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**Cos Cob Patrol Handles Major Accident**



On Thursday, July 31, Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol 2 responded to a tractor-trailer accident on Interstate 95, where the truck had jackknifed and blocked all southbound lanes. Patrol 2 worked for four hours alongside other emergency units to manage traffic and assist with hazardous materials mitigation. They coordinated operations to ensure safety and maintain

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**Green Thoughts**  
BY ANNE W. SEMMES

“Which color is green?” spoke Robert Cook, director of Harvard’s Arnold Arboretum, responding to the many green tree colors seen in the Amazon Rainforest on a 1991 trip this reporter took to a research site outside of Manaus, Brazil.

# Fazio Launches for Governor, Rooted in Greenwich

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Ryan Fazio announced his campaign for governor in the same way he has approached his public service: grounding himself in Connecticut, and particularly in Greenwich, where he was born and raised.

The state senator, who represents Greenwich, Stamford, and New Canaan, told the *Sentinel*, “Connecticut’s the only place I’ve ever called home. I was born here, raised here, and now I got engaged here. And Amy and I will build a life here and hopefully we can make it a great place for everybody, for the next generation as well.”

That personal milestone came earlier this month when Fazio proposed to Amy Orser in Waveny Park in New Canaan, the site of their first date. “She said yes,” he recounted. “And now I’m very happy to announce that she’s my fiancée. We’re over the moon and really happy about the life we get to build together.”

Days later, Fazio announced his campaign for governor, a move that reflects not just his ambitions but his argument that Connecticut can no longer afford one-party rule in Hartford. “It’s my home. I think it’s a great place with great people, but I think it deserves a better class of leadership,” he said.

**A Record in the Senate**

Fazio, 34, has used his Senate seat to frame himself as a reformer willing to fight but also willing to deal. On energy, his signature issue, he co-authored Senate Bill 4 this year, which cut \$100 million annually from the public benefits charge on electric bills.

“Electric bills are too damn high in the state,” Fazio said. “They have been, and they will continue to be unless much more significant reform is passed, which is why I’m running for governor. That said, I was part of a negotiation and co-authored a bill that was passed into

law this year... the first modicum of relief to electric bills that we’ve seen in decades in the state.”

Governor Ned Lamont, a Democrat, credited Fazio for his work in the bipartisan deal. “I was appreciative of the governor’s kind words giving me credit for moving the negotiations and the bill forward and ultimately into law,” Fazio said. “My attitude’s always been we should find common ground where we agree.”

**Fiscal Guardrails at Risk**

For Fazio, the affordability crisis is about more than energy. He has warned repeatedly about the state’s “fiscal guardrails,” the 2017 budget reforms that capped spending and debt while steering excess revenues into long-term savings. According to the Connecticut Mirror, Democratic leaders in Hartford are already loosening those rules, arguing they restrict needed investment.

Fazio sees danger in that. “If the fiscal guardrails are breached,” he told the *Sentinel* earlier this year, “it will undo the one of the biggest bipartisan successes of the last decade in Hartford.”

Now, fiscal conservatives argue, those guardrails are failing because of legislation the Governor signed into law.

**Campaign and Coalition**

The campaign, Fazio knows, will be a lift. Connecticut’s public financing system requires gubernatorial candidates to raise \$350,000 from donations of \$250 or less to qualify for a multimillion-dollar campaign grant. “It’s enormously important for us to raise \$350,000 from small and medium dollar donations,” he said. “We need to finalize the job faster than any other candidate.”

He said the campaign had already raised \$20,000 in its first 48 hours, but the real test will be maintaining momentum into

*“Connecticut’s the only place I’ve ever called home, and Amy and I will build our life here together.”*

the September 30 fundraising deadline. “It’s difficult to get a thousand people to donate \$250 like this,” he admitted.

Still, Fazio points to his Greenwich roots as his greatest political resource. At the St. Roch’s Feast in Chickahominy just days after his announcement, he was met with what he described as “gratifying support from people I’ve known for decades.”

**The Political Stakes**

Strategically, Fazio’s bet is that the appetite for change in Connecticut is real, and that Democrats’ long-running dominance could be vulnerable if voters feel affordability slipping further away. Whether Governor Lamont runs again or not, Fazio framed his candidacy as inevitable. “Even though I think we’re going to win the nomination, we are starting from behind and must earn every vote, Fazio said. “Our campaign will be new and energetic and we will work harder than anyone else.”

For Greenwich, where Fazio’s political career began and where his family and fiancée now anchor his life, the campaign is both a homecoming and a launchpad. “It was the most special thing I’ve ever had the opportunity to announce,” he said of his engagement. His candidacy is now the next announcement: a Greenwich native seeking to lead the state.

Gov. Ned Lamont, who also hails from Greenwich, has not yet announced his plans.

# The Destination That Is Greenwich



By FRED CAMILLO

This Summer has shown why Greenwich continues to be a destination for visitors, new residents, and for new businesses. Just in the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure to attend the grand openings of many new stores, offices, restaurants, and studios. Each establishment is off to a great start with people filing through the doors and leaving as happy customers.

I have met with the owners, brokers who introduced them to our Town, and the terrific teams at each business, and the gratitude and optimism is very much a two way street.

A few examples of the newer faces of our business districts can be seen in such places as Barvida on Greenwich Avenue, a boutique-like venue offering organic food and drinks that are both high in nutrition and good taste. An enthusiastic team awaits you with service to match the offerings.

Another recent arrival is Slate Cafe in Cos Cob. This is another high quality health restaurant that is in the heart of Cos Cob and fits in to what Realtor Diane DiDonato Roth has labeled the “ Specialty Food District”. This new treasure comes on the heels of fairly recent additions of La Bistro, Greenwich Island Fin Poke, and others that I have yet to try, but have on the list of places to go.

Another must see and visit is Pause in Cos Cob, a wellness studio

offering all types of modern and science backed recovery services. I even tried a cryo-therapy session for two minutes and immediately felt the benefits after emerging from the cold. An eager team of employees await you, along with therapeutic offerings that your body will embrace.

In the near future, and in the on deck circle, is the eagerly anticipated DeCicco’s in Glenville, which will have four fairly recent

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new arrivals in the same shopping center as its neighbors.

While I certainly have not mentioned every new, and or fairly recent, business that has opened here, many of these are also thriving and are an integral part of the Greenwich business community. I do hope that all will continue, or consider, to contact me when celebrating a milestone, hosting a charity event, and or just wanting to reach out to showcase their business.

Greenwich continues to be a destination, and a very happy Town is grateful.

# Republicans Face Complicated Primary

By ANNE WHITE

For the first time in years, Greenwich Republicans will decide their nominees for the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) in a contested primary... and it’s complicated.

The election on Tuesday, September 9 will determine which six of twelve Republican candidates advance to the November ballot.

Early voting begins Tuesday, September 2 at Town Hall, and absentee ballots are already available from the Town Clerk.

The BET is among the most powerful boards in town government, responsible for Greenwich’s \$500-million budget.

The ballot is not simple. While six names appear with an asterisk to mark them as “endorsed” by the Republican Town Committee (RTC), those endorsements are split between two slates.

According to the official ballot, the candidates are:

Column A (endorsed RTC candidates): David Alfano; Nisha Arora; Sally Eddy Bednar; Harry Fisher; Lucia D. Jansen; Joe Pellegrino.

Column B (petition candidates): Joshua Brown; Alessandra Brus; Philip Dodson; John S. Hopley; Joe Kelly; Leslie Tarkington

The official RTC endorsements only tell part of the story. The actual slates are those described as aligned with the previous RTC leadership: David Alfano, Nisha Arora, Lucia Jansen, Alessandra Brus, Philip Dodson, and John Hopley.

And those described as aligned with the current RTC leadership: Sally Bednar, Joshua Brown, Harry Fisher, Joe Kelly, Joe Pellegrino, and Leslie Tarkington.

In a reported effort to unify the party, the RTC split its official endorsements between the two factions, endorsing three from each side. According to insiders, the group supporting Alfano, Arora, and Jansen were unhappy with this scenario and decided to force a primary.

In response, Bednar, Fisher, and Pellegrino prepared a slate that includes Kelly, Tarkington, and Brown and which has since been endorsed by First Selectman Fred Camillo and Selectwoman Lauren

*“Voters must sort through twelve names for six seats in a primary that reflects deep divisions inside Greenwich Republicans.”*

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For voters, that means the actual September 9 ballot does not appear as a clean “slate versus slate” contest. Instead, the outcome depends on which six candidates emerge with the most votes.

For those involved, there are full slates worth supporting.

“Ours is a slate that can get elected in November, which is the important thing,” one campaign organizer said of the RTC leadership’s preferred team: Bednar, Brown, Fisher, Kelly, Pellegrino, and Tarkington. “It’s a slate that has listened to what’s gone on in the last year and realized changes need to be made, we need more bipartisanship and town unity. And it’s a slate that has broad town and financial experience.”

Education is one of the issue that most concerns residents. New candidate for the BET, Joe Kelly was chosen unanimously by both parties when he chaired the Board of Education. And Joshua Brown has chaired the RTM’s Education and Finance Committees and currently chairs the RTM Labor Contracts Committee.

In a letter published in the *Greenwich Patch*, the other faction — Alfano, Arora, Jansen, Brus, Dodson, and Hopley — is framing their own slate as “outsiders” and “independent thinkers” against those who are too friendly with Democrats. But critics describe their approach as divisive.

“I think we can certainly find synergies and savings within the school board, but you’ve got to work with them. You just can’t say we’re cutting \$4 million. And you guys figure it out.”

Many in the party believe that the stakes are not just about who sits on the BET. They are about whether Greenwich Republicans emerge from September with a slate that emphasizes unity and bipartisanship — or whether the divisions that have marked the past two years deepen further.

# Greenwich Avenue Welcomes Barvida Juice Bar

By JULIA BARCELLO

Barvida Juice Bar was welcomed to Greenwich Avenue with a line of customers and a sunny day this past weekend. The juice bar was opened in 2019 with their first location in Darien. The couple behind the all-organic, vegan and cheeky spot are Brennan Branca and Tara Rose Schreiber. They share a passion for health and wellness.

Branca, a Darien resident and Schreiber, from Manhattan, both said Greenwich Avenue was their dream. Branca excitedly expressed his adoration for the town; “I always thought it was a cool place to be. Just get coffee, hang out, chill, shop. So this was always a dream.”

Schreiber shares this love saying, “Oh my God, we love Greenwich. We were so excited about Greenwich. We were looking for a while and this opportunity presented itself.”

Both express gratitude for being able to engage with the community. Branca says that has been the best part: “Getting connected to the communities is really cool... Greenwich has been unbelievable. So I think just meeting everybody in the different communities.”

The founding of Barvida was more than just creating a place for people to eat. Branca explained it was about the experience and encouraging healthy eating.

“We threw everything into this concept and just wanted to create a really healthy, uncompromising place, where you can get good quality food that tastes great with a good vibe, good music, good people.”

Branca, originally from San Diego, explained he wanted to bring that modern verve to Fairfield County, “I was a little frustrated by how much more progressive they were out on the West Coast with these kinds of concepts, juice, smoothies, acai bowls, and how we couldn’t find that concept out here.”

The couple says they felt there was a gap in the health and wellness food market. Schreiber outlined that they felt the issue was the lack of good and healthy food.

“Either the food was genuinely healthy, but it didn’t taste good and it didn’t inspire people to come back and actually eat healthy, or we felt like it was really cool and it was under the umbrella of being healthy. But then when you actually looked into it, it wasn’t healthy at all... It was also kind of hurting the health and wellness industry because people were now believing that this was healthy and comparing everything to this thing.”

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Barvida Grand Opening Line

Barvida has been successful with now three locations, 8,557 followers on Instagram and loyal customers.

Branca’s grandmother, Melanie Branca, was thrilled to be at the opening, saying she is proud of the couple. “I am so proud of him [Brennan] and Tara, they have worked so hard.” She praised their level of care, “[Their] attention to every single detail, and that includes everything they do, everything they produce, anytime they hand something to a customer, it’s with that same care and attention to detail.”

Hadley Cooney, a Fairfield resident, made her way to the grand opening at 9:15 a.m. to get first-dibs on a crafted tote bag and free smoothie.

Cooney said she knows she can rely on Barvida for a clean treat. “It’s delicious. I like the ingredients that they use. It has a good aesthetic... I like to eat healthy and clean, and so it’s good to just come here and know that everything’s going to be healthy and clean, perfect.”

The couple expressed their thanks to their supporters and are proud of what they accomplished.

“The first time somebody told us we were at their favorite spot, we didn’t know what to do with ourselves... So it’s really, it’s kind of amazing to have created something that other people love,” said Schreiber.





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COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

## Celebrating the Community of Banksville, Its Bank and Retiring Manager



By ANNE W. SEMMES

There is a deeply rooted community in backcountry Greenwich called Banksville, properly named it seems, as it has a history a-building around its bank, encircled by notable retailers. So, a spotlight did shine on that Chase Bank located in the Banksville shopping center on a Wednesday evening of July 30, at the celebration of the retiring, long-serving general manager Jean Mahood, with some 80 gatherers behind the Bank in front of the Happiness Is Back Country Market and Cafe.

Introducing Mahood before the gathering was Easy Kelsey, of Kelsey Farm. “Step up Jean, after 24 years here... How many of us appreciate having a real live person who knows your name and cares about you...This is unique in this country, in Banksville. This gal made my business stay afloat because I make so many mistakes and she corrects them like crazy.” “I just want to tell everybody,” Mahood said, “how much I appreciate this and how much I appreciate all of you, all of these years making me want to stay here. And it's very bittersweet for me to make this decision...I'm going to miss everyone. You guys really warm my heart.”

Mahood is actually retiring after 52 years, beginning with Putnam Trust in Greenwich in 1973 that became Bank of New York in 1996, with her coming to its Banksville branch in 2001 where Chase Bank took it over in 2006. And it was in 2020 that the community drama began when Chase determined - with six other branches across Greenwich - to close the Banksville branch.

### The fight to keep open the Banksville Chase Bank branch

Mahood was getting those calls from her Manhattan executive office telling of upset customers calling, “Do you know Mrs. Smith? She's telling us it's going to be 45 minutes before she can get to Greenwich and back home again.” And Mahood would respond, “Yeah, because we're in the backcountry and you get behind a landscaping truck or a bus, they stop at every house.” But “You're only 11 miles from downtown Greenwich?” “And I said, ‘Yeah, but the buses stop at every house up here.’”

“They actually thought I put the [Closing Down!] posters in the bank,” shared Mahood, “And I said, ‘No, that wasn't me... I didn't want to lose my job. So, I was surprised and overwhelmed because I couldn't believe that the customers all stepped up... And it was amazing that they listened to the clients and kept the branch open.”

Easy Kelsey, in between caring for her horses, would step up with a handwritten letter to the CEO of JP Morgan Chase, Jamie Dimon, beginning, “Your Chase Bank in Banksville in Greenwich is a winning example of your awareness and caring for local folks and businesses... Neighbors like me depend on and appreciate your bank



Previous and present employees of Chase Bank's Banksville branch attending the celebration at the Banksville community center. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

and particularly its staff. They really go all out to help us...Truly I hope you'll reconsider your plan to close Chase Banksville.”

Kelsey was remembering as she wrote, “sitting down in Jean's office multiple times discussing everything from family matters to financial matters. There's no one else I would do that with in any other bank.” She was “horrified” learning of its closing. “I was going there a couple of times a week, and I discovered a lot of the merchants would go there with a day's receipt...And I thought it was another chink in our becoming mechanized and technology was taking over the human element in banking and in everything.”

### Easy Kelsey steps up with posters and a petition

Kelsey would create those posters and a petition. “I went to everybody I could think of to sign the petition, and everyone signed it.” As did Kelsey's friend and neighbor, Susan Fisher, also a Mahood fan. “Jean's been really instrumental in advising me about finances and my children.” Fisher shared an especially critical moment needing banking help.

“After 9/11 [with husband Ben Fisher's loss] my brother said, since you don't know if your company's been completely destroyed...if you'll ever get another paycheck and you'll need some funds, so he and I went to the bank and we opened a \$25,000 loan, which in fact I never used, but at least it was there.” Fisher too would address a letter to CEO Dimon, pointing out “he had no idea of the amount of money that was right around in this neighborhood and the big properties and the wealthy people who did their banking there.”

Two months later in November the good news came - the branch would remain open Mahood learned. She looked back on her years. “The best part of your job is the relationships that you form with your customers. I've seen their children be born and grow up and get married...It's just a very rewarding job because you're helping people, and now having these people come in and thank me, and there's been tears - that's why I say it's so bittersweet.”

It was in that winning month

of November 2020 that a similar celebratory party was held behind the to-remain Bank (as reported in the Greenwich Sentinel) but this July 30 celebration honored Chase Bank general manager Jean Mahood.

### The community celebrates Jean Mahood


There were those groaning boards of plenty to eat beneath a tent, all supplied by Happiness Is, with cocktails provided by The Study and Banksville Wine and Liquors, and lots of neighbors and bankers welcoming each other. Thanks were given to Kelsey and Fisher who had pulled this celebration together. During the introductions Fisher presented to Mahood a set of hand painted bird plates by watercolor painter Beverly Orthwein, a resident of Banksville.

Testimonies fell freely between grateful bank customers. “I motivated my wife who works for JP Morgan,” said Richard Ferguson of Banksville, “to have a little discussion with Jamie Dimond to talk about it. And I made a few phone calls. Sometimes if you keep it down at the lower level, they don't understand...”

Katty Parker spoke of having lived in the Banksville area for 40-plus years. Having had an account at the bank over those years she noted her account number was in fewer digits than the present-day accounts. From the get-go she recalled, “I just right away felt so at home here, and since I'm a dinosaur, I like to do things in person. I like face to face. And that's why when we heard the branch was closing, we fought for it.”

Harvey Kaminski, a retired attorney and financier and also a long time Banksville resident, shared having first joined the Chase Bank “around COVID time.” He'd found its “warmth and the cooperation extraordinary. “I've dealt with a lot of banks over my years,” he told, “but this bank is not only friendly, it's professional, very easy to do business. So, you know what? I am very proud to live in this community... Jeanie's trained everybody in her image to be as nice, as warm and sympathetic as she is, so I just hope everything continues as it was under her remarkable leadership.”

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## State Defends Safety of Diquat, Banned in the EU, for Use in Our Waterways

By JULIA BARCELLO

Diquat dibromide, a European herbicide, is used to kill invasive water species across the country. The Connecticut government claims to have found hydrilla in waters across the state.

