can learn to ask for what they need, speak up to defend themselves and stand up for what is right, they can experience the satisfaction of going through life helping themselves and others, with the confidence to get what they deserve..”*

student sees that asking for help has made a difference, they are much more likely to ask again in the future. I have been head of school of several schools for students with language-based learning differences, where students often came to us from larger schools where they weren't getting the help they needed. Sometimes, prospective parents would ask me, "how can my child really learn self-advocacy at your small school, where it's easy—it's not the real world." My response echoed what my students always told me after they went off to large colleges: if you learn self-advocacy in a friendly environment, you learn to expect it to be effective, and that gives you the confidence to apply it anywhere.

My 6-year-old daughter, who encouraged my son's shirt self-advocacy, grew up to be an

effective self-advocate for herself and others. In her junior year of high school, one of her friends was invited to a dance by a boy from a nearby school, only to have the boy rescind the invitation two days before the dance (apparently so he could take someone else). When my daughter found out, she told her friend to get in her car and off they drove to the other school where the boy was in the middle of after school varsity soccer practice. My daughter got out of the car and started walking across the field. A coach interrupted her saying "Young lady, you can't be here. We're in the middle of practice." My daughter responded, "I'm looking for Josh. He did something wrong and needs to apologize." The entire practice came to a halt while my daughter found Josh and ordered him to march over to

the car and apologize. Apparently Josh looked to his coach for help, but the coach just shrugged and indicated that he had best just get this done. Josh walked over and apologized.

Now, not every kind of self-advocacy needs to be that dramatic, of course. But if our children can learn to ask for what they need, advocate for themselves and stand up for what is right, they can experience the satisfaction of going through life s themselves and others, with the confidence to receive the help and respect they deserve.

*Clay Kaufman, a longtime educator and school leader, is former Head of School at The Cedar School, a high school for students with language-based learning differences, such as dyslexia, in Greenwich, and is currently at Ethical Culture Fieldston School in Riverdale.*

NEW BRIEFS  
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anthems. A reception followed, organized by the Alliance Française of Greenwich. Photo Credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

Binney Park Safety Review Advances

At a recent Parks & Recreation Board meeting, the Department of Public Works' plan to install flashing beacons at a Binney Park crosswalk was discussed. The road's scenic designation requires review by Planning & Zoning and public input, which board members noted as part of the process. The board approved a request for DPW to hold an additional public hearing and provide a summary of related concerns.

Greenwich Teens Plant Eleven Trees



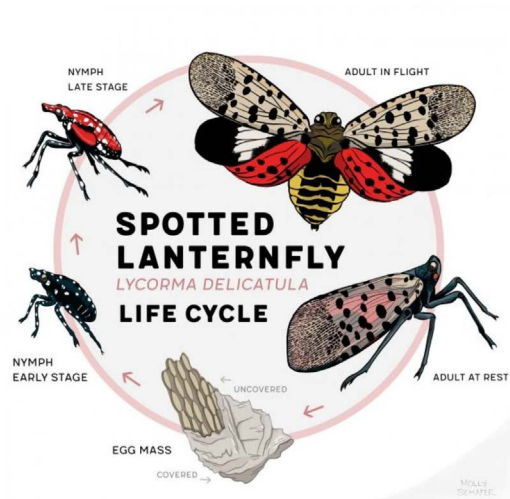
First Selectman Fred Camillo, Selectwoman Lauren Rabin, and Selectperson Janet Stone McGuigan participated in the Greenwich Youth Conservation Program's tree-planting event at Greenwich Point Park. The program provides 14- and 15-year-old residents with summer work experience focused on environmental maintenance. During this session, 28 teens planted 11 trees, including a charter oak. Photo Credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

Greenwich Celebrated 385th Anniversary

The town marked its 385th anniversary with a Founders Day ceremony on July 20 at the First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich. The event featured colonial-themed food, drinks, games, and costumes.

AROUND TOWN

Residents Combat Invasive Lanternflies

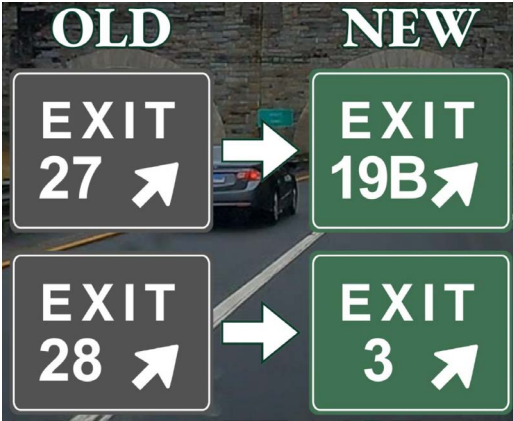


Spotted lanternflies in their late nymph stage have been observed in Greenwich. These invasive insects feed on plant sap and can cause mold growth, leading to damage in trees and other vegetation. They damage trees by feeding on sap and producing honeydew, which leads to mold growth and tree decline. Residents are advised to kill them on sight to help reduce their spread. Photo Credit: Greenwich Conservation Commission, Molly Schafer

Greenwich Beaches Remain Open

The Greenwich Department of Health has confirmed cases of Swimmer's Itch at Greenwich Point Beach, caused by parasites from infected snails in natural waters. The condition is not contagious and typically results in a skin rash that resolves without medical treatment. Warning signs have been posted, but beaches remain open unless the situation worsens.

Route 15 Exits Getting Upgrade



Beginning July 28, the Connecticut Department of Transportation will renumber exits on Route 15 based on mileage, aligning with federal standards. The project will last 4-5 weeks, with "OLD EXIT" signs posted for at least two years to aid transition. The change is part of a sign replacement effort funded by state and federal sources. Photo Credit: Greenwich Department of Public Works

Horseshoe Crab Season Ends Successfully



The 2025 horseshoe crab monitoring and tagging season at Greenwich Point Park concluded on July 12 as part of Project Limulus. Staff tracked spawning activity tied to lunar and tidal cycles and held a public event on June 20 for International Horseshoe Crab Day. Horseshoe crabs play an ecological role in coastal food webs and are medically significant due to a compound in their blood used for detecting bacterial contamination. Photo Credit: Greenwich Conservation Commission

**LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS**  
**Sailing Fundraiser Boosts Olympic Dreams**  
**The Indian Harbor Yacht Club is holding a fundraising event on October 18, 2025, to support U.S. Olympic sailors training for the 2028 Games. The event includes youth training, a panel discussion, and a gala, with all proceeds going directly to the athletes. To get involved or reserve your place at the event, visit indianharboryc.com or email olympics@indianharboryc.com**

**Pathways Seeks New Clinical Director**  
Pathways in Greenwich, Connecticut is hiring a full-time Clinical Director to oversee residential and case management programs for adults with serious mental illness. The role requires an LCSW with at least five years of experience and offers a salary range of \$85,000-\$120,000. Applications can be submitted through ZipRecruiter.

**Neighbor to Neighbor Relaunches Clothing Program**  
Neighbor to Neighbor will launch a pilot program on August 4, 2025, to resume distribution of gently used children's clothing during Essentials appointments. Donations of clean, seasonal clothing in sizes 0-16 are being accepted, excluding socks and shoes. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize items during designated weekday shifts.

Community Health Fair Expands Care



Family Centers Health Care will host a Community Health Fair on Saturday, August 2, from 1-3 pm at 55 Holly Hill Lane in Greenwich. The event will offer free health screenings, insurance assistance, and family-friendly activities, and will introduce the public to the new Adult and Pediatric Health Center at 75 Holly Hill Lane. The center, opened in February 2025, is operated by Family Centers in partnership with Greenwich Hospital/ Yale New Haven Health to expand access to primary care. Photo Credit: Family Centers

Greenwich Hosts Annual Garden Tour

The Tour de Veggie will take place on July 31 in Greenwich, featuring a self-guided tour of seven local vegetable gardens. Tickets are available online, with patron-level tickets including access to a private picnic at the Greenwich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve. Proceeds support conservation and programming at the Greenwich Land Trust and Greenwich Community Gardens.

Open Arts Alliance Registration Opens

Open Arts Alliance, a nonprofit based in Greenwich, has opened registration for its fall theater programs starting September 2. Students in grades 1-7 will participate in Cinderella: Youth Edition, while those in grades 7-12 can audition for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. More information and registration are available online.

Bruce Museum Announces Growth, Exhibits

The Bruce Museum held its Annual Meeting of Members on June 26, 2025, reporting on institutional progress and announcing new board leadership and trustee appointments. The museum presented key exhibitions during Fiscal Year 2025, attracting nearly 100,000 visitors and achieving a 127% increase in membership since its 2023 reopening. Two new exhibitions opened the same evening, and additional shows are scheduled for fall.

Grant Funds South Asian History Archive

Connecticut Humanities awarded an \$18,300 grant to the India Cultural Center to support a two-year digital archiving project. The initiative will preserve oral histories collected through My Story, Our Future, a teen-led program documenting South Asian American experiences in Connecticut. The archived materials will be stored in the Connecticut Digital Archive and compiled into a public catalog.

Young Women Trained In Leadership

On July 26, 2025, YWCA Greenwich will host its Young Women's Initiative from 10 am to 2 pm at 259 East Putnam Avenue. The program will train 24 young women, ages 16-20, in civic engagement through seminars, breakout sessions, and networking. Speakers include government officials and advocacy leaders.

Local Food Initiative In the Works

Foodshed CSA Greenwich, a program by The Foodshed Network, has submitted a proposal to operate a community-supported agriculture initiative at North Greenwich Congregational Church. The plan involves weekly deliveries of pre-packed local produce boxes from the Northwest Connecticut Food Hub for subscribers, with unclaimed boxes donated to food assistance programs. The initiative aims to improve food access, support local farmers, and requires a special permit from the Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission.

Greenwich Boys Girls Club Reopens

The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich has appointed Sarah Osnoss as chair of its Board of Directors for the 2025-2028 term, replacing Eileen Tang, who served for five years. During Tang's tenure, the Club remained operational through the COVID-19 pandemic and managed a capital campaign and facility renovation. Six new board members have also been named as the Club prepares to reopen its updated facility this September.

New Program Supporting Young Adults

The Greenwich Connects program, launched in July 2025, supports young adults aged 18-25 facing mental health challenges and difficulties transitioning into the workforce. It provides mental health services, family support, and assistance with accessing resources like housing, education, and employment. To access the program, individuals can reach out to the partnering organizations—Greenwich United Way, Liberation Programs, and the YMCA of Greenwich. For more specific

details, interested participants may contact these organizations directly or visit their websites for program registration or additional information. Local community centers or social service offices may also provide guidance on how to enroll in the program.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Hope Grows For Kidney Transplant

Eric Moy of Old Greenwich requires a living kidney donor due to kidney failure caused by diabetes and complications from sepsis. His family is seeking a compatible donor to help save his life. Those interested in being tested as a potential match can contact the Yale New Haven Transplant Center at 866-925-3897.

Student Leads Town Hall For a Day



Sixteen-year-old Cael Parker served as honorary First Selectman for a day in Greenwich as part of a local school fundraiser. He toured Town Hall and learned about municipal government operations. Parker is a Greenwich resident who attends school in California and has an interest in international politics. Photo Credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

Betsy Reiss Announces Retirement Plans

Elizabeth "Betsy" Reiss is retiring after nearly 20 years as office manager of the Junior League of Greenwich. She supported the organization's operations and contributed to various community initiatives. Reiss plans to continue volunteering locally, including at Catholic Masses, the American Red Cross, and by making cord rosaries for medical patients.

SCHOOLS

Alexandra Lage Joins Hamilton Avenue

Alexandra Lage has been appointed assistant principal of Hamilton Avenue School in Greenwich, effective August 11. She previously served as an assistant principal in Bridgeport and spent ten years teaching fifth and sixth grade. Lage holds degrees in education and psychology, a master's in educational technology, and certifications in administration and elementary education.

Greenwich Student Earns Merit Scholarship

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced nearly 800 additional college-sponsored scholarship recipients, including Michelle Weissler of Greenwich High School. These scholarships, funded by 146 colleges and universities, provide \$500 to \$2,000 annually for up to four years. Students qualified through high PSAT/NMSQT scores, academic records, and other criteria, with over 7,100 scholarships awarded nationwide for 2025.

SPORTS

UConn Legends Tournament Supports Student-Athletes

The second annual UConn Legends Golf Tournament will take place on July 28 at Greenwich Country Club, benefiting the UConn Foundation's Fight On Fund. Participants include coach Jim Calhoun and former players such as Emeka Okafor and Scott Burrell, with the event concluding in a reception and auction. The Fight On Fund supports student-athletes with funding for academics, sports medicine, scholarships, and mental health services.

LOCAL POLITICS

Greenwich Residents Invited to Serve

The Greenwich Representative Town Meeting (RTM) approves town expenditures over \$5,000, passes ordinances, and adopts the annual budget. An information session on how to run for a seat will be held on July 31 at 7 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, Greenwich residents and registered voters age 18 or older by Election Day.



# New Approaches to Pain Management



Dr. Ofer Wellisch spoke about the latest techniques of pain management, which seek to reduce use of opioids with a multidisciplinary, multimodal approach to pain management.

nerve stimulation treatments (TENS) operate. He was also questioned about recent changes in federal grant funding. He noted inefficiencies in research funding, partly due to increased shunting to cover skyrocketing overhead costs rather than more directed funds to innovative investigators. In closing, Dr. Wellisch emphasized that resources are readily available for those struggling with opioid dependence, many of whom were prescribed these medications by well-meaning physicians before their long-term risks were fully understood.

Dr. Wellisch was warmly applauded in appreciation for his clear and highly informative presentation on a most important subject.

The information contained in this presentation is for informational purposes only. It does not constitute medical advice. You are encouraged to consult with your physician for medical advice

*Chronic pain affects approximately one-third of Americans, incurring an annual societal cost of about half a trillion dollars.*

By ROBERT HENREY

At the July 16th meeting of the Retired Men’s Association, Larry Allen introduced Dr. Ofer Wellisch, noting that the Pain Management Program at Stamford Health which he directs was established approximately eight years ago and is one of only two comprehensive pain management centers in Connecticut. Dr. Wellisch began his career in pain medicine at the Stanford University School of Medicine in Palo Alto. Following his training, he continued to serve on the faculty while conducting research at Stanford. He takes pride in educating and mentoring medical students, residents, and fellow practitioners. He has published numerous articles in medical reviews, has been invited to serve as guest reviewer for various medical specialty journals and been recognized as a Top Doctor.

In his presentation entitled “New Approaches to Pain Management” Dr. Wellisch gave a comprehensive overview of modern pain management, emphasizing the critical need for effective and safe strategies to prevent addiction and death.

He emphasized the significance of the burden of pain to individuals and to society caused by the opioid crisis. He noted that chronic pain affects approximately one-third of Americans, incurring an annual societal cost of about half a trillion dollars, with direct federal and state costs nearing \$100 billion. The opioid epidemic has significantly worsened this problem, unfolding in three waves over the past three decades. There was at first an increase in opioid prescriptions for moderate chronic pain that led to inadvertent overdoses. This was exacerbated by a lack of medical education and was followed by measures designed to drastically curb the number of opioid prescriptions. This led to an unintended spike in the use of illicit substances like heroin.

The third wave was dominated by Fentanyl, an ultra-potent synthetic opioid distributed in the form of innocuous-looking pills. It caused approximately 80,000 deaths annually out of a total of some 100,000 for opioid-related deaths. This figure is twice as high as COVID-19 at its peak and nearly on a par with Alzheimer’s. The combination of opioids with benzodiazepines (e.g., Valium, Xanax) drastically

increases the risk of rapid respiratory depression, especially in opioid-naïve individuals. Due to increased education and stricter regulation, prescriptions for opioid pain relievers have significantly decreased over the last decade. Opioids are effective for short-term acute pain but are not suitable for long-term use due to tolerance, lack of sustained efficacy, and abuse potential.

Dr. Wellisch went on to say that he advocates a multidisciplinary, multimodal approach for pain management, moving beyond the idea of a ‘perfect’ pill or injection. He used the analogy of an electric guitar to explain pain amplification. There are strings (nerve endings), a cable (the spinal cord), and an amplifier (the brain). He emphasized the need to target pain at each of these levels. Stamford Health, in coordination with the US Department of Health and Human Services, prioritizes patient safety and quality of care through coordination, from pre-operative optimization to enhanced post-operative recovery. This approach has dramatically improved outcomes, enabling total knee replacement patients to be discharged within two days of surgery and hip patients after just one day. This optimizes the benefits of physical therapy. This approach to coordinated care is achieved through strategies such as regional nerve blocks, anti-inflammatories, and anticonvulsants (e.g., Gabapentin), and antidepressants and low-dose ketamine. These methods collectively reduce the need for opioids and their associated side effects.

In the next part of his presentation Dr. Wellisch commented on the current state of research that is focusing on innovative treatments. Journavx (suzetrigine) is an FDA-approved oral sodium channel blocker that specifically targets sensory neurons involved in chronic pain without causing general numbness or weakness. It is used in hospitals to reduce opioid reliance and reduce pain. He went on to mention the area of neuroscience pioneered by Karl Deisseroth who is known for developing technologies used to study and manipulate neural circuits and brain structures. Among them is CLARITY, a research technique that relies on making a deceased animal’s brain transparent for high-resolution 3D viewing of neural circuitry. Another is optogenetics where light-

responsive algae genes are inserted into neurons to control function. It is now showing promise in live animal studies designed to reverse Parkinson symptoms and modulate addiction. These have theoretical potential for pain management by modulating nerve cells in response to light.

Among other advanced interventional techniques mentioned by Dr. Wellisch were (1) radiofrequency ablation (RFA) used for back pain by injecting near the facet joints and subsequently ablating the relevant small nerve endings, (2) epidural steroid injections that reduce neurogenic inflammation for sciatica from ruptured discs or degenerative disc disease (3) neuromodulation that includes spinal cord stimulation (SCS) and peripheral nerve stimulation (PNS). This is a promising technique that involves implants that jam pain signals ascending to the brain. It has resulted in significant relief for diabetic neuropathy patients and those suffering following failed back surgery. Animal studies show that it promotes nerve ending regrowth in diabetic feet due to increased blood flow (vasodilation), (4) high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) which is an experimental non-invasive technique using focused ultrasound waves to ablate nerves for chronic back pain. Stamford Health participated in a multi-center trial, and the indications are that HIFU offers a safer alternative to traditional needle-based RFA by selectively heating only bone-proximal nerves while sparing soft tissue. It could become available in the United States within the next six months to a year, and finally (5) deep transcranial magnetic stimulation (dTMS) that uses magnets to modulate brain functions. It’s FDA-approved for major depression and obsessive-compulsive-disorders (OCD) and is being studied for pain and may improve brain circulation and cognitive function.

In the final part of his presentation Dr. Wellisch discussed two cases studies. The first concerned a 42-year-old woman with sciatica from a disc herniation. She was treated with epidural steroid injections, physical therapy, and pain psychology to cope with depression and wean her off opioids. The second was that of a 34-year-old woman who wanted to be able to bear children and suffered from chronic migraines. She was previously treated with prophylactic agents such as beta blockers, antidepressants, Botox injections which stop sensory neurons from releasing pain-causing substances such as calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP). She was also treated with newer injectable medications like Aimovig and Emgality that are specifically designed to block CGRP. During her time preparing to conceive, she was provided with safer alternatives to the above.

During the Q&A, he affirmed that opioid prescriptions have significantly decreased due to their lack of long-term efficacy and potential for tolerance and abuse. On acupuncture, he explained its effectiveness by “fooling our nervous system.” It stimulates touch fibers so as to overwhelm the nervous system’s bandwidth, thereby drowning out pain signals. This is not unlike the way transcutaneous electrical

suitable to you.

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

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “I-95 Greenwich Planning and Environment Study Update” by Becca Hall and Joseph Belrose, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Becca Hall of CDM Smith, an engineering and construction firm, and Joseph Belrose of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), will provide an overview of the I-95 Greenwich Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study, including the study process, existing conditions in the study area, public outreach and engagement efforts, and next steps for the I-95 Greenwich PEL Study.

