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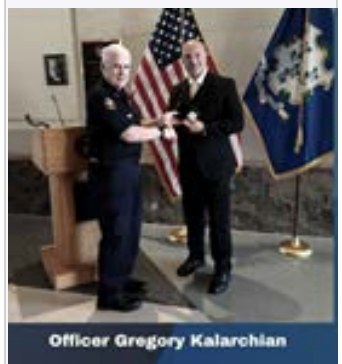
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LOCAL NEWS BRIEF

POLICE & FIRE Honoring Women in Law Enforcement

National Police Women's Day was on September 12th and honors women in law enforcement. The department expresses appreciation for their service. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department.

New Officer Brings Expertise to Greenwich



On September 10, 2024, Officer Gregory Kalarchian was sworn in at the Town of Greenwich Public Safety Complex. He brings 24 years of experience from the New York State Police, specializing in DUI enforcement, motor vehicle collision investigations, and is a certified police motorcycle operator. Kalarchian will complete his Connecticut police training and continue his service with the Greenwich Police Department.

Police Respond to Overboard Incident

On Saturday evening, a woman fell overboard from a sailboat near Belle Haven Yacht Club and clung to a mooring for approximately 15 minutes. Officers from the Greenwich Police Marine Section responded, throwing her a life ring and pulling her to safety. She was returned to the sailboat without injury, and no medical aid was requested.

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

"Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love." From Fyodor Dostoyevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov," 1879-1880. He died a few months after its publication.



Greenwich Tree Warden Dr. Gregory Kramer stands before a willow oak tree near the CVS Pharmacy on Greenwich Avenue. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

Triumphs and Challenges of the Greenwich Avenue Tree Replanting Restoration Project

By ANNE W. SEMMES

There's a new tree species greening Greenwich Avenue as introduced by Tree Warden Dr. Gregory Kramer. "Its common name is the willow oak," he says, standing by one planted near the CVS Pharmacy. "But it is a true oak," and "The leaf looks more like a willow leaf than an oak leaf." And in an urban setting with limited airspace to grow, "It's a tree that holds its canopy rather tight, so it doesn't get too broad of a tree."

Kramer counts some five planted between the Post Road and Lewis Street.

"The other interesting component of willow oak," he adds, "is it's a very salt tolerant and urban tolerant tree. So, it tolerates dogs and people compacting the soil. And truth be told, because the leaves are so small, they're easier to clean up in the fall. And the acorns are very small, and at this latitude they don't produce a huge number of acorns as much as they produce down south." And this was where Kramer worked before he arrived as Tree Warden five years ago. "And they also hold their leaves rather late in the season, which is nice - they can hold their leaves until late November, early December."

And note, Greenwich residents, those willow oaks, that are now interspersed with existing trees, to be extended down to Railroad Avenue, do live long. "The Willow Oak's average lifespan he tells, "is probably 150 to maybe 200 years, in ideal conditions."

Kramer is grateful that, "We were able to plant more trees above what exists now." He points to the important partners in this Replanting Project,

especially the Department of Public Works. "They actually created six new tree wells this year south of Fawcett Place." And add the important partnership with the Greenwich Tree Conservancy (GTC), and in particular its founder, Peter Malkin. "Peter's a big advocate of planting trees if they are removed," notes Kramer.

Peter Malkin spells out that advocacy in the backstory and challenges leading to the tree plantings on Greenwich Avenue. "It goes back to when Larry Cooper was the Tree Warden...probably 30 or 40 years ago. Many of the trees on North Maple Avenue, Lake Avenue and Round Hill Road were planted by William Rockefeller when he owned all that property. The trees were beginning to die. They were over a hundred years old." Seems those trees were planted having been "pulled out of the ground," rather than from nurseries. "Larry Cooper said you could tell that, because if they had bumps on the lower elements of the trunk, it would show that they were pulled out."

The Malkins - Peter and Isabel had worked with Tree Warden Cooper on those replantings. "When we saw what had to be done," says Malkin, "we decided to organize the Greenwich Tree Conservancy [founded in 2007]." The first challenge on the Avenue was, "The streetlights were not working." Thus came the need "to replace the lights with LED lights," followed by "replacing the street stanchions with the classical stanchions that we now have...Then that led to the real effort with the trees on Greenwich Avenue as a full-scale thing starting with the arrival of Greg Kramer."

The first challenge came from the Department of Public Works (DPW) needing to pass on whether a tree would "obscure any turning or other oncoming cars." Another was needing to know "where were all these submerged pipes and wires," tells Malkin. And then there was...when a tree was removed, the tree well was blacktopped over... We had to get approval from the DPW to remove the blacktop, remove any stump that was in there, and then find room to plant a new tree."

There followed Avenue walks with GTC head JoAnn Messina walking with Kramer deciding "on locations where trees could be planted, and then began the process for a couple of years of working with DPW to get approval for doing so." And in that planting process, "Whatever is not covered by the town budget, GTC will cover," tells Malkin.

"We've also been advocating for the care of existing trees on the Avenue," adds GTC Executive Director Kate Dzikiewicz, "including arranging for additional soil and mulch to be added to newly expanded tree wells so that the trees already there could continue to grow and thrive."

But unwanted tree removals became major stumbling blocks. Malkin tells of "that big tree at the northeast corner of Elm and Greenwich Avenue... in front of the new Chase Bank, originally an Italian restaurant ... the DPW wanted to take it down to make room for a handicap access ramp." Malkin's suggestion to move the ramp five feet away became -after legal confrontations - the tree saving answer.

And most recently there's the threat

of a possibly 50-year-old honey locust tree to be removed at 125 Greenwich Avenue. Malkin surmises that the fronting Shreve, Crump & Lowe was concerned that the tree's root had "raised the sidewalk an inch or two, causing rainwater to run down the sidewalk into their entrance." Add to that First Selectman Fred Camillo's concern that the raised sidewalk "was a terrible tripping hazard. That led to the request that the tree be removed," says Malkin, "and the tree was posted and that led to a public hearing."

So, the DPW has done their part to "improve the sidewalk" and at the public hearing Malkin and Kramer presented their defense. "Greg Kramer issued a ruling that he would not allow the tree to be taken down, to give a period of six months to see if there were alternatives that would avoid the need for that." A contractor "came up with a program that you could have a smooth ramp an inch or two over the root and not have to destroy it."

Kramer has consulted an arborist "about whether something could be done with the roots of the tree." He is also to meet up with the DPW, "to show them both the proposed construction improvement to the sidewalk that would eliminate any need to do anything with the root, and also tell them what he had found out from the arborist."

Malkin is confident he says "that during the six-month period, a few weeks having gone by now, and two solutions have been proposed, a solution will be reached. It's a major tree, and they hang the town banners from it."

Technology for Dinner!



By STUART ADELBERG

Sometimes I wonder who technology is intended to serve. Perhaps this story will explain why.

A few weeks ago my Dad wanted to order takeout from a favorite local restaurant. Dad is capable, in excellent health, and enjoys his independence as he approaches his 90th birthday. Despite this, a concern about takeout is parking and picking up your food without having to walk a distance. The restaurant is on a busy street, and Dad is loathe to double park, fearful

of creating a traffic headache for others. I suggested that he call the restaurant and ask if someone might bring the order to his car, noting his age and the parking challenge. The adventure begins.

A recording picks up Dad's call, indicating that the restaurant no longer answer the phone. To make a reservation, place an order, or communicate you must go to their website. So he did. The only way to communicate there is via email, which isn't likely to help him tonight. Oh well! Not one to be put off, and getting hungrier by the minute, Dad decided to place the order anyway. He browsed the menu and began. Now the restaurant's website sent him to another website that handles their

takeout, but it wouldn't let him proceed because he "didn't have an account." The adventure continues.

Dad set out to create an account, following the prompts and entering information that seemingly has nothing to do with dinner. Note that Dad was doing this on his cellphone, since this all began with an attempted phone call. The site said it would send a security code to ensure that it was really him. Now the process became dicey as Dad wasn't sure how to check texts without leaving the website. He figured it out and got the code, which, of course, he struggled to remember by the time he got back to the website. Eventually - success!!! Now, the website wants him to create a password, the bane

of Dad's existence. The last thing he wants is another password, just to satisfy tonight's desire for dinner. The adventure has now been going on for more than 30 minutes.

Finally, Dad calls me, exasperated at wasting all this time when he just wants to order dinner. Wanting to be helpful, I offer to place the order that he can then go pick up. I assume the website has a way to order as a "guest" without creating a new account. Foolish me! Fortunately, I discover that I already have an account on this site, so I proceed with the order. Just when I think everything is good, the website tells me that they will send a code to my phone that must be shown to pick up the food. Well this won't

do me any good, since I'm not the one doing the pick-up. So I search for a place to provide a different phone number for the code, emailing Dad to be on the lookout for the text. Neither of these things happened.

At this point my father calls back telling me to forget it! No restaurant is worth an hour's aggravation, so he is making himself a sandwich before he faints from hunger. He is angry and pledges that not only won't he do takeout from this restaurant, but he will never go back there even to eat in person. In his mind, dinner to them is nothing more than a transaction and they have obviously lost any concern for their customers!

Technology can be a beautiful thing - unless you happen to be hungry!



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Introducing Lights Out and What It Means for All of Us

By ANNE W. SEMMES

This past Wednesday in the Town Hall Meeting Room was the kickoff informational meeting of the new "Lights Out Greenwich" regulations, making history as the Town is first to do such in the state. Those 40-plus attendees on Zoom and present were introduced to the extraordinarily negative effects of light pollution and how the Town's new rules that went into effect this past March are helping to minimize the effects of light pollution while "promoting energy efficiency and biodiversity."

"These new rules make us the very first municipality to conform to the standards set forth by Lights Out Connecticut, an advocacy group formed to help municipalities better manage nighttime lighting and to limit light pollution," began Myra Klockenbrink, Greenwich's Sustainability Committee Sector Co-Chair of Land & Water. "What makes Greenwich special is its superlative natural environment. That environment is a constantly evolving landscape that requires every person, every organization, and every business to do its part to protect and prioritize our environment and how we live within it."

The Lights Out Greenwich regulations, she told "were developed by our planning and zoning commission as part of the town's plan of conservation and development." The result was, "a 10-year roadmap aimed at balancing technological advances with the challenges brought on by climate change and growth with these new rules. She then introduced Patrick LaRow as the director of Greenwich's Planning and Zoning department. "He helped craft these new regulations and it's my pleasure to welcome him to speak to their importance."

"The goal specific in the P&Z," said LaRow, "is that we were addressing with this regulation change to update the lighting regulations to minimize light

pollution and the overall requirement for glare, which is light striking your eye directly...whether from residential or commercial sources. And included - "streetlights and athletic field lighting."

"The regulation again specifically addresses outside of the building lighting," he noted, for both commercial and residential buildings. "And regarding preferable lighting - we wanted a lighting specialist involved to make sure that we were asking for things that are available in the market. So, any homeowner can go in and pick up a light bulb or pick up a light fixture and understand by looking at the packaging if it can or cannot meet the regulation."

LaRow then explained how to alter exposed light fixtures with a cowl "that will conform the light to an area of the task it's intended for. Klockenbrink then told of a user-friendly handout available that describes how to limit light pollution, "and it's something everyone can do." Up next was Craig Repasz, chair and co-founder of Lights Out Connecticut, "that provides best practices for lighting in line with Connecticut state law and the Connecticut State building code with an emphasis in protecting our bird light."

"So, you are first in the state to have this level of ordinance that addresses light pollution," he began. "Back in 2012 there was an ordinance passed by the state that only dealt with highway lights. Two years ago, there was a law that was passed signed by Governor Lamont that only applied to state owned buildings and that was simply to shut the lights off from 11 o'clock at night to six o'clock in the morning year-round. We were asking them to do it during peak migration for birds. Somebody saw that there was a cost savings and that there could be millions of dollars of payers' money saved by shutting off the lights."

"We have 155 species of birds," he continued, "that either will migrate from Connecticut through

Connecticut, and they are migrating at night. This light pollution impedes their progress. So, you're taking a step to make the nights dark for these birds that have passed over us this time of year. We could literally have a million birds fly over our state as radar indicates every night... So, Greenwich is a leader."

What the last speaker offered on Zoom was most dire. Dr. Mario Motta was introduced as a retired cardiologist fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, and an associate professor of medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. Motta congratulated Greenwich for "doing the right thing and being a leader," then spelled out the human health impacts from light pollution.

"So human health is affected by bad lighting. The most obvious is glare. It's a dangerous condition for drivers and the pedestrians... The more lighting you put up, crime statistics get worse." Light pollution "interferes with circadian rhythms and that means melatonin suppression, which inhibits the immune system when it suppressed and that leads to endocrine related carcinomas, specifically breast, prostate, thyroid and pancreas. It interferes with sleep, mood and depression and psychiatric issues, obesity and diabetes, coronary events."

And more, "Outdoor lighting affects people in their house by shining through their shades. It doesn't take a lot of light to suppress the melatonin...The more light shines in your bedroom, the higher your risk of breast cancer up from 14 to 50 percent increase." He ended with, "There is literally a thousand studies to prove everything that I just talked about."

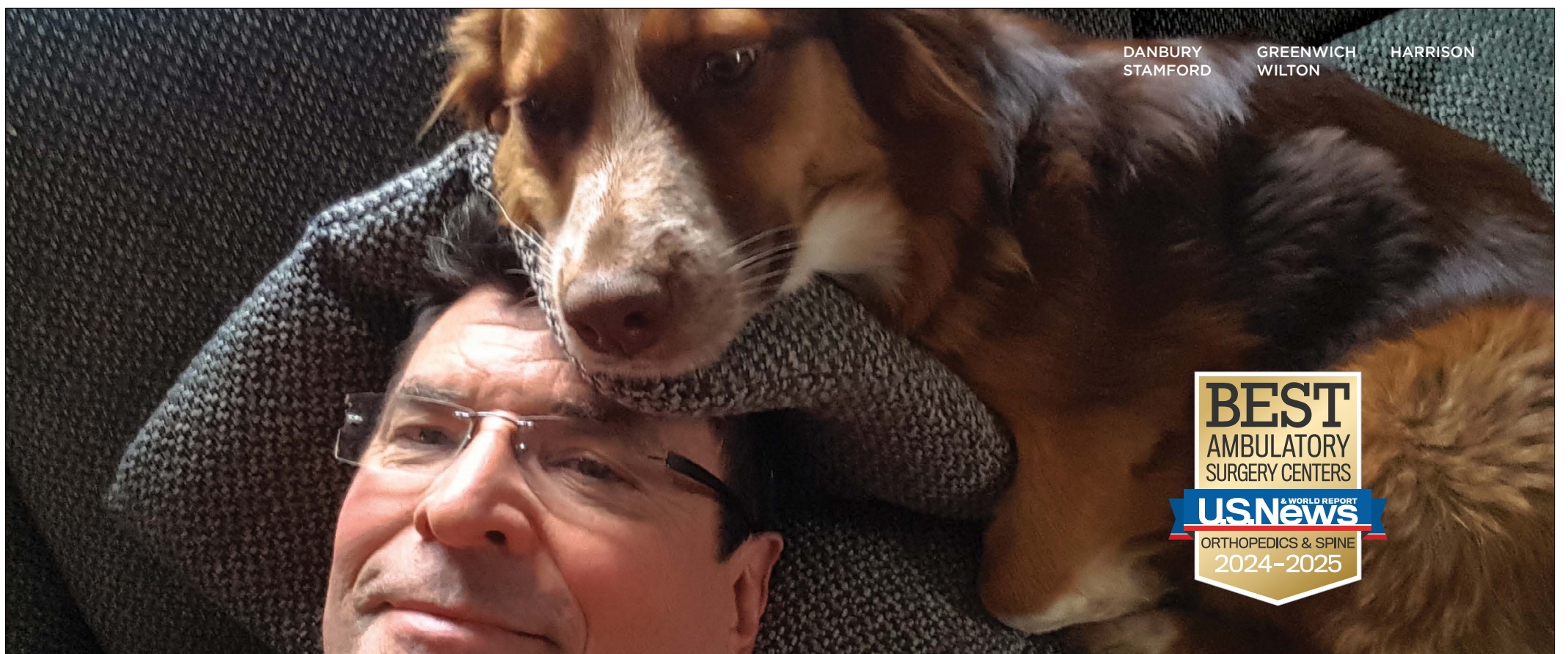
In the Q&A, Ryan Brumberg, an RTM member representing the backcountry - "which is a very dark area" - spoke out against the lighting regulations. "It makes me a little scared as a resident of the town that we're creating a culture where we want our neighbors

to go find and inform on other neighbors... and make sure the town's aware that they might be doing an extra violation?" He plans a petition "to bring to the RTM...that would change this entire ordinance."

P&Z Director LaRow responded with pointing out the RTM had adopted the new lighting regulations "by an overwhelming majority if you go back and check the votes." And, that the intention of the regulations was "not to be punitive, it's to create a level playing field of which everyone knows what the rules are and can follow them" and "to protect each other from nuisances and occurrences that can diminish the quality of life for every resident."

Klockenbrink ended the meeting with confirming that "Lights Out Greenwich is here to inform the public... to let people know what the rules are and how they can best come into compliance." She also directed those attending to access darksky.org, "if you're interested in the best kind of light fixture to purchase. They have good resources there and you can learn a lot about what we've been talking about today in terms of the environment and our health."

Speaking with attendees afterwards, Lisette Henrey, who serves on the Conservation Commission, expressed her concerns "of how these light regulations can be enforced." Cynthia Ehlinger, who serves on the Lights Out Greenwich Committee and leads bird walks, was impressed "to hear of all the myriad reasons to have lights out and the need to follow these regulations. There are reasons that have to do with human health, reasons that have to do with the environment, the birds in migration, and just the economic reasons to save money make it so sensible. Plus, the idea that lighting has changed so much in the last 10 or 15 years, that we need the new regulations to follow what is out there on the market."



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Sept. 11 Widow Susan Wohlforth Addresses the Annual Commemoration Hosted by Glenville Volunteer Firefighters

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, Susan Wohlforth addressed the onlookers at the Glenville Volunteer Fire Co.'s annual commemorative ceremony with the following remarks.

Good evening. Though I know many of you in the audience and many of you know me, for those of us who don't know one another, my name is Susan Wohlforth and I am 9/11 widow.

When Frank Napolitano asked me if I would like to say a few words this evening I replied, "Of course!" I had no idea what I should or would say, but then I thought about the significance of this day and two things came to my mind. They are two simple but, to me, very powerful words: *memory* and *gratitude*.

The 9-11 Memorial in downtown Manhattan is an exceptional museum and place of remembrance. For me, the most revered and sacred area in the entire space is the blue wall created by the artist Tom Joyce.

It is literally at bedrock and behind it is the repository of victims' remains. The wall is tiled in 2,983 watercolor squares which represent every 2001 and 1993 victim who died on those two fateful days — my husband, Buff Wohlforth, being one of them. Each square is its own shade of beautiful blue which represents the perfect cloudless sky we all witnessed on that innocent morning.

And written across those tiles are these words: "No day shall erase you from the memory of time." So eloquently expressed centuries ago by the Roman poet, Virgil.

For my daughter Chloe and me, this wall and this quote resonate with the word *memory*, and also the words "never forget." We all experience the color blue in personal and different ways, just as our memories of 9/11 are as different and personal as



Susan Wohlforth, who lost her husband in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, addresses assembled Greenwich dignitaries and civilians at the Glenville Volunteer Fire Co.'s annual commemoration. Photos: John Mastrocchio.

can be.

However, our individual recollections have an indelible and common point of reference, which is the collective memory of that fateful September day that we all share together.

It is why we join together on this anniversary as families, friends, even strangers, and as a greater community and nation.

It is why I stand here this evening on behalf of myself, my daughter, and fellow 9-11 families to express our gratitude for that shared recollection by simply saying, "thank you."

respect, and pay tribute. The need to remain compassionate, constructive, and kind.

I would like to thank our Town and State Officials, and the Boy Scouts and their leaders for joining us and supporting us every year and beyond.

But most of all, I would like to thank the wonderful men and women of the Glenville Volunteer Fire Department who, from the first anniversary 22 years ago, have planned this somber but uplifting evening of remembrance, and who worked tirelessly to obtain for our town a section of a remaining steel beam from Ground Zero. You are true heroes.

I would like to thank all firefighters, all police officers, EMTs, and those who serve in our military branches. Please know how much your pledge to protect us and our democracy is deeply appreciated. We know that the sacrifices you make and who worked tirelessly to obtain for our town a section of a remaining steel beam from Ground Zero. You are true heroes.

When I think about how many first responders rushed into the World Trade Center without an ounce of hesitation, without a thought for their own safety, how can I — we — not be grateful? When I think about them and those who worked months and even years at Ground Zero and who are now either gravely ill or have died, how can I — we — not be grateful? Of course we are, and we always will be.

Finally, I would just like to say to everyone here, everyone I referenced tonight and anyone I might have omitted by mistake, please know you have our heartfelt gratitude for making sure that no day shall erase our loved ones nor the tragic events of September 11th from the memory of time.