Hydrilla is an underwater invasive plant which blocks sunlight from native plants. This ultimately reduces oxygen levels altering habitats for fish and other wildlife. The plant also degrades water quality. In order to terminate hydrilla, many states utilize diaquat. The invasive plant was first identified in the state in 2016 in the Connecticut River.

In an ongoing project by the Army Corps of Engineers, diquat is being used to stop the spread of hydrilla.

Connecticut State Representative Hector Arzeno says that the Army Corps of Engineers believes diquat is safe so residents shouldn't worry.

“If it is used properly, I mean, it is not harmful... This is not something that has been taken lightly by DEEP. And the Army Corps of Engineers, again [is] involved in this... They are the Army Corp of Engineers. I mean, I fully trust them,” said Arzeno.

In a study by the EPA, it claims that diquat poisoning has “severe toxic effects on the central nervous system.” The EPA says that although the chemical is not directly neurotoxic, “There have been relatively consistent pathologic brain changes noted in reported fatal cases of diquat poisoning.” It is not clear whether these changes are caused from direct toxicity or secondary effects related to the systemic illness.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (The Wisconsin DNR) the fast-acting chemical is non-selective, therefore, it will kill anything it touches. “It does not move throughout the plants, so it will only kill parts of the plants that it contacts. Following treatment, plants will die within a week.”

The Wisconsin DNR says the risk to

humans is low. It poses small risks of allergic reactions or skin irritation however serious health impacts like birth defects and cancer are not a significant concern according to the EPA.

The strong chemical has sparked controversy across the country on social media because of the concerns.

Some residents say government officials are planning to poison rivers. Residents have taken to social media to express their concerns- especially given that the chemical is banned in the European Union.

Residents of the state have been posting across social media platforms asking others to stand up for their communities. Chris Webby, a Connecticut artist, posted this on X just last month saying, “This isn't about politics. It's about water. And if that isn't a fight worth fighting then I don't know what is.”

Others are frustrated with the state claiming they “lied”. On X, WallStreetApes posted, “EXPOSED: The state of Connecticut LIED about postponing spraying of the toxic chemical Diquat into our waterways until 2026.”

A Texas resident expressed his concerns via this TikTok post, saying the chemical is harming trees and surrounding wildlife. He described that the chemical is being sprayed too high above water and is causing surrounding wildlife like trees to die.

“What they're spraying in our water is a known toxin and just pay attention [to] what's going on. Do your research,” said ‘Captain Danny’ in the video.

Danny contacted Texas Parks and Wildlife and expressed his concerns along with a description of what he saw. He says they were responsive and are working on improving the application of the chemical.

Government officials like Hector Arzeno are working to re-assure residents of their worries in regards to the use of the chemical. Residents with concerns are encouraged to talk to their representatives.





# Greenwich Resident’s Backyard Bear Visit Sparks Safety Warnings and Precautions

By ELIZABETH BARIHYDT

The bear didn't knock. He didn't wait for an invitation. On a quiet Sunday afternoon in Greenwich, he strolled up the driveway of Leora Levy's home, turned a bird feeder into what she later called "modern sculpture," and stayed for three hours.

"It was just after two o'clock," Levy recalled. "I was headed to meet my husband at our boat, the dogs already in the car with the engine running and the air conditioning blasting. I came out of the garage, closed the door, and there he was—right by the driver's side of my car."

One dog barked frantically from inside. Levy screamed, jumped into the passenger seat, and clambered over to the driver's side. "The bear looked at me like I was crazy," she said, "and walked up the back steps toward the kitchen door."

What followed was less nature documentary and more neighborhood spectacle. Her son, David, returning home, found the bear still there. "He turned our bird feeder into modern sculpture, and he knocked over the metal trash can where I kept the bird seed," Levy said. "I had two bricks on top to keep raccoons out. That did not stop the bear."

By the time Levy returned around 5 p.m., the visitor had finally departed. But the aftermath lingered: scattered birdseed, crushed trash can, and a heightened sense of awareness in the neighborhood.

The bear wasn't done with the area. It was later spotted on Pecksland Road, Wildflower Trail, and Zaccheus Mead Lane, part of a growing trend of bear sightings in Greenwich and throughout

Fairfield County.

First Selectman Fred Camillo followed up with Levy several times during and after the incident to be sure she and her family were alright.

Police Chief James Heavey confirmed that officers were ready to respond if the bear posed an immediate threat and emphasized that residents should treat all bear encounters with caution. "If you see a bear, don't approach it," Heavey said. "Call us if there's an immediate danger or the bear is being aggressive, but call DEEP if there is no immediate threat."

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) notes that black bears are becoming more common in suburban areas. They are opportunistic feeders, drawn to bird seed, garbage, compost, pet food, and fruit trees. Residents can take practical steps to reduce the chance of attracting them:

- Secure garbage in airtight or bear-resistant containers, ideally kept inside a garage or shed until pickup day.**
- Take down bird feeders from late March through November and clean up spilled seed.**
- Do not leave pet food outside. Feed pets indoors and bring in leftovers immediately.**
- Keep grills clean and stored inside when not in use.**
- Supervise pets at all times when outdoors.**
- Avoid composting meat or sweet foods such as fruit peels.**
- Make noise if surprised by a bear. Clap, shout, or bang objects to encourage it to leave.**

*“He turned our bird feeder into modern sculpture and ate all the seed—it was both surreal and unsettling.”*

Sightings should be reported to the Greenwich Police Department's non-emergency line at (203) 622-8004 or to the DEEP Wildlife Division at (860) 424-3011. Residents may also submit bear sightings online through DEEP's reporting portal, providing details such as ear tags or behavior.

**In the rare case of aggressive behavior, DEEP's Environmental Conservation Police should be contacted through their 24-hour emergency line at (860) 424-3333, or by calling 911 if the threat is immediate.**

For Levy, the experience was unforgettable but not catastrophic. "He wasn't aggressive," she said. "He wanted the bird seed." Still, she has adapted. "I have rags soaked in vinegar around the bird feeder—they don't like the smell. And I use a frying pan lid and a metal spoon to make noise when I go outside."

It's a new rhythm of suburban living in Greenwich, where neighbors now share lawns not just with squirrels and chipmunks but with black bears, too.

# GHS Student Fundraiser to Cure Cancer

By JOCELYN O'NEILL

In February of 2013 I was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, a currently incurable type of blood cancer. Thanks to his doctors and treatments available he is still with us today, for which I will be forever grateful. Now, I'm a rising Junior at Greenwich High School and my dad continues to receive treatment at New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Treatment Center in New York City. Every month, he travels there for chemotherapy and other treatments that have kept his cancer undetectable for forty months with a thirty day reprieve. I'm truly so incredibly happy and thankful that he is still here today and is able to go out and do fun things with my mom, younger brother, and I. We are hopeful that with new treatments becoming available he will be able to continue to live an even longer life.

In 2024, when my dad was introduced to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF), he was able to connect with others fighting against Multiple Myeloma and share his personal experience while listening to those of people in similar situations to him.

Therefore, my goal is to help as much as possible to sponsor the discovery of new treatments through my fundraising efforts, so that families like ours can enjoy more time together. This year, I have been working to raise money for the MMRF by participating in and fundraising for their yearly walk/run in New York City. For the past two years, my family and I have participated in their walk and worked to raise money for the organization. Last year, due to the generosity and support of our friends, family, and community, our team (The Undetectables) was able to raise a total of \$18,592 for the walk.

This year, with permission from Mel Stottlemyre's family, we will be proudly walking in memory of him and have raised our total team goal to \$130,126. Mel Stottlemyre Senior, for those of you who don't know him, is a baseball legend who bravely battled Multiple Myeloma. Most notably, as a pitching coach, Mel Stottlemyre earned four world series titles with the New York Yankees and one with the New York Mets.

Working with my dad, I have created texts, emails, Facebook & LinkedIn posts and contacted as many people



My dad wearing his Stottlemyre NY Yankee Jersey

as possible to gain support and donations for the walk. My personal fundraising goal for the MMRF walk/run is to raise \$25,112 with the support of my family, friends, St. Paul's Church, Greenwich High School, Greenwich Businesses and the overall Greenwich Community. Anyone can help by donating to my fundraising page or even participating in the MMRF walk/run on October 11th at 8:30am at Hudson Park, Pier 76, New York, New York. There is no deadline for donations. If you would like to donate to the MMRF,



My younger brother, dad, mom, and I at the 2024 MMRF walk/run

my page is linked below or you can mail a check to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at 383 Main Ave, 7th floor, Norwalk CT 06851 and reference The

Undetectables Team in the memo section of the check. Also, feel free to call the MMRF at (203) 229-0464 if you have any questions or concerns. All donations are appreciated.

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My name is Jocelyn O'Neill and I am a rising Junior at GHS. I live with my mom, dad, and younger brother in Riverside CT.

# Eliot Spizzirri Heads to the U.S. Open

By LIZ LEAMY

Eliot Spizzirri, the rising U.S. and world tennis star who grew up in Greenwich and who catapulted from a 300-place ranking in the ATP standings to 114th by this past June in remarkable fashion seems as primed as ever to make a mark in the men's singles main draw at the 2025 U.S. Open at the famed U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Queens, New York starting next week.

Spizzirri, 23, who grew up playing tennis at the Round Hill Club in Greenwich and is currently ranked 128th in the ATP standings, is slated to commence his pursuit in this much-anticipated event early next week with its illustrious roster featuring such globally renowned stars as Carlos Alcaraz of Spain (who has a 2nd-place ATP ranking), Taylor Fritz of the U.S. (who has a fourth-place ATP ranking), Novak Djokovic (who has a seventh-place ATP ranking), among numerous others.

In its standard fashion, this year's U.S. Open men's main draw lineup will feature the top 100 ranked ATP players, along with Spizzirri and several other additional wild card contenders.

Several weeks ago, Spizzirri learned he had received a wild card due to the fact that Matteo Berrettini of Italy (who has a 52 ATP standing) had withdrawn from the event.

Due to Berrettini's withdrawal, Brandon Holt of the U.S. (who is currently ranked 111th in the ATP standings), who had originally received a U.S. Open wild card, took his place, a shift that resulted in Spizzirri with a wild card entry in the main draw.

For Spizzirri, it's incredible to have an opportunity to play in this storied event, especially with it being one that he's always loved watching and being part of, as well as the fact that it is in such close proximity to his home in Greenwich.

"Being out there playing and getting into a flow state is where I totally feel alive," said Spizzirri. "Feeling in the zone is a everything and when it happens, it's a place like no other."

Certainly, Spizzirri's accomplishments since joining the ATP Challenger tour last fall upon graduating from the University of Texas in May 2024 speaks volumes about his ability

and tennis skill level.

Since embarking on the ATP Challenger tour, Spizzirri has advanced to final, semi-final and quarter final levels at numerous events, having emerged as the victor of the 2025 Better Buzz San Diego Open ATP Challenger 100 Tournament this past March, among other notable things.

"Competition, for me, is the most exciting part of playing and the whole experience is just a lot of fun," said Spizzirri. "The game teaches you a lot and there's always something to learn."

Last Monday afternoon, Spizzirri, in his signature fashion, drew scores of fans and spectators who watched him play at the official U.S. Open practice held at the Louis Armstrong Stadium on the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center grounds where he captured and maintaining their attention with his powerful, beautifully placed serves, stealth, mercurial backhand and forehand shots and dynamic style.

Spizzirri, who is the 2023 and 2024 Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Player of the Year and 2019 U.S. Open Junior Doubles champion with Tyler Zink of the U.S., looked to be as strong, solid and electric as ever throughout his practice in which he was guided by Patrick Hirscht, his longtime coach who is Director of the Solaris Racquet Club (in tandem with John DiFilippo) in Stamford and with whom he first began training at the Round Hill Club at age six.

At the conclusion of his practice, Spizzirri went to the sidelines where he graciously chatted with and signed autographs for fans, which was heartwarming to see.

From there, Spizzirri did a live interview with the U.S. Open media representatives that was broadcast on the massive stadium screens at the Louis Armstrong Stadium to mark another memorable moment in his exciting career.

Last year, Spizzirri clinched a spot in the men's main draw at the 2024 U.S. Open upon having won three consecutive Qualifying Round matches leading him up to that point, representing another benchmark moment in his tennis journey.

All the while, Spizzirri holds the U.S. Open and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in special regard as he has had many significant and inspirational experiences there

through the years.

As a youngster, Spizzirri regularly attended the U.S. Open with his family, having spent long stretches of time there watching the sport's premier players practice and compete.

In addition, he spent a substantial amount of time while growing up training at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, with those experiences having it signify an environment where his spirit has been and continues to be ignited and nurtured on many levels.

Ever since he first began competing at the U.S. Open in the junior division in the late 2010s, Spizzirri has also experienced many memorable moments in terms of interacting with other players and colleagues both on and off the courts there, many of whom have gone on to become good friends.

In terms of being part of this year's U.S. Open men's singles main draw for the second year running, Spizzirri appears as



Eliot Spizzirri signs giant tennis balls and other gear for fans after finishing up practice at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center/Louis Armstrong Stadium last Monday. Spizzirri, is slated to compete in the men's singles main draw that will kick off next week. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

amped as ever for multitude of reasons, that is for certain.

"I hope that all my friends and family will come out," said Spizzirri, whose twin brother, Nick, a top-ranked NCAA squash player at the University of Pennsylvania, Alex, his younger sister who attends the University of Virginia, and parents, Amory

Armstrong Kenny and Peter Spizzirri, will all be on hand at the event to cheer him on in tandem with a group of some of his close friends. "I have a lot of supporters who I know are dear to my heart and home and it's always fun playing here."

More than anything, Spizzirri seems to be inspiring a growing

multitude of people in town and beyond with his tennis journey, an endeavor that shows so much of who he is and what he represents, with this faction cheering him on for, perhaps most of all, having the heart and courage to pursue something he enjoys and believes in, which is the ultimate victory.

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## Our Pages This Week

There's something special about the end of summer, a sense of renewal mixed with nostalgia, as we all return to our routines with the stories of our summer adventures fresh in our minds. Here at the *Greenwich Sentinel*, we're feeling that same blend of excitement and reflection as we come back from our annual hiatus. There's an eagerness, a collective readiness to dive back into the rhythms of reporting, connecting, and celebrating this community we're proud to call home.

However, our return was marked by a somber reality that we face each year at this time. As we began assembling the first edition following our break, we found ourselves with four pages of obituaries. It's said that "to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die," a reminder by poet Thomas Campbell of the enduring impact of lives well-lived. This sentiment is something we've always believed in at the *Sentinel*—that every life in Greenwich, no matter how long or short, leaves a legacy worth honoring.

Given the number of obituaries, we face a difficult decision with our first issue back. We choose to prioritize these tributes in our printed edition, knowing that it means sacrificing space for other important news and features. It's a choice we make out of respect for the families and friends of those who have passed, understanding that our role

*Thank you for welcoming us back into your homes, and for your continued trust in the Greenwich Sentinel. Here's to the season ahead—may it be one of growth, kindness, and community.*

in this community is not just to inform but also to remember.

We're limited to 20 pages in the main section of the paper, a constraint that challenges us each week to curate the most relevant and engaging content. This week, that challenge was particularly acute. With the obituaries taking up a significant portion of our space, we simply couldn't include everything we had planned. To those who were looking for stories that didn't make it into this week's print edition, we want you to know that we haven't forgotten about them. We will be adding additional pages to the digital edition this week and to next week's print edition to ensure that those stories and features reach you as soon as possible.

We're deeply grateful for your patience and understanding. We know that many of you look forward to receiving the *Sentinel* each week, and we don't take that loyalty lightly. It's a relationship built on trust, and we're committed to upholding that trust by delivering the most comprehensive and thoughtful coverage we can, even when faced with challenges.

As we move ahead, there's much to look forward to in the coming months. We will continue publishing profiles on the candidates running for local office. With the election season upon us, it's more important than ever for our readers to be informed about the individuals who will shape the future of Greenwich. These profiles will provide insights into the candidates' platforms, their backgrounds, and their visions for our town. We hope to ensure you have all the information you need to make informed decisions when you head to the polls.

Returning from our hiatus, we're reminded of the words of the great journalist and historian Henry Grunwald, who said, "Journalism can never be silent: that is its greatest virtue and its greatest fault." We return with a renewed sense of purpose, ready to speak to the triumphs, challenges, and stories that define Greenwich.

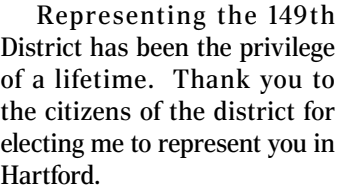
We hope you had a wonderful summer, filled with moments that will carry you through the colder months ahead. We're thrilled to be back, ready to bring you the news, stories, and reflections that connect us all. Thank you for welcoming us back into your homes, and for your continued trust in the *Greenwich Sentinel*. Here's to the season ahead—may it be one of growth, kindness, and community.

# Editorial Page

## Why the Processes of State Government Affect Us All

**A supermajority can undermine the Committee process through "aircraft carrier" Bills.**

By STATE REP. TINA COURPAS



Representing the 149th District has been the privilege of a lifetime. Thank you to the citizens of the district for electing me to represent you in Hartford.

The legislative session in Hartford ended on June 4. The work of the legislature is to work on substantive policy issues, and I will continue this work unabated. One thing I saw firsthand in Hartford in the 2025 session, however which I did not expect is how profoundly the structure and processes of our CT legislature affect our policy outcomes. We have sound structures and processes in CT, but party imbalance (the supermajority) in CT severely undermines those structures and processes, and our state democracy.

A supermajority breeds lack of respect for tenets as fundamental as Constitutional questions.

In CT, as in many states most laws pass the legislature with a simple majority (51%) of both houses. However, decisions which have more gravity may require more. For example, an amendment to the CT constitution requires a 3/4 (75%) vote, and a change to the spending cap requires a 3/5

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Let us set the record straight—right now.

As the Republican Town Committee (RTC) evaluated candidates for the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET), it recognized the need for both fresh perspectives and party unity. To achieve this, the RTC endorsed a balanced slate of six candidates: two newcomers and four incumbents, each bringing diverse viewpoints. Despite this effort to foster unity, the outcome fell short of the goal.

Dissatisfied with the balanced slate nominated by the RTC, three incumbents decided they wanted to control more seats. The following day they encouraged one of their supporters to start the process of petitioning to force a party-wide primary costing the taxpayers \$85,000. This action very quickly led to what is now a full slate of six candidates supported by former RTC leadership—the very leadership that presided over

(60%) vote, in both houses.