The Greenwich study, which began in 2023 and is being performed by CTDOT, analyzes potential improvements for safety and mobility along the I-95 corridor from the New York state line to exit 7 in Stamford and along U.S. Route 1 within the study limits. A PEL study is a collaborative approach to decision-making used to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns. This integrated approach considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the planning process and uses this information to transition from the long-range planning process to transportation project development and environmental review.

Becca Hall, Consultant Project Manager for CDM Smith, has more than 16 years of experience in transportation planning and design, and has worked with state, municipal, and private clients. Becca is a licensed Professional Engineer. Joseph Belrose is a Transportation Engineer III at CTDOT. He is actively working on both the I-95 Greenwich and I-95 Stamford PEL Studies. He has been with CTDOT for 11 years. Originally from Massachusetts, he graduated from Northeastern University in Boston.

To stream the presentation by Becca Hall and Joseph Belrose at 11 AM on Wednesday, July 30, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2L>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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# Alpha-1 Foundation Honors Kenneth and Bettina Irvine at Annual Golf Invitational

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The Alpha-1 Foundation’s annual Bettina B. Irvine Golf Invitational returned to Greenwich on May 28th, raising critical funds and awareness for a rare and often overlooked genetic condition: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency. This year’s event carried particular emotional weight as the Foundation honored longtime advocate and supporter Kenneth Irvine, whose late wife, Bettina, founded the invitational in 2014.

Bettina Irvine, diagnosed with Alpha-1 in 1996, transformed her personal battle with the disease into a public mission. Rather than retreat from the diagnosis, she leaned into activism, eventually becoming president of the Alpha-1 Association in 2002, a precursor to today’s Alpha-1 Foundation. As her husband Ken recalled in a recent interview, “She really became a national spokesperson in treating and creating awareness for the disease.”

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency is a genetic condition that can cause serious lung and liver disease, but it remains widely underdiagnosed. In fact, many patients are initially misdiagnosed with more common ailments like COPD. “Doctors often don’t go beyond the superficial diagnosis,” explained Alpha-1 Foundation board member Bill Irvine. “They don’t do the genetic testing, and that’s one of the great

challenges.”

Yet with tireless advocates like Bettina, Ken, and Bill Irvine at the helm, the foundation has made substantial strides in both awareness and treatment over the past two decades. From policy advocacy and patient support to stem cell research and detection efforts, the organization has grown from a grassroots initiative to a national force in the world of genetic medicine.

Now based in Coral Gables, Florida, the Alpha-1 Foundation operates with a staff of approximately twenty, supports international research conferences, maintains a dedicated lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and raises roughly \$10 million in donations annually. Among its newest efforts is a cutting-edge detection program aimed at identifying the thousands of undiagnosed individuals across the country.

According to Ken Irvine, the annual golf invitational consistently raises about \$100,000 a year, a meaningful sum given the disease’s relative obscurity even within the Greenwich community. “I don’t think it can grow much larger than that,” Ken said candidly. “It’s a relatively unknown disease.” Still, both Ken and Bill believe that every dollar, and every conversation, makes a difference.

Bill, who has been involved with the Foundation since high school, spoke about the ripple

effects he’s witnessed from raising awareness. “What has come from this, especially through social media, is people reaching out to say, ‘My child has Alpha-1. My aunt was just diagnosed. Can you help?’ And we’ve been able to point them in the right direction, to doctors and support groups. That’s the kind of impact that really matters.”

This year’s event not only celebrated Ken Irvine’s unwavering commitment to the Alpha-1 community but also looked ahead to what’s possible. “From a big-picture standpoint, the foundation is really at the forefront of genetic medicine,” Ken said. “We’re at a tipping point. Around twenty biotech’s are currently working on drug development. We really think there’s going to be a cure in five or so years.”

As research progresses, the foundation remains grounded in its core mission: patient support, education, advocacy, and awareness. As Bill emphasized, it’s about “unconditional giving to make the biggest impact.”

For Ken, it all comes back to Bettina’s legacy. The annual invitational is more than just a day on the green—it’s a living tribute to her vision, strength, and leadership. And for the Greenwich community, it’s a chance to rally around a cause that continues to change lives.

Those interested in learning more, donating, or joining the event



Co-Chair Ken Irvine (Board Member), Co-Chair Bill Irvine (Development Committee), Ken and Bettina’s grandchildren (Kennedy, Grant, CK)

*“Awareness is the number one issue,” Ken emphasized. “It always has been, and always will be.”*

next year are encouraged to visit the Alpha-1 Foundation website at [www.alpha1.org](http://www.alpha1.org), where donations can be made in memory of Bettina

Irvine. Community members can also reach out directly to Ken or Bill Irvine or the Alpha-1 Foundation team for more information about

next year’s invitational. “Awareness is the number one issue,” Ken emphasized. “It always has been, and always will be.”

## DEMOCRATIC SLATES From Page 1

Democratic slate includes candidates for the town clerk, tax collector, Board of Education, and the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET).

Meghan McCreary, a 30-year-old software engineer, was nominated for town clerk. “As a member of the DTC, I’ve found it difficult to find town records,” she said, citing transparency concerns.

Hale Bayram, a longtime Greenwich resident with a background in corporate finance, is running for tax collector. An immigrant from Turkey, Bayram raised her two daughters in the public school system and said she hopes to give back through public service.

The two Democratic nominees for the Board of Education, Bob Chaney and Veronica Chiavaroli, are both active in the Parent Teacher Association. Chaney, a stay-at-home father with two children in the public schools, said he wants to “shore up the schools for the next generation of students.” Chiavaroli, a teacher and daughter of State Representative Hector Arzeno, said she would use her experience to support school staff and parents.

Four Democrats were present at the announcement and later confirmed for the BET slate: current members Matt DesChamps and Stephen Selbst, former member Laura Erickson, and Doug Fenton, a current Representative Town Meeting (RTM) member. Two other current BET members, David Weisbrod and Elliot Alchek, plan to seek reelection.

Many of the candidates—Moor, Fenton, Bayram, and Chaney among them—launched their political involvement through the RTM, the 230-member legislative body that functions as a town council.

The Democratic ticket reflects a blend of newcomers and experienced officials. While Moor and McCreary have criticized the difficulty of accessing public records, others have focused on infrastructure and education. The message across the slate is consistent: Greenwich government, in their view, has grown complacent.

With official nominations in hand, the Democratic slate will hold a public meet-and-greet on July 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at a private residence. The event will introduce voters to the candidates and provide early visibility ahead of what is expected to be a competitive municipal election.

## REPUBLICAN SLATES From Page 1

Fisher, the current BET chair, has been active in town finance since the 1980s. He stepped in to fill Michael Basham’s unexpired term in 2022 before winning election outright in 2023. Alfano, chair of the BET Audit Committee, brings expertise in accounting and business advising and is known for a “principled Republican” approach favoring free markets and low taxes. Arora, now serving her second term on the BET, has an engineering background and an MBA from Yale University, and is regarded as one of the RTC’s most effective campaigners and fundraisers. Jansen, a three-decade resident of Greenwich with 20 years on the RTM, is recognized for her data-driven, detail-oriented decision-making.

Four BOE candidates were endorsed: Karen Krause, Paul Cappiali, Shawn McDonnell,

and Granit Balidemaj. Krause, a Greenwich mother with a background in finance, is praised for balancing educational quality with taxpayer accountability. Cappiali, a current BOE member, is noted for his collaborative style and ability to navigate board conflicts. McDonnell, active in local education and community service, and Balidemaj, a 14-year resident and RTM member who previously ran for first selectman in 2019, round out the ticket.

For the 2-year seat on the BOE, Michael Mercanti was endorsed with party support. Mercanti holds a doctorate in education from the University of Pennsylvania and 25 years of experience in education. He said, “I look forward to continuing this work.”

Camillo said the endorsed group “brings a new attitude and a new spirit of cooperation... you certainly share your beliefs that you’re going to promote. But... you don’t get 100% of what you want all the time... you have to be able to work with people.”

The general election will be held November 4.

- Asterisk = incumbent  
Endorsed Candidates:  
First Selectman: Fred Camillo\*  
Selectwoman: Lauren Rabin\*  
Town Clerk: Jackie Budkins\*  
Tax Collector: Heather Smeriglio\*  
Board of Education:  
Michael Joseph Mercanti Anthony\*  
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Granit Balidemaj  
Karen Krause  
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## Come Celebrate with Us: “The Music of Memories” Garden Party Hosted by Friends of Nathaniel Witherell

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

We’re thrilled to invite you to one of the most heartwarming and joyful events of the season — the Music of Memories Garden Party, hosted by Friends of Nathaniel Witherell!

Join us on Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, in the stunning Rose Garden at The Nathaniel Witherell in Greenwich. This festive outdoor gathering brings together live music, local flavors, and community spirit — all in support of the people who’ve helped shape

our town. We are especially excited for this event because it is our FIRST fundraising event in five years and we can’t wait to bring all of our friends together to make a positive impact.

### What to Expect:

Live music by the talented Greenwich Chamber Collective

Signature cocktail and spirit tastings from Quiver Spirits

Craft beer from B Sharp Brewing

Fine wine, nonalcoholic refreshments, and delicious

*Many of us don’t often think about the realities of aging until it touches our lives.*

hors d’oeuvres

A warm, welcoming atmosphere under the garden lights

All adults are welcome! Whether you’re coming with friends, a partner, or flying solo, you’ll be surrounded by people who care deeply about our community — and who love a good garden party.

### Why It Matters:

This special evening directly supports Friends of Nathaniel Witherell’s mission to fund life-enhancing programs for residents and patients. From music therapy to group activities, your support helps us provide connection, dignity, and joy to aging adults.

Guests will hear about the incredible impact your support makes — including a moving story from a family whose loved ones received care at The Witherell.

“Events like the Music of Memories Garden Party help bring the community together in support of The Nathaniel Witherell and its residents. Many of us don’t often think about the realities of aging until it touches our lives. It’s vital to support institutions that bring dignity, joy, and comfort to this stage of life,” says Lisa Harding, Director of Development, Advancement

& Fundraising.

The Nathaniel Witherell is more than a care facility — it’s a place of healing, memory, and compassion. With your help, we can continue offering exceptional long-term care, short-term rehabilitation, and memory support for those who need it most.

Tickets start at just \$50 and are available now: <https://friendsofnathanielwitherell.org/events/>

Come for the music. Stay for the mission. Leave knowing you made a difference. We can’t wait to see you there!

## The Boutelles’ Recipe for Giving Back

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

When it comes to giving back, the Boutelle family knows how to turn service into something truly special. Every Friday, Jim and Laura Boutelle have made it their tradition to deliver for Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich - bringing not only meals but warm smiles to the community. Rain or shine, they’ve been doing it for years, and their dedication is as strong as ever.

But one special Friday came with a sweet twist! Their daughter, Sarah Boutelle, made a surprise appearance - driving down from Boston on her day off from college to help her mom with the Glenville route. That’s right: Friday deliveries became a full-on family affair!

**Why Volunteering as a**

*Volunteering together reinforces kindness, empathy, and responsibility in a way that sticks.*

### Family is Fantastic:

Built-in bonding time – Between car rides, directions, and delivering meals, families get a chance to chat, laugh, and connect without distractions.

Shared values – Volunteering together reinforces kindness, empathy, and responsibility in a way that sticks.

Lead by example – Kids (and grown-ups!) learn best by doing. Seeing family members actively serve the community

leaves a lasting impression.

Make memories that matter – Instead of just another errand, it becomes a feel-good ritual everyone looks forward to.

The Boutelles remind us that giving back doesn’t have to be a solo act. When families volunteer together, they don’t just make a difference, they make memories. Cheers to the Boutelles for showing us that Friday is for food, fun, and family!



Laura and Sarah Boutelle

Want to get involved with Meals-on-Wheels in

Greenwich? Visit Meals-on-Wheels Greenwich and learn

how your family can start a new tradition of giving back!



# Swimmers Make Waves for Water Safety at 36th Annual One-Mile Swim at Tod’s Point



One Mile Swim 2025, Captured by Dakota O'Brien

Under clear skies and perfect summer conditions, more than 120 swimmers gathered at Tod’s Point on Saturday, July 19 for the 36th Annual One-Mile Swim, hosted by the Greenwich Swim Committee, supporting the YMCA of Greenwich.

The annual open water race has become a cherished tradition in the Greenwich community, bringing together swimmers of all ages and experience levels to support a powerful cause: water safety education and access to swim lessons for all.

“This event has been enthusiastically supported by the

Greenwich community for over 36 years and it is terrific to once again partner with the YMCA of Greenwich to support their Swim School Scholarship fund,” said Jonathan Harnett, Chairman of the Greenwich Swim Committee. “We are grateful for the many swimmers of different ages and ability levels that came out to compete, including high school and collegiate swimmers, tri-athletes, and recreational swimmers.”

Proceeds from the event benefit the YMCA of Greenwich’s Swim School Scholarship Campaign and the Safety Around Water initiative, which provides



One Mile Swim 2025, Captured by Dakota O'Brien

free, six-week swim lessons to children in Greenwich Public Schools who lack basic water safety skills. Together, these programs help ensure that every child—regardless of financial circumstance—can learn how to stay safe in and around water.

“Swimming is a life skill, not a luxury—and in a waterfront town like Greenwich, it’s critical. The One-Mile Swim allows us to expand our reach and bring essential water safety education to more children every year. We’re incredibly grateful to the swimmers, sponsors, and volunteers who make this

possible,” said Matt Skaarup, CEO of the YMCA of Greenwich.

The race featured a one-mile course in the Long Island Sound, with calm waters and water temperatures near 70°F.

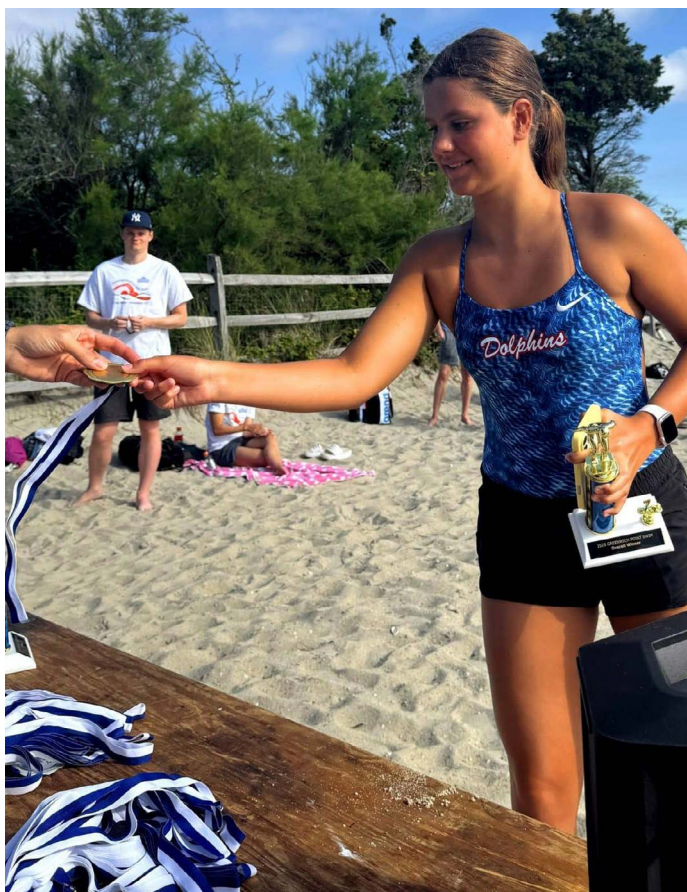
**Top finishers included:**

**1st Place: Olivia DeVries, age 15, with a time of 17:18**

**2nd Place: Liam Bogart, age 25, with a time of 17:51**

**3rd Place: Ashley Honey, age 46, with a time of 17:55**

Participants were greeted at the finish line with light refreshments and food,



Olivia DeVries places 1st at One Mile Swim 2025, Captured by Dakota O'Brien

commemorative t-shirts, and plenty of community spirit.

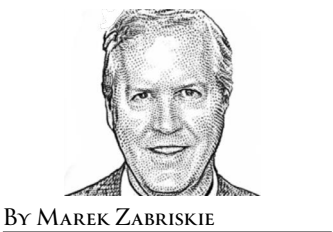
The event was generously sponsored by Alpen Pantry, whose support helped make this year’s race a success both in the water and beyond.

Race timing and results were provided by StartLine Race Services and are available online at [www.gscevents.org](http://www.gscevents.org).

The YMCA of Greenwich is one of the largest community-based organizations in Greenwich, CT. Founded in 1916, the YMCA of Greenwich offers programs and services that promote and sustain

healthy living, youth development, and social responsibility to nurture the potential of everyone in our community. Our YMCA is a membership organization open to all people. The YMCA welcomes people of all genders, ages, races, ethnicities, religions, abilities and financial circumstances. With our “Y For All Membership” program, your rates are based on total household income and circumstance. To learn more about the YMCA of Greenwich, visit: [www.greenwichymca.org](http://www.greenwichymca.org).

## COLUMN The Prophets and Politics: Pray with an Open Window



By MAREK ZABRISKE

Dom Helder Câmara, a Brazilian Catholic archbishop, once said, “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.” Indeed, it is risky for religious leaders to speak out about politics, economics, immigration, poverty and the military.

But these risks did not stop St. Augustine, Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, Desmond Tutu, Mother Teresa, and Archbishop Oscar Romero to name a few.

They spoke out prophetically in a way that emulated the Jewish prophets, men like Jeremiah, Isaiah, Hosea, and Amos. These biblical giants spoke about the need to care for widows, orphans, strangers, and immigrants. They challenged corrupt judges and unfair practices in the market place.

The prophets spoke not for themselves but on behalf of God. Their words are simple, frank, and forceful. They sounded an alarm with words that welled up from within and convicted the hearts of their hearers.

The famous Jewish theologian Abraham Joshua Heschel notes that the prophet “is a man who feels fiercely. God has thrust a burden upon his soul, and he is stunned at man’s fierce greed and has enormous compassion for the poor and the exploited.”

Heschel called the prophets “spiritual politicians.” He described them as nonpartisan disturbers of a petrified society, who demanded that God’s people care for the vulnerable and those most in need. He saw the prophet as the great, unique spiritual hero of Judaism,

who admonished the nation from developing a frozen heart.

So, nearly 800 years before Jesus was born, God called Amos to leave his work as a shepherd and dresser of sycamore trees to venture to the Northern Kingdom, which was also known as the Kingdom of Israel. God called Amos to speak out during the brilliant reign of Jeroboam II, who ruled the Northern Kingdom for over 40 years.

During this time, Israel reached its zenith in terms of prosperity and land mass. While Assyria was weak and Syria was in decline, Jeroboam extended his dominion, fostered commerce, and accumulated wealth. Much of this was good.

When Amos trekked north he observed the wealth and splendor of the elegant cities and lavish palaces, where people slept on ivory beds and damask pillows (Amos 3:12), with endless vineyards and women who anointed themselves with precious oils (6:4-6; 5:11).

There was nothing wrong with this wealth, but what shocked him was how the poor were exploited, mistreated, and sold into slavery (2:6-8; 5:11), and how the judges were corrupt (3:10). So, Amos spoke out and scolded the Israelites.

He said, “Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” (Amos 8:4-6)

His words have never gone out of season. They have been repeated across the centuries. No one studies Jeroboam II, but billions have read or heard Amos’ words. His reprimand was not well received. Amos was deported

*Mystics and theologians affirm that there is no place devoid of God. Thus, in the rabbinic tradition, when a Jew prays in an enclosed area, there must be an open a window – a window open to the world. The Jew, like the Christian, prays with an eye and an ear open to the market place and to the public square.*

back to Judea, where he wrote his memoir.

Amos’ words beg us to ask, “What has religion to do with politics?” By “politics” I mean the governance which binds us together and regulates our society. “Church and politics?” you ask. “Shouldn’t religion focus on spirituality and prayer?”

But as we search the Bible, especially the prophets, it becomes abundantly clear that we cannot segregate God. The Bible offers no walls of separation between heaven and earth, the sanctuary and society, the marketplace and morality, prayer and polity.

