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POLICE & FIRE

Officers Recognized For Service And Leadership

Detective Su Ah Sor began in patrol, became a field training officer and Master Police Officer, and now works in the Special Victims Section. She is certified as an EMT, trained in crisis intervention, and serves as a hostage negotiator with the Emergency Services Unit. CIO Diaz works in community outreach and public information, is EMT and CIT trained, a human trafficking instructor, former field training officer, and has completed FBI LEEDA media and public relations training.

Officer Lee Begins Police Training



Probationary Officer Lee graduated from Woodlands High School in Hartsdale and previously worked as a personal trainer, cook, and served in the U.S. Navy as a Master-at-Arms in Yokosuka, Japan. He will attend the Police Academy for six months. After completing training, he will return to the Greenwich Police Department for field training. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

Greenwich Supports Special Olympics Initiative



The Silver Shield Association and the Greenwich Police Department are supporting Special Olympics through the March Month of Giving initiative. Jersey Mike's Subs is contributing proceeds from participating locations, with the Greenwich store raising over

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GREEN THOUGHTS edited by Anne W. Semmes

"Loveliest of trees, the cherry now / Is hung with bloom along the bough, / And stands about the woodland ride / Wearing white for Eastertide." From "A Shropshire Lad" by English poet and classical scholar A.E. (Alfred Edward) Housman, 1896.

Mathes Scores with Timely "Ah Love, let us Sing" at the Greenwich Choral Society 100th Year



Dr. Christine Hewlett conducting the Greenwich Choral Society and Vassar College Choir in front of an audience of more than 500 people on March 28. Photo by Khaleigh Laicher.

By ANNE W. SEMMES

Last Saturday afternoon there was some moving music presented to more than 500 attendees of a 100th season concert by the Greenwich Choral Society (GCS) entitled "The Marvelous and Mystical." Within that concert's program including Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb" and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," there was the premiere of a piece befitting "disturbing times, both politically and culturally," so composed by Greenwich's own Rob Mathes, called "Ah Love, let us Sing."

The inspiration of that piece Mathes found in Matthew Arnold's poem "Dover Beach." He introduces in the concert program, those "disturbing times" as

including "AI and the coming threats to our well-being." He thought of utilizing some of the stanzas of "Dover Beach" to celebrate "the power of song to lift us up."

The first line to be sung by the Choral Society and 45 Vassar College choristers indeed began with Mathes' slight alteration of "Ah love, let us sing to one another," from the original "Ah love, let us be true to one another." Other lines included, "Sing a melody of renewal, a harmony of grace; The hope of singing together written on every face," with that ending line of "Ah love, let us sing to one another."

With Mathes's piece as the finale, the audience rose in applauding praise

Mathes had wished to bring to the 100th anniversary of the Choral Society "something that could be sung by anybody in the audience when they leave this place, to 'let us sing together.'"

with some having been brought to tears. With choir director Dr. Christine Howlett joining in the applause Mathes stood engulfed. "I was very happy, I was thrilled with the response," said Mathes. "The Choral Society worked so hard on it, and they really loved singing it, as did the Vassar college kids. I went to their rehearsals - I was extremely encouraged.

And then once the orchestra got it under their fingers on the final rehearsal on Friday night, I felt like we were going to have a really good performance."

"Yes," reported Howlett, "The students really loved Rob's piece, "Ah Love, let us Sing." Her request to the board of directors of GCS if she could

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A Tyrannosaurus Rex Roars into the Bruce Museum this Summer

A Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton the length of a city bus is among the highlights of a blockbuster dinosaur exhibition making its North American debut at the Bruce Museum. On view June 6-Sept. 6, "Six Extinctions" is a dramatic, immersive exhibition that explores the mass extinctions that have repeatedly reshaped life on Earth.

Spanning nearly half a billion years of Earth's history, the exhibition combines fossil skeleton and skull casts, realistic models of extinct animals and large-scale murals depicting prehistoric life. Together, these elements create an immersive experience that deepens understanding of how extinctions occur, how life adapts and what is at stake in today's biodiversity crisis.

"Dinosaurs captivate us because they stretch our sense of scale and time, and 'Six Extinctions' taps into that fascination," said Mary-Kate O'Hare, Ph.D., the Susan E. Lynch Executive Director & CEO of the Bruce Museum. "This exhibition builds on the Bruce's commitment to ignite curiosity and invites visitors of all ages to explore

Earth's past, our present moment and the choices that will shape the future."

Extinction is a natural part of life on Earth, and "Six Extinctions" brings that reality vividly to life, combining cutting-edge scientific research with cinematic design. Scientists estimate that more than 99% of all species that have ever lived are now extinct, and the exhibition invites visitors to encounter some of these extraordinary and unfamiliar creatures.

"Dinosaurs are icons of extinction, but they are only one of many groups that evolved, flourished and died out. 'Six Extinctions' will open visitors' eyes to many other remarkable species that vanished in Earth's catastrophic mass extinctions, ranging from surfboard-sized relatives of millipedes to 10-foot-tall thunder birds," said Daniel Ksepka, Ph.D., curator of science at the Bruce Museum.

Beginning with the Ordovician and Devonian mass extinctions that devastated marine life,

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BET Approves Budget Unanimously, Advances to RTM After Public Input

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

The Board of Estimate and Taxation unanimously approved the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget following weeks of review, public input, and internal deliberation, sending the proposal to the Representative Town Meeting for final consideration.

The vote on March 31 marked the conclusion of a budget cycle that began in February with departmental reviews and culminated in a public hearing on March 26, where residents weighed in on spending priorities, capital projects, and tax impacts.

BET Chairman David Weisbrod said the approved budget reflects both fiscal restraint and long-term planning.

"The work of the BET resulted in reducing the First Selectman's

"We did manage to make a substantial reduction."

David Weisbrod
BET Chair

recommended budget by \$6 million," Weisbrod said. The anticipated increase in the mill rate will be 4.62 percent (not accounting for changes in the grand list due to the revaluation this year).

Weisbrod said, "we have concluded a transparent and productive process where all twelve BET members made meaningful contributions.

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Packing Up Winter



By ICY FRANTZ

Did you feel it- the collective sigh?

The one a few a few weeks back when we shifted to Daylight Saving Time.

It was almost audible- a slow satisfying exhale.

The rare moment when an entire country happily agrees to lose an hour of sleep.

Because, it turns out, we

are all quietly hungry for the same thing - a little more light at the end of the day.

Yes - celebrated.

Maybe this year more than ever.

We sprang ahead... happily.

Essentially, we have packed up winter into a suitcase and we are preparing to ship it off for at least nine months... if we're lucky.

When I pack, I am meticulous. I carefully line up clothes - day and night - and try to stay within one color scheme so pieces can be worn more than once. I pick out appropriate shoes, toss underwear and, if the

destination calls for it, a bathing suit into a packing cube, then roll and fold everything neatly into my carry-on.

Yes.

A carry-on.

Impressive, right?

I have a packing list - which I consult, more than once. It gives me a false sense of security-the comforting illusion that I am completely in control of the situation.

Still, I am bound to forget something.

So, what goes in with winter?

Historic blizzards and record-breaking snowfalls.

Black ice.

Brutal blasts of arctic air-

bone chilling days of below-freezing temperatures.

Unplanned and unprepared-for snow days.

The shrinking daylight.

The sidewalks dusted with sand and salt.

The enormous, soiled snowbanks in grocery store parking lots that somehow linger until April.

And my own personal winter effects:

Snow boots- that earned their keep this year.

Heavy coats.

Gloves and hats, long johns, and scarfs.

Salt-stained shoes by the back door.

And, if we're being honest, a certain seasonal

grumpiness.

But winter has a way of collecting other things too.

The early darkness that arrives before dinner.

The long gray afternoons when motivation feels just slightly out of reach.

The weeks when the sky seems permanently the color of wet wool which seems to perfectly match the tint of our skin.

And maybe a few poignant things as well - small frustrations, worries that grew larger in the dark, the isolation caused by countless hours indoors, the heaviness that sometimes settles in when the world feels colder

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A Bold New Era in Nursing Leadership

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

The Nathaniel Witherell has appointed John Anantharaj, MSN, RN as Director of Nursing Services, bringing nearly 33 years of clinical and administrative experience to the municipally owned Greenwich facility, according to organizational materials. Anantharaj, whose background spans hospital systems, academic institutions, and skilled nursing facilities, described the role as rooted in purpose and community responsibility. “The Nathaniel Witherell is not just a care facility - it is part of the fabric of Greenwich,” he said. “The fact that it is municipally owned reflects something powerful about this town’s values: caring for older adults and supporting families is a shared responsibility.” He began his career in India as a staff nurse in a Neurotrauma Department and intensive care unit, developing experience in high-acuity clinical settings. After relocating to the United States in 2005, he advanced from Nursing Supervisor to Director of Nursing Services within Connecticut skilled nursing facilities. Over the course of his career, Anantharaj has held senior leadership roles including Assistant Director of Nursing Services, Director of Nursing, Regional Clinical Director, Clinical Specialist, Vice President of Clinical Services overseeing more than 20 facilities, and Chief Clinical & Safety Officer with responsibility for eight facilities. Most recently, he led clinical strategy, quality, and compliance initiatives across a Connecticut-based healthcare organization. His academic credentials include a Diploma in Nursing, a Bachelor of Science in



John Anantharaj, MSN, RN as Director of Nursing Services at The Nathaniel Witherell

Nursing, a Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in medical-surgical nursing, and a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology. He has also taught clinical nursing at both university and technical school levels and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Business Administration in Healthcare Leadership.

At The Nathaniel Witherell, Anantharaj has outlined a structured approach to clinical operations centered on evidence-based practices, consistent staff training, and measurable performance standards. His leadership model emphasizes a daily presence on care units and direct accessibility to residents, families, and staff.

“High-quality care is not a slogan - it is a daily discipline,” he said. “We are building a culture

where that discipline is supported and achievable for every member of the team.”

Executive Director John Mastronardi said the appointment reflects a focus on strengthening clinical operations and maintaining regulatory standards. “On behalf of everyone at Nathaniel Witherell, I am delighted to welcome John Anantharaj as our new Director of Nursing Services,” Mastronardi said. “John brings a wealth of senior clinical leadership experience across skilled nursing, healthcare management, and state-operated systems, with a strong focus on quality outcomes, regulatory compliance, and staff development.” Mastronardi added that Anantharaj has demonstrated “a thoughtful, collaborative approach to leading nursing teams, strengthening clinical operations, and ensuring a safe, compassionate environment for those we serve.”

Anantharaj’s priorities extend to workforce stability and professional development. He plans to focus on staff retention by fostering an environment where employees feel respected and engaged, while expanding mentorship and advancement opportunities. He also intends to address workload balance to support consistent care delivery and reduce burnout.

“When staff feel proud of where they work, residents feel the difference immediately,” he said.

As leader of nursing services in a municipally owned institution, Anantharaj said transparency and accessibility will be central to his approach. His plans include maintaining visibility within the facility, providing regular updates on clinical initiatives and outcomes, hosting forums for

families, and coordinating with town leadership.

“Transparency builds trust - and trust strengthens care,” he said. “My door is always open.”

Looking ahead, he has identified communication as the primary operational focus for his first year. He is implementing systems to improve coordination across nursing teams, interdisciplinary staff, and families, with an emphasis on clarity and responsiveness.

“When communication improves, everything improves - care, safety, morale, and trust,” he said. “We are creating an environment where everyone feels informed, aligned, and supported.”

Anantharaj lives in Trumbull with his wife and two college-aged children and shares his home with his mother, an arrangement he said informs his perspective on multigenerational care.

His appointment comes as The Nathaniel Witherell continues to position itself as a community-centered healthcare provider. Leadership at the facility indicated that his combination of clinical expertise, operational oversight, and academic training is expected to reinforce consistency in care delivery and strengthen resident outcomes.

The organization characterized the transition as a continuation of its longstanding mission while emphasizing new leadership direction. According to the facility, Anantharaj’s tenure will focus on elevating clinical standards, strengthening communication, and aligning staff performance with measurable quality benchmarks.

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From left: W. Robert Berkley Jr., chair, Greenwich Hospital Board of Trustees; Karen Santucci, MD, chief medical officer, Greenwich Hospital; Carmen Elledias, former Smilow Cancer Hospital at Greenwich patient; Pamela Sutton-Wallace, president, Yale New Haven Health System; Lori Pickens, senior vice president, Cancer Services, Yale New Haven Health System, Smilow Cancer Hospital; chief administrative officer, Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine; William Oh, MD, medical director, Smilow Cancer Hospital at Greenwich Hospital, director, Precision Medicine, Yale Cancer Center, professor of medicine, Yale School of Medicine; Bob Blenderman, PA, president, Greenwich Hospital.

Greenwich Hospital, Yale New Haven Health System (YNHHS) and Smilow Cancer Hospital marked a significant milestone in the future of regional cancer care with a Transformation Kickoff Ceremony held on Wednesday, April 1, celebrating the construction of the new Smilow Cancer Hospital within the walls of Greenwich Hospital. The new hospital will expand access to leading cancer specialists and bring the pioneering research of Yale Cancer Center - Connecticut's only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center - directly to patients in Fairfield and Westchester counties.

A Community That Leads: How Greenwich Has Helped Prepare 20,000 Young Women to Succeed



BY JENNIFER OPENSHAW

Every day, I sit down with business leaders and parents in Greenwich, and around the country, who share a common concern: the young women in their lives are not reaching their full potential. They worry about a rapidly changing job market, the rise of AI, and what it all means for their daughters' futures—even when those young women are attending the best colleges and doing everything "right."

Here in Greenwich, we are fortunate to be part of a community that not only recognizes challenges, but also rises to meet them. This is a community defined by leadership, generosity, and a deep commitment to giving back. And it is because of your support that Girls With Impact (GWI) has reached a powerful milestone: equipping more than 20,000 young women with the confidence, capabilities, and connections to succeed in today's workplace.

This achievement belongs to all of us.

From the incredible energy and generosity we saw at our recent Trailblazer Gala, to the ongoing support from local families, business leaders, and partners, the Greenwich community has been instrumental in driving this mission forward. Reaching this milestone during Women's History Month makes it even more meaningful. This is a moment to celebrate progress, and to accelerate its forward

momentum. Because despite the gains women have made, significant gaps in leadership remain.

Research shows that women outperform men in 17 out of 19 leadership competencies, yet many still hesitate to identify themselves as leaders. And at the highest levels of leadership, representation remains unequal. This disconnect is not about capability, it's about confidence, access, and preparation.

Years ago, I was at the World Economic Forum in Davos, where global leaders discussed this very issue. While many conversations centered on the challenges to be faced, at GWI, we are focused on solutions. We are moving from dialogue to action and ensuring young women are not just aware of opportunities, but fully prepared to seize them.

The need has never been more urgent. In my conversations with Connecticut business leaders, a clear theme has emerged: one of their top concerns is having workforce-ready talent. They are looking for young professionals who can think critically, communicate effectively, adapt quickly, and lead with confidence. At the same time, they want to ensure that young women are stepping fully into their potential in the workplace.

This is exactly where GWI comes in. Through our live, instructor-led programs like the Innovation Academy and Career Accelerator, we are equipping young women ages 14 to 26 with real-world business skills, mentorship, and the mindset needed to thrive. Our model is designed to help young women see themselves as leaders and instill the confidence to act accordingly.

And importantly, our work is rooted in access and equity. When a participant enrolls and pays tuition, she is also helping to open doors for another girl who may not otherwise have the opportunity. It's a model that reflects the very spirit of this

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2026 Trailblazer Gala Table Host Wendy Stapleton and guests pose with Jennifer Openshaw and event honoree Maureen Polo.

community: lifting others as we rise.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are also looking ahead. Our goal is ambitious: to reach 50,000 young women by 2030. With communities like Greenwich leading the way, it is entirely within reach.

If your daughter or the young women in your life are ready to take hold of their future, our spring and summer program registration is now open at girlswithimpact.org/our-programs. Participants can receive 15% off tuition with the code SENTINEL. For families who can benefit from scholarship support, we encourage you to reach out to Julie at julie.pesce@girlswithimpact.org.

To those who have supported us, thank you. Together, we are preparing young women to become tomorrow's leaders.

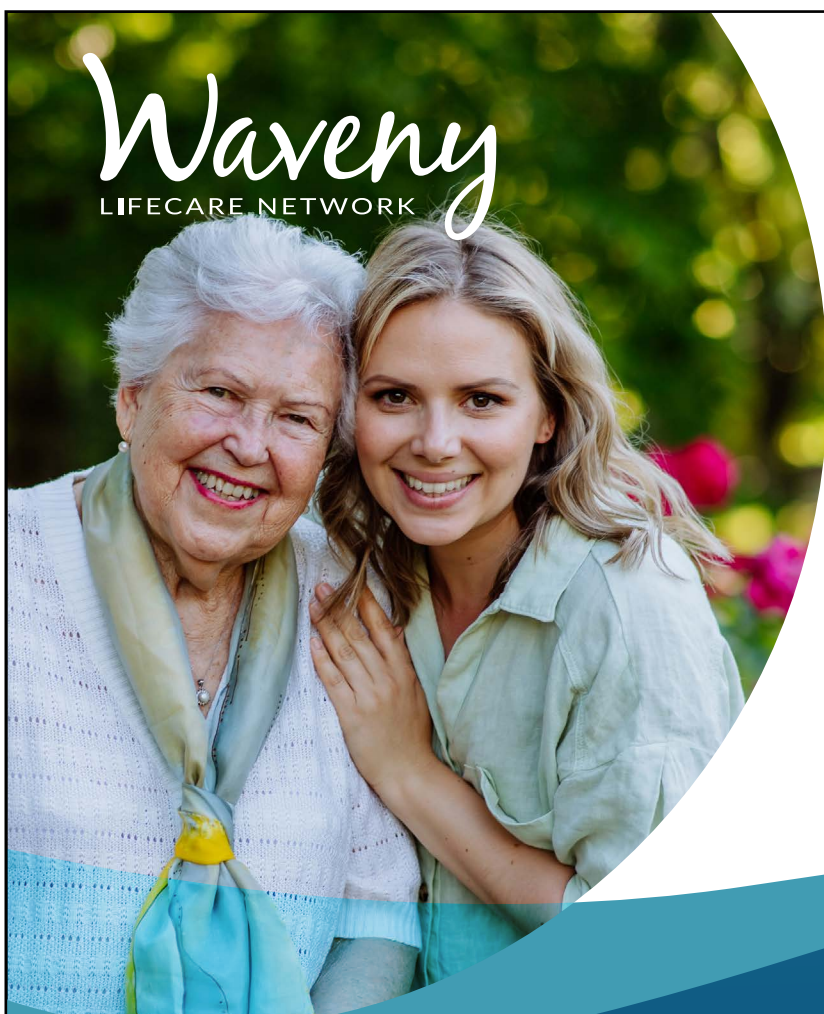
Jennifer Openshaw is a nationally recognized financial leader, author, and Founder & CEO of Girls With Impact, the



GWI Graduate Christina Cevetillo speaks about GWI programming and her entrepreneurship story. Christina is the CEO & Founder of Sage Marketing & Media, where she currently leads 6 employees.

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nation's leading online business and leadership training program for young women. A former financial executive and trusted media expert featured on outlets including Oprah, Today, CNN, and CNBC, she has spent her career advancing women's economic empowerment and advising Fortune 500 companies, bringing both professional expertise and personal resilience to her mission.



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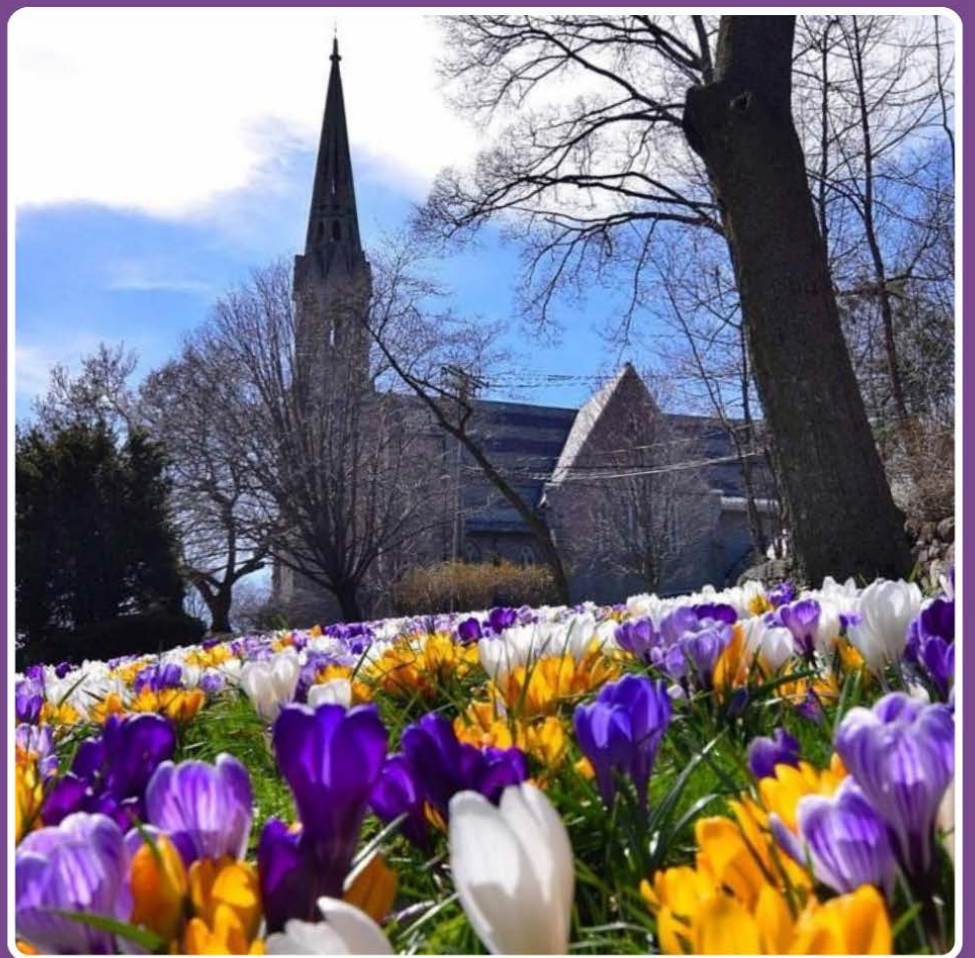
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The Stories You Don't Hear, The Calls Nobody Writes About



BY SHARI SHAPIRO

The amazing work that our team does every day isn't read in the newspaper or watched on the news.

No headline for the child who made it through the day. No story about the parent who got through a hard night without calling 911. No article about the moment when something almost became a crisis and then didn't.

That's how it usually goes. And then, sometimes, you have a day like this one.

7:55 a.m. The backpack is open on the kitchen table at The Farmhouse,

the Kids In Crisis SafeHaven Emergency Children's Shelter. Papers sticking out. A sweatshirt pulled on without much thought. The child had arrived the night before.

We drive them to school. That might not sound like crisis work. It is. When everything else in a kid's life has shifted, getting to school on time can be the one thing that still feels like something from before. One of our counselors grabs the keys, talks about a test or a teacher, and keeps the conversation small enough to avoid the silence.

The school drop-off this morning looks like every other drop-off. Other parents. Other cars. Same Tuesday.

No one watching would know where that child slept.

That's the point. 11:09 a.m.

The helpline has been busy since before most people had their first cup of coffee.

A call comes in from a parent who started with 211, and eventually got routed to us because we're local. That loop happens often. Families can call

The amazing work that the Kids In Crisis team does every day isn't read in the newspaper or watched on the news. And then, sometimes, you have a day like this one.

us directly at 203.661.1911, but people in town don't always know that.

The parent is trying to figure out what to do. Their child hasn't been to school in days.

This morning feels different. More tense. More like something is about to snap.

The counselor slows the conversation down. Asks a few questions. Helps the parent think through what's actually happening instead of just reacting to it.

They hang up twenty minutes later.

5:29 p.m.

A child was brought to the hospital in Stamford earlier in the day. The police officer handled the immediate situation. She wasn't looking forward to the long stretch of time waiting.

So the officer calls us. The handoff is fast. Someone from our Crisis Outreach Team is there within 30 minutes. The officer heads back to her shift. What's left for us is a quiet room, a chair pulled up next to the bed.

Hours pass that way. A nurse comes in and out. There is a ruckus in the hallway. But this room stays still.

This is the part most people never see. Not the call. What comes after. Sitting with a child who is trying to understand what just happened. Making sure no one makes the next decision without them.

Eventually, the child asks "Do I have to go home today?"

Sometimes, there isn't a clean

answer to that question. But there's someone in the room to walk through it. To make sure whatever comes next doesn't happen too fast.

Nothing escalates out of control. Nothing breaks down further. That's not luck. That's what we train for.

9:58 p.m.

One of the kids at SafeHaven Emergency Children's Shelter can't quite settle in.

Pacing from one room to the next. Still agonizing about whatever brought them here. A counselor stays close without pushing it.

After a while, the child sits down on the floor.

The counselor sits down on the couch next to him.

The conversation starts small.

Upstairs, the crisis helpline rings. A parent is trying to decide whether to force open a locked door or wait. We stay on with her. Talk through what to say. What not to say.

How to slow it down before it becomes something bigger. The door stays closed.

The situation settles down. Most people will never know how close it came to going a different way.

There's no clean ending to a day like this. Some situations resolve before midnight. Others carry into the next morning.

If you're in one of those nights right now, you can call our Crisis Helpline directly at 203.661.1911.

Most of what we do won't show up anywhere. You won't read about the child who made it to school. You won't hear about the parent who got through the night.

That's our work. Not the stories you hear. The ones you don't.

Shari L. Shapiro is the Executive Director of Kids In Crisis, an emergency crisis shelter for children and teens located in Cos Cob.

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Weisbrod said that the budget reduction was achieved through detailed, line by line review rather than arbitrary cuts.

"We looked carefully at each item and talked to each of the departments," he said.

The final budget maintains funding for core services and advances several major capital projects.

Weisbrod distinguished between operating expenses which he said grew at approximately the rate of inflation and new investments as reflected by the capital budget. According to weisbrod, the overall expense increase of 5.4 Percent is driven disproportionately by capital investments.

"When you look at just the operating costs, the increase is 3.5 percent," Weisbrod said.

Operating costs, include salaries, benefits, and the day to day costs of running the town. Capital spending—described as investments in infrastructure and long-term improvements—accounts for the difference.

Examples are the Hamill rink, the high school swimming pool, funding for the new Central Middle

School and the renovations at Old Greenwich school.

A central component of the budget is a shift toward multi year financial planning. Weisbrod said the BET developed a 10-year capital model to assess future obligations and risks.

"The model shows that we run into trouble 3 or 4 years down the road, when borrowing peaks trigger violations of the bet's debt policies" he said. "In the absence of preventative action we even run the risk of violating state statutes which prevent us from borrowing to fund debt service."