In March, the Education Committee on which I sit, considered a Bill for universal preschool, a worthy goal and a \$2-300 million expenditure, requiring a diversion of funds away from paying down pension debt in CT. Our CT Constitution requires that any such diversion requires a 3/5 (60%) vote of each house. I asked in the Education Committee whether this bill would require a 3/5 vote and was told by the Chairman, no. The Office of Fiscal Analysis (a nonpartisan government office) stated that he was wrong - a 3/5 vote was required. I then asked the question twice when the amended Bill reached the House floor and was told no. I asked again, and finally the Speaker of the House called for a recess of the chamber, consulted with legal counsel and confirmed that a 3/5 vote was indeed required. Google: "Tina Courpas 3/5 vote Hartford Courant" for the full story. Watch CT-N on May 31, 2025, for the full video. I appreciated Speaker Matt Ritter's fair and accurate final conclusion.

I was shocked that this question was so repeatedly ignored, over bipartisan expert advice to the contrary and when asked on the record three times. However, when one party has the votes to pass any Bill regardless of whether 51% or 3/5 (60%) is required, this kind of disregard for important tenets of our government can

result.

A supermajority can use the process to undermine the minority's ability to review Bills.

On June 2, our 693-page state budget was posted (at 3:54 am) with 12 hours for the minority to review it before a vote. HB 5002, the omnibus housing Bill, which started as one page, and went to 93, then 160, was similarly made available with inadequate time to review. The supermajority controls this process.

There used to be no such 12-hour required review window - obtaining even this was a hard-fought win by the minority. Additional reforms such as requiring a 24-hour review window of any bill over 50 pages have been rejected.

What is the result of this practice of "dropping" hundreds of pages of legislation with insufficient time to review it? Sometimes legislators are forced to vote on Bills they have not even read or digested. When this happens, the people have lost their right to representation.

A supermajority can undermine the Committee process through "aircraft carrier" Bills. The Committee process

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Come November, our slate is the slate that will have townwide support and gives Republicans

the best opportunity to maintain control of the BET. Why? Because collectively we represent a thoughtful approach to balancing the needs of the community with the importance of keeping Greenwich attractive to everyone.

Starting September 2nd, we ask that you come to Town Hall and vote for a better BET slate: Sally Bednar, Josh Brown, Harry Fisher, Joe Kelly, Joe Pellegrino and Leslie Tarkington, or at your district's polling location on September 9th.

Submitted by:  
Sally Bednar  
Joshu Brown  
Harry Fisher  
Joe Kelly  
Joe Pellegrino  
Leslie Tarkington

COLUMN



By ICY FRANTZ

Hello September. I can see you peeking out from behind the staked green tomatoes that are beginning to blush a crimson red, interrupting my thoughts, my days, and waking me from the summer solitude.

Some years, it's a lingering, slow coming-to, and other times it's a shrill alarm that startles me, coercing me from a long barefooted beach walk back into shoes that are confining, rigid, uncomfortable at the very least. My feet have thoroughly enjoyed the plain air.

But as always, the quiet times allow me to think, and overthink – guiltily as charged – and so I share with you some of my thoughts and insights gifted to me from the sandy shores of a small spit of land 30 miles from a Massachusetts coastline.

The island teaches in quiet ways, not from a pulpit, but in a whisper and I am grateful for the subtle learning. Returning home is always bittersweet. But like it or not, sand is eternal. It follows me into my car,

my purse, and back to Connecticut, rubbing the rough edges of the forthcoming season.

In the center of town, the isle's main street features cobblestones that were laid down in 1837. They were chosen for their durability. It was a good choice – they have endured. But in the early 1900s, with the growth of automobiles, there was a strong progressive movement to pave over the cobblestones for smoother driving. The movement was met with resistance and the stones are still there.

An editor for the Inquirer and Mirror wrote this in 1919: "It may not be next year, or the year after, or the year after that, but it will be smoothed over some year – when the time arrives that common sense takes precedence over sentiment." One hundred and six years later, sentiment still triumphs.

And there is something deeply instructive about sentiment winning out over practicality. Common sense says: smooth the road, make life easier, hurry on your way. Sentiment says: slow down, watch your step, put away your heels, remember who came before you. The stones demand attention. They force you to lift your eyes from your phone and notice the rhythm of your walk, the sway of the hydrangeas, the salt in the air.

## Response to Genocide Op-Ed

By RABBI YOSSEI DEREN

The accusation that Israel is committing genocide should not be dignified with a point-by-point rebuttal. To equate Israel with Hamas is a baseless, venomous slander.

This is not only tragic because he should know better - it is sad because this is a moment that calls for elevating our moral conversation, not poisoning it. This is a time to heal our fractured society, not tear it further apart.

In that spirit, let us begin with truths that must be spoken plainly:

\*Israel's fight is a fight to live.\*

The enemy - Hamas and its ideological allies across the Middle East and beyond - has never hidden its goal: the eradication of Israel and the killing of as many Jews as possible. That is not conjecture; it is their own stated mission. Israel's war is not about conquest, not about revenge, not about power - it is about survival.

\*"Defense of life:" But when innocent life is under threat, not only is war permitted - it is an absolute moral obligation. To stand by is to be complicit in the destruction of life.

\*"Execution of war:" Even then, the goal is not wholesale slaughter, but to bring the enemy to swift surrender - "התור" (until their submission) - to end the bloodshed ON BOTH SIDES as quickly as possible.

\*Moral vision meets sound strategy.\*

This alignment of ethical principles with military logic is not new. In the 20th century, Western democracies, when facing existential threats, fought with determination to defeat tyranny to the point of unconditional surrender, all while striving to preserve their moral character.

\*A Call to Our

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By RABBI MITCHELL M. HURVITZ

What do you do when a friend publicly shares something you find deeply wrong and potentially harmful?

I've wrestled with this question since reading Rev. Marek Zabriskie's recent *Sentinel* op-ed, "This Genocide Must Stop Now."

While I prefer private dialogue to public debate, some assertions demand an appropriate response, especially when they perpetuate harmful narratives about a terrible conflict that affects millions.

Any honest discussion of the current situation must begin with Hamas's October 7th massacre, when they launched an unprecedented attack on Israeli civilians. Hamas gleefully practiced murder, rape, kidnapping, and torture on a scale explicitly designed to maximize terror.

Hamas' stated goal is the destruction of the Jewish State of Israel itself, now home to half of world Jewry.

After the Hamas massacre, their strategy was to retreat to their billions of dollars extensive tunnel network that they had built beneath Gaza. Monies that should have instead been utilized to benefit the Palestinian Gaza population.

Their military strategy involves deliberately positioning military assets among civilian populations, particularly in schools and hospitals. Hamas pursues a calculated strategy that sacrifices Palestinian lives for propaganda victories.

Where in Rev. Zabriskie's piece does he acknowledge that this conflict could end tomorrow if Hamas released the hostages, laid down their weapons, and abandoned their eliminationist ideology?

Accusations of genocide are not merely strong words, but they carry specific legal and moral weight. Israel's legal representative, Tal Becker, argued

## The Island's Wise Counsel

The cobbles are uneven, ankle-twisting, stroller-jostling, and car-rattling, but they remind us that beauty, history, and even inconvenience are worth preserving. Sometimes the most memorable roads are not the easiest ones – and it's the bumps, not the smooth stretches, that stay with us.

Not far from the cobblestones lies over 80 miles of beach. I like to go when it's quiet in the early morning, with our golden retriever, Sailor. He runs. I walk. And looking out at the horizon, that endless sweep of sea and sky, instills perspective.

At the edge of the shore, with waves folding and unfolding at my feet, the horizon becomes more than just a line. It's an invitation to put down any immediate worries, breathe, and consider the possibilities. I am small. The world is big. From that vantage point, although I cannot see beyond, the horizon suggests another shore, another chapter, another chance.

Occasionally, on those walks, a deep fog blankets the island and the familiar becomes unfamiliar. I am offered the chance to see what I have grown accustomed to in a fresh way, and in that shift, I realize that places – like people (and dogs) – hold depths I haven't yet noticed.

And occasionally, on those walks,

To the Editor:

Israel is not committing genocide. As Rev. Marek Zabriskie wrote in the *Greenwich Sentinel*, (August 1, 2025) the charge of genocide leveled by Omer Bartov is grave and demands careful consideration of both facts and context. It would be irresponsible not to point out that numbers cited from the Gaza Health Ministry are numbers provided by Hamas, a recognized terrorist organization. Yet even if their numbers were correct, Rev. Zabriskie, along with the Hamas terrorist organization, does not cite how many of those killed were in fact Hamas operatives and soldiers. In reality, Israel is fighting genocide—responding to Hamas, a terrorist regime that openly calls for Israel's destruction (an actual genocide). In addition, Genocide has a specific definition. It is the deliberate and systematic killing or persecution of a large number of people from a particular national or ethnic group with the aim of destroying that nation or group. Israel has been very careful to minimize casualties, unlike Hamas who puts their civilians in the line of fire. John Spencer, Chair of Urban Warfare Studies at the Modern War Institute at West Point has said of the IDF, "I've never known an army to take such measures to attend to the enemy's civilian population, especially while simultaneously combating the enemy in the very same buildings. In fact, by my analysis, Israel has implemented more precautions to prevent civilian harm than any military in history—above and beyond what international law requires and more than the U.S. did in its wars in Iraq and Afghanistan." [1]

Far from neglecting civilians, Israel has facilitated massive humanitarian aid to Gaza, with over

*Beauty is often found in what slows us down, that there is always more to notice, to discover, and that all seasons bring another shore, another chapter, another chance, and a new beginning.*

I come across another doing the same – someone with a dog or two at their side – and instantly, there is connection. We exchange a knowing smile, share the same secret: it was so worth rising early, slipping out of the warmth of bed, to take this all in. We are the lucky ones.

Unlike the beaches that are quiet at the start of day, the island sags from the weight of tourists in the summer. The roads are congested, the stores are crowded, and grocery shopping could be considered an Olympic sport. And yet, I am unbothered by it – nothing like the frustration I might feel on the post road or I-95, sitting in traffic. There is a gentleness to the everyday aggravation, a price to pay to have a very small stake in such a special place.

Is it the light – not just at sunset, which is stunning, but the way it strokes the harbor throughout the day, or bounces off the mighty masts of moored vessels, or the glow at

dawn taken in from a widow's walk? Or is it the history that seeps from every planked house, where weathered shingles give a nod to centuries gone by, and dogs bark at the ghosts of whaling captains meandering down the narrow roads? Maybe it's all of it.

September is coming for me, for us. There is no denying it – back into shoes and schedules. But I bring with me the wise counsel of the island: that beauty is often found in what slows us down, that there is always more to notice, to discover, and that all seasons bring another shore, another chapter, another chance, and a new beginning.

While the island fades behind me, I toss a few pennies overboard as my ferry passes the light house to ensure my return. And if all else fails, at least I know I'll still be finding sand in my shoes come Christmas – proof the island never really lets you go.

## Israel is Fighting Genocide

100 million meals delivered since May—an extraordinary effort during an active conflict. Hamas regularly loots the trucks to sell the aid at high prices on the black market. No other nation in history has fed the civilian population of an enemy territory while at war. This reflects the value Israel places on preserving life. Expecting Israel to be held to a standard of perfection while fighting for survival is a double standard.

The tragedy in Gaza is undeniable and heartbreaking. To attribute it solely to Israel is to ignore the role Hamas plays: instigating the conflict, embedding its military infrastructure in civilian areas, and deliberately prolonging the suffering. Israel has agreed to ceasefire terms brokered by the United States. In contrast, Hamas spokesperson Ghazi Hamad openly declared intentions to repeat October 7 "time and again," with no ambiguity about their goal: Israel's annihilation. Notably, there was a ceasefire in place on October 6, broken only by Hamas's brutal violence.

Israel takes unprecedented steps to warn civilians before strikes—dropping leaflets, phone calls, text alerts. No other military goes to such lengths, yet Israel faces scrutiny unrivaled by any other democracy, including the United States. Again, a double standard which demonizes Israel.

Civilian casualties are a tragic consequence of Hamas's tactics: building military infrastructure beneath hospitals, schools, mosques, and homes. This guarantees civilian deaths, which are then exploited to demonize Israel. Such actions are war crimes—by Hamas, not Israel. Equating Israel's actions with those of Hamas, or accusing Israel of genocide, is a profound distortion. Israel is defending its people against a genocidal enemy. To conflate

defense with atrocity is to dishonor victims of genuine genocide, including the Holocaust.

What would any nation do if confronted by an enemy promising its destruction? Israel faces this threat daily; defense is not optional, but necessary.

This is not a fight between Jews and Muslims, Israelis and Palestinians. It is a conflict between a democratic state that values life and a terrorist regime that glorifies death. Israel's operations are not about erasing Palestinian identity, but about dismantling a regime that endangers both Israelis and Palestinians. If you care for Gazans, you too will want to free them of the Hamas terrorist regime.

I am a proud Zionist and believe in the Jewish right to self-determination in their ancestral homeland. I also believe in Palestinian dignity and the hope for peace. But peace cannot be forged with a "partner" who seeks your annihilation.

I pray for the welfare of all children—Israeli and Palestinian. For the innocent, the grieving, the hostages, and those trapped by war. But let us also speak honestly: name Hamas's responsibility and reject the conflation of Israel's defense with genocide.

No government is perfect, and war is always tragic. But Israel did not start this conflict and should not apologize for defending itself. This is not genocide. This is defense and survival. Israel will not apologize for surviving.

Rabbi Pam Elvenkranz  
CEO, UJA-JCC Greenwich  
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By JUSTIN CRISP

Do you remember the days when we answered phones by picking them up rather than tapping a piece of glass? Well, I do. I particularly remember the days when, as a teenager, I would compete with every other member of my nuclear family for time on the one and only phone line in our home. It's unimaginable now: a house full of phones, capable, as a whole, of making only one call at a time. My mom couldn't be on the phone with my aunt at the same time as my dad was on the phone with a contractor at the same time as my sister was on the phone with her boyfriend at the same time as I was on the phone with my girlfriend. And that was a problem. An hour and a half into my nightly phone call with my girlfriend, someone else would come into my room, tell me to get off the phone, and say, "What in the world are you doing anyway?" And I'd say, "Oh, nothing. Just hanging out."

It was true. Hours would pass, little

conversation, just hanging out on the phone, monopolizing the line.

Teenagers are experts in "Oh nothing. Just hanging out." (At least, we were in my day—which is another sermon.) I "just hung out" with my girlfriend on the phone, with my friends at the mall, with my buds in their basements during LAN parties (that's 1990s nerd-speak for video game sleepovers). Hanging out was the thing to do, which is to say, the thing to do was to do a whole lot of nothing.

Interestingly enough, this is exactly what Jesus wants to do with his disciples after He's resurrected from the dead. John 21 stages a first-century hangout. The events take place shortly after the tomb is found empty. The disciples have spent the whole night fishing on the water but have caught nothing. Jesus, unrecognized by them, comes to them and instructs them to let down their net on the other side of the boat. The disciples, famously, catch more than they can hoist up into the boat. Simon Peter, stunned into recognizing Jesus and delirious with joy, jumps into the water, fully clothed. Jesus brings Peter to his senses, and then, wonderfully, looks at His friends and "[says] to them, 'Come and have breakfast'" (John 21:12). Jesus grills up the fish, toasts some bread, and serves it to them. They eat together. There's

## Hanging Out with God

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no particular agenda. Sure, "when they had finished breakfast," Jesus addressed his relationship with Peter, the fact that Peter had denied him before He died, but up to that point—the whole point of this scene for every disciple other than Peter—is just to hang out.

There were these retirees in my hometown of Seymour, Tennessee who would go to McDonald's, every morning of the world, eat sausage biscuits, drink their senior-discounted coffees, and just sit around. That's what Jesus and the disciples are doing. This is shocking.

There are just 40 days between Jesus' resurrection and His ascension to the Father's right hand. There are just 40 days between when Jesus is brought back to life, and when He is "absorbed" fully, body and soul, into the Heavenly realm, never to walk the earth in the same way again. Just 40 days. That's today to the beginning of October. That's nothing. And Jesus decides the best use of His time, that morning anyway, would just be to hang out.

You'd think that Jesus, the man who was God, the God of the universe, would have spent that time more efficiently: He could have been healing people, correcting people, fixing things. Instead, He just hangs out. Which is exactly what He wants to do with us.

There is this peculiar thing infants do, developmentally, where babies are constantly scanning the room, looking for someone who's looking at them, looking for someone to meet their gaze, to recognize them. We do this as infants, certainly, but I think the truth is, we do it our whole lives long. We are looking for something, someone, anything to meet our gaze, to recognize us, look at us, and know us, with love. We crave recognition, and we pursue it with reckless urgency anywhere we think we might find it.

One of my favorite writers, David Zahl, will speak and preach at St. Barnabas on September 21 as part of our Courage & Faith series with Christ Church. David is an amazing observer of modern life,

and he recently said this: "Maybe it's my current stage in life (the middle part of middle age), maybe it's our historical moment (2025 and the rise of the algorithm), maybe it's geography (blue state coastal America), maybe it's just L-I-F-E, but everywhere I look I see ladders getting longer and treadmills getting faster. We are carrying so much these days, and the accelerating pressure to achieve, to improve, to be happy, to stand out, to thrive, only compounds the burden. The result is... [an] impossible way of life."

If you're exhausted of it, friends, unplug the treadmill. Kick the legs out from under the ladder. Act like a '90s teenager. Just hang out. Take time in these last days of summer. Hang out with each other, with your friends, your families, your kids. Preeminently, and ultimately, hang out with Jesus, in Whom we have to do with the only Power or Person Who will ever meet our gaze perfectly and unconditionally.

It can be hard for us to believe God just wants to hang out with us,

but I think God only ever invites us over to His house to make us a pitch, to ask us to do something, or give something, or become something. The fact of the matter, though, is that the God of the Bible just loves to hang out. At the beach, as I said, but also in the Garden of Eden where, the book of Genesis suggests, God liked to walk with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening (Genesis 3:8). The truth is, that's the church's real reason for being: to be a place where you can hang out with God, a supernatural mall, an old-fashioned phone line, a living room, a front porch, where you and God can just chill, and you can rest in the love of the One who will always meet your gaze. In these last days of summer, may you too hear the call of our Lord, "Come and have breakfast."