Mystics and theologians affirm that there is no place devoid of God. Thus, in the rabbinic tradition, when a Jew prays in an enclosed area, there must be an open a window – a window open to the world. The Jew, like the Christian, prays with an eye and an ear open to the market place and to the public square.

What occurs in the outside world matters to the church and the temple. So, the prophets were passionately concerned with the treatment of the least in their society, and they challenged corrupt judges, oppressive rulers, and people who were swindlers in business or deceitful in their private lives.

Jesus was steeped in the prophets and quoted them frequently. He quoted the prophet Isaiah more than any other writer of the Hebrew scriptures except for the book of Psalms. The prophets’ thoughts and writings impacted how Jesus spoke, acted and viewed his ministry.

Like the prophets, Jesus was engaged in a struggle against spiritual isolationism, against those who would use the temple as

a hideout, an escape from the real world of commerce, politics, and law. Like the prophets, he despised those who said, “Here behind the Temple walls we are safe. We can declare a moral holiday.

We can light candles, sing hymns, and burn incense to camouflage the dust and deceit that occurs in the marketplace and the public square.” Hence, Amos asked how can we oppress the weak and enter God’s sanctuary and cry, “We are saved!”

There is enormous good that takes place in the marketplace and the public square. There is much to give thanks for and applaud.

The prophet, like Jesus, was political, because God cares about politics, economics, law and the military. The Judeo-Christian God is not a Creator who formed the world and disappeared. God is not an absentee Landlord, but rather the Lord of history, who cares about social justice, equality and fairness, and how we respect and dignity of every human being.

NPR recently reported that the top 1 percent of Americans control 34 trillion dollars while the bottom 50 percent control only 2 trillion dollars. Never before in history has our country seen so much disparity between the haves and the have nots.

In fairness the lives of the poor today are arguably much better than in many previous eras. But the question that God asks each of us, who will speak for the poor? Our country is incredibly generous and caring. We have much to be proud of, but we must also always be vigilant.

Is Christianity liberal or conservative? Does Christianity condone capitalism or socialism? Does Christianity protect the propertied or does it defend

the poor? Is God a republican, democrat, or libertarian?

These questions are misleading for they attempt to co-opt the integrity of our faith into partisan political positions. We cannot gerrymander the Bible by carving it up into little quotes and soundbites to support partisan politics.

Do Judaism and Christianity defend the poor? Of course. Deuteronomy 15:4, “There shall be no poor among you.” You shall care for them. Matthew 25:40, “... just as you have done for the least of these... you have done for me,” says Jesus, “...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

God does not frown upon the rich, if they are compassionate, honest, and generous. Leviticus 19:15 asserts, “You shall not favor the poor nor show deference to the rich but you shall judge your kinsmen fairly.”

The challenge is that most of us spend more time watching cable news, listening to podcasts, reading our favorite op-ed writers, or gathering news from Facebook and Twitter rather than reading the Bible and attending worship. We are disciplined in an own echo chamber that often fills us with rage and offers little moral content.

So, a serious faith community must help to raise the political discourse from the polarizing mentality of cable news, where victory goes to the most volatile and voracious, and dialogue and discourse are replaced by demonizing and division, to something which unites us and

summons forth our better angels.

No Christian book or sacred text will tell us what political, economic, or military means should be used. The Bible is not a book of political strategies or economic projections. Rather, the Bible is a book about social ends.

Christianity does not have a party platform, but it does provide a moral foundation for political decision making. The Bible shaped our nation’s founders and it can shape each of us as well.

So, I invite you to pray with your window open to the marketplace and to the public square. Reflect upon how your faith calls you to act, to vote, to speak out, to unite, and to care for the most vulnerable. Religion forms our conscience and our soul before we vote, and after we vote when the real work of Christianity begins to ensure that we work together to build the Kingdom of God.

Whether Christians vote for one party or another is not the clergy’s concern. Our concern is that we select leaders with integrity, compassion, courage, honesty, and intelligence, who inspire us to further the Common Good.

Our concern is the health of the Christian heart and to ensure that our society remains compassionate, fair, and honest. We need to be smart, not cruel. We must use our brains, but not let them extinguish our hearts.

In the end, it would be better for us to have a bleeding heart than a frozen soul. As the prophet Isaiah reminded us, “Seek justice, undo oppression. Defend the fatherless. Plead for the widow” (Isaiah 1:17). May God bless our children and us with good minds and even better hearts.

## YWCA Greenwich to Host Young Women’s Initiative

On Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, YWCA Greenwich will host its Young Women’s Initiative (YW-I). This unique civic engagement training program for young women ages 16 – 20 will take place at YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Avenue in Greenwich.

This year’s YW-I Workshop will host 24 spectacular young women, made up of nine high school juniors, eight high school seniors, five college freshman, and two college sophomores. This outstanding group also includes three students that have been

recognized for being at the top of their class.

The workshop will include group seminars designed for young women from varied walks of life, who are passionate about civic engagement, community organizing, and activism. Participants will gain valuable insights, skills, and resources to become effective community leaders and advocates. There will also be interactive breakout sessions and networking opportunities within the program.

“Civic engagement is more critical than ever, especially

in this disinformation age. We owe it to the next generation to equip them with the tools and resources they need to advocate for the causes they care about. While many believe those under 40 are disengaged from politics, I see it differently. They need to familiarize themselves with the civic process and local government. Our YW-I program aims to bridge this gap, empowering young women to become the leaders of tomorrow.” explained Director of the Center for Equity and Justice at YWCA Greenwich, Simone Quartey.

The keynote speaker will be 75th Secretary of the State of Connecticut, Stephanie Thomas. Other featured guest speakers include the Engagement Manager for the Office of State Treasurer Erick Russell, Gabriela Koc; the Outreach Assistant for the Office of U.S. Senator Chris Murphy, Sarah Lopez; the Senior Advisor to Governor Ned Lamont, Thea Montañez; the Chief Policy and Advocacy Officer at Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, Planned Parenthood Votes! CT and Planned Parenthood Votes! RI, Gretchen Raffa;

the Statewide Parent Cabinet Coordinator for Early Childhood, Chene Russell; and the Coalition Director at Child Care for CT, Eva Bermúdez Zimmerman.

For more information or to register to participate, please visit [www.ywcagn.org/ywi2025](http://www.ywcagn.org/ywi2025).

Founded in 1919, YWCA Greenwich is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. YWCA Greenwich provides programs for people of all ages and genders with initiatives that include preschool and after school

programs, aquatics programs, youth athletics, health and fitness programs and seminars focusing on racial justice and women’s empowerment. Additionally, YWCA Greenwich is the only provider of both domestic and sexual violence services in Greenwich, with staff who are licensed to provide crisis intervention, counseling, shelter, and victim advocacy. These services are free.



# Historical Society Announces Carol B. Cadou as New Executive Director and CEO

The Greenwich Historical Society Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Carol B. Cadou as the organization's new Executive Director and CEO, effective August 25th. Cadou brings over 30 years of museum management and curatorial experience with historic sites, libraries, archives, and fine and decorative arts collections, with prior leadership tenures at The National Society of Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA), Winterthur Museum, and George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Cadou joins the Historical Society following the previously announced retirement of Debra L. Mecky, who over the span of 30 years at the helm as Executive Director and CEO dramatically advanced the organization's mission, transformed its site and operations, and expanded its reach and audience to become one of America's foremost regional history museums.

"The search committee and Board of Trustees are thrilled to welcome Carol Cadou at an exciting and pivotal time of growth for our organization," said Historical Society Board Chair Catherine Tompkins. "Looking ahead to next year and the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence as well as to Greenwich Historical Society's centennial milestone in 2031, we believe Carol's leadership will help us fulfill our mission to preserve and interpret Greenwich history to strengthen the community's connection to our past, to each other and to our future."

Cadou will lead all operations and initiatives of the nationally accredited museum campus, encompassing a robust year-round schedule of dynamic art and history exhibitions, adult, family and school programs, community partnerships and events. "Carol Cadou, with her extensive experience and enthusiasm, will work closely with the staff and Board to sharpen the Historical Society's vision for the future and further strengthen its position as

the sole organization in Greenwich dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the town's history, and stewardship of the National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House," said Peter Malkin, Honorary Trustee and member of the search committee.

In her positions as Executive Director of the NSCDA and the Charles F. Montgomery Director and CEO of Winterthur Museum, Cadou guided two AAM-accredited institutions through the creation of new strategic plans with forward-looking mission and vision statements, the introduction of needed infrastructure and technology, governance discussions, and fundraising for high-quality exhibitions and ambitious capital projects.

At the NSCDA, Cadou completed a \$2.5 million capital campaign for Dumbarton House Museum that included new lecture and meeting rooms, state of the art technology for on-site and virtual educational programming, a new Visitor's Center, accessible entrances, and restored historic period rooms.

At Winterthur, she oversaw the preservation, conservation, exhibition, scope and content of Winterthur Museum's collection of 200,000+ fine and decorative arts exhibited in 190 historic house museum rooms, and developed and managed a \$20 million annual operating budget, collaborating with external auditors and investment managers to ensure fiscal responsibility and sustainability of a \$350 million endowment.

"At a time when historic buildings and collections are threatened due to lack of funds, and American history is receiving less attention in K-12 curricula, Greenwich Historical Society has doubled down on its commitment to historic preservation and education," said Cadou. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and schools on this critical work."

Born and raised in Ohio, Cadou holds a Bachelor of Arts

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Carol B. Cadou

degree from Wellesley College. She taught English in Japan before earning an American Arts certification at Sotheby's Institute of Art and a Master of Arts degree from the Winterthur Program in Early American Culture at the University of Delaware in 1996. She later received an MBA from Ohio University in 2019.

Cadou has authored, edited, or contributed to numerous books on American decorative arts, architecture, and historic

preservation. In 2018, the University of Virginia Press published her edited volume entitled *Stewards of Memory: The Past, Present, and Future of Historic Preservation* at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Her forthcoming publication on the NSCDA's 60+ historic sites is *Great American Treasures: Women Preserving History Since 1891*.

Greenwich Historical Society was founded in 1931 to preserve and interpret Greenwich history to strengthen the community's

connection to our past, to each other and to our future. The circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House witnessed slavery and the American Revolution and became the site of Connecticut's first American Impressionist art colony from 1890 to 1920. Its landscape and gardens are restored based on documentation from the site's Impressionist era. The campus also includes a nationally accredited museum, library and archives, a museum store, café,

and a community education center. Greenwich Historical Society educates thousands of school children annually and connects visitors to the history of this globally influential community through exhibitions, lectures, programs, and events. It receives no town funding and relies on donations and grants to continue its work in education and preservation. Learn more at [greenwichhistory.org](http://greenwichhistory.org).

# You're Invited to the Third Annual Tour de Veggie on Thursday, July 31

Tour de Veggie 2025 Tickets are on sale NOW!

Greenwich Land Trust (GLT) and Greenwich Community Gardens (GCG) invite you to the Third Annual "Tour de Veggie" on Thursday, July 31, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

This self-guided journey through seven vibrant and flourishing vegetable gardens across Greenwich celebrates the beauty and bounty of edible gardening. At each stop, you'll discover the secrets of sustainable living, meet the passionate

gardeners behind the plots, and gather inspiration for your own garden—all while supporting the vital conservation and community programming efforts of GLT and GCG.

After a day spent exploring these unique green spaces, patron ticket holders are invited to a private evening picnic at Greenwich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Enjoy garden-inspired fare by Happiness Is Catering, refreshing beverages, and soft live music in a picturesque setting.



Kim Gregory, a member of the GLT Board of Directors adds, "It has been great watching the

gardening community grow as more gardeners grow vegetables and share harvests with neighbors

and planting tips with each other. Gardening is something anyone can do, no matter how much skill or space one has."

Please note: Tickets (with tour maps) purchased after July 22, 2025, will be available for pickup at Greenwich Land Trust, 370 Round Hill Road. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://gltrust.org/upcoming-events/>.

Conserving the Land. Connecting the Community. Greenwich Land Trust

conserves open space, connects our community with the natural world, and inspires the next generation of conservationists. The Land Trust permanently protects and cares for more than 1,000 acres of woodlands, marshlands, orchards, and meadows throughout Greenwich, preserving the ecological integrity, historic character, and scenic beauty of our community. For more information, please visit our website at [gltrust.org](http://gltrust.org).

# UConn Basketball Legends Come to Greenwich to Support Student Athletes

Golf tournament and reception at Greenwich Country Club will include Coach Calhoun, Emeka Okafor, Donovan Clingan, Chris Smith and Jake Voskuhl

The second annual UConn Legends Golf Tournament will

take place on Monday, July 28 at Greenwich Country Club. Basketball fans will join Huskies legends including Jim Calhoun, Emeka Okafor, Scott Burrell, Chris Smith, Joey Calcaterra, Donovan Clingan, Tom Moore,

Hassan Diarra, Ashley Battle and Jake Voskuhl to raise money for the UConn Foundation's Fight On Fund. Members of the 2026 UConn Huskies Men's Basketball team will join for the evening portion of the event. Non-golfing sponsors

are welcome for the reception following play where coaches will preview the upcoming season and auction items will include priceless UConn basketball experiences.

UConn Legends, co-chaired by Greenwich natives and UConn

alumni athletes Mike Burton and Karen Hopp, is hosted by Storrs Central and supported by the event's diamond sponsor Double J's, Hoo Doo Brown BBQ, Shreve Crump & Low, Tito's, Double J's, Miller Motorcars,

Sovereign Brands, and MOJO entertainment. Limited foursomes and sponsorships are available. Visit [storrscentral.com/legends](http://storrscentral.com/legends) for more information.



Bill Murray, Coach Luke Murray and NBA champion Scott Burrell at the 2024 UConn Legends golf tournament.



UConn Huskies national champion Emeka Okafor celebrates his shot at the 2024 UConn Legends event.



NBA Hall-of-Famer and 10-time NBA All Star Ray Allen tees off at Greenwich Country Club in the 2024 UConn Legends golf tournament.





By HEATHER WRIGHT

Summer can be a time of travel to leave the familiar to find adventure, rest, and re-creation. Re-creating is to be remade. What is broken, distracted or scattered inside, may get put back in order. However, sometimes that reset can happen closer to home. It can be appreciating what’s in your own backyard or at a public park right here where you live.

On a warm and windy night, I was sitting with friends on the Greenwich shore. A strong northwesterly wind was blowing. The movement of air refreshed us and we paused our conversation to sit and listen. In silence, we admired this force of nature. It felt like a

gift from God. There was something powerful about being in awe of it together. How fortunate we are to live in a place where the sea meets the sky. We get to sit on the shores and appreciate the passage of day into night and the wind and waves under a big sky.

After sitting by the water, we went to our friend’s yard and sat under a great tree with long branches that came down to the ground. The wind rustled the leaves as if in a dance with a soundtrack. Sitting under the large tree over 150 years old, I felt gloriously small. I could receive the blessing of something so beautiful and old that towered above me and sheltered me. Sitting underneath the large curving branches felt like a sanctuary. Our evening was a spa for the soul.

Driving home that night, I was reminded one of my

# Pennies on your Path

*I pay attention for God’s movement in my life and for God’s pennies strewn along my path.*

favorite quotes from the author Annie Dillard. In her book Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, she wrote, “The world is fairly studded and strewn with pennies cast broadside from a generous hand.” While a penny may not seem like a big deal, if you realize it may be a gift left there just for you – it can be wondrous. But you have to be looking for surprises. You have to pay attention and look for the unexpected.

Are you prepared to be surprised? As Annie Dillard instructs her reader, there are signs all around if you are open to look for them. The generous hand, I interpret as the hand of God. This requires a sense of holy expectancy. God who created all things and in whom all things hold together is in

your midst and invites you to know him more deeply. You can’t refresh other people with an empty cup. You can let him restore your body, heart and soul.

Jesus invites this kind of curiosity and openness in dialogue with Nicodemus (John 3). He uses this example, ““The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit” (vs.8). God’s Holy Spirit is being described as the wind. There is a mystery to both Spirit and wind. We can’t see the wind, but we can see what it moves, like the trees. We don’t hear the wind, but the things in its way that create sound when the wind moves them, like

the waves. There is a divine mystery to being born again, coming to faith in Christ. I don’t control this process, but I am open ourselves to receive the Spirit. I surrender to God. I pay attention for God’s movement in my life and for God’s pennies strewn along my path.

Another saying of Jesus is “blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears, because they hear” (Matthew 16:13). Eyes open and ears listening are perfect definitions of someone who is paying attention. This story takes place in the parable of the farmer who scatters seed on the path. Jesus teaches that with eyes seeing and ears hearing, your heart can understand what is true and what matters. That can lead you to turn to God. In doing

so, you can let God heal you. What an invitation.

How well are you seeing and hearing the wonder of God and his handiwork in creation? These Scriptures tell me to pay attention. Listen and watch for God’s spirit which blow where God wills it. My job is to perceive it and return to God in awe and gratitude. As I do, God will refill me for the work he has for me to do. You and I get to be part of God’s plan to redeem and restore the pain, brokenness and division in this world he loves.

As you venture outdoors this summer, pay attention. There may be pennies on your path.

*The Rev. Dr. Heather Wright is Pastor of Care and Connection at Stanwich Church and has been in ministry in Greenwich since 2005. She is also the author of 4 books, for more details, see heatherpurwight.com.*

# Worship Services

**Assemblies of God**  
**Harvest Time Church**  
 1338 King St., 203-531-7778  
[www.htchurch.com](http://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. *Creative Team Open Call : Saturday, July 26, 9:30am. Thriving in the Middle: Sunday, July 27, 9:30am.*

**Baptist**  
**First Baptist Church**  
 10 Northfield St.; 203-869-7988  
[www.firstbaptistgreenwich.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:music.director@stc-sta.org) with questions. 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. Steak Dinner Fundraiser: Saturday, August 2, 6pm, Greenwich Knights of Columbus, RSVP at [kofcgreenwich39@gmail.com](mailto:kofcgreenwich39@gmail.com)..*

**St. Mary Church**  
 178 Greenwich Ave.; 203-869-9393  
[www.stmarygreenwich.org](http://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. *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume the first Friday of September 5.*

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
 469 North St.; 203-869-5421  
[www.stmichaelgreenwich.com](http://www.stmichaelgreenwich.com)

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

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

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

**St. Paul Church**  
 84 Sherwood Ave.; 203-531-8741  
[www.stpaulgreenwich.org](http://www.stpaulgreenwich.org)

Mass: Mon-Thu: 8am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Daily, 7:30am; Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. *Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thu. of every month, 7:30pm.*

**St. Roch Church**  
 10 St. Roch Ave; 203-869-4176  
[www.strochchurch.com](http://www.strochchurch.com)

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time. *New Saturday Mass & Confession schedule: Beginning Saturday, June 28, the following changes will take effect: English Mass will be celebrated at 4pm (formerly 5pm); Italian Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm; Confessions will be heard from 3-3:30pm.*

**Christian Science**  
**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
 11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555  
[christiansciencect.org/greenwich](http://christiansciencect.org/greenwich)

Sundays: Church and Sunday School at 10:30. Weds. 7:30pm testimonies of healing. Call # for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520. Reading Room 333 Greenwich Ave. M-F 1:00-5:00 203-869-2503. Bibles, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, children’s books, and more. **Sermons: July 27: Truth. August 3: Love.**

**Community**  
**First Church of Round Hill**  
 464 Round Hill Rd; 203-629-3876  
[www.firstchurchofroundhill.com](http://www.firstchurchofroundhill.com)

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. *Services will not be held on Sundays in July or August other than those listed. Regular fall worship will resume on Sept. 7.*

**Round Hill Community Church**  
 395 Round Hill Rd; 203-869-1091  
[www.roundhillcommunitychurch.org](http://www.roundhillcommunitychurch.org)

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

**Congregational**  
**The First Congregational Church**  
 108 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-1791  
[www.fccog.org](http://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 through Aug. 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 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17). Women’s Fellowship Summer Socials at Greenwich Point - Sue Baker Pavilion – 4th Mondays of July and August, 5:30pm.*

**North Greenwich Congregational**  
 606 RIVERSVILLE Rd; 203-869-7763  
 (Instagram photos and videos @ [north\\_greenwich\\_church](https://www.instagram.com/north_greenwich_church))

Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, in person.

