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POLICE & FIRE



**Detectives Graduate Fairfield County Program**  
Detectives Arrington, Ciarleglio, Su Ah Sor, Rosario, Daly, and CIO Diaz completed the 63rd Annual Detective School organized by the Fairfield County Detective Conference. The two-week program focused on investigative training and professional development. They will now begin their assignments in the Detective Division. Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department



**Officer Ruiz Joins Police Department**  
Officer Ruiz has completed his probationary period. He is now a full-time member of the Greenwich Police Department. His status is no longer provisional. Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

**Greenwich Police Lead Major Seizure**  
Greenwich Police, in coordination with the DEA, conducted a year-long investigation that led to the arrests of two Stamford men for drug trafficking. Authorities intercepted shipments containing fentanyl and methamphetamine sent from California to Connecticut, including a kilogram of fentanyl and approximately 30,000 pills. The operation resulted in the seizure of 60 pounds of methamphetamine and 5 kilograms of fentanyl.

FROM TOWN HALL

**Greenwich Launches Community Donation Drive**  
Greenwich's Department of Public Works is collecting non-perishable food and household items for Neighbor to Neighbor through May 31. Donations can be dropped off in designated bins at Town Hall or made online. The drive is part of National Public Works Week, observed May 18-24.

**Greenwich Advances Quiet Summer Initiative**  
Greenwich will begin enforcing a summer ban on gasoline-powered leaf blowers in residential zones under two acres starting the Friday before Memorial Day through September 30. After a one-year exemption, town

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

"Once upon a time... there was the simple understanding that to sing at dawn and to sing at dusk was to heal the world through joy. The birds still remember what we have forgotten that the world is meant to be celebrated." Terry Tempest Williams, "When Women Were Birds: Fifty-four Variations on Voice," 2012.

GPD Joins YWCA for Annual Fundraiser Supporting Women and Families



GPD Officer Brooke Lombardo (left) and Sergeant Ryan Carino (right) model high-end handbags for the live auction at the YWCA annual Old Bags Luncheon (OBL). The YWCA celebrated its 20th OBL on Thursday, May 1, at the Belle Haven Club. Lauren Walsh was honored with the Purple Purse Award, which she called "the honor of my life." The OBL is the Greenwich YWCA's signature fundraising event, a luncheon and auction of new and gently used handbags that funds its Harmony Club and Domestic Abuse Services. The event is inspired by women's rights pioneer Susan B. Anthony's advice that "Every woman should have a purse of her own" because the purse is a symbol of women's economic independence. The Greenwich Police Dept.'s involvement underscores the ongoing collaboration between the YWCA and the GPD in serving the community. The YWCA is the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization in the world, operating in 125 countries and reaching 25 million women and girls in 22,000 communities. In the United States, the YWCA was founded in 1858 and now includes 300 local associations across nine regions, serving two million members.

School Budget Tensions with Post-Deadline Reckoning

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

In a 5-3 decision at its May 1 meeting, the Greenwich Board of Education extended Dr. Toni Jones' contract through June 30, 2028.

With a total compensation package exceeding \$340,000, Dr. Jones—the highest paid employee in the Town of Greenwich, according to municipal payroll records—has become a focal point in a widening debate over educational leadership, taxpayer accountability, and the political identity of a town once defined by bipartisan pragmatism.

To supporters, the move offered needed continuity amid a fractious budget season and an increasingly competitive superintendent market. "We've put Dr. Jones in a very difficult position," said Board Chair Karen Hirsh. "Frankly, I'm not sure we could find another superintendent right now given the situation we are in."

Critics pointed out that is likely not true. "The town has at least two strong internal candidates—Ralph Mayo and Tom Healy—who would provide stability and experience," one board member noted privately.

But for opponents, timing was paramount. Republican members Cody Kittle and Dr. Michael-Joseph Mercanti-Anthony questioned the procedural judgment of locking in a long-term contract at this time.

"I don't think this is the meeting when we should be doing this," said Mercanti-Anthony, who cited the pending FOIA ruling and ongoing budget process. Kittle went further, accusing the board majority of partisan maneuvering. "We haven't done what we've been tasked to do," he said. "This is political theater."

At the center of the dispute is a \$4 million reduction in the BOE's requested increase to its 2025-2026 operating budget. The initial proposal of \$246.7 million reflected a 5.1% increase over the prior year or \$12 million—an historically large ask. The Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) ultimately approved a trimmed operating budget of \$242.7 million—an \$8 million year-over-year increase, but \$4 million less than requested—what the BET characterized as a necessary recalibration after decades of budgetary expansion. Capital expenditures for school facilities remain fully funded at \$19.6 million.

BET Chairman Harry Fisher offered a blunt postmortem: "I was very disappointed that the BOE took no action at its meeting on May 1. Rather, the Democrats who control of the BOE chose to kick the matter back to the BET."

The procedural consequence is now clear: the statutory deadline to reopen the school budget passed on Monday, May 1. Whatever compromises remain must now be within the confines of the Board of Education's approved bottom line.

The Board of Education was expected to reconvene Thursday evening to deliberate how to revise their budget to fit within the \$198.4 million that was approved. While advocates for more money frame the moment as a crisis, fiscal conservatives see it differently. "This is not a cut," one former school board

member said. "It's a recalibration. The school budget is still growing—just not as fast as some would like."

A widely circulated letter from a former BOE Chairman outlined a specific five-point plan to meet the BET's target while protecting classroom instruction. These proposals include managing teacher absenteeism to align with state norms, hiring at contractually negotiated salary steps, limiting the expansion of town-wide pre-K, postponing discretionary new initiatives, and realigning staff levels to reflect the student enrollment decline. Collectively, these actions could, according to the letter, generate \$5-\$7 million in savings without altering academic programs or class sizes. "Hyperbole doesn't help," the former official added.

Others have questioned the growth of administrative staffing, including the number of secretaries system-wide. "Greenwich has only 152 police officers and over 100 administrative assistants in its school system. Something is out of balance there," said one resident.

Critically, these proposals stand in direct contrast to the framing offered by some current board members, who warned that any reduction to the proposed increase would inevitably jeopardize student outcomes. "We are being forced to undo a decade of progress," said one member. "It's either earlier buses or fewer teachers."

But that binary, critics argue, is false. Public tension has been exacerbated by these divergent narratives. Some parent advocates describe the situation as a crisis driven by partisan obstructionism. Others, including fiscal conservatives, point to what they see as fiscal mismanagement and politicization within the Superintendent's office.

Nowhere is this divide more visible than in the debate over school start times. Scenario 6, which moves high school start time to 7:45 a.m., emerged as the favored option among the board majority, saving nearly \$2 million in transportation costs and reducing bus tiers and morning traffic. Though unpopular with many public school parents, the move gained traction as a structural solution that avoided reductions to teaching staff.

"We're not happy about this," said Hirsh. "But our hand is being forced."

"We've known about the teacher absenteeism issue for over a year," said one BET member, referring to public data showing that Greenwich public school teachers use nearly twice as many sick days annually as the state average—often around vacations and weekends. The excess substitute staffing costs the district over \$1 million annually. "The BOE has refused to take basic steps to address it. That's not fiscal stewardship."

As of press time, no comprehensive reduction plan has been finalized. But the path forward is narrower: the BET cannot reopen the budget, and the full burden now rests on the BOE to realign within its \$198.4 million allocation.

COLUMN

By JILL WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Kindness is the most important character trait of all. It cannot be put on like a shirt for a special occasion because it develops through repeated daily decisions to think and act kindly.

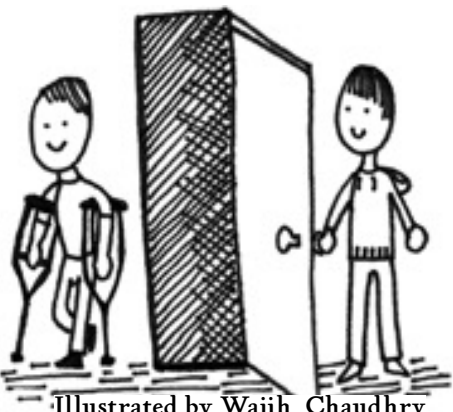
Kindness is a key quality to look for in all relationships, especially in a mate.

Pay attention to how you and others treat the less powerful or socially awkward—the needy friend, the elderly grandparent, waitstaff, rambunctious

children, grumpy customers, and bad drivers—just to name a few. These often-overlooked situations can reveal and help us measure kindness both in others and in ourselves.

When Sasha was in college, her boyfriend came to the house where she was

babysitting to help her care for two little kids. As she bathed the older girl in the bathroom, she overheard his kind, playful voice as he fed dinner to the one-year-old in his high chair. She remembers thinking that she wanted this man to be the father of her children. He is.



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

COLUMN

At One Time or Another, We've All Come from Away



By STUART ADELBURG

I recently had the opportunity to see a national tour of the show, Come from Away at the Palace, a beautiful, historic theatre in downtown Stamford. I had already seen and loved this musical show twice before, but I could not pass up the opportunity to see it again.

For those who may not be familiar, Come from Away is about the Newfoundland town of Gander, following the September 11th attack, when 38 planes with thousands of passengers were forced to land at their airport. The show recounts true stories of individual residents and the stranded travelers they welcomed to their small town. The circumstances most of us remember are anything but positive, but the show is an incredibly uplifting tale of kindness and humanity in the face of tragedy.

You might expect Come from Away to have a diminishing effect on audiences the further away we get from September 11, 2001. What I experienced at the Palace was the opposite. The audience was mesmerized throughout the performance and on its feet the moment the show ended for an unusually long ovation. There is no doubt that the performances were worthy of the applause, but I believe the audience's enthusiasm was due even more to the juxtaposition of this story and the divisive nature of the times we're all living in today.

In Come from Away, we see thousands of people from all over the world converge on a small island, more than doubling the population of Gander without any warning. Most of the travelers don't know why they have been forced to land until they exit the planes. I was reminded that cell phones were not the commodity in 2001 that they are today, so the priority for most of the passengers was to communicate with their families back home, wherever that might be. The audience becomes involved in each of their personal stories. The frustration

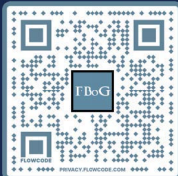
they all feel with the lack of information and the uncertainty about when they will be able to leave the island is palpable.

Nothing about the above is unexpected to those of us who experienced and remember many of the same emotions, even here at home. It is therefore surprising when Come from Away becomes a joyful story of new relationships, of selfless hospitality, of humor and music. The audience, in a matter of moments, becomes completely enamored by one story after another of strangers from totally different backgrounds instantly and without hesitation becoming families and friends.

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The people of Gander don't think about where their new guests live, what they look like, how they think, who they love, how they worship, or what they speak. They see hunger, exhaustion, fear and uncertainty. They take them into their homes, share food, drink, showers, clothes, beds, whatever they can think of to make a terrible situation a little more tolerable. Every time one of the passengers expresses gratitude or offers some type of recompense for the kindness of their hosts they receive the same response, "you would do the same for me."

I pray that the world never again experiences a tragedy like September 11, 2001. But it would do us all well to remember how the world came together that week. Of course, we felt outrage. But even stronger was our desire to reach out, to support each other, to offer whatever we could with compassion, generosity, and kindness. This, more than anything, was worthy of the standing ovation! The audience response was also evidence, once again, of the power and the extraordinary value of the arts in teaching us what really matters.





COLUMN

# Pharmaceutical Trafficking: From Cross-Border Pricing to Global Trade Wars



RUSSELL R. BARKSDALE, JR

The story of mail-order pharmaceuticals in the United States is a tale that spans decades, woven through consumer pricing, policy loopholes, international trade, and most recently, geopolitical tensions. Over twenty years ago, the search for affordable medications led many Americans to look beyond their borders particularly to Canada. Today, America's dependency on Chinese pharmaceutical ingredients amidst rising tariffs creates a healthcare and economic complexity with the potential to make routine medications unaffordable.

How did we get here? In the late 1990s and early 2000s, as prescription drug prices surged in the United States, many consumers sought more affordable alternatives. Canada, with its publicly funded healthcare system and government-regulated drug pricing, became a logical source for less expensive medications. Canadian pharmacies began offering mail-order services directly to American consumers.

This cross-border pharmaceutical trade grew rapidly. By the mid-2000s, it was estimated that over one million Americans were regularly buying their medications from Canada through online pharmacies, often saving 30% to 80% on common prescription prices. The U.S. government, while technically prohibiting the import of drugs not approved by the FDA, generally turned a blind eye to small-scale purchases and individual use.

Politically, this became a populist issue. Senators and state governors, especially from northern states like Minnesota and Vermont, openly supported or even organized cross-border drug-buying trips. In 2003, Congress passed the Medicare

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Modernization Act, which included a provision that could allow drug importation from Canada—but only if the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) certified that it would be safe and cost-effective. To-date no HHS Secretary has ever issued such certification.

While Canadian pharmacies offered a stopgap for high drug costs, the real revolution came through globalized supply chains. Over the past two decades, pharmaceutical companies have increasingly moved production of active pharmaceutical ingredients or APIs to countries with lower manufacturing costs—particularly China and India. China has emerged as a dominant player in the API market. Moreover, China is the primary supplier of APIs to India, which is the world's largest manufacturer of generic drugs, many of which are exported to the U.S. This layered dependency makes the U.S. pharmaceutical supply chain deeply intertwined with Chinese manufacturing.

Americans have benefited from the cost savings of offshore manufacturing. Regrettably, this dependency has also created vulnerabilities. As supply chains falter or tariffs compound pricing levels, calls for domestic drug manufacturing and diversification of sources will certainly intensify.

The escalating U.S.-China trade tensions now add a new layer of complexity. In recent years, as part of broader tariff packages aimed at correcting trade imbalances and pressuring China on issues like intellectual property and state subsidies, the U.S. has imposed tariffs on a wide range of Chinese goods—including pharmaceutical ingredients and products.

Although certain pharmaceutical imports initially

received exemptions due to their essential nature, that status has changed in the shifting tides of policy. While the intent is to reduce strategic dependence on adversarial nations, these tariffs also risk increasing costs for manufacturers—and ultimately, for consumers.

Industry groups warn that such tariffs could inadvertently raise prices or worsen shortages for essential medications. Analysts point out that until domestic API production is significantly increased in scale, tariffs act more as a tax on necessity than a genuine lever of national resilience.

The history of mail-order drugs from Canada to the modern struggle over Chinese pharmaceutical tariffs reveals a persistent dilemma in U.S. healthcare policy: the balance between affordability, accessibility, and sovereignty. What began as a grassroots movement for cheaper drugs through Canadian pharmacies has evolved into a global web of trade and production, one now caught in the currents of international conflict and national security concerns.

The U.S. has accelerated itself to a critical decision point. We must decide whether to continue relying on global supply chains for affordable medications or invest heavily in domestic capacity—likely at a higher short-term cost. What is crystally clear in this time of economic incertitude is the pharmaceutical pipeline is no longer just a matter of public health, but a central axis of economic strategy and international diplomacy. Healthcare call ill afford more price uncertainties.

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White Plains Hospital held a groundbreaking ceremony on May 5, 2025 for its largest-ever campus transformation project: a 10-story, approximately 500,000-square-foot expansion that will nearly double the size of the hospital when it opens in 2028. From left: Leigh Anne McMahon, former EVP, Patient Care Services, White Plains Hospital; Ken Jenkins, Westchester County Executive; Laurence Smith, Board Member and Immediate Past Board Chair, White Plains Hospital; Thomas Roach, Mayor, City of White Plains; William Null, Chairman, Board of Directors, White Plains Hospital; Susan Fox, President and CEO, White Plains Hospital; Dr. Philip Ozuah, President and CEO, Montefiore Medicine; Joshua Strugatz, Chief Campus Transformation Officer, White Plains Hospital; Peter Lehrer, Board Member, White Plains Hospital; Joshua Caspi, Board Member, White Plains Hospital; J. Michael Divney, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, White Plains Hospital.

## Major Hospital Expansion

A sweeping \$750 million expansion project launched this week by White Plains Hospital signals a broader regional shift in health care investment aimed at serving growing populations and rising demand for advanced care. The 10-story, 500,000-square-foot addition—expected to open in early 2028—will nearly double the hospital's footprint and enhance its capacity to deliver specialized, high-quality medical services.

At a ceremony held on the White Plains campus, more than 100 attendees—including Montefiore Medicine President and CEO Dr. Philip Ozuah, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, and White Plains Mayor Tom Roach—joined hospital leadership to mark the beginning of the construction phase.

“Today is a very exciting day in the history of White Plains Hospital,” said Susan Fox, President and CEO of White Plains Hospital. “We are not just breaking ground on a new building, we are laying the foundation for a future Hospital that will ensure we will continue to provide the highest-quality care for generations to come.”

The new facility will connect to the existing hospital at the main floor, emergency department, and operating room levels. Major elements include:

- 240 new private, single-bedded inpatient rooms—144 of

which are expected to open in 2028—bringing the hospital's total licensed inpatient bed count from 292 to 436.

- A new dedicated operating room floor that will add 10 high-tech surgical suites designed for increasingly complex cases.

- A significantly enlarged emergency department (ED) that will more than double the size of the current ED. Features will include a dedicated patient drop-off entrance and expanded ambulance bays.

The expansion is expected to serve more than 90,000 emergency department visits annually by the end of 2025, making it the busiest ED in Westchester County.

“Demand for our services continues to grow, which is why this Expansion is so important,” said William S. Null, Chairman of the Hospital's Board of Directors. Since 2015, the hospital has experienced a 50% increase in inpatient volume, an 80% surge in emergency department visits, and an 80% rise in operating room procedures.

The expansion will also support the hospital's continued development of specialty care services. Over the past decade, White Plains Hospital has broadened its offerings in cancer treatment, cardiac services, and neuroscience care, aligning with its role as the Montefiore Health

System's tertiary care hub for the Hudson Valley.

“As the tertiary hub of care for the Montefiore Health System in the Hudson Valley for the past 10 years, we have successfully added and expanded advanced programs and services here, so our neighbors do not need to travel to receive high quality care,” Fox added. “Together with our partners from Montefiore, we have changed healthcare in Westchester and the Hudson Valley – and today we are changing the skyline along East Post Road.”

The \$750 million expansion was designed by architectural firm Payette and is managed by Suffolk Construction. Financing will come from a combination of sources: a \$500 million Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) bond, philanthropic donations, and equity from hospital operating revenues.

White Plains Hospital has received national recognition for quality, including three consecutive years of five-star ratings from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). According to the hospital, more patients now choose its services than any other hospital in Westchester.

For more information on the hospital's expansion, visit [wphospital.org/new](http://wphospital.org/new).



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# Celebrating Progress, Spreading Awareness

## Join Pathways This May for Mental Health Awareness Month



By Peter Tesei

Each May, Mental Health Awareness Month serves as a powerful reminder: conversations around mental illness and mental health matter. At Pathways, Inc., we are proud to be part of a growing movement

that not only acknowledges mental health challenges but embraces them as an essential part of the broader human experience. Today, we live in a time when discussing mental health is not only accepted but encouraged – a monumental shift from decades past. However, while the stigma surrounding mental illness has lessened, our work is far from over. It is critical that we continue to foster open dialogue, educate

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ourselves and others, and create communities where empathy, understanding, and support are the standard, not the exception. Throughout May, we invite the Greenwich

community to join us in recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month through action and celebration: Nominate a Champion: We are now accepting nominations for the

2025 Greenwich Mental Health Champion Award. This special recognition established last year, honors individuals who have made extraordinary contributions toward destigmatizing

mental illness and advocating for mental health awareness in our community. We invite the community to nominate individuals who are carrying forward this mission—those who inspire, educate, and lead by example in making mental health conversations more accessible and compassionate. To learn more or submit a nomination, visit [www.pways.org/champion](http://www.pways.org/champion).

Get Your Green On! Show Your Support: Green mental health awareness ribbons are available through Pathways for anyone who wishes to show their solidarity with individuals and families impacted by mental health challenges. Wearing a ribbon is a simple but meaningful act to help continue breaking down barriers and starting conversations. We also have Green Ribbons for Lawns for homes and businesses to show their support to the whole community.

Join Us at Our Events – [www.pways.org/events](http://www.pways.org/events)

Music for Mental Health: On Saturday, May 17, join us in partnership with The Capitol Theatre and Lake Street Dive for an unforgettable night. This special benefit includes a VIP private sound check with the popular band, a pre-concert party, plus, a VIP viewing area during the concert. This benefit raises critical funds to support our programs while celebrating the power of music to inspire hope and connection.