*The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp is a husband, dad, music lover, and priest. He is Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and lives with his wife, Jewelle, their pug, Val, and their daughter, Beatrice, on the St. Barnabas hilltop in backcountry.*

**Assemblies of God  
Harvest Time Church**  
1338 King St., 203-531-7778  
www.hitchurch.com

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. **Anchor Night! for Young Adults: Friday, August 15, 7pm.**

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

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

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel. 3rd Gold St. All are welcome. **Ministry to the Homebound:** if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church. All are welcome. **Adoration on First Fridays at 6pm in the Chapel will be on hiatus for the months of July & August and will resume Friday, Sept. 5 at 6pm.**

**St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes**  
4 Riverside Ave; 203-637-3661  
www.stc-sta.org

\* All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are in-person and livestreamed (View our Livestream and recordings here: <https://events.localivetv.com/workshop/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 & Essential Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals – Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at [music.director@stc-sta.org](mailto:music.director@stc-sta.org) with questions. Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or [ParishPartners@stc-sta.org](mailto:ParishPartners@stc-sta.org). **Summer schedule change for Spanish Mass: A partir del Domingo 15 de Junio, la Misa en Español se celebrará temperamento a las 12pm en lugar de las 6:30 durante los meses de verano / Starting Sunday, June 15, the Spanish****

**Mass will be temporarily moved from 6:30pm to 12pm during the summer months; the Mass will be celebrated in the Main Church. Social Seniors trip to Carol's Kings at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville; Tuesday, August 19, call Carol Weigold at 203-820-7876.**

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

Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume the first Friday of September 5. Lourdes Retreat with Bishop Frank Caggiano: Sunday, Sept. 14, 2pm, St. Mary Church (566 Elm St., Stamford) for information/registration email: [Stefania.Canneto@stefania.canneto@yahoo.com](mailto:Stefania.Canneto@stefania.canneto@yahoo.com) or call 203.324.7321. Free Admission (donations encouraged).**

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
469 North St.; 203-869-5421  
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. VWP Summer Rosary: Tuesday, August 12, 9-10:30am. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass: Friday, August 15, 9-10am. Mens' Cookout, Rectory: Saturday, August 16, 6-8pm.**

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

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

**St. Paul Church**  
84 Sherwood Ave.; 203-531-8741  
www.stpaulgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Thu: 8am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Daily, 7:30am; Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. **Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thu. of every month, 7:30pm. First Friday Devotion: August 1 - 8am Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Act of Consecration, and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will also be available 7:30am. First Saturday Devotion - pray the Rosary: August 2, 9am.**

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

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time. **New Saturday Mass & Confession schedule: Beginning Saturday, June 28, the following changes will take effect: English Mass will be celebrated at 4pm (formerly 5pm); Italian Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm; Confessions will be heard from 3-3:30pm. St. Roch Festival: August 15 (5pm), 16 (11am-11pm) & 17 (Masses at 7:30, 10am & 12pm) and at Church grounds.**

**Christian Science**  
**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555  
christiansciencenet.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

**Assemblies of God**  
M-F 1:00-5:00 203-869-2503. Bibles, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, children's books, and more. **Sermons: August 3: Love.**

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. *Services will not be held on Sundays in July or August other than those listed. Regular fall worship will resume on Sept. 7 Sunday, August 3: 8th Sunday after Pentecost, 10am.*

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

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

**Congregational**  
**The First Congregational Church**  
108 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-1791  
www.fccog.org

Worship: In-Person or Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. **Summer Beach Services: June 15 through Aug. 17, 8-9am. Greenwich Point Park (No passes are necessary. Simply tell the gatekeeper you're attending First Congregational's service. Park in the first parking lot on the right. Bring your own beach chairs. All dates are: Aug. 3, 10, 17). Women's Fellowship Summer Socials at Greenwich Point-Sue Baker Pavilion - 4th Mondays of July and August, 5:30pm.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am. In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am. In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am. In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Commpline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm. In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm. In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *The Disciples of Christ in Community:*

**Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Praying in the Garden: Sunday, Aug. 3 & 17, 5pm. Volunteer Opportunity - volunteer to provide part of a meal for residents at the Inspirica Women's Emergency Shelter in Stamford: Wednesday, Aug. 6, Drop off 4 cooked chickens and/or mashed potatoes for 15 at the Christ Church Parish Office; Please sign up here to drop off food with Deacon Susie in the Parish Office between 3-4pm on the date you choose. Sung Commpline Sundays, Aug. 10, 17 & Sept. 7, 5pm. Summer BBQ at Pacific House: Friday, Aug. 13, 4:30-6pm, 597 Pacific Street, Stamford.**

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 10AM (in person and livestreamed). Our exciting Sunday School programs for kids and youth take place during the 10am service: Children's Church for kids 4-8 years old, and YC (Youth Church) for those 9+. Children are also welcome in church for both services, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Sundays also feature joyful preaching by our clergy, Father Justin and Rev. Phoebe, and beautiful music by my director of music, Marnus Geyling, 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: @stbarnabsgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447  
www.stpaulsriveriside.org

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

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

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

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

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

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

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. **Red Cross Blood Drive: Monday, August 4, 1:30-6:30pm.**

**Temple Sholom**  
300 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-7191  
www.templesholom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. Erev Tisha B'Av Service: Saturday, August 2, 8:30pm. **Shabbat Study (In-person): Saturdays, August 2, 9 & 16, 9:30-10:15am. Summer BBQ for Adults: Tuesday, August 5, 7pm. Game Night: Mah Jongg & Canasta: Monday, August 11, 7-9:15pm.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Non denominational**  
**Dineletown Community Church**  
376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane  
Sunday Service: 10:30am. Philip Antinone - Chaplain.

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

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

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

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email [Albertsonpcc@gmail.com](mailto:Albertsonpcc@gmail.com) for registration and Zoom Links). **Psychic Fair: Saturday, Aug. 9, 11am-4pm, free admission.**

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

Service: Sundays, 10am, Trinity Greenwich, Hyatt Regency, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich & Online. **SummerQuest: Sunday, August 3, 10-11:45am.**

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. Red Cross Interfaith Blood Drive: Saturday, August 9, 10am- 5:30pm.

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

Worship: Sundays, 8:45am, 10:45am & 4:30pm, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome. **Church Lunch (1st Sun of every month): Sunday, Aug. 3, 12-2pm.**

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

Worship: In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/livestream): Sundays: 10am. **Forum for Fathers: Are you a man with or who has kids or family members with ADHD? We meet Sundays at 9am at the church to pray, seek God, and encourage each other. Contact Todd.klair@gmail.com for more information.**

roadway access. Photo credit: Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol

### Officers Recognized for Lifesaving Actions

MPO Michael B. O'Connor Jr. and Officer Alan P. Cybulski were named Greenwich Police Department Officers of the Month for July. O'Connor provided lifesaving aid to a 13-year-old struck by a car, and Cybulski revived a person experiencing an apparent overdose. Both officers acted effectively off duty, demonstrating skills credited with directly saving lives.

### Greenwich Firehouse Mold Risk Addressed

Greenwich officials identified possible mold at the Cos Cob Firehouse and are conducting testing and remediation. Firefighters have been moved from living areas; career staff operate from the headquarters on Havemeyer Place, while volunteers use only the garage at Cos Cob. Updates will be provided as available, and inquiries can be sent to Assistant Chief Charlie Lubowicki.

### Greenwich Police Caution Against Trend

Police in Greenwich are warning about a TikTok trend where people kick doors and run away. Authorities say the acts can cause property damage and lead to criminal charges. Two Maryland teenagers were recently arrested in connection with similar incidents tied to the trend.

### FROM TOWN HALL

### Students Explore Town History Project



Two fifth-grade students from Horizons at Brunswick School visited Town Hall with their teacher as part of a photojournalism project. During the visit, they learned about the town's history and the story behind its flag, which depicts General Israel Putnam's Revolutionary War ride. Horizons at Brunswick is an enrichment program aimed at expanding educational opportunities and addressing summer learning loss. Photo credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

### Greenwich Reviews Pedestrian Safety Trial

The Greenwich Board of Selectmen discussed a proposed pedestrian safety trial on Route 1 in Byram at its August 14 meeting. The test project temporarily reduced traffic to one lane in each direction near Byram and Pembewick Roads, running from mid-August through October 31. Officials said the trial was intended to gather data to inform a longer-term pedestrian safety plan.

### Greenwich Pauses Route 1 Safety Plan

The Greenwich Board of Selectmen did not move forward with discussion or a vote on the proposed Route 1 pedestrian safety trial in Byram after the item was pulled from the agenda. The plan had called for a temporary two-month "road diet" reducing lanes near Byram and Pembewick Roads to test traffic and safety impacts.

### AROUND TOWN

### Kittens Available for Adoption Now



Greenwich Animal Control currently has kittens from three litters available for adoption. Detailed information, including photos and names, is available on Petfinder through the Greenwich Animal Control website. For adoption inquiries, contact Greenwich Animal Control at 203-622-8299 or visit the town website. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

### Greenwich Hospital Hosts August Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held at Greenwich Hospital on August 25 from 8 AM to 5 PM to support the American Red Cross. The event was organized by Greenwich resident Phil Brous, with a goal of recruiting 50 donors. Advance registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

### Traffic Safety Awareness Month Promotes Safety

August is National Traffic Safety Awareness Month. It focuses on promoting safe driving, walking, and biking practices. The goal is to reduce traffic accidents and related injuries or deaths.

### Greenwich Celebrates ADA Anniversary Progress



On July 25, a ceremony at the Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center marked the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Town departments showcased the center's accessibility and reaffirmed their commitment to ADA compliance and inclusion in all projects. The event highlighted ongoing local efforts to ensure equal access for people with disabilities. Photo credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

### West Nile Virus Mosquitoes Detected Safely

Mosquitoes in Mianus River Park have tested positive for West Nile Virus, but no human cases have been reported in Greenwich. Residents are advised to remove standing water, use insect repellent, and avoid outdoor activity at dawn and dusk. The town conducts annual larvicide treatments on public and private basins and will continue mosquito monitoring through October.

### Greenwich Murals Highlight History Anew


The Rediscover Greenwich self-guided walking tours on Greenwich Avenue end in August. The tours feature four murals by artist Aaron Asis, created in partnership with Untapped New York and the Greenwich Historical Society, using historic photos and oral histories to highlight the town's past. Additional exhibitions are available at the Greenwich Historical Society campus in Cos Cob, including Re-Fram



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



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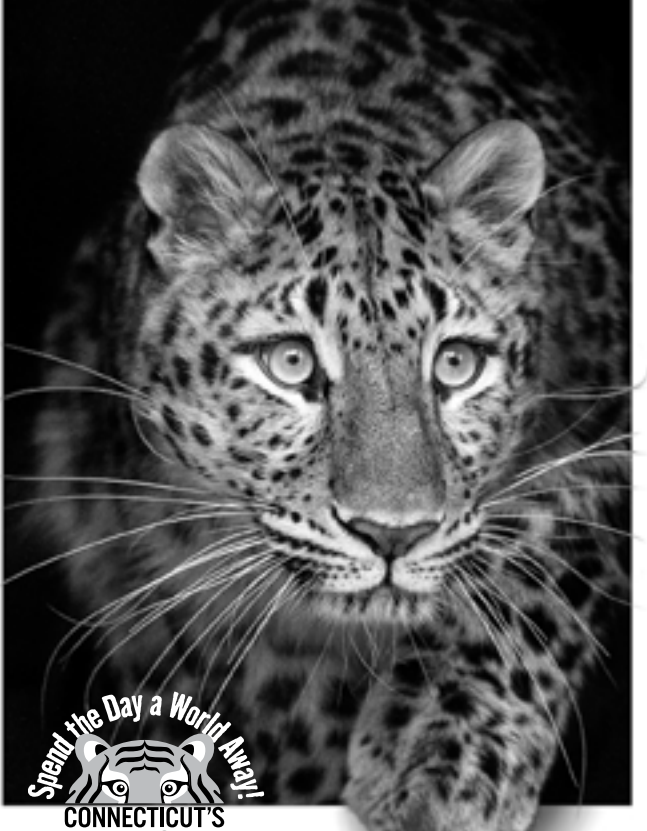
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## RMA Presents “I-95 Greenwich Planning and Environment Study Update”



Becca Hall, Project Manager at CDM Smith, described the process utilized by Greenwich Planning & Environmental Linkage Study

concerns. The public emphasized the importance of protecting community character, trees, parks, and environmental resources, alongside desires for reduced noise and air pollution.

Following the presentation, the remainder of the hour offered many questions and responses. Jon Dean from CDOT took the lead in responding to questions. Regarding increased congestion, it was noted that while options like High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and dynamic lane use are being considered, the team is also wary of induced demand. It was pointed out that small improvements are also possible such as the ongoing added eastbound ramp between the on-ramp at Exit 6 and the off-ramp and Exit 7 in Stamford. The study will explore smaller-scale

*75% of on-ramps and 73% of off-ramps are not long enough, forcing drivers to slow down on the mainline or merge below highway speeds.*



Joseph Belrose, Project Engineer CT DOT, gave an overview of the Greenwich Planning & Environmental Linkage Study

By MIKE ABRAHAM

At the July 30 meeting of the Retired Men's Association, Bob Meaney welcomed Jonathan Dean, Joe Belrose and Becca Hall who presented the Connecticut Department of Transportation's I-95 Greenwich Planning & Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study, in a detailed PowerPoint show that was a comprehensive look into the PEL study findings.

The I-95 Greenwich PEL study focuses on a critical seven-mile stretch of I-95, extending from the New York State line to the Stamford city line, including Exits 2- 6 and up just before Exit 7 at the Stamford line, including the Mianus River Bridge. Additionally, the study includes approximately six miles of U.S. Route 1 and adjacent local roads, examining their collective function, needs, and deficiencies within the study area. This initiative builds upon prior analyses, including a 2018 feasibility evaluation and a 2019 strategic implementation plan that identified specific projects and phased improvements for the I-95 corridor. There is a similar PEL Study ongoing in Stamford including Exits 7, 8 and 9.

Ms. Hall explained that a PEL study is a collaborative approach used by agencies to streamline future transportation investments by creating efficiency in project selection and considering the environment, community, and economy. It integrates planning, engineering, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), fostering extensive public engagement—a key differentiator from traditional corridor studies. The process involves identifying transportation needs, defining study purpose and goals, developing screening criteria, and eventually identifying a range of solutions, from short-term to long-term, for all users.

Central to the presentation were the findings from the existing conditions assessment gathered since the study's initiation.


Traffic data collected in Fall 2022, in alignment with Stamford's parallel I-95 PEL study, revealed the corridor's severe congestion. Analysis using Vissim micro-simulation indicated significant degradation in the Level of Service (LOS), particularly during weekday peak periods, with areas showing "F" (poor) ratings due to high vehicle density and slowdowns. An origin and destination study highlighted that nearly half of weekday morning southbound I-95 trips and almost 60% of weekday afternoon northbound trips are "through trips," passing directly through Greenwich.

Safety analysis revealed pervasive issues. Data from 2018-2022, drawing on the Connecticut Crash Data Repository (widely known as the UConn Crash Data Repository), showed rear-end crashes as predominant on I-95 and its ramps, while angle crashes were most common at I-95 ramp and U.S. Route 1 intersections. Critically, 18 pedestrian and two bicyclist crashes were reported on U.S. Route 1 in that five-year period, underscoring risks for vulnerable populations.

Multimodal deficiencies were also significant. A walk audit of U.S. Route 1 revealed 13 signalized crossings missing crosswalks, one mile of sidewalk continuity issues, and 26 side streets without crosswalks. Despite a small portion being part of the East Coast Greenway, US Route 1 itself lacks dedicated bike facilities. Limitations on I-95 are substantial: 63% of shoulders are too narrow, hindering emergency responders, and 81% of bridges are not wide enough by current standards to maintain continuous shoulder width. Furthermore, 75% of on-ramps and 73% of off-ramps are not long enough, forcing drivers to slow down on the mainline or merge below highway speeds, contributing to congestion. Many bus stops also lack basic amenities like shelters and adequate waiting areas.


Public engagement has been a cornerstone of the study, with a multi-pronged approach including quarterly Project Advisory Committee meetings, community events, and a public survey. The survey, which concluded in December 2024, received 511 submissions and 603 mapping points, highlighting widespread concerns. Key feedback from the community included frustration with I-95 congestion (55% of respondents) and aggressive driving on both I-95 and U.S. Route 1. For pedestrians, lack of sidewalks (55%) and drivers disregarding signals (53%) were major challenges. Bicyclists cited the lack of bicycle lanes (45%) and aggressive drivers (41%) as primary

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## RMA Presents “Is Cryptocurrency Here to Stay? Controversies and Consequences”



Dr. David Yermack brought the audience up-to-date on the current state of cryptocurrencies, the reasons for their enduring appeal, and the directions of further growth.

*The crypto system is “incredibly safe and cheap” compared to traditional finance.*

By BRIAN BRADY

At the August 6 meeting of the Retired Men's Association, Arnold Gordon introduced Dr. David Yermack, the Albert Fingerhut Professor of Finance and Business Transformation and Chairman of the Finance Department at New York University's Stern School of Business. Dr. Yermack, a scholar boasting an impressive array of degrees from Harvard University—AB, MBA, JD, AM, and PhD—brought his extensive expertise to the fore, having authored highly cited papers on subjects ranging from executive compensation to options in baseball player contracts. He also leads the world's first full-semester university course on Digital Currency and Blockchains.

Dr. Yermack vividly recalled the early days of this pioneering course, launched in 2014, when it was met with "considerable ridicule and disbelief" from his academic peers. Fast forward to today, and the course attracts over 300 students annually, a testament to how this technology has "taken on a life of its own" and is profoundly reshaping the traditional financial system. A striking example of this shift is the dramatic change in the U.S. government's stance. Dr. Yermack highlighted how former President Donald Trump, once a skeptic who in 2021 branded Bitcoin a "scam against the dollar," has since adopted a welcoming approach, even envisioning the U.S. as a "bitcoin superpower." This change, Dr. Yermack suggested, appeared to be a calculated move to

appeal to libertarian voters ahead of a close election, noting also the Trump family's deep involvement in the technology.