**Second Congregational Church**  
 139 E Putnam Ave; 203-869-9311  
[www.2cc.org](http://www.2cc.org)

Sunday worship in our air-conditioned Chapel at 9:30am. Children’s Chapel during worship. *Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @2CCGreenwich. 2CC Night Out: Wednesday, Aug. 13 - Join us at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park to enjoy the band Chasing Romeo at 7pm.*

**Episcopal**  
**Anglican Church of the Advent**  
 606 RIVERSVILLE Rd; 203-861-2432  
[facebook.com/greenwichanglican](http://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](http://www.christchurchgreenwich.org)

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children’s Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Sung Compline Sundays, July 27, Aug. 10, 17 & Sept. 7, 5pm. Praying Together: Thursday, July 31, 11:30am. Taizé Service: Thursday, July 31, 5-5:30 pm.*

**St. Barnabas Episcopal Church**  
 954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526  
[www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org](http://www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org)

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

**St. Paul’s Episcopal Church**  
 200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447  
[www.stpaulsriverdale.org](http://www.stpaulsriverdale.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](http://www.saintsaviours.org)

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

**Jewish**  
**Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich**  
 75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059  
[www.chabadgreenwich.org](http://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. Women’s Trip to the Ohel: Wednesday, July 30, departing from Chabad at 6pm, RSVP.*

**Congregation Shir Ami**  
 One W. Putnam Ave; 203-274-5376  
[www.congregationshirami.org](http://www.congregationshirami.org)

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. *Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Meet the Midrash: Saturdays, 10am, through Aug. 9, on Zoom.*

**Greenwich Reform Synagogue**  
 92 Orchard St; 203-629-0018  
[www.grs.org](http://www.grs.org)

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom.

**Temple Sholom**  
 300 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-7191  
[www.templesholom.com](http://www.templesholom.com)

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Book Discussion: All the Broken Places: Wednesday, July 30, 7-9pm. Erev Tisha B’Av Service: Saturday, August 2, 8:30pm.*

**Lutheran**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
 286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466  
[www.firstpaul.com](http://www.firstpaul.com)

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

**Methodist**  
**Diamond Hill United Methodist**  
 521 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-2395

[www.diamondhillumc.com](http://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](http://diamondhill.com)).

**First United Methodist Church**  
 59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584  
[www.fumcgreenwich.com](http://www.fumcgreenwich.com)

Virtual Sunday Worship: 10am. Sunday School – Lunch and Learning Bible: 12pm. Sunday Korean School: 1-4pm, Education Building.

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

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

**Nondenominational**  
**Dingletown Community Church**  
 376 Taconic Rd., at Barnstable Lane

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

**Stanwich Church**  
 202 Taconic Rd.; 203-661-4420  
[www.stanwichchurch.org](http://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 [stanwichchurch.org](http://stanwichchurch.org). We’d love to meet you here!

**Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC**  
 293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615  
[www.Center4SpiritualDev.org](http://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](mailto:Albertsonpcc@gmail.com) for registration and Zoom Links). *Virtual Weekly Mediumship practice sessions with guided meditation: Monday, July 28, 7-9pm, \$20/session, register at [CSDPastor@gmail.com](mailto:CSDPastor@gmail.com). Guided Meditation: Tuesday, July 29, 8:45am, Free, All are welcome.*

**Trinity Church**  
 5 River Rd.; 203-618-0808  
[www.trinitychurch.life](http://www.trinitychurch.life)

Service: Sundays, 10am, Trinity Greenwich, Hyatt Regency, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich & Online.

**Presbyterian**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
 1 W. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-8686  
[www.fpcg.org](http://www.fpcg.org)

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Beach Service: Sunday, July 27, 8:30-9:30am.*

**Grace Church of Greenwich**  
 89 Maple Ave.  
 203-861-7555  
[www.gracechurchgreenwich.com](http://www.gracechurchgreenwich.com)

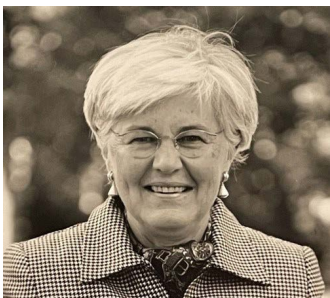
Worship: Sundays, 8:45am, 10:45am & 4:30pm, Woman’s Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

**Living Hope Community Church**  
 38 West End Ave; 203-637-3669  
[www.LivingHopeoct.org](http://www.LivingHopeoct.org)

Worship In-person & online (LivingHopeoct.org/livestream): Sundays: 10am. *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](mailto:Todd.klair@gmail.com) for more information. Women’s Summer Bible Study - A Heart of Grace: Tuesday, July 29, 10-11:30am, Luncheon to follow. “Making Cents” Seminar (four-session seminar): Saturday, July 26, 9:30am, Cost of book. Worship Night with Jules – Embodied Praise: Sunday, July 27, 7pm.*



# Obituaries



### MARGARET ROBBEN

Margaret Burger Robben, born on August 21, 1934 in the Bronx, peacefully passed away in Stamford on July 13, 2025, at the age of 90.

Margie lived boldly from the start. She married at 18, welcomed her first child at 20, and had five children by the age of 30. Never one to sit still for long, she decided at 38 to pursue higher education - ultimately earning a Master's in Social Work from Columbia University, where she graduated magna cum laude. It was a remarkable achievement, but for Margie, just another example of setting her mind to something and making it happen.

An activist throughout her life, Margie never hesitated to take action when she saw a problem. Whether it was founding a branch of the public library in Island Trees (Levittown, NY), being a founding member of the Emmaus Community, opening a coffee house for teens in Stamford in the 1970s, or championing girl power in a family full of boys, she always rose to the occasion with determination and heart.

A gifted athlete, Margie was the first female to win the Babe Ruth Award at Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx. A self-taught tennis player, she went on to win the Women's Singles Tennis Tournament in Stamford during the 1970s.

She was outspoken, often unapologetically so - and whatever filter she may have had only faded with age. But with Margie, you always knew where you stood. Described by those who knew her as strong, loving, fiercely intelligent, generous and endlessly curious, Margie lived with conviction and purpose. She was the beloved matriarch of a remarkable family, whose love and example shaped generations. Her legacy lives on through her 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, each a reflection of the strength, wit and resilience she embodied.

In her later years, Margie unexpectedly became a viral sensation as “Grandma Marge”, after a hilarious tweet featuring her candid commentary took off online. She was soon featured on Good Morning America and papers nationally. Her fifteen minutes of fame culminated in style with an unforgettable ride around the Wells Fargo Center on a Zamboni during her grandson, Cam’s, first game with the Philadelphia Flyers.

Marge was predeceased by her husband, John Robben; her parents, Francis and Josephine Burger; her sisters, Frances Collins and Patricia Shirley; and her son-in-law Thomas Bisanzo.

She is survived by her sister Claire Bedford, her children: Susan Bisanzo, Janet Smith (Mark), Ellen Atkinson (Tom), John Robben, and Robert Robben (Sheila); her grandchildren: Mark, Catherine, Gigi, Christopher, Gregory, Stephen, Tommy, Cam, Brett, Scott, Bailey, Patrick, Elizabeth, Mary Caroline; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be private. Castiglione’s Funeral Home is handling the

arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please visit [castiglioneffh.com](http://castiglioneffh.com). Donations in Margie’s name may be made to ForceNetwork.com, a charitable organization for our first responders.

**SALLY DOMESTICO**

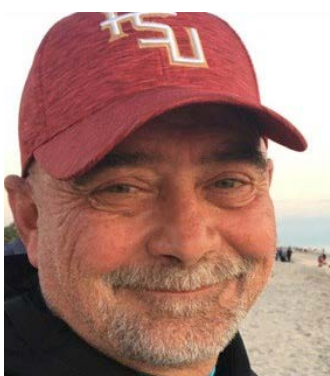
Sally Ann Domestico, a beloved wife and mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, passed away peacefully surrounded by family. Born in Port Chester, NY, Sally lived a life full of warmth, resilience, and deep love for those closest to her.

Sally spent the majority of her life in Greenwich, CT with her husband Frank (Rich) Domestico, where she built a home filled with laughter, tradition, and strength. In her later years, she embraced a quieter rhythm in the countryside of Plymouth, where she spent the last twelve years enjoying nature, the peace of small-town life, and the company of family and close friends.

She is survived by her devoted son Richard, his loving wife Amy, and her three cherished grandchildren: Christopher, Annalisa, and Christiana—each of whom brought her immense pride and joy. Sally also leaves behind her dear brothers, Alan Arcuri and Gino Arcuri, and a large extended family of cousins, nieces and nephews who will forever remember her kindness, sense of humor, and unshakable love.

Sally’s life was a reflection of her values: family first, always. Her legacy lives on in the traditions she passed down, the meals shared around her table, and the unconditional support she gave to everyone she loved.

A celebration of Sally’s life was held Thursday, July 24 at St Roch’s Church in Greenwich, CT. She will be missed more than words can express, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know her.



### JAMES MORTENSON

James Scott “Lemon” Mortenson, known to most as “Jim” or “Lemon,” passed away peacefully at home on July 19, 2025, surrounded by the people he loved most. Born on June 20, 1960, at United Hospital in Port Chester, NY, Jim was a lifelong resident of Greenwich. He often said, with a prideful smile, that he was “born and bred” in Byram.

Jim graduated from St. Mary’s High School in 1978, where he played football and baseball. After high school, he joined Putnam Service Station as a business partner, then moved on to Putnam Plumbing while attending apprentice school in Bridgeport to become a certified plumber. Jim later joined Connecticut Natural Gas Company, where he worked until his retirement. Not one to sit still, he later contributed his skills to Air Solutions.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Robert Mortenson, Sr. and Ethel Frano Mortenson. He is survived by the love of his life and wife of 44 years,

Maryann Kelly Mortenson; his daughters, Shannon Fletcher (Paul) and Kelly “KK” Mortenson; and his beloved granddaughter, Phoenix Letendre, his “Dudette” to her “Dude,” a nickname he wore like a badge of honor. He also leaves behind his siblings, Jean Mortenson, Robert Mortenson, Jr. (Stacy), and Cheryl Cerasoli (Don); nieces and nephews; a great-niece and great-nephews; and more cousins than we could ever list, each one cherished.

A lifelong fan of the L.A. Rams (we’re not sure why) and the New York Mets (eternal optimist), Jim loved sports of all kinds. He bowled, played in town and travel softball leagues, and hit the golf course every chance he got. He was a proud member of the Sokol Club and the Blue Jay Rod & Gun Club, where he enjoyed time in nature, good company, and stories that only got better in the retelling. Jim was also a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Byram.

Jim was the life of the party, and had the gift of laughter and made friends wherever he went. If you were his friend, you were his friend for life.

Family and friends gathered on Thursday, July 24 at Cox & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. A Service of Christian Victory will be held on Friday, July 25, at 11:00AM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Byram.

Jim and Maryann would like to express heartfelt thanks to the remarkable staff at Bendheim Cancer Center and Constellation Hospice Care for their expert care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, and in gratitude for the exceptional care Jim received, donations in his memory may be sent to Office of Development, Greenwich Hospital, 35 River Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807, with Bendheim Cancer Center in the memo.



### DONALD KIRK

Donald James Kirk, a nationally-respected accounting standards setter and civic leader, passed away at home on July 17 at the age of 92.

Throughout his multifaceted life, Don was admired not only for his intellect and judgment but for his quiet humor, deep humility, and enduring devotion to public trust whether in a cockpit, boardroom, classroom or trustee meeting. His love of travel and birding took Don and his beloved wife, Mimi Colgate Kirk, to many far-flung places across the globe.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, to a Scottish immigrant CPA father and a first-generation Latvian mother, Don spent his early education in Shaker Heights schools. He attended two years at Yale before joining the US Naval Aviation Cadet Program, gaining his wings and flying Cougar F9 jets off the aircraft carrier the USS Randolph. After finishing his education at Yale, he joined Price Waterhouse and was named partner in 1967.

In 1973, Don became a charter member of the Financial Accounts Standards Board (FASB). For eight

years, he served as chairman, overseeing the development of critical standards in modern accounting regulation and ushering in a new era of transparency.

From 1987 to 1995, Don was a professor at Columbia University Graduate School of Business and later served as an executive-in-residence, mentoring future leaders in the field with the same clarity and integrity that defined his public service.

Don was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and a former member of its governing council. For seventeen years, he served as an independent trustee of the Fidelity Group of Mutual Funds and was a public governor of the National Association of Security Dealers, as well as a governor of the American Stock Exchange. He was also a director of the General Re Corp., the Valuation Research Corp., and the Public Oversight Board, an independent private sector body that monitored reports on the self-regulatory progress of the AICPA.

Some of the many accolades Don received include the Gold Medal for Distinguished Service from the AICPA, the NYU Graduate School of Business Alumni Achievement Award, and an honorary doctorate from Lycoming College. In 1996, he was elected to the Accounting Hall of Fame at Ohio State University.

As a long-time trustee and volunteer of the Greenwich Hospital, including 4 years as chairman, Don led a period of transformational growth culminating in the hospital’s affiliation with Yale New Haven Health System. He was a director and former chairman of the National Arts Stabilization Inc, a spinoff of the Ford Foundation. Past affiliations include a six-term member of the Board of Estimate and Taxation of the Town of Greenwich; a member of the Board of Overseers of the Stern School of Business of NYU, president of the Stanwich Club of Greenwich, CT, and director and officer of the Urban League of Southwestern Fairfield County.

Don is survived by his wife, Mimi; his sons, Alex and Bruce Kirk; his children through marriage, Kacey Elfstrom, Rachel Bullock, Wheaton Mahoney, Elizabeth Mark and John Needham—as well as many beloved grandchildren who brought him great joy.

A private service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Greenwich Hospital in Don’s memory would be much appreciated.



### KLAUS JANDER

Klaus Heinrich Jander, 85, of Greenwich, CT, passed away on July 8, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of distinguished military service, legal excellence, and international leadership.

Born on May 17, 1940, in Glogau, Germany, Klaus immigrated to the United States in 1953 as a displaced person. He graduated from Richmond Hill High

School in Queens, NY, in 1959 as valedictorian, and he was awarded the New York State Teachers Prize in Chemistry. He earned a B.A. in Philosophy with a minor in Chemistry from the City University of New York (Queens College), graduating cum laude. He later received his Doctor of Laws degree from Cornell University Law School in 1964. Klaus also studied law at the University of the Saar in Germany and served on the Cornell Law School Advisory Council from 1995 until his passing. He was elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Klaus served with distinction in the United States Air Force, initially on active duty and later as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA). He held senior roles, including Senior Mobilization Augmentee to the Director of the Air Force Personnel Council at the Pentagon and at Headquarters 21st Air Force. He graduated from Officer Candidate School, the Air Command and Staff College, and the Air War College. His military honors include the President’s Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and several other awards that showcase decades of dedicated service and leadership.

Klaus was a highly respected international lawyer. He was a partner at firms such as Alexander & Green, Rogers & Wells, and Clifford Chance, where he led the German and Central European Practice Group and sat on the Executive and Regional Management Committees. He advised Fortune 500 companies and foreign governments on cross-border legal issues, mergers, acquisitions, and corporate governance. He co-authored two legal books and published over 25 articles in both English and German. He served as Official Counsel to the German Government at the United Nations, the Consulate General in New York, and the Embassy in Washington, D.C. He also served on numerous corporate boards and was Chairman of the Board of Schuetz-Werke GmbH & Co. KG aA, a leading German industrial packaging company. In addition to his professional and military achievements, Klaus remained actively engaged in civic affairs. He was a Life Member of the American Bar Foundation, served as a Director-at-Large for the Greenwich Retired Men’s Association (2011–2014), and was a Delegate to the Representative Town Meeting of Greenwich (2014–2017). He also served as an Alternate Member of the Inland Wetlands and Waterways Agency (2016–2025), contributing to local environmental oversight and planning. His long-standing dedication to public service was complemented by his commitment to mentoring and community leadership. Klaus was preceded in death by his beloved son, Dietrich Alexander Van Alst Jander. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Deborah Jander; his devoted daughter-in-law, Elfride Jakaj; two nieces, Elizabeth and Hildegard, along with Hildegard’s husband, Dieter; nephew Wolfgang; and many other family members and friends. Klaus will be remembered as a brilliant legal mind, a

decorated officer, a passionate advocate for justice, and a devoted husband, father, father-in-law, and uncle. His life was distinguished by a commitment to serving his country, clients, and community. He will also be dearly remembered for his sharp wit, warmth, and generosity of spirit, which touched the lives of everyone who knew him.

A visitation for Klaus was held Sunday, July 20 at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, Greenwich, CT. A funeral service was held Monday, July 21, at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Greenwich, CT. A committal service was held Monday, July 21 in Greenwich.



### CYNTHIA RUBICAM

Cynthia (Pendleton) Rubicam passed away peacefully on July 3, 2025 in Phoenix, AZ at age 94. Cindy was born on June 10, 1931, in Brooklyn, NY to Leonard Thurston Pendleton and Erma (Stoecker) Pendleton. The Pendletons moved to Pelham, NY when Cindy was four, where she met Harry C. Rubicam, III to whom she would be married for almost 70 years.

Cindy graduated with honors from Pelham Memorial High School, earned a B.A. in American Culture from Mount Holyoke College in 1953 and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Cindy and Harry raised their children, Lynn, Peter (Kelly), and Wendy (Craig Willis), in Old Greenwich, CT, where Cindy co-founded the Greenwich Environmental Action Group (GEAG) and was a member of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting and Board of Selectmen. She was a dedicated life-long Republican who served in several leadership positions with the party in Connecticut.

After Harry’s retirement, Cindy and Harry combined their talents as antique dealers and later relocated to Sharon, CT, where they enjoyed an active social and family life. Cindy belonged to the Millbrook Garden Club and participated enthusiastically in other community organizations.

Cindy and Harry later moved to Scottsdale, AZ, where Cindy was active in several bridge leagues. She channeled her love of dogs into volunteering for a local animal shelter and visiting memory care facilities with her beloved rescue poodle, Buddy.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Harry, and brother, John Braman Pendleton. In addition to her children, Cindy is survived by her grandchildren, Samantha and Nick Evans, Savannah (Mitchell Hart) and Grace O’Malley, Kitty (Erik Scanlon), John and Madeline Rubicam (Mason Copper), and great-grandchildren, Pendleton and Booker Scanlon.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Cindy’s name can be made to the Foothills Animal Rescue in Scottsdale, AZ.

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ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

# The Legacy of a Community Gem in Old Greenwich

By MARY A. JACOBSON

There was much excitement and anticipation at 90 Harding Road in Old Greenwich this past April 9 as the new Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center was officially opened to the public. Three years from demolition to completion, the 35,418 square-foot building completes a \$25 million project with multi-use event space, a full-size gym, outdoor fields, children and adult sports clinics, and so much more. The Steven and Alexandra Cohen Foundation donated \$5 million to initiate this public-private project. This reimagined space will serve the Greenwich community for many years to come – a new center for recreation, events, and community connection.

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Newly opened, the restored Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. Photo by Mary Jacobson.

of land adjoining the plant and set about planning a recreation center with playing fields for its employees. In 1948, the task of “converting a swampy waste into a paradise for play for Electrolux folk” began. The completed project provided employees with eight bowling alleys, ball fields, an auditorium/ gymnasium, snack bar, and lounges. John De Forest worked for Electrolux in the 1960s and was interviewed by Oral History Project volunteer Penny Haughwout in 1986.

The Ekman Center, as it was then called, afforded Electrolux workers a place for conviviality and recreation. “At the time, the Center served a purpose. But, as the years went on, with all the competition with television and other things, lifestyles changed.” At the end of their workday, many employees preferred to go home rather than engage in recreational activities at the Ekman Center. In 1967, the Town of Greenwich purchased the building and its twenty acres of property for \$432,000 and renamed it the Greenwich Civic Center (later the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center). At the time, Lowell Weicker was First Selectman of Greenwich. Charles Henninger was the first Director of the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, a position he held from 1967 to 1992. In 1992, he was interviewed by Patricia Holch of the Oral History Project.