Client Appreciation Day Open House: On Thursday, May 29, we welcome community members to visit our Day Program in Cos Cob. See firsthand the vibrant community that Pathways fosters and help us celebrate the incredible resilience and growth of our clients.

At Pathways, we believe that every individual—regardless of diagnosis—deserves the opportunity to live with dignity, purpose, and hope. We encourage you to get involved, ask questions, educate yourself, and be a part of the change. Together, we can create a future where mental health is treated with the same compassion and priority as physical health.

This Mental Health Awareness Month, let's continue to move the conversation forward. Let's celebrate how far we have come—and commit ourselves to the work still ahead.

For more information on how you can participate, visit [www.pways.org](http://www.pways.org). Together, we are building a stronger, more compassionate community for all.

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# Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing Alums Gather for Their 50th and Final Meeting

By ANNE W. SEMMES

After fifty years of coming together annually since the close of their School of Nursing at Greenwich Hospital in 1975, where they were inspired for a lifetime with “helping others,” the members of the School of Nursing Alumnae Association had lunch together for the last time last Saturday at the Milbrook Club in Greenwich. Some of the 88 attendees had traveled from the west coast, from Florida, and other sites in the Northeast, to say hello and goodbye.

**“My heart broke as many did when they announced it was the closure of the Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing. It was such a good program.”**  
**Judy Comp, last Class of 1975.**

These nurses, some in their 90s's, would share their nostalgia for those three-nursing school-learning years in Greenwich, departing as graduates from those elegant front doors of the Benedict Building that stood at the present site of Greenwich Hospital on Perryridge Road. Surely Commodore Elias C. Benedict, who had donated in 1917 those hospital building funds that included the School of Nursing, in memory of his wife, Sara Hart Benedict, would be proud of having hosted all those graduates.

“Classes were small,” recalls Sue Martin, from the Class of 1961. Entering in their late teens to graduate ages of 19 or 20 and having lived together 24-hours a day while in training, “Everyone bonded with each other” becoming “friends for years.” Martin had followed her mother, a graduate from Class 1937. She would then serve at Greenwich Hospital for over 50 years. She managed to continue nursing whilst having five children. “I worked when the kids were sleeping, 11 p.m. to 7 or 10:30 to 8.”

“We had 35 or 36 in my class,” tells Alumni board member Carole McIvor of Greenwich of her Class of 1963. “We had real hands-on care as a student nurse. We would have maybe three or four patients to take care of. We worked 3 to 11 shifts. We worked night shifts.” Three months in “medical surgical, three months in maternity, three months in the operating room, three months in the emergency room pediatrics.” Add time at Hartford’s Institute of Living “for our psych nursing. And that was very interesting.”

But by 1975, says McIvor, the numbers of students in a class had shrunk to 20. “More people started getting interested in getting their bachelor’s degree in science or in nursing... Nursing today has changed a great deal.” Having to work with all the “new machinery is very different. In my day, you talked to your patient, and your patient got back rubs three times a day after their morning bath in the afternoon and before bed. Nowadays, no one knows what a back rub is.” She had learned, “The best thing about being a nurse is caring for others.”

Sylvia Gordon, a Greenwich resident of 60 years had come from Port Chester to graduate in the Class of 1951 at the School of Nursing, “I worked until 1999, including school nursing in Eastern Jr. High.” Her take on her nursing experience? “Being a nurse is like being a mother.” Of her four kids, one became a chiropractor and another a doctor.

Alum Evelyn Franco of the Class of 1957 will soon turn 89 but continues to volunteer in the Greenwich Hospital Emergency Room. She has served in the Hospital the longest time,

“When we graduated in 1963,” notes McIvor, “a majority of the nurses at Greenwich Hospital were Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing graduates. Most of us stayed on at least a year or more, and many are still in Greenwich in doctor’s offices, one or two still at the hospital.” McIvor would work for then marry Greenwich obstetrician, Dr. Arthur Prangley until his death.

Often says McIvor, the nurse



L to R School of Nursing Alumnae board members with their class year lists: Sue Darula '62, Addie Peter '58, Sue Martin '61-Treas., Cappy Gentile '61 -Pres., Sue Connolly '64-Sec., Carole McIvor '63. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



The Benedict Building, donated by funds from Commodore Elias C. Benedict, where classes were held for Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing, now the site of present Hospital. Contributed photo.



Nursing students at Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing readying to take “The Nightingale Pledge. Contributed photo.

graduates would return to their hometowns, “get married and move elsewhere across the country.” As did her class roommate, Margarita “Quita” Serrell, the daughter of Greenwich Dr. Howard Serrell “who was chief of staff years ago.”

This annual Alumnae luncheon has honored each year the oldest class graduates, with this year three oldest nurses present: Theresa Lombardi from the Class of 49, Sylvia Gordon, from Class 51, Mimi Troy from Class 1952, and Eleanor Orrico, Class of 1955. The alum from the last Class of 1975, Judy Comp was unable to come from North Carolina to attend but her message was read by Alum Secretary Sue Connolly – Class of 1964. “My heart broke as many did when they announced it was the closure of the Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing. It was such a good program. I graduated with confidence in my nursing knowledge as well as my skills.”

Alum President Cappy Gentile, Class of 1961, then shared with the group some of her memories of those earlier nursing school days. “They used to have dances. They had bake sales at the Hospital in the entryway. We also made donations to the Hospital.” And the Alumnae Association has become known for its donations. “Our donations have been varied. We donated to Greenwich Hospital Social Services, Neighbor to Neighbor, Kids in Crisis, the River House, Campership of Greenwich, offering camp scholarships for needy kids. And we will continue with what’s left in our treasury that will be donated as well.”

And over the years Gentile added were those impressive Dawn dePreta

Scholarship Funds given to nurses’ daughters and granddaughters. “Dawn was president of the Alumni for quite a few years, and she unfortunately has passed away.” Gentile then listed a number of those awardees receiving those “honor award scholarships.” She noted, “Some of them were awarded them for two years in a row, and we were happy to do it. And the resumes these gals sent were very touching and they’re very qualified. It was wonderful. I think they’re all going to be great nurses.”

Next up at the podium was Alum Linda McManus, Class of 1972, to introduce herself as “part of the Connecticut Nurse Honors Guard. (Not present was another from the Class of 71 is Carol Banasik.). “We are a group of volunteer nurses who will attend any nurse in the state of Connecticut. When you die, we will go either to the funeral home, the cemetery, or the church, and we will do a tribute for you. Just like the military has a tribute and firemen and policemen do. We go and we wear our caps, our cape, whites, and the white shoes. It truly is a very moving tribute... There is no charge for this service. (It’s online as Connecticut Nurse Honors Society).” And if you know anyone who would benefit from services, we’d be happy to be there.”

As the 50th celebration came to an end it was the words of Alum Pat Ford of the Class of 1966 that reverberated. She had traveled from Edmonds, Washington, to attend this very last Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association Luncheon. What her nursing career had meant most to her had been shared by many others present. “It’s the biggest cliché in the world – its helping people.”

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COLUMN



By LOCKEY COUGHLIN

Recently, my staff and I were kicking around an idea that we thought would help our students see themselves and their behavior more clearly and thus make positive adjustments. We thought it would be fun to spend a couple of hours imitating our students—dress in pajama bottoms, head to class late, blast our music ... you get the idea. We felt oh-so-clever and superior for a minute, imagining a scenario from a sitcom or an old Buffy episode.

Unfortunately, there was a dissenting opinion that we were, perhaps, supposed to act like adults. We should dial it back and remember how difficult high school is - hormones, growth, uncharted territory, brand-new experiences, and a lack of control over one’s own life. You might recall the feelings. This staff member

# Tell Them They Are Awesome!

*In a post-COVID world, where many children learned to fear others and that isolation and computer screens equal safety, yes, showing up is anxiety-producing. We did that to them.*

was mortified that we had so little empathy for what our students were going through and the reasons for their often irritating behavior. Hanging our heads low, we mumbled our agreement and embarrassment and shuffled down the hallway.

Instead of acting like children, our job as educators and parents is to set an example and provide as much guidance as we are allowed. Teens will only take so much advice, after all. Other than imitating their behavior, there are ways that can be remarkably effective, if not as gleefully superior.

My advice is always, first and foremost, to listen to what children are saying, or at least what they are trying to communicate. Please do not yell at them when they tell you, straight up, what is going on. Take a beat if you need to. Leave the room. Breathe. Support the honesty. Then, ask what they think should be done to help them make positive changes. Support honesty above all else. Why? Because when it matters most, you want them to come to you for help.

After that, my best advice is

to focus on the positive. What are students doing well? Let’s focus on that and celebrate the wins. I love giving awards. We give awards for everything, big and small, celebrating our students and staff for who they are and what they have accomplished throughout the academic year.

Honestly, I do not understand when people get peeved about participation awards. For some people, just showing up and participating *is an immense challenge*. In a post-COVID world, where many children learned to fear others and that isolation and computer screens equal safety, yes, showing up is anxiety-producing. We did that to them.

I only support being a little cranky about participation awards because they are not specific enough. Kids need to know that the award means something. Just as with praise,

awards should be highly specific so children (or anyone else) understand what others see in them, what makes them feel worthy, and where their superpowers lie.

For example, we awarded a student for making outstanding microscope slides in science class. Was this the best science student? No. He could barely stay awake during lectures, but labs? He was outstanding. This was a hands-on, project-oriented student. Based on this, we created a curriculum the following year where the students built a stock car. It’s now our most popular offering.

One year, we gave an ‘International Man of Mystery’ award to a student who did not interact socially with the other students. One year later, he is a social butterfly. The award acknowledged that we saw him and supported his need for time and space. IT also let him know

we were curious and wanted to get to know him better.

Of course, we have big awards. These awards require students to demonstrate leadership, peer support, academic prowess, and community service. We have awards voted on by the entire community, awards given by the Head of School, awards given by teachers, and awards for volunteerism. We ask community members to make up awards if they see merit in another community member. And yes, we give awards for showing up when it is a challenge.

We have a huge Gala for the presentation of these awards. Parents, staff, alums, and students are invited to attend. It looks like a wedding, with everyone sitting at tables, lots of food, treats, games, photo ops, and opportunities to say wonderful things about each

other. We are celebrating every single member of our community. There are tears and gushing speeches. Seniors are introduced as if they are rock stars, and we talk about each one individually before presenting their diplomas.

Yes, it costs a small fortune and requires an incredible amount of work, but it is the only time most of these individuals will likely be publicly and lovingly celebrated. So, if you have a problem with participation awards, then make them more specific and way bigger. It will elevate everyone in your community and fill your soul with immense joy.

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## School Budget Debate: Facts, Fallout, and a Path Forward

This month, Greenwich Public Schools budget-related disinformation and public anxiety have reached a fever pitch. It’s all good for the political junkies who relish any fight, but it’s really bad for our community.

Recently, BoE and BET members asked me to take a look at the 2025/26 GPS Budget. The bloat and mismanagement was quite shocking. I came to a BET budget hearing and heard parent after parent stand up and say things that we know are patently false.

**The important question**

Who is responsible for misleading parents? Why would they upset parents when it is clear that so much misinformation erodes public trust and fuels panic?

There are easy workable solutions to maintaining one of the best school systems anywhere while avoiding runaway tax increases turning Greenwich into Westchester. Parents and taxpayers need to ask their elected officials to knock it off and focus on families.

**Why might you listen to anything a parent like me has to say on the subject?**

Well, I served on the BoE and completed 12 school budgets with multiple superintendents. When I was BoE Chairman, our budget passed with the full support of the BET and had zero cuts in the RTM.

You should also know, I’ve often found myself at odds with others in local government. That’s because I ask questions others avoid. I read every line of the budget. I hold administrators accountable. I follow the contract language, not just the press release. I don’t seek consensus for its own sake—I pursue what’s best for students and families. Those habits haven’t made me popular, but they’ve made me effective. I’ve earned respect from parents, taxpayers, and even critics who value results over rhetoric. Whether or not you like the messenger, the message at least is accurate.

Here is an honest way out of gridlock and back to a hopeful path forward.

**Some Basic and Important Facts About Greenwich Schools**

Here are a few things that we all agree on as substantiated facts.

**For a long time, Greenwich Schools had stable enrollment, academic achievement was very slowly improving, and school budgets grew to keep schools competitive.**

Now, K-12 enrollment is down by nearly 500 kids from 2019 levels. COVID moves are long past and enrollment is not recovering.

*Parents deserve truth, not panic. Disinformation about the school budget erodes trust and does nothing to help our students.*

Academic achievement in English and Math is stagnant or down. 75% of students meet state standards. 25% don’t.

Greenwich teachers maintain the highest salaries in Connecticut through successive generously negotiated contracts.

Despite a significantly smaller number of students, BoE has maintained the total number of educational staff and added new employees and programs.

Superintendent Jones is doubling and tripling the size of public pre-school.

Collectively, this has caused per-pupil spending (how everyone measures) to skyrocket.

The 5% increase being requested is the highest increase request in over ten years.

Said simply, Superintendent Jones has absorbed any reasonable efficiencies from a smaller school system and is asking in addition to that the highest proposed budget increase in more than a decade.

**Hyperbole Doesn’t Help**

We all know hyperbole—exaggerated claims meant to provoke strong emotional responses, distort facts, or create urgency around an issue—does not help but unfortunately, it works.

In any high school government class, a student will invariably learn the old trick: “when faced with a public works budget cut, shout about stopping snow plowing of streets or firing policemen...it works every time.” Superintendent Jones has demonstrated twice previously that she is very good at this brand of politics.

My direct experience with Superintendent Jones is that she thrives on chaos and conflict: magnifying an issue often with false or incomplete information, advancing only extreme solutions, and vilifying anyone who thinks otherwise.

It’s the oldest trick in the Government Bureaucracy 101 Playbook.

This is why Superintendent Jones won’t like my fact-based analysis of her budget and the solutions in plain sight.

**How to Meet Taxpayer Requirements and Fully Fund Greenwich Schools**

The 2025-26 GPS Budget can absolutely be adjusted while protecting academic classrooms.

Here’s how:

**1. Manage Teacher Absenteeism at the State of Connecticut Average**

Greenwich Teachers are contracted to work 187 days and are entitled to 15 sick, not personal, days. According to the State of Connecticut, Greenwich teacher absenteeism is nearly double all other districts in Connecticut. Managing GPS teacher absenteeism to the Connecticut average would recover more than 9,000 substitute days.

Proper HR management to the existing GEA contract recovers \$1.4 million in substitute teacher expense.

**2. Manage Teacher Hiring Per BoE’s Negotiated Contract**

Greenwich offers the highest teacher compensation in the state. Entry level salary for 2025-26 will be \$60,426 with growth to \$136,241.

GPS officials testified to BET that GPS is not strictly following the negotiated GEA Contract Salary Schedule but routinely skips over the entry levels and hires at the middle of the scale.

The difference between entry level and mid-level in 2025-26 will be \$29,152. If half to all the replaced positions were hired per scale, GPS could avoid between \$758k and \$1.5 million in salary expense.

**3. Halt Expansion of Public Pre-K**

Under Federal law, public school systems are required to provide free Pre-K for children with identified learning disabilities. Greenwich also expands required Pre-K to non-special education children.

Connecticut recommends a student ratio of 1-to-1 learning-disabled and non-disabled kids. Superintendent Jones has doubled the program well beyond this ratio, effectively backing Greenwich into a universal pre-K program.

Pre-K classrooms operate with two to three times the staff-to-student ratio compared to K-12 classrooms. Reducing the expansion could save up to \$300k per classroom.

**4. Suspend “New Initiatives”**

Superintendent Jones has requested between \$500K and \$1.0 million for new initiatives, pilots, or programs. Postponing these initiatives until FY 2026–27 or later would be fiscally prudent under budget constraints.

**5. Get Academic Resources to 2019 Pre-COVID Levels**

Since 2019 Pre-COVID, classroom teachers and pure academic staff have increased from 1,010 to 1,030 employees despite shrinking enrollment of 500 students.

GPS has required fewer elementary classrooms without any change to classroom size. Meanwhile, GPS has dramatically increased the number of special academic resources by 45 positions like Teacher Interventionists. These additional support staff have not improved academic performance.

Reducing headcount from 2024 level of 1,030 to 2019 level of 1,010 saves between \$2.0 and \$2.7 million.

**Total savings from these actions alone would be between \$5.0 million and \$7.2 million.**

These actions can be taken without changing the current student class size policy or eliminating or reducing any existing academic programs of study while guaranteeing a student resource per pupil significantly higher than 2019 levels.

**Reaction**

I presented three of these potential budget solves at the BET hearing. My comments were met with opposition from audience members, including teacher union representatives.

I expected a backlash or retort from the PTA, but none came.

I expected Superintendent Jones to refute these facts and suggestions. She didn’t.

Kathleen Stowe, a corporate CFO and long-time BoE member, testified the BoE “had scrubbed the budget and could not find any savings.”

Yet within days of that very hearing, the BoE CFO was quietly talking to Town Hall officials, unsolicited, about accommodating a \$2 million reduction in the budget increase.

So draw your own conclusion about how much the schools budget should increase this year, but whatever you do, ignore the hysteria and disinformation coming from Havemeyer and DTC Headquarters. Let’s stop the hyperbole and start prioritizing students and their classrooms.

*Peter Sherr*

LETTER

## Will Connecticut Towns Mirror San Francisco’s Fate?

Picture walking through Binney Park in Old Greenwich, finding needles, assorted filth, and scattered encampments. Imagine our towns beginning to mirror San Francisco’s streets, where rampant homelessness has crushed public safety, chased businesses, and gutted community pride. This grim future awaits Connecticut, including Greenwich, if House Bill “H.B.” 7033 becomes law. This legislation, if passed in Hartford, will erode both communal compassion and civic order. There will be nothing legally Greenwich or any town can do to stop this law from being implemented.

A brief background: In 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court’s City of Grants Pass v. Johnson decision backed a principle that

*H.B. 7033 in CT: An Act Prohibiting A Municipality From Imposing Any Penalty On Homeless Persons For Performing Life-Sustaining Activities On Public Land*

towns can enforce ordinances to keep public spaces safe. The 6-3 ruling confirmed that fining or jailing people camping on public property does not violate the Eighth Amendment (“cruel and unusual punishment”), even with scarce shelter. This empowers municipalities to protect parks, sidewalks, and greens for residents, free from legal roadblocks.

H.B. 7033, being crafted in Connecticut’s Housing Committee would gut this power. Titled “An Act Prohibiting A Municipality From Imposing Any Penalty On Homeless Persons For

Performing Life-Sustaining Activities On Public Land,” it bans penalizing sleeping or stashing belongings on public property. Democrats, never content to leave a proven bad policy alone, have doubled down on failure with this bill, testing liberals’ vaunted tolerance for homeless encampments except perhaps in their own back yards. If passed, it would squash Grants Pass vs. Johnson aligned ordinances, forcing towns to endure encampments indefinitely. Connecticut could soon resemble San Francisco, where over 8,000 homeless, open drug use, and public health

disasters swamp public spaces.

San Francisco’s collapse is a frightful warning. Its soft policies on homelessness fuelled crime surges and business exodus, desecrating a vibrant and beautiful city. Connecticut, with 3,410 unhoused in 2024, isn’t immune from this result. New Haven’s Democratic Mayor Justin Elicker slams the bill, saying it cripples towns’ ability to blend compassion and order. He’s the lone prominent Democrat voice thus far speaking out against this bill. Greenwich Democrat Representatives Meskers and Arzeno have

been characteristically silent regarding the bill. Their silence suggests either consent or insufficient worry to stand up against this bill in defense of Greenwich before it gains frightening legislative traction. Perhaps they even agree with it but are too timid to say so to their constituents? Greenwich’s First term Republican Representative Tina Courpas, the ranking member on the Housing Committee, voted “No” for the bill to proceed.

Republicans propose a more common-sense approach: let towns forge solutions while funding fixes like shelters and job training. A strong economy and lower taxes would foster opportunity and do much to prevent widespread homelessness.

H.B. 7033 provides zero dollars for housing, dumping encampment and safety costs on municipalities and towns. With Connecticut’s budget strained, Greenwich taxpayers will get stuck with all the costs.