Thank you.



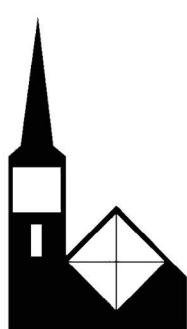
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A Dynamic Team

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

What happens when two nonprofits fighting food insecurity for our younger citizens come together - magic! Childhood hunger dissipates by providing children in need with meals on the weekends.

That big beautiful truck that pulls into Meals-on-Wheels every Thursday packs a punch. Meals-on-Wheels and Filling in the Blanks get weekend food directly into the hands of children. Along with Meals-on-Wheels daily meal delivery service, we deliver shelf-stable weekend meals prepared by Filling in the Blanks to several preschool programs in Greenwich.

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Four years ago, Meals-on-Wheels recognized this unmet need for preschool children. We contracted with Filling in the Blanks to deliver nutritious meals to the Greenwich preschool programs. Our volunteer drivers deliver the food each week. Meals-on-Wheels covers the entire cost of the food delivered to these school programs. This program is a new aspect of our services where we are helping



meet the nutritional needs of all ages.

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The Harvest Moon and October's Celestial Magic

By EMMA BARHYDT

Sky-gazers in town and the rest of the United States were treated to a breathtaking sight on Tuesday night as the full harvest moon illuminated the sky, accompanied by a partial lunar eclipse. This celestial event, a hallmark of early fall, carries ties to New England's agricultural heritage and was especially significant for its role in the region's farming history.

This month's full moon, often called the harvest moon, peaked at 10:35 p.m. ET. According to the Farmer's Almanac website, "Before electricity and tractors with lights used to harvest crops all night long, farmers relied on the Harvest Moon's light to extend work days when fields were most bountiful," harvesting their crops in preparation for the approaching frost.

The bright moonlight allowed farmers to work long hours into the night, harvesting corn, pumpkins, and other staple crops that were crucial for surviving the long, harsh winters. The moon's glow was essential in guiding these farmers through one of the most labor-intensive times of the year.

The harvest moon is traditionally the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox, which could take place either in September or October, it depends on the year. If the October full moon does occur closer to the autumnal equinox, then September's moon takes on the name "Corn Moon." This term, rooted in Algonquin traditions, reflects the crucial harvest time for corn and other staple crops that were central to early American agriculture.

Tuesday night's event was even more special due to a partial lunar eclipse. According to NASA, the moon began entering Earth's full shadow

at 10:13 p.m. ET and exited at 11:16 p.m. ET, with the eclipse peaking at 10:44 p.m. ET. Though not as visually dramatic as a total lunar eclipse, which can turn the moon a striking red color, this partial eclipse still created an unusual and memorable view.

This particular harvest moon was not just any full moon, but a supermoon—the second of four supermoons in 2024. A supermoon occurs when the moon is at its closest point to Earth, making it appear larger and brighter than usual. According to NASA, on Tuesday, the moon was approximately 222,637 miles away, significantly closer than its average distance of 238,900 miles. This proximity enhanced the brilliance of the moon, providing an even more spectacular display for New England's sky-watchers.

For those who missed Tuesday's lunar event, there is still more to come. The new moon on the 2nd, occurring at 18:51 UTC, will render the Moon invisible, providing an ideal opportunity to observe faint celestial objects like galaxies and star clusters without lunar interference.

The night sky will continue to captivate in early October with the Draconids meteor shower peaking on October 7. This minor shower, typically producing about 10 meteors per hour, stands out for its early evening visibility.

The full moon on October 17, known as the Hunter's Moon, will be the second of three supermoons in 2024. This full moon, which gets its name from its association with the hunting season, will appear larger and brighter than usual as it reaches its closest approach to Earth.



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Finally, the Orionids meteor shower, peaking on the night of October 21 and the morning of October 22, will light up the sky with up to 20 meteors per hour. Despite the interference from the waning gibbous moon, the Orionids,

which are produced by dust from the famed Halley's Comet, promise a chance to glimpse some celestial fireworks. Best viewed from a dark location after midnight, this shower offers a fitting end to a month filled

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Firefighters Honored for I-95 Response

Greenwich named firefighters involved in an I-95 accident response this summer as Employees of the Month. Despite serious injuries to colleagues, the team continued their work. The town recognizes their efforts during the incident. Photo credit: John Ferris Robben

FROM TOWN HALL

The Board of Selectmen has scheduled a public meeting on October 7 at 7 pm to address concerns about the North Street bridge replacement project. The Board of Estimate and Taxation has postponed the project's approval until after this meeting. Residents with questions can email publicworks@greenwichct.org.

Rent Rebate Deadline Approaches

The Rent Rebate Program for elderly or disabled Connecticut renters ends on September 30, 2024. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single individuals. To apply, contact the Greenwich Department of Human Services at 203-622-3800.

Feral Cat Ordinance Proposed in Greenwich

At last Thursday's Selectmen meeting, town attorney Barbara Schellenberg introduced a draft ordinance to manage the feral cat problem in Old Greenwich, modeled on similar laws in other Connecticut towns. The ordinance would require feral cat keepers to register with Animal Control, ensure cats are vaccinated and sterilized, and prevent property damage, with fines for violations. The proposal also includes provisions for impounding or euthanizing unclaimed cats, sparking concerns, and will be reviewed further on September 26 before moving to the Representative Town Meeting for approval.

Greenwich Rejects Proposal

On Tuesday, the Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed and ultimately rejected an affordable housing proposal by Mason Street Partners LLC due to unresolved issues. The project, which included two multi-story buildings with 92 residential units, was denied after concerns over pedestrian safety, environmental remediation, and infrastructure impact were raised. The decision followed a 4-1 vote to deny the original approval motion and a subsequent unanimous vote to formalize the denial.

Greenwich Withdraws Circus Ban Proposal

On September 16, the Representative Town Meeting in Greenwich withdrew a proposal to ban traveling circuses. The proposal, prompted by the United States Humane Society, failed to gain traction due to its lack of relevance, as no such circuses have visited the town in decades. The major circuses that used to feature animal acts have long ceased to do so.

Greenwich Parks Launches Social Media

Greenwich Parks and Recreation has launched new Facebook and Instagram accounts to provide updates on their programs and events. Following these accounts will keep residents informed about activities and announcements. Additional information is available on the department's website.

AROUND TOWN

Youth Shine at Bluefish Tournament

At the Mianus River Boat and Yacht Club's 39th Annual Bluefish Tournament, two boys placed first and third in the Junior Angler category. The event included food and prizes. It was a successful day of fishing for the participants.

Historic Overlay Proposed for Sherwood

A proposal seeks to apply a historic overlay to 49 Sherwood Place, preserving the 1860 home while allowing for the construction of a third housing unit. Current zoning permits two units, but the overlay would enable three. The Planning & Zoning Commission will review the application.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Steinway Reopens Showroom

Steinway & Sons has reopened its showroom at 1545 E. Putnam Ave., previously a fitness center, following the closure of their Greenwich Avenue location in April. The redesigned space features new flooring, lighting, and acoustic tiles for music recitals, allowing for a wider piano selection and event hosting. The showroom, which is the only Steinway location in Connecticut, aims to leverage its expanded facilities to better serve the local musical community.

DART Hosts Annual Charity Walk

Dana's Angels Research Trust (DART) is hosting its seventh annual DART to the Finish Charity Walk on September 28 at Greenwich Point Park. Registration costs are \$30 for adults, \$15 for those aged 10-21, and free for children under 10, with a virtual participation option available for a \$30 donation. DART has raised over \$6.5 million for Niemann-Pick Type C (NPC) research, supporting clinical trials and advancements in treatments for NPC and related disorders.

Fundraiser Empowers Lives with Dignity

On October 19, The Undies Project will hold its fundraiser, "The Magic of Giving," at Fish Church, 1101 Bedford Street, Stamford. The event will feature magician Gary Ferrar and emcee Kim Berns, with food from Aux Délices and free wine and beer. All proceeds will support the organization's 55 partner agencies.

Duck Stamp Contest Showcases Talent

This year's Federal Duck Stamp contest features 239 entries depicting various duck species, with judging taking place at the Bruce Museum this week. John Oliver, who previously submitted unconventional works, is not participating this year. The Duck Stamp program, established in 1934, has raised \$1.1 billion for wetland conservation and continues to attract significant interest from artists and collectors.

Greenwich Pen Women Exhibit Opens

The Greenwich Pen Women exhibit is on display at Les Beaux Arts Gallery until November 7. The gallery, located at 395 Round Hill Road, Greenwich, is open Sundays from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm, closed on Saturdays. For more information, contact Gallery Curator Mirella Hajjar at 203.869.1091.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Baker Wins Preservation Award

Susie Baker received the 2024 David Ogilvy Preservation Award from the Greenwich Historical Society for her long-term commitment to environmental preservation in Greenwich. The award was given at the Annual Meeting on September 18 at the Belle Haven Club. Baker has been a significant figure in local environmental efforts, including her work with the Greenwich Point Conservancy and her 25-year teaching career in marine biology.

Tatiana Mori Wins Prestigious Arts Award

Tatiana Mori, Executive Director of the Greenwich Arts Council, has received the 2024 Scott Schuler Distinguished Art Advocate Award from the Connecticut Art Education Association. The award recognizes her substantial contributions to advancing arts education in Connecticut. The honor will be presented at the CAEA's annual celebration.

SCHOOLS

DiPietro Verbal Commitment to Yale

Giselle DiPietro has verbally committed to Yale University. This marks a key step in her academic and athletic path.

Students Create Edible Water Bottles

Eighth-grade students at Sacred Heart Greenwich created edible water bottles using spherification, forming a membrane around water through a chemical reaction. They evaluated the pros and cons of the bottles. Students also discussed alternative uses for the technology.

Teens Recognized for Achievements

Greenwich Magazine named Gavin Haroche and Katie Byxbee, seniors at Greenwich Country Day School, to its 2024 "10 Teens To Watch" list. Haroche is a taekwondo black belt, robotics enthusiast, and founder of Whiz Kids. Byxbee is a Junior Olympian in water polo, co-president of an LGBTQ-affiliated club, and an advocate for children with hearing disabilities.

GCDS Seniors are Scholarship Semifinalists

Four Greenwich Country Day School seniors were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists based on their PSAT/NMSQT scores. They represent less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors. The students are Imran Iftikar, Harrison Servedio, Penelope Hentsch-Cowles, and Declan O'Keefe.

Investigation Follows Football Bus Incident

A bus carrying Greenwich High School's freshman football team briefly drove the wrong way on I-95 due to construction detours, prompting an investigation by the district. No accidents occurred, and the driver has been removed from long routes pending the investigation. The district requested video and GPS data review and indicated possible retraining for drivers.

Greenwich Public Schools has set its policy for determining eligibility for free or reduced-price meals under NSLP, SBP, and SMP for the 2024-25 school year, with reduced-price eligible students receiving one free breakfast and lunch daily. Eligibility will be based on USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines, with applications available on the district's website and distributed to students. Automatic eligibility applies to students from households receiving SNAP, TFA, or HUSKY A (Medicaid), while foster children are also eligible; all other households must submit an application with required income and household information.

Greenwich Students Shine in STEM Challenge

Greenwich High School freshmen Mikah Kaalund, Tyler Malkin, Caroline Stowe, and Mackensy Wilson have been named among the Top 300 Junior Innovators in the 2024 Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge. The competition, run by the Society for Science, selected these students from nearly 2,000 entries nationwide. The finalists, to be announced later this week, will compete for various awards including the \$25,000 Thermo Fisher Scientific ASCEND Award.

GHS Student Wins Prestigious Scholarship

Ashley Malkin, a senior at Greenwich High School, has been awarded a \$10,000 Davidson Institute Fellow scholarship for her research on predicting drug-gene interactions in neurological disorders. Her work, titled "Identification of Therapeutics for Neurological Disorders through Development of a Novel Machine Learning System for Predicting Drug-Gene Interactions in the Glymphatic System," falls under the Technology category. The Davidson Institute, established in 2000, aims to support and develop exceptionally gifted young individuals.

GPS Now Have Communication Boards

In December, a new communication board was introduced at Old Greenwich School and has since been installed at all eleven elementary schools in the district. These boards are designed to assist students with limited verbal skills and those learning English by using universally recognized symbols.

GHS Teacher Named Civics Finalist

Ms. Megan Ostruzka of Greenwich High School has been named a finalist for the Bill of Rights Institute's National Civics Teacher of the Year Award. Finalists, selected from a nationwide search, each receive a \$1,000 prize. The winner, who will be announced on September 17, will receive an additional \$5,000.

CMS Teacher Featured in Science & Children

The July-August issue of Science & Children featured Central Middle School's Ms. Jennifer Bresler and Ms. Samantha Franzese with Page Keeley. In March, GPS middle school teachers attended Keeley's session at a national conference and subsequently invited her to lead a professional development workshop. Last month, Keeley worked with the GPS science team, focusing on formative assessment strategies and curriculum alignment.

SPORTS

SHG Dominates with Perfection

In their first three games of the 2024 season, the Sacred Heart Greenwich field hockey team has scored 20 goals while maintaining a perfect defensive record. They defeated School of the Holy Child, Kent School, and Hopkins School by a combined score of 20-0.

Cardinals' M.J. D'Angelo Shines Bright

Greenwich opened their football season with a decisive 24-6 victory over West Haven, taking an early 14-point lead and maintaining control throughout the game. Senior quarterback M.J. D'Angelo made a strong debut, contributing both as a passer and a runner to lead the Cardinals to victory.

Brunswick Wins 30-0 Over Cheshire

Brunswick School's football team opened their 2024 season with a dominant 30-0 victory over Cheshire Academy, reversing last year's loss and showcasing strong performances from both their offense and defense. Senior quarterback Blake Hebert, making his debut, threw a touchdown pass and ran for another score, while the defense, led by senior captains, shut down Cheshire's offense effectively.

SHG Field Hockey Begins Season With a Win

Sacred Heart Greenwich's field hockey team began their 2024 season with a dominant 6-0 victory over School of the Holy Child, scoring all their goals in the first half. Despite the win, coach Alex Gheorghe noted the team is in a rebuilding phase with many new players and is focused on

GHS Girls Soccer Builds on Last Season

The Greenwich High School girls soccer team aims to build on last season's success, having recently secured a 1-0 victory over Wilton. Despite a tough start to the season, the team remains optimistic and focused on leveraging their leadership and young talent.

ACROSS CT

Veterans Stand Down Event

The Connecticut Veterans Affairs Stand Down 2024 will take place on September 20 at UCONN Stamford Campus. It will offer various services to veterans, active military members, and their families, including health support, benefits information, and employment aid. Transportation assistance is available, and more information can be found by calling 860-616-3772 or emailing standdown@ct.gov.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Restoration Project Enhances Fish Habitat

Trout Unlimited (TU) raised \$200,000 and collaborated with various agencies and landowners to complete the Mianus River Park Stream Restoration Project in Stamford, CT. Trout Scapes, a Montana company, was hired to manage the project. The work focuses on deepening pools, adding structures, and improving river flow to enhance fish habitat.

North Castle Opposes Housing Development

North Castle, N.Y., opposes a plan to build 198 residential units at the Greenwich American Center campus, citing concerns over traffic, environmental impact, and inadequate review of effects on local water sources. The project, initially approved in 2023, has returned for further review due to modifications and a proposed \$9.9 million contribution to affordable housing in Greenwich. Discussions continue as North Castle seeks to address these issues and negotiate adjustments to the development plan.

Local Students Shine in Journalism

Purchase College has announced the winners of its first high school journalism competition. Dana Rickens from the School of the Holy Child in Rye, New York, won the news category for her story on a new learning center at her school. Iris Pineda and Sofia Tibaldi from Mepham High School in Bellmore, New York, were also recognized.

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The Land Remains

“Laws change; people die; the land remains.” These words of Abraham Lincoln are as true today as they were when first spoken, and they serve as a sobering reminder of what is at stake in our community. The land we enjoy today is not guaranteed to remain open, green, or accessible unless active steps are taken to preserve it. The Greenwich Land Trust (GLT), now celebrating its 25th year of the “Go Wild!” event, stands at the forefront of this mission, protecting over 848 acres of diverse habitats throughout our town.

Lincoln’s words, “the land remains,” challenge us to consider what kind of land will remain for future generations.

On October 20, 2024, the GLT will once again host “Go Wild!” at the Greenwich Polo Club. This family-friendly event serves not just as a fundraiser but as a vivid reminder of the land we seek to protect. Attractions such as a Ferris wheel, pony rides, and rock climbing may draw the crowds, but the real star of the day is the enduring work of the GLT—securing the open spaces that define Greenwich’s character and enhance its quality of life.

The importance of this work cannot be overstated. The GLT’s efforts are not mere nostalgia for a bucolic past; they are a practical response to the pressures of development and the needs of a growing community. Last year, the Sentinel editorialized on the GLT’s role in conserving Treetops, a 94-acre property on the Greenwich-Stamford border that was nearly lost to housing development. The land was saved only through a Herculean fundraising effort led by local conservationists and supported by the community.

Such successes demonstrate that preserving land is not just an idealistic pursuit but a community priority that requires active engagement.

Conservation is more than protecting scenic views; it is about safeguarding the ecological balance that sustains our town. The GLT’s properties, ranging from tidal marshes to woodlands, provide critical habitats for wildlife, reduce flood risks, and improve air and water quality. Doug Tallamy, a conservation advocate and speaker at a recent GLT event, articulated a vision for small-scale, homegrown conservation efforts that resonate with the Trust’s broader goals: creating vibrant, functioning ecosystems even in suburban backyards.

Tallamy’s message underscores that land conservation is not just for vast, remote tracts of land but also for the spaces right outside our doors.

The GLT’s work has never been more relevant. As Greenwich faces increasing pressure to develop, from expanding neighborhoods to large-scale infrastructure projects, the value of our remaining open spaces only grows. The Trust’s initiatives, including land acquisition and environmental education, provide the community with tangible ways to engage in preservation. This year’s “Go Wild!” serves as a reminder that conservation is a collective responsibility. By participating, we invest not just in a day of entertainment but in the future of our town.

Yet, the GLT’s mission requires more than attendance; it requires ongoing commitment from residents and policymakers alike. Protecting land is not a one-time effort but an enduring process that demands vigilance, resources, and community support. The legacy we leave—of open spaces, clean air, and natural beauty—is a direct reflection of the choices we make today.

Lincoln’s words, “the land remains,” challenge us to consider what kind of land will remain for future generations. Will it be a patchwork of preserved spaces, thoughtfully protected for their ecological, historical, and recreational value? Or will it be land lost to shortsighted development, its natural legacy paved over and forgotten? The Greenwich Land Trust offers us a path forward, but the responsibility to take it rests with us all. Let’s ensure that the land not only remains but thrives.

Editorial Page

LETTER

You Must See Empire Waist

How many movies are fun, feel-good and deeply meaningful all at once?

By TOM BUTTERWORTH

How many movies are fun, feel-good and deeply meaningful all at once? That rare trifecta comes to the newly renovated Playhouse Theatre in “Empire Waist” on September 27, running through September 30. New Canaan’s Clare Ayoub wrote and directed the film, which follows a group of teens who learn to love their

bodies through friendship and inclusive fashion design. We’re told that attendance next week can influence how widely the film is distributed nationally. This is incredibly important because all teens (and their families and people of all ages!) who struggle with body image need to see this inspiring work.

Thanks to Cinema Lab who hosted the advance screening of “Empire Waist”

including an insightful live interview of Ms. Ayoub by Sheri West. The Playhouse seems to be delivering on its promise to be a true community-based theatre, not just a place to watch movies.

Editor’s Note: Empire Waist is now playing in New Canaan at the Cinema Labs Playhouse. <https://playhouse.cinematlab.com/home/>

OPINION

Celebrating Colleges in 2025

By TOM WILLIAMSON

The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse 2025 Best Colleges in the U.S. ranking offers a comprehensive look at the institutions that excel in providing an exceptional educational environment. This year’s list of the top 500 universities reflects a shift in how we evaluate higher education, focusing not just on academic performance but also on the overall student experience, which includes factors like campus facilities, community, social life, and diversity. Developed in collaboration with College Pulse and Statista, the ranking highlights schools that are meeting the evolving needs of students across the country.

Leading the list this year is Scripps College, a women’s liberal arts institution in Claremont, California. Scripps scored exceptionally high in student experience, with its picturesque campus, strong community ties, and robust social life setting it apart. The college’s commitment to creating a supportive and engaging environment is a model for others to follow. Close behind are Harvey Mudd College and Florida International University, both of which excel in providing diverse and dynamic campus experiences, illustrating

that size and prestige are not the only factors that define a top-tier institution.

What sets this ranking apart is its comprehensive approach. Unlike traditional lists that focus solely on academic achievements or institutional wealth, the WSJ/College Pulse ranking considers the lived experiences of students. Questions around campus safety, mental health support, and social integration are now key metrics, acknowledging that a college’s value extends beyond the classroom. This broader evaluation provides a more accurate reflection of what students can expect during their time on campus.