According to Henninger, “Four hundred thirty-two thousand dollars for the building including twenty acres of property... was a very, very good deal for the town. However, not all Greenwich residents approved of the sale.” There were opposing comments like, “It’s too remote;” ‘No one will ever use it’... It went on and on like that... They were going to put the ice-skating rink here, too... right next to the building here. The warming room was going to be our lower lounge... but it went political, and the other end of town felt they were being left out.”

According to Henninger, “The early days of the center were very youth oriented. We had drop-in programs. Dances every other week. The dances were an adventure because, in those days, we cut it off at a thousand... all the regional and local bands that were popular with the kids,” from Mothers of Invention to

the Strawberry Alarm Clock. To maintain order, “We had four policemen. Four uniform and two plain clothesmen. One matron in the ladies’ room and two firemen.”

The expansive outdoor acreage accommodated tennis courts, baseball diamonds, a children’s playground, softball and soccer leagues, and company picnics, among other activities. The bowling alleys were eventually covered to provide for more much-needed activity space. One of the particularly popular senior events was the Thanksgiving dinner with upwards of five hundred participants in attendance. One year, Henninger found he was in need of additional people to wait on tables. “So, I just happened to mention at one of the Board of Estimate meetings, ‘Why don’t you guys come out to do it?’” Henninger was particularly proud that “the three selectmen, members of the Board of Estimate, the fire chief, the police chief, Department of Social Services, traffic engineer” all showed up to help. “It’s really become something that people look forward to doing. So, it’s a fun thing.”

One of the most unique and memorable events in the late sixties and early seventies were the circuses. “We had three circuses here sponsored by the Friends of the Library.” The first year of the circus, five thousand tickets were sold and a huge tent covered the outside area. “That was the day of the record rainfall of nine inches. It was unreal. We tied the elephants on the small trees. The elephants uprooted the trees. We had people losing their shoes in the mud. The cats and leopards would not sit on the wet ground. So, we had to go out and get four or five tons of hay and put that on the ground... All the trucks got caught up to their axles in mud. So, we had the elephants pull the trucks out. It really looked like a disaster... It was like an ‘I Love Lucy’ thing.” The following two circuses were set up on the parking lot across the street.

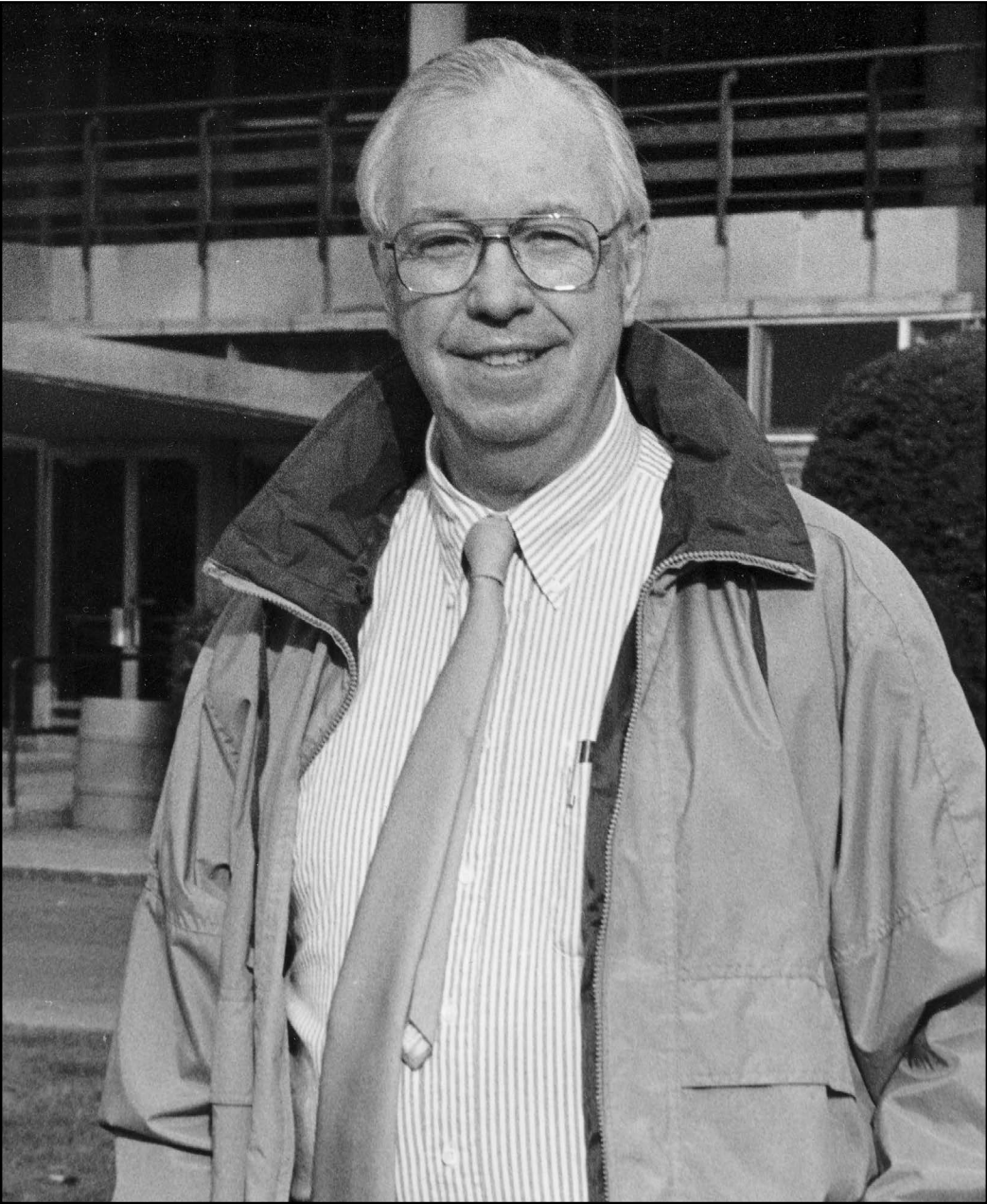
In 1991 Henninger boasted that there were 1,203 different programs at the EGCC. “We had dances, fashion shows, concerts, dog shows, picnics, antique shows, train shows, athletic leagues, banquets, seminars, bridal showers, baby showers, roller skating programs, senior citizen



A CLOWN WITH THE CLYDE BEATTY-COLE BROTHERS CIRCUS GREET'S SELECTMAN AGNES MORLEY, CHARLES HENNINGER , AND JOSEPH DIETRICH AT THE CIVIC CENTER, JUNE 22, 1969.

Courtesy of the Oral History Project.

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Charles Henninger. Photo by Karl Gleeson. Courtesy of the Oral History Project.

programs, Weight Watchers, square dancing... We don’t have a free weekend... When Governor Weicker was here maybe three months ago, he stuck his head in the door and said, ‘I thought this place was a white elephant. I can’t find a place to park out there’... He’s always very proud that he pushed to get the place.”

In the 1990s then First Selectman Thomas Ragland formed a committee to outline plans to reimagine the facility. Thirty years later, much of

what was envisioned is now a reality. With the April 2025 opening of the \$25 million new Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, new memories and experiences await the Greenwich community. As First Selectman Fred Camillo stated upon its opening, “The new Center represents a major investment in our town’s future, providing a vibrant space for residents of all ages to come together.” One could almost hear an echo of the words of Mr. Ekman

in 1950 who envisioned his company’s recreation center as one which would provide “an abundant return in terms of human value.”

The interviews entitled “Electrolux” and “Greenwich Civic Center” may be read in their entirety or checked out at the main library. They are also available for purchase at the Oral History Project office. The OHP is sponsored by Friends of Greenwich Library. Visit the website at [glohistory.org](http://glohistory.org). Mary Jacobson serves as blog editor.



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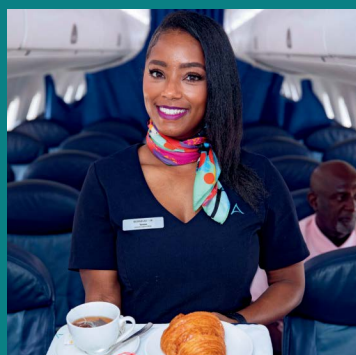
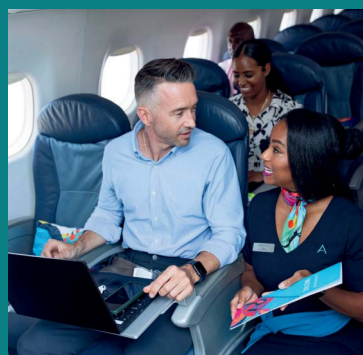


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# First Half 2025 Market by School District



By MARK PRUNER

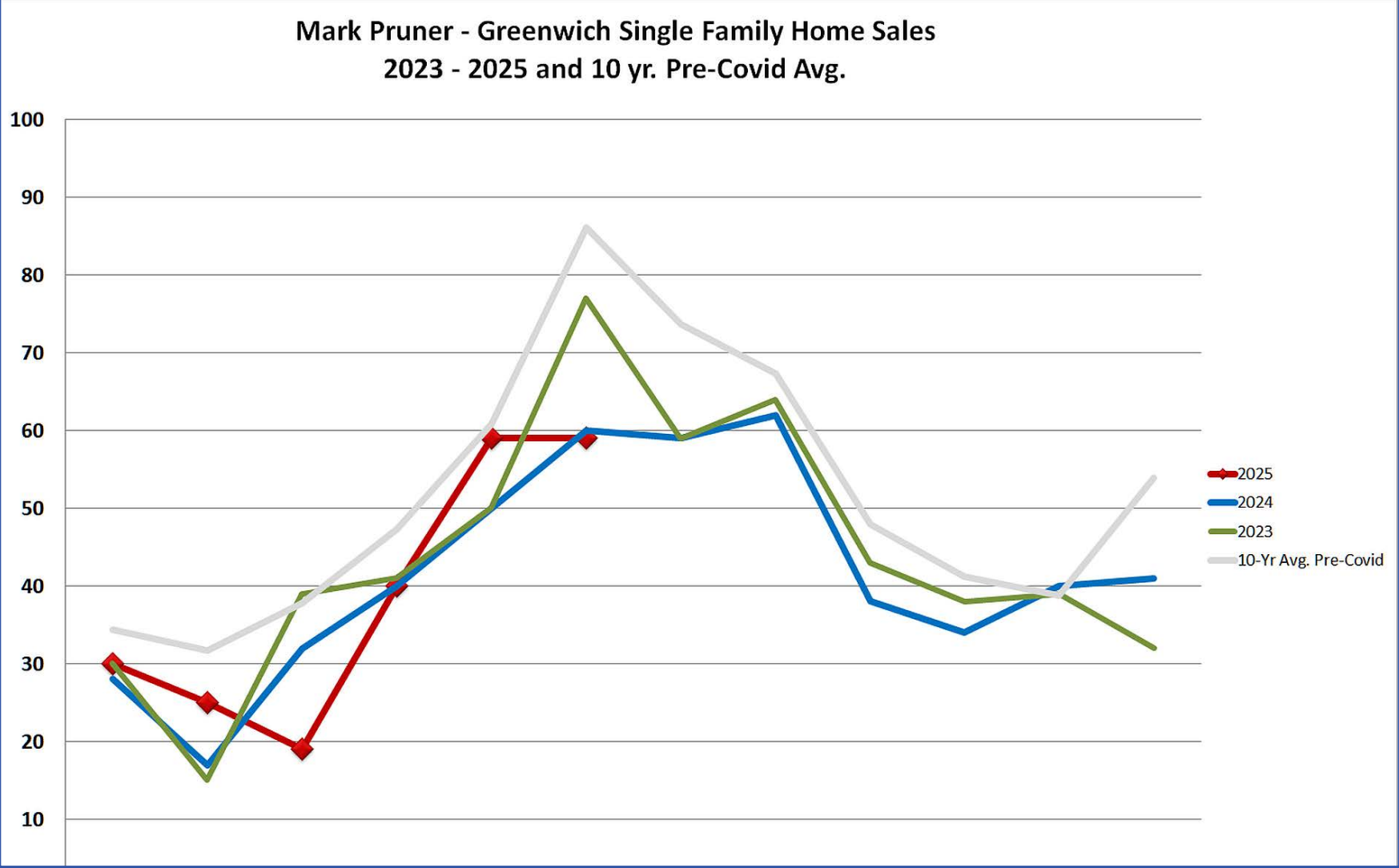
Greenwich’s real estate market for the first half of 2025 shows contrasting signals across school districts. March 2025 marked the second weakest March since the 2009 recession, but activity rebounded in April and May before flattening in June as

buyer caution increased. Persistently low inventory kept total sales below the 10-year June average. Prices compared with Q1 2024 rose in most districts; however, notable declines in price per square foot occurred at Julian Curtiss, New Lebanon,

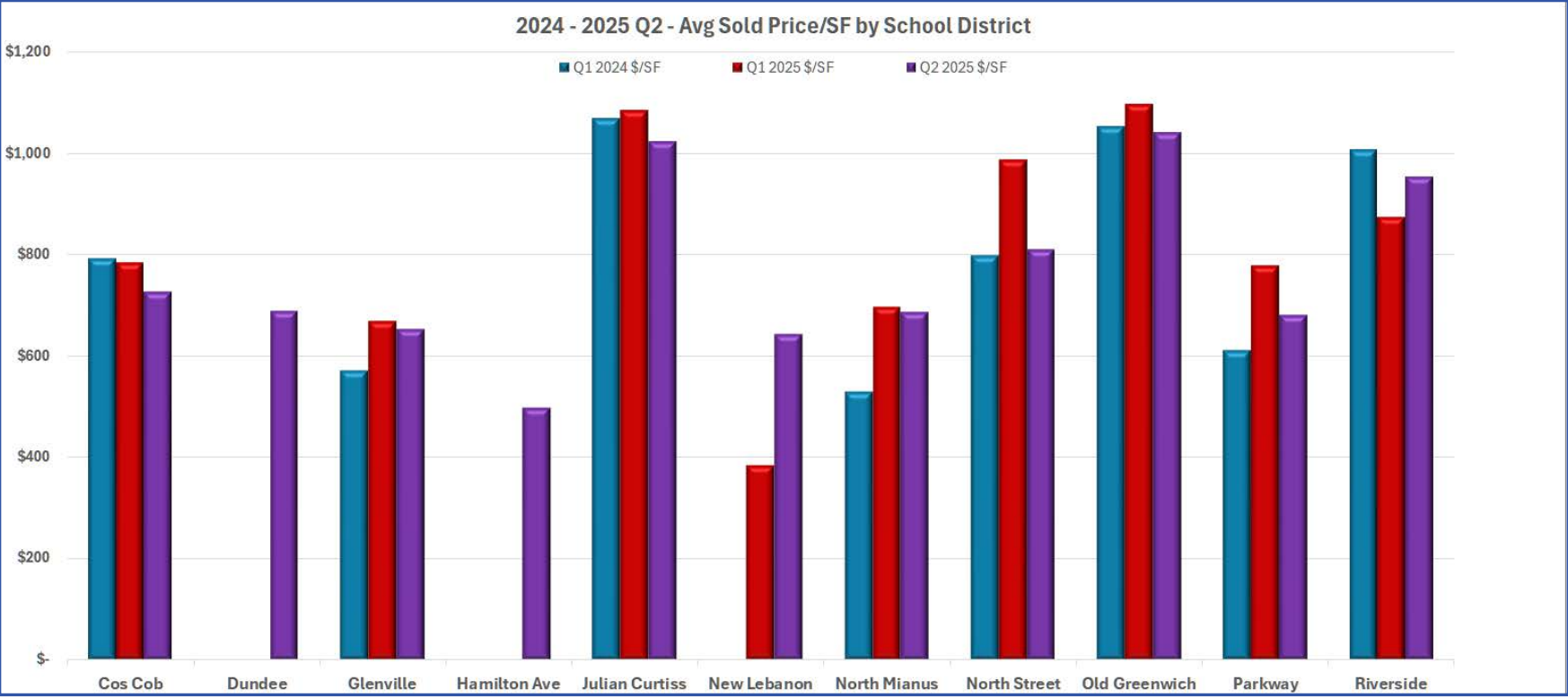
North Mianus, and Parkway, suggesting localized softening in demand. Riverside was the only district with a modest price-per-square-foot increase, indicating selective strength rather than broad momentum. Days on market fell almost universally, reflecting

heightened competition, except in Cos Cob, Glenville, and Hamilton Avenue, where longer-listed properties finally sold, signaling market absorption. Despite some price dips, tightening inventory and faster sales point toward sustained demand, though cautious buyer

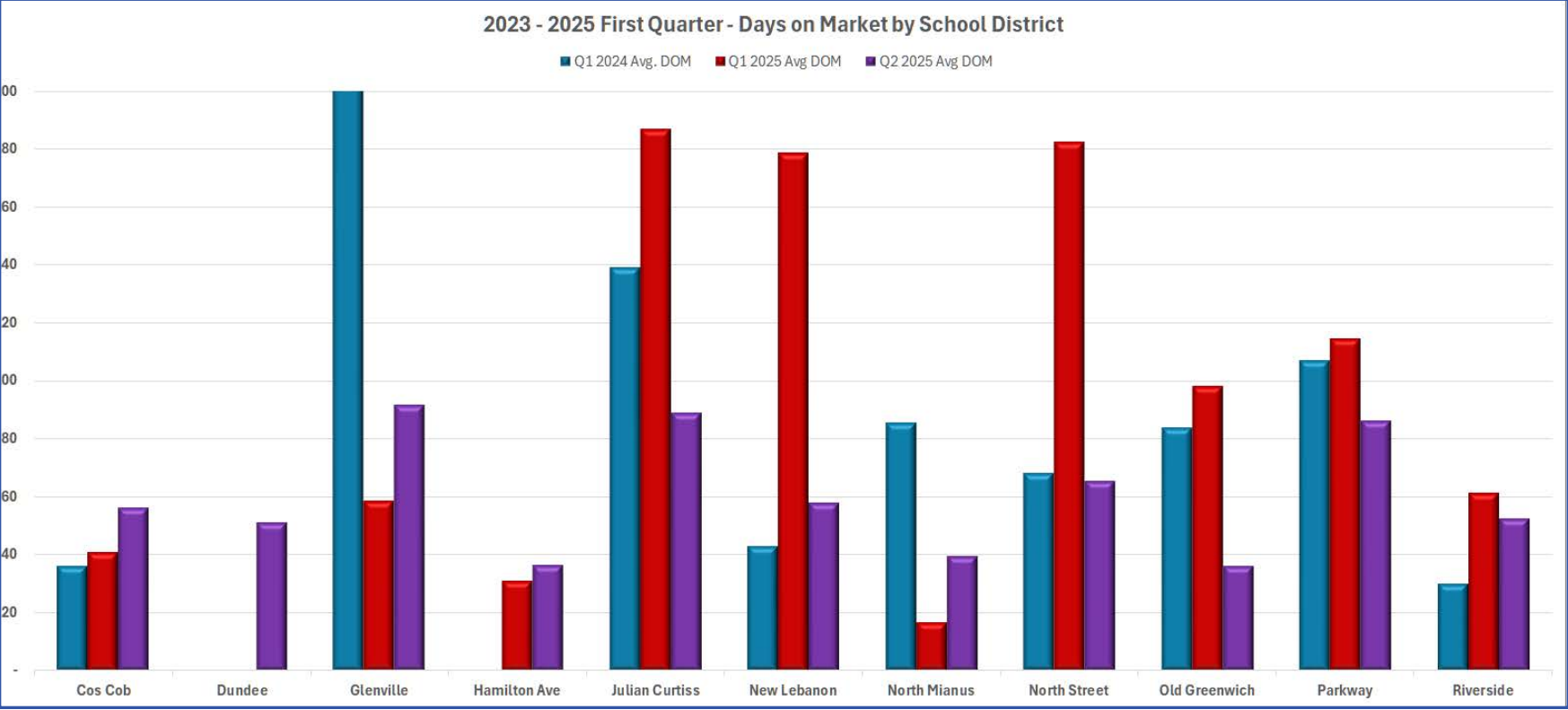
behavior may be growing. *Mark Pruner is a Sales Executive with Compass Connecticut at 200 Greenwich Ave. He along with Russ Pruner, is a founder of the Greenwich Streets Team at Compass. He can be reached at 203-817-2871 or mark.pruner@compass.com.*