Connecticut’s strength is its safe, thriving towns. H.B. 7033 risks turning parks into squatter camps, diminishing property values, safety, and civic pride. Grants Pass v. Johnson equips municipalities to act decisively; H.B. 7033 rips those tools away.

Lawmakers must kill this bill, champion local control, discipline, and solutions lifting the unhoused while safeguarding towns. Keep Connecticut’s streets clean and secure—not a mirror of San Francisco’s failed policies.

*David Lancaster*



# Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art



Christi Moraga, docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, traced the trajectory of the historic museum from its establishment in 1842 to its current status as a leading exhibitor of American art and the oldest continuously operating public art museum in the United States.

By FRED WU

At the April 30 meeting of the Retired Men's Association of Greenwich, docent Christi Moraga offered a comprehensive look into the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, Connecticut. Established in 1842 and opened in 1844, the Wadsworth holds the distinction of being America's oldest continuously operating public art museum. Moraga, a full-time docent since 2018 after retiring from 38 years of teaching French, Spanish, and English as a second language in Farmington, guided attendees through the museum's history, key collections, and significant figures. She also highlighted the museum's current relevance and community engagement.

The museum's origins trace back to Daniel Wadsworth, an amateur artist and architect, who founded the institution. Daniel, who lived from 1771 to 1848, was a patron of notable artists of the time, including John Trumbull, Thomas Sully, Thomas Cole, and Frederic Edwin Church. He acquired the initial collection by purchasing works from the failing American Academy of the Fine Arts in New York and contributing his own personal collection. The museum building itself, constructed on the land where Daniel's father, Jeremiah Wadsworth, a prominent Hartford elite and Commissary General for the Continental Army, once lived, was designed in the Neo-Gothic style to resemble a castle, by architects Ithiel Town and Alexander Jackson Davis. Early admissions cost 25 cents, allowing visitors to see numerous paintings, a stark contrast to the practice of paying the same amount to view just one painting in a private home. Notable early pieces also included portraits like Benjamin West by Sir Thomas Lawrence and a self-portrait by Rembrandt Peale. A controversial painting depicting the murder of Jane McCrea by Native Americans allied with the British during the Revolutionary War was also among the early

acquisitions, a piece Moraga noted was seen as rallying support for the Continentals despite its racist depiction.

The museum's collection and physical structure grew significantly over time thanks to generous donors. By the late 19th century, visits were declining, prompting Reverend Francis Goodwin to revitalize the Atheneum through fundraising, collecting over \$400,000 in 1893 to modernize and expand it. Another major benefactor was Elizabeth Hart Jarvis Colt, widow of Samuel Colt. She was a significant patron of the arts, particularly fond of the Hudson River School, and also collected decorative arts from her travels. She donated many important paintings, including, works by prominent Hudson River School artists like Albert Bierstadt, Sanford Robinson Gifford, and John Frederick Kensett. Elizabeth Colt also owned Frederic Edwin Church's magnificent painting of Jamaica, a piece highlighting the artist's authenticity in portraying botany and serving as a metaphor for post-Civil War hope. The Morgan family also made substantial contributions; J.P. Morgan, son of Junius Spencer Morgan, funded a building in honor of his father and, through his will, donated over 1,300 objects, sharing his vast collection with the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Morgan Library in New York City. His son, J.P. Morgan Jr., oversaw the will's execution and also donated furniture, including the Wallace Nutting collection of American colonial furniture. Samuel Putnam Avery donated \$250,000 for a modern building, designed with a Beaux-Arts exterior but an avant-garde interior inspired by the Bauhaus style, featuring cantilevered floors and overhead light.

Chick Austin, the museum's director from 1927 to 1945, was highlighted as a transformative figure who championed baroque, Cubism, and Surrealism. He curated the first Picasso and Salvador Dalí exhibitions in the United States, notably purchasing

Dalí's "Apparition of Face and Fruit Dish on a Beach." Austin also acquired significant baroque works like Caravaggio's "Saint Francis of Assisi in Ecstasy" (currently on loan) and Max Ernst's "Europe After the Rain." Beyond acquisitions, Austin revolutionized the museum experience by hosting elaborate parties, showing films, and bringing ballet performances, including working with George Balanchine.

Later directors continued to shape the institution. James Elliott brought in contemporary artists and performers, founding the "Matrix" series to provide solo exhibition opportunities for emerging artists, featuring names like Ellsworth Kelly, Christo, and Andy Warhol. The museum also incorporates historical period rooms, such as the Wetmore parlor from Middletown, Connecticut, and offers tours of the nearby Austin House where Chick Austin lived. Since 1987, the museum has partnered with the Amistad Center for Art & Culture, focusing on African American art, artifacts, and documents. Director Patrick McCaughey expanded the museum's international profile, arranging loans and exhibitions globally. Recent directors, Jeff Brown (President and CEO focused on fundraising) and Matthew Hargraves (Artistic Director overseeing curators), have emphasized community engagement and diverse exhibitions, including Latin American art and Islamic art drawn from the museum's collection.

The museum features a cafe that opens onto a courtyard, which is used for outdoor dining and events in warmer months. Moraga emphasized the museum's welcoming environment, including free admission for Hartford residents through the Wadsworth Welcome program, and highlighted its ranking by the Washington Post as among the top 20 best art museums in the United States. The museum is open to the public Thursday through Sunday.

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

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "Shaping the Megaregion: RPA's Regional Approach to Housing, Transportation and Energy" by Peter Harrison, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Pete Harrison, the Connecticut Director of the Regional Plan Association, will talk about the future of housing, transportation, and clean energy in Connecticut and how Connecticut fits into the "Megaregion." He will describe the role of the RPA and current and proposed projects that may impact the Greenwich/Stamford area.

Pete became RPA's director of Connecticut programs in 2024. Prior to that he was director of its DesegregateCT program, leading a statewide program to enact equitable and sustainable land use policies in Connecticut. He crafted the 80-member coalition's policy briefs, communications strategy, and local organizing campaigns and helped pass the first statewide zoning reform bill in over 30 years.

Prior to joining DesegregateCT, Pete worked on the intersection of housing, climate, and land use policy as a research scholar at Columbia University. He co-authored a portion of the textbook Green Reconstruction: A Curricular Toolkit for the Built Environment laying out a framework for graduate-level planning, architecture, and preservation programs to center equity and sustainability in their practices. Before that he was the senior national housing advisor for the progressive think tank, Data for Progress, where he co-authored briefs and articles on federal housing and land use policy including the Homes for All report.

Pete has extensive political campaign experience, advising the presidential campaigns of Vice President Kamala Harris, Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, and former HUD Secretary Julian Castro. He is a former congressional candidate, and has been a volunteer for multiple candidates including Rep. Ocasio-Cortez and New York State Senator Julia Salazar. He spent over a decade as a local housing organizer in and around New York City. Pete grew up in Avon, CT and holds a BA in history from the College of the Holy Cross and an MUP from Columbia University. He also teaches at the City University of New York.

To stream the presentation by Peter Harrison at 11 AM on Wednesday, May 14, click on <https://bit.ly/301Bj21>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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

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**First Baptist Church**  
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Worship: Sun, 11am (in person and online through Facebook & YouTube). Children Sunday School: 9:30am, ages 9-14y. Adult Bible Study: Sun, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall. Prayer Gathering: Wed, 7pm, Pastor's Office or virtual on Google Meets. *Women's Brunch featuring Peggy Walker as the keynote speaker: Saturday, May 17, 10am, RSVP to [gbcfellowship246@gmail.com](mailto:gbcfellowship246@gmail.com).*

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

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[www.stc-sta.org](http://www.stc-sta.org)

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

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm - Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine's Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine's Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church; 5:15pm - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals - Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at [music.director@stc-sta.org](mailto:music.director@stc-sta.org) with questions. Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 & March 14), [stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose](http://stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose). New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There's no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes or even Catholic, you just need to be registered. If interested, please contact Parish Partners at (203-637-3661, ext. 375). Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or [ParishPartners@stc-sta.org](mailto:ParishPartners@stc-sta.org). *Social Seniors trip to the Aqua Turf club in Plantsville, CT: Thursday, May 15, \$145 per person, call Carol Weigold at 203-820-7876. Bingo & Blooms: Tuesday, May 20, 5:30pm, \$15 per person or \$135 for a reserved table of 10, 203-979-9104.*

**St. Mary Church**  
178 Greenwich Ave.; 203-869-9393  
[www.stmarygreenwich.org](http://www.stmarygreenwich.org)

Public Mass: Sun, 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm. New Day Bereavement Program: Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm, through March 18. *The 14th Annual Fr. Peter M. Rinaldi Awards Dinner: Saturday, May 17, at the Tamarack Country Club, Greenwich. Please visit [www.CCHRS.org/fr-rinaldi-gala](http://www.CCHRS.org/fr-rinaldi-gala) or call Sr. Karen at 914-937-4407 for more information.*

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

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm.

Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. *Confraternity to all the Holy Angels: Wednesday, May 14, 7pm.*

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. *"The Class of Life" - A Theatrical Experience starring Paul Failla: Saturday, May 17, 7pm, \$50, Tickets sold until May 13, for tickets contact Nancy Casino at 914-403-1749.*

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

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time.

## Christian Science

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

Sundays: Church and Sunday School at 10:30. Weds. 7:30pm testimonies of healing. Call # for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520. Reading Room 333 Greenwich Ave. M-F 1:00-5:00 203-869-2503. Bibles, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, children's books, and more. *Sermon subjects: May 11: Adam and Fallen Man. May 18: Mortals and Immortals. May 25: Soul and Body.*

## Community

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. *Fourth Sunday of Easter: May 11, 10am.*

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at [roundhillcommunitychurch.org](http://roundhillcommunitychurch.org) anytime. Children's Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. Round Hill Art & Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm. *DIY Mother's Day Bouquet Event - Supporting Moms in Need: Saturday, May 10, 10am-12pm, in the parlor, \$10 per bouquet, with all proceeds benefiting Malta House. 'Feel Better, Live Better' - Nutritional Program with Dr. Max: Sunday, May 18, 11:30am, free, RSVP to [leticia@roundhillcommunitychurch.org](mailto:leticia@roundhillcommunitychurch.org).*

## Congregational

**The First Congregational Church**  
108 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-1791  
[www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org)

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. *Music Sunday - join us for the annual celebration of our Music Ministry at First Church: Sunday, May 18, 10am.*

**North Greenwich Congregational**  
606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763  
(Instagram photos and videos @north\_greenwich\_church)

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

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

Sunday worship: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children's Chapel during 10:30am worship. *2CC Moms' Sip & Swap: Friday, May 16, 6:30-8pm.*

## Episcopal

**Anglican Church of the Advent**  
606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432  
[facebook.com/greenwichanglican](https://facebook.com/greenwichanglican)

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

**Christ Church Greenwich**  
254 E. Putnam Ave; 203-869-6600  
[www.christchurchgreenwich.org](http://www.christchurchgreenwich.org)

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy

Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Book Study: The Anxious Generation: Sundays, March 30 & April 6, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Anna Leinbach: Sundays, April 6, May 11, June 1. Joyful noise with Rob Mathes: Sundays, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 5pm. Lenten Lectio Divina with Rev. Tim: Wednesdays, through April 16, 11:15-11:45am, Chapel. *Randall Atcheson Organ Performance: Friday, May 9, 6pm, General Admission - \$25, Students - Free. Free Talk & Breakfast: "Civility in Turbulent Times and the Future of American Politics": Saturday, May 10, 8:30am, Tomes-Higgins House, RSVP. Joyful Noise with Music by Anna Leinbach: Sunday, May 11, 5pm. Nature-inspired Dinner and Botanical Board Workshop: Thursday, May 15, 6pm, Dogwood Books & Gifts. Dad's Playground Gathering: Saturday, May 17, 9:30-11am, CCG Preschool.*

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

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

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

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

**St. Saviour's Episcopal Church**  
350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262  
[www.saintsaviours.org](http://www.saintsaviours.org)

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

## Jewish

**Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich**  
75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059  
[www.chabadgreenwich.org](http://www.chabadgreenwich.org)

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. Kabbala & Challah: Thursdays, 9:15am, \$20 p/class. *'Colorful Profiles' - Lag Bomer Family Music & BBQ: Friday, May 16, 4:30pm, Tod's Point, register.*

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

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church. Pride, Pain and Purpose Astride the Mideast: alternating Tuesdays through June 24, 7pm, on Zoom. Soul Spa - Meet the Midrash: Saturdays, 10am, through Aug. 9, on Zoom. *Unlocking the Jewish Prayer Book with Rabbi David: Sunday, May 18, 5pm, on Zoom.*

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

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

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

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Pajama Drive: Please donate brand new pajama sets (tops & bottoms) in sizes newborn to adult XXL (older kids need pj's too) to support The Pajama Program - through May 30, Collection bins are located in the lobby. Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Gisel: Tuesday, May 13, 12pm. Special Outdoor Together Shabbat for Young Families: Friday, May 16, 5:30pm, in Temple Sholom's Meadow.*

## Lutheran

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

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

## Methodist

**Diamond Hill United Methodist**  
521 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-2395  
[www.diamondhillumc.com](http://www.diamondhillumc.com)

In-person & Online Worship Service every Sunday, 10am, followed by a time of Fellowship. Wednesday Noonday Prayer & Wednesday Evening Bible Study. (Details at [diamond-hill.com](http://diamond-hill.com)).

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

Worship Service: Sun, 10am, Holiday Inn 980 Hope St, Stamford. Online Sermons available on Facebook ([facebook.com/myrevivechurchgreenwich](https://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](mailto:revivecfm@gmail.com).

**Stanwich Church**  
202 Taconic Rd.; 203-661-4420  
[www.stanwichchurch.org](http://www.stanwichchurch.org)

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 9am & 10:45am. Kids Ministry for grades 5 and under, and Student Ministry for grades 6 & above, are offered. Praise & Prayer Night: 6pm on the First Sunday of each month. Live stream and recorded media are available at [stanwichchurch.org](http://stanwichchurch.org). We'd love to meet you here!

**Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC**  
293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615  
[www.Center4SpiritualDev.org](http://www.Center4SpiritualDev.org)

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email [Albertson-pcc@gmail.com](mailto:Albertson-pcc@gmail.com) for registration and Zoom Links). *Virtual Spiritual Mediumship: Mondays, May 12, 19 & June 2 & 9, 7-9pm, \$120 register at [CSDPastor@gmail.com](mailto:CSDPastor@gmail.com). In-person Psychic Fair: Saturday, May 10, 11am-4pm, free admission. Healing Service: Thursday, May 15, 7-7:30pm (3rd Thursday of the Month), Contact: [CSD-Pastor@gmail.com](mailto:CSD-Pastor@gmail.com) for Zoom link.*

## Trinity Church

**5 River Rd.; 203-618-0808**  
[www.trinitychurch.life](http://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. *Mother's Day Celebration: Sunday, May 11, 11:30am, Greenwich Service. Connecticut Men's Breakfast: Saturday, May 17, 8-10am, Ministry Center. Trinity Singles Day Retreat: Saturday, May 17, 10am-4pm, Convent of St. Birgitta - Darien. Trinity Serves Hygiene Bag Packing Event in Greenwich: Sunday, May 18, 9:45am, Greenwich Service.*

## Presbyterian

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Spring Lunch: Friday, May 9, 12-3pm.*

**Grace Church of Greenwich**  
89 Maple Ave.  
203-861-7555

[www.gracechurchgreenwich.com](http://www.gracechurchgreenwich.com)

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

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

In-person & online ([LivingHopect.org/livestream](http://LivingHopect.org/livestream)) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: [livinghopect.org/resources/alpha](http://livinghopect.org/resources/alpha). *Empowerment Servanthood Empowered Servanthood: Wednesday, May 14, 7-8pm.*



# The Creator and Subtle Beauty Finding Soul Care in Greenwich’s Quiet Spring



By Chuck Davis

There is something quietly remarkable about Greenwich in the spring.

As the darkness of winter fades and longer days stretch across the horizon, a whisper of renewal stirs. Temperatures soften, trees and bushes burst into vibrant bloom, and the soul begins to thaw alongside the earth. Beauty returns—not with spectacle, but with subtle splendor.

While many will soon scatter to dramatic destinations—

mountain peaks, cliffside coasts, and far-flung beaches—our backyard hums with its own sacred harmony. Greenwich may not shock the senses, but it gently awakens the heart.

I’ve lived and traveled in lands of undeniable majesty: the snow-draped Alps of France’s Savoie region, the red-rock cliffs of Mali’s Dogon country, the crashing waves of the Amalfi Coast, the windswept bluffs of Cornwall, and the Caribbean surf of Antigua. Each place commands attention. They dazzle.

But Greenwich? It invites attention. And there is grace in the invitation.

Here, a quiet pond rests beneath algae’s green cover. A wooded path carries birdsong like

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incense. A fox occasionally cuts across a meadow; a deer appears like a gentle witness to stillness. The Sound offers not waves, but whispers. Salt marsh grasses sway softly to the tides—creation’s own choreography of peace.

It is here, in this understated beauty, that I often sense the presence of the Creator. Not diminished by modesty, but magnified through stillness. But we must slow down long enough to notice.

Spiritual directors identify

various “pathways” to God—ways in which people naturally connect to the Divine. The “Naturalist” finds God in creation’s rhythms, patterns, and textures. This is not novel. The Psalms proclaim, “The heavens declare the glory of God,” and Paul reminds us that God’s invisible qualities have been “clearly seen, being understood from what has been made.”

In a culture addicted to the loud and spectacular, subtle beauty offers something entirely different: space to pause, listen,

breathe. That kind of beauty doesn’t distract—it transforms.

Greenwich may never grace the cover of a travel magazine, but for those with eyes to see, it offers healing. Its beauty doesn’t overwhelm—it restores.

I’m currently reading a friend’s book on leadership through the lens of St. Patrick’s life. It stirred my memory of Celtic prayers—ancient words that find God in hill and stream, in wave and ridge. One such blessing from Carmina Gadelica reads:

God be with thee in every pass,  
Jesus be with thee on every hill,  
Spirit be with thee on every stream,  
Headland and ridge and lawn.  
Each sea and land, each moor and meadow,  
In the trough of the waves,  
On the crest of the billows,  
Each step of the journey thou goest. Amen.

I’ll enjoy Europe’s bolder landscapes this summer. But today, I am drinking deeply of the beauty right here. In Greenwich, we live in a technicolor sanctuary—a living canvas that draws us to the Artist Himself.

May we pause long enough to notice.

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**SUZANNE EASON HOPSON**

Suzanne Eason Hopson of Greenwich, CT, passed away on Wednesday, April 30, following complications from cancer. She was 61 years old.

Suzanne was born on September 24, 1963, in Huntington, NY, and grew up in Northport, NY. She attended Northport High School, where she was an athlete on the cross country team. She studied at Boston College for two years before transferring to the Fashion Institute of Technology, where she received a BFA in Advertising Design in 1988, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Suzanne later completed a Master’s degree in Residential Interior Design from the New York School of Interior Design in 2005. She also studied at the esteemed Polimoda Istituto di Designo, Instituto Chileno Norteamericano, The New School/Parsons, and Boston University.

A multi-talented designer with a keen entrepreneurial spirit, Suzanne led an exceptional career in diverse luxury brands, building businesses stateside and abroad. In 1990, Suzanne relocated to Santiago, Chile, and in 1991, co-founded a successful design firm, Art & Function. Her work ethic and innovative approach led to a pivotal role as SVP and Global Creative Director at Avon Cosmetics, NYC, from 1998 to 2004. During her tenure, Suzanne became an award-winning Creative Director, overseeing the design of Avon’s worldwide cosmetic lines. She also led the creative vision for the company’s first and only retail brand, beComing, and was instrumental in launching Avon’s prestigious Spa & Salon on 5th Avenue in NYC.

In 2003, Suzanne met her beloved husband, Kenneth R. Hopson, and together they welcomed daughters Sienna in 2005 and Scarlett in 2007. The family then moved from Manhattan to Greenwich, CT, where she founded PLUMRIDGE HOUSE, a residential interior design firm. Her work was featured in prestigious publications including LUXE, Traditional Home, CTC&G, and Greenwich Magazine.

Suzanne made lifelong friends through multiple volunteer engagements, including The Greenwich Historical Society, Shelter for the Homeless, Holiday House NYC, Green Fingers Garden Club, Christ Church Greenwich, and the PTA. She was a longtime member of Soho House and Indian Harbor Yacht Club.