"The good news," said weisbrod, "is that we can avoid this potential fiscal cliff by taking appropriate measures now. This year the bet took a first step by increasing the capital tax levy by \$5 million."

Weisbrod added, "if we start addressing our challenges now, the problem can be readily addressed."

The board also began evaluating alternative financing strategies, extension of debt maturities and project timelines, including whether certain projects can be delayed or restructured.

Public comment during the March 26 hearing reflected both support for and concern about elements of the budget.

One speaker emphasized the importance of incorporating sustainability into capital decisions,

warning that infrastructure choices carry long-term fiscal consequences tied to environmental risk.

"These are not abstract issues. They are fundamental budget issues," the speaker said, citing past costs related to soil contamination and infrastructure stress.

Others focused on specific capital projects, including the proposed Dorothy Hamill Rink and the broader redevelopment of Byram's Eugene Morlot Park. Some residents urged the BET to proceed with funding, while others cautioned against approving large appropriations without additional review.

"The proposed town BET budget spends over half a billion dollars, an all-time record," another speaker said.

Additional testimony highlighted the need for continued investment in facilities such as Nathaniel Witherell, as well as concerns about capital cost escalation and project sequencing.

Internally, BET members described a more coordinated process than in prior years, with committees playing a central role in vetting proposals before they reached the full board.

"What we did this year is use the committees very extensively to develop the budget," Weisbrod said. "By the time we got to the full BET, many of the issues were hammered out."

That structure allowed the board to complete its decision day efficiently.

"It is actually because we worked hard that we were able to get it done," Weisbrod said. "In a half a day."

Among specific decisions, the BET deferred appropriation of funds to begin evaluation of a new home for the board of education, citing process concerns rather than substantive disagreement.

"There's no debate on the substance," Weisbrod said. "We all recognize that the Havemeyer Building needs to be refitted for other purposes. The only issue is whether the specific appropriation request has been adequately vetted."

The budget now advances to the RTM, where members will conduct their own review before final adoption.

Looking ahead, Weisbrod said the board has already begun preparing for the next cycle.

"It's a multi-year planning initiative," he said. "If we implement the solutions in a rational, calm, steady way, we can do the projects and not run afoul of all the limitations that we have."

For residents seeking to review the full budget and supporting materials, documents are available through the town's website.

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\$25,000 for programs and the 2026 USA Games. The Silver Shield Association also provided lunch for officers in connection with the effort. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

Greenwich Firefighters Upgrade Life Saving Equipment

Greenwich firefighters have been testing different self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) models during training exercises as part of a planned full replacement of current equipment over the next year. SCBA units provide breathable air in hazardous environments, and the new models include updated safety features. The purchase is funded by local governing bodies to maintain operational safety standards.

FROM TOWN HALL

Greenwich Shares Public Works Communication Strategy

The Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works presented at the New England APWA Spring Conference. Commissioner Jim Michel led a session on how structured communication improves project delivery, public trust, and operations, and shared examples along with a communications toolkit. The presentation was part of a regional gathering of public works professionals.

Town Hall Hosts Community Flag Ceremonies

Two public flag-raising events will be held outside Town Hall and are open to all residents. On March 27 at noon, Greek Independence Day will be observed with a proclamation and flag raising marking the 205th anniversary of the 1821 war. On March 30 at 10 a.m., Vietnam Veterans Day will be recognized with a proclamation and ceremony organized with local veterans' groups.

Byram Honors Vietnam Veterans Service

A ceremony was held in Byram on March 29 at noon to honor Vietnam War veterans, including those from the town who died in service. The event took place at the Byram Veterans Memorial Tree Grove in Eugene Morlot Park and included recognition of Joseph Pecora and Donald Repaci. It coincided with Vietnam Veterans Day and was open to the public.

Greenwich Launches Forward Thinking AI Task Force

Greenwich plans to form an AI task force to develop a strategy for using artificial intelligence to improve efficiency and establish policies for its use. The group will include about seven members, with several already selected and more to be announced. Additional details about its responsibilities and structure are expected in the coming weeks.

Greenwich Enhances Outdoor Dining Experience

Greenwich's outdoor dining program remains popular, but the concrete barriers used for safety are widely viewed as unattractive. The town is considering adding removable sleeves to improve their appearance, which would raise the cost per linear foot and increase overall fees for restaurants. A decision on updated fees and season length has been delayed to allow for further public and business input.

AROUND TOWN

Old Greenwich School Renovation Begins

Renovation of Old Greenwich School will begin during the April 6–10 break with fencing installed for Phase 1A, which includes a new kindergarten addition and a new playground. The current playground will be closed until fall, with alternative arrangements provided, and interior renovations will begin this summer. The full six-phase project is scheduled for completion by January 2029, with the addition expected by summer 2027.

Town's AI Task Force

Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camillo announced plans to establish an artificial intelligence task force during last week's Board of Selectmen meeting, citing the growing use of the technology and the need for municipal oversight.

Camillo said the group will develop both a strategy for integrating AI into town operations and a formal policy governing its use. "To not only come up with a strategy going forward that's going to be really geared toward taking advantage of AI and making the town much more efficient, but to have a policy in place," he said.

The task force is expected to include about seven members, with three already committed. Camillo said the full roster will be announced once finalized.

Nine Unit Apartment Building Proposal

A proposal to construct a four-story, nine-unit apartment building at 49 Brookside Drive has been submitted to the Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission for pre-application review. The applicant, 49 Brookside Ownership LLC, seeks to develop the property on a vacant lot previously used for overflow parking for the Acme supermarket, which closed last summer. The application includes a request to rezone the property from P-Zone to CGB. The proposed 45-foot building would contain more than 19,000 square feet, with seven three-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units, including one designated as affordable housing.

Bruce Park Earns National Recognition

Bruce Park in Greenwich has been nominated for USA Today's 2026 "Best City Parks" contest, with public voting open through April 6 and results announced April 15. The park, donated to the town in 1908 by Robert Moffat Bruce, is the town's oldest public park and includes recreational facilities, walking paths, and views of Long Island Sound. It received historic designation in 2024, requiring review for any future changes to preserve its character.

Greenwich Residents Gather in Civic Unity

Crowds gathered outside the Havemeyer building in Greenwich as part of a nationwide "No Kings" protest, where elected officials spoke and participants held political signs, and the event concluded with a march along nearby streets.

LOCAL BUSINESSES & NON PROFITS

Young Leaders Take Stage in Greenwich

Ms President US will hold its first Greenwich campaign and election event on April 3 at Greenwich Town Hall, following a series of leadership workshops for girls in grades 4–8. Participants will present platforms on issues such as climate change, financial literacy, and hunger, and attendees age eight and older will vote to select a representative for Greenwich and Stamford. The program focuses on teaching leadership, public speaking, and civic engagement through structured activities and mentorship.

Greenwich Land Trust Welcomes Spring

Spring activity has resumed across Greenwich Land Trust properties, including the greenhouse, meadows, and conservation areas, as the stewardship team prepares for seasonal work. Wet conditions from winter snow and recent rain have delayed late-winter meadow mowing to avoid soil damage, with plans to resume once conditions improve. The season also marks the organization's 50th year, alongside ongoing habitat management and restoration efforts.

New Cancer Center Expands Regional Care

Greenwich Hospital, Yale New Haven Health System, and Smilow Cancer Hospital held a ceremony on April 1 to mark the start of construction on a new Smilow Cancer Hospital within Greenwich Hospital. The project will expand access to cancer specialists and bring Yale Cancer Center's research and treatment capabilities to patients in Fairfield and Westchester counties. The event included hospital and health system leadership and marked a significant investment in regional cancer care.

Greenwich Community Builds Landmark Mural

Greenwich Library is organizing "Greenwich Townscape," a community photo mural project for America's 250th anniversary, open to adults and families with children age 8 and older. Participants will create a collage using photo prints of local architecture, history, and scenes during scheduled sessions, with finished murals to be displayed at the library this summer. The next session is April 8, with additional sessions on April 11, 17, 21, and 27, and more details are available online.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Greenwich Students Celebrate Earth Month Creativity

Greenwich students are invited to enter the Finding the GREEN in Greenwich Earth Month poster contest, organized by the Conservation Commission and PTAC Green Schools committee. The contest is open to public and private school students, with submissions due April 15 through an online portal. More information and related Earth Month events are available on the Conservation Commission's webpage, and event submissions can be emailed to conservation@greenwichct.gov

ReThink Waste Fair Returns to Greenwich

Waste Free Greenwich will hold its fifth annual ReThink Waste Fair on April 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich. The event will include an eco-marketplace, demonstrations on cooking and mending, interactive exhibits, and a recycling and reuse drive. A raffle will also be held, with tickets available for a suggested \$5 donation, and additional information is available online.

SCHOOLS

Sacred Heart Students Enjoy Book Fair



Lower School students at Sacred Heart Greenwich attended the Book Fair this week. The event is ongoing, and books can still be ordered. Orders are available through the link provided by the school. Photo credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich

Greenwich Schools Set Graduation Date

The high school will hold its 2026 graduation on June 18 at 5 p.m., ahead of the final school day for most students on June 22. Sixth- and ninth-grade students will finish on June 19 due to an earlier start to the school year. Schools will remain open on June 19 (Juneteenth), with instructional activities related to the holiday.

Greenwich Schools Honor Dedicated Staff

Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones announced the April recipients of Greenwich Public Schools' "Difference Makers 2.0" awards. The monthly recognition honors one staff member from each school and district department who has made a significant impact through their work and service. Honorees are nominated by principals and district leadership and include employees across instructional and support roles.

North Mianus Families Support Community Pantry

North Mianus School held its first "NMS Community Cares" event Thursday in Greenwich to support the Greenwich High School Community Pantry. More than 50 students and family members assembled 100 hygiene kits before the school day. Registration filled within one day.

SPORTS

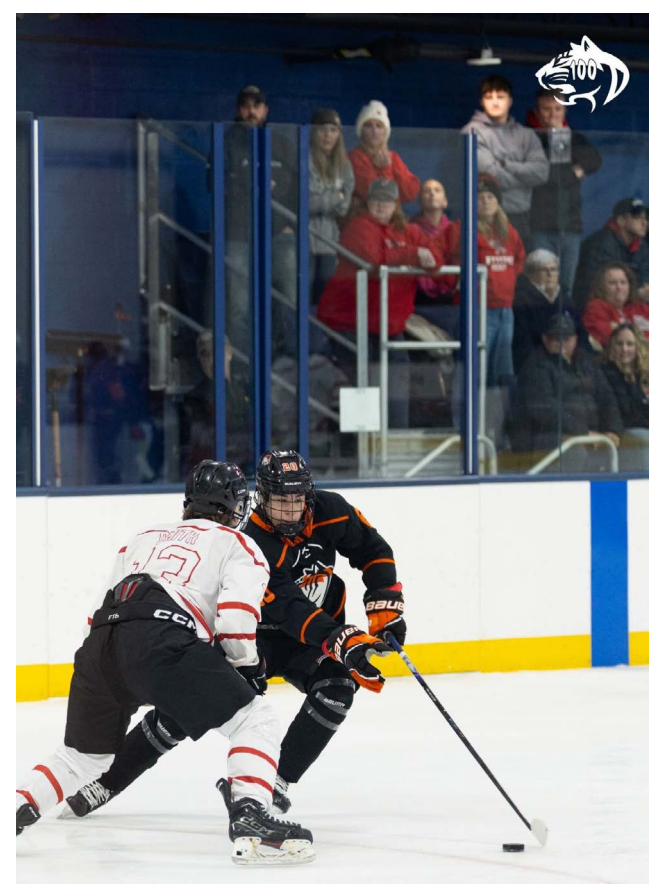
Greenwich Cheer Team Wins State Title

Greenwich High School's varsity cheer team scored 97.55 to win the 2026 Connecticut Team of the Year title at the CHSCA competition on March 14, finishing first among 30 teams across all divisions; during the season, the team placed runner-up at the FCIAC and CIAC championships and third at the New England regional competition, and senior Ingrid Imp was named Connecticut Cheerleader of the Year and received a statewide scholarship award.

Cardinals Show Promise in Season Opener

Greenwich High School's boys varsity A rugby team opened its 2026 season with a 33–26 home loss to Xavier High School on March 21, after trailing 26–12 at halftime. Greenwich scored first and added late tries from Dylan Staton and Max Seifer, but Xavier built its lead through multiple first-half tries and held on despite a second-half push. The Cardinals showed improved play after the break, narrowing the gap but unable to overcome the early deficit.

Greenwich Country Day Wins Double Title



Greenwich Country Day School's boys hockey team won the 2026 FAA Tournament championship with a 4–3 overtime victory over Kingswood Oxford, completing a season in which it also claimed the FAA regular season title. The win marked the program's first time earning both titles in the same season. Cullen Carré scored the overtime game-winner, while goaltender Max Motovylyak made 41 saves in the final.

AROUND CT

Statewide Effort Promotes Safer Driving

The Connecticut Department of Transportation announced a statewide campaign in April to enforce distracted driving laws and raise public awareness. Police will increase enforcement as part of the "Put the Phone Away or Pay" initiative, targeting behaviors like texting and handheld device use while driving. In 2023, distracted driving caused 3,275 deaths nationwide and 5,202 crashes in Connecticut, including 12 fatalities and 78 serious injuries.

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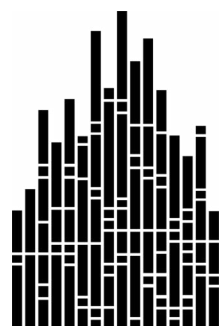
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Pollinator Potluck Brought Extraordinary Initiatives at Greenwich Audubon Center

By ANNE W. SEMMES

There was an impressive array of initiatives for saving the diversity of nature, biodiversity, shared at Pollinator Potluck's season end at Greenwich Audubon on Tuesday evening. Guest speaker was venture capitalist (VC) Kevin Webb, co-founder of Superorganism the "first venture capital firm dedicated to biodiversity-positive investments."

Preceding Webb was Myra Klockenbrink, co-chair of Greenwich Pollinator Pathway addressing a partnership with Audubon to "restore a forest gap here on the Center's property." Forest gaps, she told, "are a very common problem in our forest lands where gaps and disturbance have allowed problem plants to come in and overwhelm the natural system of balance." She pointed to porcelain-berry as having taken over that gap. "We are clearing these plants with the help of Audubon's month-long high school senior internship program. We're preparing the soil and installing 1,500 canopy trees and understory trees and shrubs - with at least 35 different species, in a 3,000 square foot circle." If successful, she said, "we hope it can be replicated and potentially scaled up to bigger parcels... We will also be acoustically tracking bird life. So, the more data we can get about how these forests perform, the better for maximizing their use."

Kevin Webb was introduced by Center Director Rochelle Thomas. Having met up with Webb years ago in a class at Columbia University she had noticed, "Kevin possessed an ability to think outside the box almost immediately." And that "out of the box" thinking plus being a "big nature nerd" she believed had led him as a VC to co-founding Superorganism.

Introducing Superorganism venture capital

"The truth is" he began,



Pollinator Pathway co-director Myra Klockenbrink. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



L to R Robert LaFrance, Policy Director for Audubon Connecticut and VC Kevin Webb. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

"The truth is our economy runs on nature." Kevin Webb

"our economy runs on nature. So, if you were to look at global GDP, over half of it depends on nature in some direct way, whether you're talking about food or whether you're talking about resilience against storm surges. About a third of people on the planet depend on nature directly for sustenance. And largely because of the way we run our global economy, at least a quarter of species on this planet are presently potentially at risk of extinction in the coming century."

"The beautiful thing about investing in businesses related to climate," he told, "is you have kind of a metric that can equate a business that is emitting less or drawing down carbon dioxide with CO2e. With nature, all the things that make nature wonderful and beautiful and interesting also make it hard because you're talking about different ecosystems, different value judgments on do we care about species that are really rare, the ones that are delivering

functional benefit for people."

Webb then dived into his business. "So, we are a superorganism, as Rochelle said. We are the first VC firm to be entirely purpose-built around biodiversity. We are similar to a climate tech fund, but instead of thinking about emitting less carbon dioxide and trying to draw it down, we're doing the same thing for nature loss. So, avoid nature harms in the first place, undo damage where we can find, where we can do so profitably."

"We're looking for early-stage businesses," he continued. "We're going to invest in about 35 by the time we're done. We're at about 21 right now, and we love a big diversity of things that we get to see. So, how do we look for businesses that are able to drive outsized ecological impacts if they succeed? We're specifically looking for companies able to make a big dent on these extinction drivers."

"We also invest in AI. Whether we're looking at AI

or satellites or biotechnology, can this startup let people who are doing the important work in the field do something that they couldn't do before or do more with fewer resources?... We're investors in a company called Fungal that comes out of academic research... that no matter what ecosystem you are looking at, when trees are grown in healthy biodiverse soil, they wind up growing 30 to 60 percent on average... They inoculate tree seedlings, and as of last year, one in 40 of every loblolly pine planted in the US was a Fungal inoculated plant... We're also investors in a company called Ulysses that is making underwater robotics. Their very first thing was seagrass planting... It's very important and very cool and manatees love it and also sharks and also sea turtles. But it's also a great way to sequester carbon."

And lastly, "Spoor is a business out of Norway. They are building AI on top of commodity cameras to be able to detect bird species and movements around offshore wind... If you have any positive assumptions about the way that offshore wind is growing, every single one of those turbines pays an ornithologist up to \$20,000

a year to go out once or twice to say how many species are being impacted and then report back." A mission critical he said "for these companies from a compliance perspective. Spoor replaces that with a camera that is monitored 24/7 and able to command the same price - and also increasingly able to validate that a site for a new turbine is as minimally harmful as possible."

Webb then had a "shoutout" for Audubon Director Thomas that he would be working with Webb to bring Spoor's expertise to the Center as "one of their first US sites" to operate during the Center's Hawk Watch.

Connecticut's Wildlife Action Plan

Lastly was Robert LaFrance, Policy Director for Audubon Connecticut and New York regional office, to address biodiversity on the state level. "Kevin is actually bringing solutions to the table," he noted. "We have a biodiversity crisis, and we have a climate crisis... I try and work with the Department of Energy Environmental Protection to move forward policies that can help us take care of our problems here in Connecticut."

He spoke of the Wildlife Action Plan, "a 10-year program of identifying what the needs

of nature are in the state... It's CT House Bill 5330, an act concerning certain wildlife plans. It calls for hiring a wildlife veterinarian... we're dealing with bird deaths from rodenticides... It's going to facilitate the implication of the new wildlife action plan, basically start to improve conservation measures for biodiversity."

LaFrance ended with an initiative dating to the Biden Administration. "Biden tried to come up with something called the National Nature Assessment... But a stall came with administration change. But 'The people who were working on this said, 'This work is too important.' And they were able to raise the funds. So, there is a whole book that they're putting together - 'The Nature Record' - explaining all the different elements of nature at naturesrecords.org. I encourage you to take a look at it and see what you can learn from it."

Post note: Participants would also experience tasting an extraordinary edible called "Torie's Cherry Chocolate-Chunk Cookie" being passed around, the work of Walter Shanley, the husband of Ingrid Milne, CFO of Audubon Connecticut.

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"repeat the program at Vassar with the Vassar Choir was granted. "So, the entire program will be performed again on April 10, 7:30 pm at Vassar College Chapel, in Poughkeepsie, NY."

Mathes had wished to bring to the 100th anniversary of the Choral Society "something that could be sung by anybody in the audience when they leave this place, to 'let us sing together.'" And "Normally when you write a brand-new piece, you promise the people that are commissioning it, that it's going to be kind of fun and different and new... I decided to do it in a slightly tricky way, and that if you think of 'Take Five' by Brubeck, it's one, two, three, one, two... Everybody loves that beat. I made it as a group of three - a group of two, then again a group of two, and a group of three."

Mathes shared that his composition, "Ah Love, let us Sing," was commissioned by one

of the choristers and board member Anne-Marie Hynes. "Rob did a great job," said Hynes. "He certainly captured the love of singing in community and my husband Jim and I were just thrilled to hear the whole composition. And of course, I had a wonderful time practicing it with the Greenwich Choral Society because I love the Greenwich Choral Society."

"Rob has his own inimitable style," said Hynes, who told of Mathes having composed a piece for her and her husband's 40th anniversary - "Always and Forevermore." "It was lovely, and it was done in Christ Church as well. It was an amazing thing to have captured our family with some Irish themes. And we had looked through romantic Irish poetry to get some of the pieces for it. The Choral Society performed it 12 years ago. So, it was a delight to hear something else again that we were so fortunate to be able to commission and fortunate that he was the person that was able to generate the piece for us."

Hynes had guested over two dozen for the concert. "To a person, they thought that it

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was, fulfilling, uplifting., an amazing thing to hear...The idea of a group lasting a 100 years, throughout all different kinds of problems in the world, and good and bad things that happen in the world, is just an amazing thing to be able to do, and I have to tell you, it was wonderful to sing. I had about 25 or 30 people in the audience that I had invited, um, to come as my guests, and to a person, they thought that it was, um, fulfilling, uplifting, um, and it was something that they just thought was an amazing thing to hear."

So, when will the public be able to sing along with his "Ah love, Let us Sing?" Perhaps it will be added someday to the GHS website? But Mathes is working to get it published - with GCS

permission - along with another choral piece he wrote for GCS. "It's a huge piece I wrote for my firstborn daughter's graduation at Greenwich High School called "Far from Here," which is a 20-minute piece in three movements, that also has a similar huge melody, and it's really moving. One of my favorite pieces I ever wrote." He's hoping it will be sung elsewhere "but it's written specifically for this beloved Greenwich Choral Society, which is a really special group of people. It's one of the oldest choral societies in the country and one of the best. And they sounded glorious, didn't they?" he said to this attending reporter.

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the exhibition introduces giant squid-like ammonites and ferocious armored fish. Visitors then explore the Permian mass extinction, the most catastrophic of all, which nearly ended life on Earth, followed by the Triassic mass extinction, when massive volcanic activity eliminated countless species and set the stage for the rise of dinosaurs.

The exhibition then presents a face-to-face encounter with a T. rex and Torosaurus, iconic casualties of the asteroid impact that ended the Cretaceous Period. This mass extinction wiped out non-avian dinosaurs and paved the way for mammals, including humans, to thrive. In a striking final turn, "Six Extinctions" brings the story into the present, introducing the current turning point within the Anthropocene, an informal term used to describe the current epoch shaped by human activity. This section highlights today's unprecedented biodiversity crisis through life-like models of recently lost animals such as the Tasmanian tiger, or thylacine.

"Six Extinctions" is organized by Gondwana Studios. The presentation is curated by Daniel Ksepka, Ph.D. Major support for "Six Extinctions" is provided by Bank of America and the Charles M. and Deborah G. Royce Exhibition Fund. See more in next week's ART SECTION.



Tyrannosaurus Rex; Photo by Richard Harmey; Courtesy of Gondwana Studios

Shipwrecks and U-Boats: Amazing New England Coastal Sea Stories

By JOHN REESE

The men and women who sailed the merchant ships, manned the U-boats, and washed ashore on the beaches of New England during two world wars were not abstractions. They were teenagers in winter coats, captains reaching for cigarettes, and fathers whose reputations were destroyed by a misunderstanding about torpedoes. At the March 25th meeting of the Retired Men's Association, maritime historian Eric Wiberg spent an hour restoring their names, their decisions, and their humanity.

Mr. Wiberg, a sea captain, maritime lawyer, and the author of more than 45 nonfiction books on World War II naval history, was introduced by Troy Johnson, the RMA's publicity chair. Johnson has known the speaker for 25 years, since Wiberg was pursuing his degree in maritime law, having already held a commercial captain's license and operated cargo ships out of Singapore. A former Greenwich resident who now lives and writes in Boston, Wiberg does not deliver lectures so much as unspool yarns — densely factual, wryly told, and anchored in the kind of firsthand research that sometimes involves getting bitten by a German shepherd.

That incident occurred in the Bahamas, where Wiberg grew up, during an interview with Prince Niccolò di Piedmont, an Italian nobleman who had served on a submarine during the war. As Wiberg leaned in to show a list of vessels, the prince's guard dog lunged and tore his shirt and shoulder. "I continued the interview with a ripped shirt and a bleeding arm," he told the audience. "It was a very good interview."

The presentation, titled "Shipwrecks and U-Boats: Amazing New England Coastal Sea Stories," ranged across a century of maritime history, guided by the philosophy of

Wiberg's intellectual hero, Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison, the Harvard historian whose famous advice is inscribed on his Boston statue: "Dream dreams and write them, aye, but live them first."

He opened with a Spanish-American War artifact: a gun from the Infanta María Teresa, flagship of Admiral Cervera's fleet at the 1898 Battle of Santiago de Cuba. The cruiser led a suicidal charge against the American blockade, was sunk, and later salvaged, only to be lost again when a hurricane severed its tow line near the Bahamas. Her guns were scattered across America, including one at Fort Griswold in Groton, Connecticut. From there he turned to the Deutschland, a privately financed German cargo submarine that during World War I traded with the still-neutral United States, the only submarine in history to complete a commercial mission during wartime. But as the Deutschland departed New London, it collided with the tug T.A. Scott, killing all five American crewmen. The lone survivor pulled from the water was a German businessman — a fact, Wiberg noted, that "didn't look good."

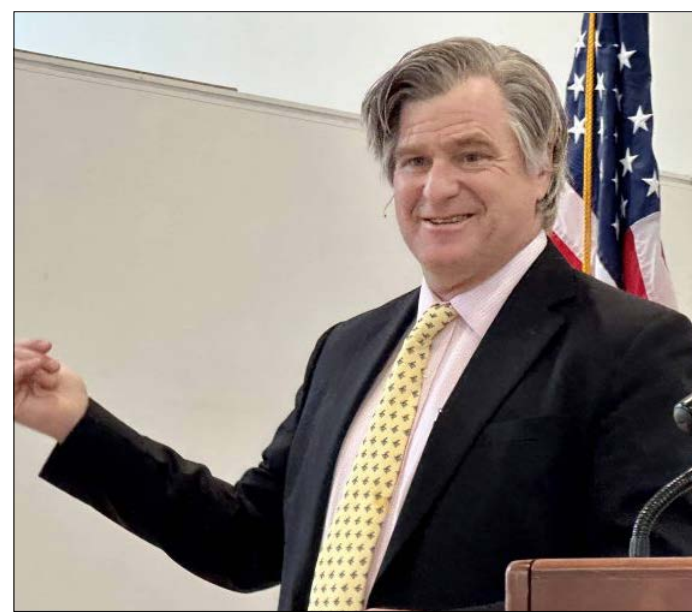
The heart of the presentation belonged to the final weeks of World War II. Wiberg told the story of the SS Black Point, the last American merchant vessel sunk in the Atlantic, torpedoed off Point Judith, Rhode Island, on May 5, 1945, the same day all U-boats were ordered to cease hostilities. Whether the 24-year-old commander of U-853, Oberleutnant Helmut Frömsdorf, never received the order or chose to ignore it remains unknown. Lewis Iselin, a Harvard-educated sculptor from Camden, Maine, then commanding the destroyer escort USS Atherton, led the attack that destroyed the submarine with all 55 hands.