The presentation then delved into the very roots of cryptocurrency, which Dr. Yermack explained emerged from libertarians frustrated by the instability and high costs endemic to the global financial system. He presented compelling historical data, pointing to repeated financial crises in the U.S., from the Great Depression to the 1980s savings and loan crisis and the 2008 global financial crisis, linking these turbulent periods to the rise of movements like "MAGA." A significant breakthrough arrived in 2008 with the announcement of Bitcoin by the pseudonymous Satoshi Nakamoto. Launched on January 3, 2009, Bitcoin was designed as a peer-to-peer electronic cash system, aiming to bypass traditional intermediaries like banks. A powerful statement against government intervention in finance was embedded directly into Bitcoin's very first block: a headline from The Times of London noting the U.K. Ministry of Finance's second bailout for banks. Bitcoin aspired to mimic physical cash, being a bearer instrument, fungible, irreversible, and censorship-resistant, though Dr. Yermack acknowledged that tracking capabilities have since evolved.

The security of Bitcoin, he explained, is underpinned by a vast global network of approximately

23,000 computers, or "nodes," which maintain the ledger and agree on transactions through a consensus process. These nodes are incentivized by a reward system, receiving 3.125 Bitcoin—valued at approximately \$350,000 at the time of the talk—every 10 minutes for correctly adding a new block of transactions. Beyond Bitcoin, Dr. Yermack turned his attention to Ethereum, launched in 2015 by Vitalik Buterin, the child of Russian math professors. Unlike Bitcoin, which primarily facilitates currency transfers, Ethereum is programmable, enabling complex financial arrangements and forming the backbone of decentralized finance. Dr. Yermack asserted that despite public perceptions of risk, the crypto system is "incredibly safe and cheap" compared to traditional finance, noting that total losses from hacks over 16 years represent only about 1% of the total market value, significantly less than losses in conventional systems due to identity theft or credit card fees.

Looking ahead, Dr. Yermack highlighted significant innovation in areas like derivative securities and, most notably, the tokenization of real-world assets (RWAs). This involves converting assets such as U.S. Treasury bonds and shares of stock into digital tokens tradable on blockchains. Major financial institutions, including BlackRock, J.P. Morgan, and Fidelity, are actively embracing this shift, leading Dr. Yermack to suggest a future where traditional exchanges like the Nasdaq and NYSE might be replaced. The rise of stablecoins, issued by private companies such as Circle and Tether, also poses a challenge to government-issued money, with the potential for tech giants like Google, Apple, and Amazon to issue their own digital currencies in the future.

Dr. Yermack acknowledged key concerns raised during the Q&A session, such as the energy consumption of cryptocurrency, calling it a "1st order issue". He noted the interesting trend of Bitcoin miners diverting their computing resources to artificial intelligence due to higher profitability. While recognizing the climate implications of data centers, he advocated for an evenly applied carbon tax rather than discriminating against crypto data centers. On the question of transaction costs, Dr. Yermack emphatically stated that crypto "clearly already has" reduced them, citing "instant and no cost cross-border payments" as a prime example. He clarified that Bitcoin's value increase is overwhelmingly driven by the price per coin, not an increase in the number of coins, as the issuance rate is fixed and cut by 50% every four years. He estimated that 80% to 90% of Bitcoin's activity is speculative, an outcome unintended by its creators, who

envisioned it as a peer-to-peer cash system. Despite this, the volume of payments using other coins and stablecoins is growing rapidly, offering "vast improvements in the speed, accuracy, and the cost" of international remittances. He also addressed the potential danger of AI decrypting crypto, suggesting it would be a "race" between computing technology and cryptography. Dr. Yermack concluded by stressing that this technology is "here to stay" and is "very, very impressive" in its rapid advancement.

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

The next RMA presentation, "A Journey Through Some of America's Greatest Songs" a

performance by George Ubogy and Cynthia Mackay, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, August 27, 2025. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Drs. George Ubogy and Cynthia Mackay will take listeners on a tuneful "Journey Through Some of America's Greatest Songs," in a presentation by the RMA on August 27. This will be the duo's second appearance before the RMA, and will consist of an eclectic program ranging from Broadway show tunes to pop songs to spirituals, including "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," "Amazing Grace," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," and "What'll I Do."

Dr. Mackay, a retired ophthalmologist, has studied voice all of her life and, while in college, was a member of the Radcliffe Choral Society, which performed at Tanglewood on two occasions. In addition to music she is passionately interested in the field of eye care, and is an executive producer of the 2024 movie "Broken Eyes," about the dangers of LASIK surgery; and author or co-author of two books, "The Unsightly Truth of Laser Vision Correction" and a memoir, "Making the Cut."

Her accompanist in this appearance, Dr. Ubogy, is a retired physician and former director of the Addiction Recovery Center at Greenwich Hospital. He is also an expert pianist, having studied at the Juilliard Preparatory Division as a child and adolescent and played in many settings thereafter. He is Chimes Master at his alma mater, Cornell University.

To stream the presentation by George Ubogy and Cynthia Mackay at 11 AM on Wednesday, August 27, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBJ2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 1310.

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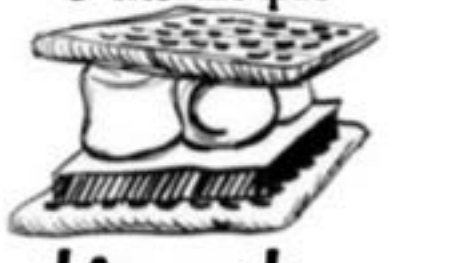


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# Obituaries



**JOHN CHADWICK**  
April 12, 1939 – August 5, 2025  
John Dearborn Chadwick, a longtime resident of Greenwich, CT, passed away amongst family on August 5, at Yale New Haven Hospital, after a short illness. He was 86 years old.

To the outside world, John was recognized as remarkably successful in the investment arena with a long-term winning record as a growth stock portfolio manager. That was but one facet of the man—among his family and countless friends, he was also admired for his passions as a sailor, gardener, military historian, writer, painter of watercolors, civic volunteer and as a raconteur.

But above all else, John was a devoted father, grandfather, husband, brother and friend. He was exceptionally attentive to his family; they were the center of his universe. The father of five children, born over a span of thirty years, he relished sharing his encyclopedic knowledge with them. With his older three children, he was the ever-present Little League coach on Thursday evenings. And then years later, when he was in his sixties, he had a second go-round coaching for his two youngest. He cherished traveling the world with all his children together. When he turned 75, he whimsically noted, “I’m the only person I know who has had his children living under his roof for a consecutive fifty years.” More recently, he raised that number to sixty.

While John’s renowned humor was wry and intelligent, it could also be infrequently though memorably—quite ribald. Yet, he was known much more for his quiet elegance—his bearing was gracefully poised, his manner proper but gentle. His wisdom and compassion revealed an inspiring seriousness of purpose. Not mere gravity or dull solemnity. Rather an exacting and helpful intellectual depth with

interests that could be wide-ranging and sometimes quite surprising. He loved nothing more than to be in the company of a small coterie of friends—curious as he was, and always up for an evening of both seriousness and joviality.

John’s avocations became his passion after he retired from the world of investing. Years earlier, when he was dating his wife, Patricia, he shared with her his dream. “When I retire, I’m going to go back to watercolor painting which I loved at St. Albans.” He was true to his word and passion. Even before retiring, he took watercolor classes and reveled in being the only man in the class. For the last twenty-six years of his life, he designed and painted the cover image of the family Christmas card. His other interests included stamp collecting—a lost art—collecting wine, and gardening. He was especially proud to have received an award for “the best small garden in Greenwich” from the Greenwich Garden Club.

In his last decade, after he and Patricia joined a writers’ club (for her enjoyment), he himself took up writing, and could be found for hours at a time at his computer satisfying his writer’s itch. As recently as a couple of months ago, he was scribbling down ideas for his next short story in the middle of the night. He became the best editor for Patricia’s writing and was always her most enthusiastic fan.

John was born in Atlanta, Ga. on April 12, 1939, to Elizabeth Finlay and John Chadwick. His sister, Vaughn, was three years his junior. When John was five years old, the family moved to Bethesda, Md., where his father, a reporter for the Associated Press (AP), was assigned to cover Congress, the White House, and the Supreme Court. John enjoyed telling of accompanying his father when he knocked on the front door of their neighbor, then Vice President Richard Nixon, who opened the door himself. John played with Checkers, the Nixons’ dog, while his father interviewed the Vice President. He also recounted that in the mid-1960s, President Lyndon Johnson blamed the elder Mr. Chadwick for the heart attack he suffered after being questioned intensely.

In the fourth grade John met Chuck Royce, who would become his life-long friend. The boys had countless adventures together throughout their childhoods, at college and at graduate school. Both men moved to New York and entered the world of investing. John moved his family to Greenwich in 1968, and Chuck followed within a year. Some thirty years later, John followed Chuck to Watch Hill, RI. Each relished telling stories about the other’s antics over their long and enviable friendship.

John attended St. Albans School at the National Cathedral for his high school years, graduating with the class of ‘57. The headmaster during his time there was Canon Charles S. Martin, a man whom John credited with giving him his lifelong love of learning, and whom he hailed as his mentor. In his later years, John gave generously to the school he loved.

Among John’s favorite childhood memories were his trips

to his family’s ancestral home in Chattanooga, TN, his family vacations on Wrightsville Beach and his summers at Camp Greenbriar and Camp Carolina.

At Harvard College, he was president of The Speakers’ Club and an avid track and field athlete. He majored in Economics and graduated with the class of ‘61. A summer in Europe with his St. Albans and Harvard roommate, Walter Hanes, gave him the great pleasure of enjoying Berlin only days before The Wall shut off the city.

Upon receiving his MBA from Wharton, class of ‘63, John entered the world of investing in New York City. For the next forty-plus years, he made his reputation as a growth equity manager, his career culminating with his last decade at Bessemer Trust, where he was a Managing Director.

John remained an active investment professional in retirement, as the volunteer head of the Investment Committee for the town of Greenwich Police and Firemen’s Pension Fund. Over a twelve-year period, he catapulted the returns to the top percentile.

John relished the company of his friends and enjoyed his membership in the Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill, the University Club in New York, The Field Club and the Horseneck Club in Greenwich. As an avid sailor and member of the Riverside Yacht Club, he never missed a Thursday evening Vespers race. On his 86th birthday, he enjoyed being welcomed into Honorary Membership at the club, after he reached the magic number of 135—a combination of his age and his years of membership. He was particularly delighted that the honor came with the waiving of annual dues. In the summer at Watch Hill, his favorite pastimes were sitting on East Beach with a book and bodysurfing in the rough waves.

In his last few years, John was happy to have his children still so much in his life. He saw COVID through the lens of having a pod of three that included his son, Jim. When the pandemic receded, he was blessed with constant support from his daughter, Caroline, and her husband who moved back to Connecticut.

John is survived by his wife, the former Patricia Walsh, and their two children Caroline (John Howell) and James (fiancée Anna), and by his three children with his first wife, Nancy Albracht, John Lyne (Tear), Liz, and Paul (Ellie), as well as seven grandchildren (Harold, Benjamin, John, Laila, Kate, Jessica, Finlay) and his sister, and lifelong confidante, Vaughn, and her daughter, Catherine. He was pre-deceased by his parents Elizabeth and John.

Funeral arrangements will be provided by Fred D. Knapp in Greenwich. The burial will be private at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Christ Church Greenwich on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Albans School (Washington, D.C.) [www.stalbansschool.org/online-giving](http://www.stalbansschool.org/online-giving) and Anchor Health, [anchorhealthct.org/donate/](http://anchorhealthct.org/donate/) the LGBTQ medical clinic that means so much to Patricia and Caroline, and which he supported from its inception.



**PAUL HEARN**  
Paul David Hearn died peacefully on August 13, 2025, after a courageous battle against cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of forty years, Gervais Bowers Hearn, and their three daughters: Brandy, Lexie, and Meggy, as well as his six grandchildren.

Paul was born on July 24, 1949, in Glen Cove, New York. He attended St. Aidan’s and Portsmouth Priory School before going on to study History at Johns Hopkins University. A proud patriot, Paul enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he trained and served as a pilot. Following his military service, he built a distinguished 40-year career as a

reinsurance broker, earning the respect of colleagues and clients alike through his dedication, integrity, and expertise.

Paul had a love of sports and great respect for the outdoors, spending many cherished summers in Kennebunkport, Maine, and later in the Adirondacks, where he found joy in fishing, hiking, and sharing the rhythms of lake life with his family. Among the places that shaped his life most deeply was Riverside Yacht Club, where he and Gervais were married in 1985. RYC was a second home to him—a place of sailing, camaraderie, and community, and above all, where he delighted in watching his daughters

grow up surrounded by lasting friendships and unwavering support.

The most enduring image, however, will always be of Paul cheering on his daughters with immense pride in all their endeavors. Whether it was on the sidelines or in the audience, nothing gave him more joy—or more tears—than those moments.

Paul is now reunited with his parents, siblings, and beloved golden retrievers, Sabby and Brewster.

A memorial will be held next Friday at Christ Church Greenwich on Friday, August 29th at 11AM.



**ANTONIA PIU**  
Antonia Maria Piu, of Greenwich, passed away August 14, 2025, at age 85. She was born in Sardinia, Italy on October 2, 1939, to Raffaele & Giovanna Soro.

Antonia was a loving and dedicated homemaker. She was a talented seamstress, as well, earning a reputation that brought her a high-end clientele. She was a woman of deep faith and dedicated much of her time to her beloved church, St. Roch. Her passing comes sadly one day before the coveted Feast where Antonia would for many years be found at the pizza frita booth.

She is the devoted wife of Aurelio Piu. In addition to her husband, she leaves behind her cherished children, Raffaele A. Piu and Anna Maria Sawyer, and loving grandchildren, Ella Piu, Raffaele A. Piu Jr, Ryan Sawyer and Justin Sawyer. She is also survived by her brother, Giovanni Soro.

To honor Antonia’s life, family and friends gathered on Monday at Coxé & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Roch’s Church followed by interment at St. Mary’s Cemetery.



**TODD KENNEDY**  
Todd Kennedy passed away peacefully on August 9, 2025, at the age of 89, with his loving wife, Anne, by his side. A lifelong resident of Greenwich, Todd was President of Kennedy Nursery Inc., and a graduate of Brunswick Academy, class of ‘53, and Cornell University, class of ‘57. He served in the U.S. Air Force from ‘58 to ‘61. He was past President of both the National Nurserymen’s Association and the Rotary Club of Greenwich, and former Vice Chairman of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting.

Todd loved sailing and was a member of the Riverside Yacht Club, for over 80 years, a volunteer firefighter with the Banksville Fire Department, for over 45 years, and a parishioner of the Second Congregational Church of Greenwich, since birth.

He is survived by his wife, Anne, of 62 years, children, Elizabeth, Thomas (deceased), Sarah and Alice, grandchildren, Isabel Baggette and Wellington Kennedy, sister, Heather Kennedy, and nephews, Keith and John Todd Brunell. His quiet kindness will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial will be held for all friends at 11am on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Second Congregational Church of Greenwich.



**IVAN VARGA**  
Ivan John Varga, of Stamford, passed away August 6, 2025. He was 90 years old. Ivan was born in Budapest, Hungary on February 15, 1935. He fled communism in favor of freedom and came to the United States in 1956. He quickly thereafter enlisted in the Army, proudly serving his new home as a devoted American patriot and lifelong Republican.

Ivan had a gift of working with his hands and spent many years as a tool & die maker for various companies. He loved being on the water and was a longtime member of Greenwich Boat & Yacht Club. An avid fisherman, Ivan could often be found on his boat enjoying the peaceful waters, always with a Budweiser at hand as he cast his line.

In his younger years in Hungary, Ivan loved to swim and fish in the Danube River, experiences that fostered his lifelong love of water and fishing. He was also an accomplished boxer and gymnast. After coming to America, he would often amuse people by doing handstands off the rails at Island Beach in Greenwich, CT.

What he loved most of all was spending time with his family. He is survived by his loving sons, Mark Varga (Kitty) and Victor Varga (Francesca) and cherished grandchildren, Tyler, Chloe, Logan, Rutger and Connor. He is also survived by his longtime companion, Marylka Bialek, his sister, Zsa Zsa Nagy and his former spouse, Helma Varga.

Family and friends will gather in his memory on Saturday, August 23 from 11am-1pm at Coxé & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich.



**JOHN WAURISHUK**  
After battling illnesses that claimed his life, John Mark Waurishuk departed this world for a perfect one on August 5. Born July 12, 1962, John was the third of six children born to Dorothy and James Waurishuk, both deceased. Along with numerous nieces and nephews, John’s siblings were Jim, Tim (now deceased), Tom (Patty), Stacey (Darrin) and Keith. He was the very proud father of two sons - Connor (Kristi) and Kyle - and grandfather to Tristan. His ex-wife, Laura, remained his greatest advocate until the end.

Originally from Greenwich, CT and a graduate of St. Mary’s High School, John excelled at hockey. He was a restaurant owner for many years and then worked in retail until he became disabled. He moved to what he referred to as “paradise” in 2015 - Myrtle Beach, SC. John loved gardening, motorcycling, riding his jet ski, chatting with his neighbors, music and generally enjoying life in his adopted hometown.

John loved the years he spent as a youth baseball coach for his sons and the baseball field where he spent so much time will ultimately serve as his final resting place.

In lieu of services and in his memory, the family asks that you perform an act of kindness to help make the world a better place.



**RICHARD GREEN**  
Richard Brosko Green of Greenwich, CT and Montauk, NY died on August 2, 2025 after a brief illness at the age of 73. Richard is survived by many loving family members and friends.

Richard was born on Sept. 3, 1951 to Richard and Anne Green. He attended Greenwich Public Schools and moved on to be the successful business owner of Rich Green Landscapes for over 50 years. Richard and his wife, Susan Steger Green, spent their entire life in Banksville and made many happy memories traveling the world.

Richard was an avid hunter, fisherman (holding a captain license since 2010), golfer, and motorcyclist. He loved going to the Round Hill Service Station where he shared his passion for fast, old and classic cars with his pals. He was an excellent self-taught cook who prepared many a meal for family and friends over the years. Richard, a talented landscape designer, left his mark all over Greenwich and the surrounding areas. His latest project transformed a shack into a beautiful farmhouse cottage on Bedford-Banksville Road where his decorating talents were evident.

A funeral was held Saturday, August 16 at St. Timothy’s in Banksville followed by a luncheon at The Banksville Fire Department. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

**CAROL SANTORA**  
Carol M. Santora passed away suddenly on August 4, 2025. For those closest to Carol, the world will never be the same. She embodied everything that a wife, mother, grandmother and friend should be. She will be deeply, deeply missed.

Carol was born in Bronxville, NY on Sept. 8, 1949, to Richard and Barbara Machcinski. She graduated from Rye High School in 1967, where she was active in theater and drama, as well as captain of the cheerleading team.