In 2019, Suzanne established Black Panther Safaris LLC, a luxury tourism company. Black Panther Safaris funds scholarships for girls in Tanzania, helping them access resources needed to attend school and transform their futures. She also created a STEM lab in Kenneth’s honor at a local Tanzanian high school.

Suzanne was an avid animal lover, traveler, conservationist, and gardener. She was also a devoted mother, wife, sister, and friend to many. Suzanne will be remembered for her wisdom, strength,

creativity, and unwavering love for family. She is survived by her loving daughters Sienna, 20, and Scarlett, 17, and her sister, Aileen De Loughry. Suzanne will be dearly missed.

**A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held at Christ Church Greenwich, on Saturday, May 10, at 10:30am, followed by a reception in Parish Hall. To attend the service remotely, use the following link: <https://events.locallive.tv/events/176458>. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Hopson Family Trust, P.O. Box 4613, Greenwich, CT 06831 or [TheHopsonFamilyTrust.com](https://TheHopsonFamilyTrust.com).**



**DAVID SHERIDAN**

David Chase Sheridan, born on March 18, 1971, passed away on March 9, 2025, in Greenwich, Connecticut, just days before his 54th birthday.

David was known mostly as Chase. He is survived by his wife Fernanda and two beautiful children. His cheerful attitude, brightness, and easy laughter will be forever missed by those who loved him.

Chase will also be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and compassion – qualities that touched the lives of all who knew him. Whether through quiet acts of support or heartfelt gestures, he consistently showed care for others and left a lasting impression on those around him.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved him.



**RICHARD SEMLER**

Richard B. Semler, 85, of Simsbury and formerly Greenwich, CT, the beloved husband of Vivienne (Mortimer) Semler, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Richard was one of three children and the only son of the late Francis J. and Catherine E. (Becherer) Semler.

To his friends and family, he was known as “Dick”. He was raised in Greenwich, graduating from Greenwich High School in 1958. Dick continued his education at The College of Aeronautics, Bridgeport Engineering Institute and UConn prior to his career in the aerospace industry. He was an engineering representative for the US Army and for commercial helicopters with Honeywell Aerospace in Stratford, CT for 35 years. He then worked 10 years with Chandler Evans/Goodrich Controls in West Hartford as Director of Aftermarket Sales to the PAC Rim before retiring in 2002.

Dick enjoyed traveling abroad for work and leisure alongside Vivienne, with his stateside favorites being Ogunquit, ME and The Villages, FL. When at home, you would find him strumming his

guitar or reading a good book. He was an avid golfer achieving 7 hole-in-one honors. He played in many golf leagues through work groups, in Scotland, and in a regular foursome of good pals. He spent many happy hours fishing in his kayak. A favorite pastime was maintaining his vegetable garden for 19 years while living in Farmington Woods. Dick held a special place in his heart for his dogs Lili, Pippa and Bitsy, his most recent rescue. What Dick cherished most of all was his time with Vivienne and his family.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Vivienne; daughters, Amy Semler of Aspen, CO, Lori and husband Tom Scala of Fairfield, CT and Hayden and husband David McHale of Stamford, CT; a son, Whit and wife Pamela Holden of Fairfield, CT; grandchildren, Max Clancy, Chelsea Scala, Kaylee Scala, Quinn McHale, Jack McHale, Tighe McHale, Ryann Holden, and Emery Holden; sisters, Harriet (Randy) Dinter of Stamford, CT and Diane Silbereisen of Greenwich, CT; sisters-in-laws, Lyn Tracy of Palatine, IL, Barbara Mortimer of Norwalk, CT and Ann (Malcolm) Dixon of Greenwich, CT; many beloved nieces and nephews and special friends. Predeceased by both parents, Francis and Catherine Semler and a brother-in-law, Peter Silbereisen.

The family would like to thank the nurses at UConn John Dempsey Hospital ICU, the staff at Duncaster Caleb Hitchcock Health Center and McLean Home Care for their excellent care, dedication and kindness.

Services will be private and will take place in Old Greenwich, CT at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The American Cancer Society, <https://donate.cancer.org/> or by mail to P.O. Box 6704 Hagerstown, MD 21741 or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/donate> or by mail, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online memory sharing and condolence please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)



**PETER DUNCAN**

Peter Fitzgerald Duncan, 65, of Bristol, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, April 27, 2025 after a brief fight with cancer. Peter was a devoted and loving son, father, husband, brother, and friend.

Peter was born in Bristol, on December 10, 1959, to the late John and Elizabeth (Fitzgerald) Duncan. He lived in Bristol, as well as Massachusetts and Ohio before settling in Greenwich in 1967. He graduated from Greenwich High School in 1979, where he played football and lacrosse and achieved All-State honors in both sports. Peter went on to attend Boston University and graduated in 1985 with a degree in Business Marketing. He started his business career with Chrysler Capital in the finance and leasing industry. He continued his career in the banking and financial services industries. Peter has spent the last 15 years in the insurance industry with sales and marketing.

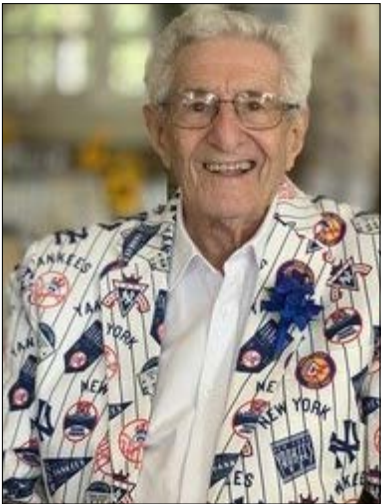
Peter was a kind man who enjoyed his time with family and had a generous heart. Peter had a passion for the Catholic faith and was a devoted member of the St. Matthew and St. Gregory the Great Parish in Bristol and also attended the daily mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury. He had a special devotion to The Divine Mercy and marked

the Hour of Mercy at 3 p.m. every day. It was fitting that Peter passed away on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Peter leaves behind his beloved wife Linda Connal and their son, John Duncan and their faithful Husky, Storm. Peter is survived by his five brothers and sisters and in-laws -- John and Penny Duncan of New Sharon, Maine; Debbie and George Smith of Danbury; Amy and Doug Morell of Danbury; Paul Duncan of Danbury; and Marc and Maria Duncan of Woodbury. Peter is also survived by several brothers-and sisters-in-law, and many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, John and Elizabeth, Peter was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Allan Bruce (Scotty) and Mathilde (Til) Connal, and his nephew, Michael Duncan.

Calling hours were on Thursday, May 1 at Funk Funeral Home, Bristol. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, May 2 at St. Matthew Church, Bristol. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Peter’s name to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA at <https://forms.shrineofdivinemercy.org/shrine/donation/?source=sodm>



**LOUIS RUSSO, SR.**

Louis “Les” John Russo Sr., a resident of Greenwich, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 26, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Port Chester, New York, on August 10, 1927, to Luigi J. Russo and Rose (nee Colantourno) Russo. Les lived a joyful, active, and fulfilling life for 97 wonderful years, with family always at the heart of everything he did.

Les graduated from Port Chester High School in 1944, where he formed lifelong friendships - bonds that later turned into weekly get togethers at local delis, often spent talking (mostly) about his favorite team, the New York Yankees. From 1945 to 1946, Les proudly served in the U.S. Navy.

Playing Basketball for the Semi-Pro team The Shea Shamrocks, he met his future wife, Sheila Ann Shea. Sheila and Les decided to marry on June 20, 1953 at St. Mary’s Church in Greenwich, CT surrounded by family and friends, they remained married until her passing in 2018.

Les joined the Greenwich Police Department, where he proudly served the community for 10 years. Following his career in public service, Les joined his brother Rocco’s company, Field Electric, where he worked alongside his brother and his nephews Mark and John Russo for 15 years.

In his last professional chapter, Les and Sheila owned and operated Empress Travel Company, specializing in personal travel planning. Their love for adventure took them around the world. Sharing their experiences and expert travel tips with listeners on their weekly radio show, “Travel with Les and Sheila,” broadcast on WGCH 1490 in Greenwich for more than 5 years.

Les was predeceased by his parents; his beloved wife, Sheila Russo (née Shea); and his siblings, Tess, Lee, Angelo, Joseph and Jean, who are surely welcoming him home with open arms.

Les is survived by his brother, Rocco John Russo [100 years of age!], Rocco’s wife Winnie, his four children: Les (Patricia) Russo of Wilmette, IL, James

(Ruth) Russo of Palm Coast, FL, Sheila (Alan) Russo Davidson of Lausanne, Switzerland, and Ann (Daniel) Russo Spivey of Brooksville, FL. Les was also a proud and loving “Papa” to 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Les Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 10:30am at St. Michaels Church, 469 North Steet, Greenwich, CT.

The family wishes to thank the many friends who showed Les so much love and support over the years, including the wonderful staff at Parsonage Cottage in Greenwich, the place he called home for the past 15 years. In lieu of flowers, donations in Les’s memory may be made to Parsonage Cottage, 88 Parsonage Road, Greenwich, CT 06830.



**ELAINE WEIHMAN**  
1925 to 2025

Our mom went home to her father on April 13th after a rapid decline in health (having beaten cancer twice before).

Elaine Julian Weihman was born in Springfield, MA to Michael Julian and Anna Johnson. After moving to Pelham, NY as a child and spending several summers in East Hampton, she cultivated a love for the seaside. She graduated Summa cum Laude from Bryn Mawr college in time to date several of the men returning from war. However, she chose to stay single, working as a magazine editor for Conde Nast in New York and traveling by steamship to Europe with her parents and close friends until she met and then married aeronautical engineer Clifford Weihman in 1957. They moved to Maryland and began a family, coming back to Greenwich, CT where they settled for many years with 3 sons and a daughter.

Elaine was a completely dedicated mom who raised her children right and unfailingly drove them to hockey tournaments, dance classes, and her happy summer getaway in Water Mill, NY. However, after the death of her husband in 1987, she followed two kids to California where she reinvented herself as a country-strong woman in Sonoma, throwing herself into her church, her volunteer work with the Santa Rosa Raptor Rescue center and the Sausalito Marine Mammal Rescue center, and extensive travels with her children with particular fondness for Hawaii vacations and visits to the Winter Olympics and World Cup hockey in at least six cities. Along with a love of baseball inherited from her father, she grew to be a passionate ice hockey fan and cheered many SJ Sharks games at their rink and at home.

Elaine later relocated to Sacramento where city services and closeness to her daughter were big attractions, while continuing family trips into her 90s. She was able to remain in her own home right to the end, with her cats and her children by her side when she passed peacefully. She will be most remembered for her generosity of time, money, and homemade baked goods, paired with a toughness that carried her to age 99-1/2.

Elaine was predeceased by her parents, her husband and her son Chip. She leaves behind daughter Anna (Patrick), son Michael (Carole) and son Bill (Peggy).

Memorial services are pending at a later date. You may honor her by donating to animal or earth stewardship charities.



# On Air with Care



Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich Board of Directors' President, Lori Jackson

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich recently took center stage on the "People Are Saying" podcast, sharing their impactful mission. Hosted by Emboss, the episode was led by Meals-on-Wheels Board of Directors' President, Lori Jackson, discussing the organization's dedication to delivering nutritious meals and companionship to homebound residents in Greenwich.

In the episode, Jackson delves into the challenges faced by seniors

*Want to be part of the magic? Visit their website to learn how you can volunteer, donate, or support their mission.*

and the homebound, emphasizing the importance of community support and volunteerism.

They highlight how Meals-on-Wheels not only provides essential nutrition but also fosters meaningful connections between volunteers and recipients.

This podcast appearance underscores the organization's commitment to raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation. By sharing experiences and insights, Jackson aims to inspire more community members to get involved, whether through volunteering, donating, or spreading the word.

Listeners can tune into this enlightening conversation on Spotify: Ep. 24 - Meals-on-Wheels - People Are Saying. This collaboration between Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich and the "People Are Saying" podcast serves as a testament to the power of storytelling in driving community engagement and support for vital services.

Want to be part of the magic? Visit <https://mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org/> to learn how you can volunteer, donate, or support their mission.



Director of Resident & Volunteer Services: Mary Tate

## Where Teens Make a Difference!

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Want to make a real difference? Stand out on college apps? Build leadership skills? Meet new people? Friends of Nathaniel Witherell is looking for high school students like YOU to volunteer!

Friends of Nathaniel Witherell is a nonprofit that supports the residents of The Nathaniel Witherell, a historic senior living community right here in Greenwich. Volunteers help brighten residents' days through art projects, music, games, tech help, and just being a friendly face.

Here's why you should volunteer:

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**College + Job Applications** – Show leadership, empathy, and real-world experience.

**Scholarship Edge** – Many scholarships look for community involvement.

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**Feel Good Vibes** – You'll leave every visit knowing you made someone's day.

**Learn Empathy and Kindness** – Gain insight into others' experiences and perspectives.

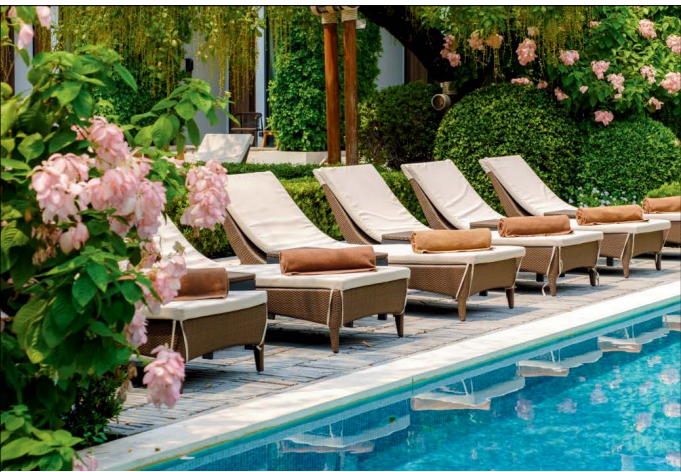
**Make New Friends** – Not just with residents, but with other students too!

**Real Connections** – Learn life lessons from people who've seen it all.

Ready to be a difference-maker? Whether you can give an hour a week or just pitch in for special events, Friends of Nathaniel Witherell makes it easy and fun to get involved. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Mary Tate at (203) 618-4228 or [mary.tate@witherell.org](mailto:mary.tate@witherell.org). Whether you have a few hours a month or are looking for a long-term role, your time is truly valued.

Visit us at <https://friendsofnathanielwitherell.org> to learn more.

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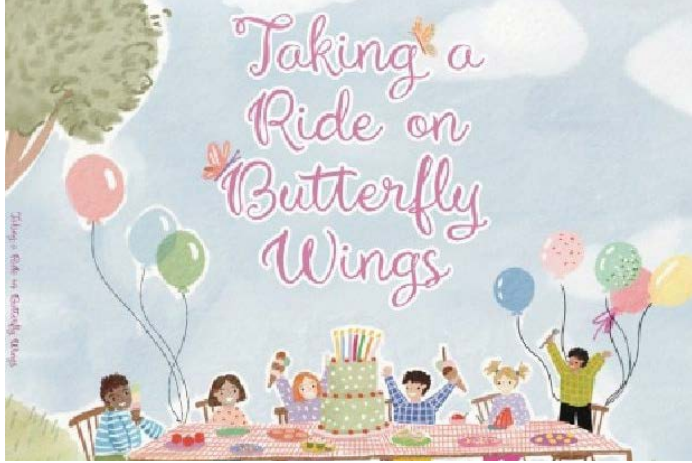
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## Dream to Page



Thirty-two years after dreaming of publishing a children's book, retired Greenwich educator and school psychologist Catherine T. Horn has fulfilled her goal with Taking a Ride on Butterfly Wings. She will discuss her journey at the Greenwich Historical Society's Spotlight Book Talk on May 14 at 2 p.m.

Inspired by a poem written when her children were toddlers, the rhyming bedtime story encourages young readers to fall asleep by imagining flights through New England's seasons—playing in parks, eating ice cream, picking pumpkins, and dancing in snow. With pastel illustrations and

gentle rhymes, the book reflects Horn's 35 years in Greenwich public schools and her dedication to children.

Horn will share the challenges of self-publishing, collaborating with an international illustrator and design team, and working with a marketing firm. "It took a lot longer than a caterpillar stays in a chrysalis," says Horn, "but I did it."

The book is available at the Museum Store. Admission to the talk is free; reservations recommended. Details: <https://greenwichhistory.org/event/taking-a-ride-on-butterfly-wings/>

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# NEWS MAKERS

## New Briefs From Page 1

departments must now comply, though funding for electric replacements was denied by the BET. The Departments of Public Works and Parks & Recreation plan to reallocate existing funds to purchase a limited number of electric blowers.



**Greenwich Honors Korean War Veterans**  
Greenwich held a ceremony at Town Hall to recognize Korean War-era veterans and their families. The event included remarks from local and state officials, participation from the police honor guard, and musical and ceremonial contributions. Veterans who were not present can still receive commendations by contacting the First Selectman’s office. Photo Credit: Bob Capazzo

**AROUND TOWN**  
**Greenwich Honors Memorial Day Traditions**  
Greenwich will observe Memorial Day with ceremonies and parades from May 24 to May 26. Events include services by local veterans’ groups, parades in Cos Cob, Byram, Glenville, and Old Greenwich, and the 61st Jim Fixx Memorial Day Races. The Greenwich Town Party is also scheduled for May 24.

**Cos Cob May Fair Returns**  
The Cos Cob May Fair will mark its 70th anniversary with events on Friday, May 16, from 3:45 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, May 17, from 3 to 9 p.m., at Cos Cob School. The fair will feature rides, games, and food, with proceeds benefiting the school’s PTA and student programs. If it rains, the event will move to Sunday, May 18, from 12 to 5 p.m.

**Greenwich Hosts Hazardous Waste Collection**  
Greenwich will hold its Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, May 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Island Beach Parking Lot on Arch Street. Residents can drop off items like paint, pesticides, and fuels, but commercial waste and certain materials such as asbestos and explosives will not be accepted. For details, residents can contact the Greenwich Department of Health or Department of Public Works.

**LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS**  
**Greenwich Hosts Awesome Tree Contest**  
The Greenwich Tree Conservancy is holding its 8th Awesome Tree Contest, accepting original photographs, artwork, and poems focused on trees. Entries must be created in Greenwich, with one submission allowed per category and up to three categories per person. Winners will be announced at the awards reception on June 8, 2025, and all entries will be displayed; the submission deadline is May 16, 2025. Photo Credit: Greenwich Tree Conservancy, River House Adult Day Care

**BGCC Clubhouse Expansion Campaign Launches**  
The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich has launched its Building Great Futures capital campaign to renovate and expand its Clubhouse. The project includes new academic spaces, a regulation gym, teen center, café, upgraded studios, outdoor facilities, and safety systems. The renovated building will be named the Rebecca S. Breed Clubhouse in recognition of her long-term service.

**Yale Doctors Earn Top Honors**  
A total of 870 physicians affiliated with Yale New Haven Health System were named to Connecticut Magazine’s 2025 “Top Doctors” list, including 114 from Greenwich Hospital. The list, compiled with Castle Connolly, is based on peer nominations and independent review of credentials, training, and performance. Doctors cannot pay to be included.

**Civility Talk Highlights Political Unity**  
Christ Church Greenwich will host Susan Herbst, Professor of Political Science and President Emeritus at the University of Connecticut, for a free talk and breakfast on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 8:30–10:00 a.m. Her lecture, titled “Civility in Turbulent Times and the Future of American Politics,” will address political polarization and the role of public discourse in current U.S. politics. The event is open to all and will take place at the Tomes-Higgins House on the Christ Church campus.

**Art Sale Supports Veteran Relief**  
The Sorokin Gallery in Greenwich is hosting an art sale until May 31 featuring donated works by local and international artists, including Dario Campanile. All proceeds will go to End Veteran Debt and local initiatives supporting veterans. The campaign, “Operation Debt-Day,” aims to raise \$50,000 to relieve \$1 million in veteran debt and fund local support services.