What captivated the audience was a mystery Wiberg

solved in 2018. Accounts of a sinking near Rhode Island mentioned a tug and barge near an explosion that was never identified. Then a call came from a man whose elderly father-in-law — a lifelong Boston waterman in his nineties — wanted to tell his story. He insisted on confirming Wiberg's merchant marine credentials before speaking. Satisfied, he described how his tug had been near Point Judith when the ship beside them exploded. The teenagers aboard looked at one another and fled. Wiberg traced the tug, the Ocean King, to Boston and then to the Bahamas. Just a month before the presentation, a colleague sent a photograph from an uninhabited atoll confirming the vessel's final resting place.

He also recounted the harrowing voyage of the Liberty ship SS Benjamin Contee, torpedoed while transporting 1,800 Italian prisoners of war from North Africa in 1943. The captain sealed the flooded hold, containing both the living and the dead, to save the ship, which limped to Gibraltar and across the Atlantic. In Brooklyn, military police escorted the remains of at least 19 prisoners to ambulances. The damaged Benjamin Contee was later scuttled off Utah Beach on D-Day, becoming part of a Mulberry artificial harbor across which tanks rolled to liberate Europe. Wiberg said the Italian consulate contacted him just weeks ago to say the case remains a matter of great interest to the Italian government.

The story Wiberg saved for his close was the most moving. At a dinner in Stockholm, he had invited an elderly Swede, Mr. Johansen, who had helped with his research. When asked why he had come, the old man broke into tears. His father, captain of a neutral vessel near Bermuda, had ordered his crew into lifeboats after spotting torpedoes. The ship was not



Maritime historian Eric Wiberg spoke to the Retired Men's Association about a century of naval history.

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sunk. In New York, the captain was ridiculed as a coward. The stigma haunted the family for decades, until Wiberg found the German commander's log confirming he had fired two torpedoes and was baffled that they missed. The explanation was simple: sailing in fair weather with no cargo to load as ballast, the captain had left his ship riding high. The torpedoes passed underneath. "This old man was crying because I'd saved his reputation," Wiberg told the hushed room. "I was the only person who said, 'your dad was right.'"

The RMA's next presentation, "Saving Nature's Strongholds" by Stephen Ham, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. RMA presentations are held at Christ

Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

The Wildlife Conservation Society is protecting wildlife and wild places across the planet. Stephen Ham, Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer, will be discussing how WCS, the largest, field-based conservation organization in the world, approaches conservation and why WCS knows that zoos, particularly its headquarters at the Bronx Zoo, are essential to inspiring people to take action for conservation. WCS manages four New York City wildlife parks in addition to the Bronx Zoo, and does conservation work in more than 50 countries to achieve its mission to save wildlife and wild places.

Stephen has spent his life dedicated to the field of global conservation. Whether trekking mountain gorillas in Rwanda or whale watching in Antarctica, he is a passionate advocate for wildlife and the wild places they inhabit, particularly for Africa. He received a degree in anthropology and environmental studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a returned volunteer with the United States Peace Corps where he served in Ghana, West Africa. Before WCS, he was Senior Director with the African Wildlife Foundation and he also spent years as a special assistant to Dr. Jane Goodall. When not looking for animals Stephen lives in New York with his wife and two daughters.

To stream the presentation by Stephen Ham at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 8, click on <https://bit.ly/301Bj21>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum channel 79.

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

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Mandelbaum Barrett Expands Into Greenwich



In an increasingly complex legal and business landscape, clients are looking for more than just representation, they want trusted advisors with deep expertise, broad reach, and a commitment to long-term relationships. The recent integration of Greenwich's Ivey, Barnum & O'Mara, LLC (IBO) into Mandelbaum Barrett PC marks a powerful step forward in delivering exactly that.

Earlier this year, all 24 full-time attorneys from IBO, one of Greenwich's most established and respected firms, joined Mandelbaum Barrett. For clients,

this is not a departure from what they know, but a meaningful evolution. The same attorneys, relationships, and client-first philosophy remain firmly in place, now supported by expanded capabilities, broader geographic reach, and the resources of a full-service, multi-state firm.

For more than 75 years, IBO has been a cornerstone of the Fairfield County legal and business community. Known for its strength in real estate, trusts and estates, business law, litigation, and personal injury, the firm has built a reputation grounded in trust,

responsiveness, and deep local knowledge. Many of its attorneys have also served in influential leadership roles, reinforcing the firm's longstanding commitment to public service and civic engagement.

That legacy does not change with this transition; it grows stronger.

By joining Mandelbaum Barrett, IBO attorneys gain access to a multidisciplinary platform spanning more than 30 practice areas, along with offices across New Jersey, New York, Florida, Colorado, and now Connecticut. Clients who once relied

on IBO for trusted counsel can continue to do so while benefiting from a deeper bench of legal talent and expanded service offerings.

"This strategic expansion allows us to serve both corporate and individual clients with greater depth, agility, and personalized service," said William S. Barrett, CEO of Mandelbaum Barrett. "Equally important, the attorneys joining us bring a shared legacy of excellence and a commitment to putting clients first."

That alignment in culture is key. At its core, this integration is not simply about growth; it is about shared values. Both firms have built their reputation on relationships, integrity, and a dedication to delivering practical, results-driven counsel. Clients will continue working with the attorneys they know and trust, now backed by broader institutional support and collaborative resources.

For Stephen G. Walko, a partner and Management Committee member from IBO, the move represents both continuity and opportunity. "Our roots in Greenwich run deep," he noted. "This partnership allows us to expand what we can offer while preserving the local identity and personal service that have always defined our practice."

Fairfield County remains a vital hub for financial services, professional firms, and a growing information services sector. It is also one of the wealthiest regions in the United States—making sophisticated, responsive legal counsel more important than ever. With Mandelbaum Barrett's expanded capabilities now integrated into the region, clients are well-positioned to navigate this dynamic environment with

confidence.

From complex real estate transactions and estate planning strategies to litigation and corporate advisory services, the combined firm offers a seamless experience. Clients no longer need to look beyond their trusted advisors for specialized expertise; they now have access to a fully integrated legal team equipped to handle a wider range of needs.

"This move allows us to bring even more value to our clients," said Steven Steinmetz, also a partner and Management Committee member. "We are staying true to the relationships that define our firm while expanding what we can deliver under the Mandelbaum Barrett name."

For Mandelbaum Barrett, the addition of IBO attorneys marks a significant milestone in its steady growth trajectory. What began in 1930 as a single-attorney practice founded by Irving Mandelbaum has evolved into a firm of approximately 150 attorneys entering 2026. Chairman Barry R. Mandelbaum describes the integration as both a celebration of the firm's history and a clear signal of its future direction.

Ultimately, this partnership underscores a simple but powerful message: IBO clients are not losing a firm, they are gaining one. With the same trusted attorneys and an expanded network of resources, they are better positioned than ever to meet today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

In a profession where continuity and trust matter deeply, Mandelbaum Barrett and the former IBO team are proving that growth and tradition can go hand in hand, delivering enhanced value without compromise.

Adding Life to Years: The Medical Innovations

BY MIMI SANTRY

If you search for quotes about aging, you'll find more dread than optimism.

- "Aging is no place for wimps." — Bette Davis
- "You know you are getting old when everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work." — Hy Gardner

I was once given a book titled *The Joys of Aging*. When I opened it, the pages were blank. It was meant to be funny—but like many jokes about aging, it reflects a widely held belief: that growing older is a slow, inevitable decline marked by loss, limitation, and discomfort. The good news is that this narrative is becoming less true.

A Shift in How We Think About Aging

For much of modern medicine, healthcare has been focused on treating disease after it appears. Today, that model is changing.

There is growing emphasis on prevention, early detection, and lifestyle—exercise, sleep, nutrition, and social connection—all of which are now clearly linked to longer and healthier lives.

But beyond lifestyle, there is another shift that many families may not fully appreciate: innovation within the medical community itself is beginning to meaningfully change how we age.

In my work with families, one of the most common fears I hear is the loss of independence. What is encouraging is that many of these advances are not just extending lifespan—they are helping people stay active, engaged, and self-sufficient for longer.

To better understand what is actually making a difference, I spoke with several local physicians about what they are seeing in their practices.

What Doctors Are Seeing on the Front Lines

Helping Patients Stay Independent Longer

Dr. Jeffrey Green, Cardiologist

From his perspective as a cardiologist focused on keeping patients out of the hospital, Dr. Jeffrey Green has seen meaningful progress through remote patient monitoring.

"Remote patient monitoring (RPM) is an extraordinarily useful approach to managing patients with cardiac risk factors, particularly seniors. Devices can track weight, blood pressure, heart rhythm, and activity, and transmit that data between visits. This allows us to detect issues early and intervene before they become serious."

In practical terms, this means fewer emergency room visits and greater confidence living independently at home.

For individuals without acute conditions, consumer devices such as smartwatches and wearable trackers are also increasing awareness of sleep, heart rate, and activity patterns—giving people more visibility into their own health than ever before.

Targeting the Biology of Aging

Dr. Erika Krauss, Internist & Integrative Medicine Specialist

Dr. Erika Krauss sees aging not as a fixed decline, but as a process that can be influenced—particularly through emerging therapies and smarter use of existing treatments.

One area generating interest is senotherapeutics, which target what are commonly referred to as "zombie cells," known medically as senescent cells.

"These are aging, dysfunctional cells that accumulate over time and contribute to inflammation,

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Dr. Gil Chimes



Dr. Jeffrey Green



Dr. Erika Krauss

frailty, and many age-related conditions. By targeting and removing them, researchers hope to reduce some of the physical decline associated with aging."

Another promising area is the repurposing of existing medications.

"Drugs that were originally developed for one condition are showing benefits in others. For example, certain diabetes medications have been shown to support heart health and may improve energy production at the cellular level."

There is also growing interest in how medications like GLP-1s may influence the brain's reward system, with potential implications for reducing cravings and addictive behaviors.

At the same time, more coordinated care is helping address a longstanding issue for older adults: overmedication.

"Medication management has improved significantly, thanks to better-connected

health systems. We're better able to see the full picture and reduce unnecessary prescriptions."

In my experience working with families, this issue—often called the "prescribing cascade," where side effects are treated as new conditions—is more common than many realize. Improvements here alone can have a meaningful impact on both quality of life and clarity of care.

Restoring Strength, Recovery, and Vitality

Dr. Gil Chimes, Greenwich Sports Medicine

From a performance and musculoskeletal perspective, Dr. Gil Chimes is seeing increasing interest in therapies aimed at improving how people feel and function as they age.

"Some of the most promising approaches involve combining improvements in diet, exercise, and sleep with therapies such as peptide treatments and

hormone replacement therapy." These approaches aim to support recovery, energy, and overall physical performance.

At the same time, it's important to note that research in this area is still evolving, and these therapies are not appropriate for everyone. Careful evaluation, proper medical oversight, and individualized treatment plans are essential.

What is notable, however, is the shift in mindset—from simply managing decline to actively improving how people function.

"Patients often report that they feel stronger, more energetic, and more capable in their daily lives," Dr. Chimes noted.

What This Means for Families

As Dr. Krauss aptly put it: "The goal is no longer just to add years to life, but to add life to those years."

For families navigating aging—whether for themselves or for loved ones—the takeaway is that the trajectory is changing.

The later years are no longer defined solely by decline. With the right combination of lifestyle, medical care, and awareness of what is available, many people are maintaining independence, mobility, and engagement far longer than previous generations.

In my work, I see firsthand how access to the right information—and the right professionals—can make a meaningful difference in both outcomes and peace of mind.

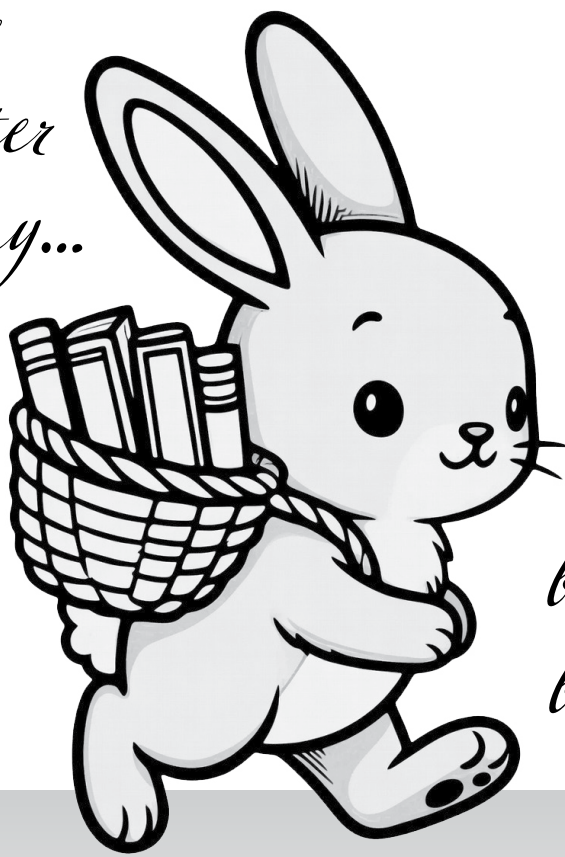
Aging is inevitable. But how we age is increasingly something we can influence.

And that is, without question, something to feel optimistic about.

Mimi Santry is a certified senior advisor and owner of Assisted Living Locators of Western CT. She works with families on issues of care and housing as they age.

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Education in the Age of AI: Innovation Guided by Values



BY MICHAEL F. BABER

All schools today face a defining responsibility: to ensure that students are prepared not only to navigate a world shaped by artificial intelligence, but to lead within it. AI is no longer a distant concept—it is embedded in the tools students use, the information they consume, and the decisions they will one day make. As educators, we are called to respond with both urgency and care, embracing innovation while remaining grounded in the enduring purpose of education: to form thoughtful, ethical, and capable human beings. This is a call we eagerly embrace at Sacred Heart Greenwich.

Preparing students for this reality requires more than simply introducing new technologies into the classroom. It demands a shift in how we think about teaching and learning. Students and educators alike, must develop the ability to engage critically with AI—understanding how it works, recognizing its gifts and limitations, and questioning the outputs it generates. In an age where information is abundant and easily produced, discernment becomes one of the most essential skills a school can cultivate.

At Sacred Heart Greenwich, this work is approached with both intention and balance. AI is not treated as a shortcut, but as a tool that, when used thoughtfully, can deepen learning and expand possibilities. Faculty engage regularly in professional development to stay current with emerging trends, ensuring

that their approach is informed, strategic, and aligned with best practices in education. Classrooms are evolving in measured ways, integrating AI to support inquiry, creativity, and efficiency—while maintaining the central role of the teacher as guide and mentor.

Equally important is the recognition that AI introduces complex ethical questions that schools cannot afford to ignore.

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Students must be taught to navigate these challenges with integrity and understand not only what AI can do, but what it should do—and where human judgment must take precedence. These are not abstract ideas; they are real-world considerations that will shape how this generation leads in college, careers, and beyond.

A values-based approach to AI education is essential. At Sacred Heart Greenwich, this means grounding conversations about technology in a broader commitment to ethical decision-making for the common good and personal responsibility. Students are encouraged to reflect on the impact of their choices, to consider the sources and reliability of information, and to use AI in ways that enhance—not diminish—their own thinking. By setting clear expectations and fostering open dialogue, educators help students develop a framework for responsible use that will extend far beyond the classroom.

There is also a critical emphasis on preserving the authenticity of student work. While AI can assist in brainstorming or organization,

it cannot replace the process of developing one's own voice, perspective, and ideas. Growth happens through struggle, revision, and reflection—experiences that no algorithm can replicate. By reinforcing these principles, educators ensure that technology serves as a support, rather than a substitute, for genuine intellectual development.

Ultimately, the goal is not to produce students who are

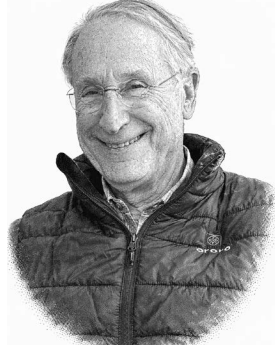
proficient in using AI, but individuals who are thoughtful about its role in their lives and in society. This requires a holistic approach, one that integrates technical understanding with ethical awareness and strong critical thinking skills. Schools that embrace this balance will be best positioned to prepare students for the complexities of the future.

As AI continues to evolve, so too must education. The schools that will lead are those that approach this moment with clarity of purpose—recognizing that innovation and humanity are not in opposition, but must move forward together. At Sacred Heart Greenwich, this belief guides our work, as we strive to prepare young women with confidence, integrity, and purpose.

Michael F. Baber, President of Sacred Heart Greenwich has more than two decades of Sacred Heart education. A distinguished educator, he has been recognized with prestigious honors including the Edward E. Ford Fellowship in 2005. Mr. Baber has a B.A. in Philosophy from St. Charles Seminary and a Master's degree from Sacred Heart University.

Editorial Page

BET Decision Day Chair's Statement



The Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) unanimously approved the FY '26-27 budget, which now moves to the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) for final review. This budget reflects a rigorous effort to limit the tax burden, maintain essential services, invest in critical capital projects, and establish a sustainable long-term capital and funding plan.

Key Highlights:

Fiscal Discipline: The BET reduced the First Selectman's initial budget by over \$6 million, a more substantial reduction than in recent budget cycles. This was achieved through carefully scrutinizing budgeting practices and deep collaboration with departments

rather than arbitrary cuts. Combined with the Grand List revaluation, the proposed mill rate is 10.12, making ours the lowest in Connecticut.

Sustained Service Levels: Unlike in prior years, these fiscal adjustments are designed to protect and enhance the services our residents rely on. While overall headcount will be reduced, we followed the lead of Town departments and Boards and also invested strategically where provable need exists. The bipartisan BOE budget was fully funded without prior years' friction. Productive dialogue among all BET members throughout the budget review process produced a welcome consensus, avoiding divisive last-minute confrontation, controversy, and public alarm.

Infrastructure Investment: We funded several critical capital projects that the prior BET had deleted. Some examples include pedestrian safety (the Indian Field Road sidewalk), resiliency (the Dearfield/Grove Culvert Replacement), and quality of life (electric leaf blowers). We are also moving forward with larger projects,

such as the Hamill Rink, Holly Hill redesign, and Roger Sherman Baldwin Park.

Holistic Capital Planning and Funding: Through the combined efforts of the Budget Committee, Debt and Fund Balance Policy Committee, Town departments, and RTM representatives, a more rigorous long-term capital plan is emerging. In this budget, we took a vital first step toward addressing the 'fiscal cliff' by increasing the capital tax levy by \$5million to a new level of \$66million.

Looking Ahead

We have concluded a transparent and productive process where all twelve BET members made meaningful contributions. As we move forward, we are already laying the groundwork for the FY '27-28 budget. Our goals remain clear: maintaining the high standard of services our residents cherish, ensuring tax stability, and funding critical infrastructure through a thoughtful, long-term lens.

David Weisbrod
BET Chair

Small Miracles

A newsroom measures itself not only in headlines produced, but in the resolve that sustains it when production seems improbable. This week, ours was tested by a small, unrelenting adversary: norovirus. It arrived without ceremony and spread with efficiency. Nearly the entire staff fell ill. Yet the paper you hold exists.

Such outcomes are the consequence of a habit—grit—that is less romantic than often portrayed. It is not loud. It does not announce itself. It is the decision, made repeatedly and without flourish, to continue.

Illness clarifies. It reduces ambition to essentials. A healthy day is revealed not as a default condition, but as a gift. One member of our staff observed, with plain accuracy, that we rarely understand the privilege of health until it is withdrawn. The statement contains a truth older than any newsroom: gratitude often follows deprivation.

This season reinforces that lesson. Lent is, at its core, a discipline of subtraction. It asks for restraint, for reflection, for an accounting of what matters. It is a period in which discomfort is not avoided but considered. The purpose is not austerity for its own sake, but preparation—for renewal, for Easter, for the restoration of what was diminished.

The rhythm is deliberate: trial precedes triumph.

Easter, then, is not merely a date on a calendar. It is the affirmation that restoration is possible, that what falters can be made whole. In religious terms, it is the central miracle. In daily life, its echoes are smaller but no less meaningful. A team recovering from illness. A community that shows up. A paper that goes to print when, by ordinary calculation, it should not.

These are not grand events. They are, however, instructive.

Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "That which does not kill us makes us stronger." The line is often invoked casually, but its implication is serious: adversity is not merely endured; it is formative. It shapes habits, deepens resolve, and recalibrates perspective. Strength is not an abstract virtue. It is acquired through repetition under strain.

This week offered such repetition. Work was done in fragments—between fatigue, between moments of recovery. Tasks that are ordinarily routine required intention. Deadlines, which typically govern the day, became secondary to something more fundamental: the will to contribute at all.

That will is the infrastructure of any institution worth sustaining.

There is, too, an element of what might be called providence—or, more modestly, good fortune. The convergence of effort, timing, and circumstance that allows a collective endeavor to succeed despite unfavorable conditions can feel disproportionate to its inputs. One might call it a small miracle. Not in the sense of suspending natural laws, but in the sense of revealing how much is possible when individuals act beyond what is convenient.

Albert Schweitzer offered a more practical formulation: "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." The sentiment applies here with particular force. The affection for the work—telling stories, informing readers, marking the week—creates a reservoir from which effort can be drawn when energy is otherwise scarce.

It also creates a bond with those who read the result.

A newspaper is not produced in isolation. It exists within a community and for it. The act of publishing, especially under strain, is a form of respect—for readers who expect consistency, for neighbors who rely on information, for a shared civic life that depends on continuity.

Gratitude, then, extends outward. To readers who return each week. To the broader community that gives the work its purpose. To the colleagues who, even while unwell, chose participation over absence.

And to the simple fact of recovery.

Health returns. Strength follows. Perspective, if retained, becomes the lasting benefit. The experience recedes, but its lesson need not.

Easter approaches with its familiar promise. Renewal is not theoretical. It is observed—in institutions, in communities, in individuals who endure a difficult week and emerge, if not unchanged, then clarified.

The paper was produced. That is a modest achievement. It is also, in its way, a tiny miracle every week.

Connecticut Can Protect Voting Rights and Election Integrity

Connecticut Can Protect Voting Rights and Election Integrity – We Don't Have to Choose

The Hartford Courant recently highlighted concerns from state leaders about federal proposals that would tighten voter-identification and citizenship-verification rules. Their argument is familiar: new safeguards could "disenfranchise" voters.

But what's missing from the conversation is the other half of the equation – the right of every eligible citizen to have their vote protected.

Connecticut may not have a widespread voter-fraud crisis. But we do have a crisis of confidence. And it didn't come from Washington. It came from Bridgeport.

For years, absentee ballot scandals in our largest city have resulted in arrests, investigations, and even overturned elections. These weren't hypotheticals or theories – they were real cases involving real ballots in real races. When voters see video of ballot abuse, it's not unreasonable for them to question whether the system is working as it should.

Yet when concerns are raised, the response is often the same: fraud is "rare," so reform isn't needed.

But that misses the point. Even a small number of improper ballots can affect close local elections. More importantly, when vulnerabilities are exposed, it erodes public trust. Confidence in our elections is essential – and once it's shaken, it becomes harder to restore.

The good news is that Connecticut doesn't need to choose between access and integrity.

We can strengthen both. A balanced, modern approach would introduce simple, common-sense verification tools, especially for absentee ballots, where most concerns have arisen. These could include:

- The last four digits of a Social Security number
- A driver's license or state ID number
- A secure voter PIN assigned to each voter
- Signature verification with human review

These safeguards are not barriers – they are protections. They help ensure that ballots are cast by those legally entitled to vote, while preserving easy access for legitimate voters.

And importantly, Connecticut would not be alone. States across the country – including Ohio, Michigan, Georgia, Minnesota, Utah, Colorado, Washington, and Oregon – already use combinations of these tools. These states span the political spectrum and maintain both high voter participation and secure election systems. The data does not support the claim that these measures suppress turnout.

We should also strengthen same-day registration. While it expands access, it also compresses eligibility verification into a single day. A practical solution is to allow same-day registrants to vote using provisional ballots that are counted once eligibility is confirmed. This protects access while ensuring accuracy.

None of these reforms prevent eligible citizens from voting. They ensure that every counted ballot is legitimate. Connecticut voters deserve

That's not partisan – that's responsible. And it's long overdue.

a system that is both open and secure. We can encourage participation without ignoring vulnerabilities. We can protect access while strengthening trust.

Election integrity and voter access are not opposing goals – they are complementary.

Because protecting the right to vote also means protecting the value of every vote.

Connecticut doesn't need to wait for Washington to act. We can lead. By adopting simple, proven safeguards that other states already use successfully, we can protect both the right to vote and the value of every vote.

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Matthew Corey is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut.

SEBAC Contracts Being Negotiated Now



Connecticut has long been known as the land of steady habits. Across the state, people rise early, often before dawn, to build lives for themselves and their families. From short order cooks, plumbers, and schoolteachers to investment professionals catching the train into the city, their work is disciplined, consistent, and rooted in responsibility.

That same spirit should define state government.

Connecticut residents contribute significantly to support public services. Our state ranks near the bottom (47th) in tax competitiveness, with a complex income tax system and one of the highest property tax burdens in the nation. The high taxes should secure a government that is accessible, accountable, and fully engaged in serving the public.

At its best, public service means responsiveness, efficiency, and presence. It means that when a resident calls a state agency, someone answers or calls back promptly. It means public offices are active, not empty, and that government functions in a way that enables it to fulfil its responsibilities.

Current practice falls far short of that

standard. Connecticut labor agreements (established by the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition, or SEBAC, contracts) actually permit state employees to work from home four days per week. As a result, residents frequently encounter unanswered calls and delayed responses. Expensively maintained state buildings sit largely vacant.

Meanwhile, state worker compensation continues to rise. Since 2018, average state employee pay has increased by 35% to \$94,675, outpacing inflation by around \$3,000. Over the same period, private-sector wages in Connecticut grew by 11.3% to around \$76,000; that's approximately \$9,000 below inflation. Public-sector compensation now exceeds both private-sector averages within the state and average state employee wages of comparable states, like Massachusetts, by almost \$10,000.

None of this reflects malicious intent. But it does suggest a set of policies and agreements that no longer align with the expectations of the people who fund them.

The solution is simple, but it isn't easy. Current SEBAC contracts are being negotiated now and will be re-established in 2027. The governor has an opportunity to reestablish basic management authority and set expectations that reflect residents' needs – but only if he is willing to take on Connecticut's dominant special interest: the state workers' union. These expectations include consistent in-person service, office attendance, and clear standards for responsiveness.