After graduating from Skidmore College in 1971 as a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science degree, Carol attended New York University, from which she graduated in 1973

with a Masters in Social Work. Thereafter she worked as both a nurse and a psychiatric social worker in Philadelphia.

Carol first met her husband Robert as a teenager, but they reunited after college and were married on December 30, 1972 at Christ Church in Rye, NY. After spending time in Philadelphia and Westchester County, Carol and Bob settled in Greenwich, CT where they raised their three daughters. While her daughters were young, Carol immersed herself in the Greenwich community through tireless volunteer work. She dedicated her time to her daughters’ schools, most notably Greenwich Academy where she filled diverse roles from acting as substitute school nurse to chairing fundraising benefits. She was also active with the Greenwich Red Cross, volunteered in various roles at Greenwich Hospital, and was a Sunday School teacher and vestry member at St. Barnabas Church. Once her children were grown her charitable endeavors expanded, and she served on the Board of the Red Cross as well as serving as President of the Breast Cancer Alliance.

After Bob’s retirement, Carol delighted in their extensive travels, both as a couple and with their friends and family. Carol’s love of travel inspired her creativity as both a photographer and a writer. Carol and Bob traveled to over 75 countries, which she documented with her beautiful photographs.

In 2014, Carol and Bob relocated to North Palm Beach, FL where she relished in redirecting her charitable efforts in a new community. She volunteered with the Lost Tree Foundation and was a dedicated supporter of the Lost Tree Arts Committee. Carol’s photography was enthusiastically received each year at the Lost Tree Arts Show, which brought her great joy. Her other favorite past times were playing bridge, cooking, golfing, and spending time with her treasured children and grandchildren. Carol is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert; her sister Donna Petersen; her three daughters Kimberly Scott (Peter), Kristin Lamendola (John), and Karyn O’Brien (John); and her 5 grandchildren Kyle, Nello, Clara, Tripp, and Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Breast Cancer Alliance of Greenwich or the Lost Tree Foundation.



**JUDITH CATALANO**  
February 13, 1937 - August 1, 2025  
Judith Catalano, a lifelong Greenwich resident, passed away August 1, 2025, at age 88. She was born February 13, 1937, to Elmer & Veronica Ferguson. Judy was a loving homemaker and caregiver to her family. She was so proud of her three boys who worked beside their dad at Catalano’s Boat Yard. She enjoyed her time playing golf at The Griff as well as her time in Pompano Beach, FL where she resided through part of the year. She loved time at the casino, and winning five dollars was like winning a million to her. She didn’t miss an episode of General Hospital, and of course, her Beefeeders and tonic by her side. When all is said and done, nothing was more important to her than her family; they came first.

She is now reunited in Heaven with her late husband, Philip C. Catalano.

Judith is survived by her cherished sons, Philip C. Catalano Jr. (Mary Anne), Robert Catalano (JoAnne), and Kevin Catalano (Tara); loving grandchildren, Casey Schack (Dennis), Shannon Pesce (Alan), Philip Catalano III (Lauren), Elizabeth Graveline (Ken), Robert Catalano (Dominique), Jack Catalano, Ryan Catalano (Tori), and Jennifer McGill (Sam); and great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Madison, and Parker Schack; Griffen & Reese Graveline, “LA,” Addie, Blakely, and Harper Pesce, Mila Catalano, Philip C. Catalano IV, Payton Catalano, Nora McGill, and Cooper Catalano. She is also the dear sister of Richard Ferguson (Sharon) and the late Barbara Vizzari, Nancy Silva, and James Ferguson.

Family and friends will gathered on Wednesday at Coxé & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. Funeral Mass on Thursday at Sacred Heart RC Church in Byram, followed by interment at St. Mary’s Cemetery.



**IRA ELLENTHAL**  
Ira Ellenthal, a veteran publishing executive, sales expert, and author, died peacefully at his home in Old Greenwich, CT, on July 29, 2025, at the age of 88. In a distinguished career spanning decades in media and advertising, Ellenthal held several high-profile leadership roles in the newspaper and magazine industries. He will be remembered for his imaginative and inspired approach to sales, and for a sense of humor that made him one of a kind.

Born in 1937 in the Far Rockaway neighborhood of Queens, NY, Ellenthal was raised in a working-class family. His father, “Slootie,” worked nearly four decades in the delivery department of the New York Daily News, the paper Ellenthal would later help lead. A devoted baseball fan from an early age, Ellenthal attended New York University, serving as assistant sports editor of the student newspaper.

Ellenthal moved from journalism to the business side of publishing after discovering his talent for sales. He served as editor and publisher for more than a dozen trade publications across a variety of industries before moving into consumer publishing. In the early 1990s, he became president and associate publisher of the New York Daily News, where he introduced creative advertising and promotional campaigns that boosted revenue during a period of transition for the paper.

In 1998, Ellenthal was appointed CEO and group publisher at U.S. News & World Report, The Atlantic, and Fast Company, following an earlier stint as president and publisher of The Atlantic Monthly. In 2000, he returned to the Daily News as an executive, a role he held until 2006. He later served as associate publisher at El Vocero De Puerto Rico.

Beyond his success in business, he never gave up his love of writing. He published two books on sales, including Selling Smart (1982) and The Last Book About Selling That You’ll Ever Need (2020), which shared insights and anecdotes from his career. Ellenthal also wrote Slootie’s Wars (2003) as a tribute to his father’s influence and



indomitable character. He continued writing with a regular Substack newsletter called The Art of Selling until the time of his death.

Ellenthal's greatest joy came from his family. He shared sixty-three years of marriage with his wife, Judith Ellenthal, and took enormous pleasure in watching their family grow. He is survived by three sons: Matthew (and wife Martha), Jonathan (and wife Suzanne), and Andrew (and wife Katherine), as well as eight grandchildren: Zachary, Lex, Alexander, Isabelle, Caroline, Natalie, Samuel, and Benjamin.

The family plans to hold a "Celebration of Life" during the month of August.



MARILYN MARTIN

Marilyn E Martin (née Hughes), of Cos Cob, CT passed away peacefully on July 26, 2025.

Born in NYC on August 20, 1932, she was the daughter of William and Margaret Hughes and sister to the late Bernardine Barry. Marilyn married the love of her life, John J. Martin who predeceased her in 2014.

Beloved mother to John (Maureen), Kieran (Bill), Robert (Bob) and Paul, as well as a loving grandmother to Megan, Christopher, Matthew, Shaun, Meredith, Stefan, Andrew and Jack. She was blessed with great grandchildren; Finley, Landon, Kennedy, Millie, Henry, Griffin and Jane.

Marilyn and John J were long time members of Burning Tree Country Club. She joined the "9 holers" and eventually "graduated" to the 18 hole ladies league, playing in every ladies club event. Marilyn loved golf with friends and family, while attending all the social events the club had to offer. Never one to miss a celebration, she regularly hosted holiday and birthday parties for her family.

Marilyn's roots in her faith ran deep. As a child she attended church and grammar school at St Gabriel's R.C. in Riverdale, NY. Later in life, her children also attended St. Gabriel's, where she became the church's first female commentator. In 1972, when the family first moved to Greenwich, she was a parishioner at St Catherine's and later on, she attended mass regularly at St. Michael's Archangel Church. Over this past year, as leaving the house became difficult, she was blessed with and looked forward to her weekly visits from Father Richard of St Michael's. The Martin family is also deeply grateful for the companionship, care, and compassion that her aide Natalie afforded our mother.

Marilyn will be missed by many and is now home with her husband John J her sister Bernardine, and the Lord.

A memorial Mass was held at St. Michael's Archangel Church in Greenwich CT on August 9.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in memory of Marilyn Martin to the Spina Bifida Association at, Donate to Building a Better and Brighter Future; or by mail at 2000 Duke Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314.



D. GIFFORD REED

D. (Dwight) Gifford Reed died on July 25, 2025, at the age of 91 years. He was born on Sept. 18, 1933, in Mt. Vernon, NY to Harrison D. and Louise (Gifford) Reed. He described his childhood as wonderful, being around farm animals and machinery as the son of an estate superintendent in the Hillcrest Park section of Old Greenwich, CT. His working alongside his father repairing equipment, milking cows or tending the horses were some of his happiest memories. Giff was educated in Greenwich schools and graduated from UCONN in 1956 with a degree in business. He enlisted in the Army,

enjoyed the camaraderie and physicality of basic training, and was honorably discharged at the rank of Staff Sargent. As a child, he rode his bike down from Hillcrest Park to Lincoln Ave. in O.G. to play and met Ruth Gisborne. Ruth and Giff dated through high school and college and married in 1957. They moved to Charleston, WV where Giff worked for Linde, Co. as a Distributor Salesman to the mining operations.

He had interesting experiences in the rural "hollers" of West Virginia and grew the only beard of his lifetime during a strike when he had to live at the plant. He returned to Old Greenwich in 1961, to work with his father-in-law at C.C.Gisborne Builders, Inc. He had a successful career in residential building throughout Greenwich and surrounding towns and enjoyed challenges in scope and design.

Service to his community was a hallmark of Giff's life. He joined the O.G. Lions Club in 1962 and was honored for his 60 years of service with an International Honorary membership. Giff participated in their Pancake Fry entertaining the children with pancakes in the shape of bunnies, selling hundreds of cases of grapefruit and driving his Model A in the Memorial Day parade. He was enthusiastic about Lions Club's contributions to the testing and assistance to children and adults with visual impairments and remained a member until his death. He donated over 16 gallons of blood throughout his life and encouraged others to participate in this simple, lifesaving action. Giff also served his church, First Congregational Church of Greenwich, as an active member since 1951, lending his building experience to the Building and Grounds committee for many years, and on the Board of Trustees. Giff also served 12 years on the Greenwich Board of Tax Review, and was a past President of Rocky Point Club.

Giff remained close to his TKE fraternity brothers, and was invited to vacation with one of their families at Higgins Beach in Scarborough, ME, in the early 1960's. They enjoyed it immensely and returned annually. He and Ruth bought a cottage there in the late 70's, and enjoyed every minute there; meeting old friends and newcomers alike, helping with Donut Wednesdays, and on the HBA board. Cocktails on the beach, boogie-boarding, laying in the hot sun, and Fogcutter parties (and the antics that ensued) brought him much laughter and happiness.

Giff loved his family and was personable to all; gracious, humble, and generous with time and funds. He was athletic; played baseball and ice hockey in his youth, as well as adult mens hockey into his 60's. Sailing was a constant in his life. Giff and Ruth sailed together as young adults, and they owned a Rhodes 18 that he and daughter Claire raced at GCRA for several years. They co-owned a J24 with the Greles and continued to race it out of Riverside Yacht Club. He enjoyed meeting and getting to

know people wherever he went, whether that be a club, a doctor's office or the beach. In Maine, he attended services at the Windham Hill UCC, to listen to old friend, Rev. Sally Colegrove and meet new friends.

Giff was a devoted husband and father. He taught his daughters to be capable and self-confident and was an exemplary model as a father and husband. He counted working in the same town he lived as a blessing to allow him to attend his daughters' weekend sports games. He and Ruth were regular spectators of their grandchildren's sports, plays, and scouting activities, despite them living a few hours away. It was not uncommon for them to drive 3 hours to watch a 1-hour event, only to have a meal and return home.

He is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Ruth, daughters Claire Reed, (Jim Dacres), Marge Burke (Dan), and Jean Roche (John), and 5 grandchildren: Abigail Burke, Jeff Burke, Peter Roche, Mary Roche, and David Roche. They will remember challenging "Pop" to make ever more sophisticated pancake shapes; just a few being lobsters, Bruins jerseys, lighthouses, swimmers in a pool, and the Stanley Cup; and he happily succeeding!

A Memorial Service was celebrated on Friday, Aug. 1 at First Congregational Church of Greenwich, followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Giff's name to the Greenwich Lions Club, giving a pint of blood, or simply helping someone today. Services are under the direction of the Fred D. Knapp Funeral Home, Greenwich, CT.



BARBARA GLASS

May 27, 1953–July 14, 2025

Barbara Joan, née Drake, Glass passed away peacefully at her winter home in Florida. She leaves behind a beloved husband, Dik Glass, and her two children, Commander Alexander D. Glass, USN (Kate), and Joanna Mae Glass (Marco Silva), and three adored grandchildren: Henry P. Glass (10), Hadley I. Glass (6), and Oliver Atlas Silva (22 months). She leaves her dear brothers: J. William Drake (Anne), Geoffrey Drake (Meredith), and Thomas Drake, MD (Mimi).

Barbara was born in Missoula, MT where her beloved father, Joseph W. Drake, Jr., and her mother, Beatrice, were living as Joe Drake attended law school. They returned to live in Manhattan. After Barbara's brother Bill was born, the family moved to Old Greenwich, CT, where Barbara attended North Mianus School, Dundee School, Eastern Middle School, and Greenwich High School, Class of 1971. She attended Newton College of Sacred Heart, then finished her degree in Art History at Syracuse University in 1976.

Because Barbara loved the Boston area, she returned after college to start working in sales at The Rouse Company at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, where she met and fell in love with her soon-to-be husband, Dik Glass. They married in Greenwich, CT on January 23, 1982 at Saint Michael's Church during a blizzard. After their wedding, they moved to Old Greenwich as Dik took a position in New York City. Barbara, the skilled salesperson, immediately found a job selling in the emerging new field of computer-generated graphics for the companies: Scolane, CGI, Schawk, and Matthews International.

She thrived and succeeded in the field and went on to more prestigious Management and Executive roles in these organizations while also becoming a mother of two very energetic and curious children. Barbara grew up in Old Greenwich and loved her hometown; she thought raising her children there was a wonderful generational tradition. She was deeply involved in the community along with her parents and her brother Bill. Barbara served on the board of Perrot Library for some time. Giving back to the community was something she shared with her children when they were growing up.

While they loved living in the Greenwich area and raising their children, Barbara and Dik wanted to impart some of their personal passions with their children, such as outdoor adventures and American history. Vacations were full of learning experiences, such as exploring older homes in Nantucket that had been turned into Museums. Dik and Barbara considered themselves so fortunate to have Barbara's family and some of Dik's close by to share in these endeavors and in the joy of raising their children.

Barbara loved art and architecture. She enjoyed going to museums in New York, Boston, and Washington DC frequently. Often accompanied by her father, she attended many art history lectures and exhibits. She enjoyed collecting art, as did her father. In his retirement, he took up sculpting, and in her retirement, Barbara became the painter. She was a prolific painter of many different subjects. Some of her most treasured artworks are her landscapes.

In addition to art, Barbara really enjoyed cooking. She loved to make delicious meals and entertain for family and friends. From 1999 to 2020, Dik and Barbara had a vacation house in Mystic, CT on the water. They adored having big family gatherings there, especially Thanksgivings, when they could host the whole large family, including some submariners from the US naval base in New London, CT. Barbara and her daughter cooked together and had so much fun preparing the meals.

In addition to her love of art and being the hostess of get-togethers, Barbara loved to travel. She and her family traveled on many family vacations. Dik and Barbara took many trips together, both in the US and abroad. When dating, they went to Italy and met some of Barbara's extended family on her mother's side. They took their children

for a grand month-long tour of Australia. Barbara had a semester abroad in college in London, and she and Dik continued traveling to London and Italy many times in the recent past. Barbara and her daughter also enjoyed a trip to Paris, France, within the past decade. Barbara was eager to enjoy the different cultures and see as much as she could during the variety of adventures they shared.

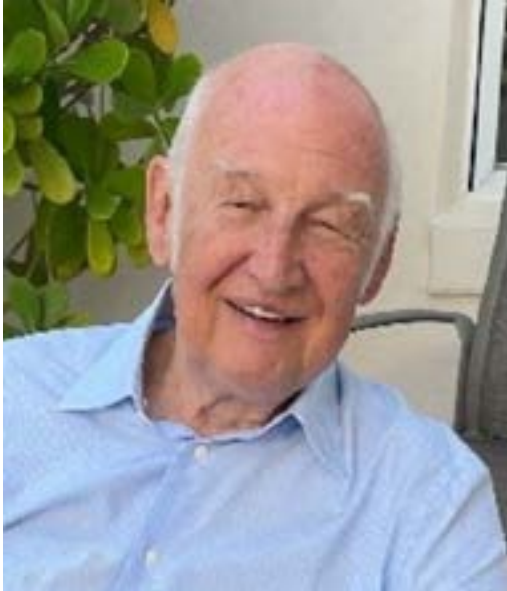
Barbara was a very dear and loyal friend. She maintained her friendships made at every juncture in life. She had so many childhood friends she continued to correspond with and visited often. She had college friends she visited and kept in touch with over the years. She and Dik went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to visit an old college friend of hers and had a delightful visit. She also kept friendships she formed at work for years.

When Dik and Barb decided to buy a winter home in FL, Barbara immediately made many good friends who were visiting her almost daily until she passed. She loved her friends dearly, and she was a thoughtful friend in return, always remembering important dates and events. All of her relationships were important to her, but her family was the most cherished above all. She made time for those she cared for and about and took great delight in sharing in their lives.

Barbara will be dearly missed by all of those to whom she meant so very much.

A celebration of life is planned in Greenwich CT on August 30. Condolences and memories, along with any photographs people would like to share, can be done so on Legacy.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: 1. Help fight Alzheimer's. 2. Support Your Library-Perrot Memorial Library.



GEORGE SCHIELE

George Warren Schiele died suddenly, of heart failure, on July 5, 2025, in Winter Park, Florida. He was 93 years old.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, on August 2, 1931, to Emma Adele Gilliam and Paul Ellsworth Schiele, George moved with his family to Greenwich, CT, where he would call home for the next 57 years.

A man of discipline and achievement, George attended Carson Long Military Academy and earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania's College of Liberal Arts and Wharton School. He served his country with distinction as an Operations Officer for the U.S. Air Force, Air Defense Command, from 1954-1956, continued as Captain in the USAF Reserves from 1957-1967, and was honorably discharged in 1967. His commitment to service extended throughout his life, including his attendance at the National Security Seminar at the United States Army War College in 2003.

George built his career in trust management, where his expertise and leadership were evident in his remarkable professional accomplishments. He served as president of nine companies, trustee of eleven trusts, managing partner of two partnerships, director of five companies, and vice president of two charitable trusts.