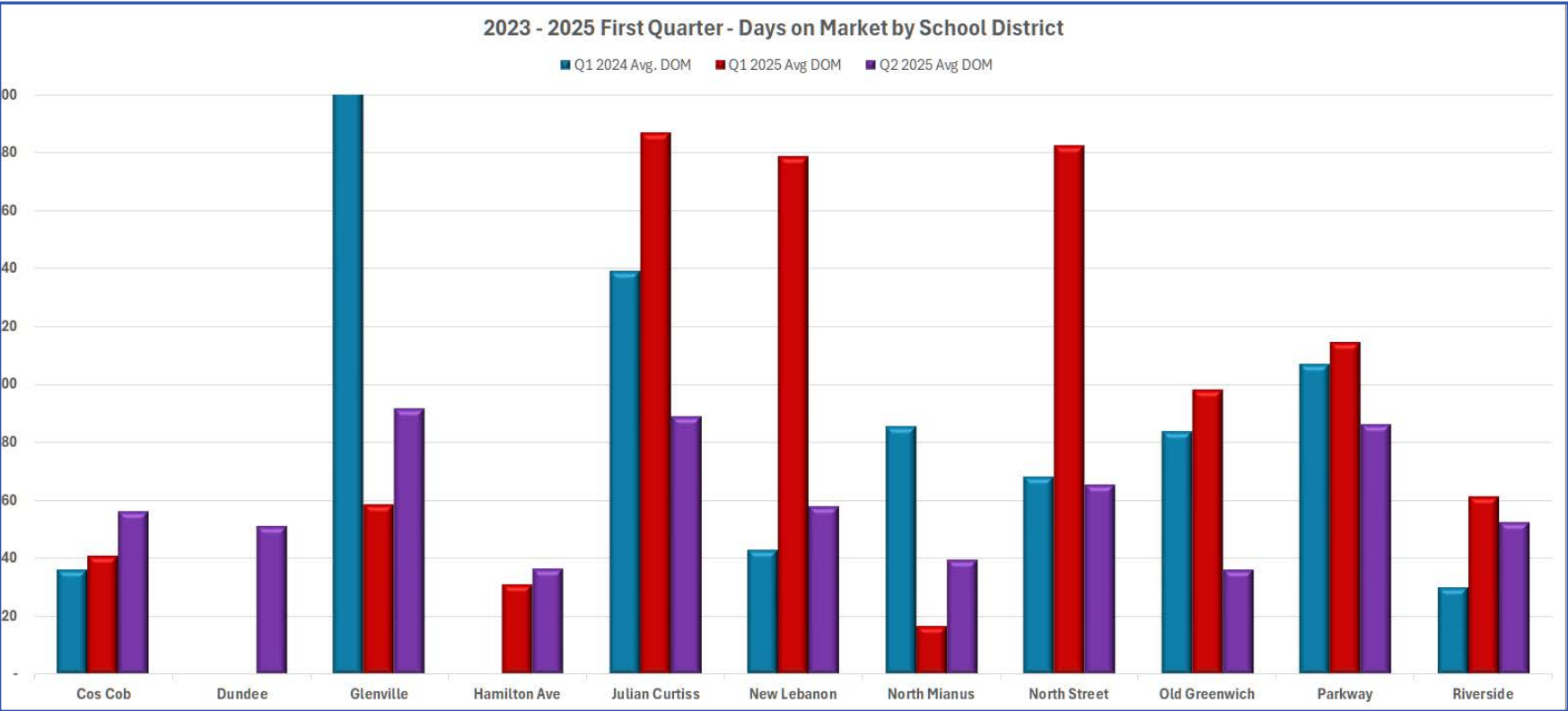
- March 2025 was the second worst March since March of 2009 during the Great Recession
- Sales rebounded strongly in April and May, but flattened in June as people turn cautious
- Record low inventory sales further constrained sales to well below June 10-year average



- Second half 2025 prices were up from Q1 2024 in most districts, where we saw drops the change was usually attributed to change in the mix of what was selling
- In Julian Curtiss, New Lebanon, North Mianus and Parkway the average sold price/\$F is actually down. Does this indicate a slight softening in demand?
- The price/\$F is up slightly only in the Riverside school district. This mix of ups and downs may show a peak in demand



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



- The average sold price is down in many district, which may indicate more cautious buyers
- This is only three additional months of sales over the first quarter of 2025, so it's hard to be sure this is a trend, but you would expect that house prices would be going up, particularly with other stats showing a tight market



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NEW LISTINGS

TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964

Address	List Price	Price/ SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
1465 E Putnam Avenue 430	\$495,000	\$631	784	0	1	1	Old Greenwich
114 Putnam Park 114	\$550,000	\$598	920	0	1	1	South of Post Road
5 Putnam Hill 2D	\$695,000	\$656	1,060		2	2	South of Post Road
75 Cos Cob Avenue 10	\$799,000	\$587	1,362	0	3	1	Cos Cob
4 Putnam Hill 4G	\$1,095,000	\$726	1,508	0	3	2	South of Post Road
114 Mead Avenue	\$1,099,000	\$792	1,387	0.12	3	2	Byram
263 Byram Road	\$1,100,000	\$469	2,347	0.18	4	2	Byram
5 Hunter Street	\$1,250,000	\$938	1,333	0.38	3	1	Old Greenwich
104 W Ritch Avenue 6	\$1,299,000	\$377	3,446	0	3	3	Byram
15 Ridge Road	\$1,495,000	\$721	2,073	0.18	4	2	Cos Cob
33 Halsey Drive	\$1,495,000	\$903	1,655	0.17	3	2	Old Greenwich
150 Pemberwick Road	\$1,675,000	\$540	3,104	0.32	3	3	Glenville
75 Loughlin Avenue	\$1,795,000	\$805	2,230	0.15	4	3	Cos Cob
134 Lockwood Road	\$2,950,000	\$1,025	2,879	0.33	4	3	Riverside
87 Orchard Drive	\$3,450,000	\$1,083	3,187	0.88	4	3	South of Post Road
148 E Elm Street 1&2	\$7,800,000	\$910	8,567	0.24	8	8	South Parkway
11 Winterset Road	\$8,750,000	\$841	10,400	2.16	6	7	South Parkway
382 North Street	\$17,875,000	\$1,265	14,126	2.39	6	9	South Parkway

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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
43 Harold Street B	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$1,100,000	11	3	3	0	1,958
89 River Road 303	\$1,425,000	\$1,425,000	\$1,425,000	32	2	2	0	1,184
133 Lancer Road	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,925,000	7	4	2	0.17	2,306
113 Stanwich Road	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	36	4	2	0.49	2,824
12 Laddins Rock Road	\$2,150,000	\$2,150,000	\$2,265,000	11	4	4	0.21	2,577
175 Riverside Avenue	\$2,900,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,500,000	31	5	3	0.28	3,258
24 Nimitz Place	\$3,095,000	\$2,900,000	\$2,850,000	49	5	4	0.38	3,274
46 Pine Ridge Road	\$3,295,000	\$3,295,000	\$3,500,000	7	4	3	1.17	3,796
420 Davis Avenue	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000	\$3,250,000	21	5	3	1.2	3,158
90 E Elm Street 1	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,474,000	30	3	3	0.34	3,475
18 Cat Rock Road	\$3,599,000	\$3,599,000	\$3,600,000	29	6	5	0.56	6,272
4 Bramble Lane	\$3,650,000	\$3,650,000	\$3,550,000	45	5	5	0.29	3,935
294 Riverside Avenue	\$4,150,000	\$3,950,000	\$3,850,000	46	5	4	0.41	4,392
502 Indian Field Road	\$5,995,000	\$5,495,000	\$5,125,000	101	4	4	2.06	3,719
85 Richmond Hill Road	\$6,795,000	\$6,795,000	\$6,700,000	32	9	10	4	10,006
8 Lindsay Drive	\$7,150,000	\$7,150,000	\$7,350,000	25	6	8	2	10,687
406 Stanwich Road	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000	\$10,500,000	157	7	8	2.61	12,461
164 Clapboard Ridge Road	\$3,700,000	\$3,700,000	\$4,100,000	104	5	4	5.8	5,200
30 Crescent Road	\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000	\$4,137,500	8	5	4	0.31	4,257
19 Beechcroft Road	\$4,995,000	\$4,995,000	\$4,750,000	9	5	5	1.69	6,969
156 Old Church Road	\$4,995,000	\$4,995,000	\$4,825,000	16	5	6	0.69	5,704
2 Willow Road	\$5,300,000	\$5,300,000	\$5,300,000	0	4	5	0.17	4,693
8 Lindsay Drive	\$7,150,000	\$7,150,000	\$7,350,000	25	6	8	2	10,687
6 Tods Driftway	\$13,495,000	\$13,495,000	\$13,000,000	28	5	5	0.69	5,820
7 Dairy Road	\$13,995,000	\$13,995,000	\$13,995,000	34	7	9	2.11	14,169



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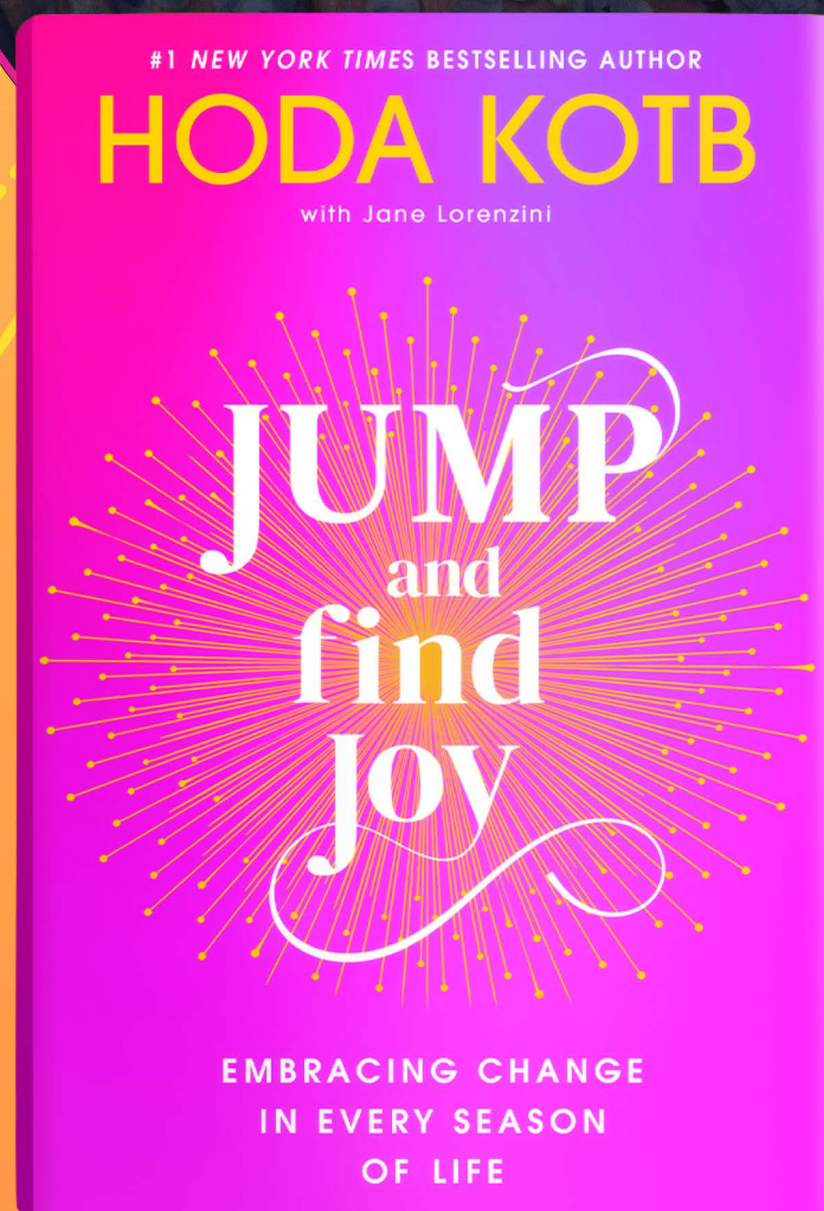
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12 p.m.  
Georgia Peach Truck. McArdle’s Florist & Garden Center, 52 Arch St. Pre-order by Friday, July 18 at georgiapeachtruck.com/product-category/mcardles-florist-and-garden-center  
12:30 p.m.  
Town of Greenwich ADA 35th Anniversary Ceremony. Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd. All are welcome. greenwichct.gov/calendar  
1:30 p.m.  
Concert & Cake Series: Naomi Onda, piano. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E Putnam Ave. Free. concertandcake.org  
4 p.m.  
Game Hub (For ages 7-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org  
7:30 p.m.  
Magnificent Moths Evening Adventure (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. \$15. RSVP. audubon.org/events?view\_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center  
SATURDAY, JULY 26  
9:30 a.m.  
“Making Cents” Seminar (four-session seminar). Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave., Old Greenwich. Cost of book. livinghopect.org/event/making-cent-seminar  
10 a.m.  
Young Women’s Initiative. YWCA Greenwich, 259 E. Putnam Ave. ywcagreenwich.org/events/young-womens-initiative-2  
11 a.m.  
Dazzling Dragonflies (Ages 5 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. \$15. RSVP. audubon.org/events?view\_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center  
1 p.m.  
Art Adventures: Paper Pool Party (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, July 27. brucemuseum.org  
SUNDAY, JULY 27  
10:30 a.m.  
Greenwich Historical Society: Re-Discover Greenwich Avenue Guided Walking Tours. \$20, Members; \$25, Non-members. greenwichhistory.org/events  
10:30 a.m.  
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Hike with Laura. Mianus River Park, 450 Cognewaugh Rd., Cos Cob. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org  
12 p.m.  
“Gains for Guyana” shopping fundraiser. The Marketplace by Fofie & Mia’s, 248 Mill St. 203-531-6030. facebook.com/themarketplacebyfofiemia  
6 p.m.  
BackCountry Jazz: 4th annual Greenwich Jazz Festival. Great Lawn location provided with ticket confirmation). Free. RSVP. jeanette@backcountryjazz.org. classys.org/event/greenwich-jazz-festival-2025-july-27/e707111  
7 p.m.  
Summer Concert Series: Sound Beach Community Band: “Meet the Muppets – The World of Jim Henson.” Binney Park. Free. For weather postponement/cancellation information, call 203-861-6100 (after 4pm). greenwichct.gov/2084/Summer-Concerts  
MONDAY, JULY 28  
5 p.m.  
Art Workshop: Beach Landscape Watercolor. Innis Arden Cottage, Tod’s Point. Register. Members, \$40; Non-members, \$50. brucemuseum.org  
6:30 p.m.  
Real Talk with Jo Piazza: “M\*\*der, Motherhood and the Myth of Perfection.” Athena Books, 228 Sound Beach Ave. eventbrite.com/e/1407923128979  
TUESDAY, JULY 29  
9:30 a.m.  
Perrot Memorial Library: Perrot Walks at Tod’s

Point. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org  
10 & 11 a.m.  
Bruce Beginnings: Paper Weaving (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, July 30. brucemuseum.org  
1 p.m.  
Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC): Creating Your Email Sales Funnel. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings  
4 & 4:30 p.m.  
Community Art Project: Origami Whale Curtain – for children and families of all ages. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. perrotlibrary.org  
5 p.m.  
Art Show: Robert Abriola. The J House Greenwich, 1114 East Putnam Ave. \$17.85. eventbrite.com/e/1422546347419  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30  
11 a.m.  
Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich: Becca Hall, Project Manager, CDM Smith, “I-95 Greenwich Planning and Environment Study Update.” Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org  
4 p.m.  
Creative Ventures: Fancy Fortune Tellers (Ages 7-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org  
6 p.m.  
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Pizza at Tod’s Point (The Newcomers will provide the pizza – please bring your own beverage). Meet at the first concession stand. Free. Beach pass required. RSVP by July 29. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Concert Series: Gunsmoke – Country. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. For weather postponement/cancellation information, call 203-861-6100 (after 4pm). greenwichct.gov/2084/Summer-Concerts  
THURSDAY, JULY 31  
2 p.m.  
Lifetime of Looking: Interiors – a public program for adults experiencing cognitive decline, and their family members/caregivers. Bruce Museum. Free with admission. Registration required. 203-413-6743. srice@brucemuseum.org. brucemuseum.org  
5:30 p.m.  
Greenwich Land Trust: Tour de Veggie. GLT’s Mueller Preserve. gltrust.org/special-event/tour-de-veggie  
7:30 p.m.  
Off-Beat Players presents “Pippin.” Greenwich Country Day School – Kerrick Performing Arts Center, 401 Old Church Rd. offbeatplayers.org  
FRIDAY, AUG. 1  
6 - 8:30 p.m.  
Teen Take Over Night at the Y. YMCA of Greenwich. Register. greenwichymca.org/events  
7:30 p.m.  
Off-Beat Players presents “Pippin.” Greenwich Country Day School – Kerrick Performing Arts Center, 401 Old Church Rd. offbeatplayers.org  
SATURDAY, AUG. 2  
9 a.m.  
Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Fit in the Forest at Babcock Preserve (vigorous walk). Wear suitable footwear and come dressed for the weather. Free. Registration is required. greenwichtreeconservancy.org  
10 a.m.  
Greenwich Art Society: Buildings & Cottages Workshop with Greta Corens. 299 Greenwich Avenue. Register. greenwichartsociety.org/classes-summer-2025  
11 a.m.  
Pop ‘n Play Dance Party. Bright Horizons at Greenwich, 75 Holly Hill Lane. 203-413-1800. child-care-preschool.brighthorizons.com/ct/greenwich/greenwich  
7:30 p.m.  
Off-Beat Players presents “Pippin.” Greenwich