The legislature should hold itself to the same standard. During the pandemic, the Joint Rules of the House and Senate

(which govern legislative operations) created workarounds to permit remote participation in hearings and votes. Those accommodations made sense at the time (and for members of the public, they still do). But five years later, they remain in place for legislators, and in-person participation is still optional.

But legislating is not a purely transactional process. It depends on relationships, trust, and real-time negotiation, which happens most effectively through face-to-face interaction. A system built around remote participation risks diminishing the quality of deliberation and, over time, weakens representative government itself.

Yet state legislators also are receiving more money for working fewer hours in person. They received a 4.5% increase last year and are slated for another 4.5% increase again this year.

Connecticut's residents show up: to work, to care for their families, and to fund their state. They deserve a government that shows up, too.

A renewed commitment to presence, responsiveness, and accountability doesn't require new programs or higher spending. It simply requires aligning public servants with the same steady habits that characterize the hardworking people they serve.

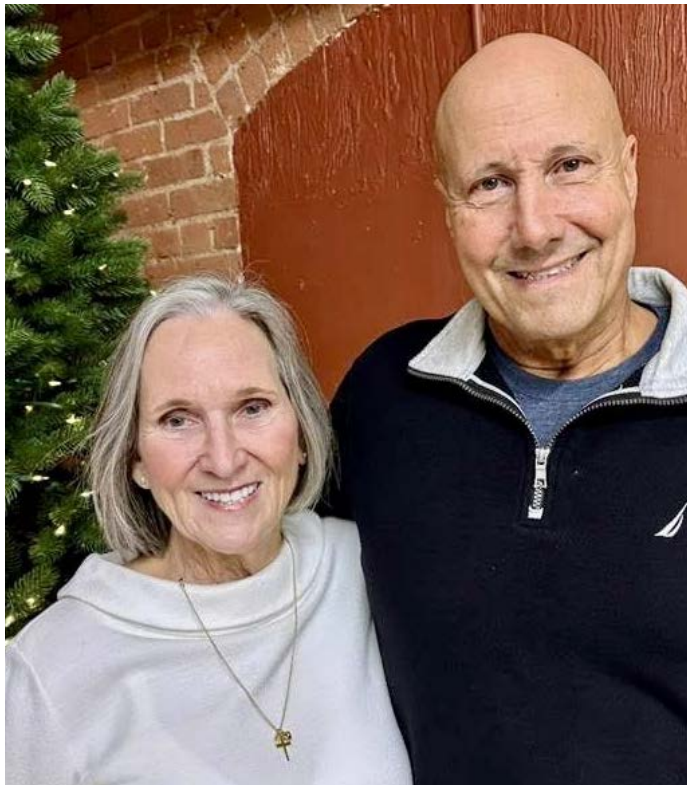
Responsible governance demands nothing less.

Carol Platt Liebau is the president of Yankee Institute, a Connecticut-based public policy organization advancing practical solutions to keep our state affordable, livable, and workable.

Leadership and Volunteerism Honored at Friends of Nathaniel Witherell Gala



Dr. Nidha Shah



Marie and David Micik

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

At this year's inaugural Art of Caring Gala, Friends of Nathaniel Witherell will honor individuals whose leadership and volunteerism strengthen the quality of care and daily life for seniors at The Nathaniel Witherell.

As the independent nonprofit supporting the town-owned skilled nursing and rehabilitation center, Friends of Nathaniel Witherell plays a critical role in advancing life at the facility - driving advocacy, raising essential funds, and operating a dynamic volunteer program that brings connection, activity, and human engagement to aging adults who live at The Nathaniel Witherell. The gala celebrates the people whose

commitment helps make that work come to life.

Dr. Nidha Shah will receive the Bridge Award for her leadership and dedication to improving care for older adults. A hospitalist at Greenwich Hospital, Dr. Shah has led impactful quality improvement initiatives focused on the needs of seniors throughout her career, including advancements in transitions of care for nursing homes, hospice transitions, fall prevention, and pneumonia education.

Dr. Shah has helped develop protocols that reduce hospital readmissions and allow seniors and veterans at The

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Nathaniel Witherell to be treated safely in place whenever possible.

The Spirit of Friendship Award will be presented to Marie and David Micik, whose volunteer service reflects the heart of the community Friends of Nathaniel Witherell works to build inside the facility.

Marie began volunteering in the Gift Shop in 2012, returning to a place deeply connected to her family's history. Soon after, David joined the volunteer program, helping transport wheelchair seniors to activities within the building so they can fully participate in daily programs.

The Miciks continue to volunteer each week, bringing companionship, conversation, and warmth to older adults.

Through leadership, philanthropy, and volunteer engagement, Friends of Nathaniel Witherell ensures that life at the facility extends far beyond clinical care. Honorees like Dr. Shah and the Miciks demonstrate how strong medical partnerships and committed volunteers help deliver not only excellent care, but dignity and community for the seniors who call The Nathaniel Witherell home.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the upcoming gala in support of the mission-driven work of Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, visit friendsofnathanielwitherell.org. Follow @friendsofnathanielwitherell for updates and stories of impact.

Lori Jackson Highlights Impact of Meals-on-Wheels at Rotary



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attendees. She emphasized that Meals-on-Wheels delivers far more than food. Each weekday, volunteers provide nutritious meals along with an essential wellness check that helps seniors and homebound residents remain safely in their homes.

Lori highlighted the profound impact the program has not only on clients but also on their families. For many relatives who live out of town, knowing that a trusted volunteer is checking in on a loved one provides

invaluable peace of mind. She also noted that physicians, social workers, and healthcare professionals across Greenwich regularly refer patients to Meals-on-Wheels, recognizing the program as a trusted partner in supporting health, independence, and quality of life.

Lori also spoke about another important initiative addressing an often unseen need in the community - childhood hunger. Through its Preschool Weekend Meal Program, Meals-on-Wheels

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of Greenwich sends nutritious shelf-stable food home with preschool children each Friday so they have meals when school cafeterias are closed.

The Rotary Club of Greenwich, one of the town's longstanding civic organizations, brings together community leaders committed to service. The club supports initiatives that strengthen Greenwich while advancing Rotary's global mission of "Service Above Self."

Lori's presentation reinforced how Meals-on-Wheels serves as an essential community infrastructure - ensuring that neighbors in Greenwich have access to nutritious meals, daily connection, and the support needed to remain safely at home.

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JEANNINE WOJNAS

Jeannine S. Wojnas of Greenwich, CT, passed away on March 25, 2026. The daughter of the late Joseph and Julia Krempa Wojnas. Jeannine was born in France and came to the United States with her family in 1956 and settled in Greenwich. She graduated from Greenwich High School and also attended Norwalk Community College and the University of Bridgeport. Through the years, Ms. Wojnas held various executive assistant positions at Clairrol, GTE and Aon Re. She was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Byram. Jeannine was a former member of many organizations and a volunteer.

She is survived by her sister, Marie J. Donley, of Colorado Springs, CO; nephew, David M. Donley of Commack, NY; niece, Laurie J. Pauka (Luis) of Colorado Springs, CO; and three great-nephews, Jon, Marc and Steven.

To honor her life, family and friends gathered on Tuesday, March 31, at COXE & GRAZIANO FUNERAL HOME, Greenwich, CT, followed by a prayer service and interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, in Rye Brook, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 95A Henry Street, Greenwich, CT 06830, (203)-531-8730, <https://sacredheartgreenwich.org/>, or Adopt-A-Dog, 23 Cox Avenue, Armonk, NY 10504, 914-273-1674, <https://adopt-a-dog.org/donate/>



SARAH GHIORSE

10/07/1973 - 03/24/2026

Sarah Ruth Ghiorse lived with strength and loved with her whole heart. She died at her home in Santa Fe, NM, from cancer. Powerful, devoted, and deeply rooted in love for her family and community, she built a legacy that will continue to shape the lives she touched. Born and raised in Greenwich, CT, she came of age in Santa Cruz and San Francisco, Calif., and put down roots in 2005 in Santa Fe, NM, cultivating beauty and community with her everywhere she went. Through the sharing of beautiful food, a commitment to social justice, a deep spiritual practice, and remarkable academic prowess, Sarah left an indelible impression on all who knew her.

Sarah served as President and CEO of the NewMexicoWomen.Org, leading with unwavering commitment to gender justice and centering her work in healing and equity. Under her leadership, the organization grew significantly; Sarah raised and mobilized millions of dollars in service to the New Mexico communities most impacted by inequity. Social justice work wasn't simply Sarah's profession; it was the thread woven through everything she was and stood for.

No matter her role, mother, sister, daughter, friend, partner, or community leader, Sarah made those around her feel seen and heard. She preferred depth over surface in her interactions, asking profound questions, connecting ideas across disciplines and experiences, providing creative analysis, and gently challenging those she loved to reflect, to learn, and to grow. Her greatest sources of joy were

hiking, running, music, and sitting around a fire, with her children and the people she cherished, sharing poetry, stories, and songs.

Sarah is preceded in death by her husband, Luke Spangenburg. She is survived by her children, Nico and Sadie Spangenburg, who carry forward her legacy of community, working for justice, and love for nature and adventure. She is also survived by her mother, Ann D'Elia, and stepfather, Danny Martin; her father, Peter Ghiorse, and stepmother, Linda Ghiorse; her sisters, Alison Ghiorse and Catherine Ghiorse (Joe McCarthy); her brothers, Matthew Ghiorse (Melissa Curtin), Pete Ghiorse (Caroline Ghiorse) and James Ghiorse; and a large and beloved extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews, many dear friends, and the sweet family dog, Oona.

Those who love her are asked to carry her forward by living generously, creating beauty, doing the hard and sacred work of personal growth, and tending the fires she built and lit. Contributions in her memory may be made to the "Nico and Sadie Spangenburg Trust" via www.nicoandsadie.com or by contacting Peter Ghiorse at NicoSadie55@gmail.com



LINDA ST. PIERRE

Linda J. (Thompson) St. Pierre, 83, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at her home. She was the beloved wife of the late Gerald St. Pierre, with whom she shared 45 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Born in Greenwich, CT, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Rosalie (Prather) Thompson. Linda was a longtime resident of Hartford, where she took great pride in her neighborhood and was actively involved in her community. She held various retail positions throughout the years but devoted much of her life to caring for others as she ran an in-home daycare, where she lovingly nurtured countless children.

Above all, Linda's greatest joy came from her family, especially her role as a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, and the love she so freely gave to those around her.

Linda is survived by her four children, James O'Hara; Allyson Frenette and her husband, John, of Utah; Joseph St. Pierre of Newington; and Randal St. Pierre and his wife, Stephanie, of Newington; as well as several cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also leaves her brother, Joseph Thompson of Wolcott, along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Kimberly Ramos, and her brother, John Thompson.

Calling hours were on Tuesday, March 31, at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, Newington. To share a memory or offer condolences, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



MARY MCKENZIE

Mary J. McKenzie of Stonington, CT, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2026, in Westerly, Rhode Island, after a long

illness. She was surrounded by long-time friends and family who loved her deeply.

Born in New York City, in 1964, to parents, William B. McKenzie and Jocelyn B. McKenzie, Mary was the eldest of three daughters. The family moved to Riverside, CT, where Mary graduated from Greenwich High School. She attended Hartwick College, earning a BS in Life Sciences.

Mary had a life-long interest in the ocean and sea life, working at the New England Aquarium in Boston, Theater of the Sea in the Florida Keys, and Mystic Aquarium, where she trained dolphins, beluga whales, and sea lions.

Later, she worked at Pfizer, then at DeKalb/Monsanto in Mystic as a cell biologist researcher. At Monsanto, she earned company awards for her teamwork, organizing many memorable parties and social events for the staff, which she loved to do. She earned her Masters of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of New Haven. Later, Mary worked at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography in Narragansett.

In the 1990s, Mary followed another lifetime passion - baking, cooking, and entertaining. She studied at Peter Kump's New York Baking and Pastry School in Manhattan, earning a Blue Ribbon Certification, followed by an internship at Martha Stewart Living magazine, and baking custom cakes.

Mary had a great gift for friendship, opening up her home and garden, entertaining friends, always making a special dessert for any celebration. She held strong opinions on dining out, and loved exploring new spots and frequenting old favorites. She showed persistence and determination in athletics, including cycling, paddle-boarding, scuba diving and snorkeling, skiing, ice and inline skating, competing on teams in many races and triathlons, always with friends. Endlessly curious and always excited to try new things, Mary recently took up painting, and her pet portraits were beloved. She loved the natural world: plants, flowers, marine animals, and every dog she ever met. She adored cooking shows and classic rock, along with puzzles, games, mysteries, and knew the plot of every Columbo episode. Happily living and working in the coastal Connecticut/Rhode Island area, she visited Block Island every summer and was a member of the Wadawanuck Club in Stonington.

Mary is survived by her father, William B. McKenzie, of Mystic, CT; sister, Kate and her husband, Peter, of New York City; sister, Amy, her partner, Andy, and their son, Jack, of Santa Fe, NM; her close friend, David Walters of North Stonington; and other extended family. Her mother, Jocelyn, predeceased her in 2018.

A memorial service will be held later this spring. To honor Mary's memory, her family requests that in lieu of flowers, her friends consider planting a tree to remember her, or donating to charities that reflect Mary's spirit: The Mystic Aquarium Animal Rescue Program or The Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island.

For online condolences, please visit www.buckler-johnston.com

RAY WALKER

Ray Carter Walker, born November 26, 1933, son of George Herbert Walker, Jr. and Mary Carter Walker, died peacefully at his home in Brattleboro, Vt. March 19, 2026.

Ray grew up in Greenwich, CT, attended Greenwich Country Day School, Groton School and then Yale University, graduating in 1955. In 1954 he was awarded MVP on the Yale baseball team and later that summer married his childhood sweetheart Emily Thompson in Kennebunkport, ME. He was an avid athlete and a scholar. He graduated from Harvard Business School and entered the family firm, G. H. Walker Inc. on Wall Street, working for his father with his brother, Bert Walker. After 10 years in investment banking his interest turned to exploring his own and others' inner life. He entered into therapy with Dr. Esther Harding, a protege of Carl Jung, and began his journey to become a Jungian psychiatrist. He attended Columbia University for pre-med studies, and graduated from Yale Medical School in 1970. He maintained a private practice for 30 years.

In 1970 he married a second time to Jeanne Cowan Whetstone in Guilford, CT. Together they enjoyed 55 years of adventures in three states, CT, MA and VT, farming, raising miniature donkeys, sheep and goats, attending film festivals, reading extensively, gardening, traveling and enjoying an ever-growing family. Ray forever remained a champion of underdog sports teams, rooting for his Pittsburgh Pirates and not-so-underdog Steelers with a

religious passion.

Ray and Jeanne and the family have appreciated all the love and care shown by their team of devoted aides over the past 8 years: Diana Vargas, Brittany Sanville, Frankie Dolster, Paula Newton, Ashley Copeta, Brenda Fawcett, Karen Vargas, Lorena Mendez, Luis Mendez and Rory Lincoln. They were well cared for, too, by Bayada Hospice service.

Ray is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Walker Holden; 6 children: Christopher, Scott (&Louise), Daniel (&Leslea) and David (&Cary) Walker and Stephen (&Cheryl) and Krista (&Sabin Streeter) Whetstone; 14 grandchildren: Josiah (&Caitlyn), Zion, Seraphim, Samuel (&MacKenzie), Luke, Timothy (&Johanna), Hannah (&Daniel Miracola), Douglas and partner Erin Winters, Lucy, and Nicholas Walker, Maxwell and Sophia Whetstone, and Otis and Hazel Streeter; and 8 great grand children: Misaiel, Adalia, Ellie, Mateo Walker; Caleb, Ben and Lily Miracola and Ray Winters Walker.

A Memorial service will be held in the summer at Black Mountain Estates in Brattleboro, VT.

To view Ray's Online Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, visit www.phaneuf.net

FRANK FORTE

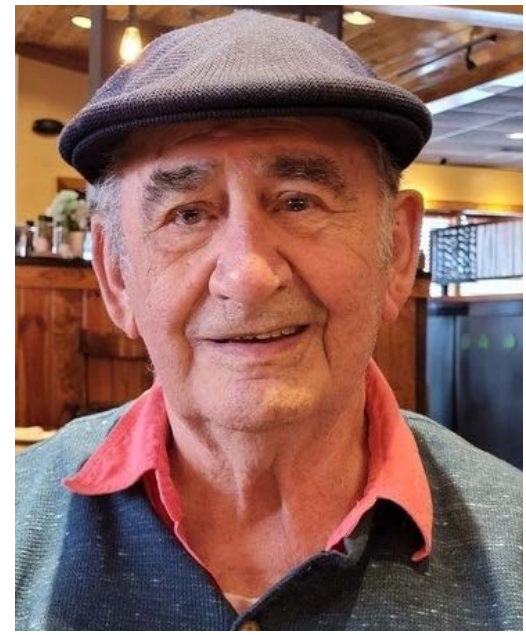
Frank V. Forte, 84, died Saturday, February 28, 2026. The son of Frank V. Forte and Laura C. (Boskello) Forte, born September 15, 1941, in Greenwich, CT.

He was happily married to Anne Jane (Coughlin) Forte of Stamford, CT, for 60 wonderful years of marriage.

He was predeceased by his wife, Anne Jane Forte; and his son, Daniel Forte. He is survived by his daughter, Kristin Forte; granddaughters, Lauren Adams, Jessica Gereben, and Stephanie Adams; his brothers, Joseph Forte and William Forte; nieces and nephew, Laura Forte, Colleen Manaloukas, Kelly Marin, Maureen Fetcho, MaryKate Pressler, Kathleen Mayone, and Brian Coughlin.

As a well respected Construction Superintendent for over 40 years, he constructed many various complex buildings and high-rises in CT and NY, including the Sony Building in NYC, NY.

Frank was a loving husband and devoted father that always put family first, he will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved him. There will not be any services at this time; a Memorial Service will be planned at a later date.



ALBERT DIBELLA

Albert James DiBella, a lifelong resident of Greenwich and recently Shelton, CT, passed away five days before his ninety sixth birthday on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, after a short illness.

Born on March 2, 1930, to the late James and Josephine (Sarica) DiBella, he was raised in a large, loving family in the Chickahominy section of town. A naturally gifted artist and animal lover, he could often be found drawing wildlife scenes. After graduating Greenwich High School in 1947, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy for four years as a cook and baker. He later held various jobs in Greenwich companies as a field accountant. One such job led him to Sacramento, CA, where he met the love of his life, Mary Cardis, and married her seven months later. They returned to Connecticut to raise their children in Glenville.

Al acquired much success with opening his own businesses, the Glenville Delicatessen and Homestead Landscaping. After retirement and the passing of his beloved wife of forty years, he enjoyed traveling to Florida, golfing with his buddies, playing guitar, watching his favorite team, the New England Patriots and visiting with his family. His sense of humor and quick wit will be missed most of all.

He leaves behind his devoted family who will greatly miss him: sons Albert Jr, Richard, and Michael; daughters Lynn

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Worship Directory and Services

Assemblies of God

Harvest Time Church

1338 King St., 203-531-7778
www.htchurch.com

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. Anchor Night for Young Adults, 3rd Fri of month. *Good Friday Worship Celebration (Stamford Palace Theatre): April 3, 7pm. Easter Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 5, 7pm. Come For Coffee: Wednesday, April 8, 7pm. B3 Expo: Sunday, April 12.*

Baptist

First Baptist Church

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

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

Greenwich Baptist Church

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

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

Catholic

Sacred Heart Church

95 Henry St.; 203-531-8730
www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. *Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. Holy Week: Holy Thursday - April 2: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6pm, followed by Adoration until 10pm. Good Friday - April 3: Passion of the Lord, 3pm; Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm. Holy Saturday - April 4: Blessing of the Easter Food, 12pm; Easter Vigil, 8pm. Easter Sunday - April 5: Masses, 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am.*

St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes

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

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

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm - Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine's Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine's Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church; 5:15pm - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30pm. *Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals - Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. 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. Holy Week: Holy Thursday - April 2: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm, St. Catherine. Good Friday - April 3: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3pm, St. Catherine; Via Crucis, 12pm, 15 Landing Rock Rd. Riverside; Station of the Cross with Traditional Choir and Organ, 6pm. Holy Saturday - April 4: 7:30pm, St. Catherine; Stations of the Cross following the 7:30pm Mass until 11pm, Lucey Parish Hall. Easter Sunday - April 5: 7:30, 9, 10:30am & 12pm (in Spanish), St. Catherine, 9am, Lucey Parish Hall.*

St. Mary Church

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

Public Mass: Sun, 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm. *Lent: Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent, 7pm, in the Church; Via Crucis en Español - Fridays of Lent, 7pm, in the Church; Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions heard in the Chapel: Fridays, 11:30am; Saturdays, 4-5pm; in Spanish, 6-6:45pm. Adoration: Fridays, 10am-3pm. Holy Week: Holy Thursday - April 2: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm; Adoration of the Altar Repose, 9pm-12am. Good Friday - April 3: Stations of the Cross, 12pm; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3pm; Pasión & Adoración, 6:30pm. Holy Saturday - April 4: Solemn Easter Vigil, 7:30pm. Easter Sunday - April 5: Liturgies, 9, 10:30am & 12:15pm.*

St. Michael the Archangel

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

Mass: Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:15pm. Sunday Masses: 8am, 9:45am, 12pm, 5:15pm. Daily Masses:

Mon-Sat, 9am. *Holy Week: Holy Thursday - April 2: Mass, 7pm; Night of Prayer, 9:15pm. Good Friday - April 3: Morning Prayer, 9am; Confessions, 12-2:30pm; Liturgy of the Passion, 3pm; Stations of the Cross, 6pm; Night Prayer, 9:15pm. Holy Saturday - April 4: Prayer, 9am; Vigil Liturgy, 8pm. Easter Sunday - April 5: Mass, 8am, 9:45am & 12pm; Egg Hunt, 11am.*

St. Timothy Chapel

1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

Mass: Saturday Vigil Mass, 4pm. Sunday Mass, 11am.

St. Paul Church

84 Sherwood Ave.; 203-531-8741
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. Fridays in Lent: Candlelit Stations of the Cross, every Friday, 5:30pm, followed by soup & bread in the Parish Center, all are welcome. Holy Week: Holy Thursday - April 2: Mass of The Lords Supper. Good Friday - April 3: Passion, 3pm; Stations of The Cross, 5:30pm; Confessions, 6pm. Easter Vigil: April 4, 8pm. Easter Sunday - April 5: Masses, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am & 5pm; Easter Egg Hunt, immediately following the 11:30am Mass, All children of all ages are welcome.*

St. Roch Church

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

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time. *Lent: Sunday Masses: Sat, 4pm Vigil; Sun, 7:30am, 10am & 12pm (in Spanish). Weekday Masses: Mon-Fri, 6pm. Confessions: Mon-Thu, 5:30-6pm; Fri, 5-5:30pm; Sat, 3-3:45pm; Sun, 11:30am-12pm. Fridays: Confessions, 5pm; Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm; Mass, 6pm; Stations of the Cross (in Spanish), 7pm. Following the Mass, all are welcome to a Lenten soup in the basement. Adoration: 1st Fri, 9am-5pm.*

Christian Science

First Church of Christ, Scientist

11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencet.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. *Sunday Sermons: April 5: Unreality. April 12: "Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?" Special Lecture: Tuesday, April 14: "Never Alone: how spiritual ideas work in us," 7pm.*

Community

First Church of Round Hill

464 Round Hill Rd; 203-629-3876
www.firstchurchofroundhill.com

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. *Holy Week Observances: Maundy Thursday Service - April 2: 5pm, First UMC (59 E. Putnam Ave., Greenwich). Good Friday Service - April 3: 12pm, Diamond Hill UMC (521 E. Putnam Ave., Cos Cob); Jazz Vespers, 7pm, First UMC Stamford (42 Cross Rd., Stamford). Easter Sunday Service - April 5: 10am, FCRH Sacrament of Holy Baptism.*

Round Hill Community Church

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children's Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. *Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. Round Hill Art & Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm. Holy Week: Maundy Thursday - Supper Service: April 2, 5pm, in the Parlor. Easter at RHCC - April 5: Worship with a special prelude by the Calliope Brass Quintet, 9:45am; Bunch & Egg Hunt, following worship, All are welcome!*

Congregational

The First Congregational Church

108 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-1791
www.fccog.org

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. *Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service: April 2, 6-7:45pm. Good Friday - April 3: Crosswalk to the beach, 12pm; Worship Service, 7:30pm. Easter Sunday - April 5: Sunrise Service, 6am, Tod's Point; Festival Easter Services, 9 & 11am, in the Meeting-house & streamed online.*

North Greenwich Congregational

606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
(Instagram @north_greenwich_church)

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

Second Congregational Church

139 E Putnam Ave; 203-869-9311
www.2cc.org

Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am. Livestream

available for 10:30am service. Children's Chapel during 10:30am worship. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @2CCGreenwich. All are welcome here! *Maundy Thursday - April 2: Worship, 7pm. Vacation Bible School: Friday, April 3, 9-11:30am, Registration required. Good Friday - April 3: Worship, 7pm. Easter Sunday - April 5: Worship, 6:30am & 10:30am.*

Episcopal

Anglican Church of the Advent

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

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

Christ Church Greenwich

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Friday Bible Study with Rev. Tim Hamlin: Fri, 10am. Messy Church Eucharist: Sun, 8:45am. Bagels & Bibles: Sun, 10:05am. Sacred Ground Group Discussion Series: Mon., April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 6:30pm, on Zoom. Grapes & Grains: Thurs., April 16, 23, 30 & May 7, 4:45pm. Holy Week: Maundy Thursday - April 2: Eucharist Service, 7:30pm. Good Friday - April 3: Service, 12-3pm; Children's Service: Walking the Stations of the Cross, 4-4:45pm. Holy Saturday - April 4: Vigil, 7:30pm. Easter Sunday - April 5: Sunrise Outdoor Eucharist, 7:30am; Holy Eucharist in the Chapel (In-person only), 7:30am; Festival Holy Eucharist Family Service, 9am; Festival Holy Eucharist with Choir, 11am. Volunteer to pack DOMUS lunches: Sunday, April 12 & May 10, After Messy Church. Sunday, April 12: Sunday Forum: Susan Herbst, 11:15am; Joyful Noise with Anna Jacobson, 5pm.*