Beyond his professional success, George was a man who believed deeply in giving back to his community. His philanthropic spirit shone through his role as chairman of a non-trust company that provided an in-kind gift of LED lights for an entire school campus, saving nearly a quarter million dollars over the system's lifecycle. He generously shared his time and talents through extensive board service with the Greenwich Transit District, the Bruce Museum, the Fairfield Orchestra, The Economic Club of New York, the Penn Club, and the Metropolitan Opera Club, among many others.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Joan Schiele; his daughter, Caroline Schiele; his sons, Warren Schiele and Erick Schiele and his wife, Nancy; and his cherished grandchildren, Alexandra, Olivia, William, and Jack. He was predeceased by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests in memory gifts/donations to be made in his honor to the Hospital for Special Surgery.



MARY STOLLENWERCK LYNCH

FEBRUARY 7, 1941 – AUGUST 14, 2025

Mary Stollenwerck Lynch lived her life the way she played bridge. A Life Master, she achieved that honor through dedication, hard work, a love of the game, and an ability to handle whatever cards she was dealt with strength and persistence. She brought a similar spirit to the golf course, always working toward a second hole in one. In her youth, she rode horses with the same passion—showing annually at Madison Square Garden—and in her later years, when she could no longer play golf, she committed herself to learning croquet, not as much fun she would say, but still a game to love.

Born on February 7, 1941, Mary passed away on August 14, 2025, at the age 84, surrounded by her three daughters. She died from a neurodegenerative disease that gradually diminished her world but allowed those around her to return the deep

care she had shown so many throughout her life.

Mary was educated at Greenwich Academy and graduated from Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills, Maryland, where she played field hockey, hunted, and spent countless hours with her beloved horse, MooCow. She maintained close ties to both schools and treasured the friendships made there. Maryland always held a special place in her heart as she spent time there with her grandmother, Mrs. Clifton Miller, at Hinchingham and in Chestertown, on the banks of the Chesapeake River.

She attended Sweet Briar College before marrying William Lee Hanley Jr. After their divorce, Mary, then a young single mother, devoted herself to raising her three daughters. She returned to school, finishing her degree at Sarah Lawrence College—an achievement her daughters proudly witnessed at her graduation in May 1978. Mary built a successful career in real estate in Greenwich, first at Lee Weld, Fine Properties and later at



VIRGINIA REYNOLDS

Virginia (Ginny Mae) Reynolds, 87, of Greenwich, CT, passed away at Greenville Memorial Hospital, in Greenville, SC, on June 30, 2025. Born in Greenwich, CT, she was the daughter of James F. Gleason and Mary F. (Golden) Gleason. She grew up in Greenwich and graduated from Greenwich High School in 1956.

Ginny worked as a legal assistant after high school and married Howard K. Reynolds in November of 1959. She was a homemaker to her four children for 13 years after marrying her husband. She returned to work in 1973, where she obtained an Executive Assistant position at Fawcett Publications, where she worked for two decades and through many mergers. Her work career concluded in 2008 when she retired from Preferred Properties in Greenwich, where she was Executive Assistant to the owner.

Life is a series of long cherished memories





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Mom with her three daughters and their husbands on her 84th birthday.

New England Land Company. She had a keen eye for design and was ahead of her time in buying, renovating, and reselling homes.

Mary opened her doors—and her heart—not only to people but to animals in need. Among her many rescues was “Honey,” a dog thrown from a car on the Merritt Parkway, who to Mary's great surprise gave birth to three puppies shortly after her rescue.

Her philanthropic spirit was inspired by her parents, E. Carroll and Mary Joe (Wood) Stollenwerck. She volunteered for years with Community Answers in Greenwich, USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming. Her contributions earned her the Connecticut Swimming Volunteer of the Year Award, the 1996 USA Swimming Outstanding Service Award and an induction into the inaugural class of the Greenwich Aquatics Hall of Fame—alongside her youngest daughter. Mary gave of her time, energy, and

resources to the communities and causes that mattered to her.

Yet her greatest joy was family. A devoted mother, she was an even more devoted “Grammy” to her ten grandchildren. She needlepointed each of them a beautiful Christmas stocking, celebrated birthdays, attended graduations, games, meets, and plays, and took each grandchild on a special trip after their 11th birthday. She shared a special bond with her seventh grandchild, who was born with a terminal disease, even spending one Christmas with him in the hospital so his siblings could have a “normal” holiday at home. She later recalled that it was one of her best Christmas memories ever.

Her caregiving extended across generations. When her own mother became elderly and frail, Mary stepped in to care for her with kindness and love until her mother's death at the age of 102.

In her later years, Mary divided her time between

Gulf Stream, Florida, and Dorset, Vermont, both communities she dearly loved. A lifelong UConn Huskies women's basketball fan, she could be found in those homes glued to her TV—not just for the championship games, but for the entire season. She also cheered on UT Swimming and Diving (her granddaughter swims there), professional golf, Wimbledon, the US Open, and always the Olympics. When there was no sport to watch, Mary was a voracious reader.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, her first husband, William Lee Hanley Jr., her second husband, John P. Lynch, and her grandson, William Sargeant Frantz. She is survived by her daughters, Carroll Hanley Goggin (David), Allison Hanley Frantz (Scott), and Brooke Hanley Davison (Rob); her brothers, Richard Stollenwerck (Stephanie) and James Stollenwerck (Stevee); and her beloved dog, Ollie. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and one great-

grandchild, who were her constant source of pride and joy.

Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched—she was unapologetically Mary— she liked things a certain way— her way—and she never sugarcoated the truth. But those who knew her best understood that beneath her strength and candor was a deeply generous and loving soul. Mary knew that in life as in bridge, it isn't just the cards you hold that matter, but how you play them—and with whom.

Carroll, Icy and Brooke are sincerely grateful for the wonderful aides who cared for their mom in her last year. A celebration of Mary's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the PSP&CBD Foundation, a not for profit that assists with funding for research toward a cure and other social programs for the betterment of people suffering with neurodegenerative diseases.

and spirit were ever-present.

She is survived by her children: son Paul Fisher Sr.; daughters Estelle Hayes, Donna Brown, and Diane Brown. She also leaves behind her brother Frank Mohamed and his wife Janice. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Daryl Fisher (Miladys), Scott Nichols, David Fisher, Roni Sanchez (Anthony), Douglas Allan (Leanne), David Allan (Regina), and Beverly Foster; special granddaughter, Melissa Brooks, as well as through her great-grandchildren: Grayson and Sylvan Fisher; Jessica Fisher; Shannel and Tayshaun Nichols; Laila and Brooklyn Sanchez; David Jr., Alexa, Halle Allan; Yumi Allan; Jada and Stephen Nunez, and Noah Brooks.

Helen was predeceased by her beloved husband David Brown; parents Mervin and John Mohamed; sister, Joan (Bebe) Ramos, daughters Linda Brown and Charlene Abdal; grandson, Paul Fisher, Jr. and grandson Zachary Brooks.

A funeral service was held at First Baptist Church in Greenwich, CT on August 20.

Helen's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her—as a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, friend, deaconess, neighbor, and cherished Mema. May her legacy of love and service continue to inspire those she leaves behind.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church in Greenwich, CT.

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New Briefs  
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2025 valedictorian of Greenwich High School.

Greenwich Students Share Classical Music

Four Greenwich High School students performed a one-hour classical music concert at The Wallace Center on August 14. The program featured a variety of pieces, highlighting the students' musical skills on multiple instruments. The event, organized by Music Heals Minds, Inc., provided both cultural enrichment for seniors and performance experience for the students.

SCHOOLS

Tiffany Johnson Named Assistant Principal



Tiffany Johnson has been appointed assistant principal of North Street School, effective August 8, replacing Jessica McEvily. Johnson previously worked in Brookfield Public Schools as a math interventionist and MTSS coordinator and spent over a decade teaching in Trumbull, Norwalk, and Brookfield. She holds degrees from Western Connecticut State University, Quinnipiac University, and Sacred Heart University. Photo credit: Greenwich Public Schools

Greenwich Hires Experienced Arts Coordinator



Leah Stillman has been appointed PreK-12 arts program coordinator for Greenwich Public Schools, effective August 18. She will oversee the district's visual, music, and theater programs across 15 schools and report to the Chief Officer of K-12 Curriculum and Leadership. Stillman has over 25 years of experience in arts education and administration, including previous roles in Madison Public Schools and several arts magnet schools in New London. Photo credit: Greenwich Public Schools

GCDS Breaks Ground On Theater



Greenwich Country Day School has begun construction on the Amanda Gesine Winklevoss Performing Arts Center on its Stanwich Road campus. Designed by architect Lord Norman Foster, the 525-seat facility will feature advanced acoustics, lighting, rehearsal rooms, costume shops, and scene shops. The center is scheduled to open in 2027. Photo credit: Greenwich Country Day School

Greenwich School Appoints New Assistant Principal



Dr. Kevin Thompson has been appointed assistant principal of the International School at Dundee, effective immediately. He previously served as assistant head of upper elementary at Greenwich Country Day School and has teaching and administrative experience at multiple schools, including East End Academy and Greens Farms Academy. He holds a bachelor's in Crime, Law & Justice, a master's in Educational Leadership, and a Doctor of Education. Photo credit: Greenwich Public Schools

Greenwich Students Earn National Recognition

Two Greenwich Country Day School students were selected for publication in the National High School Law Review's Summer 2025 issue. Penelope Hentsch-Cowles ('25) wrote on the relationship between machine learning and patent law, while Steele R.W. Barhydt ('26) analyzed the expansion of presidential power. Their work was chosen from submissions by more than 100 chapter schools, with only 12 articles published.

Greenwich Schools Expand Meal Access

Greenwich Public Schools announced its 2025-2026 policy

for free and reduced-price meals under federal child nutrition programs, using U.S. Department of Agriculture income eligibility guidelines. Families may qualify automatically through programs such as SNAP, TFA, Medicaid (HUSKY A), or Summer EBT, or they may apply directly with required household and income information. Applications are confidential, may be submitted anytime, and eligibility can change if household size or income changes.

Central Middle School Construction Reaches Milestone

A signed steel beam was placed atop the new Central Middle School structure on Thursday, marking completion of the building's steel frame. The \$112 million, 125,000-square-foot facility is being built adjacent to the existing 1958 school, which will remain in use until the new one is ready. Construction is on schedule, with the new school expected to open before the 2026-27 academic year.

LOCAL POLITICS

Greenwich Republicans Prepare For Primary

A Republican primary for the Board of Estimate and Taxation will take place in Greenwich on September 9. Only registered Republicans may vote; unaffiliated voters must change their registration by noon on September 8. Absentee ballots will be available starting August 19, and early voting runs from September 2-7 at Town Hall.

Fazio Runs for Governor

State Sen. Ryan Fazio has entered the 2026 governor's race. Fazio's campaign centers on cutting electric bills, reducing income and property taxes, and eliminating the public benefits charge.

FROM HARTFORD

CT Advances Toward No-Kill Goal

Governor Ned Lamont has declared August as No-Kill Shelter Month in Connecticut, part of an effort to make the state no-kill by the end of the year. Data from Best Friends Animal Society shows 83 of Connecticut's 94 shelters already meet the no-kill standard, and the remaining 11 need to save about 200 more pets combined to achieve the goal. Nationwide, nearly two-thirds of shelters are no-kill, with many others close to reaching the benchmark.

CT Investigates AT&T Billing Practices

Connecticut's Attorney General has launched a civil investigation into AT&T over allegations of unauthorized charges on customer accounts. The inquiry follows the arrest of a former AT&T employee accused of adding fraudulent lines and services between 2021 and 2022, costing customers thousands of dollars. Investigators are seeking information on AT&T's consumer complaints, fraud prevention practices, and sales compensation policies.

CT Joins Medicaid Data Injunction

A federal court granted a preliminary injunction in a case joined by Connecticut that blocks federal agencies from using or sharing Medicaid data for immigration enforcement. The court found the coalition of states, including Connecticut, likely to succeed in proving the policy violated the Administrative Procedure Act. The injunction will stay in effect until the federal government follows lawful procedures or the litigation concludes.

States Unite to Protect Privacy

A coalition of 22 states, led by Connecticut, filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture challenging a new requirement that states turn over sensitive personal data of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients. The states argue the demand violates federal privacy laws, exceeds USDA's authority, and threatens critical funding for food assistance programs if not met. The lawsuit seeks to block the federal government from conditioning SNAP funding on states' compliance with the data request.

Anderson LLP in both Stamford CT and San Jose, CA where she performed detailed audits and supervised audit teams.

Ms. Lynch earned a Bachelor of Science and Accounting at the University of Connecticut and holds a CPA professional designation.

Ms. Lynch has lived in Greenwich for over 25 years and has two children who graduated from the Greenwich Public Schools. Ms. Lynch has been an active volunteer in Town including various Treasurer and President positions for PTA organizations, and was a long-time Board Member of the Greenwich YWCA and Connecticut Swimming, Inc.

"I am deeply honored to be appointed as Comptroller for the Town of Greenwich and am grateful to the Board of Estimate and Taxation for entrusting me with this critical responsibility," Ms. Lynch said. "I am committed to serving our community with integrity, transparency, and fiscal responsibility ensuring that the Town's financial resources are managed to support our Town's policies and long-term stability. I look forward to collaborating with Town officials, employees and residents to maintain Greenwich's reputation for excellence in governance and financial stewardship."

Ms. Lynch was a prior Regional Controller and an Internal Auditor with Pepsi Bottling Group, a division of PepsiCo, Inc. in Somers, New York, and began her professional career at Arthur



The Greenwich Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) welcomes new Town of Greenwich Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller (CFO) Joan Lynch to the position as of July 1. Ms. Lynch succeeds long-time Town Comptroller, Peter Mynarski, now that his retirement is official. She has been transitioning in this position since being appointed by the Board of Estimate and Taxation at its May 19, 2025 Board Meeting.

As the Town of Greenwich CFO, Ms. Lynch plays a vital role in managing the town's finances, overseeing expenditures, and ensuring strict budget compliance – all while upholding sound financial stewardship and preserving the Town's prestigious AAA credit rating. She will supervise preparing the Annual Comprehensive Financial

Report (ACFR), internal controls, and financial reporting and budgeting systems across all departments.

"We are very excited to have Joan lead the Town's Finance Department", Harry Fisher, BET Chair said. "Her experience in several key Town finance roles will prove to be an asset to the Town and its finances."

Ms. Lynch has been the Deputy Comptroller for the past year, where she has worked side-by-side with Mr. Mynarski. Prior to that Ms. Lynch spent one year as the Director, Financial Operations at The Nathaniel Witherell, the Town's 202-bed short term rehabilitation and skilled nursing center. Ms. Lynch began her Town work experience when she was appointed Assistant Treasurer in the Finance Department in January 2019.

Pumpkin Nights and Tall Tales Await at the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze

The Hudson River bends there the way an old elbow might – crooked, stubborn, holding onto the past – and just off Route 9 in Croton-on-Hudson, thousands of lit faces grin, grimace, and glow in the night. Every September, they appear like clockwork, carved into gourds that are less vegetable than archery. This year, The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze® has been "completely reimaged," its keepers promise, with New York State landmarks, classic video game icons, and even a hillside Wizard of Oz scene "that goes far beyond the rainbow."

For Greenwich families, the Hudson Valley is close enough for a Friday night drive – dinner in town, then north to see what an 18th-century estate looks like

under the orange lantern-light. Blaze: Hudson Valley runs from September 12 to November 16, fifty-two nights of illuminated invention on the grounds of Van Cortlandt Manor.

The air is thick with autumn ritual. Somewhere along the trail is the Gourd & Goblet Tavern – a sit-down VIP stop in an old inn, where cocktails and mocktails arrive at table service. A new feature, The Headless Horseman's Hideaway, promises snacks, themed drinks, and a photo-op with the Horseman himself, for those who can look him in the (missing) eye.

But the Blaze is only one chapter in Sleepy Hollow Country's October story. At Washington

Irving's Sunnyside, visitors can wander through Legendary Tours – shadow puppet films, Legend-themed exhibits – before nightfall gives way to Jonathan Kruk's outdoor telling of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," underscored by Jim Keyes's music. At Phillipsburg Manor, illusionists Mark Clearview and Nick Wallace conjure spirits in "The Spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country: A Night of Legendary Magic." And, new this year, The Headless Horseman Files offers a daylight whodunit on the same historic grounds.

The October nights deepen at Twilight Village in Sleepy Hollow, where fire performers, storytellers, and a market ring the Manor in heat and sound. Somewhere, the Horseman rides again in a blaze of

light and shadow.

It's all rain or shine – perhaps better in a drizzle – and tickets, which always sell out, go on sale August 6, with member and app-user presales in the days before. Standard admission to the Blaze starts at \$24, with many events discounted for Historic Hudson Valley members.

From Greenwich, the trip to Sleepy Hollow is less than an hour – a small journey to step directly into a place where a carved pumpkin is both art and omen, and where a 200-year-old ghost story still rides, fast and headless, into the dark.

July 2025 Report - Sales over \$10 million up 100%



By MARK PRUNER

What a long, strange ride it has been. Sales over \$3 million and particularly over \$5 million have done extraordinarily well this year. While sales under \$3 million are down pretty much across the board. But 2025 has been a bumpy ride. The first three months dropped like a rock. We went from 30 sales in January to 25 sales in February to the second worst March in this century with only 19 sales in March. Then two months of big gains with 40 sales in April and 59 sales in May. A brief pause in June only to see sales skyrocket in July to 72 sales.

Good sales even with record low inventory

Those 72 July sales were almost equal to our 10-year pre-Covid average of 74 sales. Now, slightly below average sales doesn't sound all that remarkable. In fact, it sounds a little below average and unremarkable, until you look at the supply side of the supply/demand curve. At the end of July, we had 115 single family homes listed on the market. This is 82% below the 641 listings that we had at the end of July 2019. Think about that, we had almost an average sales month in July 2025 with only 18% of the inventory that we had in July 2019. To put it even more starkly, in July 2019, we had 72 single family home sales. In July 2025, we had the same number of sales, 72 with only 18% of the inventory.

How is that possible? Two years ago in 2023, we had all-time record low inventory every week that year. We thought we'd never go that low again. Then in 2024 we went even lower for the first half of the year. In the second half of 2024, our inventory crept a few percent about those record low 2023 inventory number. The general thinking was that we had hit bottom in the first half of 2024, and our market was in recovery on the inventory side the second half of the year. The lower inventory in the first half of 2024 resulted in only 501 single family homes in Greenwich. A number not matched in this century except for the Great Recession years of 2008 and 2009.

Of course, things would be better in 2025, with higher inventory, but it wasn't to be. Our inventory has been at all-time record lows every week this year. At the end of July 2025, we were 26% below 2024 and even 17% below July 2023, which had been our record low until this year.