The ranking also brings attention to lesser-known schools that excel in areas critical to student success. For instance, California Baptist University, ranked fifth, is recognized for its welcoming environment and community engagement. Meanwhile, Oral Roberts University and Hobart and William Smith Colleges shine for their strong social scenes and supportive campus cultures, demonstrating that institutions across the country are finding innovative ways to enhance student life.

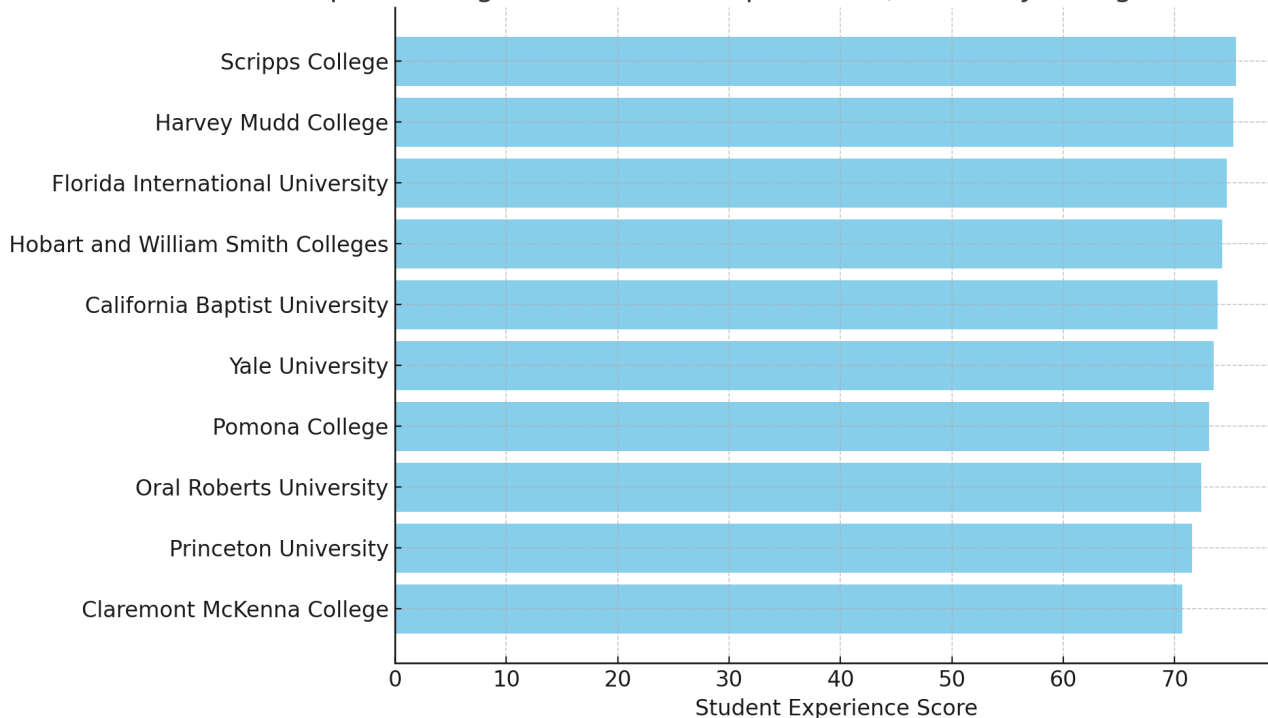
In a competitive educational landscape,

the schools that made the top 10 are not just meeting academic standards—they are thriving in areas that truly matter to students today. Whether it’s the interconnected campuses of the Claremont Colleges, the community focus of Florida International University, or the elite resources of Yale and Princeton, these institutions are setting a high bar for what higher education can and should be.

As prospective students and their families navigate the complex decision of choosing a college, rankings like this offer valuable insights into where they might find the best fit. While academic excellence remains crucial, this list reminds us that the best colleges are those that invest in the whole student experience, making campus life as enriching as the education itself.

For more information on the rankings and to explore the full list of top 500 colleges, visit the Wall Street Journal’s full report and methodology [here](<https://www.wsj.com/rankings/college-rankings/best-colleges-2025>). This comprehensive guide provides further insights into what makes these institutions stand out and the criteria used to assess their overall performance.

Top 10 Colleges for Student Experience (2025 WSJ/College Pulse Ranking)



LETTER

CTLCV Endorsement of Arzeno

To the editor,

We would like to address some misunderstandings and add context to a recent letter published regarding Rep. Hector Arzeno and the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (CTLCV).

CTLCV is a non-partisan, statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting Connecticut’s environment and advocating for policies that benefit all CT residents. Our organization advocates for a wide range of policies that protect Connecticut’s air, water, wildlife, open spaces, and public health.

We endorse leaders like Rep. Arzeno because a strong economy and healthy environment go hand in hand.

While energy costs are a concern, investing in clean, reliable energy will lead to more affordable solutions.

CTLCV’s work spans multiple interconnected issues that impact both the environment and the economic wellbeing of the communities in our state.

Rep. Hector Arzeno is an effective lawmaker and environmental champion, as highlighted in our recent press release endorsing him. His steadfast support for clean energy initiatives plays a crucial role in

reducing long-term energy costs and addressing environmental challenges that we all care about. Through his collaborative efforts, Rep. Arzeno is advancing renewable energy and cutting carbon emissions, contributing to a more affordable and sustainable energy future for Connecticut.

We endorse leaders like Rep. Arzeno because

a strong economy and healthy environment go hand in hand. While energy costs are a concern, investing in clean, reliable energy will lead to more affordable solutions. Rep. Arzeno’s leadership is making that vision a reality, reflecting CTLCV’s goal of a cleaner, more affordable future for Connecticut.

CT League of Conservation Voters

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COLUMN

Join us! Celebrating Triumphs in Mental Health



By Peter Tesei

In a world where mental health challenges can feel overwhelming and isolating, there is a beacon of hope for those living with mental illness. Today's advancements in science and mental health care offer more opportunities for a fulfilling and enriched life than ever before. At Pathway's, our mission is to empower individuals to overcome their struggles and lead vibrant lives. We invite you to be a part of this transformative journey by joining us October 5 for our largest annual fundraising event, where we will celebrate

progress and learn from remarkable experiences.

Our Gala is an opportunity to witness the power of resilience and the impact of innovative mental health care. This year, we are honored to feature Paul Dalio as our special guest and speaker. Paul Dalio, a distinguished filmmaker and mental health advocate, will share his personal journey living with bipolar disorder and how he has turned his challenges into triumphs.

The Gala will also introduce a Pathways initiative that focuses on harnessing creativity as a means of empowerment and healing. We believe that creativity is not just an outlet but a vital component of personal growth and fulfillment. By providing our clients with the resources and space to explore their creative potential, we aim to help them discover new passions and motivations. This approach is inspired by the insights of Paul Dalio who

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has been a living example of the profound link between mental health and creative expression through filmmaking, music and writing.

At Pathways, we recognize the barriers that many individuals face in their path to recovery, especially within the current healthcare system. The reality is stark: a significant number of people with serious mental illness experience unmet needs, particularly those who rely on Medicaid and lack adequate support. We are taking proactive steps to bridge these gaps and create a nurturing environment for recovery.

Celebrate with us Saturday, October 5th at Burning Tree Country Club!

The Pathways Mental Health Gala promises to be an evening of inspiration, reflection, and community. By attending, you'll gain valuable insights from Paul Dalio, support groundbreaking mental health initiatives, and be a part of a movement that transforms lives. Don't miss this opportunity to be a catalyst for change and to celebrate the resilience and creativity that define the human spirit.

We look forward to seeing you at the Gala and working together to unlock a future filled

with hope, promise and dignity for all.

For more information and tickets, go to www.pways.org/gala.

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For questions about the event, contact Rachel Hanley at rhanley@pways.org.

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LETTER

Fazio a Real Fiscal Conservative

Dear Editor

Let's talk money. Or, more specifically, let's talk about how the state of Connecticut likes to take yours and spend it like a teenager with a no-limit credit card. Enter Ryan Fazio, a guy who believes in something

radical: fiscal responsibility. I know, shocking, right?

Ryan's been a watchdog at the state level, making sure that our hard-earned dollars aren't being thrown into the void of wasteful spending. Remember the state budget? You know,

the one that, if left unchecked, would have ballooned faster than a politician's ego? Ryan voted to maintain Connecticut's fiscal guardrails. He's the reason why we managed to get a minor tax cut in 2023 instead of yet another increase.

But here's the kicker: while the state's been trying to blow through money like it's Monopoly cash, Ryan's been standing firm. He voted against irresponsible spending bills, the kind that use one-time federal stimulus dollars to cover

continuous expenses—setting us up for a budgetary disaster down the road. Ryan's the guy who understands that you don't pay for your mortgage with your Christmas bonus. Simple, right?

So, if you'd like to keep a little more of your money in your

pocket—and not see it vanish into the black hole of state spending—vote for Ryan Fazio. He's the guy who treats your tax dollars with the respect they deserve.

Matt DeSalvo

LETTER

Courage to Defend Local Control: Fazio

Dear Editor,

The essence of representative democracy is that elected officials should reflect the will and protect the interests of their constituents. Yet, Connecticut House Bill 5390 was a blatant attempt by Hartford to impose a one-size-fits-all zoning policy on towns like Greenwich, eroding local control in favor of developer-driven expansion. This bill would have fundamentally altered the character of our neighborhoods, all under the guise of

progress.

Adding insult to injury, all three of our Democratic State Representatives—Steve Meskers, Rachel Khanna, and Hector Arzeno—voted for this bill in the state House.

Ryan Fazio, however, understood the stakes. Recognizing the threat posed by this legislation, he employed the tools of legislative procedure, signaling his intent to filibuster the bill. His strategy was brilliant in its simplicity—by standing firm, he preserved

the zoning autonomy that is central to Greenwich's identity.

But the battle is far from over. The Fair Share Act, which Hartford is introducing in pieces, would be even more destructive, stripping Greenwich of any control over its zoning laws. This bill would force our town to accommodate oversized developments, effectively nullifying our right to self-govern.

Ryan Fazio's actions underscore his commitment to the principles of local

governance and community integrity. We need him to continue fighting against this relentless assault from Hartford. This November, we must support a senator who not only understands our values but also has the courage to defend them. Vote for Ryan Fazio.

Art Auch

LETTER

Re-Balance Leadership in Hartford

By Wynne E McDaniel

Dear Editor,

While many of us are focused on the upcoming presidential election, we cannot overlook the importance of our local elections. That is why I am

writing to introduce you to Tina Courpas, who is running for the State Representative position for District 149.

As someone who is deeply involved in our community and concerned about its future, I

plan to vote for Tina as she has extensive experience in financial management and leading non-profit organizations which makes her an ideal candidate. She knows how to manage resources effectively and ensure

that taxpayer dollars are used wisely. Tina has set forth her positions on maintaining local zoning, managed affordable housing rollouts and public utility rate proposals along with the desire to improve the

financial stature of Connecticut - policies which will attract large and small businesses and new residents to our state while preserving the quality-of-life residents of Greenwich and Stamford have long enjoyed.

I urge you to vote for Tina Courpas, a representative who will bring balanced, thoughtful leadership to Hartford and truly understand and address the needs of our community.

Thank you.

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COLUMN

The Jewish Custom of Kissing Ritual Objects



By RABBI MITCHELL HURVITZ

marriage feast for his son, and he observed that his rabbinic colleagues were engaging too much in the “partying.”

In response to the extreme frivolity, he seized an expensive goblet and smashed it before them. His colleagues sobered up immediately as they recalled that everyone should still “tremble before God even when rejoicing.”

Later in the Middle Ages, some broke the glass at the wedding to frighten away the evil spirits from the wedding couple. Others offered the interpretation that the breaking of the glass was a reminder of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, and even while celebrating personal joy, we recall the pain and losses suffered by the Jews over the centuries, and we are to remain focused on the obligation to help heal the world.

Many modern Jewish wedding officiants teach that glass's fragility symbolizes human relationships' frailty: “Since even the strongest love is subject to disintegration, we break the glass with the prayerful thought: As this glass shatters, so may our marriage never break.”

The shards of glass are often collected and placed in the Mezuzah as a physical reminder in one's home and a continued important lesson on sacred loving relationships and their fragility.

No matter the origin of the custom, in my rabbinic career, I have never had the wedding couple not break a glass at their wedding.

“Custom is Like Law” is innately felt by most Jews, at least as applicable to specific time-honored customs. The custom of kissing sacred ritual objects became widespread to demonstrate a love of God and Judaism.

Sometimes, the ritual object has God's name (YHVH) spelled out, making the object especially holy. When such an object becomes ritually unfit, the custom is to bury the object

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with God's name on it rather than dispose of it. At Temple Sholom, we hold a communal ceremony of ritual object burial at our cemetery every few years.

Kissing the Mezuzah is especially meaningful as a standard home practice - a concrete act of embracing God and God's teaching with love when entering and leaving your home. A synagogue is unique but not more important than a family's home.

The Torah records that God commands us to affix the Mezuzah on our doorposts. The act of affixing is a mitzvah and requires a specific blessing.

The action of kissing the Mezuzah is not obligatory but a custom long-held. The Talmud records the power of this custom with a story about Onkelos, the son of Kalonymus, a Jew by Choice and not by birth.

Onkelos saw the Mezuzah affixed to the doorway, went to it, and said: “The universal custom is a mortal king dwells within and his servants keep guard over him from without; but with the Holy One, Blessed be He, God's servants dwell within while God keeps guard over them from without, as it says, ‘The Lord will guard your goings and your comings, from now and forever.’”

We demonstrate the sacred relationship between God and us when we touch and kiss the Mezuzah.

Many Mezuzahs include the Hebrew Letter Shin on their outside casing, the first letter of one of God's names, Shaddai. Shaddai is a Divine name that represents God's attribute of unlimited power. Some rabbis teach to touch the Shin when

kissing, prayerfully asking for God's protection for their loved ones.

On the hand of our phylacteries' black leather straps, we also customarily write out the Hebrew letters that spell Shaddai. We also customarily place the leather strap on our “weaker hand” because we hope God will strengthen us.

Another custom upon the lifting of the Torah before the congregation is to point the pinkie of your weaker hand at the Torah and then kiss your pinkie. God's Divine Light and Strength reach even the weak pinkie.

Post-COVID-19, some worry about kissing ritual objects directly. But, here, too, custom guides us. Throughout the centuries, when one couldn't reach the ritual object to kiss, they would point at it from a distance and then kiss their hand.

I especially like this custom in our post-pandemic world because it reminds us that what we love can always be lovingly embraced, even at a distance.

Shabbat Shalom.

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



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COLUMN

Planning Fun and Productive College Visits



BY CLAY KAUFMAN

There are many aspects of the college application process that can feel stressful, but visiting colleges should be fun and rewarding. It can feel like a bit of a whirlwind, and there are strategies that can help you make the most of your visits.

PROCESSING COLLEGE VISITS. It takes strong executive functioning skills to plan and carry out effective college visits. The first step is to limit each trip to two to three colleges so that you have time to get to know the colleges and aren't overloaded with information, making it hard to remember how you felt. And being exhausted may affect the way you view a college. Here are some tips:

- Let them know you are coming! Especially at smaller private colleges, registering ahead of time not only ensures that you get the tour, but small colleges take into account whether you are serious enough to have visited. Check in with the admissions office when you arrive so they know you were there, even if you wander around the campus on your own.
- Take photos! Make the first photo a picture of the front gate of

the college (including its name) so you remember which college the photos are from.

- Eat lunch in the cafeteria if you can. You will get a good sense of what the students are like, and it's easy to approach students at lunch if you have a question. Remember, most students love talking about their college!

- Take the campus tour and ask questions. Most tours are led by students, and they can give you an insider's perspective.

- Have a list of questions ready that you can ask at each campus, so that you have some points of comparison.

- After the tour, write a short thank you note to your official admissions officer. If you bring a stamped thank-you note and envelope with you, you can write it before you leave and drop it in the mail. That note goes into your file, and shows that you are engaged in the visit. It can definitely help in the admissions process at many schools.

EVALUATING CAMPUS VISITS

- Make a spreadsheet with categories such as campus facilities, activities, students, dorms, academic opportunities. Then fill in the spreadsheet right after your visit while the visit is fresh in your mind.

- Students: you will like some of the colleges you visit, and you won't like others. That's to be expected. At some colleges, you may not have a great first impression, but follow through and take the tour so that you really have a chance to see what the campus is like.

- Parents: recognize and accept that the purpose of the visits is to find schools your

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child likes and doesn't like. It's productive if your child realizes they don't like a particular school. When I was serving as a college counselor, one of my students visited three colleges with her dad. After the visits, he called me up and said "Clay, the trip was a disaster. She hated all three colleges—she is too picky. We got nothing out of the tours." She took the next trip with her mom, who called me after the trip and said "The trip was a disaster. She loved all three colleges we saw, and seems just to like everything." Of course, the answer was that their daughter found some colleges she liked and some she didn't, which is the whole point. Often your child will have very specific reasons for not liking a college (too small, too rural), but their reasons for liking a college may be more instinctual ("it just felt right"). That is normal!

- Be sure to visit small schools, medium-sized schools and large schools, so that you get a practical sense of what those sizes feel like. For most students, talking about a "college of 5000" doesn't mean much in the abstract. When I visited colleges with my son, we visited several small schools (fewer than 1800 students) and it quickly became clear that he wanted a larger college. The trips were enlightening for him.

- Visiting small, medium and large colleges that are nearby is a

great way to start, as they are easy to visit, even if they are not on your list of colleges. They give you perspective.

More than anything, enjoy the visits! It's exciting to see campuses and think about next steps, and visiting colleges is low stakes. The goal is just to get a better sense of what colleges might be a good fit, and parents and children can have great conversations about what the child thought about each school, and what aspects of a college seem most important. One tip for parents: try to keep your opinions to yourself! If you think a college is perfect for your child, that's fine. Keep it to yourself, and instead ask and listen to your child's opinions and be supportive.

As you visit more schools, you will get a better sense of what colleges might be a good fit. There are many other aspects to the college process that can be stressful, but visiting colleges is great bonding time, and it's fun to see what is out there.

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



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Greenwich Cup wraps up 2024

BY LIZ LEAMY

It was a glorious September Sunday afternoon as many of polo's renowned high-goal and amateur players faced off against one another in a high-charged series of four round-robin matches at the Greenwich Cup to usher out the 2024 Greenwich Polo Cup season in stellar fashion.

This high-octane series of matches, whose team roster featured the standout New York metro-area polo contingents, Round Hill/NuEnergen, Steel Polo/Over-Under, Amaro/GTFO, York ReCapital and Strongwater, were clearly on their A game much to the delight of the sold-out crowd there who applauded them for them in an enthusiastic manner throughout the entire afternoon.

As the horses and players on all the teams flew around the field maneuvering and hitting the ball, this lively group of more than 4,000 individuals, who filled up the grandstands and sidelines to capacity, cheered them on with the same infectious level of energy as that of a National Football League crowd, designating this as a memorable 2024 season wrap up for the Greenwich Polo Club on all fronts.

"It's been an amazing day. Everyone was great out there and the match was tough. We just tried to play our best and work as effectively as we could," said Dana Drury of Steel Polo, whose team is based out of the Mashomack Polo Club in Pine Plains, New York and was named Most Valuable Player of the day. "This is an incredible venue. The field is fantastic, everyone here is great and it's just been a terrific day."

Others agreed. "It's always incredible and also motivating to play here. The crowd was amazing and there was such energy in the air," said Michel Dorignac who helped lead York ReCapital to victory and is involved with Polo United, the organization that conducts private and group polo clinics from beginner through the advanced levels from spring through the fall at the Greenwich Polo Club. "This is a special place with such wonderful people. That, along with the beautiful fields and this whole atmosphere is why I love being here."

By all accounts, the Greenwich Polo Club is a gorgeous pastoral venue with a resounding and dynamic community that profoundly reflects so much of the spirit of the town itself.

"It's wonderful being here with the team in this incredible environment. The players and ponies, along with everyone else involved, have all put in such a tremendous amount of hard work and training to get to this point," said Lauren Walsh of Greenwich, Patron of the York ReCapital team. "Everyone is also so connected here, which is everything."

Right from the outset, it was clear the energy among the crowd, players, ponies, their team members and virtually everyone else on hand at this match, including the sponsors, retailers, food truck vendors and others, was palpable to set a golden tone for the afternoon as this remarkable community worked together in graceful and effective concert.

"We love it here and there couldn't be in a better place for us to be," said Ben Krigler of Armonk, New York. "The weather has been



The teams celebrate together at the conclusion of the Greenwich Cup Pro Am event at the Greenwich Polo Club last Sunday (Photo by Liz Leamy)

"It is a spectacular venue and everyone here represents what Greenwich is all about," said Mark Steinberg, who co-owns the Port Chester, New York-based company, @trailnetworkusa.espsite.com with his brother, Michael Steinberg, provider of the remarkable and popular gear at the Greenwich Polo Club store on the club's site that is always teeming with customers. "Everyone leaves here happy."