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526
www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 10AM (in person and livestreamed). Our exciting Sunday School programs for kids and youth take place during the 10am service: Children's Church for kids 4-8 years old, and YC (Youth Church) for those 9+. Children are also welcome in church for both services, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Sundays also feature joyful preaching by our clergy, Father Justin and Rev. Phoebe, and beautiful music by our director of music, Marnus Greyling, and the St. Barnabas Choir. Come experience the joy of the God of Jesus Christ. Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience. *Holy Week: Maundy Thursday - April 2: Choral Eucharist, 7:30pm. Good Friday - April 3: Said Service, 12pm; Choral Service, 7:30pm. Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4: Choral Eucharist, 7:30pm. Easter Sunday - April 5: Choral Eucharist with Brass, 9am; Egg Hunt, 10am; Choral Eucharist with Brass, 11am.*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447
www.stpaulsriverside.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. *Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Service: April 2, 7pm. Good Friday - April 3: Cross Walk (Binney Park), 12pm; Liturgy, 7pm. Easter Sunday Services: April 5, 9 & 11am.*

St. Saviour's Episcopal Church

350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262
www.saintsaviours.org

Worship: every Sunday for Holy Eucharist at 10am (in person and on Zoom). Coffee Hour immediately following worship service. Please visit our website for the Zoom link and to sign up for our Newsletter. Come and See! *Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, April 2 - Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar, 7pm; Good Friday, April 3, 7pm; Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4, 11am; Easter Sunday, April 5 - Holy Eucharist, 10am.*

Jewish

Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich

75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059
www.chabadgreenwich.org

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. *Soul Spa: The Five Books of Miriam: Uplifting Feminine Voices: Sat, 10am-12pm, on Zoom. Unlocking the Jewish Prayerbook-Opening the Liturgy: Sun, 5-6pm.*

Congregation Shir Ami

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

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. *Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Meet the Midrash: Saturdays, 10am, through Aug. 9, on Zoom. Online Yizkor Service: Wednesday, April 8, 7:30pm, on Zoom. Shabbat Service: Friday, April 10, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich.*

Greenwich Reform Synagogue

92 Orchard St.; 203-629-0018
www.grs.org

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday,

6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Blood Drive: Monday, April 6.*

Temple Shalom

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

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Passover Services: Seventh Day Morning Yontif Service - Wednesday, April 8, 10:30am* Eighth Day Morning Yontif and Yizkor Services - Thursday, April 9, 10:30am. (*All are welcome to join us after each service for a congregational Kiddush lunch.)*

Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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

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

Methodist

Diamond Hill United Methodist

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

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

First United Methodist Church

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

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

Stanwich Church

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

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 9am & 10:45am. Kids Ministry for grades 5 and under, and Student Ministry for grades 6 & above, are offered. Live stream and recorded media are available at stanwichchurch.org. We'd love to meet you here! *Good Friday Service: April 3, 12pm, with nursery and Kids Ministry. Easter Sunday Services: April 5, 9 & 10:45am, with nursery, Kids Ministry, and Student Ministry.*

Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC

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

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Guided Meditation: Tuesday, April 7, 9am, Free, All are welcome. Virtual Course Spiritual Mediumship: Mondays, through April 13, 7-9pm, via zoom, \$120, Contact CSDPastor@gmail.com to register.*

Trinity Church

5 River Rd. (Office); 203-618-0808
www.trinitychurch.life

All are invited to Trinity's morning Worship Service at 10am every Sunday. We meet at the Hyatt Regency, 1800 E Putnam, Old Greenwich. Kids programs are offered for up to 5th grade and Youth programs are available for middle & high schoolers. Livestream and recorded messages can be viewed at www.trinitychurch.life. Hope you can make it! *Holy Week: Good Friday Service - April 3: 6:30pm, Hyatt Regency. Easter Sunday Service - April 5, 10am, Hyatt Regency.*

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Holy Week: Maundy Thursday - April 2: Communion service in the sanctuary, 7pm. Good Friday - April 3: Service in the sanctuary including the Chancel Choir and orchestra performing the Requiem Solemne by Johann Michael Haydn, 7pm. Easter Sunday - April 5: Family Friendly service, 9am; Easter Egg Hunt, 10am; Full Festival Service, 11am.*

Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave.
203-861-7555
www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sundays, 10am, The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich, 4 Horseneck Ln. & 4:30pm, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Church Lunch: 1st Sunday of every month, 12-2pm, Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich. Prayer Meeting: 3rd Sunday of every month, 10-10:30am, Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich. All are welcome. *Good Friday Service: April 3, 3-4pm, Boys and Girls Club.*

Living Hope Community Church

38 West End Ave; 203-637-3669
www.LivingHopect.org

Worship In-person & online (LivingHopect.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 for more information. Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Seder Celebration - Christ in the Passover: An Interactive Experience: Thursday, April 3, 7-8pm. Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 3, 7am-3pm. Good Friday Service: April 3, 7-7:30pm. Easter Sunday Services: April 5, 9am & 11am.*

Holy Week and Easter: Windows into the Heart of God



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

creates a spiritual movement that will become the foundation of the Church.

We see Jesus pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Not my will, but thy will be done." He models how we can surrender control to God, freeing ourselves from pretending to be God and allowing ourselves to become instruments in the hands of our loving Creator.

For Christians, there is no better week to comprehend the nature of God than Holy Week. This is the most important week in the Christian Year.

During this week, Jesus models a form of power which is completely antithetical to the way we usually see power being wielded in our world today.

We reenact the last week of Jesus' life on earth. The gospel stories about this week have left an indelible mark on our world for two millennium.

We see Jesus' great humility exercised and how he chooses the way of service to God and to others as opposed to pursuing selfish desires. Jesus makes no attempt to secure power or exercise control over others. His power is discovered in surrendering to God.

Jesus doesn't form a government or legislate political policies. Instead, he builds up individuals one at a time and

On the night before he died, Jesus knelt down and washed the feet of his disciples. It was the most unassuming thing imaginable. In that moment, he modeled servant leadership in a way that was so breathtaking that it has been remembered vividly and retold for twenty centuries.

The temptation for every leader is to become selfish, to believe one's own press, to stop listening and learning, to cast away humility and become callous, cruel, or even corrupt. Jesus faced down these temptations throughout his ministry.

Leadership in Jesus' eyes looks extraordinarily different than what we humans imagine. For Jesus, leadership is not about glitz or having one's name written in large letters or puffing up one's chest, boasting, or putting others down.

Rather, spiritual leadership

is about taking on the simplest and most humble of tasks and performing them with compassion.

Throughout the final week of his life, Jesus modeled empathy. Even on the way to the cross and as he hung upon that instrument of torture and shame, Jesus was watching out for others who were suffering, calling them by name, and comforting them in their pain.

The love that Jesus models is personal. As he hangs upon the cross, he entrusts his mother, Mary, into the safekeeping of John, the beloved disciple.

On Easter morning, when Mary Magdalene is the first human being to discover the Risen Christ, Jesus doesn't say, "It's me." Instead, he tenderly calls out, "Mary!" He makes it about her. Then he asks Mary questions, and he listens carefully to her responses.

Throughout it all, we see obedience – even when

obedience is costly. It cost Jesus his entire life and everything that he had – his savings, his profession, his youth, his future, his health, his family, his friends, his possessions – everything.

Yet, Jesus doesn't avoid his Passion but trusts that the suffering can lead to even greater peace, joy, and love. And he's right.

For two thousand years, the Church has honored the Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These are the cornerstones of Holy Week.

This year, Christ Church Greenwich is honored to have our former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preach at these three incredibly significant services. He is one of the greatest preachers in the world, a renowned author, and is most famous for having preached at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Each service of Holy Week offers a window into the heart of God, emphasizing things like hope, humility, obedience, sacrifice, service, integrity, empathy, and compassion.

Finally, after the sky had darkened and the earth shook and Jesus has breathed his last, when all of the sacrifice, service, obedience, and humility have been expressed, Jesus rises from the grave.

Everything that has been so painfully and richly expended is now transformed by grace into the peace, love, and joy of Easter morning. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. The Easter Vigil is our first taste of Easter morning followed by our four services on Easter day.

If our world needs one message today, it has to be this message of compassionate and inclusive love. We live in such a time of division, callousness, corruption, cruelty, and violence.

The Gospel message of Holy Week and Easter are countercultural to leaders who divide, mock, disparage, savage, intimidate, abuse, and neglect people. Jesus provides a message of hope that has never gone out of favor or lost its ability to inspire for more than two thousand years.

Holy Week and Easter model what humanity can be at its finest. They reveal how God poured out everything for us in Jesus and paid an infinite price to express his love for us.

So find your way into a church for the Triduum and for an Easter morning service. Let these services be your lens into the heart of God and may they set your heart on fire with a love that is contagious and a hope can never be extinguished.

The Rev. Marek P. Zabriskie is the Rector of Christ Church Greenwich and will be preaching at the 9 and 11 a.m. services on Easter Day.



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Obituaries, continued

Purus, Nancy D'Elia and Jacqueline Nigro, along with their spouses, his cherished sixteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, John (Pauline) and sister Georgia Aybar (Ray), along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Mary, his brother Armand and sister Virginia, all formerly of Greenwich.

There are no calling hours. At his request, burial will be private.



GERARD JONES

A devoted reader, dog-lover, friend, husband, and father, Gerard Jones (Gerry) died on February 10, 2026, at age 89. Sometimes right but never indecisive,

Gerry was quick to answer the phone with an opinion on everything from the Yankees' newest fielder, the 1923 collapse of the Ottoman Empire, or that day's politics.

Born in 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Richard and Betty Jones, Gerry spent his early childhood years in Shaker Heights and Winnetka, Illinois. When he was 12, Gerry's family moved to Greenwich, Connecticut, where he learned to love history at Greenwich Country Day School and lace his skates on the pond beyond his house. In 1952, Gerry headed to Phillips Academy Andover for high school, where he dove into American History, sports, and leadership opportunities. He took advantage of a fortuitous vacancy on their ice hockey team; a Thanksgiving break spent deflecting pucks in football cleats prepared Gerry to return to Andover as a goaltender, a position at which he would excel throughout high school and college. Along with stopping 66 pucks in a record-setting game against St. Lawrence, Gerry became the first ACHA All-American in Ice Hockey at Yale before he graduated in 1959.

After Yale, Gerard enlisted in the Navy, where he served for two years, touring Southeast Asia on a minesweeper before attending Yale Law School. He met his soon-to-be wife, Emily (Graves) Jones, during the summer of 1963. They married in the summer of 1965 and moved back to Greenwich, where they raised three daughters.

Every morning for twenty-five years, Gerry hopped the pre-dawn train to NYC, where he was a founding law partner of Richards and O'Neil during the busy 1980s world of mergers-and-acquisitions. In 1990, he started his own firm, Arch Street Law, in Greenwich. Nights found him relaxing

in front of a Yankee or Rangers game while shamelessly sneaking Ben and Jerry's spoonfuls to the dogs at his feet.

In addition to planting daffodils and caring for his favorite dogwood trees, Gerry loved competing against his friends in tennis and golf, and in boisterous Sunday-morning touch football games, earning the nickname "Give-and-Go" Jones. His daughters (and many of their closest friends) count themselves lucky to have learned ice hockey from Gerry; from 1978 to 1990, Coach Jones pioneered the Girls' Ice Hockey program at the Greenwich Skating Club, encouraging young women to join the team and "play the body."

The allure of living in Vermont full-time drew Emily and Gerry to Woodstock for their retirement. Watching the river from his deck, waving at neighbors, and having dinner outdoors with his wife and new friends brought Gerry great joy. In this phase of life, Gerry was also fortunate to realize long-held dreams of teaching history through Dartmouth's ILEAD program. Gerry and Emily also immersed themselves in history by traveling. Whether exploring cathedrals in St. Petersburg, summiting mountains in France and Africa, or skiing in Utah, Gerry was invested—companions appreciated the knowledge he shared, and that, despite his enthusiasm, Gerry would be packed and "just ready to go home to his dogs" a few days before the trip was over. Gerry taught his daughters to support what they loved; his many volunteer positions included serving as a Trustee for Andover, a member of the Board of the Vermont Law School, and chairman of the Board of the Nature Conservancy of Vermont.

Of all these jobs and roles, however, few rivaled being a grandfather. When his seven

grandsons would come to Vermont, Gerry was there, ready to babysit, host a holiday, ask about each boy's classes, friends, and interests, and chef up crispy, crepe-like pancakes. One lifelong friend described Gerry as "one with rare emotional intelligence, someone who could connect people both personally and professionally. He was always cheerful-optimistic, almost to a fault." Another noted, "he was the consummate friend, as loyal as a Labrador." Gerry was an organizer, always there for everyone. He will be greatly missed.

Gerry is survived by his daughters, Ginna (Anders Halverson) and Leila (Nick Shields), and by seven grandsons: Will, Charlie, and Toby Halverson; Theo, Henry, and Cyrus Shields; and Spencer Jones. He was predeceased by his daughter, Cathy Jones (Dave White), and his wife, Emily Jones.

A service will be held at 2:30 pm on Friday, April 24, at St. James Episcopal Church (2 St. James Place, Woodstock, Vermont).

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Easter and the Work of Wonder



BY ED HORSTMANN

There are three pencil sketches that hang in the dining room of the home where Susan, my spouse, and I live. They are not valuable as the art world measures value. But they matter deeply to us because of the story behind them. These sketches were drawn by my grandfather, Charles Eckerson. In the early years of the twentieth century, he worked at the Binghamton (N.Y.) State Hospital, married the love of his life, and together they were raising a young daughter, Norma--my mother. But then my grandfather died of pneumonia on Easter morning in 1916. He was just 25 years old. My mother was two.

On the day after Easter, someone--perhaps a colleague of my grandfather--wrestled with that loss by writing a piece for a local newspaper. The writer reflected on the stark contrast between a promising future and

the finality of death. "The death of Charles Eckerson is an illustration of how frail and uncertain is life. He was united in marriage to a highly esteemed young lady, had a pleasant home, a pride of which was their bright little baby. Then in one brief month comes death to crush the hopes and happiness of the new home..."

The writer continued with a short poem:

*"Yes, it is Easter morning,
All Nature is drenched in rain.
Within the walls of this building
A young wife's heart is filled with
pain.
And on Easter, when all hearts
With joy should be filled,
We wonder, ah, we wonder,
Why so it should be willed.
It may be God's special blessing
On one all loved so well,
To be called on this Easter morning
The Life of Peace to dwell."*

There's a struggle going on behind these words. This author seems pulled toward Easter and its promise of new life but is in shock over the death of a promising young man. Whoever wrote these words did not rush past lament. As if to say, "Death may not get the last word, but neither will it be silenced."

We live in a world that

A sense of wonder opens us to the movement of the Spirit... and gives us courage to join God in the work of creating a more loving, peaceful, and just world.

God. This kind of witness does not come easily. It takes time to cultivate. It requires defiant hope--a refusal to let despair have the final word. And

continually confronts us with Good Friday realities--loss, violence, and grief. We mark anniversaries of tragedy. We see the exploitation of people and land in the service of greed. Children across the world suffer when caught between warring nations. And yet...and yet, we see people rising up to choose life, to speak for life, to lean into the resurrection power of God at work in our world. We see defiant people who respond to suffering with courage and compassion.

Easter does not deny the reality of Good Friday. It does not erase suffering or undo loss. Instead, it asks a different question: How do we live in such a world without being defined by it?

The followers of Jesus faced that question. After his execution, they were disoriented and afraid. Some ran away. Others hid behind locked doors. Some simply returned to their old lives. But gradually, the movement that Jesus started received a second wind. The spirit of Easter inhabited fretful, fragile

people and transformed them from followers into leaders.

Those people came to believe that the love they experienced in Jesus had not died. That belief began to reshape their lives. They exalted the power of forgiveness. They practiced compassion towards friends and strangers. They began to live a Jesus way of life. They started to play another octave. That phrase comes from a story once told by Bill Moyers about John Sexton, the former president of New York University. As a young man, Sexton's piano teacher would urge him again and again: "Play another octave." Reach further. Imagine more.

That is the invitation of Easter. To play another octave is to choose hope when resignation feels easier. It is to act with compassion in a culture that often rewards indifference. It is to embrace the power of love as opposed to the love of power. It is to stand up to those people whose priorities and callousness contradict the love of

it is fueled by wonder. A sense of wonder opens us to the movement of the Spirit. And the Spirit of God is never resigned to cruelty or bullying. It helps us to imagine how to put love in practice. It gives us the courage to join God in the work of creating a more loving, peaceful, and just world.

How might we play another octave? Where might we be called to stretch towards more compassion or courage? We need not start with dramatic gestures. Over time, small choices, often unseen, shape the kind of world we inhabit for the better. And eventually those decisions can lead to actions that in turn help us to create a blessed future for all. A future full of faith, hope, and love.

Ed Horstmann is Senior Pastor and Head of Staff of Round Hill Community Church in Greenwich, Connecticut. He and his wife Susan share their home with Dot, their feisty Miniature Schnauzer, and together they are faithful fans of the Minnesota Vikings.

B'tzelem Elohim: Embracing Diversity as a Sacred Jewish Value



BY RABBI MITCH

My rabbinic library includes many sacred books, yet one in particular might surprise you.

It is a simple, modern illustrated children's book entitled *The Colors of Us*.

Interestingly, it was recommended to me because I am an Ashkenazi Zadye (a European Descended Jewish grandfather) who is gifted with grandsons who are "Jews of Color."

The storybook, with its gentle wisdom, teaches a vital truth: every child is seen, belongs, and is beautiful in God's world, and we must affirm diversity as a sacred value.

Karen Katz wrote this book out of love. She and her husband had adopted their daughter, Lena, from Guatemala. They wanted their daughter to cherish her brown skin among humanity's diversity.

In the story, seven-year-old Lena reaches for "brown" paint to draw herself. A walk with her mother reveals many shades

of brown, a palette that reveals each person's dignity.

Through Lena's eyes, both children and adults are invited to perceive their world anew.

Ultimately, *The Colors of Us* celebrates the differences that make us unique, and the common humanity that links us. In this spirit, diversity is God's artistry in Creation, and it should always inspire us rather than threaten us.

As such, we have a sacred obligation to recognize and honor diversity as it is a core mitzvah at the heart of our Jewish tradition.

God commands us to live ethically through our words and actions that embody love and kindness.

Every person is B'tzelem Elohim, created equally in God's image.

Learning to recognize a stranger's face as our brother or sister is fundamental to our religious lives.

This week, as we celebrate Passover, we access a major historical memory: Avadim Hayyinu, "Once we were slaves in Egypt."

Daily liturgy recalls God's redemption.

The traditional Tallit is the prayer shawl we wear. At each of the four corners, we hold the fringes by which God commanded us to "remember

to observe God's laws and recall our redemption from Egypt."

The Tallit is how we each wear our ancient Jewish story on our person.

God's laws and the memory of redemption are central to Jewish values. Our memory of liberation from Egyptian bondage is ritualized so that we might grow more sensitized to others' pain, exclusion, and vulnerability.

God tells us repeatedly to "Love the Stranger" because "Once we were Strangers in Egypt."

To be a committed Jew is to stand with outsiders whose differences make them targets.

Our central obligation is to honor diversity and appreciate its value as a treasure in God's world. Accepting and embracing God's diversity guides how we raise our children.

Any child, early in their life, will notice differences.

Children notice and question differences in skin, hair, accents, and how someone might use a cane or wheelchair, etc.

Such honest questions offer opportunities to affirm that we need not fear differences but embrace them as God's gift.

As caregivers, these times become our sacred chance to affirm that differences are part of God's tapestry.

To carry forward these lessons, we must embrace diversity as a divine gift, instill in our children a feeling of belonging for all, and act with love and kindness in every moment.

If a child should ask, "Why is that person's skin darker than mine?" our response should not hush their words, but affirm them.

We might declare: "You're right, it's a different shade, just like my eyes are blue, but your eyes are brown..."

Indeed, a child's curiosity is both natural and sacred and can serve as the doorway through which we can perceive God's world with wonder.

With this in mind, we should ensure children treasure diversity.

For example, we can provide dolls or books with diverse characters, or ensure every child can access Jewish life, unconstrained by gender roles.

Along the way, children will likely stumble and sometimes hurt others with their words or acts of exclusion. Rather than condemn, we can guide them: "How would you feel if treated that way?"

Empathy grows; seeds of kindness blossom.

Praise children when they act as a mensch, an ethical human being.

Teach every child that the world is an immense jigsaw puzzle. Each piece is unique, but together they create a beautiful whole. The differences between the pieces don't break up the picture; they complete it.

Cruelty, racism, and indifference burn souls.

Children must turn away from this fire. Instead, God commands us to "teach children diligently."

We succeed in this mitzvah when we deliberately nurture and role-model words and actions of love and kindness.

Demonstrate love daily in our homes, playgrounds, synagogues, and beyond.

We can help our children see the "colors of us" as beautiful expressions of God's sacred diversity.

Divine image equally exists in every face, including theirs.

To carry forward these lessons, we must embrace

diversity as a divine gift, instill in our children a feeling of belonging for all, and act with love and kindness in every moment.

These are the key takeaways, and our sacred charge.

May God help us treasure every color and recognize every soul as a precious and irreplaceable piece of the whole.

Happy Passover and Shabbat Shalom,

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

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Tree Tales

It almost seems miraculous when reflecting on what the trees had to endure this winter.

By CHERYL DUNSON

As I write this, it seems that winter's bitter cold and snowy grip is loosening. Daffodil leaves are pushing through the soil, birdsong can be heard intermittently, and trees are starting to bud. While Greenwich is a beautiful town at all times of year, arguably Greenwich seems at its loveliest in spring with the canopy filled with a lovely array of white, pink, and red flowering trees.

It almost seems miraculous when reflecting on what the trees had to endure this winter. Trees are a marvel in so many ways. It got me thinking about books where trees are a focus that have informed and/or inspired me. And then I wondered about what books may have informed and/or inspired my board and advisory board colleagues at the Greenwich Tree Conservancy. I decided to ask them. Below is an admittedly idiosyncratic list of fiction and non-fiction tree related books that we have enjoyed. We hope you do too!

Listed in alphabetical order by author. Asterisks indicate available through Greenwich Library. Comments in italics are from GTC board members. Other comments found on Goodreads.com.

The Ghosts of Evolution: Nonsensical Fruit, Missing Partners, and Other Ecological Anachronisms by **Connie Barlow, 2000.** The book is about past plant and animal partnerships that no longer occur due to the loss of the fauna. The take home points for me were the amazing animals that existed in the not so far past, and how little is known about biological partnerships. The reason why many of these interesting plants have such restricted geological ranges is due to the loss of the primary seed disperser and overtime the population decreased. Thus seed dispersal became more reliant on gravity and water movement.

The Legend of Charter Oak as Told by Grandpa Herman By **Cynthia Berkowitz, 2014.** About the Great Charter Oak in Hartford; a favorite children's books about the special meaning of trees in American History.

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest by **Lynne Cherry, 1990.** The author and artist Lynne Cherry journeyed deep into the rain forests of Brazil to write and illustrate her gorgeous picture book.

The Grandpa Tree by **Mike Donahue, 2001.** An elementary tale of the life cycle of a tree is also a life lesson for people.

My Side of the Mountain, by **Jean Craighead George, 1959.** The main character, a 15 year old boy, survives the winter by living in a hollowed out massive Hemlock. The tree becomes a beloved character as it provides

warmth, safety, and security for the runaway.

How to be More Tree by **Potter Gift, 2020.** This is a sweet little book, which inspires life lessons for happiness. This a great book for young children.

The Legacy of Luna: The Story of A Tree, A Woman, and the Struggle to Save the Redwoods* by **Julia Butterfly Hill, 2000.** Inspired me to become a tree advocate. The book chronicles Hill's experiences living on a small platform 180 feet up in a 1,000-year-old redwood tree in Humboldt County, California, from December 1997 to December 1999. Her goal was to prevent the Pacific Lumber Company from clear-cutting the tree and the surrounding old-growth forest.