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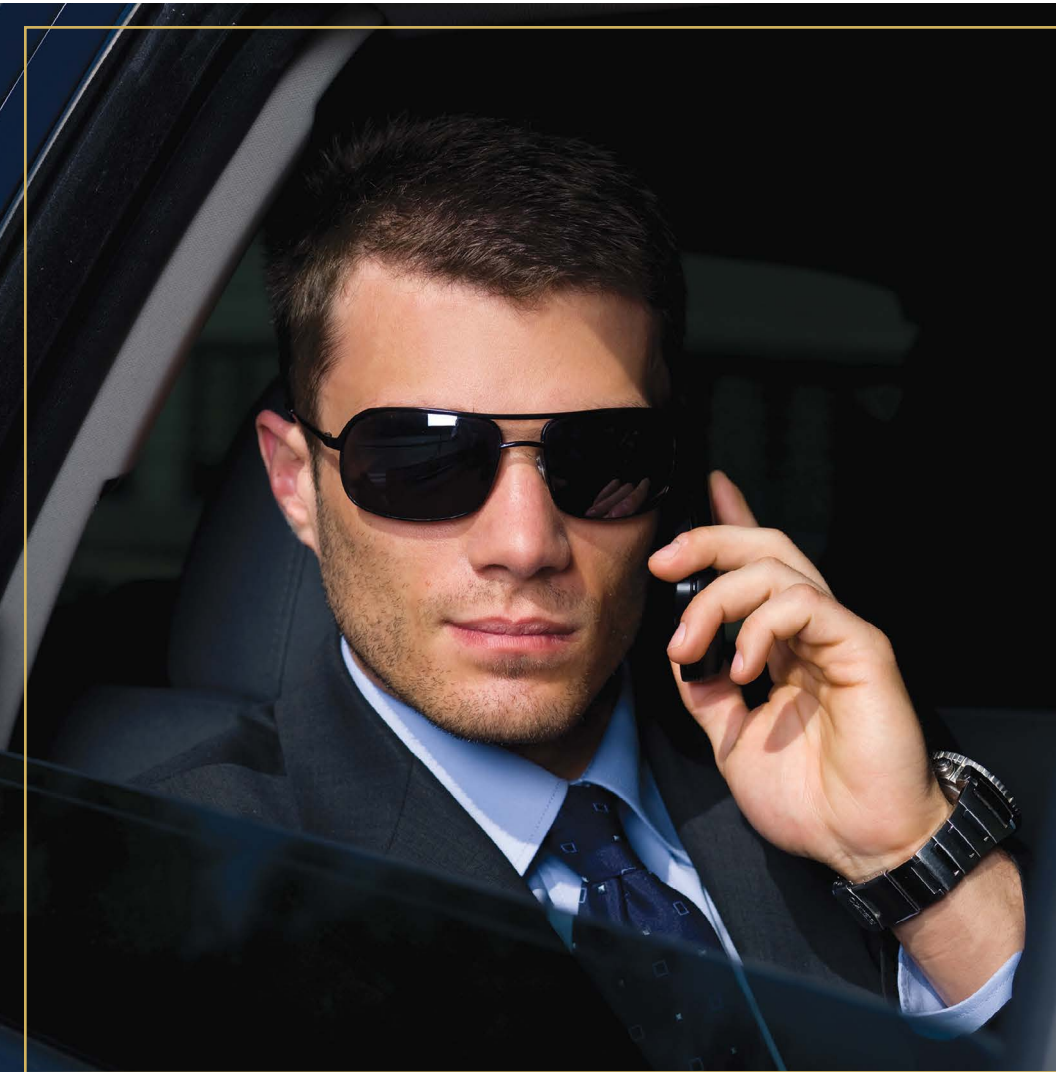
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Country Day School – Kerrick Performing Arts Center, 401 Old Church Rd. offbeatplayers.org  
SUNDAY, AUG. 3  
10 a.m.  
Dixieland Jazz Band Concert on the Sound - Island Beach/Ferry (Departs Dock: 4pm, returns: 6pm). Park Pass and Ferry Fees Apply. Rain date: Sunday, Aug. 10. For weather postponement/cancellation information, call 203-861-6100 (after 4pm). greenwichct.gov/2084/Summer-Concerts  
THROUGH THURSDAY, JULY 31  
“For the Love of Parks and Recreation” – The Town of Greenwich’s Department of Parks and Recreation’s 5th Annual Community Photo Contest. greenwichct.gov/1932/Photo-Contest  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, THROUGH MONDAY, SEPT. 1  
11 a.m. & 2 p.m.  
Skyhunters in Flight. Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. beardsleyzoo.org  
WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCT. 29  
2:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Old Greenwich Farmer’s Market. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Avenue, Old Greenwich. Through Oct. 29. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com.  
SATURDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 22  
9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Greenwich Farmer’s Market Opening Day. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). Through Nov. 22. greenwichfarmersmarketct.com.  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. info@ archstreet.org. archstreet.org  
TUESDAYS:

10 a.m.  
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524- 8032. greenwichymca.org  
5 - 7 p.m.  
Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse  
WEDNESDAYS:  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org  
12 - 2 p.m.  
Waste Free Greenwich’s Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/composting-at-rh-cc  
12:15 p.m.  
Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks – moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.org  
6:30 p.m.  
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support  
2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill



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**THURSDAYS: 8 a.m. & 4 p.m.**

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

**5 - 7 p.m.**

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

**EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

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

**GREENWICH LIBRARIES: [greenwichlibrary.org](http://greenwichlibrary.org)**

**Friday, July 25 12 p.m.**

Cos Cob Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

**1 p.m.**

Teen Movie Matinee: Ready Player One. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. [children@greenwich-library.org](mailto:children@greenwich-library.org)

**4 p.m.**

Crafty Kids (Ages 6-9). Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. [children@greenwichlibrary.org](mailto:children@greenwichlibrary.org)

**5 p.m.**

Greenwich Library Early Close (5pm).

**Saturday, July 26 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Cos Cob Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

**10:30 a.m.**

Meditation for Families with Roberta Brown. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

**11 a.m.**

Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. [csherman@greenwich-library.org](mailto:csherman@greenwich-library.org).

**1 p.m.**

3D Printed Dragon’s Egg Music Box. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. [innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org](mailto:innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org).

**2 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, July 27 3 p.m.**

Peterson Concert: Brubeck Brothers Quartet Berkley Theater. 203) 622-7910. [dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org](mailto:dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org).

**Monday, July 28 10 a.m.**

Summer Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

**11:30 a.m.**

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

**11:30 a.m.**

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

**1 p.m.**

Fiction Addiction: Lunchtime Edition. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

**4 p.m.**

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**Tuesday, July 29 11 a.m.**

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

**12 p.m.**

Cos Cob Library Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

**3 p.m.**

Pet Boredom Busters. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

**5 p.m.**

Meditation & Breathing with Gail (Zoom).

**7 p.m.**

AuthorsLive: Wally Lamb - The River is Waiting. Berkley Theater.

**Wednesday, July 30 10 a.m.**

Summer Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

**12 p.m.**

Cos Cob Library Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

**1 p.m.**

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

**3:30 p.m.**

Teen Craft Club. Teen Commons.

**4 p.m.**

Pokeman Cartooning with Bill Hernandez. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

**5:30 p.m.**

Bedtime Stories. Children’s Constellation Room.

**6 p.m.**

iPhone Photos – Part 2: Photo Organization & Storage, and More. Online.

**Thursday, July 31 10 a.m.**

Adult Summer Reading: Introduction to Mahjong. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

**11 a.m.**

Tech Help. Learning Lab.

**11:15 a.m.**

Qi Gong.

**12 p.m.**

Cos Cob Library Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

**3 p.m.**

Community Sponsored: Retired Men’s Association - Book Group. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

**4 p.m.**

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

**7 p.m.**

Puppet Show with Mr. Rogers: “Orlando Furioso” a Traditional Italian Marionette Performance. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

**Friday, Aug. 1 All Day event**

Arduino Microcontrollers - All Month Long.

**12 p.m.**

Cos Cob Library Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

**2 p.m.**

PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. [innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org](mailto:innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org).

**5 p.m.**

Greenwich Library Early Close (5pm).

**Saturday, Aug. 2 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Cos Cob Library Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

**10 a.m.**

Satur-yay! Storytime. Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. [children@greenwichlibrary.org](mailto:children@greenwichlibrary.org)

**10:30 a.m.**

Hatha Yoga for Adults with Inger. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

**11 a.m.**

Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. [csherman@greenwich-library.org](mailto:csherman@greenwich-library.org).

**1 p.m.**

Scavenger Hunt Saturday. Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. [children@greenwichlibrary.org](mailto:children@greenwichlibrary.org)

**1 p.m.**

Meet a Mini Robot Dog. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. [innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org](mailto:innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org).

**2 p.m.**

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

**GREENWICH HOSPITAL: [greenwichhospital.org/events](http://greenwichhospital.org/events)**

**888-305-9253**

**Monday, July 28 6 p.m.**

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

**Tuesday, August 5 6 p.m.**

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

**NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: [ntn-greenwich.org](http://ntn-greenwich.org)**

**Everyday, all day**

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

**Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.**

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

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

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

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: [red-crossblood.org](http://red-crossblood.org)**

**Saturday, July 26 7 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

**8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

**Sunday, July 27 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

**Monday, July 28 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

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

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Agudath Sholom synagogue, 301 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stamford.

**Tuesday, July 29 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

**Wednesday, July 30 9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.**

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

New Canaan Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan.

**12 - 5 p.m.**

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

**1 - 6 p.m.**

Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Ave, Mamaroneck, NY.

**Thursday, July 31 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Road.

**8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford.

**12 - 5 p.m.**

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

**Saturday, Aug. 2 7 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The Idea Kitchen, 1940 Palmer Ave., Larchmont, NY.

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Anthony J. Posillipo Community Center, 32 Garibaldi Pl, Rye Brook, NY.

**Sunday, Aug. 3 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

**TOWN MEETINGS: [greenwichct.gov/calendar](http://greenwichct.gov/calendar)**

**Monday, July 28 6:30 p.m.**

Cancelled: Board of Health Regular Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

**5:30 p.m.**

NW Board of Directors Regular Meeting & Special Annual Meeting.

**7 p.m.**

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

**Wednesday, July 30 6 p.m.**

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

**Monday, Aug. 4 10:30 a.m.**

Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting.

**1 p.m.**

Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5 4 p.m.**

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

**Wednesday, Aug. 6 6 p.m.**

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

**7 p.m.**

Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting.

**7 p.m.**

PZBA Meeting.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Monday, Aug. 11 8 a.m.**

Cos Cob School PTA Golf Outing. Griffith E. Harris Golf Course. [coscobpta.org/packet/271159454](https://coscobpta.org/packet/271159454)

**Thursday, Aug. 21 7:30 a.m.**

35th Annual Golf Challenge for Barbara’s House. The Stanwich Club. [barbarashousect.org](mailto:barbarashousect.org)

**Thursday, Sept. 4 5 p.m.**

Friends of Nathaniel Witherell’s “The Music of Memories” Garden Party. Nathaniel Witherell. [friendsofnathanielwitherell.org/events](mailto:friendsofnathanielwitherell.org/events)

**Friday, Sept. 5 6:30 p.m.**

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Annual Benefit. BGCG Clubhouse. [bgcg.org](mailto:bgcg.org)

**Saturday, Sept. 6 10 a.m.**

The 14th Annual Health Wellness & Lifestyle Expo. Harbor Point, Stamford. Free. [hwl-expos.om](http://hwl-expos.om)

**6 p.m.**

The 6th annual Friends of Greenwich Point Comedy Night. Tod’s Point. [eventbrite.com/e/1470002851099](https://eventbrite.com/e/1470002851099)

**Sunday, Sept. 7 3 p.m.**

The Annual Lighthouse Tea Dance, a Kids In Crisis program. Foundation House, Greenwich. [kicteadance2025.givesmart.com](https://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](https://beardsleyzoo.org/golf.html)

**Friday, Sept. 12 6 p.m.**

American Red Cross Cocktail Party. Belle Haven Club. [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

**Tuesday, Sept. 16 10 a.m.**

Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Golf Outing. Glen Arbor Golf Club. [breastcanceralliance.org](http://breastcanceralliance.org)

**Thursday, Sept. 18 5:30 p.m.**

Celebrating Our Mentors Fund-raiser. Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich. [eventbrite.com/e/1412520158819](https://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](https://e.givesmart.com/events/JGz)

**Sunday, Sept. 21 10 a.m.**

‘Puttin’ on the Dog’. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, Greenwich. [adoptadog.org](https://adoptadog.org)

**6:30 p.m.**

Abilis Dancing Stars of Greenwich. Tamarack Country Club. [abilis.us](mailto:abilis.us)

**Wednesday, Sept. 24 7 p.m.**

Dogwood Books & Gifts: Hoda Kotbe Book Talk “Jump for Joy”. Christ Church Greenwich. [christchurch-greenwich.org/dogwood-books-gifts](http://christchurch-greenwich.org/dogwood-books-gifts)

**Thursday, Sept. 25 9 a.m.**

Stepping Stones Museum for Children’s 22nd annual ‘Swing Into It!’ Golf Tournament. Stanwich Club, Greenwich. [steppingstonesmuseum.org](https://steppingstonesmuseum.org)

**Friday, Sept. 26 6:30 p.m.**

The Benefit for Greenwich Hospital. Greenwich Country Club. <https://e.givesmart.com/events/G9U>

**Saturday, Sept. 27 8 a.m.**

YMCA of Greenwich’s “Spin-A-Thon - Pedal For A Purpose!” fundraiser. [greenwichymca.org/events/details/113/Spin-A-Thon-Pedal-For-A-PurposeI](https://greenwichymca.org/events/details/113/Spin-A-Thon-Pedal-For-A-PurposeI)

**Monday, Sept. 29 9:30 a.m.**

The 28th Annual Kids Challenge Golf Tournament. Shorehaven Golf Club, Norwalk. [kicgolf2025.givesmart.com](https://kicgolf2025.givesmart.com)

**Friday, Oct. 3 7 p.m.**

Greenwich Library’s bi-annual Opening Night Celebration. Berkley Theater. [greenwichlibrary.org/support/opening-night](https://greenwichlibrary.org/support/opening-night)

**Saturday, Oct. 4 6:30 p.m.**

Greenwich High School Class of 1975 50th Reunion. Innis Arden Golf Club. [myevent.com/ghsclassof1975](https://myevent.com/ghsclassof1975)

**Sunday, Oct. 5 8 a.m.**

YWCA Greenwich Walk and 5K Run. Bruce Park/Arch Street. [ywcagreenwich.org/events/walk-the-walk](https://ywcagreenwich.org/events/walk-the-walk)

**Monday, Oct. 6 12:30 p.m.**

Greenwich United Way’s 9th Annual Golf Tournament. Burning Tree Country Club. [e.givesmart.com/events/JHs](https://e.givesmart.com/events/JHs)

**Thursday, Oct. 9 6 p.m.**

The Norwalk Art Space: Arts Bash ‘25 – Goin’ All Out. 455 West Avenue, Norwalk. [thenorwalkartspace.org](https://thenorwalkartspace.org)

**Sunday, Oct. 12 7 a.m.**

The 20th Annual Walk/Run for Abilis. Tod’s Point. [abilis.us/walkrun](https://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](https://bit.ly/SELFHomecoming2025)

**Sunday, Oct. 19**

Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants’ (CIRI) Soirée. Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport. [cirict.org](mailto:cirict.org)

**Wednesday, Oct. 29 6 p.m.**

Greenwich Historical Society History in the Making Awards Dinner. Belle Haven Club. [greenwichhistory.org/history-in-the-making](https://greenwichhistory.org/history-in-the-making)

**Saturday, Nov. 1**

- YWCA Greenwich’s ‘The Fall Party’. Belle Haven Club. [ywcagreenwich.org/events/the-fall-party](https://ywcagreenwich.org/events/the-fall-party)

**7 p.m.**

The Undies Project Inc.’s The Magic of Giving. [theundiesproject.org/](https://theundiesproject.org/)

**Saturday, Nov. 8 10 a.m.**

The 6th Annual Silver Shield Foundation Greenwich Walk. Tod’s Point. [silvershieldfoundation.org/greenwich-walk](https://silvershieldfoundation.org/greenwich-walk)

**6 p.m.**

Pathways Gala. Delamar Hotel Greenwich. [pways.org](https://pways.org)

**Thursday, Nov. 20 5 p.m.**

Greenwich Old Timers Athletic Association Annual Dinner - National and Local Honorees. Hilton Stamford. [greenwicholdtimers.org](https://greenwicholdtimers.org)

**Wednesday, Dec. 3 5 p.m.**

Abilis Holiday Sip & Shop at Abilis Gardens & Gifts. [abilis.us](https://abilis.us)

**Friday, Jan. 23, 2026 5 p.m.**

Night at the Museum benefit. Bruce Museum. [brucemuseum.org](https://brucemuseum.org)

**Thursday, June 25, 2026 5:30 p.m.**

**Greenwich Sentinel Award Cocktail Reception.** Christ Church Greenwich. [greenwichsentinel.com](https://greenwichsentinel.com)

**Our Neighboring Towns**

**FRIDAY, JULY 25 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Family Centers Social Worker at the Library. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**1 p.m.**

Marine Life Encounter Cruise. Maritime Aquarium dock, 70 Water St., Norwalk. \$49.95. [maritimeaquarium.org](https://maritimeaquarium.org)

**2 p.m.**

Friday Flicks: “Wicked.” Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**6:30 p.m.**

Friday Music & Dance Blast: Haitian Konpa. Ferguson Library – South End Branch at Waterside, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**SATURDAY, JULY 26 10 a.m.**

New Canaan Land Trust’s Last Saturday on the Trails: Butterfly Walk. Livingston-Higley Preserve. [newcanaanlandtrust.org/events](https://newcanaanlandtrust.org/events)

**11 a.m.**

Origami Hour: Make Paper Dice. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**1 p.m.**

Marine Life Encounter Cruise. Maritime Aquarium dock, 70 Water St., Norwalk. \$49.95. [maritimeaquarium.org](https://maritimeaquarium.org)

**2 p.m.**

The Norwalk Film Festival and The Norwalk Art Space: Q&A with renowned film animator Andy Gaskill. The Norwalk Art Space, 455 West Avenue, Norwalk. Free & open to the public. RSVP. [thenorwalkartspace.org](https://thenorwalkartspace.org)

**3 p.m.**

Debate Master Class. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**7:15 & 8:30 p.m.**

Night of 1,000 Fireflies – Night Hike. New Canaan Nature Center, 144 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan. \$15. [newcanaannature.org/night-hikes](https://newcanaannature.org/night-hikes)

**SUNDAY, JULY 27 3 p.m.**

Sight & Sound Artist Talk. The Norwalk Art Space, 455 West Avenue, Norwalk. [thenorwalkartspace.org](https://thenorwalkartspace.org)

**TUESDAY, JULY 29 2 - 6 p.m.**

Family Centers Social Worker at the Library. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**6 p.m.**

Tuesday Night Trivia. Ferguson Library – Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**6:30 p.m.**

Ballroom Dance Workshop. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**6:30 p.m.**

Creativity, Happy Moments and Mental Health with Dr. Carrie Barron, Dr. Jeff Katzman, and Lindsay Dow. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 10 a.m.**

Coloring & Conversation. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**1 p.m.**

Teen Quilting Club. Ferguson Library – West Side Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**5:30 p.m.**

Teen Sewing Workshop. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**THURSDAY, JULY 31 6 - 8 p.m.**

Lawyers in Libraries: meet with a volunteer attorney. Ferguson Main Library, 2nd Floor Study Room 1. Book an appointment: 203-351-8221. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**FRIDAY, AUG. 1 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Family Centers Social Worker at the Library. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**11 a.m.**

Nature Camp: Magical Beasts and Where to Find Them. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**2 p.m.**

Friday Flicks: “Moana 2.” Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**6:30 p.m.**

Friday Music & Dance Blast: Line Dancing. Ferguson Library – South End Branch at Waterside, Stamford. Free. [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org)

**6:30 p.m.**

First Fridays: Russell De Luca. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free admission, no reservations required. 914-234-6704. [bedfordplayhouse.org](https://bedfordplayhouse.org)





Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Generous helpings of 1-Down  
6 Dish soap brand  
10 \_\_\_ Air (tablet)  
14 Ready for a renter  
15 Indonesian honeymoon destination  
16 Forbidden act  
17 Exit's opposite  
18 Reason for a hung jury  
20 New \_\_\_ music  
21 Brainstorming output  
23 Makes angry  
24 "Slaughter-house-Five" novelist  
28 Attended, or departed  
29 Punishment for a toddler  
33 Type of flute  
36 Lady \_\_\_ (singer at Biden's inauguration)  
37 Basis for some vaccines, briefly  
38 Prominent members of orchestras  
43 Only just get, with "out"  
44 Poker holding  
45 Popular e-reader  
46 Savoy Theatre's London district  
48 Like Beethoven, late in life
- 51 Spirit with Peppar and Mandrin flavors  
56 "Lo and behold!"  
59 Predator of the deep  
60 Take sides?  
61 Inflatable river ride, and what 18-, 24-, 38- or 51-Across contain?  
64 "Let me run that errand"  
66 Consumer price index subj.  
67 Binary digits  
68 "Back to Me" singer  
69 Lindsay Message status  
70 Partner of "turn"  
71 Pigs, collectively
- DOWN**  
1 Porterhouse, e.g.  
2 Cute sound?  
3 Make tweaks to  
4 Honey source  
5 Try hard  
6 Part of AWOL  
7 Marie Kondo's country of birth  
8 Against \_\_\_ odds  
9 Top number on a sundial  
10 Beckon, as trouble  
11 Where you might see a noodle or a float

- 12 Cost of a 44-Across  
13 Accomplishes  
19 President elected in 1948  
22 "White Noise" novelist  
25 What the animals boarded  
26 Noah's Ark in Citation abbr.  
27 Model  
28 Hadid  
30 Roughly  
31 "... \_\_\_ us a son is given" (Isaiah)  
32 Chore  
33 Three or four, say  
34 Social media approval  
35 \_\_\_ leches cake  
36 Shiva, e.g.  
39 What lawyers pass  
40 Vehicles for moving
- 41 Intro to Chinese?  
42 Facts and figures  
47 Knack  
48 Being under it is threatening  
49 "I could keep going, but I won't": Abbr.  
50 Is of benefit  
52 Frontal and occipital  
53 New \_\_\_ (world capital)  
54 Elena of the court  
55 Set things right  
56 Competes (for)  
57 The second "O" of YOLO  
58 Privy to  
62 Tater \_\_\_  
63 Cinco - cuatro  
65 Down in the dumps

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword  
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Agreement between nations, in writing  
5. (K) Robin's accommodations  
9. Hotel amenity  
12. (K) Great Salt Lake state  
13. (K) Scout's promise  
14. (K) Folder feature  
15. (K) Additional  
16. (K) Cashew source  
17. "The Catcher in the \_\_\_"  
18. (K) Determines the value of  
20. (K) Suffix with "smart"  
21. (K) "The list continues" abbr.  
22. One-sixth of an inch, in printing  
24. Takes for granted  
28. (K) Massive vehicles
31. (K) Like a lawn that does not need cutting  
32. Your bro, for one  
34. City that's an apt rhyme for "casino"  
35. Aristotle's teacher  
37. Personal opinion statements  
39. Pampered little ones?  
41. (K) River diverter  
42. (K) Ball club?  
44. Bald-no-more application  
49. (K) "Where \_\_\_ all these frogs coming from?"  
50. Bird hidden in "eagerness"  
51. Certain Celt  
52. (K) Massive fishing spot  
53. Creatures that might solve a maze  
54. (K) "And \_\_\_ what did you do?"
55. (K) Sandwich meat  
56. (K) Injection  
57. Pepsi, for one
- DOWN**  
1. (K) Cougar  
2. Place for peak performers?  
3. Nagging fish?  
4. To that, in contract legalese  
5. (K) Bulletin board posts  
6. (K) Things used at concerts  
7. (K) Like a hillside that's tough to climb  
8. Vital thing for a third degree?  
9. Narrow pennant or Amazon Prime, at times  
10. (K) Treats everyone  
11. Support in wrongdoing  
19. (K) It can show you how much cash you've got  
23. Some pottery wheel users
24. (K) Thing used at concerts  
25. Sun, in Spain  
26. Police emergency force (2 words)  
27. (K) Mister  
29. (K) Hard thing to erase  
30. Mayday alternative  
33. Doctor's order for the overworked (2 words)  
36. (K) "Do unto \_\_\_ ..."  
38. (K) Thing used before GPS  
40. Wife of Abraham  
42. Big, loud party  
43. Code needed for calling  
45. (K) Word in division problems  
46. Cave sound  
47. Dorm dweller  
48. Lab burner, back in the day

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?  
It's a master piece?  
Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

Play It?  
37-A) SEEK

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Horoscopes

Key Astrological Events:

Sun in Leo (since July 22): Focus on creativity, courage, and authentic self-expression.