Jason Yearwood, Business Development Officer for Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc., a longtime partner/sponsor of the Greenwich Polo Club with his wife, Jakita and son, Jesse at the Barbados tent area, where Barbados Day was being honored and celebrated. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

ideal, which further adds to the whole ambiance of everything. It's sunny, breezy and absolutely beautiful and it reminds me a lot of Montecito, California, near where I used to live and what we're seeing and experiencing here really defines nature's majesty."

Krigler, along with his family and friends, spent the afternoon relaxing and socializing at the ever-popular Barbados Marketing Inc. tent in celebration of Barbados Day, with Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. being a dedicated longtime sponsor of the Greenwich Polo Club.

At this bustling hotspot, many individuals, including Krigler, could be seen having a great time whether they were enjoying its complimentary refreshments and rum cocktails, seafood fritters, grilled lamb chops and grilled chicken with sticky sauce, among other tasty things.

"Being here is an experience like no other," said Erik Klein of Greenwich who was also at the Barbados tent area with Adriane, his wife. (Klein is also Editor of the hit iconic Food Network reality TV show, 'Chopped.') "It's a very

special community and venue and the fact that this club is right here in Greenwich is amazing."

At the conclusion of the matches, members of the teams all convened together on the awards dais, celebrating with loud cheers while being showered with confetti, further adding to the whole joyous tone of the afternoon.

"This has been a fantastic day in every way," said Jason Yearwood, Business Development Manager of Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. that is based in New York City and was attending the match with Jakita, his wife, and Jesse, his son. "It's been a great day with such an incredible turnout of people. The Greenwich Polo Club is a great experience and, as always, we are pleased,

happy and thankful to share Barbados with everyone here."

Based on the excitement of the matches along with these heartfelt sentiments, it is clear that the Greenwich Polo Club experience represents a victory for everyone there in some capacity.

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COLUMN

The Beautiful Paradox of Peace and Justice

By RABBI YOSSEI DEREN

By the Grace of G-d
The challenge of conflict resolution has been a perennial struggle for humanity throughout the ages. We often regard conflict resolution as the ultimate goal, the definitive solution to every disagreement.

But this perspective, while tempting, is both limiting and misleading. Conflict resolution, in truth, should not be our first step in addressing discord.

The Prophet envisions a time when “Haemet v’Hashalom Ehavu” – truth and peace will be cherished in harmony. This prophetic aspiration acknowledges that achieving such balance is far from simple; it is a redemptive ideal that requires us to navigate a complex and intricate path.

Today’s society encourages us to think ambitiously, to be oriented toward grand solutions. Ambition fuels progress, and the pursuit of success is heralded

as a hallmark of achievement. However, there is a harsh consequence to this mindset – a relentless drive toward perfection that leaves us feeling inadequate if we do not attain complete victory. We live in a world that often sees conflicts as zero-sum games, where winning becomes imperative at all costs, and resolution is equated with finality.

But life does not unfold in such absolutes. It is not a simple matter of black and white. When our focus is singularly on resolving all the issues of the conflict, we set ourselves up for profound disappointment and perpetual dissatisfaction.

There is a need for humility – a recognition that we are not omnipotent. We are not divine. We cannot solve all the world’s problems, no matter how powerful our position, how righteous our cause, or how significant our influence. Whether we are part of a governmental superpower,

Instead of thinking grandly, let us start thinking modestly. What small step can we take today to make life easier, more bearable for the other side? It is not about determining who is right or wrong; it is about creating, even if just for a moment, a semblance of peace and tranquility.

members of an elite circle of civic leaders, or simply individuals striving to make a difference, we must accept that there are limits to our capabilities.

This awareness is essential in every realm of conflict – whether it concerns our personal relationships, family dynamics, community disagreements, workplace tensions, or even global disputes. Yes, this message is directed to all, including those who grapple with the complexities of the Middle East, the enduring Arab-Jewish conflict, and the rising tide of anti-Semitism that

affects Jewish communities worldwide. It is not productive to view these conflicts solely through the lens of resolution, as if the only question is, “What happens the day after in Gaza?” And if one lacks an immediate answer to that question, they are deemed unfit to participate in the dialogue. Such an approach is neither realistic nor constructive.

Consider as well the conflicts within marriage – perhaps the most intimate and profound of human relationships. At times, these conflicts can feel as painful and intractable as any

geopolitical struggle.

Whatever and wherever the conflict, we must recognize that truth and justice are not defined by our personal convictions of what is true or just. True justice, enduring and meaningful truth, is objective truth, objective justice. It’s not about what’s better for me. It’s not about what I think is right. It’s about what’s better for us. Authentic justice and enduring truth are objective; they transcend our individual perspectives and desires. They call us to think beyond our own interests and ask, “What is better not just for me, but for we?”

We must challenge ourselves: Is this conflict being fueled by passion and pride? What can we do to de-escalate, to foster calm? Instead of thinking grandly, let us start thinking modestly. What small step can we take today to make life easier, more bearable for the other side? It is not about determining who is right or wrong; it is about creating, even

if just for a moment, a semblance of peace and tranquility.

Peace that comes through humility, through taking our ego out of the picture, is a peace that supports justice. It is a harmony that at once reflects truth together with a feeling of unity.

Living through the paradox of peace and justice, unity and truth, is not merely about enduring or surviving. It is about thriving. True peace, peace that lasts and endures, can only be realized when it is grounded in truth. And this peace begins not with sweeping solutions, but with small acts of understanding, humility, and grace that, together, bring us closer to the harmonious world envisioned by our prophets..

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North Greenwich Congregational
606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
(Instagram photos and videos @north_greenwich_church)

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

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

Sunday worship: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children’s Chapel during worship. Music Together Baby & Toddler Music Class: Sunday, 9:15am. Chancel Choir rehearsal: Sunday after worship. Elementary & Youth Choir: Wednesdays starting at 4:30pm. *Teddy Bear Story Hour at Coffee for Good: Saturday, Sept. 28, 8am.*

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 Sunday, 9am, 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. *Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Volunteer: Back to Fall Treat Boxes: Saturday, Sept. 21, 8:30-10am. Breakfast with First Selectman Fred Camillo - “The Internal Workings of Greenwich”: Saturday, Sept. 21, 8:30-10am, Tomes-Higgins House. Sunday Forum: Tracing the Footsteps of St. Francis: Sunday, Sept. 22, 11:15am. Book Talk on “James”: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 12-1pm, Dogwood Books & Gifts. Build a WOW Charcuterie Board with Olivia Vining: Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30pm, \$35.*

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). *Join us as we celebrate all the new beginnings brought by the fall in the company of one another and of our Lord. Every Sunday features joyful preaching by our clergy, Father Justin and Rev. Phoebe, beautiful music by our director of music, Marnus Greyling, and the St. Barnabas Choir, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. Our exciting Sunday School programs for kids take place every Sunday during the 10am service: Children’s Church for kids 4-8 years old, and YC (Youth Church) for those 9+. Children are also always welcome in church, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Come kick off your fall in faith. Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.*

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.;
203-637-2447
www.stpaulsriverdale.org

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children’s Chapel downstairs – drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. *Reading the Bible through Rembrandt’s Eyes: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7pm, on zoom, to register visit this link: paulsriverdale.org/reading-the-bible.*

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

IEWISH

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

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. *Community BBQ: Sept. 22, 12pm. Mega Challah Bake: Sept. 30, 7pm.*

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, 7-8:30pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: Saturdays, 10-11:30am, on Zoom. *Shabbat Service: Friday, Sept. 20, 7pm, on Zoom. Selikhot Service: Saturday, Sept. 28, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church.*

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Family Apple Picking outing: Sept. 22, 11:30am-2:30pm, Harvest Moon in North Salem, NY.*

Temple Shalom

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

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Lunch ‘n Learn Mini-Series: “The Power of Speech and the Ability to Repent”: Tuesdays, Sept. 24, 12-1pm. Sisterhood Welcome Event: Hot Topics in Nutrition: Thursday, Sept. 26, 7pm, RSVP by Sept. 20.*

LUTHERAN

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

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

METHODIST

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

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

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

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

of Scripture: Wed, 3pm, via Zoom. Spring Bible Study: Thu, 3pm, via Zoom. Tea & Talk: Fri 3pm, via Zoom.

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

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

NONDENOMINATIONAL

Dingletown Community Church
376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

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

Revive Church

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

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

Stanwich Church

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

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

Center for Spiritual Development. NSAC

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

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children’s Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Move & Be Moved - Meditative Movement with Claudia Devita: Sunday, Sept. 22, 1-1:45pm, \$10 donation to the CDS, to register contact: CSDPastor@gmail.com.*

Trinity Church

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

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich; 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. *CT Men’s Breakfast: Sept. 21, 8am. Welcome to Trinity Greenwich: Sept. 22, 5:30pm.*

PRESBYTERIAN

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am.

Grace Church of Greenwich

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

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

Living Hope Community Church

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

In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopect.org/resources/alpha. *Old Greenwich Farmers Market: Wednesdays through Oct. 30, 2:30-6pm, Rain or shine, oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com. Alpha, Delta & ReGenerate course: Wednesdays through Nov. 20, 7-8:30pm.*

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FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

DATA from local Real Estate Agent
Rob Pulitano [203] 561-8092

Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
40 W Elm Street #4B	Greenwich	\$889,000	Sat 1-2:30 PM	BHHS New England
12B Hickory Drive	Greenwich	\$2,599,000	Sat 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
58 Quaker Lane	Greenwich	\$20,000,000	Sat 1-4 PM	Sotheby's
12B Hickory Drive	Greenwich	\$2,599,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
58 Quaker Lane	Greenwich	\$20,000,000	Sun 1-4 PM	Sotheby's
75 Dearfield Drive	Greenwich	\$3,495,000	Sun 11:30-1:30 PM	Sotheby's
44A Signal Road	Stamford	\$7,950,000	Sun 2-4 PM	BHHS New England
42A Signal Road	Stamford	\$7,950,000	Sun 2-4 PM	BHHS New England
44 Signal Road	Stamford	\$3,950,000	Sun 2-4 PM	BHHS New England
42 Signal Road	Stamford	\$3,950,000	Sun 2-4 PM	BHHS New England
430 Riversville Road	Greenwich	\$1,595,000	Sun 2-4 PM	BHHS New England

NEW SALES

daTa from local Real Estate Agent
Cesar Rabellino

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
9 River Road 409	\$479,000	\$479,000	\$502,625	24	1	1		1,020
169 Mason Street 2B	\$749,000	\$749,000	\$749,000	48	2	1		925
23 Halsey Drive	\$1,175,000	\$1,175,000	\$1,250,786	16	4	1	0.2	1,411
48 Spring Street 11	\$1,595,000	\$1,595,000	\$1,700,000	8	3	2		1,987
125 Barn Hill Road	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	57	5	4	3.22	5,633
1 Stonehedge Drive South	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	\$2,300,000	253	4	3	1.1	3,462
23 Sachem Road	\$2,195,000	\$2,195,000	\$2,450,000	3	4	3	0.41	2,964
12 MacKenzie Glen	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$3,900,000	18	4	4	1.15	4,581
19 Overlook Drive	\$4,050,000	\$4,050,000	\$4,350,000	29	5	5	0.36	6,421
68 Rock Maple Road	\$6,495,000	\$6,495,000	\$6,800,000	7	5	7	4.09	8,769

NEW LISTINGS

DATA from local Real Estate Agent
Cesar Rabellino

Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
106 Putnam Park 106	\$799,000	\$490	1,632		3	2	Old Greenwich
40 Elm Street 4B	\$889,000	\$880	1,010		1	1	South of Post Rd
10 Henry Street	\$999,000	\$761	1,312		4	2	Byram
17 Lyon Avenue	\$999,000	\$403	2,481	0.14	5	0	South of Post Rd
334 Palmer Hill Road	\$1,095,000	\$488	2,246	0.17	5	2	Riverside
275 Bruce Park Avenue	\$1,165,000	\$608	1,916	0.19	4	4	South of Post Rd
430 Riversville Road	\$1,595,000	\$490	3,254	4.02	5	3	North Parkway
48 Spring Street 6	\$1,650,000	\$830	1,987		3	2	South of Post Rd
15 Skylark Road	\$2,150,000	\$766	2,807	0.26	5	3	South Parkway
16 Dandy Drive	\$2,195,000	\$443	4,952		4	4	Cos Cob
12 River Lane	\$2,225,000	\$839	2,653	0.25	4	2	Cos Cob
560 North Street	\$2,750,000	\$660	4,164	2.67	4	2	South Parkway
33 Richmond Hill Road	\$2,850,000	\$785	3,630	4.22	3	3	North Parkway
248 Lake Avenue	\$2,950,000	\$842	3,504	0.75	4	2	South Parkway
69 Calhoun Drive	\$2,995,000	\$841	3,560	1.1	4	4	South Parkway
532 Round Hill Road	\$3,500,000	\$1,440	2,430	4.01	3	2	North Parkway
7 Upland Drive	\$4,195,000	\$694	6,042	2.13	5	4	South Parkway
161 Lake Avenue	\$4,295,000	\$947	4,535	0.22	5	4	South Parkway
35 Wilshire Road	\$4,995,000	\$634	7,884	5.29	7	7	North Parkway
4 Shoreham Club Road	\$5,250,000	\$1,466	3,580	0.28	5	4	Old Greenwich
542 North Street	\$5,375,000	\$891	6,035	1.86	4	3	South Parkway
7 Cherry Blossom Lane	\$6,895,000	\$646	10,676	2.02	6	7	North Parkway
139 North Street	\$7,890,000	\$913	8,646	0.77	5	5	South Parkway
7 Close Road	\$7,995,000	\$808	9,897	4.2	7	7	North Parkway
7 Close & 549 Round Hill Rd	\$11,998,000	\$1,212	9,897	11.62	7	7	North Parkway
80 Meadow Wood Drive	\$12,250,000	\$1,385	8,847	1.05	6	6	South of Post Rd

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Greenwich 2024 Rentals Are Up Over Last Year



BY MARK PRUNER

Market Stays Tight

Rentals are back to average, well, almost. What is almost back to average is the number of rentals that have been reported on the Greenwich MLS. So far this year, we have had 601 rentals through the middle of September. If you annualize that number, you get a likely 835 rentals for the year. This compares to an average of 829 rentals per year going back to 2007. So, this year we are likely to be just over our 16-year average. Given what we have been through, average is good.

Going back to 2007, we've had four "abnormal" periods; two up and two down. Rentals dipped in the go-go digits' decade; people bought rather than rented. In 2007 at the peak of house sales, we had only 684 rentals, which was 17% below the average for our next 16 years. When the Great Recession killed the economy, rentals showed their counter cyclical nature and ticked up in 2008 and then took off in 2009 and 2010 with 959 and 962 rentals in those two years. When people are uncertain, they rent rather than buy, particularly, as during that time period we were seeing house prices drop. This was one of the few periods where we saw Greenwich house prices drop in the last 50 years.

As people started to recover from the Great Recession, we saw seven years of "normal" rentals close to the 829 rental average. Then came Covid, and rentals skyrocketed. In 2020, we had 1,041 rentals on the GMLS, which was 26% above the average. We would have had more, but there were only so many people who wanted to rent out their houses and condos. Having said that, a couple of hundred homeowners who hadn't ever considered renting their Greenwich homes decided that at the prices tenant were willing to pay, these homeowners figured they could hang out in their second homes and rent out their Greenwich home.

This year continues the unique nature of the Greenwich rental market, but in a different way. Our rental inventory has shrunk this year compared to last year, but the number of rentals has gone up. At present, we have 122 rental listings on the Greenwich MLS. This is down from the 137 listings that we had in November last year. (NB: The careful reader will note that I just compared September 2024 to November 2023. I usually only write about rentals a couple of times per year, unlike houses that I write about a couple of times per month. As a result, the stats about rentals don't tend to match up with the exact same month in the prior year. The dissimilar months comparison still illustrates what is going on with rental as rental inventory is a flatter sine wave pattern, unlikely the peaky house inventory.) Our rental inventory, like house inventory, tends to peak in the late spring and into the summer. While the 122 listings are low for Greenwich it is still 3 times the inventory that we had in April 2020, when we reached an all-time low of 42 listings.

You would think with fewer listings and more leases signed that, we would see our days on the market fall, and

you'd be right. It is not quite as low as what we saw in 2021 and 2022, when rentals were only staying on the market for an average of 30 days, but it is still a strong indicator of a landlord's market. So far this year, we are looking at a DOM of 39 days. That's down from last year's DOM of 46 days and well below our 17-year average of 68 days on the market.

Yes, we have had more supply as indicated by the increase in the number of signed leases, but we also have seen more demand. When mortgage interest rates go up and economic times are uncertain, people rent. What's unusual this time is that our single-family home sales market is tight at the same time due to record low inventory.

In 2024, we saw a jump in lease signings in just about every price range. The two exceptions were rentals from \$4,000 to \$6,000 where a drop of 11 rentals meant a drop of 7% in activity. The other price range where the number of rentals dropped is the over \$20,000/mo rentals where the number of rentals are likely to drop from 56 rentals last year to 44 rentals this year. I say likely to drop as the 44 rentals for all of 2024 is based on annualizing the 32 leases signed for over \$20,000 rentals that we have had through mid-September.

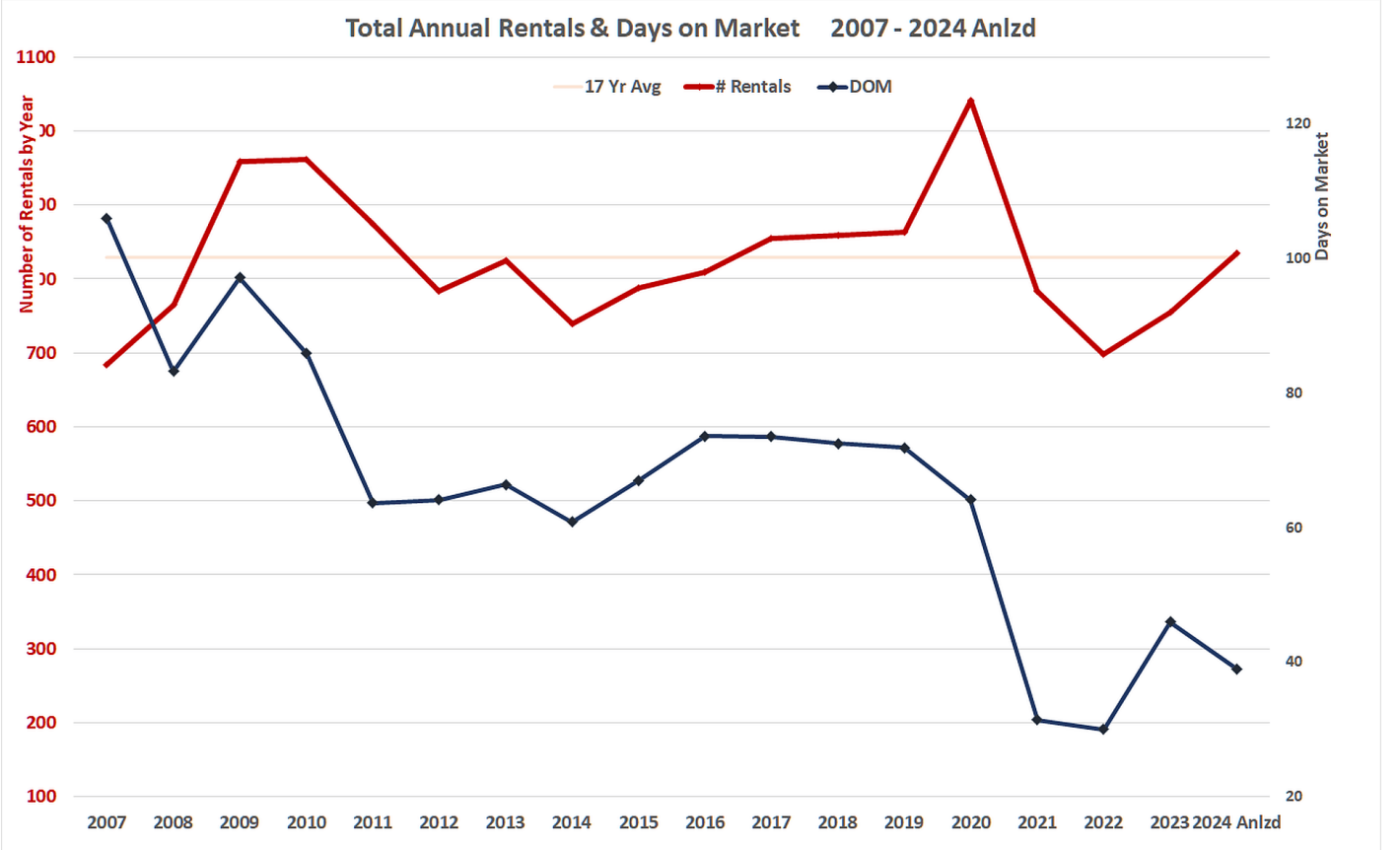
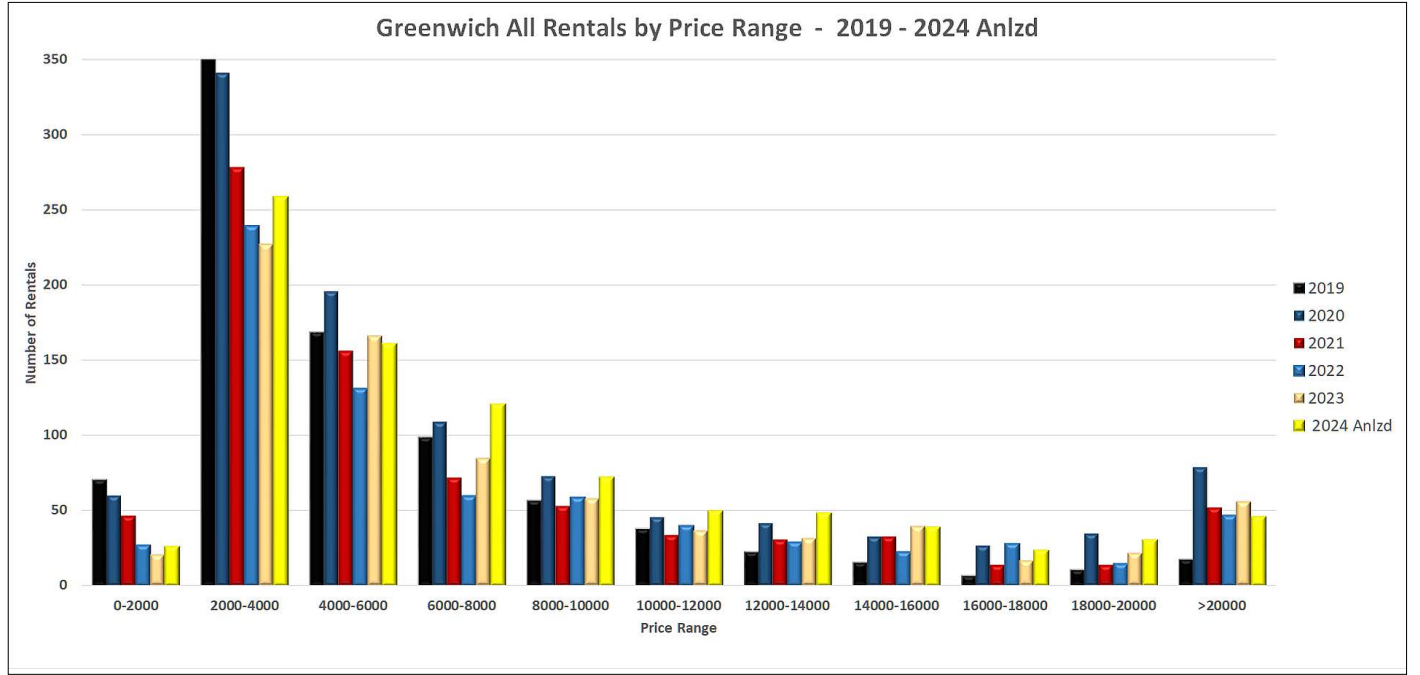
Most of the rentals under \$4,000 are apartments, often with shared hallways and elevators, which is not what people wanted during Covid, so rentals under \$4,000 fell during Covid. Close quarters during Covid were not the only reason that rentals under \$4,000 fell. The number of rentals under \$4,000 and particularly under \$2,000 also fell because of the rise in rental prices, moving these rentals into higher price ranges.