**PEOPLE IN TOWN**  
**Brenda Maher Named Regional President**  
Brenda Maher has been appointed President of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England and New York Properties, overseeing operations in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Westchester, and the Hudson Valley. She joined the company in 2010 and previously served as Senior Vice President and General Manager. Her role will focus on managing daily operations and supporting the brokerage’s growth and community presence. Photo Credit: Berkshire Hathaway

**Retired Firefighter Wins Lottery Jackpot**  
Patrick Gordiski, a retired Greenwich firefighter and 911 first responder, won \$500,000 from a CT Lottery scratch-off game after revealing a “V” on his ticket purchased at Byram Smoke Shop. The shop received a \$5,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket. The CT Lottery reported over \$1.1 billion in player winnings and a \$387 million contribution to the state’s General Fund in fiscal year 2024.

**SCHOOLS**  
**Fifth Graders Build Outdoor Republic**  
A group of fifth-grade boys at North Street School in Greenwich, Connecticut, have created a self-organized play society during recess called the “Pinecone Republic.” Using natural materials, they built structures and developed systems for government, law, economy, and infrastructure. The project emerged independently through unstructured outdoor play. Photo Credit: Jen Reisfeld

**GA Students Discover Promising Soil Microbes**  
Greenwich Academy’s Science Research course spent the year isolating and analyzing soil microbes with potential antimicrobial properties. They conducted both individual and group lab work, held workshops for younger students, and presented their research findings to an audience. The project focused on microbial identification and data collection through hands-on experimentation. Photo Credit: Greenwich Academy

**Ben Van Leeuwen To Speak**  
Greenwich High School has announced that Ben Van Leeuwen, co-founder and CEO of Van Leeuwen Ice Cream and a 2002 graduate, will deliver the 2025 commencement address. The ceremony is scheduled for 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 17 at Cardinal Stadium. Van Leeuwen founded his company in 2008 after

college and an early job in ice cream, growing it from a New York City truck into a national brand. Photo Credit: Krista Schlueter

**Whitby Students Earn National Honors**  
Three Whitby Lower School students earned national recognition from the Continental Math League for achieving perfect scores in all competitions during the 2024–2025 season. Archie (grade 2) was one of 54 students nationwide to do so in his grade, Leela (grade 3) was one of 31, and Vivian (grade 4) was one of 21. Their results place them among the top scorers in the country for their respective grades.

**GA Students Celebrate Daffodil Success**  
Each spring, students at Greenwich Academy participate in the Greenwich Daffodil Society’s annual show. They plant daffodil bulbs in the fall, harvest them in the spring, and bring them to Christ Church for judging. Awards are given based on the entries. Photo Credit: Greenwich Academy

**Greenwich Extends Superintendent Contract**  
The Greenwich Board of Education voted 5–3 to extend Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones’ contract through June 30, 2028. Dr. Jones was originally hired in 2019 and her previous contract was set to expire in 2026.

**Brunswick Proposes New Training Facility**  
Brunswick School has submitted a pre-application to the Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission to build a 74,000-square-foot indoor sports training facility on its 43-acre campus, spanning two properties acquired in 2017. The proposed facility would be used for gym classes and team practices, primarily by middle and upper school students, with no matches or spectators planned. The project is scheduled for discussion during the June 6, 2025 commission meeting.

**GPS Honors Outstanding Staff**  
Greenwich Public Schools named 53 employees as April recipients of the GPS Difference Maker Award, which recognizes full- or part-time staff for significant contributions to the school community. The award is given monthly based on nominations from students, families, staff, or community members. Honorees are recognized within their school buildings through certificates and acknowledgments.

**SPORTS**  
**GHS Cheer Team Makes History**  
The Greenwich High School Cheer Team won three major titles this season: the FCIAC Championship, the CIAC State Championship, and the DI New England Interscholastic Spirit Championship—the first time a Connecticut team has won the latter. State Senator Ryan Fazio and Representative Tina Courpas formally recognized the team and coaching staff for their accomplishments. The team was also acknowledged by Greenwich High School’s athletic director.

**Tigers Dominate With Team Unity**  
Sacred Heart Greenwich’s Varsity A lacrosse team bounced back from a loss to Ridgefield with a dominant 16-6 win over Phillips Exeter Academy, improving their record to 11-2. Freshman Peyla Carcatera led the scoring with five goals, while the team’s strong draw control and cohesive offense drove the victory. Players and coaches emphasized improved teamwork, possession control, and disciplined defense as keys to their success. Photo Credit: Tara Shea Bacigalupo

**Cardinals Stage Thrilling Comeback Victory**  
Greenwich High School’s varsity baseball team rallied from a 4-0 deficit in the sixth inning to defeat Trumbull 5-4, powered by clutch hits from Jake Melley and Tommy Powers and strong relief pitching. The win ended a two-game skid for the Cardinals and improved their conference record to 2-4. Despite a dominant start from Trumbull’s Andrew Valentino,

Greenwich capitalized on walks and timely hits to mount the comeback. Photo Credit: David Fierro

**GHS Lacrosse Secures Home Victories**  
Following a demanding stretch of road games, the Greenwich High School boys varsity lacrosse team secured two key home victories, defeating Joel Barlow 13-6 and Fairfield Ludlowe 9-8. Standout performances came from Mikey Brescia, Dean Kim, and Boden Farmer, with strong defensive play and goaltending helping seal both wins. Now riding a four-game winning streak, the Cardinals hold a 6-4 overall record and look ahead to critical FCIAC matchups.

**Brunswick Baseball Streaks Toward Championship**  
Brunswick School’s varsity baseball team sits atop the FAA standings with a 10-2 league record and a seven-game win streak, including back-to-back victories over rival Hamden Hall. Sophomore pitcher Johnny Gally led a 3-0 shutout with six dominant innings, while closer Ty Ostrowski secured the win with a three-strikeout save. With two FAA games remaining, the Bruins aim to maintain first place heading into the tournament.

**Cardinals Defeat Fairfield Prep Rugby**  
Greenwich High School’s varsity boys rugby team defeated rival Fairfield Prep 43-12 in their first home game of the season on April 25. Led by standout performances from Flois Van de Rotte, Julen Guazo-Badiola, and Benja Gonzales-Lobo, the Cardinals took control after an early deficit and dominated both halves. The win followed their qualification for the Boys High School National Championships and showcased strong teamwork and execution across the field. Photo Credit: 06878 Photography by Antonio Monteiro

**Greenwich Girls Tennis Stays Perfect**  
The Greenwich High School girls tennis team improved to 9-0 after a dominant 3-0 week, including 7-0 sweeps over Darien and Danbury. Strong singles and doubles performances, particularly from Shining Sun, Caitlin Mahoney, Izzy Everett, and the duo of Emmy Pecorin and Maddy Wilber, led the way. The Cardinals aim to maintain their unbeaten streak with upcoming matches against Stamford, Ridgefield, and Norwalk.

**GHS Boys Tennis Remains Unbeaten**  
The Greenwich High School boys tennis team remained undefeated at 9-0 after defeating Trumbull, Darien, and Danbury in dominant fashion. Strong performances across both singles and doubles matches, including shutout wins and tight battles at the top singles spots, highlighted their continued success. The Cardinals have now extended their winning streak to 53 matches dating back to 2023.

**Cardinals Shine Bright Despite Loss**  
Greenwich High School’s softball team lost 8-2 to New Canaan under the lights at Teufel Field on Youth Night but showed strong defensive play and promising offense. Despite early errors, sophomore pitcher Hannah Winig held her own, while standout performances came from Cameron Clark and Sydney Coyne, each hitting triples. The Cardinals bounced back with a 4-3 win over Staples, improving their record to 5-6 overall and 2-4 in the FCIAC.

**GHS Girls Lacrosse Builds Momentum**  
After back-to-back losses, Greenwich High School’s girls lacrosse team rebounded with dominant FCIAC victories over Fairfield Warde (16-6) and Trumbull (16-4), improving their overall record to 5-5. Key performances included Dillon McFerran’s six goals, Aubrey Roth’s 100th career goal, and strong team play both offensively and defensively. The wins mark Greenwich’s first FCIAC triumphs of the season, boosting morale and momentum ahead of the postseason.

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45 Nicholas Avenue	\$899,000	\$899,000	\$920,000	46	2	1	0.12	1,176
22 Osee Place	\$945,000	\$945,000	\$1,015,000	21	2	1	0.22	1,235
529 E Putnam Avenue	\$1,199,000	\$1,199,000	\$1,225,000	6	3	1	0.46	1,540
12 Griffith Road	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,360,000	9	4	2	0.17	2,086
7 Tait Road	\$1,299,000	\$1,299,000	\$1,250,000	226	4	2	0.15	1,831
55 Richmond Drive	\$1,490,000	\$1,490,000	\$1,495,000	6	3	2	0.12	2,012
23 Old Wagon Road	\$1,495,000	\$1,495,000	\$1,700,888	10	4	2	0.28	2,371
54 Valley Road B	\$1,635,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,600,000	161	3	3	0.3	3,635
6 Windsor Lane	\$1,675,000	\$1,675,000	\$1,803,000	11	4	2	0.31	3,003
62 Byram Shore Road	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	0	5	3	0.76	2,548
75 Bowman Drive	\$1,799,000	\$1,799,000	\$1,837,500	75	5	3	1.21	4,076
19 Bayside Terrace	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$2,035,000	48	4	2	0.31	2,473
415 W Lyon Farm	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,950,000	34	4	3	0	3,229
20 Church Street A 61	\$1,995,000	\$1,995,000	\$2,100,000	35	4	3		1,858
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534 Stanwich Road	\$3,995,000	\$3,995,000	\$3,600,000	110	5	7	4.23	8,548
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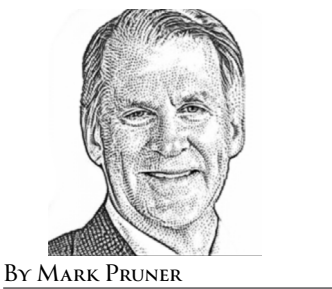
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# April Market Rebounds Strongly Due To March Stock Market Drop



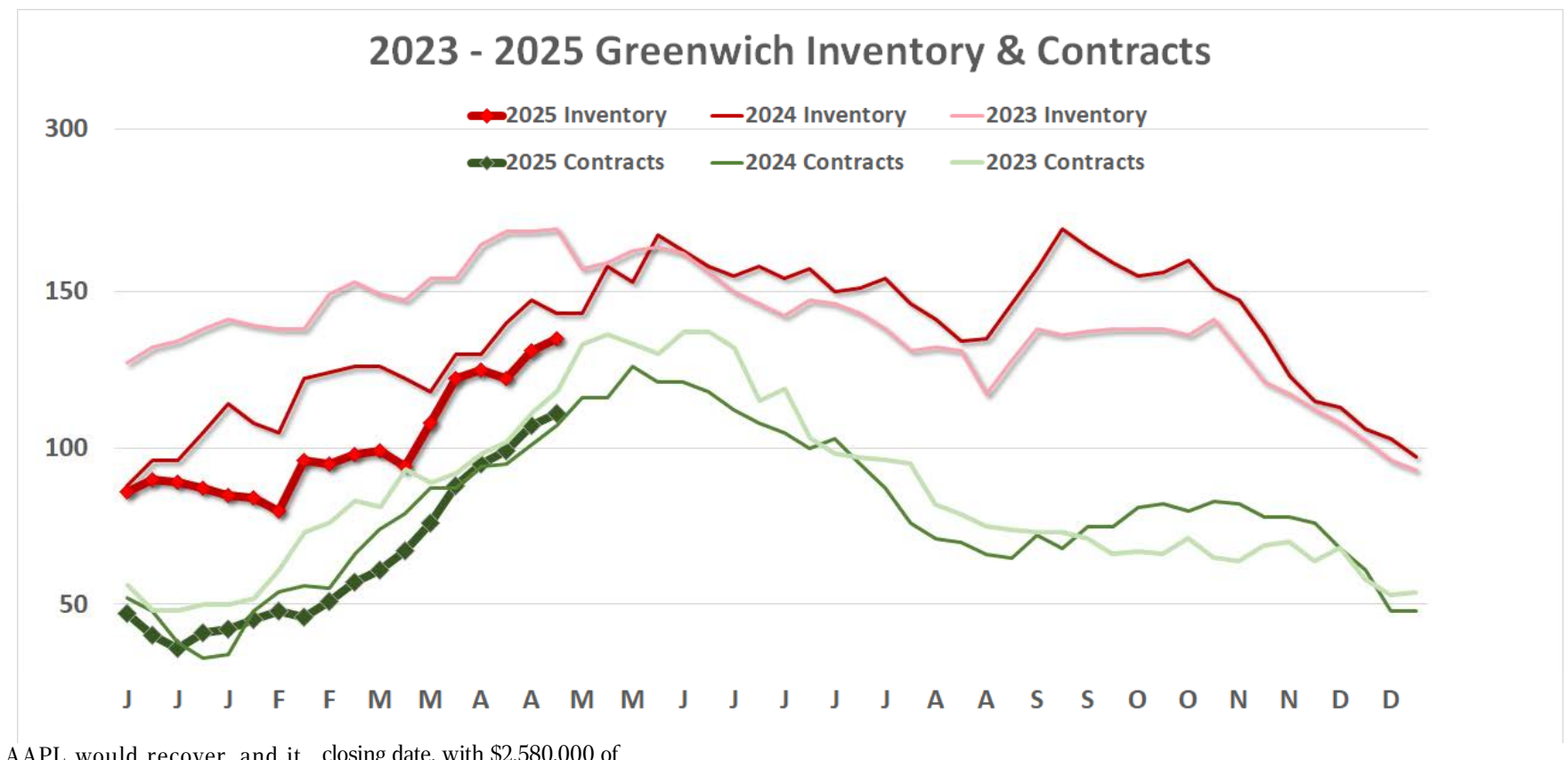
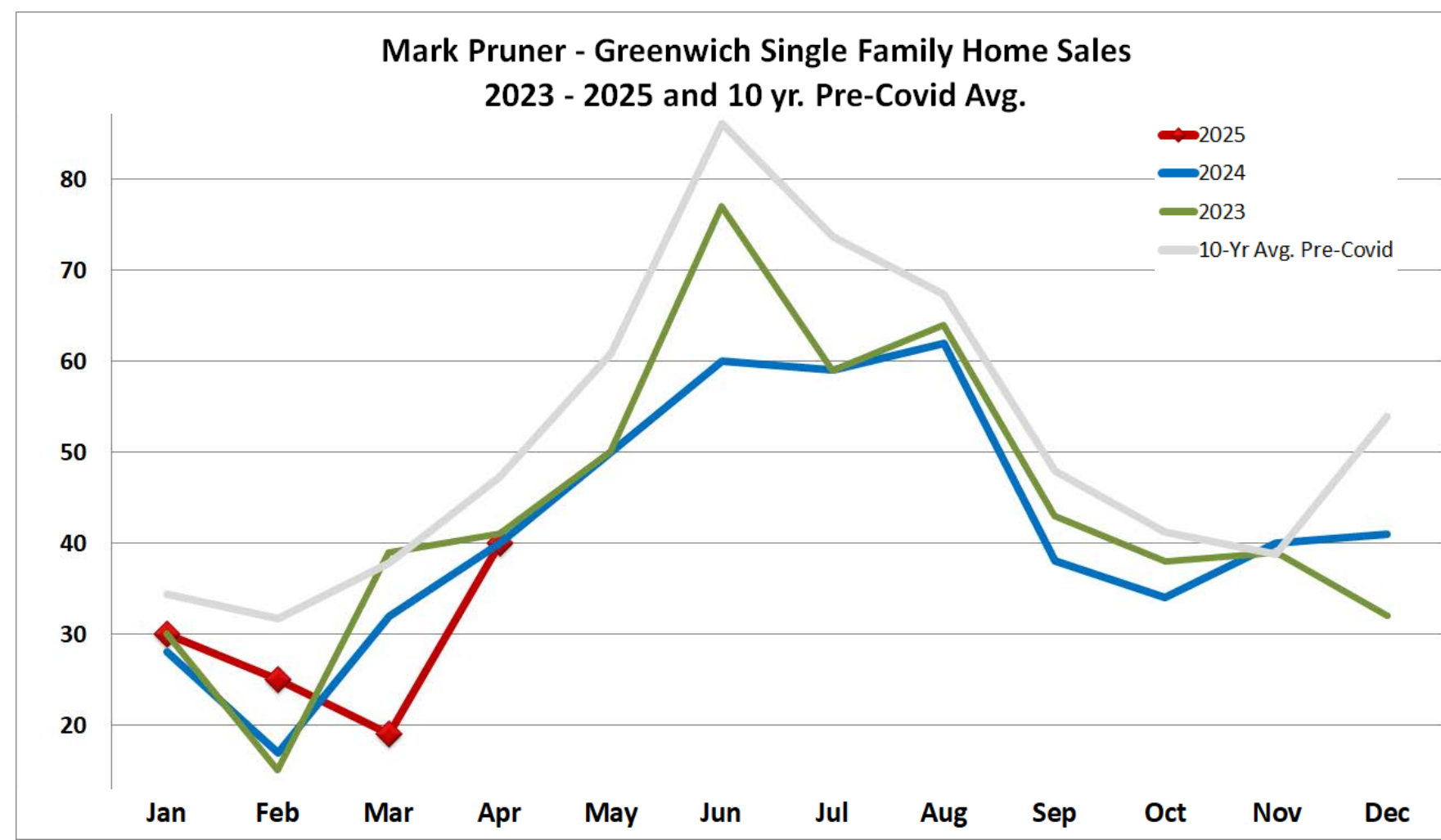
By Mark Pruner

Greenwich home sales took a dramatic jump in April compared the prior month. In March 2025, we only had 19 sales of single-family homes. This was our second worst March this century only beat by March 2009 during the Great Recession. In April, sales more than doubled to 40, the same as we had last April and the highest month for sales so far this year. Part of the drop in sales in March and the jump up in April is due to the wild ride that the stock market took in March and April.

Funds for many of our purchases come from selling stock. When the Dow dropped 4,580 points from April 2nd to April 8th, buyers who were ready to close decided not to cash out their stock, since it was worth much less than when the contract was signed. The standard Fairfield County Bar Association form provides for an initial delayed closing period without penalty. This free delayed closing period is often in the range of 6 to 10 business days. If the closing is delayed beyond that period, the buyer has to pay 1/30th of 1% for each day beyond the delay period. After 30 days from the original closing date, the buyer is in default and loses their 10% deposit, i.e. they are out \$300K if they don't close.

Let's take a look at how that might work in real life. Starting back in April of 2013, a young finance executive got a good year-end bonus and decided to buy 15,000 shares of Apple stock at \$15/share for a total of \$225,000. Fast forward 12 years, and this executive now has a spouse, a child, and another one on the way. The family decides to buy a nice 4BR/3BA, 3,100 s.f. house on half an acre in lower mid-country. They sign a contract to buy the house for \$3,000,000 on February 25, 2025, of this year. On that date, the family's AAPL stock, which they had bought for \$225,000, has now grown to \$3,705,000. As of contract signing, they have plenty of funds just in that one stock to close on April 8, 2025, a date picked so the seller would have time to pack and move out.

Unfortunately for our growing family, April 8th is the low point of the tariff stock trough, and AAPL has dropped from \$247/share to \$172/share. This means that they would now need 17,741 shares of Apple to buy the \$3 million house. Fortunately, they have other investments and could close, but they decided to use the free delay period, hoping that



AAPL would recover, and it does. By April 15th, 10 business days later, Apple stock is up to \$202, and their 15,000 shares are now worth \$3,030,000. But our trader didn't get where she was by not taking risks, so she moves to push the closing even further out, even though her husband argued for closing during the free delay period.

After the contractually permitted 10 business day period, the penalty kicks in, and the family is paying \$1,000 a day, which is 1/30th of 1% of their \$3,000,000 purchase price for every day that they continue to delay. They also have the 30-day default date of May 8th, at which point they are going to lose their 10% deposit of \$300,000, which the husband points out daily to the wife. Finally, on May 1st, with the default date less than a week away and AAPL at \$213/share, they sell all 15,000 AAPL shares for \$3,195,000 and close on May 5th, two days before the default date.

As a result, instead of their closing on April 8th, the original

closing date, with \$2,580,000 of Apple stock contributing to the purchase price of \$3,000,000, they got \$3,195,000, or \$615,000 more. They delayed the closing by 28 days and had to pay \$20,000 in delay fees accumulated during that time. By waiting and paying the delay fees, they saved themselves \$595,000. All in all, a brilliant use of the sales contract provisions, or was it just luck? It was definitely stressful.

This scenario played itself out a few dozen times in April and into May. People who can close close are closing in May. So far in the first week of May, we have had 19 sales; the same number as we had in all of March.