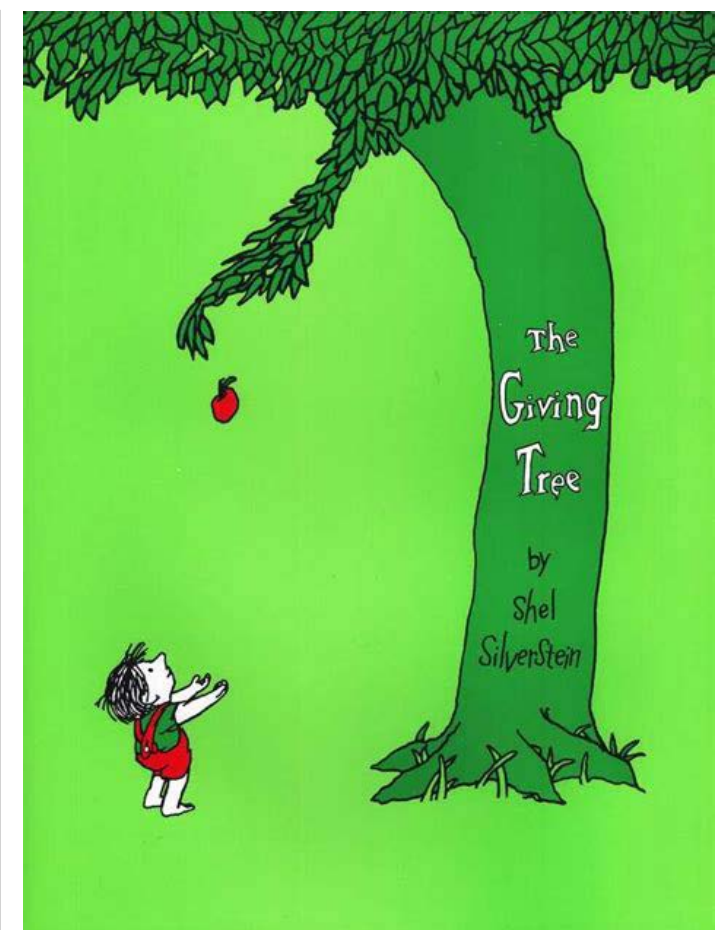
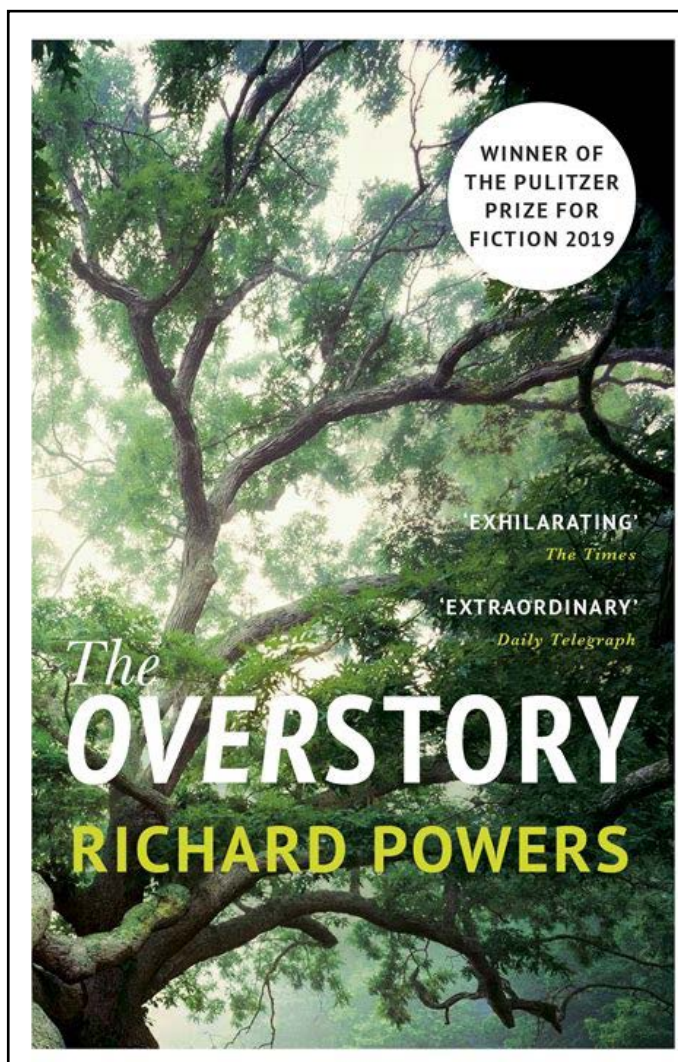
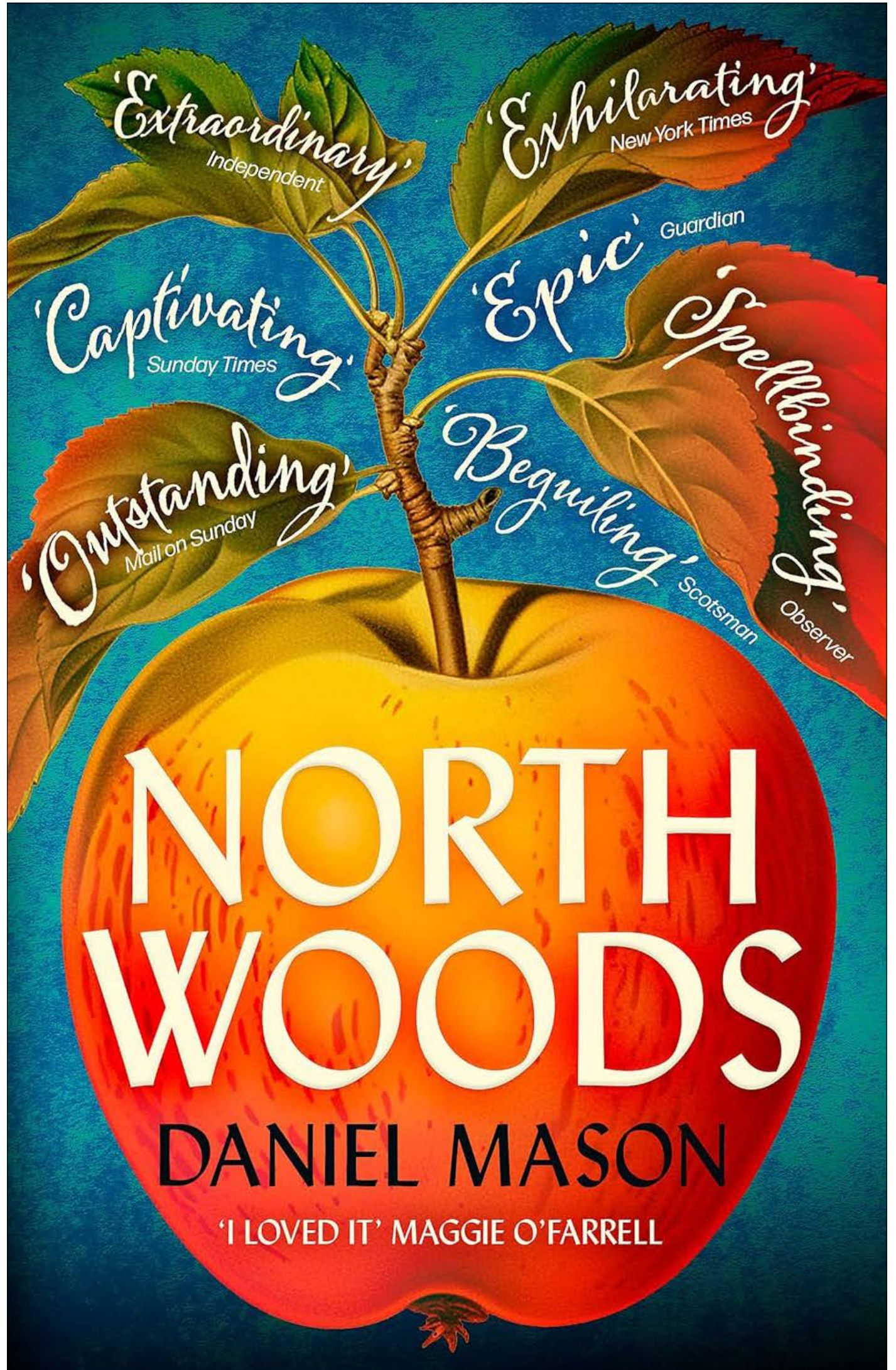
North Woods* by **Daniel Mason, 2023.** This book tells the story of a single house in the woods of New England over four centuries through the lives of its many inhabitants, both human and non-human. The book explores how the past is never truly gone, and how the cycles of nature effect each generation. One of my favorite books in a long time. Another board comment: A meaningful book with a focus on the changing aspects of property throughout the centuries.

The Overstory* by **Richard Powers, 2018.** Combines superb storytelling with latest science on trees. Seems at first to be series of short stories and then the "plot thickens." Pulitzer Prize winner in Fiction.

American Canopy: Trees, Forests and the Making of a Nation* by **Eric Rutkow, 2012.** It details how forests provided resources for building the nation (ships, railroads) and were central to figures like Washington, Jefferson, and Roosevelt, while also covering cultural impacts like the Liberty Trees, Thoreau's retreat, and conservation efforts for species like the American chestnut. The book argues that trees are fundamental, often overlooked, "silent figures" in the American story, influencing everything from expansion to national symbols.

The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth* by **Zoë Schlanger, 2024.** It delves into the latest research on plant and tree communication, senses (Did you know that many plants have rudimentary sight?), and even what could be called intelligence. It is a book that completely changed how I view plants.

The Lorax* by **Dr. Seuss, 1971.** Long before saving the earth became a global concern, Dr. Seuss, speaking through his character the Lorax, warned against mindless progress and the danger it posed to the earth's natural beauty. Inspired me at a very young age to speak for



whose persistent ability to grow and flourish even in the inner city mirrors the protagonist's desire to better herself.

Rings you tumble into a world of ancient, wise, and all-knowing trees.

the trees.

The Island of the Missing Trees* by **Elif Shafak, 2021.** A rich, magical novel on belonging and identity, love and trauma, nature and renewal. Was enjoyable and surprising and so well written and has a talking fig tree through the generations.

The Giving Tree* by **Shel Silverstein, 1964.** This children's classic has at its roots the giving and accepting of unconditional love. Two generations of our family "twigs" have been taught and nurtured

by the parable. Another board comment: The older I get, the more I adore The Giving Tree. It breaks my heart every time I read it.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by **Betty Smith, 1943.** It was one of the favorite books of my youth and I love that it puts our familiar Ailanthus in a different light. I think it stands as a true American classic. Another board member comment: I haven't read it since childhood, and don't remember it well, but here's Wikipedia's summary: The main metaphor of the book is the hardy tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*),

The Lord of the Rings* by **J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954.** It has been years since I read Lord of the Rings but I remember that trees were important characters in the books. Here is something I found written about that: The Tolkien scholar Matthew Dickerson wrote, "It would be difficult to overestimate the importance of trees in the writings of J. R. R. Tolkien". Caring about trees is a central part of the world of Tolkien, and the author's own personality, too. From Treebeard in the Fangorn Forest to the tall Mallorn trees at the heart of Lothlórien, when you dive into Middle Earth and The Lord of the

The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate - Discoveries from a Secret World* by **Peter Wohlleben, 2015.** Peter Wohlleben shares his deep love of woods and forests and explains the amazing processes of life, death, and regeneration he has observed in the woodland and the amazing scientific processes behind the wonders of which we are blissfully unaware. Very compelling.

Cheryl Dunson, Advisory Board Co-Chair, Greenwich Tree Conservancy. To find out more about the Tree in the Forest Conservancy, visit us at: www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org

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GREENWICH SENTINEL

PACKING UP WINTER
From Page 1

than usual.

One afternoon in December, I joined our family on a ski slope in Vermont. We protected our faces behind thermal fleece masks. We employed handwarmers and feet warmers and heated vests and still we felt the chill. The wind was so fierce that the chairlifts were swaying wildly. And I remember wondering, shivering on that cold metal chair, will we ever be warm? will we ever get to the top?

Those things can slip into the suitcase too.

And believe me, I am using the largest bag I can find. The oversized one. The one they charge extra for.

Checked luggage, baby!!

I noticed the shift the other afternoon when I stepped outside in only a down vest.

For a moment I stood there waiting for the familiar sting of cold air — the reflex we've all developed after months of bundling up.

But it never came.

Instead, there was just a soft breeze and the quiet

warmth of the afternoon sun on my face.

Somewhere nearby water dripped steadily from a melting snowbank — that unmistakable sound of winter finally loosening its grip.

It felt small.

Almost insignificant.

And yet somehow, it felt like the beginning of everything.

Crocuses pushing bravely through the cold ground.

Neighbors lingering a little longer on their afternoon walk.

Mornings on the back porch with a strong cup of coffee.

Smiles.

An unexplained joy.

Of course, the seasons have always known something we sometimes forget.

There is beauty in contrast.

The light feels brighter because we have lived through the dark.

The warmth feels softer because we have known the cold.

Without winter, spring might slip past us almost unnoticed.

Eventually the suitcase closes.

Winter — with its storms and shadows and howling winds — tucked carefully inside.

A tender reminder of something the seasons also know all too well:

This too shall pass.

We are often told that what doesn't kill us makes us stronger.

And perhaps that's true.

But I sometimes think I'm strong enough already.

I'm not here for the strength training.

I'm here because I like experiencing the seasons.

Or at least I think I do.

For now, the days stretch longer, the air feels gentler, and happy anticipation floats through an open door.

And maybe the real gift of spring isn't simply that winter leaves.

Maybe it's that we remember how to step back into the warmth...

and stay there a little longer.

Like someone who just came in from the cold.

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NEW LISTINGS

TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964

Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
50 Lafayette Place 1J	\$385,000	\$770	500	0	1	1	South Parkway
47 Lafayette Place 2D	\$759,000	\$979	775	0	1	1	South Parkway
15 Henry Street	\$799,000	\$635	1,258	0.13	2	1	Byram
51 Forest Avenue 62	\$815,000	\$641	1,271	0	1	2	Old Greenwich
453 E Putnam Avenue 4B	\$844,900	\$577	1,464	0	2	2	Cos Cob
420 Valley Road	\$950,000	\$593	1,601	0.27	4	2	Cos Cob
9 Stuart Drive	\$1,095,000	\$739	1,481	0.23	4	1	Old Greenwich
16 Hendrie Drive	\$1,400,000	\$826	1,694	0.23	3	3	Old Greenwich
21 Zygmont Lane	\$1,650,000	\$794	2,077	0.57	4	2	Banksville
26 Shady Lane	\$2,690,000	\$362	7,437	1.11	9	7	Glennville
118 Shore Road	\$4,375,000	\$1,293	3,384	0.29	5	4	Old Greenwich
44 Hunting Ridge Road	\$8,495,000	\$780	10,887	4.07	6	7	North Parkway
546 Lake Avenue	\$8,995,000	\$1,206	7,456	2.83	6	6	South Parkway
550 Round Hill Road	\$12,900,000	\$972	13,268	4.09	8	9	North Parkway
19 Hawkwood Lane	\$11,500,000	\$1,423	8,081	2	6	5	South Parkway
326-338 Stanwich Road	\$14,995,000	\$969	15,479	9.4	11	13	South Parkway
25 Field Point Circle	\$19,000,000	\$1,986	9,565	2.2	6	7	South Parkway
44 Khakum Wood Road	\$15,995,000	\$1,785	8,962	2.79	6	6	South Parkway

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

Data Compiled by Rob Pulitano (203) 561-8092

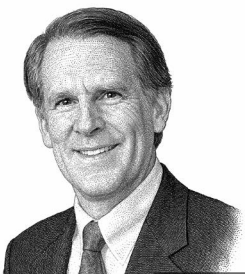
Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
51 Forest Avenue #62	Old Greenwich	\$815,000	Sat 12-4 PM	BHHS New England

NEW SALES

TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
1465 E Putnam Ave 306	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$510,000	13	1	1	0.1	650
25 W Elm Street 43	\$789,000	\$789,000	\$775,000	10	1	1	0	867
501 W Lyon Farm Dr 501	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,200,000	10	2	2	0	1,904
33 Chapel Street	\$995,000	\$995,000	\$1,250,000	33	3	2	0.12	1,297
55 Byram Terrace Dr B	\$1,275,000	\$1,275,000	\$1,285,000	9	2	2	0.18	2,601
65 Stirrup Lane 65	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	0	3	2	0	1,732
29 Sound Beach Avenue	\$1,989,000	\$1,989,000	\$2,200,000	9	4	3	0.14	2,424
51 Forest Avenue 13	\$2,075,000	\$2,075,000	\$2,075,000	0	3	2	0	2,137
200 Davis Avenue	\$2,285,000	\$2,285,000	\$2,175,000	77	3	2	0.11	2,100
552 River Road	\$2,750,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,691,500	46	4	4	0.28	4,078
145 Porchuck Road	\$3,195,000	\$2,950,000	\$2,785,000	125	5	4	2.01	4,209
151 E Elm Street	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,100,000	423	5	5	0.15	5,000
868 North Street	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	\$4,600,000	109	5	5	4.01	5,040
28 Thunder Mountain Rd	\$6,550,000	\$6,650,000	\$6,550,000	202	7	8	2	10,723
25 West Way	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$14,250,000	170	6	5	0.42	5,400

Half of Town's Real Estate Listings are Under Contract



BY MARK PRUNER

Something remarkable is happening, our sales are up even though inventory is down

Half of Greenwich Real Estate Listings are Under Contract

Our inventory should be going up at this time of year, and it is just a smidgen. We are up from 75 listings at the beginning of March to 81 listings at the end of March. Only last year though we had 110 listings at the end of March. Go back to the pre-Covid times and we had 581 listings at the end of March 2019. Our inventory is down 27% from last year and down 86% from 2019. It's hard to sell houses you don't have.

Having said that, something remarkable, and counter-intuitive, is happening. Our first quarter sales are up from last year's 74 sales to 87 sales this year or an 18% increase. So how can inventory be down a lot and sales still be up? Blue moons, what I call a listing that comes on and goes to contract in the same month. We had 29 sales last month and 13 of those sales, or 45%, came on in March and were sold by the end of the month. Also, as of the end of March we had 78 contracts outstanding. Of those 78 contracts, 45 of them got to contract in less than 30 days from their list date.

Our 87 sales this year were also the highest we've had in the 4-year post-Covid inventory drought that started in 2023. We are, however, still well below our 10-year average of 110 sales in the first quarter. If we had more inventory, we would have even more sales.

Our sales, however, may not continue to beat 2025 sales as our contracts are down in most price categories under \$4 million. April and May are our big months for adding inventory, so keep your fingers crossed that we will see an inventory surge in those two upcoming months.

With lower inventory and faster sales our months of supply are also down. Overall, we are at a remarkably low 2.8 months of supply, down almost 1.7 months from last year. Add in our contracts and assume they will close in an average of 45 days, and we are down to only 2.2 months of supply with contracts.

The only price ranges that have arguably gotten a little more pro-buyer are from \$800K to \$4 million, but there is little to sell also in those price ranges. We only have 28 listings in what is traditionally the heart of our market.

Above \$5 million, inventory is down and sales are about the same, up 1 sale from 27 sales last year to 28 sales this year. Our highest sale so far this year is for \$27,800,000 at 45 Binney Lane, closely followed by 555 Lake Avenue at \$27,500,000.

Greenwich is a super-seller's market with less than 3 months of supply in every price range under \$6.5 million. Under \$1.5 million, we only have 4 listings. Over \$5 million we do have 45 listings, but that is down from 52 listings last year. Our sales and contracts over \$5 million are also up this year. Where we have inventory, we have sales.

In just about every price category, the number of contracts exceeds the amount of inventory that we have. Only above \$6.5 million do we have more inventory than we have contracts.

Prices

When you look at the change in prices from last March, you'll find a mixed bag. The average sales price is down 6.8% from last March dropping from \$5.18 million last year to \$4.83 million this year. If you remember, last year was an all-time high for sales over \$10 million, much of this happened in the 3rd quarter. Our average sales price is down because the mix of what is selling has changed. When we get a lot more sales at either end, the average moves.

A better measure in a changing market is the median price, but still not the best statistic. Unlike the average price, which was down 6.8%, our median price was barely lower dropping only 0.6% from \$3.85 million to \$3.83 million.

This is not the case with the price/sf, a better stat. There we see an increase in median from \$802/sf last year to \$896/sf this year or an increase of 11.7%. If you look at the sales price to assessment ratio, (my favorite for most revealing price stat), there you see an increase of 12.3% in prices. Prices are still going up, it's just that the average sales price is down due to slower very high-end prices.

Supply and demand

As noted above, supply is down and demand is up. Our inventory is lower, but sales are higher. These are not the only indicators of a more pro-seller market. Our median sales price to original list price for the first quarter of 2026 is right at 100.0% up from 97.5% in the first quarter of 2025. Our days on market has also dropped drastically. The median DOM this year is only 32 days compared to 54 days in the first quarter of 2025.

All in all, a very competitive market.

..... IN OTHER NEWS THIS MONTH

(Please do read to the end)

School Speeding Cameras to be Eliminated

With thousands of automated tickets issued by school zone speeding cameras operated by a company from Tennessee (where they think it's pronounced "Green Witch") the pressure for change on town leaders was intense. After much reflection, the GPD came up with a solution - concierge speed zones. Under this program drivers will have their cars driven through these school zones at a safe and non-ticket generating speed by local policemen.

Luckily, these policemen had been freed up now that they are no longer directing traffic on Greenwich Avenue. A spokesperson for the Greenwich police union immediately protested by saying, "We are not limo drivers, even it is only for short distance." The police leadership said this policy was just an extension of community policing and what better way to get to know community members (and their cars) then greeting them with a smile each day as officers hop in and out of their cars.

The general feeling among the Board of Selectmen and other town leaders was better a few hundred irritated police officers than tens of thousands of angry voters. Several parents insisted that school speed cameras were also needed on the school grounds themselves as many maddened moms were picking up their children and then flooring it out of the parking lot.

New UConn Professor Wants March Madness Renamed

A top social scientist who had recently transferred from Harvard to Storrs is advocating for changing the name of March Madness. He believes that with a polarized electorate, children endlessly doom scrolling on social media and the general rise in incivility due to cable news outlets that the name March Madness has to go.

"We don't need any more madness. We need mildness and love," said the professor. If we called it March Mildness and encouraged athletic supporters to hug their neighbors when something good happened rather than yelling loudly and jumping up and down, watching UConn play basketball would be less stressful.

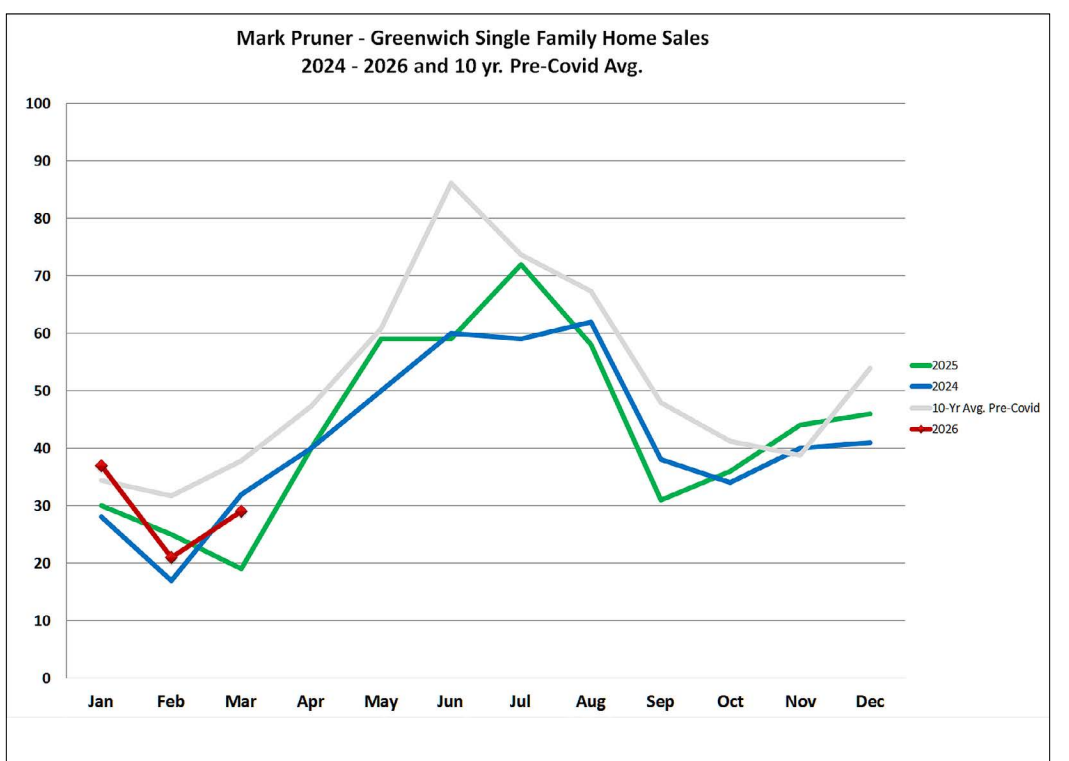
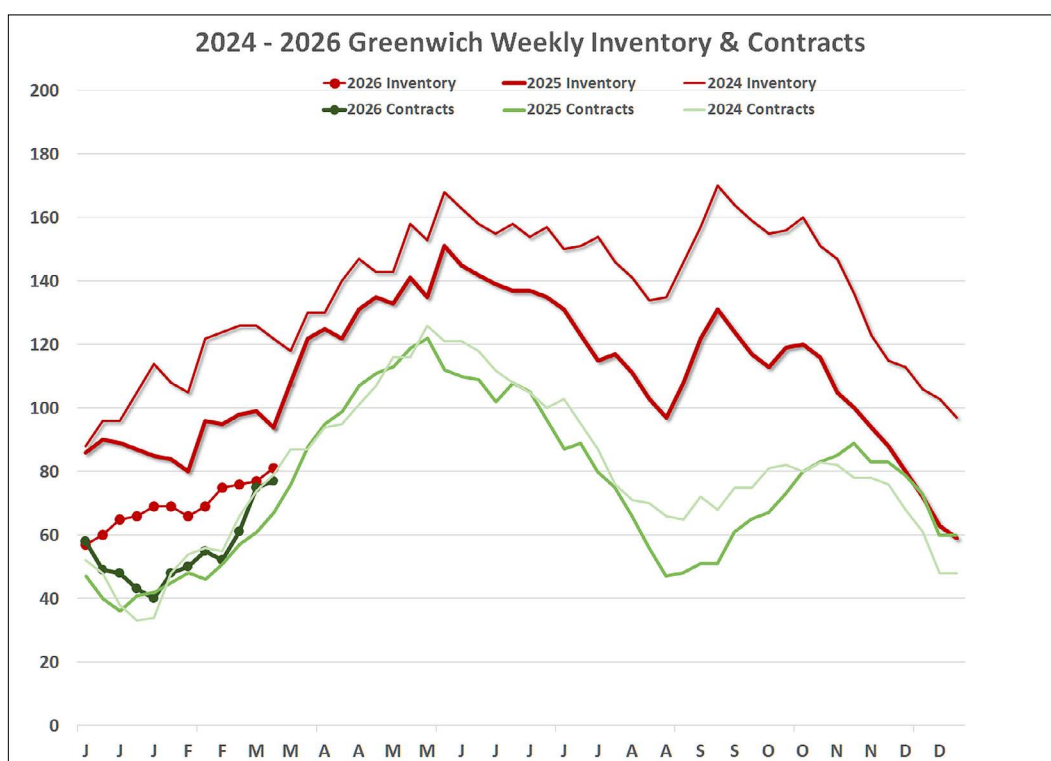
He particularly pointed out how both the men's and women's basketball coaches yelled too much, but with therapy under his direction, it was only a matter of time before they could get through a whole game without getting upset.

He also pointed out that this idea was already a big money maker as donations to UConn were up from both Duke and South Carolina alums.

Updates on Prior April News

Last year's Greenwich Gran Prix was quite a success with super cars racing through the streets of Greenwich. This year's version will honor all school speed zone using the police drivers. Due to noise complaints and the price of gas, this year's version will only be open to electric cars. Mick Jagger said he'd consider driving if it was electric cars. The post-race celebration will be held on roof of the newly approved 100 story affordable housing development behind town hall. With its modular construction, the thought is that it can be completed in a few weeks.

I hope you enjoyed this year's annual spooof. Happy April Fools week. :) And Happy birthday Russ!