In 2019, we had 71 rentals under \$2,000. If you annualize this year's rentals under \$2,000, you get 25 rentals which is actually an increase from last year. This seeming contradiction can be explained by the fact that a lot of people who had moved out of NYC into apartments in Greenwich are now moving up to buying a house. There is more supply of lower-end rentals as these units which had been rented out for multiple years come on the market. We have plenty of demand to absorb this increase in inventory. (NB: The low-end of the Greenwich rental market is always problematic to get a good handle on as many of Greenwich's lower priced rentals don't get listed on the MLS.)

Over \$20,000 per month pre-Covid, we had 18 rentals in 2019. When Covid hit in March of 2020, the number of high-end rentals jumped to 71, an increase of 294% in one year. High-end rentals dropped back to 52 rentals in 2021 and 47 rentals in 2022, staying high but stabilizing somewhat. In 2023 we had 56 rentals over \$20K/month.

This year, we are on a path to 44 rentals over \$20,000/month. As of this week we have had 32 listings rent for \$20K+. Of those 32 high-end rentals, 12 of them were summer rentals and one was a short-term rental. Traditionally, summer rentals went from Memorial Day to Labor Day. With more people working from home, summer rentals may now start May 1 and run to September 30th or even into October. Our highest rental this year was a backcountry summer rental that went for \$80,000/month.

Most of our rentals are



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concentrated in our smaller zones. Of course, part of that "concentration" when you look at a map is an optical illusion, as 14 lots in the R-12 zone in Old Greenwich could fit into one RA-4 zoned lot in backcountry. We have four areas where our rentals concentrate: South of the Post Road (25%), South

of the Parkway (16%), Old Greenwich (15%), and Cos Cob (12%). Curiously, Riverside has only about half of the rentals that Old Greenwich has had so far this year.

While we have more rentals this year, our days on the market are still historically low, so finding the perfect rental is still tough.

(If anyone wants to rent a downtown condo, please call me or your favorite agent as downtown condos are still the holy grail for rentals.)

When you look at where rental inventory is concentrated, most of it is concentrated along or near the Post Road. Byram and Pemberwick also have a fair

number of rentals. Downtown continues to be the place to find rentals. Having said that if you compare backcountry's 29 signed leases to only 4 houses in inventory, you need to be ready to move quickly, when the right rental comes on north of the Merritt. Then again given our low inventory and high demand, that is true of every part of town.

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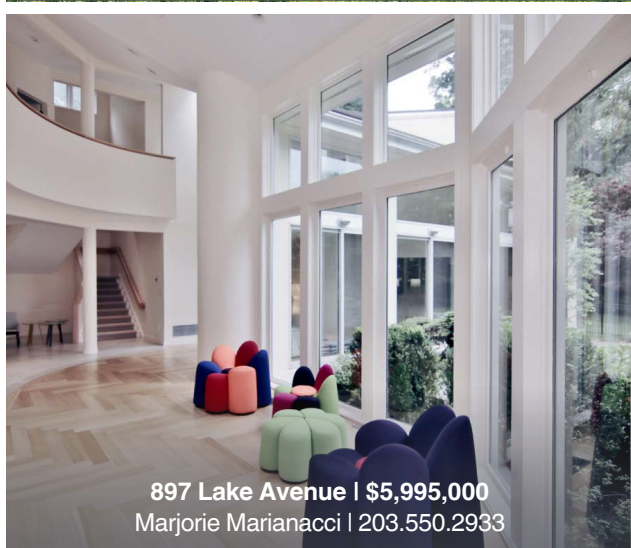
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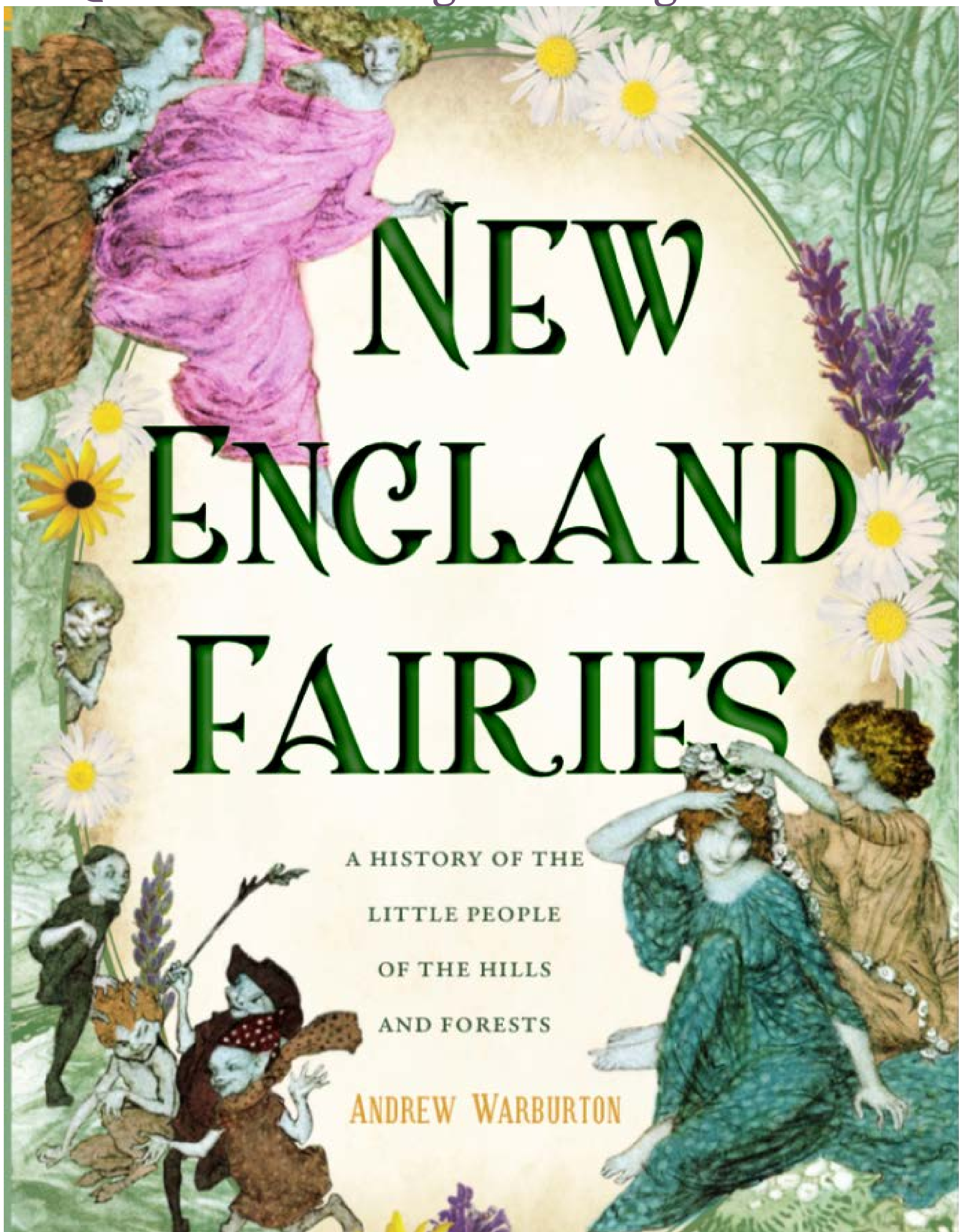
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REVIEW

Fairy Tales and Traffic Jams: One Man's Quest for New England's Magical Realm



By Emma Barhydt

Andrew Warburton's debut book, *New England Fairies: A History of the Little People of the Hills and Forests*, opens a new chapter in folklore studies, exploring tales of fairies and little people that have fascinated New Englanders for centuries. In a recent interview, Warburton delved into his passion for folklore, the inspiration behind his work, and his meticulous research process, offering readers insight into the world of New England's fairy folk.

For Warburton, the journey to writing *New England Fairies* began long before he put pen to paper. His fascination with the fairy legends of Britain, Ireland, and Wales laid the foundation for what would become a deep interest in North American folklore. As he recalled, the moment of realization came over a decade ago when he heard a story about the Mohegan Tribe in Connecticut, who opposed a housing development because it would disturb the "little people" believed to live under Mohegan Hill.

"That was the first time I ever really even considered fairies in

North America," Warburton said. "But that planted the seed, and then I guess it took 12 years to start writing it."

The blend of ancient indigenous stories and European legends intrigued Warburton, who spent a year intensively researching and traveling to the sites featured in his book. His research took him on a 40-hour drive across New England, a journey that brought to life both the beauty and the mystery of the region's landscapes.

Among his many stops, Warburton found the White Mountains in New Hampshire particularly magical. "There are quite a lot of stories from those White Mountains. There's the Abenaki stories from there about the water fairies," Warburton explained. One such story revolves around Diana's Baths, a location Warburton described as "exactly where you would expect fairies to live." He was enchanted by the waterfalls, pools, and the overall beauty of the place, making it one of his favorite spots during his travels.

But Warburton's interest extended beyond the landscape. His favorite story in the book is that of Perry Boney, a lesser-

known figure from our own Sherman, Connecticut, rumored to have spoken with fairies. "No one really knows where the rumors came from," Warburton shared, adding that the earliest written reference to Perry Boney dates back to 1938. "I think I was the first kind of writer or journalist or whatever to uncover the facts about him," Warburton said proudly.

For Warburton, folklore is more than just paranormal stories—it's a window into history, culture, and immigration patterns. "You can learn a lot about the immigrants who came to America, to New England especially, through the stories that they told," he said. His goal with the book was not only to entertain but also to educate. By recording these legends, Warburton hopes to preserve a sense of magic while deepening readers' understanding of the region's diverse cultural heritage.

One aspect of his research Warburton was particularly careful about was including indigenous stories. He acknowledged that while the term "fairies" might be more European, there are numerous indigenous legends of little people that needed

to be part of the narrative. "They were the original inhabitants of the lands that we now call New England, so it just felt like it would be some sort of erasure if I didn't include their stories about little people," he explained.

Warburton's approach to folklore is thoughtful and rooted in history. He avoided including modern paranormal stories, choosing instead to focus on legends that have been passed down through generations. "I guess I didn't want to include stories that had no historical value," he noted. His aim was to showcase tales that, while magical, still offer a glimpse into the past.

One of the challenges Warburton faced was uncovering stories that had faded from local memory. While researching the "Little People's Village" in Middlebury, Connecticut, for example, he found that not everyone knew of the legend. However, during a lunch stop in nearby Waterbury, he was surprised to find a waitress who had heard of it, even mentioning the local legend that sitting on the village's throne would result in death within seven years.

Despite the obscurity of some

tales, Warburton made efforts to track down these lesser-known legends. He delved into old books and databases, but it was often the people he met along the way who provided the most valuable insights. From the Wampanoag Museum in Aquinnah to conversations with locals like Anne Price in Sherman, these interactions helped him piece together the forgotten lore.

Warburton's dedication to authenticity even led him to investigate the real people behind the legends. In Campton, New Hampshire, he researched the family connected to the story of fairy footprints, uncovering their names, occupations, and lineage. "It just filled in the picture a little bit," Warburton explained, emphasizing the importance of understanding who was telling these stories and why.

Though Warburton himself has never encountered a fairy, he remains intrigued by the universality of belief in little people across cultures. "I'm more interested in why do people believe?" he reflected. "There seems to be stories about lesser spirits that take a kind of humanoid form and little people." This fascination with belief

systems has driven much of his work, and Warburton remains open to the possibility of fairies existing.

Interestingly, many of the readers Warburton has met at book signings and talks are firm believers in fairies, particularly older women who have passed down stories from their Irish or other European ancestors. This strong belief has even surprised Warburton, who noted how ingrained the legends still are in some families.

Warburton's exploration of New England fairies is just the beginning of his work on North American folklore. He revealed that his next project, *New York Fairies*, is already in the works, with hopes of publication in 2025. The success of his first book has opened new doors for him, expanding his scope to cover the entire Northeast.

In *New England Fairies*, Warburton has succeeded in blending historical research with enchanting folklore, offering readers a chance to see the world around them through a magical lens. For those willing to look, the hills and forests of New England may still hold the secrets of the fairy folk.



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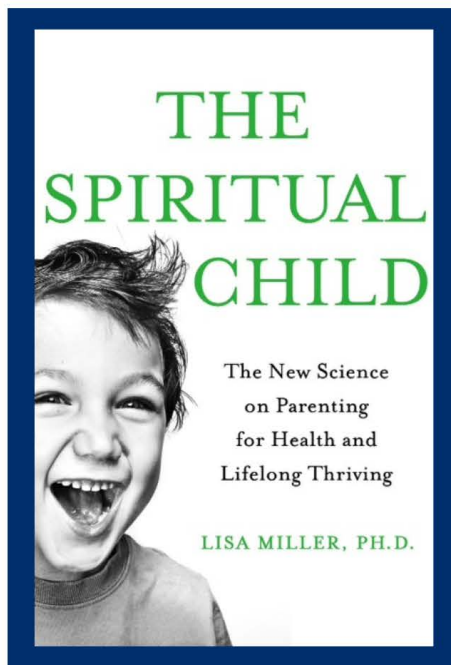
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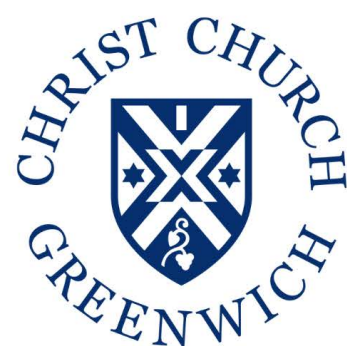
Why do kids need spirituality? Many parents don't know how to add spirituality to their kids' already jam-packed schedule. But research has proven that children who are raised with a robust and well-developed spiritual life are happier, more optimistic, more thriving, and better equipped to deal with life's ordinary (and even extraordinary) traumas than those who are not.

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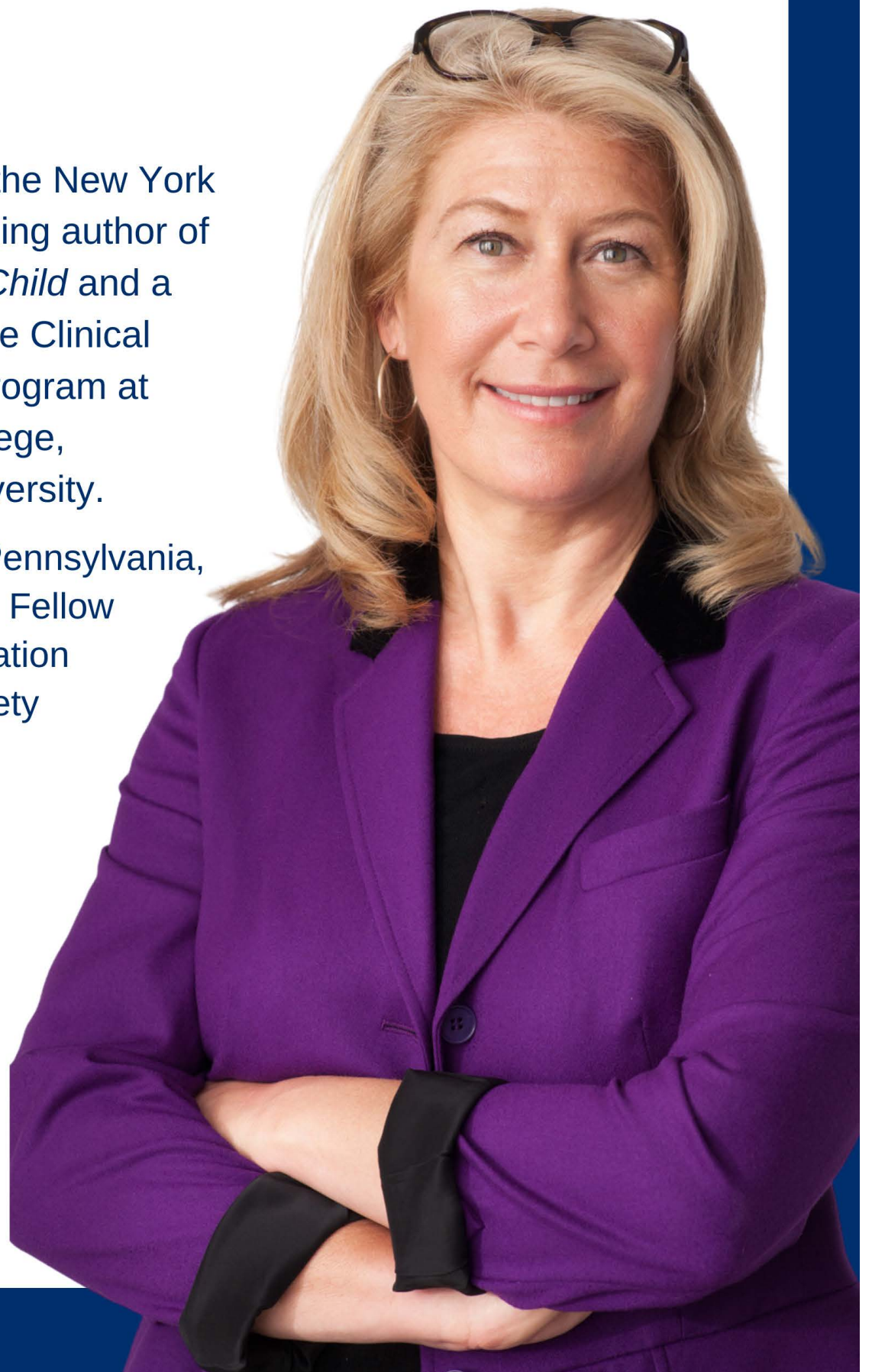


Dr. Miller is a the New York Times bestselling author of *The Spiritual Child* and a professor in the Clinical Psychology Program at Teachers College, Columbia University.