Mercury Retrograde in Leo (continues all week): Reflection, rethinking plans, and potential miscommunications.

Venus conjunct Jupiter in Leo (peaks July 27-28): Expansive, joyful, creative energy, but watch for excess.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

This week brings vibrant Leo energy to your creative sector. Expect inspiration and opportunities for fun, especially around July 27-28 as Venus and Jupiter align. But Mercury retrograde asks you to check your plans twice before sharing them. Revisit old hobbies or unfinished projects.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Home and family matters come into focus. The Venus-Jupiter conjunction encourages warm, celebratory gatherings, but Mercury retrograde can complicate plans. Clarify expectations and be patient with domestic repairs or family conversations.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Your communication zone is lit up with Leo's fire, inviting confident self-expression. Venus and Jupiter offer charm and persuasion, but Mercury retrograde warns of crossed wires. Double-check travel details and be clear in discussions.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Financial themes intensify. The Venus-Jupiter conjunction could bring opportunities for abundance but also tempt overspending. Use Mercury retrograde to review budgets, debts, and shared resources carefully. Prioritize long-term security.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Your season is in full swing. Venus and Jupiter conjoin in your sign, offering magnetic attraction, generosity, and growth. You may feel seen and appreciated. Mercury retrograde advises reflection on your personal goals before making big declarations.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

The Leo energy is centered in your hidden sector. Introspection, dreams, and rest are vital. Venus-Jupiter can boost creativity behind the scenes, but Mercury retrograde

suggests clearing old emotional baggage. Take solitude to recharge.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Your social life flourishes under the Venus-Jupiter conjunction, ideal for reconnecting with old friends or groups. But Mercury retrograde suggests old misunderstandings may resurface. Clarify intentions, and lean into forgiveness.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Career and reputation receive a powerful boost with Venus-Jupiter shining in your public sector. Recognition is possible, but Mercury retrograde means reputational risks if you rush announcements. Plan carefully, polish presentations.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Adventure calls. The Venus-Jupiter conjunction favors learning, travel, and philosophical pursuits. But Mercury retrograde may delay plans or lead to mixed messages. Reconfirm tickets and revisit study goals.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Shared resources, debts, and intimacy are highlighted. Venus-Jupiter can deepen bonds and bring financial support, but Mercury retrograde cautions against new joint commitments. Review existing agreements instead.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Relationships are center stage. Venus and Jupiter bring warmth, expansion, and potential reconciliation, but Mercury retrograde can revive old disagreements. Focus on listening, clarity, and mutual understanding.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Work, health, and routines benefit from Venus-Jupiter's optimism—great for reviving stalled projects. But Mercury retrograde may cause scheduling snags or miscommunications with colleagues. Be thorough and patient.

Summary for July 24-30:

This is a week for big-hearted Leo energy and creative joy—but Mercury retrograde asks us to slow down, review, and avoid assumptions. Venus conjunct Jupiter offers opportunity and abundance, best enjoyed with careful planning and genuine generosity.

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 actress Stewart (7)  
2 empty space in the head (5)  
3 wedding (8)  
4 green light (10)  
5 weak points (8)  
6 Dewey Decimal experts (10)  
7 wound wrapper (5)

SOLUTIONS

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Previous Answers: 3: 1. BALANCED 2. GRAPE 3. UNANIMOUS  
4. DESPERADO 5. VANQUISH 6. THUNDEROUS 7. THOSE

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

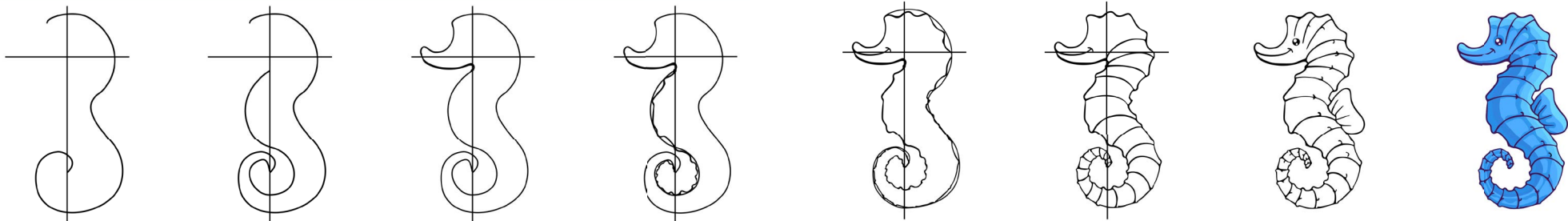
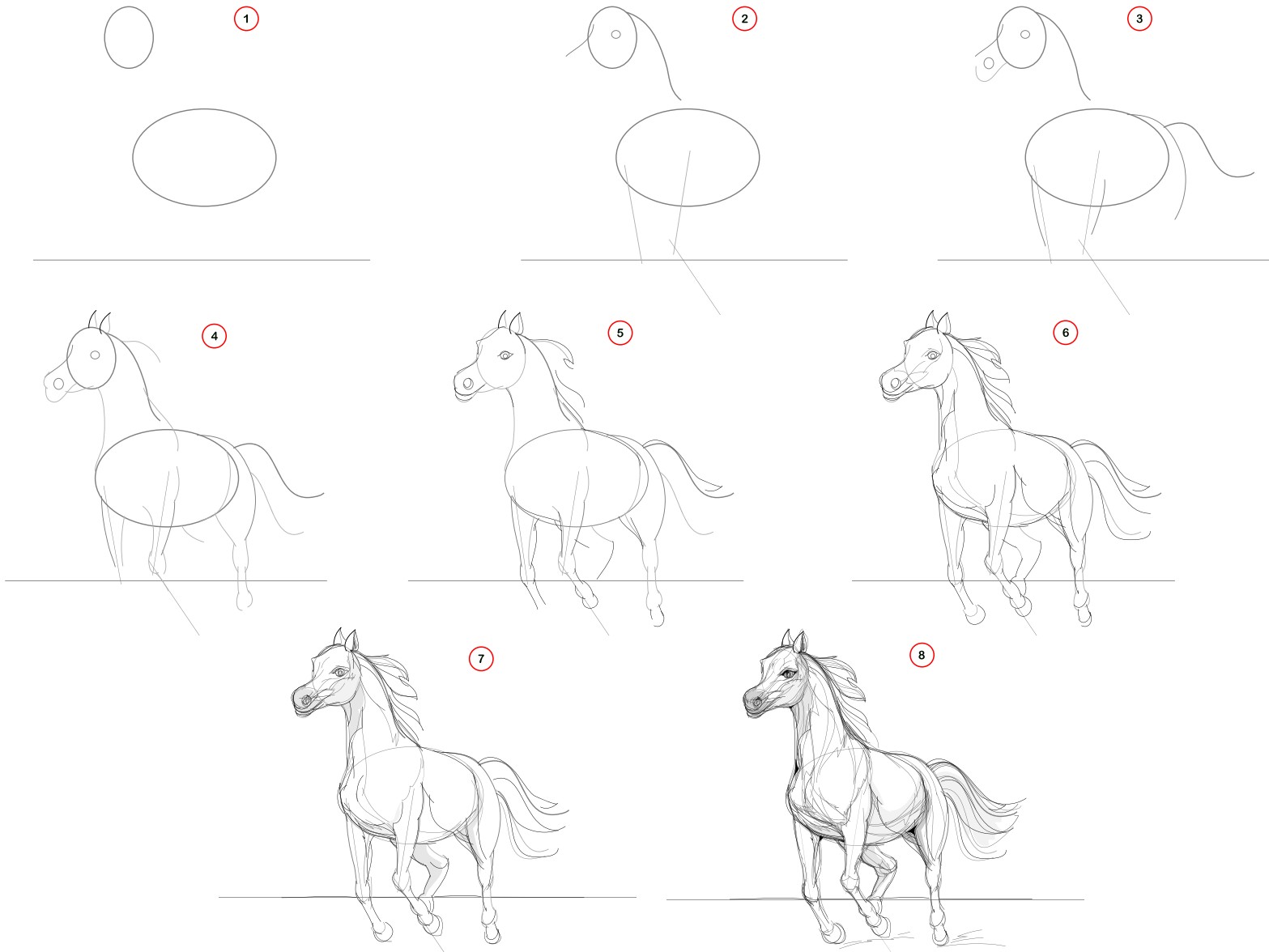
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# How To Draw: step by step



## Sudoku for Kids

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Sudoku answers

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# MANDALA

coloring mandalas is good for your brain!



## FIRST LETTERS

### CODEBREAKER (or CODEWORD, or CODE CRACKER) PUZZLE

The number in each square corresponds to a letter. The same number represents the same letter. Crack the code and fill the grid by determining which letter relates to which number. To help you get started three word entries have picture clues, and four letters are already in place.

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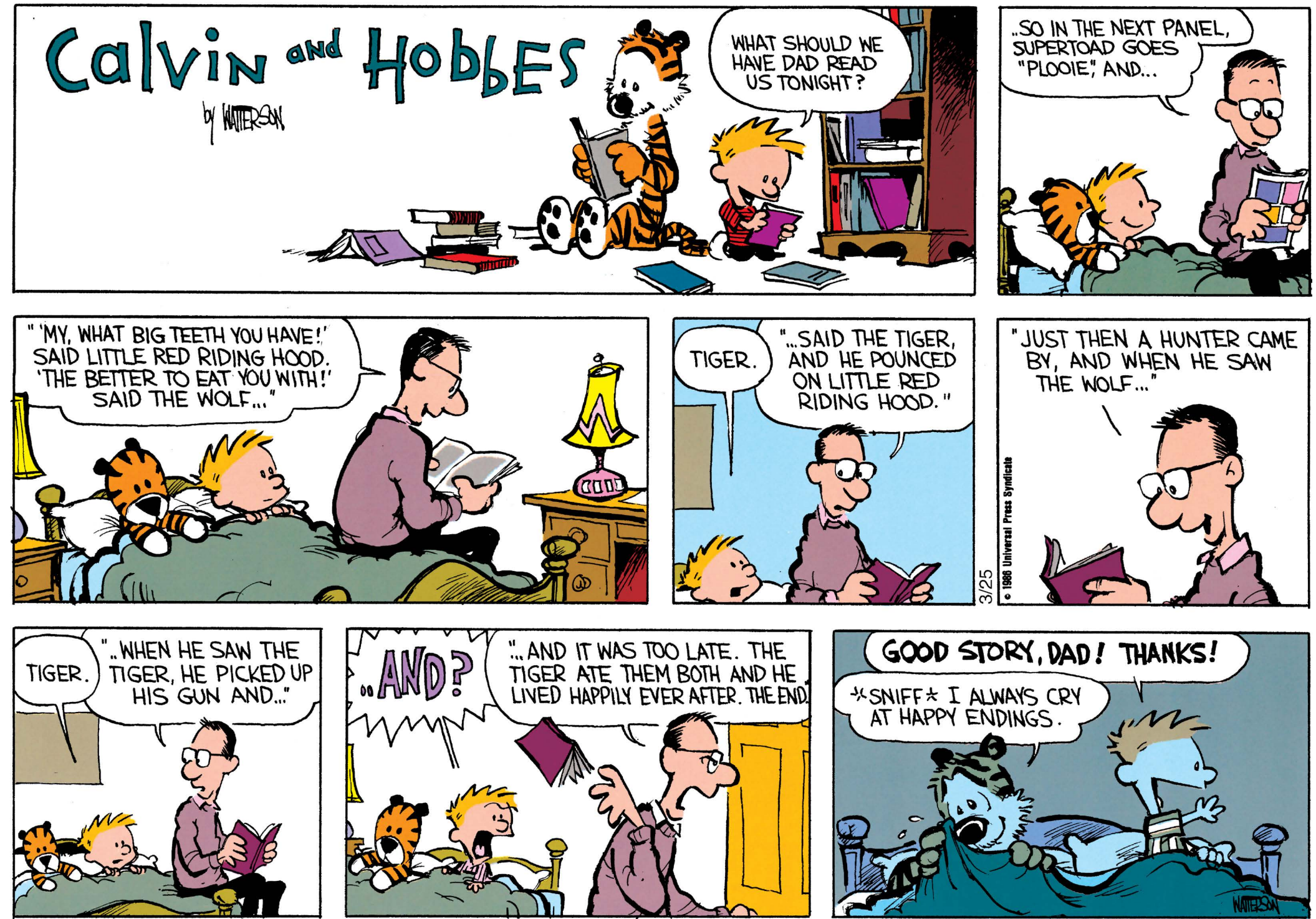
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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: WILD TURKEY

# This Conservation Story Will Surprise You

By JIM KNOX

With the possible exception of the Atlantic Cod, there is no other animal more closely tied to our colonial past than the Wild turkey. While “fowl” was certainly served in 1621 at the three-day autumn feast that marked a successful harvest for the Plymouth Colony, those “fowl” could have been any number of bird species including ducks, geese, swans or even the extinct Passenger pigeon. This feast—the predecessor of modern Thanksgiving, also likely included: clams, mussels, eels, venison, corn and even lobster. Yet, within that calendar year, Governor William Bradford’s journals speak of the great abundance, table value and palatability of the Wild turkey. In fact, the turkey became so popular with the colonists that the colony’s leaders recognized the need for conservation measures for the bird within five years of the colony’s founding.

The Wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) is some bird! With a four foot length, wingspan up to five feet and weights of up to twenty four pounds, it impresses. Boasting a powder blue head, scarlet wattle, long silky feather “beard”, iridescent feathers of copper, green and mahogany and an eye-catching tail fan, the males or toms, are boldly marked. The females or hens are only slightly less colorful and smaller, adaptations to avoid detection while incubating their nests. These ground dwelling birds are amazingly adaptable creatures represented by five subspecies throughout the United States, southern Canada and Mexico. A native of forests, scrubland, grasslands and swamps, the Wild turkey thrives in a variety of habitats and climates. A true omnivore, the swift and sharp-eyed Wild turkey subsists extremely well on what the land affords. Nearly any small living thing that grows or crawls, frequently ends up on the menu. Preferred food items include: grasses, seeds, bulbs, buds, stems, nuts, fruit, tubers, cacti, insects, worms, amphibians, lizards, fish, and even snakes.

A gregarious bird, the Wild turkey’s success hinges upon that of its social structure, the flock. Fanning out and stalking the forest floor like a pack of Velociraptors, the flock forages



for plant matter and hunts for any small creature they can gobble down (you didn’t think I was going to pass on that one). This highly effective foraging behavior ensures that the collective keen eyes of the flock, mounted on the sides of the bird’s head for an astounding 270 degree field of view, miss few opportunities for prey. This amounts to great defense. Many eyes can detect the slightest movement of a crouching bobcat or a leaping coyote, while acute hearing—which can detect the sound of a hunter drawing a bow—serves the flock well. When danger is detected, the birds issue a putt, or alarm call, and run at 25 miles per hour, take flight to the safety of the nearest tree, or fly cross country at 50 miles per hour.

The chicks hatch with black-spotted buff, tan and cream plumage as highly effective camouflage for their life along the forest floor while the ever-vigilant adult members of the flock scan their environs for predators. Should the mast (nut) production of the forest dip in a given year, these remarkably adaptable creatures simply shift gears to focus on other food items. As predators, these

birds provide a restorative, equilibrium to the landscape (juvenile turkeys or poults account for up to 76% of their diet in insect protein). Their seed dispersal properties are equally essential. Wild turkeys are known to disperse—and fertilize—more than 100 native species of grasses, fruit and nut trees!

They are indeed creatures worthy of environmental praise, yet they also impressed our founding fathers. It is true that Benjamin Franklin praised the Wild turkey for its qualities, worthy of consideration as our national symbol. He asserted that the Wild turkey would, “...not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his farm yard with a red coat on.”

In 1784, Mr. Franklin went on to describe the bird in a letter to his daughter, Sarah thusly, “In truth, the turkey is in comparison [to the eagle] a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America. Eagles have been found in all countries, but the turkey was peculiar to ours.”

Additionally praised by laypeople for its good hunting

and good eating qualities, the bird’s demand exceeded its population. As non-migratory, flock-roosting birds, the big birds became big targets with

an ever hungry and eager market. Unfortunately, as with the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the bird’s popularity among hunters and other citizens led to its decline throughout North America. From a population estimated at 1.3 million birds, Eastern Wild turkey numbers dropped precipitously to a low of just thirty thousand birds by the late 1930’s—a number smaller than current populations of endangered Polar bears, Orangutans and Asian elephants. In fact, the bird’s were hardest hit at the epicenter of colonial America’s expansion, with them being hunted to extinction in Connecticut in 1813 and Massachusetts by 1851.

While many admire the turkey for its pluck, I admire it for it’s resilience. It is a poster species for robust recovery through conservation. Due in large part to the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 which put a tax on sporting arms and ammunition that funded wildlife conservation efforts, the birds began to slowly, yet inexorably rebound. Learning from the progressive successes of our New England neighbors in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire, Connecticut released 356 birds at 18 sites statewide between 1975 and

1992. Today, every one of Connecticut’s 169 towns and cities has a flock of Wild turkeys. I have observed them in parks in Hartford, neighborhoods in Bridgeport and along the I-95 corridor in New Haven.

Nationwide, we have seen the turkey’s numbers swell. In fact, it is one of the very few species which has, with rigorous protection, surpassed its pre-colonial population numbers. Today, an estimated seven million birds inhabit 715 million of 720 million acres of suitable habitat throughout North America.

To me, the Wild turkey provides living proof that conservation can, and does, work. When we protect a species, we protect far more than a single creature or its population. We are protecting the land, its waters and the wishes and rights of all citizens to enjoy the natural world.

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