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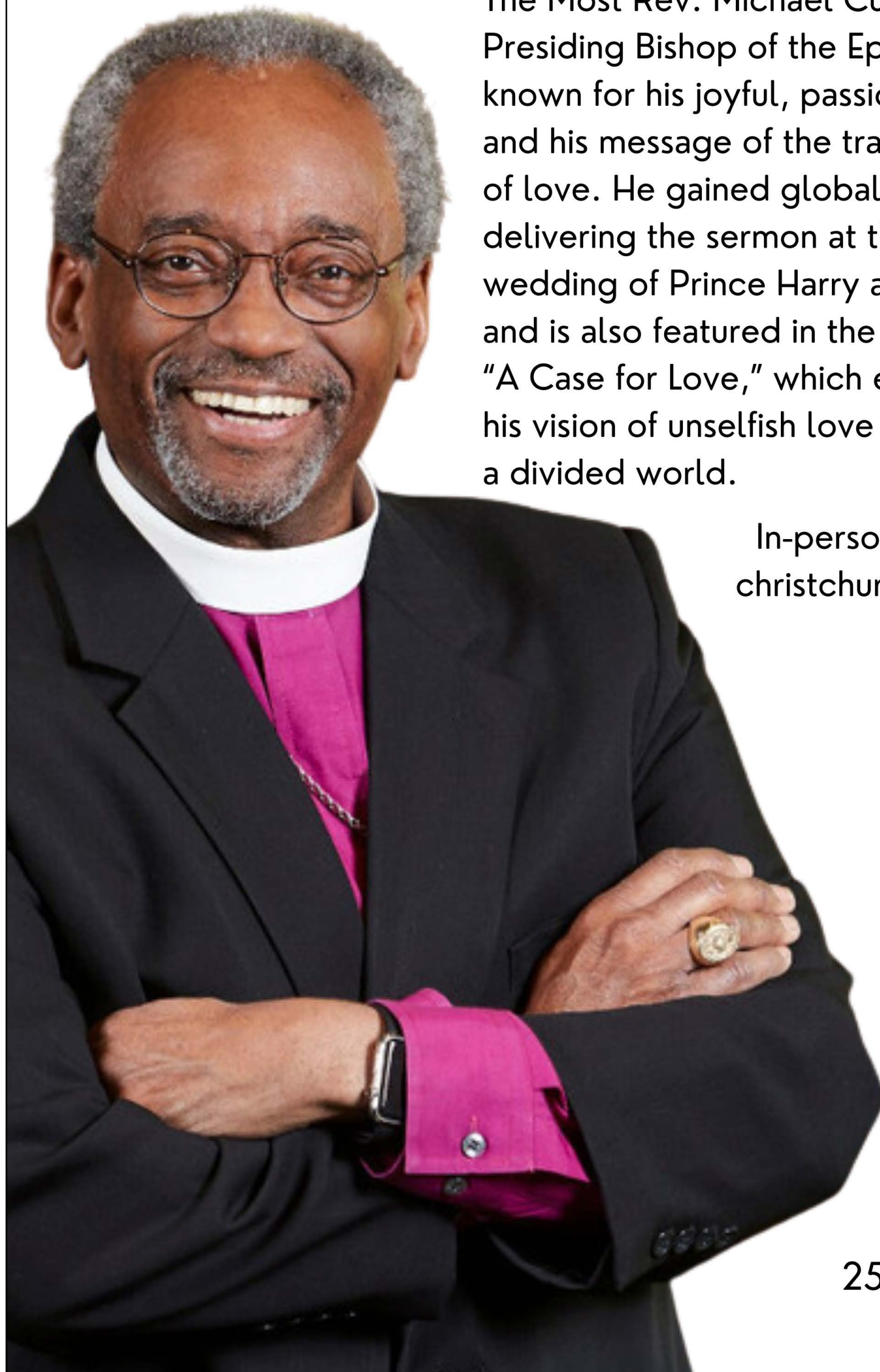
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Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

7:30 - 8:30 pm

The Most Rev. Michael Curry is the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, known for his joyful, passionate preaching and his message of the transformative power of love. He gained global recognition after delivering the sermon at the 2018 royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, and is also featured in the 2024 documentary "A Case for Love," which explores how his vision of unselfish love can help heal a divided world.

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Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

1 - 2:15 p.m.

Walk With Ease program with Instructor Dave Graves. YMCA of Greenwich. Free & open to the community. All ages. greenwichymca.org/events

1:30 p.m.

Concert & Cake Series: Rebecca J Carda Leigh, piano with special guest: Lisa M Miller, Artist. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free. RSVP. concertandcake.org

4:30 p.m.

The 1st Ms President US Greenwich Chapter Election Event. Greenwich Town Hall. Free & open to the public. RSVP. forms.gle/mQtZT-CumMxoSk6oK6

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

7 a.m.

Spring Migration Bird Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. RSVP. audubon.org/events?view_

type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

9 a.m.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Fit in the Forest. Montgomery Pinetum, 130 Bible St. Register. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

12 p.m.

Easter Cookie Decorating Event. The J House Greenwich, 1114 East Putnam Ave. eventbrite.com/e/1985097072782

1 p.m.

Art Adventures: Color the Sound (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

MONDAY, APRIL 6

9 a.m.

Friends of Mianus River Park: 'Pliking'/Hiking event. Meet at the bridge on Merribrooke Lane, Stamford. (Bring gloves and a small trash bag). 203-

918-2548. friendsofmianusriverpark.org

9:15 a.m.

Qigong Class @ Perrot. Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judy@perrotlibrary.org, perrotlibrary.org

1 p.m.

Greenwich Decorative Arts Society Lecture: "Eve in the Garden: Merian and Blackwell, Women of Science and Botanical Art in the Age of the Enlightenment." On Zoom. greenwichdecorativearts.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

9:30 a.m.

Perrot Memorial Library: Perrot Walks at Binney Park. Meet outside the front entrance of the Library. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Galaxy Sculpture (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum. Free with

admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, April 8. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.

Open Knitting Drop-In Program. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066. adultprogramming@perrotlibrary.org, perrotlibrary.org

1 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Marketing Made Simple: Is your marketing strategy on track? Online. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

5:30 p.m.

Greenwich Botanical Center & Greenwich Dahlia Society: How to Divide and Start Your Dahlia Tubers. GBC, 130 Bible St. Register. Free, GDS members; \$25, GBC members; \$40, non-members. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

7 p.m.

Great American Treasures.

Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. \$15, Member; \$20, Non-Member. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

10 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings Junior: Sparkly Stars (ages: 12 Months-30 Months). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. First come, first served. brucemuseum.org

11 a.m.

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Stephen Ham "Saving Nature's Strongholds." Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

2:15 p.m.

Greenwich During the Revolutionary by Dan Silkman. Wallace Center, 299 Greenwich Ave. Free & open to the public. 203-862-6720.

7 p.m.

League of Women Voters of Greenwich: Women and the American Economy. Greenwich Town Hall, Town Hall, 101 Field Point Rd. Free & open to the public. Registration required. lwggreenwich.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

1 p.m.

An Afternoon of Shopping and Styling - benefitting Kids In Crisis. at Tanya Taylor, 343 Greenwich Ave. RSVP. greenwich@tanyataylor.com

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9 a.m.

Greenwich Audubon Center: Spring Birdsong Tour at Caramoor. Caramoor Center for Music & Arts, Katonah, NY. RSVP. audubon.org/events?view_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

1 - 2:15 p.m.

Walk With Ease program

CONTINUES



Easter Sunday

at Round Hill Community Church

**Calliope Brass Quintet & Butterfly Parade
Petting Zoo & Egg Hunt
Brunch**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5
9:45 a.m.**

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Round Hill Community Church
395 Round Hill Road Greenwich, CT 06831**



with Instructor Dave Graves. YMCA of Greenwich. Free & open to the community. All ages. greenwichymca.org/events

4 p.m.
Creative Ventures: DIY Labyrinth Travel Game (Ages 7-13). Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

7 a.m.
Spring Migration Bird Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. RSVP. audubon.org/events?view_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Greenwich Conservation Commission: Vernal Pool Walk. Pomerance Park 101 Orchard St. Free. Register. greenwichct.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=18294&month=4&year=2026&day=11&calType=0

11 a.m.
Museum Movers: Yoga for Kids (Ages 3-6). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. brucemuseum.org

12 p.m.
Condensed Watercolor Foundations: Preparing to Paint Flowers. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Register. \$90, GBC members; \$105, non-members. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Pinch Pots (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held, Sunday, April 12. brucemuseum.org

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

2 p.m.
Dream Mirrors: Reflecting Portals of Ethereal Visions – public reception. Gertrude G. White Gallery – YWCA Greenwich, 259 E Putnam Ave. On view through April 30. 203-869-6501. ywcagreenwich.org

3:30 p.m.
Teen Afternoon: Slime & Sparkle (ages: 13-18). Bruce Museum. Free with admission & available until supplies last. brucemuseum.org

7:30 p.m.
Greenwich Symphony Orchestra concert. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School. 203-869-2664. greenwichsymphony.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

10 a.m.
iNat with a Naturalist. Greenwich Audubon Center. Register. audubon.org/events?view_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

10:30 a.m.
Colonial Fun & Games with Special Guest General Washington. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free. 203-869-6899 ext. 32. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

12:30 p.m.
French-Language Tour of Georges Braque: Tactile Space. Bruce Museum. Free with admission, advanced registration is required. brucemuseum.org

2 p.m.
Sunday Jazz @ the Library, featuring the Adam Moezinia Trio. Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

2 p.m.
Pilgrimage across the Sacred Spaces of Greenwich: First Church of Round Hill – Music, Q&A & light refreshments. 464 Round Hill Rd. Free, RSVP is required. All are welcome. sharingsacredspaces.org

2 p.m.
Cinema at the Bruce: Focus on French Film presents: The Residence. Bruce Museum. brucemuseum.org

3 p.m.
Happy 250th Birthday America - Hoch Chamber Music Concert. Second Congregational Church, 139 E. Putnam Ave. \$50, adults; \$25, seniors & children. 203-595-5059. concordiaconservatory.org/performance/hoch-chamber-music-series

3 p.m.
Greenwich Symphony Orchestra concert. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School. 203-869-2664. greenwichsymphony.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

7 p.m.
St. Catherine's Support Circle: AI in the Workplace: What to Expect. On Zoom. Free. RSVP by Monday, April 9. stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle

SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 12

8 - 11 a.m.
Friends of Greenwich Point: Safe Roads Sundays program at Tod's Point kicks off. Traffic will be restricted to the main parking lots to allow for walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters & all outdoor enthusiasts. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 25

"POP Goes The World!" The Art of Bermanno & Vinci. Greenwich Art + Design, 7 East Putnam Ave. GreenwichArtAndDesign.com

SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 2

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sam Bridge Winter Farmers' Market. Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses, 437 North Street. sambridge.com/farmers-market

MONDAYS

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Acting Technique with Sachi Parker Maclaime (Recommend for Ages 18+). Arch Street 2.0, 255 Field Point Rd. 203-629-5744. info@archstreet.org

2nd TUESDAY of the Month

6:30 p.m.
Byram Veterans Association Bingo Nights. Association Hall, 300 Delavan Ave. Must be 18 years and older to play. Hot dogs & Chips for sale, cash bar & free dessert. 203-531-9846.

WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS

12 - 4 p.m.
Greenwich Historical Society Guided Exhibition Tours – docents will be leading visitors through the Permanent Collections Gallery and Special Exhibitions Gallery. 47 Strickland Rd. 203-869-6899. greenwichhistory.org/event/guided-exhibition-tours-4

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

12, 1:30 & 3 p.m.

Behind the Scenes Archival Collections – Docent-led Tour. Greenwich Historical Society. Adults, \$15; Seniors/Students, \$10; Ages 6-18, \$10; Members/children under 5 & Active military/Blue Star, Free. 203-869-6899. greenwichhistory.org/book-a-tour

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:

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:

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

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. nami-southwestct.org/online-support

THURSDAYS:

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experience-taichi.org

5 - 7 p.m.
Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in middle & high school. Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Rd, Wilton. Free. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org, get-help/lighthouse

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Book Exchange – choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4everyone.org)

GREENWICH LIBRARIES:

greenwichlibrary.org
Friday, April 3
All Libraries Closed.
Saturday, April 4
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
AARP Tax Help 2nd Floor Meeting Room. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/15107765

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

10:30 a.m.
CONTINUES

Stanwich CHURCH

WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

EASTER Sunday

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH
9:00AM & 10:45AM

Bringing Family?

At each service Stanwich offers nursery care, a family comfort room with live streaming, Kids Church (for grades 5 and under), and Student Ministry (for grades 6 and up).

Stanwich CHURCH

202 Taconic Rd. Greenwich, CT 06831
stanwichchurch.org

Storyteller and Egg Hunt with Laconia. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

Common Threads Hand Crafts Meetup. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

2 p.m.

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

3 p.m.

3D Design with Autodesk Fusion. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

Monday, April 6

10 a.m.

Little Learners (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.

All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

Greenwich Townscape Collage Session - Offsite Location: Wallace Center.

11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

12 p.m.

Byram Lunch Bunch Book Club: The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

3 p.m.

Vacation Week Program: How to Draw Animal and Pet Cartoons with Bill Hernandez (Ages 5 & Up). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

7 p.m.

Friends Performing Arts: Aimée Steele's How I Got To Broadway. Berkley Theater.

Tuesday, April 7

10 a.m.

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

1:15 p.m.

Baby Lapsit (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

2 p.m.

Community Sponsored: Retired Men's Association Book Club. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

4:30 p.m.

Gentle Yoga with Kristin. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

6 p.m.

Caregiver's Circle: Basics of Cognitive Decline for Older Adults. Marx Family Black Box

Theater.

7 p.m.

Helping Today's College Students Achieve Career Launch Success. Online.

Wednesday, April 8

10 a.m.

Movers & Shakers (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m.

Greenwich Townscape Collage Session - Offsite Location: YMCA of Greenwich.

1 p.m.

Estate Planning for Seniors Series: Session 2: Wills. Online.

1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

2:30 p.m.

Greenwich Townscape Collage Session. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

4 p.m.

Vacation Week Program: Wild Wacky Wednesday Yoga for Kids with Kristin (Ages 4 & Up). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Thursday, April 9

10 a.m.

PLAYdate! Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

Songs for Seeds (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.

Tech Help. Learning Lab.

12 p.m.

Community Sponsored: Greenwich United Way CEO Roundtable. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

3 p.m.

Vacation Week Program: Chess for All with Ian. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

7 p.m.

Natural Science Lecture: Bruce Beehler - Flight of the Godwit. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Friday, April 10

11:15 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/16413203

1 p.m.

Laser Engraved Pet Tags. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

5 p.m.

Art Lounge - Wild Leaves. Flinn Gallery. 203-622-7947. flinngallery.org

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "Hamnet." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

Saturday, April 11

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

AARP Tax Help 2nd Floor Meeting Room. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/15107765

10 a.m.

Greenwich Townscape Collage Session. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-625-6560. lrhyins@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

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

12:30 p.m.

Greenwich Townscape Collage Session. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-625-6560. lrhyins@greenwichlibrary.org

1 p.m.

Cloak and Dagger Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

1 p.m.

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

Sunday, April 12

3 p.m.

Friends Performing Arts Series: Musicians from Marlboro. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org

Everyday, all day

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

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

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

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

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

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

GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwichhospital.org/about/community/community-health Better Breathers

Meets monthly - 11 a.m.

Via Zoom or in the Mianus Conference Room at Greenwich Hospital

For individuals with pulmonary conditions such as COPD, asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, lung cancer and more. Call 203-863-3173. Free.

Chronic Physical Disabilities Support

Second and fourth Thursdays of each month | 1 - 2 p.m. | Zoom meetings

Join peers who have limited mobility due to chronic physical disabilities. Share resources, stories and perspectives. Pre-registration required. To register, call 203-863-2939. Free.

Family Caregiver Support

First and third Thursday of each month | 1 - 2 pm | Zoom meetings

Self-care and stress management for primary caregivers of individuals with dementia, a chronic condition or terminal illness. A brief prescreening is required for registration. Call 203-863-4375. Free.

Stroke Support

Monthly: Second Thursday | 1 - 2 p.m.

For patients recovering from stroke, caregivers, and families. Education, coping strategies, and peer support. Contact: sabrina.chateauvert@greenwichhospital.org

Movement Disorder Support Group

Bi-monthly: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

For patients with Parkinson's, dystonia, tremor, and other movement disorders. Contact: marisha.tamakuwala@greenwichhospital.org

ALS Support Group

Monthly: Third Thursday | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Emotional and practical support for patients and caregivers. Contact: william.zaccagnino@greenwichhospital.org

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Support Group

Monthly: Third Thursday | 1 - 2 p.m.

For patients, caregivers and families. Contact: sabrina.chateauvert@greenwichhospital.org

Parkinson's Support Group

First and Third Wednesday of each month | 1:30 - 2:30 pm

For patients, families and caregivers. Long Ridge Medical Center, Conference room, 260 Long Ridge Road, Stamford. Call 203-863-4444. Free.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: redcross-blood.org

Thursday, April 2

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

Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 4

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

Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

Sunday, April 5

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

Monday, April 6

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

1:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Westchester Medical Center - Taylor Pavilion South, 100 Woods Rd., Valhalla, NY.

Tuesday, April 7

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. Augustine Church, 111 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont, NY.

Wednesday, April 8

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

Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

West Harrison Senior Center, 251 Underhill Ave., West Harrison, NY.

Thursday, April 9

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

Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Holy Spirit Church, 403 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford.

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

New Rochelle City, 515 North Ave., New Rochelle, NY.

Saturday, April 11

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

Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

Sunday, April 12

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

Monday, April 13

A CRY FOR JUSTICE:

A GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC WITNESS & CROSS WALK

April 3, 2026 at Noon
Binney Park in Old Greenwich

On this holy day of lament and remembrance, join community members for a time of witnessing to justice in faith. The **7 Last Words of Jesus** will guide us through our embodied practice as we **listen, reflect, pray, sing, walk, and carry the cross together.**

Participating Churches
 First Congregational Church of Greenwich
 Round Hill Community Church
 Second Congregational Church of Greenwich
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 Saint Saviour's Episcopal Church

Parking available at FCCOG (108 Sound Beach Ave)
 Entrance is behind the church, off of Forest Ave.

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

Tuesday, April 14

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
St. Augustine Church, 111 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont, NY.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.

12 - 4 p.m.
American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Rd., Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Thursday, April 2

9 a.m.
BET Law Committee. Law Dept. Conference Room.

11 a.m.
FS Sustainability Committee Meeting. Virtual via Zoom.

Monday, April 6

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

Wednesday, April 8

11 a.m.
BET Debt & Fund Balance Policy Committee. Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

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

7 p.m.
PZBA Meeting.

Thursday, April 9

10:30 a.m.
Board of Selectmen Meeting. In Person at Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

7 p.m.
Conservation Commission Regular Meeting.

Monday, April 13

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

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

7 p.m.
Education Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting. Hayton Room.

7:30 p.m.
Land Use Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

7:30 p.m.
Legislative & Rules Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:30 p.m.
Public Works Committee Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, April 9

10:30 a.m.
STAR's 12th Annual Speaker's Luncheon & Spring Boutique. Country Club of New Canaan. secure.qgiv.com/event/star2026luncheon

6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Library's annual Peterson Business Award Dinner. Greenwich Hyatt Regency Hotel. greenwichlibrary.org/peterson

Saturday, April 11

6 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity CFC Annual Gala: House of

Fashion. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. habitatcfc.org/news-events/event-calendar/gala.html

Sunday, April 12

5 p.m.
Generation Impact: The Big Give 2026. generationimpact.org

Thursday, April 16

11:30 a.m.
Neighbor to Neighbor Spring Luncheon. Greenwich Country Club. ntngreenwich.org

Thursday, April 18

8:30 a.m.
4th Annual Women's Conference: "Your Awakened Life." Christ Church Greenwich. eventbrite.com/e/1981394550438

9:30 a.m.
Paper Shredding Day. Island Beach Parking Lot. greenwichgreenandclean.org/events

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Waste Free Greenwich's 5th annual ReThink Waste Fair. Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich. wastefreegreenwich.org

Sunday, April 19

1 - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Together 4th Annual Hope Day - Smash the Stigma Around Mental Health. YMCA Greenwich. greenwichtogether.org/ourevents

Wednesday, April 22

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Youth of the Year Celebration. Rebecca S. Breed Clubhouse, 4 Horseneck Ln. bgcg.org/events-news/events.html/title/youth-of-the-year-celebration

Thursday, April 23

6:30 p.m.
Jewish Family Services of Greenwich's Annual Spring Celebration. Tamarack Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/MvS

Friday, April 24

12 p.m.
Stand Against Racism. Greenwich Town Hall. ywca-greenwich.org/events/stand-against-racism-3

6 p.m.
An Evening on the French Riviera - Gala Benefiting the YMCA of Greenwich. The Delamar Greenwich Harbor. e.givesmart.com/events/MTZ

6 p.m.
Horizons at NCCS - "The Sky's The Limit!" Horizons Benefit. Abigail Kirsch at The Loading Dock, Stamford. one.bidpal.net/horizonsbenefit2026/welcome

6:30 p.m.
The Greenwich Tree Conservancy's Tree Party. McArdle's Greenhouse. greenwichtreeconservancy.org/the-tree-party-2026

Saturday, April 25

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Spring Beach Cleanup Live Like Luke in Memory of Luke Meyers. Tod's Point. greenwichgreenandclean.org/beach-cleanup-live-like-luke

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Drug Take Back Day. Greenwich Public Safety Complex (Police Station).

7 p.m.
Abilis Diamond 75th Anniversary Gala. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. e.givesmart.com/events/MDd

Tuesday, April 28
Greenwich United Way's Sole Sisters Annual Luncheon. greenwichunitedway.org/event/sole-sisters-luncheon

Thursday, April 30

6 p.m.
Friends of Nathaniel Withere'll's The Art of Caring Gala. Burning Tree Country Club. RSVP by April 12. 203-618-4227. lisa.harding@friendsof-nw.org. onecau.se/artofcaring2026

6 p.m.
Domus Cocktail Event: Cultivating Tomorrow. 100 Harbor Dr., Greenwich.

Friday, May 1

6:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's Association Celebrating Hope Gala. Delamar Greenwich Harbor. e.givesmart.com/events/L5N

Saturday, May 2

6 p.m.
Bruce Gala: Natural Wonders. Riverside Yacht Club. 1072. blackbaudhosting.com/1072/Bruce-Gala-2026

Sunday, May 3

8 a.m.
Yale Alumni Chorus Concert. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Greenwich. Free.

12 p.m.
Breast Cancer Alliance 5K for HOPE. Richards. breastcanceralliance.org

Thursday, May 7

11 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich's Old Bags Luncheon. Belle Haven Club. ywcagreenwich.org

• Art to the Avenue. greenwicharts council.org/art-to-the-avenue

Friday, May 8

7 a.m.
BIC Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. BIC.org/benefit-breakfast

Tuesday, May 12

11:30 a.m.
The 9th Annual Greenwich High Baseball Golf Outing. Griffith E Harris Golf Course. ghscardinalbaseball.com/golf-outing

5:30 p.m.
The WorkPlace's Dress For Success EmpowerHer Celebration. Boca Oyster Bar, Bridgeport. workplace.org

Saturday, May 16

9 a.m.
The 9th annual Epilepsy Walk & Purple Picnic, for the Epilepsy Foundation of CT. Cove Island Park, Stamford. epilepsysct.com

10:30 a.m.
The 6th Annual Greenwich Middle School STEM Fair. Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. greenwichct.gov/3047/6th-Annual-Middle-SchoolSTEM-Fair

Thursday, May 21
Greenwich Academy Commencement.

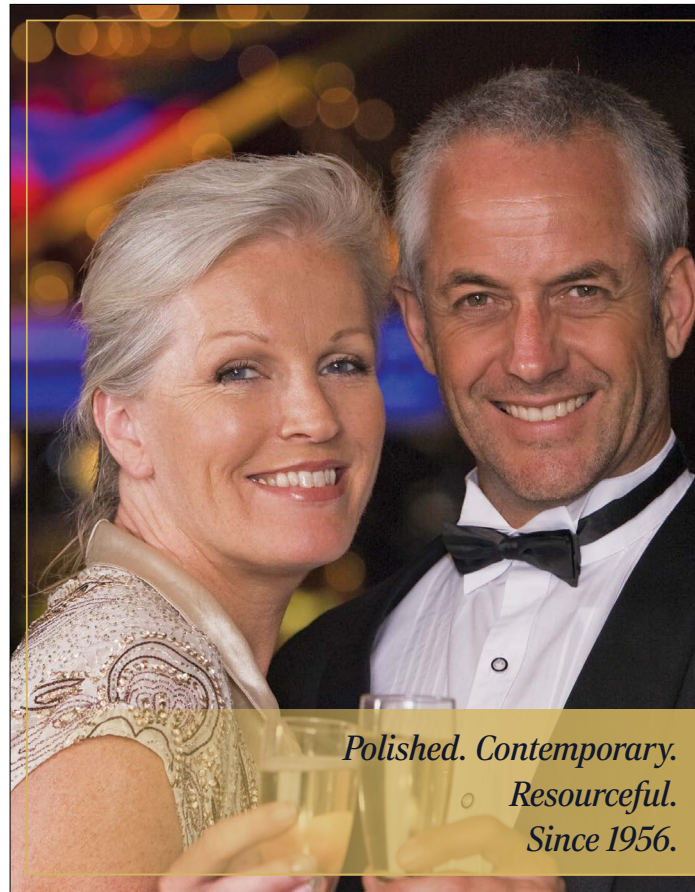
Saturday, May 23
Greenwich Town Party. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichtownparty.org

Thursday, May 28

9 a.m.
Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County (CLC) 10th Annual Golf Outing. Stanwich Club. bit.ly/CLC-Golf2026

Sunday, May 30

10 a.m.
The Greenwich Concours de



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Sport. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com

Sunday, May 31

10 a.m.
The 30th Greenwich Concours d'Elegance. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com

Thursday, June 4

6 - 9 p.m.
Greenwich Sentinel Award Cocktail Reception. greenwichsentinel.com

Saturday, June 20
Swim Across America - Fairfield County: "Make Waves to Fight Cancer." swimacrossamerica.org/fc

Thursday, June 25

6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Jazz Festival Opening Night. Round Hill Community House Tables & tickets available starting April 1. backcountryjazz.org

Friday, Sept. 5

6:30 p.m.
Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich 'Heads & Tails' benefit. e.givesmart.com/events/ILB/

tasia." The Kweskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (through April 18). curtaincallinc.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

10 a.m.
Floral Design Workshop. Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens, 151 Brookdale Road, Stamford. bartlettarboretum.org/events

12 p.m.
ConnectCommunity Easter Egg Hunt. 142 Stillwater Ave, Stamford. Free, all are welcome. 203-614-9694. connectcommunity.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

7 p.m.
The Way, Way Back with Special Guest Kevin Walsh. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

6:30 p.m.
John Jay Homestead Lecture Series - Born Equal: Remaking America's Constitution, 1840-1920 with Akhil Reed Amar. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

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Our Neighboring Towns

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YWCA Darien Norwalk: Understanding Teen Disordered Eating and Poor Body Image. Online. ywca-dn.org/events

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 p.m.
Curtain Call presents "Anastasia." The Kweskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (through April 18). curtaincallinc.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 p.m.
The Troupers Light Opera Company: Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera Iolanthe. Crystal Theater, 66 Bayview Ave., Norwalk. TroupersLightOpera.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

3 p.m.
Crossing Delancey with Amy Irving and Peter Riegert. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

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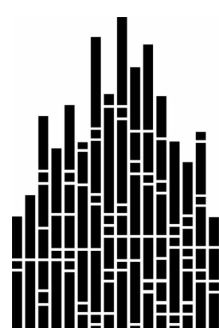


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within us when He talked to us on the road...
or was it something we ate?”*