A graduate of Yale and University of Pennsylvania, she is a grant-funded clinical scientist, Fellow of the American Psychological Association and former President of the APA Society of Psychology & Spirituality.



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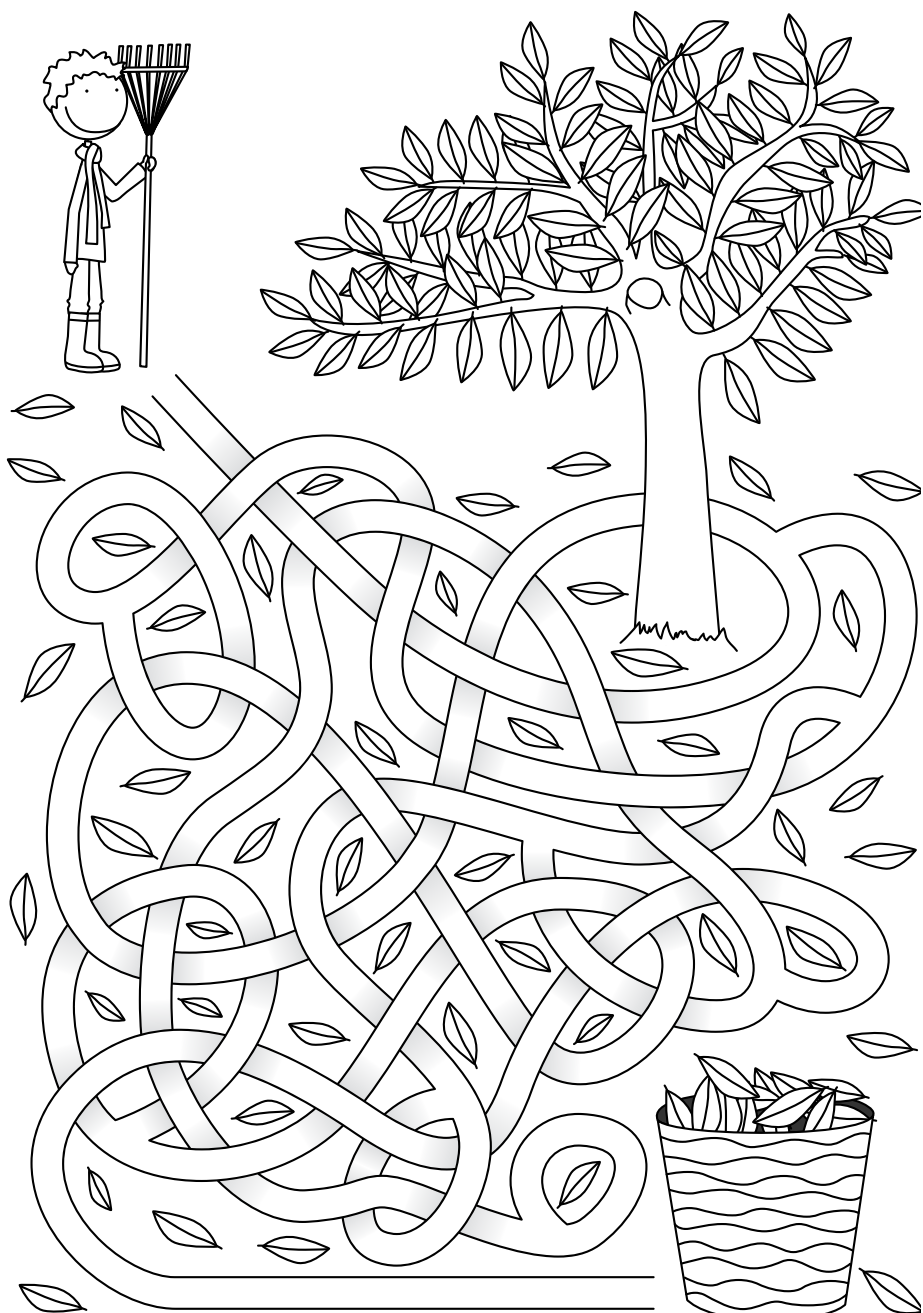
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Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

8 - 10 a.m.
International Breakfast: share your cultural heritage by bringing a dish from your roots (optional). YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free. RSVP. 203-869-1630. info@gwymca.org. greenwichymca.org/welcome

10 a.m.
Fall Planters. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$10, \$70, \$90, \$110. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

4 p.m.
Apocalypse Life Skills: DIY Compasses (for Ages 8-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

4 - 6 p.m.
Young Artists Philharmonic (YAP) auditions. First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. youngartistsphilharmonic.org

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

7 a.m.
Fall Migration Bird Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free (donations are encouraged). Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
International Coastal Cleanup Day. Tod's Point. Gloves and buckets will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own. 203-531-0006. info@greenwichgreenandclean.org. greenwichgreenandclean.org

11 a.m.
Greenwich Botanical Center: Cos Cob Library Fall Containers Demo And Q&A with Tiana (drop-in program). Cos Cob Library, 5 Sinaway Rd. 203-622-6883. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

12 - 2 p.m.
YWCA Greenwich's Annual Family Fun Fair. YWCA of Greenwich, 259 E. Putnam Avenue. Free. ywcagreenwich.org

12 p.m.
Pemberwick Glenville Association: Valley Jam 2024! Western Greenwich Civic Center Park, 449 Pemberwick Rd. Free admission. pemberwickglenville.com

1 p.m.
Science Solvers: Pointillism (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Sept. 22. brucemuseum.org

5 p.m.
Dahlia Lovers Preview Party fundraiser. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$50, GBC & GDS members; \$70, non-members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

7:30 p.m.
Greenwich Symphony Orchestra Season Opener: featuring Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1. Greenwich High School - Performing Arts Center, 10 Hillside Rd. greenwichsymphony.org/september-21-22

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

10 a.m.
The 36th Annual 'Puttin' on the Dog'. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. adopt-a-dog.org

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dazzling Dahlia Show. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free & open to the public. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

1 p.m.
The First Selectman's Youth Commission presents Conscious Coping. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. Danielle.Sittol@greenwichct.gov. forms.gle/QorghV4ADfMdhT6

3 p.m.
Greenwich Symphony Orchestra Season Opener: featuring Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1. Greenwich High School - Performing Arts Center, 10 Hillside Rd. greenwichsymphony.org/september-21-22

4 p.m.
Friends of Greenwich Point Summer Concert: Oh La La! Founders Rock at Greenwich Point. Free. For inclement weather information, visit instagram.com/friendsofgreenwichpoint.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

9:15 a.m.
Qi Gong class @ the Library. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

10 a.m.
Mah Jongg Boot Camp (Sept. 23-26). YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. \$200, non-members; \$250, members. Register. ywcagreenwich.org

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Botanical Center: Designing With Dahlias - A Workshop With Nsombi Woodson at New York Botanical Garden. \$305, NYBG Members; \$315, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

7 p.m.
OK to Delay Presents the Internet, Safety, and our Children. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

10 a.m.
'Perrot Walks' - walk through Binney Park. Meet at Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

10 & 11 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings: Fall Friends (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, Sept. 25. brucemuseum.org

4 p.m.
Debate Club (for Ages 9-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

5 p.m.
Sholeh Janati Art Show - benefitting the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. The J House Greenwich, 1114 East Putnam Ave. \$15. eventbrite.com/e/1002574145257

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

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

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Drawing Dahlias: A Class with Jeanne Reiner. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$50, GBC Members; \$70, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

11 a.m.
League of Women Voters of Greenwich: Small Group Discussion: AI, Disinformation and Voting. Byram Shubert Library - Community Room, 21 Mead Ave. Free. Register. lwwgreenwich.org

11 a.m.
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: David G. Hawkins, Director, Climate Programs, Natural Resources Defense Council; "Current Issues in Protecting Our Climate". First Presbyterian Church, 1 W. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.
The Jack Benny Radio Program, a Presentation by Joe Gianquinto. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

2 - 5 p.m.
"The Way We Were" Flower Show celebrating the Garden Club of Old Greenwich 100th anniversary. Innis Arden Cottage, Tod's Point. Open to the public. gardenclubofoldgreenwich.org

6 p.m.
Eagle Hill School - Hill School Fair: Representatives from local day schools and regional boarding schools. EHS, 45 Glenville Rd., Greenwich. eaglehillsschool.org

7 p.m.
The Greenwich Tree Conservancy and Greenwich Botanical Center: The Magnificent World of Birch with Justin Fornal. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Register. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Greenwich United Way: Reading Champions Open House. Greenwich Town Hall. Free & open to the public. 203-869-2221. cmeunier@greenwichunitedway.org

12 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Why Small Businesses Need a Banker, Accountant, Insurer, and Lawyer. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

5 p.m.
"Betsy Eby: Of This Natural World" solo exhibition - opening reception. Heather Gaudio Fine Art, 382 Greenwich Ave. heathergaudiofineart.com

6:30 p.m.
Apple Picking and Cidermaking. Greenwich Land Trust's Mueller Preserve. Pre-registration required. gltrust.org/upcoming-events.

6:30 p.m.
"Onboard with Olivia" charcuterie class. Dogwood Books & Gifts at Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. \$35, includes cheese & accoutrements. Bring your own board. Register. bookstore@christchurchgreenwich.org.

7 p.m.
Perrot P.I.s: September Meeting - "Mastering the Art of French Murder". Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. No registration required. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Junior League of Greenwich Open House. JLG Headquarters, 231 East Putnam Ave. jlgreenwich.org

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

4 p.m.
Creative Ventures: Origami Star Jars (for Ages 8-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

7 a.m.
Fall Migration Bird Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free (donations are encouraged). Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

7 a.m.
Perrot's Breakfast featuring Eric Kampmann. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave., Old Greenwich. Free. 203-637-3669. office@livinghopect.org. livinghopect.org

9:30 a.m.
Yoga @ the Library. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

10 a.m.
An Enchanted Day: American Ballet Theatre at the Bruce. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Recommended for children ages 4-12. RSVP@brucemuseum.org. brucemuseum.org

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

10 a.m.
Blessing of the Animals. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free. All are welcome (pet or no pet). roundhillcommunitychurch.org

1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Fall Adventures (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.
92nd Annual Cos Cob Clambake. Tod's Point. \$100. greenwichrepublicans.com/cos_cob_republican_club_clambake

4 - 6 p.m.
Young Artists Philharmonic (YAP) auditions. First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. youngartistsphilharmonic.org

THROUGH WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

2:30 - 6 p.m.
Old Greenwich Farmers Market. Living Hope Community Church (parking lot), 38 West End Ave. Rain or shine. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com

THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 23

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Farmers' Market. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). greenwichfarmersmarket.com.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

TUESDAYS:

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

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

WEDNESDAYS:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
"Tools for Aging Well" (2nd Wednesday of the Month). Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org.

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

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

12:15 p.m.
Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org

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

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

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

THURSDAYS:

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

the First Congregational Church. experiencetaichi.org

3 - 7 p.m.
Arch Street After School Programming (All Ages) - every Thursday starting Feb. 22. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. archstreet.org

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

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

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

GREENWICH LIBRARIES:

greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, Sept. 20

10 a.m.
Cos Cob Library Storytime. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.

11:30 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org.

7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: "One Life." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, Sept. 21

9:30 a.m.
Red Cross Babysitter's Training & Certification. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. 203-625-6549. alaughlin@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.
Adventures in Craft with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.. 203-531-0426.

10:30 a.m.
Music with Tom Weber. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

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

2 p.m.
Jerry's Movies: "Doubt" (2008 Movie) Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

Monday, Sept. 23

9:30 a.m.
Little Learners (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.
All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

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

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

4 p.m.
Battle of the Books with Ms. Flynn. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

4:30 p.m.
Book Wizards Book Club. Cos Cob Library Turret.

6 p.m.
Pajama Storytime with Miss Ann. Cos Cob Library Turret.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

11 a.m.
Storytime with Patty (Birth to Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

1 p.m.
Career Strategy Series: Job Search Accelerator. Online.

1:15 p.m.
Baby Lapsit (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

4 p.m.
Book Explorers Book Club. Cos Cob Library Turret.

5 p.m.
Meditation & Breathing with Gail. On Zoom.

7 p.m.
The Banned Book Conga Line: From Ulysses to Utah (with Comments from Yogi Berra): a Presentation by Jesse Meyers. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

9:30 a.m.
Movers & Shakers (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

10 a.m.
Baby Lapsit in the Stacks. Cos Cob Library Turret.

11 a.m.
League of Women Voters of Greenwich: AI - Disinformation and Voting. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

3 p.m.
Broadway on a Budget. Learning Lab.

3:30 p.m.
Legos with Deirdre. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

4 p.m.
3D Design with Fusion 360. Innovation Lab.

4 p.m.
Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3). Children's Constellation Room.

6 p.m.
SCORE Simple Steps: Part 2. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Thursday, Sept. 26

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

10:30 a.m.
Volunteer Training: Adopt-a-Shelf. Greenwich Library.

11 a.m.
Bilingual Birdies (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab.

3 p.m.
Growing Your Family Tree. Learning Lab.

3:45 p.m.
ONot Your Mama's Home Ec! GRADES 3+ Cos Cob Library Community Room.

4 p.m.
Jr. Book Club. Children's Constellation Room.

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

Friday, Sept. 27

10 a.m.
Storytime. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.

11:30 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, Sept. 28

10 a.m.
Blooming Beginnings!: Art, Movement & Mindfulness (ages 3-5). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

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

11:30 a.m.
Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: Fiesta Del Norte Mariachi. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.

1 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

3 p.m.
Get to Know the Innovation Lab. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

5 & 8 p.m.
Friends Performing Arts Series : Aimée Steele's How I Got To Broadway. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/12898028

GREENWICH HOSPITAL:

greenwichhospital.org/events

888-305-9253

Saturday, Sept. 21

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

9:30 a.m.
AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital. \$20.

Monday, Sept. 23

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

Tuesday, Sept. 24

5 p.m.
Talk: Pelvic Dysfunction. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

1:30 p.m.
Parkinson's Disease Support Group - for people with Parkinson's, their families and caregivers. 260 Long Ridge Road, Stamford. Free.

Thursday, Sept. 26

12 p.m.
Talk: Stroke-Time is Brain: Symptoms, Care, Treatment. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

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

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

RedCrossBlood.org

Monday, Sept. 23

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

Tuesday, Sept. 24

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

Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

Indian Field Rd.
1 - 6 p.m.
 Hilton Stamford Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 1 First Stamford Place, Stamford.

TOWN MEETINGS:
greenwichct.gov/calendar
Monday, Sept. 16
5:30 p.m.

Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors Meeting.

7 p.m.
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Meeting, Zoom Webinar.
Thursday, Sept. 26

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

8:30 a.m.
 Board of Health Regular Meeting, Via Zoom.

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, Sept. 20

6 p.m.
 Greenwich United Way's "Brew Ha Ha", Eagle Hill School. greenwichunitedway.org
Saturday, Sept. 21

12 p.m.
Pemberwick Glenville Association: Valley Jam.
 Western Greenwich Civic Center. pemberwickglenville.com

6 p.m.
 Friends of Greenwich Point: Comedy Night. Tod's Point. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org
Saturday, Sept. 28

9 a.m.
DART to the Finish!
 Charity Walk. Tod's Point. danasangels.org
Monday, Sept. 30

10:30 a.m.
Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County 31st Annual Benefit Golf Outing.
 The Country Club of Fairfield. habitatctfc.org
Saturday, Oct. 5

9 a.m.
 Kids Helping Kids 5K Walk/Run for Good. Kosciuszko Park - Harbor Point, Stamford. kidshelpingkidsct.org

• Greenwich Riding & Trails Association's "Day in the Country" Horse Show. thegrta.org/day-in-the-country-2024

6 p.m.
Pathways Annual Mental Health Gala. Burning Tree Country Club, Greenwich.
pways.org/gala
Sunday, Oct. 6

11:30 a.m.
 YWCA Greenwich Walk the Walk Against Domestic Violence. Bruce Park. ywcagreenwich.org/events/walk-the-walk-against-domestic-violence-2024

Monday, Oct. 7
12:30 p.m.
 Greenwich United Way's 8th Annual Golf Tournament.

Tamarack Country Club. greenwichunitedway.org
Saturday, Oct. 12 & Sunday, Oct. 13

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Bruce Museum's 43rd Annual Outdoor Arts Festival. 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

Sunday, Oct. 13
 Walk/Run for Abilis - 1-Mile Walk & 5K Run. abilis.us
Saturday, Oct. 19

2 p.m.
 REACH Prep 30 Years Anniversary Gala. Belle Haven Club. reachprep.org

6 p.m.
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo 5th Annual Gala. Inn at Longshore, Westport. beardsleyzoo.org
Sunday, Oct. 20

6 p.m.
 Greenwich Land Trust's "Go Wild! Family Field Day. gltrust.org/special-event/go-wild-family-field-day
Tuesday, Oct. 22

5:30 p.m.
Avon Theatre Lifetime Achievement Award Gala honoring Michael Douglas. Avon Theatre, Stamford. avontheatre.org
Wednesday, Oct. 23

11 a.m.
 Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show. Westchester Country Club, NY. breastcanceralliance.org
Thursday, Oct. 24

6 p.m.
 Greenwich Historical Society's History in the Making Award. Belle Haven Club. greenwichhistory.org/history-in-the-making
Saturday, Oct. 26

ICC (India Cultural Center) Gala Benefit - "A Celebration Of Light". Hyatt Regency Greenwich. iccgreenwich.org
Saturday, Nov. 16

Greenwich Riding & Trails Association's "Silver Horse Ball". Greenwich Country Club. thegrta.org/silver-horse-ball-2024

Saturday, Nov. 9
 • YWCA Greenwich's "The Fall Party". Belle Haven Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/the-fall-party-2024

6 p.m.
 Special Education Legal Fund S.E.L.F. Homecoming 6th Anniversary Gala. Arch Street Teen Center. bit.ly/SELFHomecoming
Wednesday, Nov. 13

6 p.m.
 GIFF (Greenwich International Film Festival) 10-Year Anniversary. l'escapade restaurant, Greenwich. greenwichfilm.org
Saturday, Nov. 30

Greenwich Alliance for Education's 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk. greenwichalliance.org

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Connecticut Veterans Affairs Stand Down - open to all veterans. UCONN Stamford Campus, 1 University Place, Stamford. 860-616-3772. standdown@ct.gov

6:30 p.m.
 Red Dirt Girls performs. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free admission, no reservations required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

7:30 p.m.
 Curtain Call presents "Tootsie". The Kweskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (Sept. 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, Oct. 3, 4, 5). curtaincallinc.com

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Car Seat Safety Day. SFD Mechanical Division, 148 Magee Ave., Stamford. Appointment is encouraged but not necessary. SFD. carseats@stamfordct.gov

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Cider Saturday. New Canaan Nature Center, 144 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan. \$15. newcanaannature.org

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

1 p.m.
 Author talk: When Women Ran Fifth Avenue with Julie Satow. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

7 p.m.
 Troupers Light Opera Company: Auditions for "HMS Pinafore" (also held on Sept. 25). Union Memorial Church, 59 Church St. Stamford. All singing roles are open. wp.trouperslightopera.org/pinafore-auditions

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

6:30 p.m.
Ballroom Dance Workshop: Session 1. Ferguson Main Library Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
 GLOW Wild Lantern Festival. Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. Thurs-Sun, through Dec. 15. beardsleyzoo.org

6 p.m.
 The Norwalk Historical Society & the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum present author Aaron Goldfarb: "Dusty Booze: In Search of Vintage Spirits." Mill Hill, 2 East Wall St., Norwalk. lockwoodmathewsmansion.com/events

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Youth Mental Health First Aid Training - for adults who regularly interact with young people. Park215, 215 Stillwater Avenue, Stamford. Free. Register. youthmentalhealthct@gmail.com

Sudoku for Kids

		2		5	
5	4		2		6
4	6	1		2	3
			4		
1		4			2
3			1		5

	1		3		5
5		4			1
	6	5	4		
	4			5	6
3		6		1	
4				3	2

5	1		3		2
2			4		
3		5			6
6			5	3	
		3		2	
1		2	6		3

4	5			3	2
	3			6	
		4			3
6	1		2	4	
2		1		5	
3			4		1

SUDOKU

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

Easy

		5			4		
4		9		5	8	3	
1			7	6			
	3				4		1
		6		2	5		
7	1						2
			9	3			2
		7	4	1		9	8
			8		6		

Hard

	5			6		9	8
			7				4
		3					5
		9		2	1	6	
		1	6		4	2	
		6	5	9		1	
1						8	
	2				7		
	6	7		4			9

Very Hard

			2	7			
	7	2					5
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				9			3
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5				6			
	3						
	9					8	6
				8	9		

Easy

8	3					4	
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			9		4		
			7	6			5
	9		2			5	8
			4		6		
		3				1	2

Hard

		4			3			5
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7								8
	4		7					
			4	6	2	5		9
			8	5		1		
5		1			8			

Very Hard

			6		8	3	2	9
6		3	4					
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8	2						9	3
	6							
			7					
					5	7		1
2	5	7	1		3			

Sudoku answers

6	8	9	8	7	1	4	7	2
9	4	2	2	3	8	5	7	1
3	1	8	7	4	9	6	4	5
7	6	5	3	9	1	2	2	4
8	2	1	5	7	4	7	4	8
6	9	8	4	2	6	2	2	7
4	3	9	8	9	8	9	1	7
1	8	2	9	3	7	5	6	4
6	9	3	4	5	2	8	4	7
5	7	4	6	1	8	3	2	9

Bottom row - Very Hard

5	6	2	3	1	9	7	8	2
4	9	6	8	5	7	1	4	3
1	8	7	4	6	2	5	3	9
9	4	1	7	3	8	6	5	2
7	5	9	6	3	4	8	2	1
8	8	1	7	6	2	5	4	3
3	2	8	5	9	6	7	4	1
8	7	9	5	2	4	1	6	3
2	3	8	1	7	2	5	4	6
6	1	4	9	7	3	2	8	5

Bottom row - Hard

4	6	3	5	9	8	7	1	2
5	2	8	7	4	1	6	3	9
1	9	7	2	6	3	5	8	4
8	4	1	7	6	9	2	5	3
3	2	1	6	5	4	3	8	7
8	8	6	3	9	2	7	4	5
9	5	8	2	1	4	7	4	7
7	1	2	4	3	5	8	9	6
6	7	9	8	1	6	4	7	3
7	4	1	2	9	4	7	1	8

Bottom row - Easy

4	2	1	6	8	9	3	7	5
7	9	5	3	2	1	8	6	4
6	3	8	7	5	4	1	9	2
5	8	3	1	9	6	7	2	4
9	4	7	1	6	5	8	3	2
8	1	2	4	3	7	5	6	9
2	1	9	6	4	7	8	5	3
1	6	9	5	4	8	1	6	7
3	7	2	8	1	6	4	5	9
8	5	4	2	7	3	9	1	6

Top row - Very Hard

8	6	7	1	4	2	5	9	3
6	7	8	3	7	4	1	6	9
1	3	4	6	5	8	9	2	7
2	7	6	9	8	1	3	4	5
3	8	1	5	7	4	2	6	9
5	9	2	8	3	6	7	4	1
4	1	3	2	1	6	7	8	5
7	5	6	9	8	3	1	4	2
6	9	8	7	1	5	4	2	3
7	5	2	4	6	3	9	8	1

Top row - Hard

3	6	4	1	5	6	1	5
2	9	7	4	1	5	9	3
5	1	6	8	3	7	4	2
7	5	1	6	4	6	8	2
4	6	8	7	4	7	4	

SPORTS

Greenwich High girls soccer edges Wilton for first victory of the season

By DAVID FIERRO

September 11, 2024

Building upon last season's success.