Having said that, our 10-year average for April is 48 sales, so we still have a ways to go to get back to where sales were in previous years. Even with today's uncertainty, contracts, days on market and the percentage of sales over list, all indicate if we had more inventory, we would have more sales.

If you take a quick look back

*Delay your closing, even with daily penalties, can save you lots of money.*

at months of supply in June 2019, our last pre-Covid year, you can see just how drastically the market has changed. Back in 2019, the months of supply bars were towering plinths, breaking through months of supply into years of supply. In 2019, from \$6.5 – 10 million, we had 8 years of supply. Today that same price range has 8.4 months of supply and drops to 6.4 months when you add in contracts.

Today, our months of supply price ranges mostly hover around 3 – 4 months. For the overall, market we have 3.4 months of supply, close to a super-sellers' market. You have to go over \$6.5 million to see enough inventory to meet today's demand. When you add in contracts, every price range shows an accelerating sales market as months of supply with contracts are lower than the months of supply with just sales.

People with no historical

perspective might argue that the high-end market is weak, but it is doing much better than it was last year and way better than in 2019. This year we have 37 sales over \$5 million, which is 17 more sales than we had last year, itself a pretty good year for high-end sales. Stocks, and even bonds, these days can be a very bumpy ride. Greenwich real estate looks pretty good in comparison.

Our 2025 market is very similar to the 2024 market when you look at inventory and contracts. We did have a strong jump in inventory at the end of March, then the stock market dropped. Uncertainty tends to slow both buyers and sellers; however, in 2025, contracts have continued to rise and have surpassed last year, even with lower inventory. According to my new favorite national housing statistics source, ResiClub, we have the lowest percentage of inventory in the

nation today compared to April 2019 with a 78% drop. (Actually, Erie, PA has the biggest drop at 80% down from 2019. It's a nice town on Lake Erie.)

Some price ranges have seen inventory drop all the way to zero. We have no listings under \$800K. From there all the way up to \$5 million, we have more contracts than inventory. Our largest number of sale is in the \$2 – 4 million range. Our contracts are going up, so expect sales to go up also. This doesn't mean that we won't see more buyers delaying their closing when the stock market takes a precipitous drop, but the contracts are still there. It's just a question of what month they close in.

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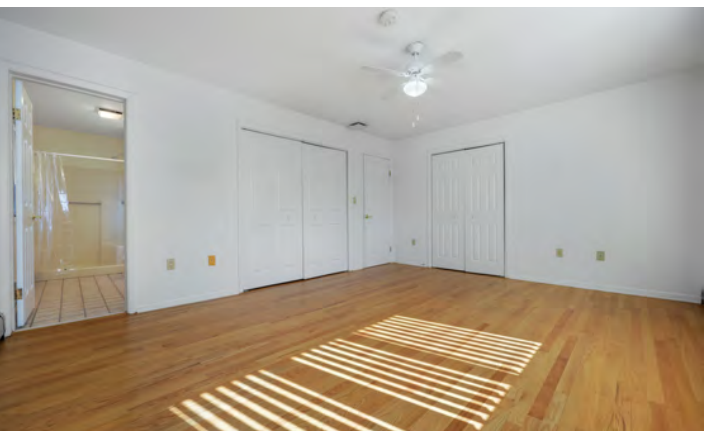
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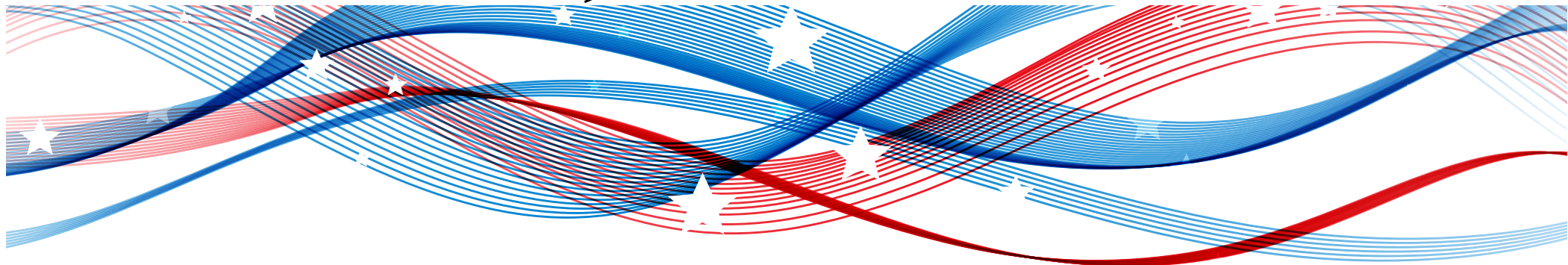
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Greenwich Land Trust Native Plant Sale. 370 Round Hill Road. \$10 per plant or \$8 per plant for 15 or more. gltrust.org/event/native-plant-sale/2025-05-09/

**10 & 11 a.m.**

Sensory Storytime (Ages 18 months-48 months). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

**10:30 a.m.**

Voices Center of Resilience: Mindful Moments – Mindfully Managing Stress. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org.

**6 p.m.**

Kids Night Out! Swim Edition. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Drop=off begins at 6pm. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

**6 p.m.**

Randall Atcheson Organ Concert. Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E. Putnam Ave. \$25, General Admission; Free, Students. christchurchgreenwich.org/upcoming-events

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**

**7 a.m.**

Spring Migration Bird Tour. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free, donations are encouraged. greenwich.audubon.org/events

**8:30 a.m.**

Talk & Breakfast: “Civility in Turbulent Times and the Future of American Politics.” Tomes-Higgins House – Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E. Putnam Ave. Free. RSVP. christchurchgreenwich.org/upcoming-events

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

Household Hazardous Waste Day. Island Beach Parking Lot – Arch Street. greenwichgreenand-clean.org.

**8:30 a.m.**

40th Annual Riverside Run – 3 Mile Run/Walk. Riverside School, 51 Hendrie Ave. \$30 for 3-mile walk/run; \$15 for Kids Fun Run. riversidepta.membershiptoolkit.com

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

The Garden Club of Old Greenwich’s Annual Plant Sale. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Avenue. gardenclubofoldgreenwich.org

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Greenwich Land Trust Native Plant Sale. 370 Round Hill Road. gltrust.org/event/native-plant-sale/2025-05-09/

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

Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

**12 p.m.**

Colonial Crafts: Make “Scherenschnitte” Cards for Mother’s Day in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

**5:15 p.m.**

Greenwich Art Society’s 108th Annual Juried Exhibition Opening Reception. Bendheim Gallery, 299 Greenwich Ave. greenwichartsociety.org

**SUNDAY, MAY 11**

**1 p.m.**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 12**

**9 a.m.**

Greenwich Together 2025 Youth Survey Results. Greenwich Town Hall – Meeting Room, 101 Field Point Rd. greenwichtogether.org

**2 p.m.**

CT Ceramics Circle Lecture: The Extraordinary Art Collection of Lady Charlotte Schreiber. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. & on Zoom. Register. cceramicsc.org

**7 p.m.**

Book Discussion: “Unshrunk,” by Laura Delano. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x20. lisat@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

**TUESDAY, MAY 13**

**10 a.m.**

Perrot Memorial Library: Perrot Walks at Binnery Park. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

**10 & 11 a.m.**

Bruce Beginnings: Spring Flowers (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, May 14. brucemuseum.org

**6 p.m.**

Purls of Wisdom: An Evening Knitting Class. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave.

Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

**6 p.m.**

Celebrate Spring Cooking Class. Leicht Kitchen Showroom, 11 E. Putnam Ave. azeitforlife.com/leicht-cooking-studio

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

**10 a.m.**

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

**11 a.m.**

Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich: Peter Harrison, CT Director, Regional Plan Association, “Shaping the Megaregion: RPA’s Regional Approach to Housing, Transportation, and Energy,” Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

**12 p.m.**

Colonial Toys: Make a Whirligig in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

**12 p.m.**

Women Speaker Series - The Complexity of Female Friendships. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

**1 p.m.**

Chinese Brush Painting Class, with Artist Sinrong Chen. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x20. lisat@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

**2 p.m.**

Museum Store Local Spotlight Book Talk: “Taking a Ride on Butterfly Wings,” with Catherine T. Horn. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

**7 p.m.**

The Secret Life of Containers: Design, Texture, and a Touch of Chaos. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

**7 p.m.**

S.E.L.F. & Wealthspire Advisors: Special Needs Planning - panel discussion. Online. Free. Register. bit.ly/SELFWealthspireSpecialNeedsPlanning

**THURSDAY, MAY 15**

**10 a.m.**

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

**11 a.m.**

Greenwich Historical Society’s Spring Fete. Greenwich Country Club, 19 Doubling Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

**12 p.m.**

Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC): How to Start a Homecare Business. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

**7 p.m.**

Greenwich Land Trust: David G. Hawkins, Issues in Protecting Our Climate. Greenwich Town Hall – Meeting Room, 101 Field Point Rd. gltrust.org/upcoming-events

**7 p.m.**

Greenwich High School Theater Arts presents “The Little Mermaid.” GHS Performing Arts Center, 10 Hillside Rd. ghs theater.ludus.com/index.php?sections=events

**FRIDAY, MAY 16**

**3:30 p.m.**

TGIF Fitness Made Fun Dance Class For Individuals with Special Needs. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to everyone. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

**6 p.m.**

Taylor Swift Party. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free for members & all adults, \$10 for non-member children. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

**6 p.m.**

Round Hill Association’s Night Out Party. Foundation House, 124 Old Mill Rd. RSVP by May 10. lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/rb4jje/lp/39add426-6988-462b-8e0c-4374333fc58f

**7 p.m.**

Greenwich High School Theater Arts presents “The Little Mermaid.” GHS Performing Arts Center, 10 Hillside Rd. ghs theater.ludus.com/index.php?sections=events

**SATURDAY, MAY 17**

**9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Greenwich Middle School STEM Fair. Greenwich High School, 10 Hillside Rd. docs.google.com/document/d/1F4MAKn403rNC4zSU-JUMq46YsRnNelUqUFToXwcYfL0/edit?tab=t.0

**9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

YMCA of Greenwich Trailblazer Club Hike: Waveny Park Trails, New Canaan. Free. Register. greenwichymca.org/events.

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

Greenwich Farmer’s Market Opening Day. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). Through Nov. 23. greenwichfarmersmarketct.com.

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

Hamilton Avenue Husky’s 5th Grade Class Car Wash. 184 Hamilton Avenue. \$10 per car. 475-449-4933. vlyanez14@gmail.com

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Bruce Museum’s 40th Annual Outdoor Crafts Festival. Museum’s grounds, 1 Museum Dr. \$15 for all; Free for Members & children under 5. Also held Sunday, May 18. brucemuseum.org.

**11 a.m.**

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

**12 p.m.**

Colonial Crafts: Write with a Quill and Ink in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

**1 p.m.**

Art Adventures: Crafts Festival (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, May 18. brucemuseum.org

**2 & 7 p.m.**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 18**

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

The Junior League of Greenwich’s “Touch-A-Truck”. Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Rd. e.givesmart.com/events/Hfh

**10:30 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m.**

Greenwich Historical Society: Re-Discover Greenwich Avenue Guided Walking Tours. \$20, Members; \$25, Non-members. greenwichhistory.org/events

**11:30 a.m.**

‘Feel Better, Live Better’ – Nutritional Program with Dr. Max. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. Free. RSVP. 203-869-1091. leticia@roundhillcommunitychurch.org. roundhillcommunitychurch.org

**3 p.m.**

Greenwich Green & Clean’s Spring in Bloom – A Celebration in Support of Our Hanging Flower Basket Program. The Field Club of Greenwich, 276 Lake Ave. greenwichgreenand-clean.org/spring-in-bloom

**4 p.m.**

Rhapsody in Bloom – piano, strings, voice. Stanwich Church, 202 Taconic Road. \$28. eventbrite.com/e/1292019748849

**SATURDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 22**

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

Greenwich Farmer’s Market Opening Day. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours).

Through Nov. 22. greenwichfarmersmarketct.com.

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

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

**TUESDAYS:**

**10 a.m.**

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

**5 - 7 p.m.**

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

**WEDNESDAYS:**

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

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

**12 - 2 p.m.**

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

**12:15 p.m.**

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

**6 - 7:30 p.m.**

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

**6:30 p.m.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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







**IN HONOR OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK,**  
we invite you to **JOIN US** for




# POLICE DAY

- \*Bouncy Castle***
- \*Drone Demonstration***
- \*Car Seat Installation***
- \*Guided Tours Every Half Hour***
- \*K-9 Demo***
- \*Food***





**May 10th, 2025**  
**10:00AM to 2:00PM**  
**POLICE ALLEY**  
**11 Bruce Place**





# Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

**5 - 7 p.m.**  
Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in mid-dle & 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: greenwichli-brary.org**  
**Friday, May 9**  
**All Day event**  
*All Libraries Closed: Staff Training Day.*  
**Saturday, May 10**  
**10 a.m.**  
Blooming Beginnings!: Art, Movement & Mindfulness (ages 3-5). Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichli-brary.org.  
**10:30 a.m.**  
Bio-Field Therapy with the Healing Touch Team. (Registration Required) Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.  
**11 a.m.**  
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org.  
**1 p.m.**  
Cloak and Dagger Book Club. Online. green-wichlibrary.libcal.com/event/12684658  
**1 p.m.**  
PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.  
**2 p.m.**  
Art Society of Old Greenwich: Art Opening Reception “Hidden Treasures. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room. 203-531-0426.  
**Monday, May 12**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
Little Learners (Storytime Lottery). Children’s Constellation Room.  
**11 a.m.**  
All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.  
**11 a.m.**  
LEGOS for Wee Ones with Beth. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.  
**11:30 a.m.**  
Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.  
**1 p.m.**  
Byram Book Club: “The Fellowship Point.” Byram Shubert Library Community Room.  
**3:15 p.m.**  
Nutmeg Book Club with Ms. Flynn “Falling Short” by Ernesto Cisneros. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.  
**4 p.m.**  
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Teen Commons.  
**6:30 p.m.**  
Friends of Cos Cob Annual meeting- Public. Cos Cob Library Turret.  
**Tuesday, May 13**  
**11 a.m.**  
Storytime with Patty (Birth - Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.  
**1 p.m.**  
Friends Book Group. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.  
**1:15 p.m.**  
Baby Lapsit (Storytime Lottery). Children’s Constellation Room.  
**4 p.m.**  
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Teen Commons.  
**5 p.m.**  
Gentle Yoga with Kristin. Byram Shubert Li-brary Community Room.  
**5 p.m.**  
New Yorker Stories Discussion Group. Online.  
**7 p.m.**  
Investing: The Psychology of Investing. Online.  
**Wednesday, May 14**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
Movers & Shakers (Storytime Lottery). Chil-dren’s Constellation Room.  
**10 a.m.**  
Baby Lapsit in the Stacks. Cos Cob Library Turret.  
**10 a.m. & 1 p.m.**  
Career Coach - MS Excel II. Main Greenwich Library. Please arrive early and check in at the bus in the parking lot to be seated for the Coach..  
**11 a.m.**  
Early Walkers in the Stacks! Cos Cob Library Turret.  
**1 p.m.**  
LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.  
**1 p.m.**  
Investment Basics Series IV: How to Set and Meet Investment Objectives. Online.  
**3 p.m.**  
Math Help with Patty (for Grades K-8). Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.  
**4 p.m.**  
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Teen Commons.  
**Thursday, May 15**  
**10 a.m.**  
Japanese Storytime Marx Family Black Box Theater.  
**11 a.m.**  
Bilingual Birdies (Storytime Lottery). Children’s Constellation Room.  
**11 a.m.**

Tech Help. Learning Lab.  
**7 p.m.**  
Drawing on Art History: Kandinsky. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.  
**7 p.m.**  
Friends Performing Arts Series: Mentalist Colin Cloud. Berkley Theater.  
**Friday, May 16**  
**10 a.m.**  
Storytime. Cos Cob Library (Outside). 203-622-6883.  
**11:15 a.m.**  
Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org.  
**7 p.m.**  
Friends Friday Films: “Wicked, Part 1.” Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.  
**Saturday, May 17**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
Crafts 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@greenwichli-brary.org.  
**1 p.m.**  
PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.  
**2 p.m.**  
AANHPI Month: Kuchipudi Dance with Aswathi Arun Konkoth. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.  
**2 p.m.**  
Jerry’s Movies: “The Apartment” (1960) starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.  
**2 p.m.**  
Peterson Unplugged: Music in the Woods. Peter-son Music Wing. 203-622-7910.

**GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwichhospi-tal.org/events**  
**888-305-9253**  
**Wednesday, May 14**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
Parkinson’s Disease Support Group. 260 Long Ridge Road Stamford. Free.  
**Thursday, May 115**  
**1 p.m.**  
MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Support Group - Webi-nar.  
**Saturday, May 17**  
**9 a.m.**  
CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Vol-unteer Ln. \$65. For discount information call 888-305-9253.  
**9:30 a.m.**  
AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. \$20.

**NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org**  
**Everyday, all day**  
• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riv-ersville Road. The weatherproof bin is located outside of the Parish Hall.  
• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.  
**Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.**  
Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Catherine of Siena’s parking area across the street from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave. (Non-per-ishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or store bought).  
**Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Food Drive at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church park-ing lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: RedCross-Blood.org**  
**Friday, May 9**  
**8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
The Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Ave., Norwalk.  
**12 - 5 p.m.**  
Port Chester Senior Center, 222 Grace Church St., Port Chester, NY.  
**Sunday, May 11**  
**7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.  
**Monday, May 12**  
**11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.  
**11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
First Presbyterian Church Stamford, 1101 Bed-ford St, Stamford.  
**Tuesday, May 13**  
**11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.  
**1 - 6 p.m.**  
New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, Lawton Street, New Rochelle, NY.  
**Wednesday, May 14**  
**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
Italian Center, 1620 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
1 N. Lexington Ave, White Plains, NY.  
**11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
44 Broadway, 44 South Broadway, White Plains, NY.  
**Thursday, May 15**  
**7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.  
**12 - 5 p.m.**

American Legion Hall, 40 Bell Rd, Scarsdale, NY.  
**Sunday, May 18**  
**7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

**TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calen-dar**  
**Monday, May 12**  
**3 p.m.**  
Energy Management Advisory Committee Meeting. Cone Room.  
**7 p.m.**  
RTM Full Meeting. Central Middle School.  
**Tuesday, May 13**  
**10 a.m.**  
BET IAC Meeting. Mazza Room.  
**12 p.m.**  
Board of Selectmen Meeting. Virtual via Zoom.  
**12 p.m.**  
First Selectman’s Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting. Zoom Webinar.  
**1 p.m.**  
BET Budget Committee. Town Hall Meeting Room.  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Shellfish Commission Regular Meeting. Via Zoom.  
**Wednesday, May 14**  
**11 a.m.**  
FS Operations Planning Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.  
**1 p.m.**  
BET HR Committee. Mazza Room.  
**1 p.m.**  
Nathaniel Witherell Legal Affairs & Governance Committee Meeting.  
**6 p.m.**  
FS Hamill Rink Task Force Meeting. In-Person at Cone Room and Virtual via Zoom.  
**7 p.m.**  
Historic District Commission Regular Meeting. Mazza Room.  
**Thursday, May 15**  
**3 p.m.**  
BET Law Committee. Mazza Room.  
**7 p.m.**  
Conservation Commission: David G. Hawkins, Issues in Protecting Our Climate. Town Hall Meeting Room.  
**Friday, May 16**  
**12 p.m.**  
RTM Call closes at noon.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Friday, May 9**  
**6 p.m.**  
YMCA of Greenwich’s An Evening in Las Vegas Annual Gala. Greenwich Country Club. greenwi-chymca.org/events  
**Saturday, May 10**  
**6 p.m.**  
“After Glow” The Bruce Gala After Party. Bruce Museum. 1072.blackbaudhosting.com/1072/Bruce-Gala-2025  
**Friday, May 16**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
BIC’s 12th Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. secure.qgiv.com/for/blcbenefitbreakfast2025/event/12thannual-springbenefitbreakfast  
**Saturday, May 17**  
**7 p.m.**  
Spring for Abilis Gala. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/GGE  
**Sunday, May 18**  
**9 a.m.**  
The Junior League of Greenwich’s “Touch-A-Truck”. Greenwich Town Hall. e.givesmart.com/events/Hfh  
**Saturday, May 24**  
**10 a.m.**  
Greenwich Town Party. Roger Sherman Bald-win Park. greenwichtownparty.org  
**Monday, May 26**  
**10 a.m.**  
The annual Old Greenwich Memorial Day Parade. Sound Beach Avenue.  
**Thursday, May 29**  
**9 a.m.**  
Children’s Learning Centers of Fairfield County (CLC) 9th Annual Golf Outing. The Stanwich Club, Greenwich. bit.ly/CLC2025GolfOuting  
**6:30 p.m.**  
Kids Helping Kids’ Spring Celebration. Italian Center of Stamford. kidshelpingkidsct.org  
**Friday, May 30**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Greenwich Land Trust’s ‘An Evening at the Farmstead’. 370 Round Hill Rd. gltrust.org/event/an-evening-at-the-farmstead  
**Saturday, May 31**  
**9 a.m.**  
Greenwich Concours d’Sport. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com  
**Sunday, June 1**  
**10 a.m.**  
Greenwich Concours d’Elegance. Roger Sher-man Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com  
**Wednesday, June 4**  
**6 p.m.**  
Scouting America Greenwich Council’s Ea-gle Scout Recognition Dinner. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. greenwichscouting.org  
**Friday, June 6**  
Family Centers “Midnight in Monte Carlo” ben-efit. Private Greenwich residence. familycenters.org/product/midnight  
**Saturday, June 7**  
**6 p.m.**  
Wild Wine, Beer & Food Safari. Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo. beardsleyzoo.org/wild-wine.