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Easter Egg Hunt • 10AM



Sudoku for Kids

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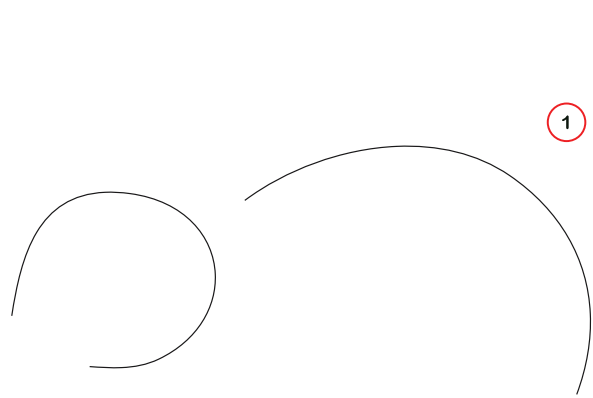
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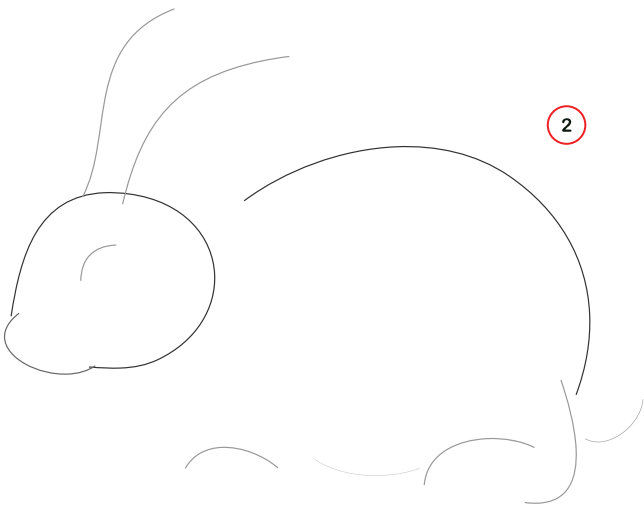
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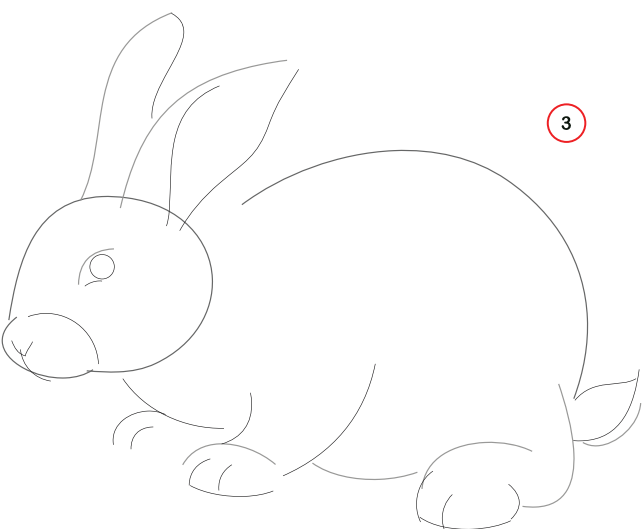
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Sudoku answers

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Bottom row - Very Hard

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Bottom row - Hard

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Bottom row - Easy

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Top row - Very Hard

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Top row - Hard

7	9	4	6	5	8	2	1	3
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3	6	9	7	1	4	8	2	5

Top row - Easy

Universal Crossword

Edited by Adrian Johnson

ACROSS

- 1 Shirts' opponents
- 6 Genre for Latto and Amine
- 9 Sudden course changes
- 13 Mathematician with a theorem about right triangles
- 16 Some poems
- 17 Director's comment before "Action!"
- 18 Crowded spot for a Thanksgiving chef
- 19 Ga.'s capital
- 20 "Go on, say something"
- 22 Mystery novelist on "The Office"
- 24 Costume designer's skill
- 26 "Batman" actress Kitt
- 31 "Come in!"
- 33 Big fan of what's in store?
- 37 Corp. figure who may be anti-union
- 38 Movie line delivered at the mines of Moria
- 41 "Car Talk" network
- 42 Wheeled refreshment server
- 43 Labor activist Chavez

- 46 Philly sandwich
- 47 Fixes, as code
- 50 Green energy?
- 53 Bad font choice for a master's thesis
- 58 Nameless John
- 59 One of an Iraqi minority
- 61 Birthday party handouts
- 63 "___ what you did there!"
- 64 "Those rumors are correct"
- 65 Brooklyn hoopsters
- 66 Male turkey
- 67 Buttheads

DOWN

- 1 Jack who could eat no fat
- 2 Japan's "Eternal City"
- 3 "Mum's the word"
- 4 Kraken's org.
- 5 Defensive resources for squid
- 6 Italy's "Eternal City"
- 7 172,742 square miles, for Uzbekistan
- 8 Indie singer Arlo ___
- 9 Get a closer shot
- 10 They're used to count down the days until Christmas
- 11 "Color me surprised!"

- 12 ID with a billion possibilities
- 14 "Mind the ___"
- 15 Fill satisfactorily
- 21 Be indebted to
- 23 Shrill barks
- 25 "Do ___ See God?" (palindromic book)
- 27 Pep rally sound
- 28 "The thing I'm pointing to"
- 29 Logical flaw
- 30 Deity praised during Eid al-Adha
- 32 Like an optimistic outlook
- 33 Align
- 34 Desired, with "for"
- 35 Really digging
- 36 Former "Iron Chef America" chef Cat ___

- 39 Doll (up)
- 40 Ballet 101 bend
- 44 Humble dwellings
- 45 Mojito component
- 48 One of fashion's Hadid sisters
- 49 Jazz poet Gil ___-Heron
- 51 What "in" things are in
- 52 Affirmative answers
- 54 Passable, at best
- 55 First man in Genesis
- 56 Zero, in a soccer game
- 57 "CSI: NY" actress Ward
- 59 They're all relatives
- 60 "___ the force, Luke"
- 62 "Dynamite" septet

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Pulsates painfully
- 7 Trident-shaped
- 10 Org. with a "What Can I Bring?" guide
- 13 "Woot!"
- 14 They're out standing in their field
- 15 "Rumor ___ it ..."
- 16 Some English assignments
- 17 "Then again," in a text
- 18 Aves. or blvds.
- 19 Like some binary questions
- 20 "Are not!" retort
- 21 Small green "Star Wars" character
- 22 Prada competitor
- 24 With no urgency
- 26 "Every Little Thing ___ Does Is Magic" (1981 hit)
- 28 "My attic's not the best, but it's up there," for one
- 29 Word after "green" or "club"
- 30 Speaker's platform
- 31 2010s Best Picture winner set in Iran

- 33 Trumpets and trombones, but not saxophones
- 35 "Plus ..."
- 36 Place for a sweater?
- 38 Small furry "Star Wars" character
- 39 Montreal subway
- 41 Blueprint detail
- 42 Delhi dress
- 43 Not even tipsy
- 45 "Gnarly!"
- 46 Santana's "___ Como Va"
- 47 Matador
- 48 Take place
- 50 Court order
- 51 Something to cram for
- 53 Lightly sprays
- 57 Wyo. neighbor
- 58 Tidied, as a bed
- 59 Crow relative
- 60 Number of Canadian provinces
- 61 Soul icon
- 62 Announcement upon walking through the front door
- 63 HS prank players
- 64 "Wanna ___?"
- 65 Like unsweetened chocolate

DOWN

- 1 Those people
- 2 Hydrant attachment

- 3 "Friends" paleontologist
- 4 Citrusy palate
- 5 "Swamp People" setting
- 6 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
- 7 Poker winnings
- 8 Nike logo
- 9 "Sorta"
- 10 Treats like garbage?
- 11 Horseback rider's woe
- 12 Analyze, as ore
- 14 Turning out great, or the words hidden backward in 4-, 11-, 21- and 26-Down?
- 20 Luxury Hondas
- 21 "I totally agree!"
- 23 IRS form pros

- 25 Easy throw
- 26 Document with price and delivery details
- 27 Ones who talk about old times
- 30 Beaver's project
- 32 Like a short play
- 34 Hit the slopes
- 37 "Thunderstruck" band
- 40 "___ the ramparts ..."
- 44 Go in circles
- 47 Doofuses
- 49 Savory taste
- 52 Revise
- 54 Set eyes on
- 55 What prisoners do
- 56 Psychic
- 58 Unruly group
- 59 Agent K's sci-fi franchise, for short

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Themeless Sunday 43 by Adrian Johnson

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Horoscopes

Horoscope: April 2 - April 8, 2026

Aries season continues to drive momentum, initiative, and forward movement. With Mercury now fully direct and gaining speed, communication improves and decisions come more easily than in recent weeks. The Moon builds toward a Full Moon in Libra on April 6, highlighting relationships, balance, and the need to reconcile opposing priorities. This is a week of action—but also adjustment. What you start now gains traction, but success depends on how well you work with others.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

You are energized and ready to move forward, but the Full Moon on April 6 brings relationship matters into focus. Others may challenge your plans or expectations. Listen carefully—cooperation now strengthens your position.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Daily routines and responsibilities require attention. You may feel pulled in multiple directions, but steady effort pays off. Keep your schedule manageable and avoid overcommitting midweek.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Creative energy and social opportunities increase. The Full Moon highlights joy, romance, or personal expression. Follow what excites you, but avoid scattering your attention too widely.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Home and family dynamics come into sharper focus. A conversation or decision around April 6 may bring clarity. Stay calm and grounded—emotional balance helps you navigate shifting expectations.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Communication becomes more direct and impactful. Important discussions may take place, especially around the Full Moon. Choose your words carefully—clarity leads

to progress.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Financial matters or personal values may require adjustment. The Full Moon highlights what is working and what needs to change. Take a practical approach and avoid unnecessary risks.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

The Full Moon in your sign brings a turning point. You may feel pulled between your needs and others' expectations. Prioritize balance and make choices that reflect your long-term well-being.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

You may need time to step back and reassess. The Full Moon encourages rest and reflection rather than action. Pay attention to what your instincts are telling you.

Sagittarius (November 22 - Dec. 21)

Friendships and group dynamics are highlighted. A situation may come to a head, requiring honesty and clarity. Choose your words carefully and focus on shared goals.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Career matters reach a key moment. The Full Moon may bring recognition or a decision point. Stay focused and practical—your efforts are being noticed.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

New ideas and perspectives emerge. The Full Moon encourages you to broaden your outlook or revisit plans involving travel or learning. Stay open, but verify details.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Shared resources or financial commitments may come into focus. The Full Moon highlights what needs to be clarified. Take a calm, measured approach to decisions.

Thought for the Week:

Action creates movement, but balance creates progress. Work with others, not against them.

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 evasive (6)
- 2 more gaunt (7)
- 3 sounding like a hungry belly (8)
- 4 without any detours (8)
- 5 marionettes (7)
- 6 Canadian sprinter De Grasse (5)
- 7 your parents' children (8)

SOLUTIONS

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
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Previous Answers: JNWISE 2. CYCLICAL 3. TRANSPARENT 4. GERONTOLOGY 5. LEMONADE 6. MYTH 7. DESCARTES 8/4

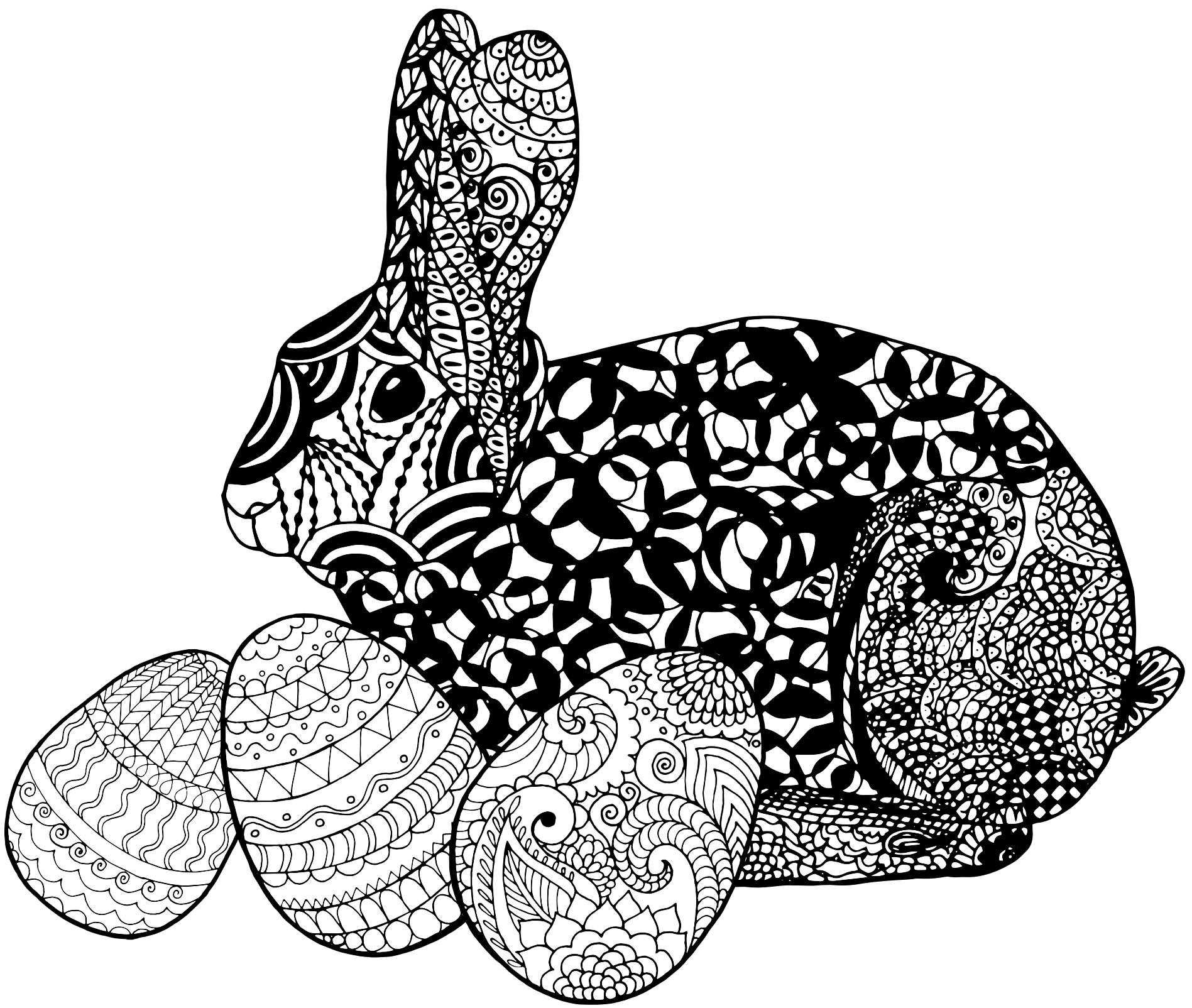
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Climbing Plants by Michele Govier

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

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CROSSWORD

1. Basket 2. Cake 3. Cookies 4. Chick 5. Hen 6. Rabbits
7. Eggs 8. Flowers 9. Butterfly 10. Willow 11. Swallow

PUZZLE TIME HOW MANY CARROTS?

$2 + 1 = ?$
 $2 + 2 = ?$
 $1 + 3 = ?$
 $2 + 3 = ?$
 $3 + 1 = ?$

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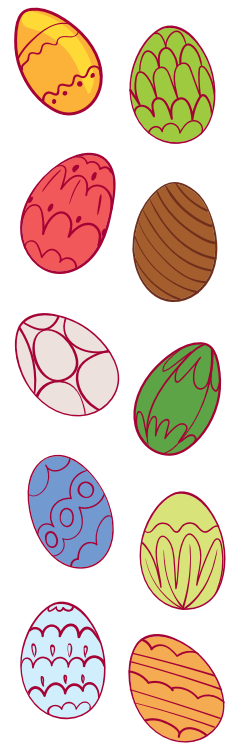
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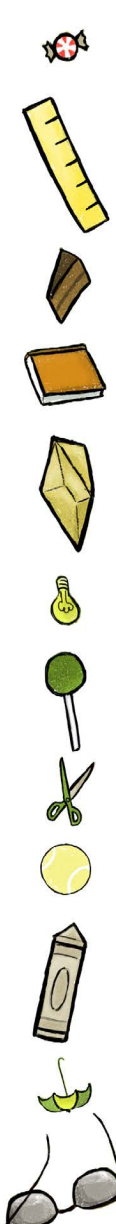
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HELP THE RABBIT FIND 21 EGGS



Easter

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 X A C E D N R C G N S V U H
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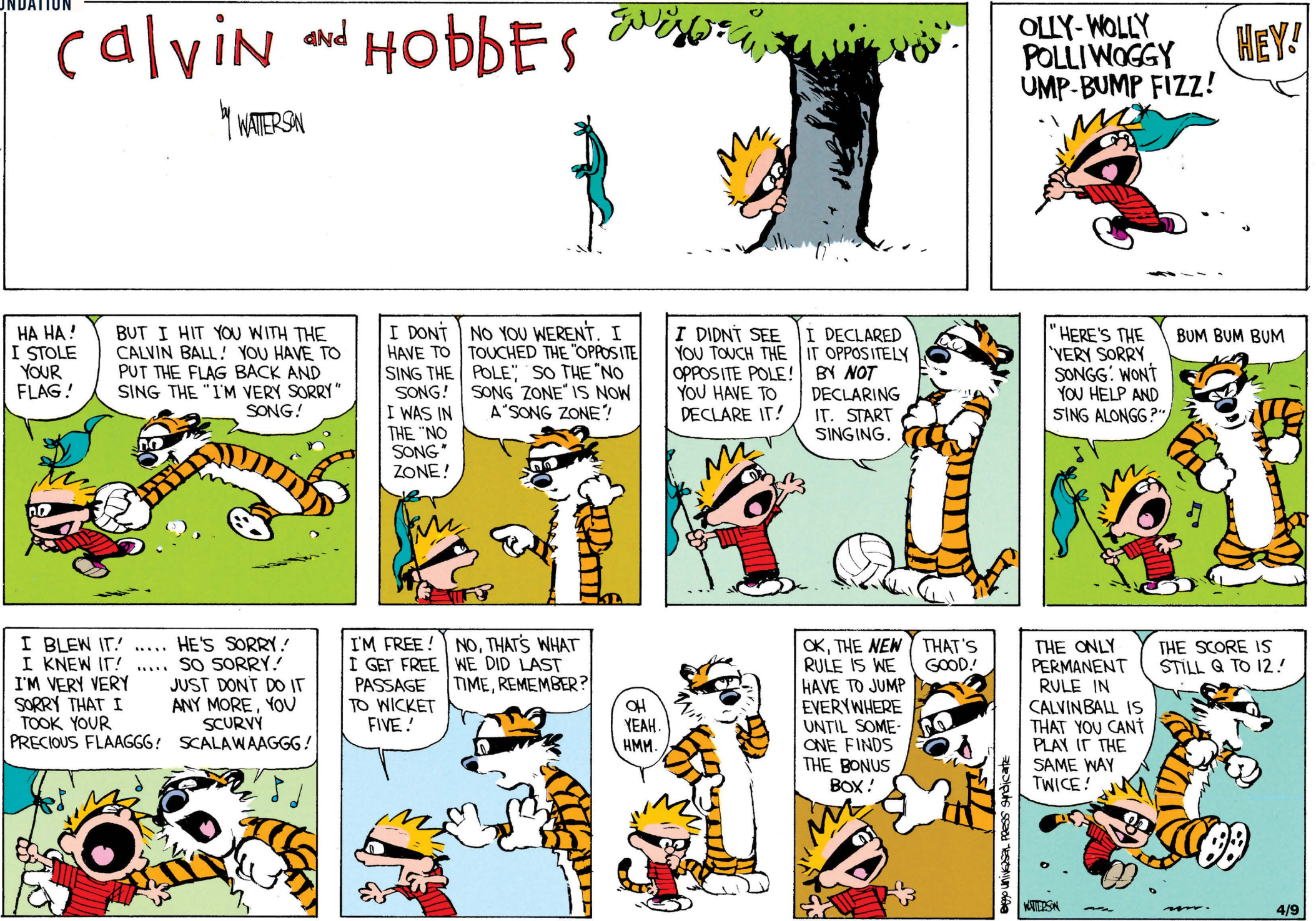


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- HOP
- DUCKLINGS
- BUNNY
- SUNDAY
- BLESSINGS
- PEEPS
- JOY
- DAFFODIL
- EASTER
- NEST
- BONNET
- EGG HUNT
- GRASS
- TULIPS
- CROSS
- DYE
- DECORATE
- CHICK
- BASKET



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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE NEW ENGLAND COTTONTAIL

Happy Easter Little Cottontail

By JIM KNOX

Perhaps no animal is more synonymous with spring than the rabbit. Throughout recorded history, it has served as both harbinger and metaphor for the season of life, renewal and growth. Though active year round, rabbits breed, reproduce and flourish with the coming of the spring season.

To most, the rabbit is a generic creature identified across cultures by its small brown body, long ears and hind legs, and overall adorable appearance. A closer look in our own backyard reveals a creature which deserves special attention, and even study.

If you ask most Connecticut residents the identity of the cute bunnies doing their utmost to eat the contents of their gardens, they'd identify the "Cottontail" as the culprit. They'd be right, at least generally. But there is more to this little beast than a casual glance may render.

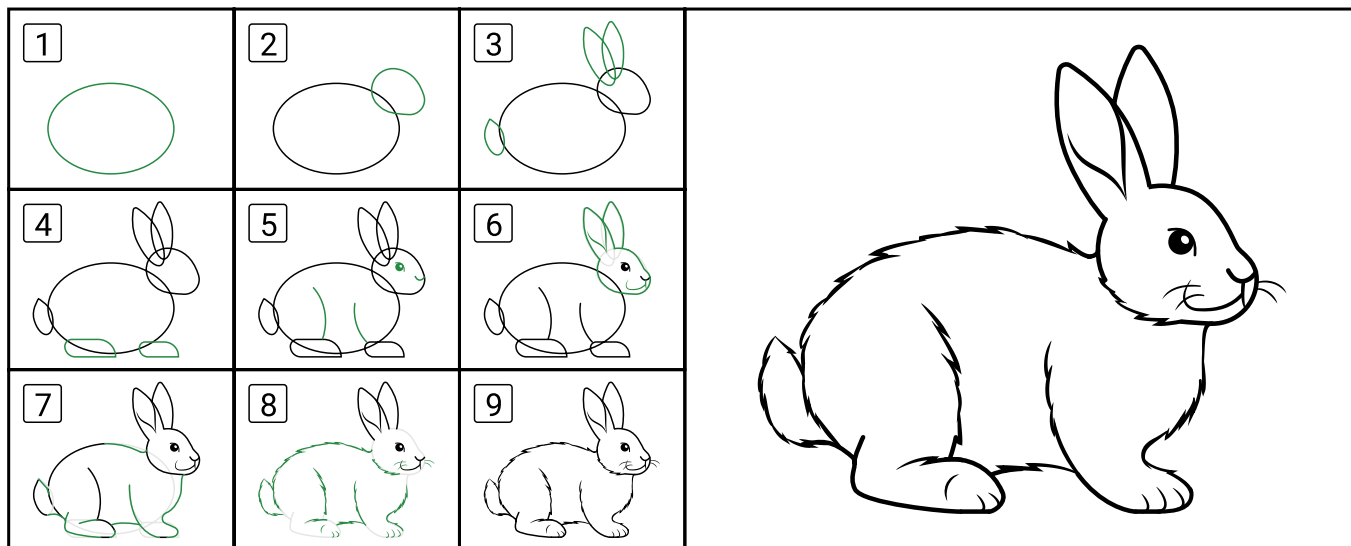
The Eastern Cottontail Rabbit, *Sylvilagus floridanus*, is abundant throughout Connecticut, and does indeed make return trips to Fairfield County's all-you-can-eat suburban salad bar. This is the species we see grazing along the green shoulders of the Merritt Parkway and zipping into hedgerows at the slightest approach. Yet, despite its familiarity and seeming omnipresence, this creature is not native New Englander.

That distinction is owned by its discrete, more reclusive cousin. The New England Cottontail, *Sylvilagus transitionalis*, is the only rabbit native to Connecticut, New England and neighboring New York. It was the rabbit known to English colonists as a coney, and is thought to have inspired the name Coney Island, for its great abundance on the island in the 1600's and 1700's.

While this native New England rabbit was uniquely adapted to the habitats and natural habitat succession of New England, development and land practices altered the landscape. With the introduction of the more adaptable Eastern Cottontail from other regions of the country in the early 1900's, the native found itself with stiff competition for limited resources.



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Closer scrutiny reveals two distinct creatures. The New England Cottontail is a creature of forests, specifically transitional forests, known as thickets. Naturally, these occur in the aftermath of forest fires, floods and severe storms. These rabbits thrive in the dense cover of these regrowth areas. They rarely stray far from that cover

and their eyesight is designed to detect potential predators at close range.

The Eastern Cottontail, by contrast, is a creature of open spaces. They prefer grasslands and meadows, as well as their manicured counterparts such as parks, lawns and golf courses. In short, they were practically designed for suburbia.

While these close-cousin species share excellent hearing, sense of smell and swiftness of foot, one key adaptation makes a world of difference—eyesight. With eyes approximately 50% larger than their thicket-dwelling cousins, Eastern Cottontails hold the advantage in human-altered New England. With such distance vision, they

can venture further from cover to access plentiful grasses while still tracking potential predators from a safe range. Likewise, they are the look-alike cousins who invade our gardens and scurry under our fence lines.

Though both species are approximately 14-19 inches in length and up to 2.5 pounds in weight, the unique traits of the

New England Cottontail include: smaller ears, fine black fur lines along the edges of those ears and a black star at the crown of the head. Sadly, these specialists have lost approximately 85% of their home range in New England and they need our help.

Thankfully, there is hope for their recovery. Study has revealed no evidence the species are hybridizing, and there are those who are coming to the aid of their wild neighbors in need. Through programs like the Young Forest Habitat Initiative and other restoration efforts, The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is conserving essential rabbit habitat. Given that 90% of our state's land is privately owned, citizens are making all the difference. By working with our state wildlife agency, our neighbors are managing their land to benefit New England Cottontails, along with native songbirds and amphibians. Additionally, groups such as The Catherine Violet Hubbard Wildlife Sanctuary have adopted land use practices which actively conserve native rabbit habitat right here in Fairfield County.

While an adorable appearance never hurts a marketing campaign, it doesn't speak to conservation merit. Yet the evolutionary wealth of native species is not to be dismissed. The plants and animals native to a region are the ones uniquely designed to survive amidst the conditions and environmental challenges of that region. More specifically, protection from introduced diseases and species often reside within the physical and behavioral makeup of our wild neighbors. By protecting them, we not conserve native biodiversity, we also promote our own resilience.

So the next time you see that adorable icon of spring, remember there's more to them than meets the eye...and the ears.

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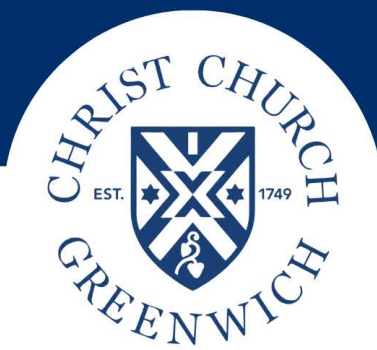


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