That's one of the goals of the Greenwich High School girls soccer team, which is coming off one of its most successful seasons in quite some time. The Cardinals qualified for the FCIAC Tournament in 2023, losing to Darien in the quarterfinals, then made an spirited run in the CIAC Class LL state tournament.

In the Class LL Tournament last fall, the sixth-seeded Cardinals earned a 5-0 win over West Haven in the second round and topped Southington, 3-1, in the second round to advance to the quarterfinals. The Class LL quarterfinal saw Greenwich give Staples all it could handle, as the Wreckers pulled out a dramatic 2-1 triumph, winning the game in penalty kicks, 5-4.

"We want to build off what we did last season," said Greenwich junior Harriet Franks, who helped lead the Cardinals past Wilton in their home-opener on Monday. "I think we were the best soccer playing team in the FCIAC last year and I hope we can get that level again this year with all the young players we have."

The 2024 Cardinals are captained by seniors Skylar Aysseh, Taylor Carrescia, Rachel Civitillo and Ellery Harte. Coached by Simon Rumbold, Greenwich began its season with a 2-0 road loss to Fairfield Ludlowe and a tough 1-0 defeat against multiple defending state champion St. Joseph in Trumbull. Hosting Wilton on Monday at Cardinal Stadium, the Cardinals posted their first win of the season, earning three points in the standings with a 1-0 victory. Franks, a junior, scored the game-winning

goal for GHS, tallying off an assist from sophomore Ashley Morris.

Greenwich had the better of the play in the first half, then Wilton rallied in the second half and the matchup hung in the balance thereafter.

"I thought we started okay, we were pressing the ball and doing things under control," Rumbold said of the Cards' play against Wilton. "But we just lost control about midway through the first half and it became a battle after that point. The girls did well to see it out."

Against St. Joseph, which has been a dominant force in the FCIAC for more than a decade, Greenwich more than held its own. The only goal of the matchup came off a Cadets free kick.

"They battled, the aggression the organization – that was great," Rumbold said of the St. Joseph game.

Carrescia is a forward, as is Aysseh. Ellery Harte is a defender and Civitillo plays in the midfield.

Carrescia was active throughout from her position at right wing in the Cards' home-opener versus Wilton.

"It definitely wasn't our best performance, our game against St. Joe, the intensity was great and we and set a high precedent for our team," Carrescia said following the home win against Wilton. "We started off the season with two of arguably the best teams in the FCIAC, so coming off of that, it's a tough spot to start in. But I think we showed great resilience against St. Joe's and even in Ludlowe, there were some great moments. I think this is going to be a really good season for us."

Meghan Ross, Julia Acosta, Adriana Jones and Brooke Wilkowski served

as the Cardinals' 2023 senior captains. Acosta and Emma Abbazia received 2023 All-FCIAC First Team honors, while Wilkowski was an All-FCIAC Second Team selection, along with Meghan Ross, who also graduated this past spring. Carrescia and Anna Lenschow, a junior, received All-FCIAC Honorable Mention recognition in 2023. Acosta is playing soccer at Fordham University and Ross is playing soccer at Franklin & Marshall. Abbazia is continuing her lacrosse career at the University of the Maryland.

Aysseh, Carrescia, Alexandra Cimador, Civitillo, Lauren Dionis, Sophia Fryer, Harte, Lauren Huang (goalie), Ella Morris, Abigail Vandervoom and Caroline Van Hell are Greenwich's seniors this season. Franks, Julia Gustafsson, Lenschow, Madison Utzinger, Ella Whitridge and Madeline Young are the squad's juniors.

Gabriella Cimador, Chloe Gandler, Kenna Harlow, Ashley Morris, Shay Sippel and Montserrat Thompson are sophomores and Taylor DeVries is a freshman.

"There are a lot of gaps to fill considering a lot of our main goal scorers from last year left, but there's a lot of young people that are going to fill it," Franks noted. "So, I think if we work together, we can get it done."

Greenwich hosted Bridgeport Central today and will visit FCIAC rival New Canaan on Friday.

"Our captains are doing great in terms of leadership," Rumbold said. "They have done really well. The team is working together well."



Photo by David Fierro: Taylor Carrescia of the Greenwich High School varsity girls soccer team, left, moves the ball along the sideline during a game against Wilton at Cardinal Stadium on September 9, 2024.

"Our captains are doing great in terms of leadership," Rumbold said.



From right to left: Rachel Civitillo, Ellery Harte, Taylor Carrescia and Skylar Aysseh are senior captains of the Cardinals varsity girls soccer team, which defeated Wilton, r-o, recently, at Cardinal Stadium in Greenwich.

Sacred Heart posts shut out victories against Kent School, Hopkins in field hockey action

By DAVID FIERRO

Three games into the 2024 season, the Sacred Heart Greenwich field hockey team has scored 20 goals, while not allowing a single tally.

Well, it doesn't get much better than that, does it?

After opening its season with a shutout win against School of the Holy Child, the Tigers hosted Kent School this past Saturday and cruised to a 7-0 victory. On Monday, Hopkins School visited Sacred Heart and the Tigers earned another 7-0 triumph, raising their early-season record to 3-0.

For SHG, the first three games of the season have followed a familiar pattern. The Tigers have scored early and often during the first two quarters, then have played keep away from the opposition in the second half, passing the ball around the field.

"I think we did a great job, obviously, it was our first game against a boarding school, which was a big deal," Sacred Heart Greenwich senior tri-captain Charly Nemeč said of the Tigers' win versus Kent School. They're pretty aggressive, mostly ice hockey players, they were definitely physical. We took

advantage of corners, shutting them down early. We did a great job of possessing the ball the last two quarters."

Against Kent School, Nemeč recorded a hat trick, while senior tri-captain Ainsley Clough recorded two goals to power the offense.

"We played amazing," Clough said. "I think we worked really well as a team and at the end, we were passing the ball around, we were really working well together."

Nemeč scored the game's first goal against Kent, tallying with 11:50 remaining in the first quarter. Clough converted a shot at the 3:53 mark of the opening quarter, then found the cage again with 1:14 left, making it 3-0.

Kingsley Ely opened the scoring in the second quarter versus the Lions, scoring with 9:30 remaining. Nemeč's second goal came with 4:39 to go in the second stanza, then Ely tallied again with 3:03 left to play in the first half. Nemeč had the Tigers' second half goal, scoring at the 10:55 mark of the third quarter.

"We came out really strong from the start and everyone was working hard



Photo by David Fierro: Elle Corcoran of Sacred Heart moves the ball against Kent School at Magnetti Field.

in the circle to get a foot or trying to place the ball in the goal," Ainsley Clough said.

The Tigers earned 12 penalty corners and took 12 shots on goal. Kent was limited to one shot.

"We were able to connect well on the passes and get some long passes and short

and work really well in the middle," SHG senior tri-captain Daphne Fallon said. "We were able to get it to our forwards easy and overall we connected really well and passed the ball."

"It's always very good to have such a great lead against a great boarding

school, a great NEPSAC school," Fallon continued. "I think it's really encouraging for us as we take on the other boarding schools."

Senior Teresa Harkins got the shutout win in goal.

"I'm very happy, it was a very solid performance," SHG coach Alex Gheorghe

said following the Kent game. "The ball movement was good, positioning was good, the girls were very disciplined."

Indeed, the Tigers have started each game strong offensively and defensively.

"We came out early, had a really great press and once we got the ball a couple of times on the press, it was just getting it in the goal," Nemeč noted. "Ainsley and I were taking a bunch of shots at the top and our team was being gritty in front of the goalie, which set us up early."

On Monday against visiting Hopkins School, an FAA opponent, Clough and Nemeč scored two goals apiece, while Elle Corcoran, Addy Callaway and Ely added one goal apiece for the victors.

Corcoran, Nemeč, Clough and Callaway posted first quarter goals. In the second quarter, Nemeč, Clough and Ely tallied.

"We had a good solid win today," SHG coach Sarah Hill said. "The goal was to stay focused and hungry and the team performed really well. We are preparing for our next match on the road Wednesday at Taft."



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Obituaries

WILLIAM SALEEBY

William Edward Hodnette Saleeby, beloved son of Vesta Smith Saleeby and the late Roger N. Saleeby, Jr; brother of Amy, Molly, Roger (Margaret), Ben (Linda), and Dan (Cindy); and uncle of Eli, Jack, Caleb, Sam, Tyler (Katriina), Lucy, Henry, Lilly, and Maggie Saleeby passed away on Sunday, September 8.

Born on March 9, 1962, in Falls Church, VA and raised in Greenwich, Will attended North Mianus, Central, and Greenwich High School, class of 1980, before completing his undergraduate studies at Harvard University.

Growing up in Greenwich, Will was an inspiration to many. At 14, he was named the American Legion's "most outstanding young resident of the town." He was a multi-sport athlete, musician, and Eagle Scout, among many other accomplishments. At Greenwich High School, he earned 14 varsity letters in five sports, was captain of the track team, and, as a running back on the football team, was selected for the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference All-Western Division offensive unit. He was Student Body president, first trumpet chair in orchestra, band, and jazz ensemble, and sang the lead roles of Curly and Billy Bigelow in the musical theatre productions of "Oklahoma" and "Carousel". Also, while in high school, Will was president of the Greenwich chapter of the National Honor Society, first trumpet chair Connecticut All-State Band, and received the Connell Award among 400 participants in American Legion Boys State.

At Harvard, Will played on the football team, was a member of the A.D. Club (elected Vice President) and Hasting Pudding Theatricals and was lead and solo trumpet with the Harvard Jazz Ensemble. During his sophomore summer, he interned in Washington, DC, for then-Connecticut Senator, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. He wrote his senior magna cum laude thesis on U.S.-Soviet arms control negotiations.

Will had a long career in Manhattan commercial real estate investment and management before pursuing his lifelong passion for music, entertaining many with his gifts as a singer, horn player, and arranger for his band.

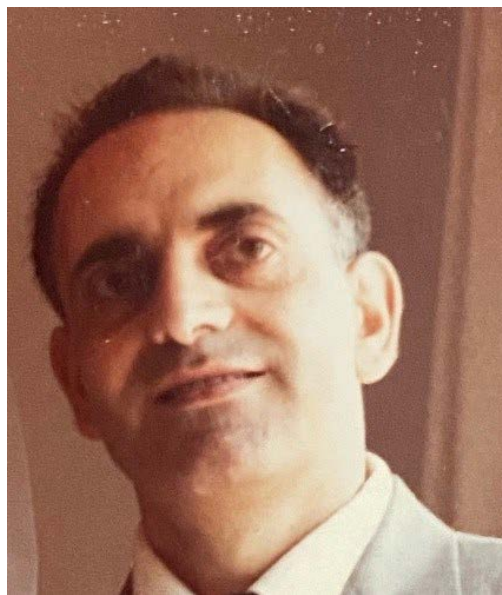
Above all else, Will valued family and was a loving, devoted son. Nothing delighted Uncle Willie more than watching his nieces and nephews excel on the field and on the stage. He was always there for a performance, game, or graduation, cheering louder than anyone.

Will was a spiritual man of deep faith, connected to nature and all God's creatures. Some of his happiest times were spent on the river, at the ocean, and in the woods with his brothers. He loved a homemade Southern meal and playing the piano at holidays with family and friends gathered around singing.

Will touched the lives of countless people. Our son, brother, and uncle was a great man full of heart, character, intellect, and talent. He will be missed forever. His family expresses our sincerest gratitude for the

immense outpouring of love and compassion we have received.

A service will be announced at a later date.



FIORE BRIA

Fiore Bria, 85, passed away on September 14.

Fiore Bria was born on October 20, 1938 in Rose, Cosenza in Calabria, Italy, the son of the late Lorenzo Bria and Rosaria Forte. He attended the Jesuit Monastery of Santuario di Santa Maria dell'Isola di Tropea, Italy.

Fiore Bria worked as a machinist for Pitney Bowes Corporation. He enjoyed reading, walking, strolling through New York City, and being the eloquent speaker that he was, he was always sought out for public speaking roles at family functions.

Fiore Bria is survived by his sister Carmela Bria, his brother Girolamo Bria and his wife Lina Bria. Nieces and nephews Anna and Giuseppe Sandolo, Elena and Mauro Fidaleo, Lorenzo Bria, Jerry Bria Jr., and Freddie Bria. He is also survived by great-nieces and -nephews Anthony Fidaleo, Mauro and Erin Fidaleo, Franco Sandolo, Victoria and Joseph Tucci, and his newest addition Gabriel Fidaleo.

Fiore Bria is predeceased by his brother-in-law Amerigo Bria.

Calling hours were held Thursday, September 19, at Lacerenza Macari Family Funeral Home, Stamford. A Funeral mass will be held on Friday, September 20, at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 37 Schuyler Avenue, Stamford. Entombment will immediately follow at Saint Mary's Cemetery, 399 North Street, Greenwich.

DEDE MORAN-BRENNEN

Dede Moran-Brennen, a beacon of love and kindness, unexpectedly passed away on July 26 at 67 years old. Born on October 9th, 1956, Dede lived a life filled with compassion, joy, and dedication to those she cherished.

Dede was a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, godmother, cousin, and friend. She was her children's rock, offering unwavering support during hard times and embodying what it means to be a hardworking and devoted mother. She treasured family vacations and made it a priority to stay closely connected with her loved ones. One of her greatest joys was caring for her parents in their later years, a role she welcomed

with love and dedication, providing them the opportunity to share a beautiful life together for many more years.

Dede's impact extended far beyond her immediate family and clients. She touched the lives of friends across many states and always did her best to be there for others when they needed it most. Her warm smile and heartfelt hugs were a source of comfort for everyone she encountered.

A proud graduate of Leslie College, Dede's careers as a special education professional and an elder caregiver were more than just jobs—they were her calling. She had a unique gift for creating meaningful connections with her clients, planning personalized trips that reflected their interests, and ensuring they felt truly cared for. Dede's devotion to her clients was a testament to her extraordinary empathy and caring nature.

Dede is survived by her children that she adored, Steven Moran, Christian Brennen, and Alex Brennen (Siri Soth), her mother Elvira McGuire, her loving sisters, Marina McGuire-McCabe, Sharon Librandi (Hank), Sheila McGuire, Vivian Harris (Michael) and Olivia McGuire (Bob Anderson), many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and a host of friends who will miss her dearly.

She is predeceased by her beloved sister, Andrea McGuire, and her father, Thomas McGuire, who passed away just two months prior.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00am on September 28 at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at 469 North Street, Greenwich, CT. Afterwards, a Celebration of Life gathering will be held at 12:30pm on the 28th at the Greenwich Historical Society in the historic barn to celebrate Dede's love-filled and remarkable life.

The family invites all who knew Dede to join in honoring her legacy and the profound impact she made on so many lives.



RICHARD LANNING

Richard James Lanning, Captain, US Navy (retired), passed away peacefully on September 4 at the age of 89, with his son Jim at his bedside. Richard was born in Brooklyn, NY on December 28, 1934, the second of three sons of Jephtha Holland Lanning and

Helen Agnes Flood Lanning. Orphaned at the age of seven, he was raised by his maternal grandparents in Brooklyn. In 1955, Richard joined the U.S. Navy as an aviation Cadet where during his 25 years of service he rose to rank of Captain. He married Josephine Ann (Jo Ann) Holley of Loxley, AL in 1956, while stationed at the Pensacola, FL Naval Air Station. They had two children together, Holly Ann born in 1959 and Richard James Jr., born in 1961 and were married 20 years.

Richard, more commonly referred to as Dick or Skipper, frequently reminisced about his time in the Navy, from his experience as a member of the Hurricane Hunters to his time serving on the USS Yorktown during the Vietnam War as a member of the admiral's staff. He was also a member of the faculty at the Naval War College, where he established the first course on human resource management. But with a strong professional interest in leadership, he was most proud of his multiple appointments as Commanding Officer, including Patrol Squadron Ten in Brunswick, ME, the US Naval Base in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, and his last post, Commander of Reserve Patrol Wing Atlantic in Norfolk, VA. During his career, Richard earned numerous awards including the Air Medal, Combat Action Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service medal and his highest honor, the Legion of Merit. He also received a Bachelor of Arts in History from North Texas State and a Master of Science in International Affairs from George Washington University while in the Navy.

After retiring from the Navy, Richard became the General Manager of Evyan Perfumes in New York, NY. He resided in Riverside, CT with his second wife, Eva, who he met while he was Commanding Officer of the Naval Recruiting District in Albany, NY. They spent the next 45 years together, sharing many traveling adventures around the world until her passing in 2021.

In addition to Eva, Richard was predeceased by his older brother Jephtha, his sister-in-law Judy and his grandson Riley. He is survived by his younger brother Gerard, his sister-in-law Joan, his daughter Holly (Dale) and son Jim (Teresa), Eva's daughter Lora (Joe) and son Steven (Karen) and his grandchildren Grafton, Patrick, Heidi (Thomas), Jeshe (Chris) and Katy (Dale).

A Celebration of Life in Riverside, CT will occur in October and a military burial at the Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, FL is planned for the spring.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Edge of a canyon
- 4 Piece of food waste
- 9 Country singer Gibbs
- 14 2010 health law, for short
- 15 Smell from a bakery
- 16 Bothered constantly
- 17 *Service members since 1775
- 19 Amusement park shuttles
- 20 Foul mood
- 21 Opening of a spy movie?
- 22 Operatic solo
- 23 Sprawling property
- 25 *Just OK
- 28 Waterproofing, say
- 30 Coy response to a compliment
- 31 "Night" author Wiesel
- 32 "Stop," on the seas
- 35 Female 58-Across
- 36 Online privacy tool to use on each starred clue's answer?
- 39 Homeric exclamation?