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**Monday, June 9**  
**10 a.m.**  
VOICES (Voices Center of Resilience) 11th Annual Golf Outing. Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Scarsdale, NY. voicescenter.org.  
**Monday, June 23**  
**11 a.m.**  
YWCA Greenwich’s Annual Golf Tournament. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/16i/  
**Monday, August. 11**  
**8 a.m.**  
Cos Cob School PTA Golf Outing. Griffith E. Har-ris Golf Course. coscobpta.org/packet/271159454

*Our Neighboring Towns*

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

**1 p.m.**  
VOICES (Voices Center of Resilience): Pre-paredness Workshop Preparing Individuals and Families for an Emergency. Westport Center for Senior Activities, 21 Imperial Ave, Westport. Register. voicescenter.org.

**4 p.m.**  
Basket Weaving for Mother’s Day. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergus-onlibrary.org

**7:30 p.m.**  
Curtain Call presents “A Jukebox for the Algon-quin”. The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (May 9, 10, 11 15, 16, 17 & 18). curtain-callinc.com

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**

**1:30 p.m.**  
Gizmo’s Pawesome Guide to Mental Health. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

**SUNDAY, MAY 11**

**10:30 a.m.**  
Mother’s Day Open House & Mother’s Day Event. The Chinese Language School of CT (CLSC), 1 University Place, Stamford. 866-301-4906. chineselanguageschool.org

**2 p.m.**  
A Year in Kimono Presentation, An Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Program. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

**3 p.m.**  
‘The Love of Liberty’ Ukraine Benefit Concert. The First Congregational Church of Darien, 14 Brookside Rd, Darien. \$20 suggested donation. uccdarien.org

**TUESDAY, MAY 13**

**2 p.m.**  
Internet Self-Defense. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

**3 p.m.**  
Coloring & Conversation (Teens & Adults). Fer-ghuson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonli-brary.org

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

**6 p.m.**  
Life Skills Series: The Art of Decluttering & Home Organizing. Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergu-sonlibrary.org

**THURSDAY, MAY 15**

**5 p.m.**  
Menopause & More. Ferguson Library – South End Branch at Waterside, Stamford. Free. fergu-sonlibrary.org

**7 p.m.**  
Rewrite the Mother Code with Dr. Gertrude Lyons. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

**FRIDAY, MAY 16**

**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
New Canaan Cares Home Tour. newcanaancar-es.org/new-canaan-cares-home-tour

**SATURDAY, MAY 17**

**8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
CrimeCONN 2025: Crime & Punishment. Fergu-son Main Library, Stamford. fergusonlibrary.org

**1 p.m.**  
Stamford MLK Committee Film Series: The Six Triple Eight. Ferguson Library – South End Branch at Waterside, Stamford. Free. ferguson-library.org

**SUNDAY, MAY 18**

**2 p.m.**  
“Classic Car Culture & History-Making James Melton” with automotive historian John J. O’Leary IV. The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, 303 West Ave, Norwalk. \$15-\$20. lockwoodmathewsmansion.com



Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Site with film ratings  
5 Informal attempt  
9 “Nanny” or “kiss” follower  
12 Concert hall section  
13 Brit’s “See ya!”  
14 Draped Indian garment  
15 Swedish furniture chain  
16 It’s often hard to tell  
17 Turkey \_\_\_\_ (November race)  
18 Part-time athlete  
20 Comfortable chair feature  
22 Patricia of “Hud”  
23 Banded stones  
24 Application for the very young  
27 “Bosch” actress Rogers  
28 Womack of country music  
29 Ceiling fixture  
30 Catches a few Z’s  
34 Country by the Caspian Sea  
35 Planet in the Pale Blue Dot photograph  
37 Natural skin soother  
38 Tadpole habitat

- 39 Not sweet, to a wine lover  
40 In utero  
42 With 50-Down, body of water by the Ontario Peninsula  
44 Processed, as iron ore  
45 When many parks open  
48 High wind instrument  
49 \_\_\_\_ Brown (Snoopy’s owner)  
51 Dresses for cold weather, with “up”  
55 Triangle sound  
56 Composer of two “Peer Gynt” suites  
58 Tiny amount  
59 What Zapzyt treats  
60 Classic sound system, for short  
61 Vigorous spirit  
62 Zodiac’s setting  
63 Check for quality, maybe  
64 Say something  
**DOWN**  
1 Words before and after “what”  
2 Apt name for an audio technician?  
3 Consider  
4 Like Mensa?  
5 Enjoy a wooded path  
6 It precedes upsilon

- 7 “\_\_\_\_ girl!”  
8 Nonsense in a Persian Gulf country?  
9 “Insert this” indicator  
10 Came up  
11 Oven gloves  
14 Food intake for the very young?  
16 One in a medieval joust, presumably?  
19 Low-level worker  
21 Film studio Amazon acquired in 2021  
24 Radar screen spot  
25 British plane attachment?  
26 One of many in a chili  
27 Rug relative  
29 Prepare, as empanadas  
31 Very much

- 32 Sponge opening  
33 Mail out  
36 “\_\_\_\_ we there yet?”  
41 Glowing gas  
43 Leather-worker’s tool  
44 “I accept that”  
45 Play the role of  
46 Like a good shake  
47 “\_\_\_\_ Boy” (beloved Irish tune)  
50 See  
52 Title woman in a Kinks song  
53 List-shortening abbr.  
54 Certainly wasn’t seaworthy  
57 Uncertainties

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword  
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Type of fishing, or the prey  
5. (K) Bone in a limb  
9. (K) It can put a hole in a mountain  
12. “I’ll get right \_\_\_\_!” (2 words)  
13. (K) Authentic  
14. Brazilian resort city  
15. The state of being achievable  
18. (K) Things going around in circles on docks  
19. (K) It makes lips shine  
20. (K) Delicious Italian dish  
24. (K) Be chatty  
27. (K) The tippy-top of a mountain  
28. (K) What a buffet can provide  
32. Free from responsibility  
35. (K) They have plenty in a deli  
36. (K) Anyone on a mobile phone or laptop

37. Deli request that usually includes 35-Across  
38. Elects, as a politician (2 words)  
41. (K) More like a cloudless sky  
44. (K) Bone in a limb  
48. Music genre for elevator riders (2 words)  
52. Lifesaving German River?  
53. (K) Smell  
54. (K) “Well, what \_\_\_\_ can I say?”  
55. (K) Miles \_\_\_\_ hour  
56. (K) Like you trying to hear a stranger’s conversation  
57. (K) Collections of Pokemon cards  
**DOWN**  
1. (K) Wild pig  
2. Chip in for poker hands  
3. (K) Where the contractors are building your mansion

4. (K) Keep saying “ummm” to buy time  
5. Coffee maker for many mugs  
6. (K) Huge feeding field  
7. Apprehend, right in the act  
8. Make the front tires as straight as the back ones  
9. (K) You, me and our buddy in harmony  
10. (K) Louse-y I little bugs  
11. If they had feelings, they’d love to get played with  
16. (K) Scientific Sir \_\_\_\_ Newton  
17. Camel’s cousin  
21. (K) Child in a tent overnight  
22. (K) Tell funny jokes  
23. Chromosomal material  
24. (K) It’s often chewed but rarely swallowed  
25. Santa \_\_\_\_ winds

26. (K) Aircraft compartment  
29. Move like a nonaggressive tide  
30. (K) These and every one of those  
31. (K) Give a permit to  
33. Flock of quail  
34. Like a remark of little importance  
39. DuPont fabric  
40. (K) 45’s 5  
41. (K) Quick blast from a car horn  
42. Like the stupidest joke you ever heard  
43. Cold War group’s letters  
45. Fluid in the liver  
46. Smithsonian, e.g. (Abbr.)  
47. (K) Grows season after season  
49. Nuptial phrase (2 words)  
50. (K) “Help, please,” to those in a sinking boat  
51. (K) Actually make an attempt

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

Riot with no end?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

P	A	S	S		A	R	M		E	B	B	S
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Previous riddle answer:  
Part of a key chain?  
43-A) ISLET

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9/12

Strong Chance of Showers by Jeffrey Wechsler

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Horoscopes for Next Week

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

The Full Moon on May 12 brings clarity to your relationships. With Mercury now in your sign, express your needs openly. Focus on letting go of old patterns and reaffirming your sense of self. Trust your instincts and lean into personal growth.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Mercury retrograde urges reflection and healing. The Full Moon reveals emotional undercurrents you've avoided. Clear away lingering doubts and connect with those who truly understand you. Make space for deeper connections to form.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Career matters gain momentum. The Full Moon highlights creative pursuits and personal goals. Maintain balance between your ambitions and your personal life. Focus on structure that supports your long-term vision.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Group dynamics bring both opportunities and tension. The Full Moon brings family or home issues to the surface. Express yourself clearly, and seek alignment between your public and private self.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Important conversations surface this week. The Full Moon urges honest dialogue and careful review of shared finances or emotional bonds. Build clarity through direct communication. Strengthen what matters most.

Libra (Sept 23 – Oct 22)

The Full Moon highlights issues around

intimacy and shared resources. Focus on balance in relationships. Speak your truth with care and release what no longer supports mutual growth.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

The Full Moon in your sign brings powerful insight and emotional clarity. Prioritize balance in partnerships. Make room for vulnerability without sacrificing personal needs.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Daily habits and wellness come into focus. The Full Moon encourages you to examine your routines and refine your priorities. Ground your passions in discipline.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Let creativity and joy guide you this week. The Full Moon stirs feelings around self-expression and personal fulfillment. Reconnect with what brings you pleasure and communicate clearly.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

Home and emotional roots are illuminated. Tensions may arise, but they can lead to deeper clarity. Rebuild foundations with care and protect your peace.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

This week asks you to speak honestly. The Full Moon highlights communication and learning. Let go of outdated thinking and embrace new ways to connect.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Strong emotions around money or self-worth may arise. The Full Moon encourages financial clarity and intentional action. Let your values guide your next steps.

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 oven in which naan is baked (7)  
2 joist (9)  
3 fourth-down plays, often (5)  
4 musical toy (5)  
5 fashion designer Westwood (8)  
6 bruiser (7)  
7 personal burdens (9)

SOLUTIONS

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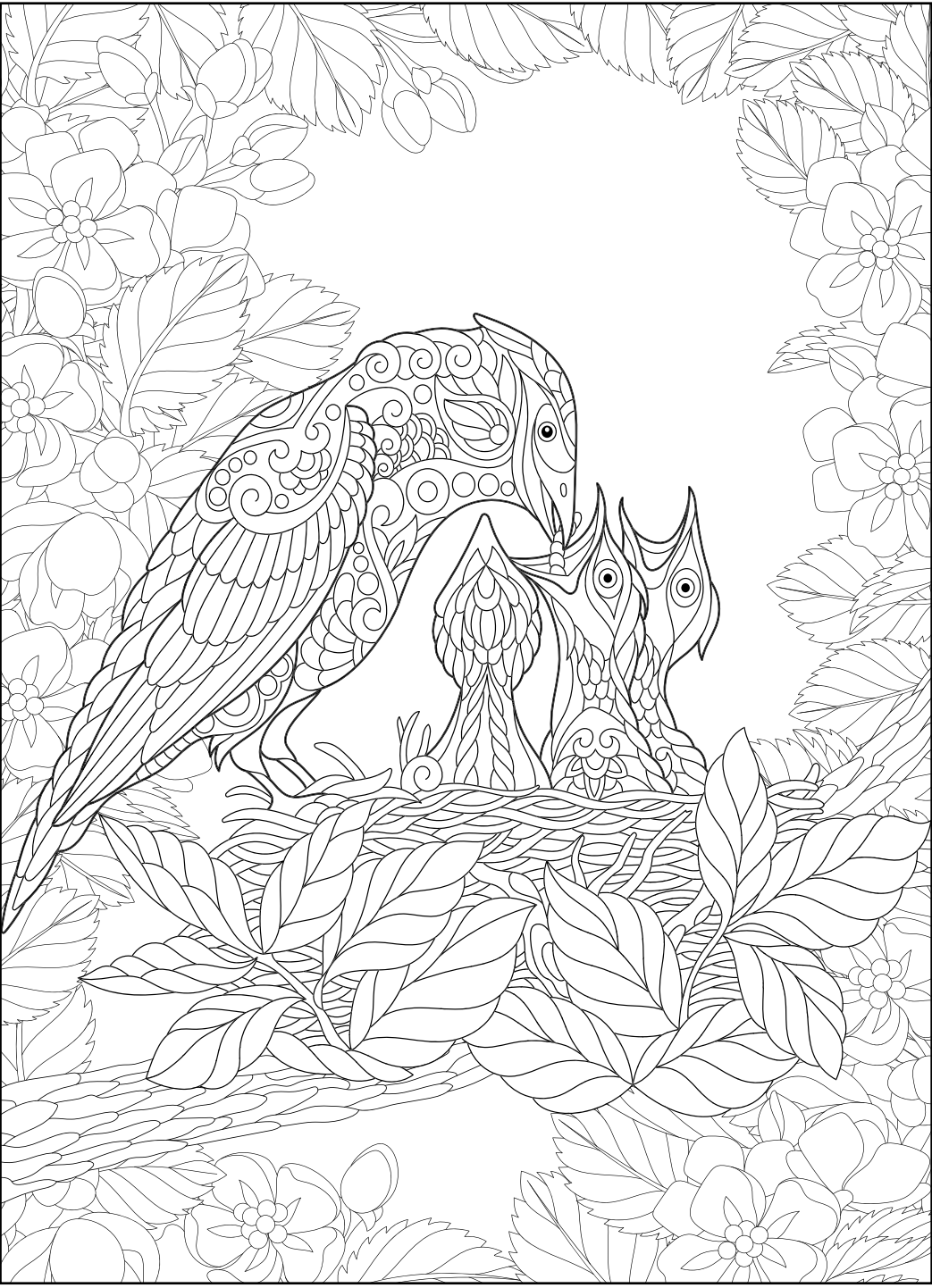
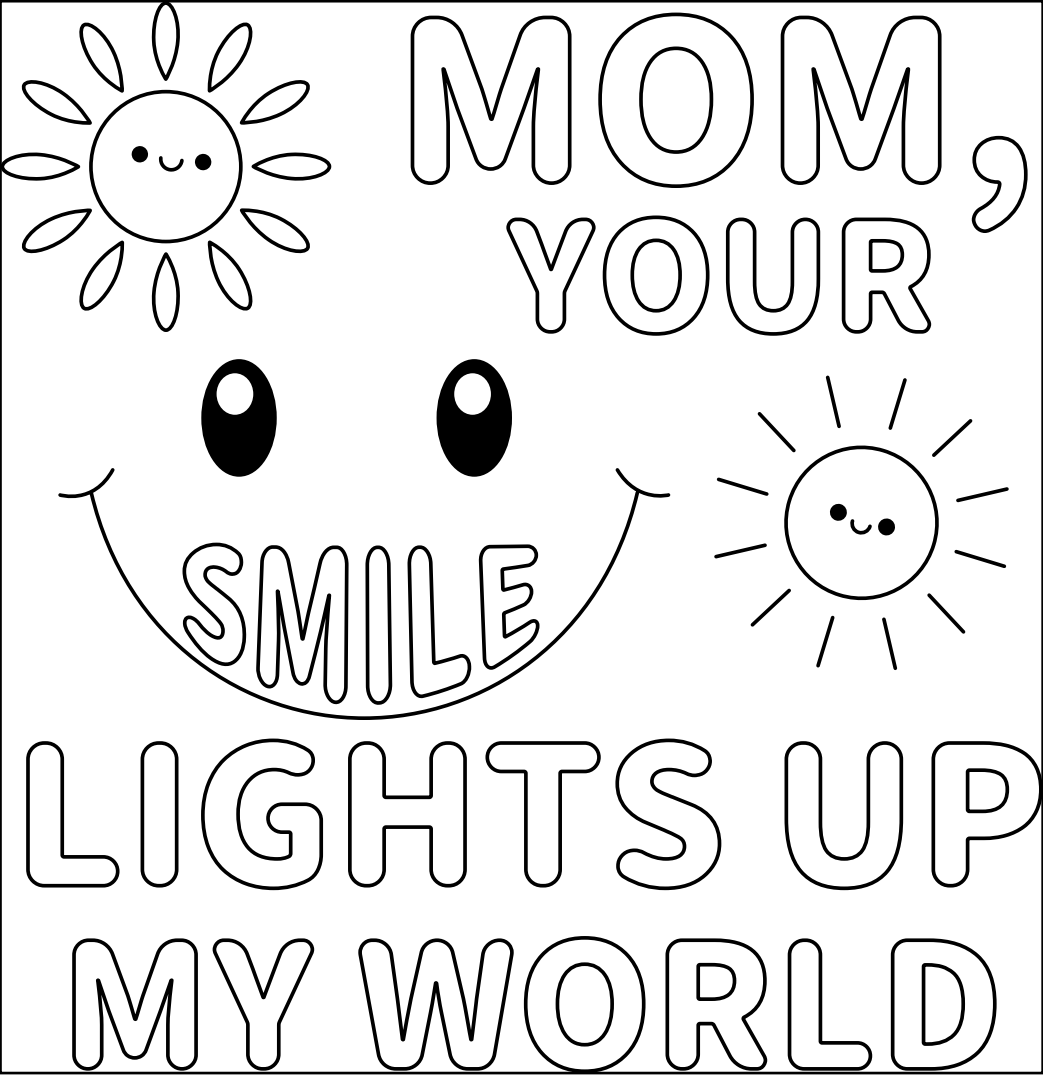
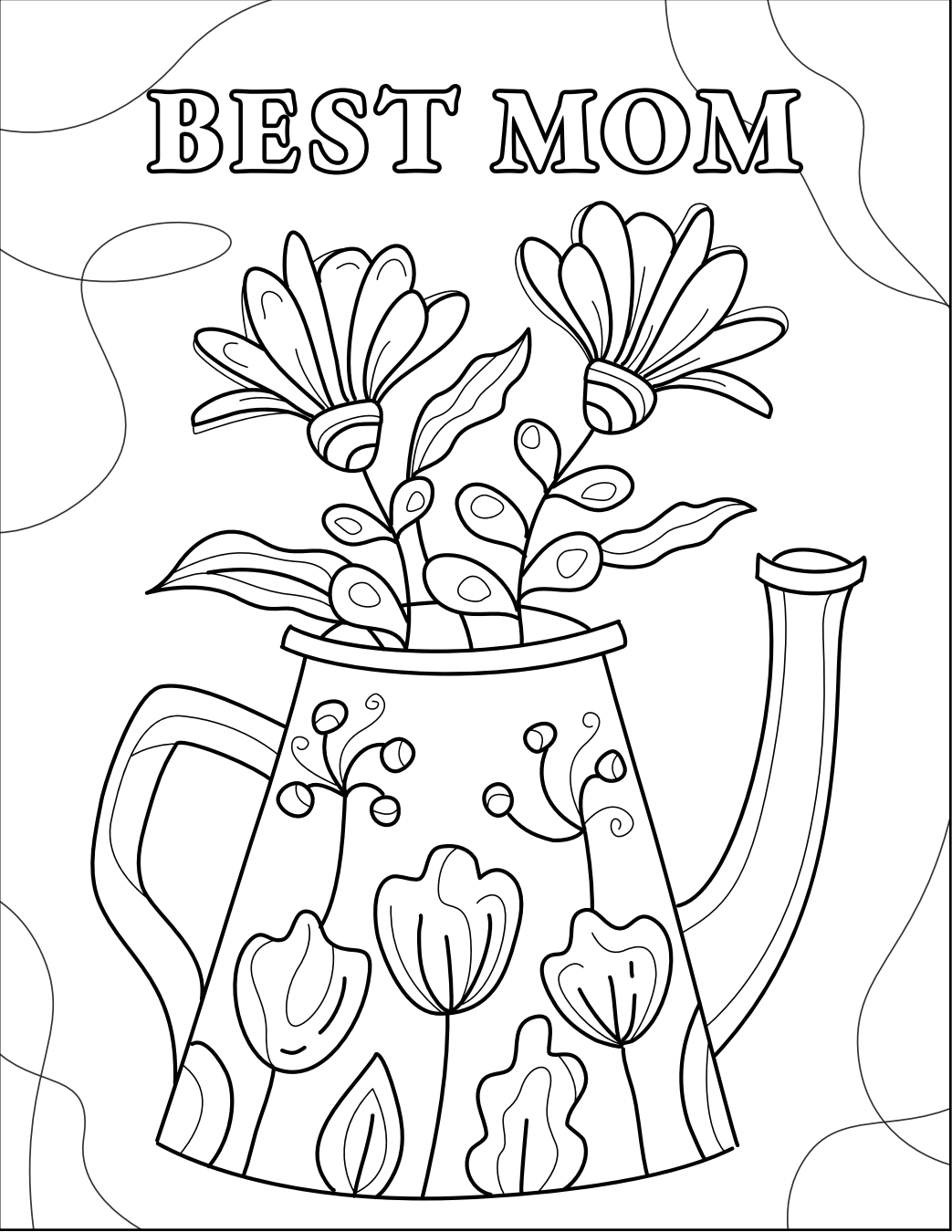
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4. ASTÉRIK 5. PERSNICKETY 6. KANGA 7. REPEATABLE 9/18


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

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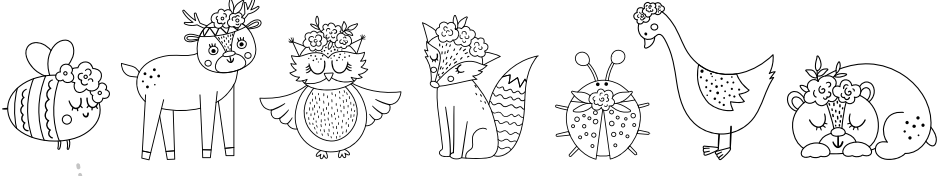
Color and Create a Mother's Day Card  
Pick Your Favorite, or Color Them All!





### WHOSE BABY?





## COLOR BY NUMBER

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2 - brown

3 - dark pink

4 - green

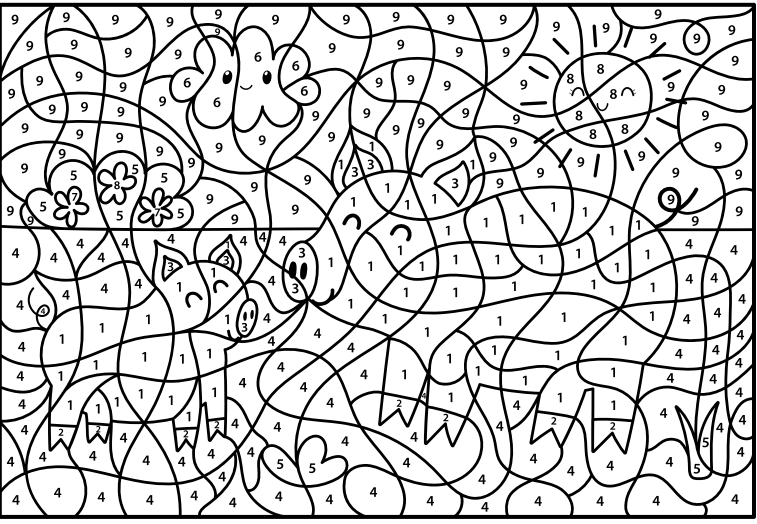
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6 - dark blue

7 - red


8 - yellow

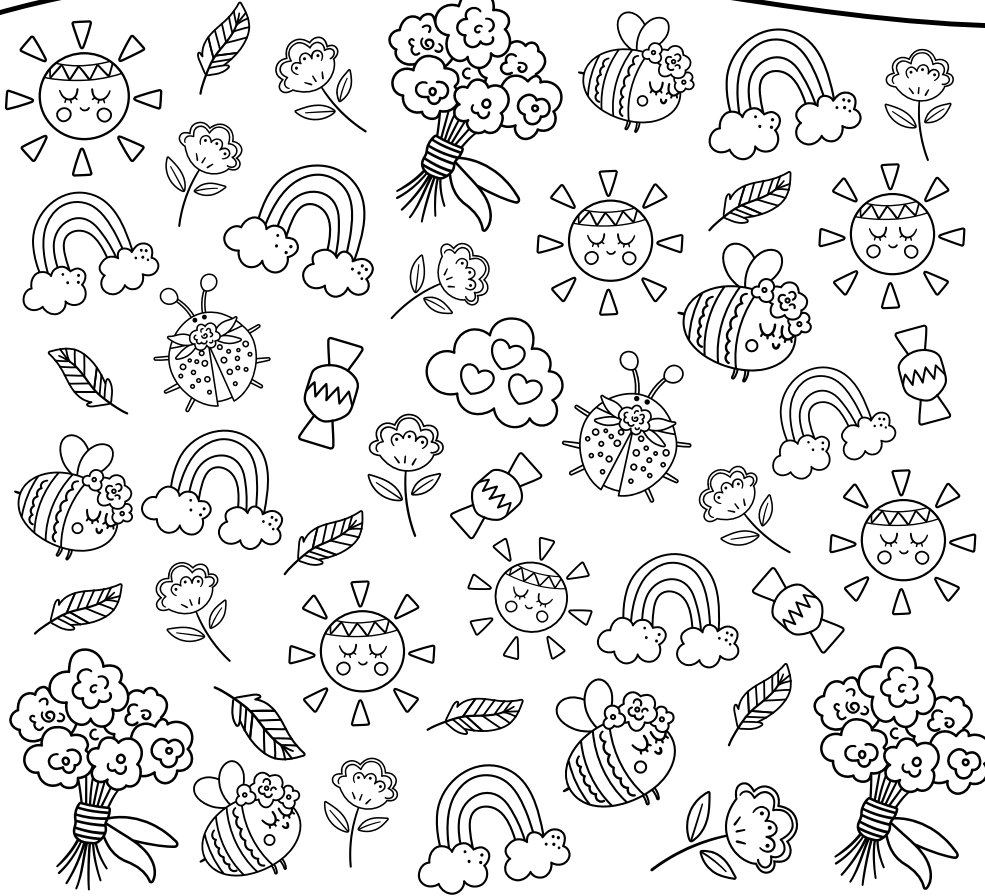
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




















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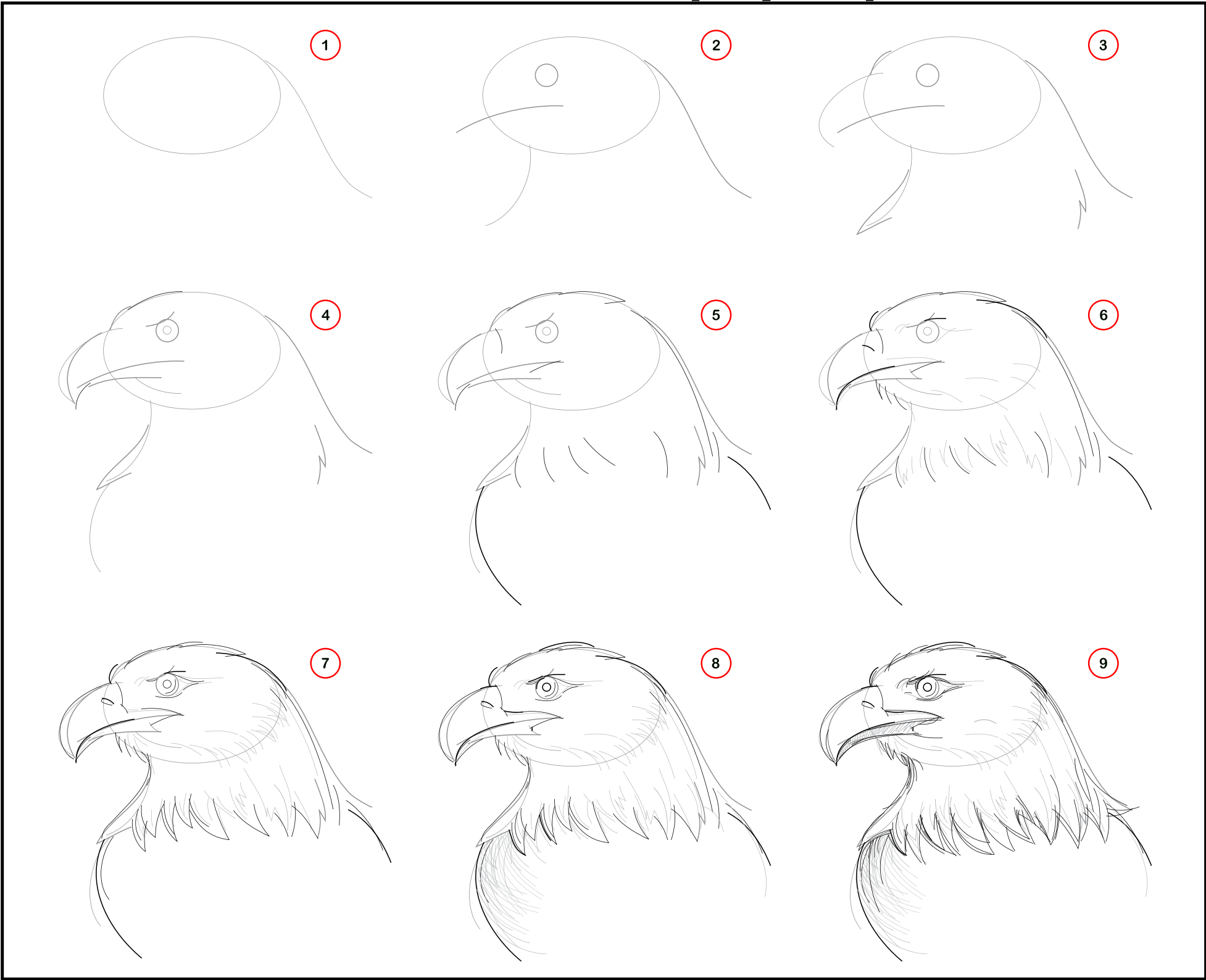




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How To Draw: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

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PUZZLES

Find hidden objects.



COOKIE



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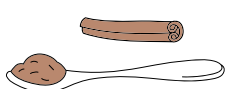
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HOW MANY FLOWERS?




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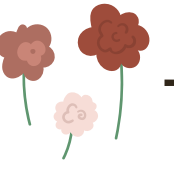
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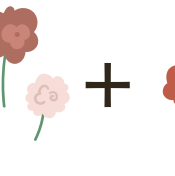
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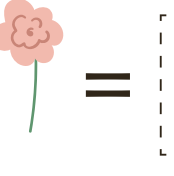





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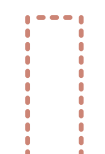
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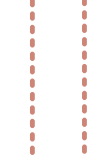


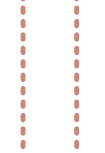



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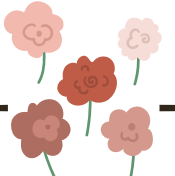
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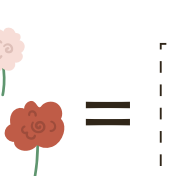





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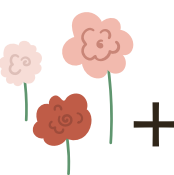
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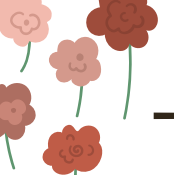
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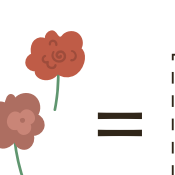





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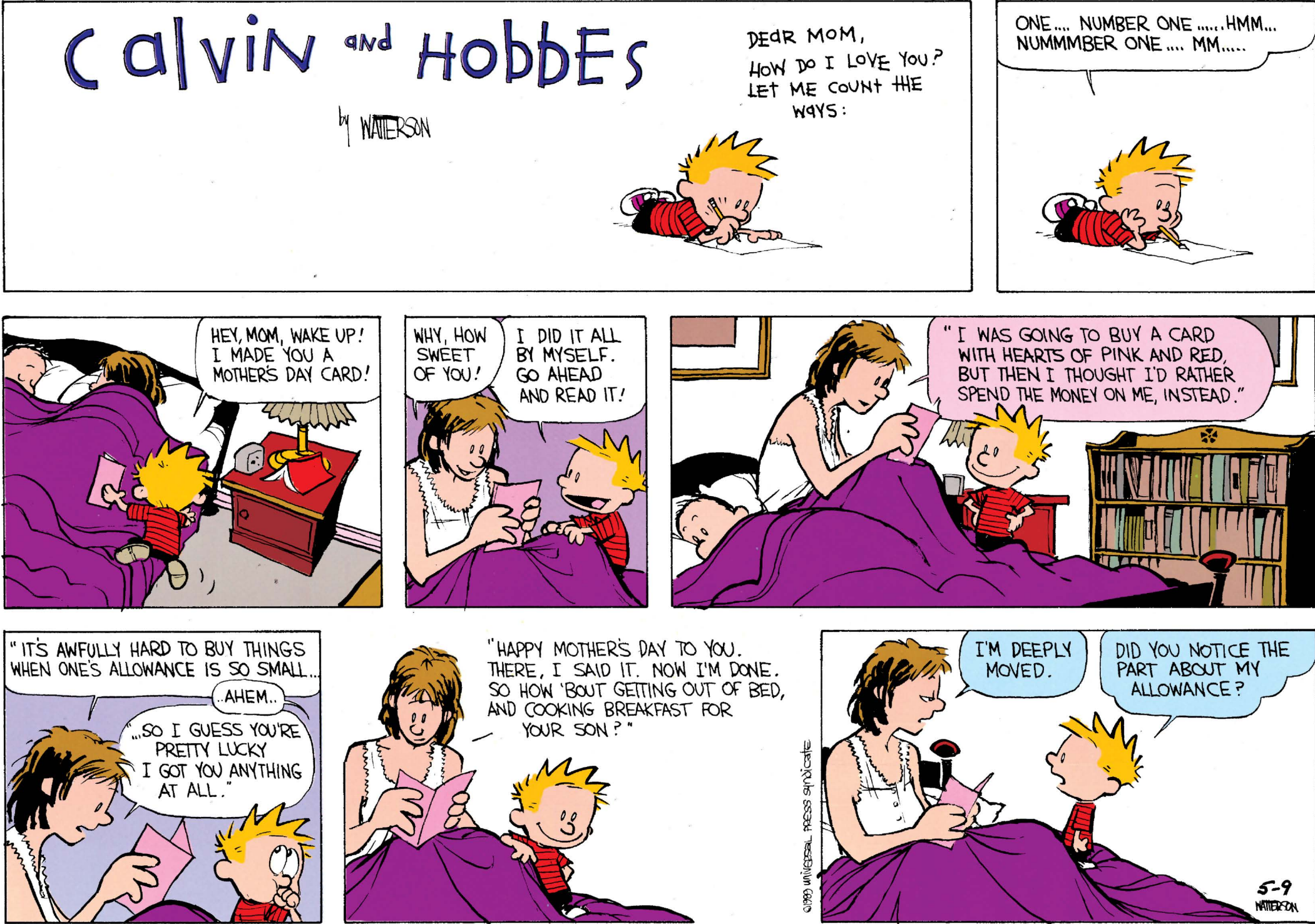
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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE GOLDEN EAGLE

# An Unopposed Apex Predator

“Is that an eagle, dad?” my son excitedly asked one Thanksgiving morning, in between passes of the football in our backyard.

“Maybe. Let’s take a closer look,” I responded, walking over to him so we could look together.

“Do you think it’s a Golden Eagle?” he asked.

“Well, eagle sightings are always really cool, but a Golden would be amazing,” I answered, thinking it was so cute that my 6-year-old thought he saw an especially rare raptor in the sky above.

We looked together at the large brownish raptor riding thermals hundreds of feet above. The sky was clear and blue giving us great contrast. When the young bird angled overhead the white patches on the underside of its wings and tail flashed in the bright sunlight, confirming its identity. My son had indeed spotted a rare Golden Eagle in the skies above Fairfield County!

The Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*, is a bird unlike any other. Despite its status as the world’s most widely distributed eagle, the great bird is only found sparsely throughout much of the Northern Hemisphere. With a maximum wingspan of 8’4” and a maximum weight of 17 pounds, the Golden possesses a commanding presence and is among the world’s largest eagles. Sporting overall chocolate brown plumage with a black-tipped yellow beak, bare yellow feet and a striking golden head and nape, the bird is unmistakable at close range.

Yet, even if we don’t glimpse this magnificent bird of prey, we can not escape its inspiration which spans the globe. Featured on royal crests and coats of arms, as well as currency for millennia, the Golden Eagle is both ubiquitous and seemingly eternal. Adorning flags of nations from Egypt



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to Moldova to Mexico, and serving as the national bird of Austria, Germany and Kazakhstan, the bird has been long been admired for its undeniable power and majesty.

With no predators at adulthood, the Golden

Eagle fulfills its role as an unopposed apex predator throughout its vast range. Utilizing its legendary “eagle-eye” vision, the Golden can spot a hare from a mile aloft and a mile away. But the eagle doesn’t limit its menu to just hares and rodents.

Combining nearly unmatched gripping strength in its formidable feet, the eagle can close its 2-inch-long recurved talons on its prey with an astounding 440 pounds per square inch of bone-crushing pressure (15 times the power of a human’s grip)! What’s

more, the Golden Eagle is one of the fastest flying birds on the planet, capable of diving speeds well in excess of 150 miles per hour. Such speed packs a deadly punch, imbuing the huge birds with the ability to take down larger prey including waterfowl, foxes, coyotes and—in rare cases—bear cubs, grown deer, antelope, mountain goats, and even wolves!

While the Golden Eagle is a bird known to people the world over for millennia, this almost mythic creature is still shrouded in mystery in the 21st century. Long regarded as bird of vast, remote mountain and desert wilderness, in North America, the bird was considered a rare visitor east of the Mississippi. Although scientists have known for decades that a small population of the raptors in habited Eastern North America, they didn’t know the life history or unique genetics of these phantom raptors. With advances in tracking technologies, a picture is emerging that offers to connect the dots

and usher in enhanced conservation initiatives for these magnificent birds. Known as Eastern Golden Eagles, these birds largely breed in eastern Canada and migrate south to overwinter in the forested Appalachians, from New York to Tennessee.

Collaboration on both sides of the border is bringing Canadian and American researchers and conservationists from federal, provincial, state, and private agencies together to unravel the eagle’s secrets and enact necessary conservation measures to safeguard the eastern population. With population estimates ranging between one dozen and one hundred birds as late as the mid 1990s, the curtain of mystery has been pulled back. Modern scientific data generated by The Eastern Golden Eagle Working Group has revealed a population of up to 5,000 birds spread throughout the northern barren regions of eastern Canada and the cloaking forests of the Appalachians. The combination of remoteness and dense cover habitat preference has enabled the birds to remain not just hidden—but virtually unknown—until the last few years. With discovery comes greater promise for these regal creatures.

While I have always listened to the wisdom of those with sharper eyes and fewer years than I, when I think back on that special moment my son and I shared gazing up at the Golden Eagle soaring southward in an azure sky, I am eternally thankful for those who question and for those who look up.

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