- 42 Let another car go
- 43 First word for some babies
- 46 As one
- 48 People who get to see movies early
- 51 *Certain guitars
- 54 Unsurprised by
- 55 Stick a toothpick in thick and ___
- 56 Through and ___
- 58 Bambi, e.g.
- 59 What a Brit watches
- 61 *Blackjack request
- 63 Raring to go
- 64 Actress Cara of "Fame"
- 65 Bro's sib, maybe
- 66 Pokes
- 67 "Stop," formally
- 68 It's less powerful than dynamite

- 9 Bit of ink
- 10 Robinhood competitor
- 11 Bump from behind
- 12 More than bump
- 13 "The score's even"
- 18 Roma's home
- 24 Makes a colorful camp T-shirt
- 26 Whiskey barrel
- 27 Greek goddess of the hunt
- 29 Strong wind
- 33 Abbr. between + and -, on a remote
- 34 "Back in Black" band
- 37 Auction offers

- 38 Like a video game suited for ages 17+
- 39 Genre known for wobble bass
- 40 Hot, like an athlete
- 41 Central Mexican state
- 44 Focus for Al Jazeera
- 45 Had an IMDb credit for, maybe
- 47 Postponed talking about
- 49 Altercations
- 50 Most achy
- 52 Moral principle
- 53 Social media button
- 57 Concept
- 60 Twelve-mo. periods
- 62 Golf peg

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Astrology for Next Week

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct Life is good and about to get even better. As the Sun enters your sign today, to be joined by clever Mercury on Thursday, you'll no longer be held back by vague fears that have blighted your life recently. Most, if not all, your dreams are about to come true.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov Scorpios tend to think a lot, but how often do you think about the inner you rather than the outer world? A change of signs by the Sun and Mercury will encourage you to look deep inside yourself, but don't worry: it won't be as scary as you imagine.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec Just because you have made up your mind doesn't mean you can't change it. New information you learn in the days ahead will put a very different slant on something you thought was cut and dried. Be flexible. Fixed opinions are bad opinions.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan Cosmic activity in and around the midheaven angle of your chart suggests that something big is about to happen on the career front. To begin with you may not like the changes but, in time, you'll realise they were inevitable - and necessary.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb Not only is the Sun entering sympathetic Libra but Mercury joins it on Thursday, making this potentially one of the best times of the year. Even if you're the kind of Aquarius who rarely takes risks you'll be much more daring than usual - with interesting results!

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March Generally speaking it's good you're easy-going but your free and easy way with money has made a large hole in your cash reserves that has to be plugged fast as there are serious purchases on your cosmic horizon. Spend less, earn more - or pawn those trinkets.

ARIES

21 March-20 April The Sun's move into your opposite sign of Libra today will highlight differences with a loved one and in the wake of the recent Aries Lunar Eclipse the next few days could be emotional to say the least. Let your feelings show, but keep your wits about you.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May No matter how dedicated and hard working a Taurus you may be you must take it easier over the next few days. The Sun's move into the wellbeing area of your chart means you can't continue to push yourself to the limits. Something has to give - watch out it's not you.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June The hostility you encountered recently is about to vanish. It may not be replaced by love or affection but at least you won't have to worry that others are creeping around behind your back waiting for an opportunity to harm you. That's progress!

CANCER

22 June-23 July Family issues will be easier to deal with now Mercury and the Sun are entering the domestic area of your chart. You may not want to deal with them - you'd rather pretend they don't exist - but with a little thought and effort you can make them go away.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug You're no doubt impatient to start something you've been thinking about for ages but if you're as sensitive to atmosphere as you believe you will sense it may be wise to give it more time. You've waited this long - what difference will a few more days make?

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept Throwing off self-restraint and breaking established rules is not your speciality but you'll be in the mood to shock this week. Just remember that actions always have consequences. Whether they're good or bad consequences remains to be seen.

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parke

ACROSS

- 1. (K) Lower, as lighting
- 5. (K) Far-reaching, as space
- 9. (K) Raven's sound
- 12. Cookie sandwich
- 13. (K) ___ A Sketch
- 14. "To what do I ___ this pleasure?"
- 15. (K) Give back to your community
- 17. (K) "Neither snow ___ rain ..."
- 18. Main meal in a fancy restaurant
- 19. (K) Sewer's need
- 21. (K) Ecto-1, the Batmobile or Herbie
- 22. (K) Obtain with your hands
- 23. Not metaphorical or figurative

- 27. (K) Past or present, in grammar
- 30. (K) Easy card to identify
- 31. (K) Pickleball divider
- 33. Be a depress-ing couch?
- 34. (K) Pinto or lima things
- 37. Underwater sinker
- 40. Pitcher's boo-boo
- 42. Regret
- 43. (K) Element found in coal and diamonds
- 45. Lumber mill cutter
- 49. Scurry in a hurry
- 50. (K) February greeting card
- 52. Bank's savings offering
- 53. (K) Divisible by two
- 54. (K) "American ___" (TV show)

- 55. (K) Make an inquiry
- 56. (K) Organized or clean
- 57. (K) Penny

- 23. (K) Place for scientific experiments
- 24. (K) Word before "skating" or "hockey"
- 25. Cricket intermission (2 words)
- 26. ___ bygones be bygones
- 28. (K) Not happy
- 29. It causes one's head to swell
- 32. Deluge
- 35. Bust in the act
- 36. Untidy person
- 38. (K) Damage beyond repair
- 39. Type of ulcer
- 41. Ne'er-do-well
- 43. "Pet" with green fur
- 44. (K) Televises
- 46. (K) Triangle component
- 47. Soon, in old poetry
- 48. Raised seam
- 51. (K) Grazing land

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?
Not cry, but get all mushy?
Look for the answer in next week's paper.

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Previous riddle answer:
Reason there's a shed in the house?
54-A) PET

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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 chic and graceful (7)
- 2 all over, all the time (11)
- 3 tells someone what to write (8)
- 4 slimmer (6)
- 5 drink or ice cream cone size (5)
- 6 animals (6)
- 7 loud, explosive noise (4)

SOLUTIONS

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Previous Answers: 1. KRISTEN 2. SINUS 3. MARRYING
4. PERMISSION 5. FAILINGS 6. LIBRARIANS 7. GAUZE

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

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Belling the Cat



The Mice once called a meeting to decide on a plan to free themselves of their enemy, the Cat. At least they wished to find some way of knowing when she was coming, so they might have time to run away. Indeed, something had to be done, for they lived in such constant fear of her claws that they hardly dared stir from their dens by night or day.

Many plans were discussed, but none of them was thought good enough. At last a very young Mouse got up and said:

"I have a plan that seems very simple, but I know it will be successful.

All we have to do is to hang a bell about the Cat's neck. When we hear the bell ringing we will know immediately that our enemy is coming."

All the Mice were much surprised that they had not thought of such a plan before. But in the midst of the rejoicing over their good fortune, an old Mouse arose and said:

"I will say that the plan of the young Mouse is very good. But let me ask one question: Who will bell the Cat?"

Moral: It is one thing to say that something should be done, but quite a different matter to do it.

Hello Autumn

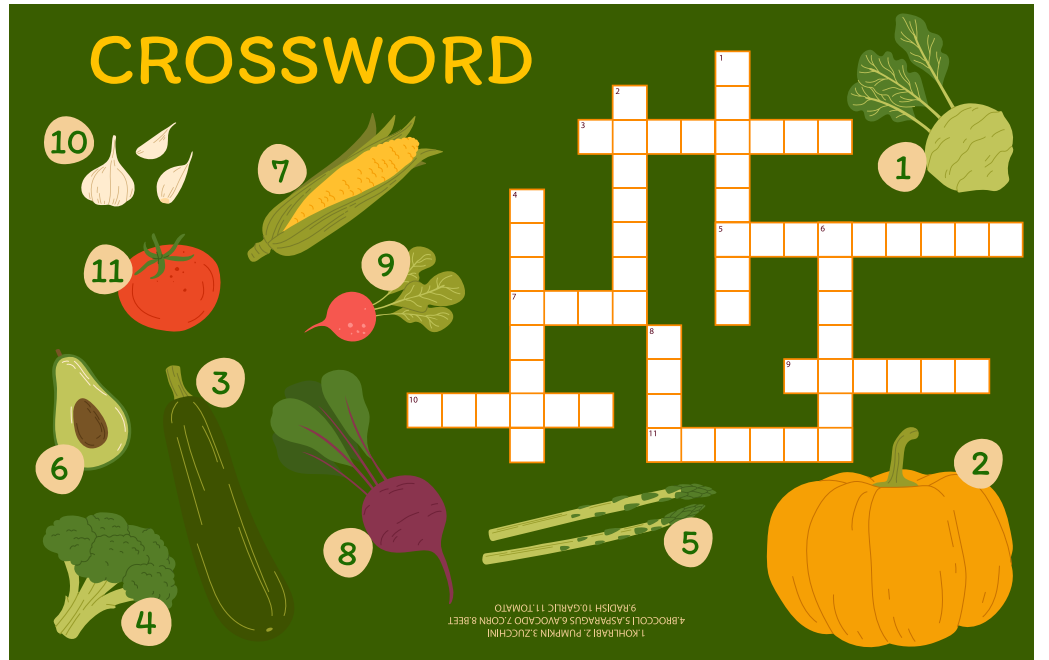
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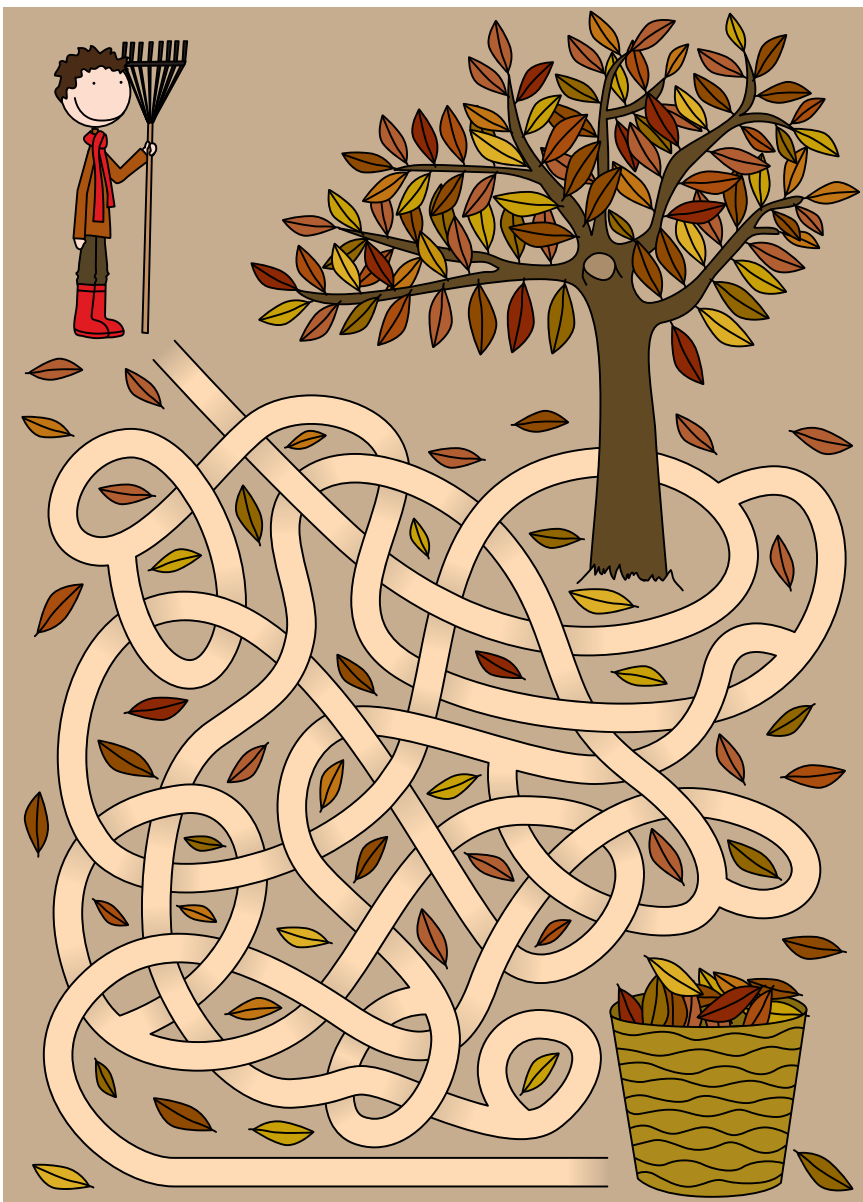
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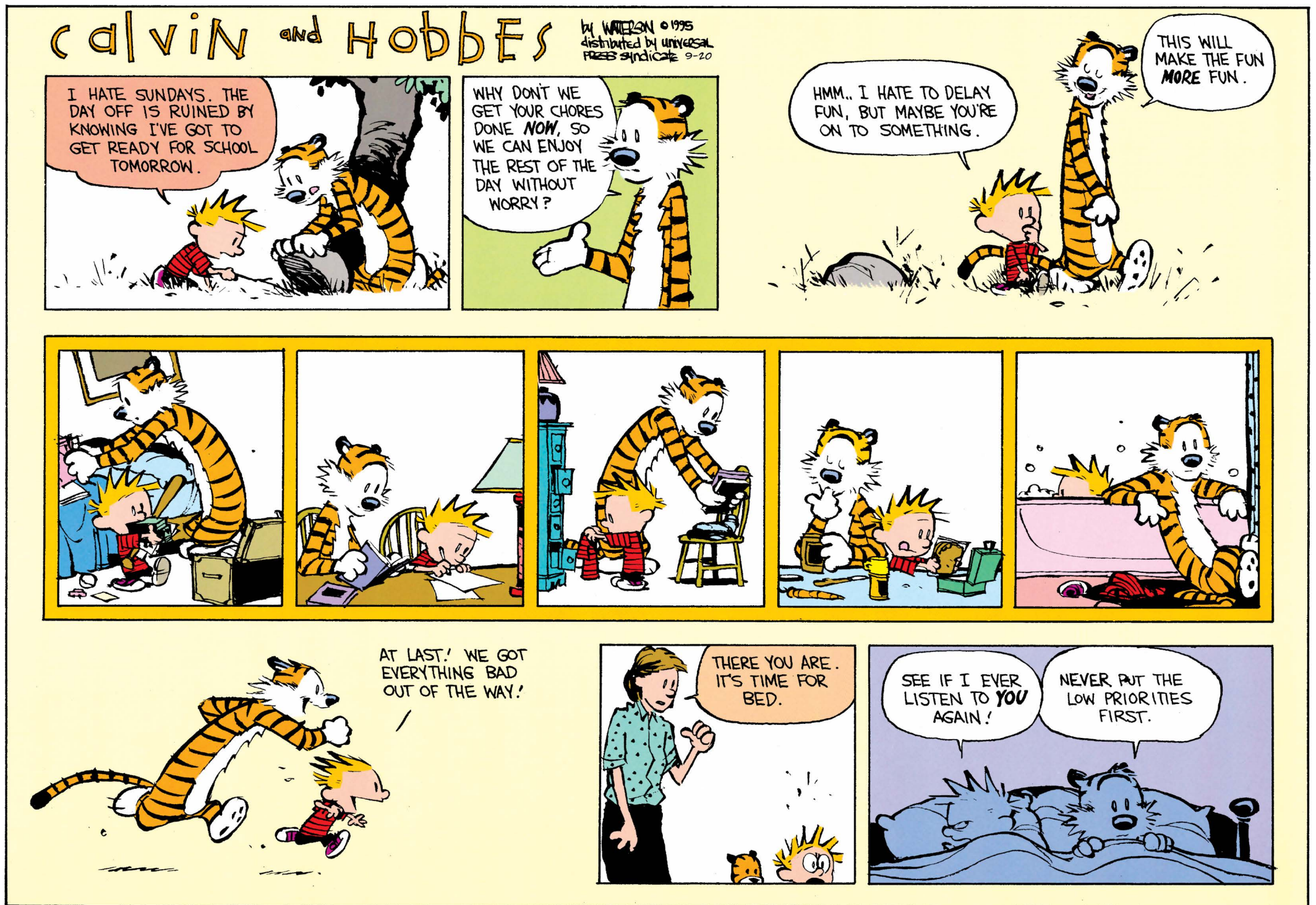
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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE NORTH AMERICAN ELK

A Giant in the Animal Kingdom That Benefits the Land

BY JIM KNOX

Their movement caught our attention, and we quickly pulled our caravan over on a shoulder overlooking the Yellowstone River. Their long cream and tan bodies deftly traversed the rounded shoulders of the river valley. With movement came recognition. Though similar, these creatures were clearly different from our antlered neighbors. These extra-large cousins of the White-Tailed deer pushed their way upslope and paused to survey us from an elevated vantage point.

The North American elk, *Cervus canadensis*, is an enormous deer—second only to moose in size. Females, known as cows, can reach 4.5 feet at the shoulder and attain weights up to 600 pounds. Males, known as bulls, are far larger, with maximum shoulder heights—and antlers—surpassing 5 feet, body lengths approaching 9 feet, and body weights of more than half a ton!

Also known by their Shawnee and Cree name, “Wapiti,” meaning “White Rump,” these giants range from a rich chocolate brown to a pale tan with a whitish rump easily identified from far afield. With 6 recognized subspecies in North America, and closely related species such as the Manchurian Wapiti in Asia and the Red deer in Europe, these giants of the deer tribe are found throughout the Northern Hemisphere in forests and forest-edge habitats.

Like their fellow wild creatures, elk confer profound benefits to the plant and animal communities they inhabit. In the national wildlife refuges where they have been reintroduced, elk have aided in the restoration of intact

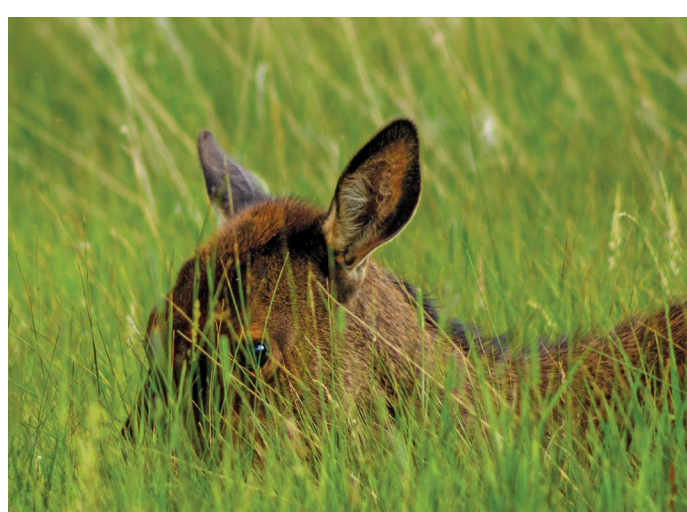


The North American Elk

Possessing white spots, which break up their outline and mimic dappled light, they are virtually invisible to the untrained eye.

grass prairie ecosystems. Given their preference for grazing predominantly on wildflowers and grass, but also their browsing habits on shrubs and trees, elk stimulate the growth of native prairie plants while controlling shrub and tree growth.

A key secret to Elk success lies in the combination of physical and behavioral adaptations, especially in the first crucial days. Cows carefully hide their newborn calves for the first several days of their lives. Upon birthing their calves, cows find camouflaged areas in tall grass or dense brush in which to conceal their calves. Calves enhance this concealment by lying motionless for the first two weeks of life. Being



born with virtually no scent to avoid attracting predators, calves evade most carnivores. Possessing white spots, which break up their outline and mimic dappled light, they are virtually invisible to the untrained eye.

Gregarious by nature, elk live in large groups called herds that can reach

well into the hundreds and even thousands. Herds are matriarchal—dominated and led by a single cow. These social groupings provide testimony to the success of the massive deer, with Southern Yellowstone’s Jackson Herd reaching an estimated 11,000 elk!

Regarded as ultra-resilient mammals, elk are

true survivors. Through focused conservation efforts and reintroduction, their numbers continue to increase thanks to conservation measures by wildlife agencies and private citizens like. In fact, the Rare California Tule elk was nearly lost to extinction before citizens and wildlife agencies took action—recovering the species from 4 animals in 1875, to more than 5,700 animals today!

Enormous, resilient, adaptable, and ecologically indispensable, elk command our attention. But, if we by chance overlook the stately deer, they remind us of their presence—by blasting a multi-note call known as a bugle from more than two miles away! Research findings from the University of Northern

Colorado conducted in Rocky Mountain National Park suggest that these loud bugling calls of bulls contain much information. Bugles communicate many things including the bull’s residency in the area with his harem, as well as if the cows in the herd are straying too far, and perhaps most significantly—that the bull is willing to defend his cows in battle to the death!

What lessons do elk offer those that peer a little deeper into their world? Elk are both highly social creatures—seeking the protection of the eyes and ears of the herd—and also bold individuals who explore unfamiliar territory and proclaim their presence to a world of adversaries and competitors. Like the elk, we humans can benefit from such tact when confronting the dangers of an increasingly competitive world. These great deer also hold the power to restore the health of the living communities around them. We too hold this power, and with the elk as a living model, we can further aid in its recovery, which in turn restores the land and restores our faith in our ability to recover wild ecosystems. Wild, powerful, and an icon of the great American West, the elk stands as a rugged symbol of wilderness and its resilience. By giving the elk and the wilderness the chance and the support to recover, we are also giving ourselves that same chance to protect one another and achieve both the potential of the deer, and of what we hold most dear.

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