Record low inventory, down 26% over a horrible 2024, could only mean record lows sales; right? Wrong! This

year our sales are up 7% over last year and we have a tale of two markets. Below \$3 million our sales are down, because we have nothing to sell. Last year under \$3 million, at the end of July we had sold 153 houses. This year with much lower inventory we had sold only 136 houses under \$3 million or a drop in sales of 11%. Record low inventory this year led to low sales, despite high demand.

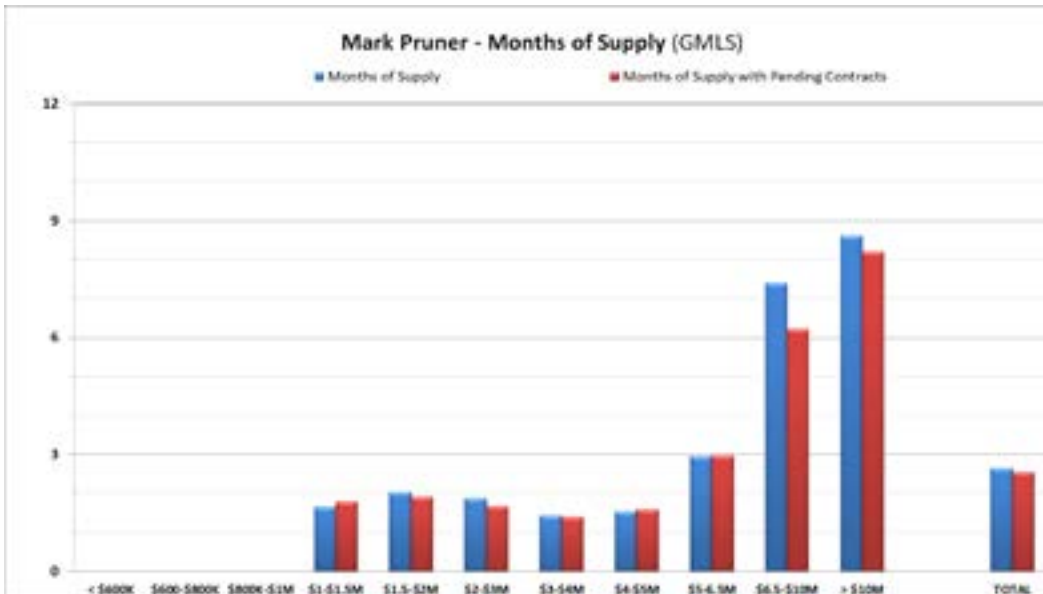
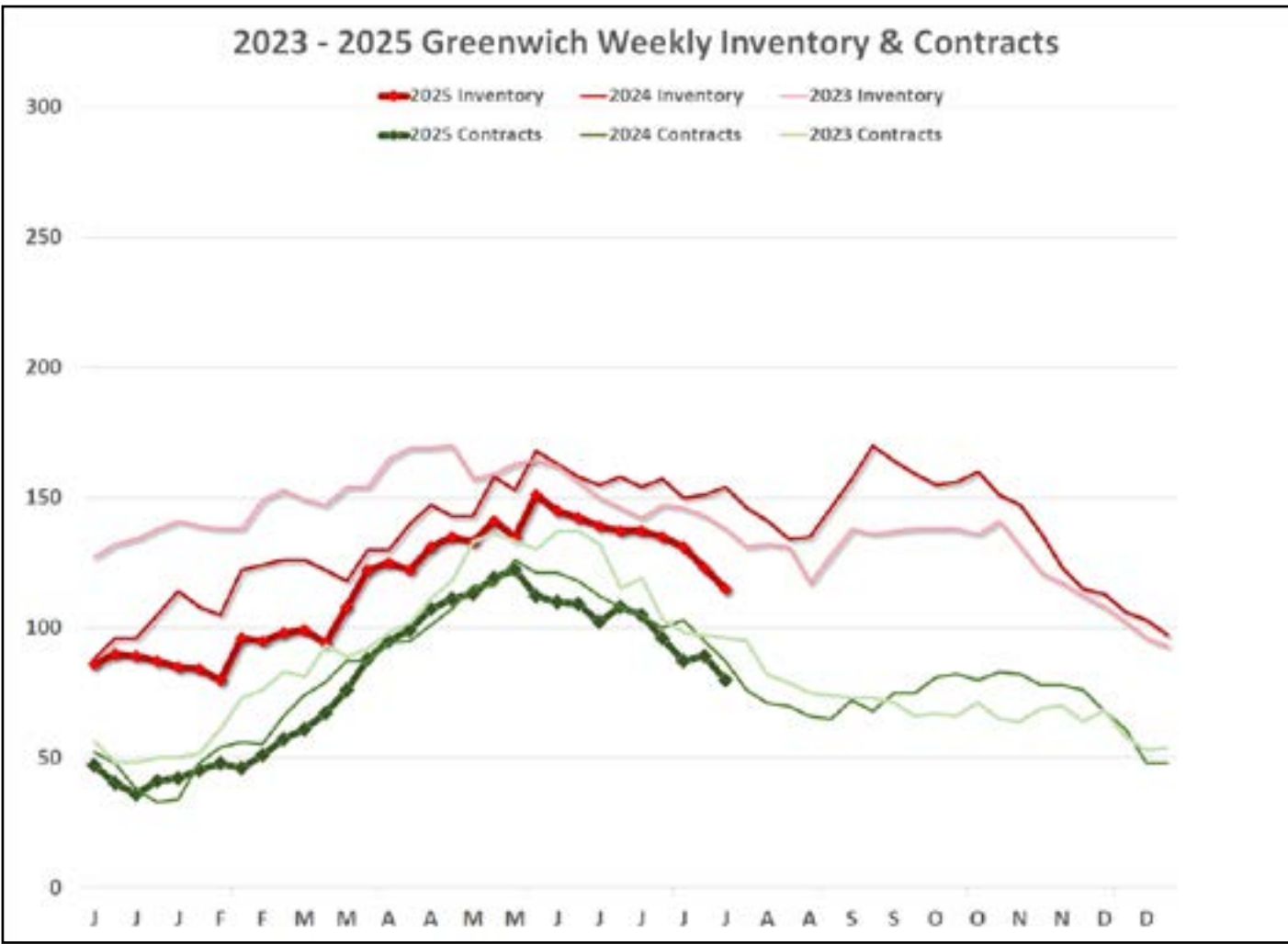
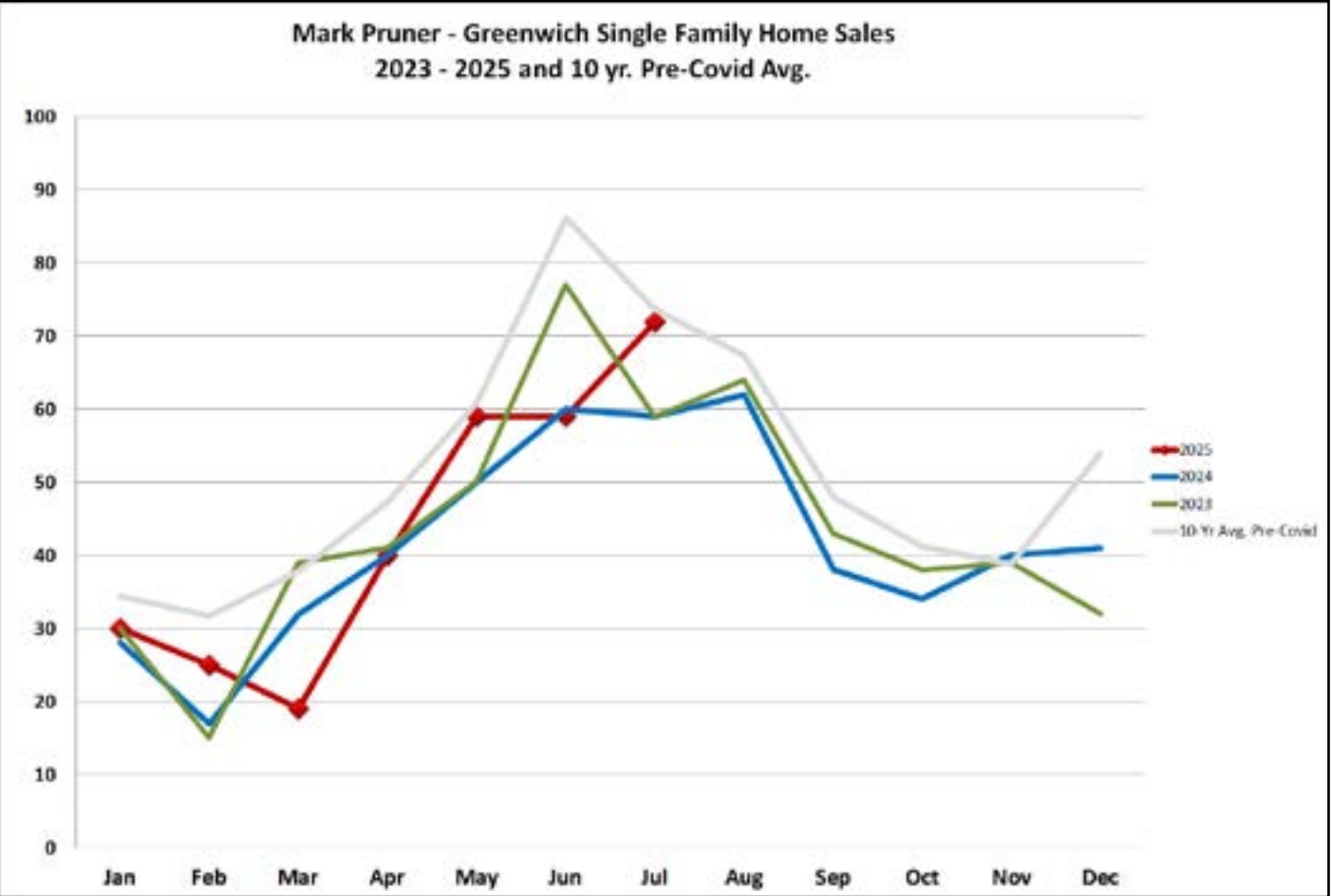
Market over \$3 million doing very well

The market above \$3 million is a different story. Last year at the end of July 2024, we had sold 131 houses. This year we sold 168 houses over \$3 million or an increase of 28% and the higher you went the higher the increase. From \$5 – 6.5 million, we saw an increase of 65% compared to last year. The price range that did the best compared to last year was the ultra-high-end. In 2024 by the end of July, we had sold 11 houses over \$10 million. This year we have doubled that number to 22 sales or an increase of 100%. Even more remarkable, those 11 sales of ultra-high-end properties in 2024 totaled \$144 million. The highest sale in 2024 through July was \$16.2 million. This year our 22 sales over \$10 million total \$320 million or an increase of 122% in total dollar volume. We've had three sales at \$21 million this year and we have listings priced at \$55 million and \$43 million under contract. This year we actually have more sales over \$10 million, than we have from \$6.5 -10 million; 22 sales versus 18 sales.

What's causing the surge in high-end sales?

So, what is causing this jump in ultra-high-end sales in Greenwich? Three factors seem to be key. Uncertainty, caused by the economic and tariff situations in Washington. The stock market took a huge plunge earlier this year and some large investor looked to a safer, and less volatile place to put their money. As we know, the stock market recovered and reached new highs, but we are seeing articles about whether the market is experiencing a bubble, as a result some people are taking their big gains and putting it into big properties. Most recently, we have been seeing the Mamdani effect. As the probability of Zohran Mamdani's election as NYC mayor increases, some very high net worth people are looking at local alternatives for places to live or at least to establish their tax abode. We saw the same thing when it became probable that Bill de Blasio was going to be elected in 2014. High-end sales in Greenwich went up.

We also have 8.6 months of supply of listings over \$10 million, which means we actually have something for people to buy over \$10 million.



You can see the increased demand over \$10 million as our months of supply has dropped from 17.8 months of supply in July 2024 to only 8.6 months of supply this year.

With 6 contracts pending, the ultra-high-end market looks to get even a little tighter. For a really dramatic change, if you take the 7 sales over \$10 million, we had in July 2025 and annualize them, we get an incredible 3.9 months of

supply. Is that more Mamdani or people thinking the stock market has peaked?

Super-sellers' market below \$5 million

We have less than 3 months of supply from \$1 million to \$5 million. We have no months of supply under \$1 million, because we don't have a single listing under \$1 million as of the end of July compared to 8 listings under

\$1 million at the end of July last year. (It got a little better in August, as we presently have 2 listings under \$1 million.) Of the 72 houses that sold in July this year, 53% sold for full list or over list price. We also only had 80 contracts at the end of July 2025 down from 92 last year. In some ways, we are eating our seed corn, as July's high sales came from an abnormally quick closing from contract signing. People aren't

waiting around to close, just in case the stock market plunges as it did in March.

The highly competitive nature of the market also means that contracts with a mortgage contingency are becoming scarce. In the middle of August our contracts have plunged to 61 contracts from 80 at the end of July. Of those 61 contracts, only 8 are contingent contracts. If you want to buy a house under \$3 million in Greenwich bring cash. If you want to buy a house over \$3 million bring cash, but then that has always been the case over \$3 million.

Stay tuned, the rest of the year is likely to be even more interesting.

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Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
201 Shore Road	Greenwich	\$2,499,000	Sun 1-4 PM	Coldwell Banker Realty
25 Jeffrey Road	Greenwich	\$2,950,000	Sun 1-4 PM	Coldwell Banker Realty
2 Walker Court	Greenwich	\$8,500	Sun 12-2 PM	Coldwell Banker Realty
979 Lake Avenue	Greenwich	\$2,595,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's International Realty
40 Bruce Park Drive	Greenwich	\$3,250,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's International Realty
107 Pemberwick Road	Greenwich	\$795,000	Sat 3-5 PM	Sotheby's International Realty
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NEW LISTINGS							
TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964							
Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
40 W Elm Street 1-M	\$525,000	\$963	545	0	0	1	South of Post
4 Putnam Hill Road 2E	\$550,000	\$538	1,022	0	2	1	South of Post
107 Pemberwick Road	\$795,000	\$774	1,027	0.12	2	2	Pemberwick
7 River Road 306	\$850,000	\$766	1,110	0	2	2	Cos Cob
333 Palmer Hill Road 2B	\$875,000	\$443	1,976	0	2	2	North Mianus
19 High Street	\$899,000	\$792	1,135	0.13	3	1	Byram
193 Hamilton Avenue 20	\$949,000	\$545	1,742	0	2	2	South of Post
118 Greenwich Hills Drive	\$1,045,000	\$514	2,035	0	3	2	Glennville
84 Putnam Park	\$1,100,000	\$515	2,136	0.1	3	2	South of Post
88 Indian Field Road	\$1,399,000	\$643	2,175	0.22	3	3	South of Post
36 Cary Road	\$1,850,000	\$771	2,400	0.14	4	4	Riverside
12 Hickory Drive B	\$1,950,000	\$463	4,210	0.72	6	4	Pemberwick
37 Miltiades Avenue	\$2,125,000	\$837	2,540	0.32	4	2	Riverside
7 Shaw Place	\$2,495,000	\$866	2,880	0.43	4	4	Riverside
25 Jeffrey Road	\$2,950,000	\$703	4,195	1.14	5	4	South Parkway
20 Sound Beach Avenue	\$3,399,000	\$790	4,300	0.17	5	5	Old Greenwich
1 Element Lane	\$6,999,000	\$548	12,781	3	6	6	North Parkway
10 Copper Beech Road	\$11,750,000	\$1,176	9,992	1.82	7	7	South Parkway

NEW SALES								
TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964								
Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
2 Putnam Hill 4D	\$499,000	\$499,000	\$475,000	192	2	1	10	665
2 Putnam Park	\$499,000	\$499,000	\$510,000	86	3	2	0	920
47 Lafayette Place 3G	\$499,000	\$499,000	\$500,000	48	1	1	0	493
51 Old Kings Highway S	\$670,000	\$670,000	\$673,000	19	2	2	0	1,104
63 Ivy Street	\$749,000	\$749,000	\$850,000	15	3	0	0.12	1,560
453 E Putnam Avenue 1i	\$770,000	\$770,000	\$795,000	27	2	2	0	1,179
5 Glen Street 303	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$942,500	17	2	2	0	1,511
45 Ettl Lane 504	\$969,000	\$969,000	\$1,075,000	23	2	2	0	2,983
50 Almira Drive B	\$975,000	\$975,000	\$1,000,005	69	2	2	0	2,804
112 Greenwich Hills Dr	\$995,000	\$995,000	\$1,035,000	43	3	2	0	2,028
25 Indian Harbor Dr 12	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,310,000	10	3	2	0	1,865
54 Greenwich Hills Dr 54	\$1,199,000	\$1,199,000	\$1,302,500	11	3	3	0	2,428
56 Sherwood Place 8	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	16	2	2	0	5,943
37 Windsor Lane	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,350,000	11	3	3	0.28	2,839
152 Valley Road	\$1,425,000	\$1,425,000	\$1,410,000	33	4	3	0.3	3,151
29 Maplewood Drive	\$1,950,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,595,000	43	7	5	0.5	5,302
37 Park Avenue	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	\$2,250,000	7	4	2	0.17	1,891
622 W Lyon Farm Drive	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,725,000	18	5	4	0	4,502
11 Mill Pond Court	\$1,895,000	\$1,895,000	\$2,000,000	36	3	3	0.13	4,774
25 Henry Street A	\$1,898,888	\$1,898,888	\$1,750,000	20	4	3	0.26	3,887
4 Ponderosa Drive	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$2,040,000	23	4	3	0.29	4,872
29 Home Place B	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	0	3	4	0	6,515
15 MacArthur Drive	\$1,925,000	\$1,925,000	\$2,050,022	20	5	3	0.17	12,612
27 Griffith Road	\$1,945,000	\$1,945,000	\$2,075,000	7	4	2	0.19	8,600
45 Homestead Road	\$2,175,000	\$1,995,000	\$1,920,000	134	5	3	0.28	
19 Pond Place	\$2,125,000	\$2,125,000	\$2,410,000	18	5	4	0.28	
16 Split Timber Place	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,420,000	7	5	3	0.28	
1 Lita Drive	\$2,295,000	\$2,295,000	\$2,150,000	17	4	3	0.32	
20 Linwood Avenue	\$2,395,000	\$2,395,000	\$2,400,000	62	4	3	0.29	
99 Stanwich Road	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,850,000	4	4	3	0.5	
35 Druid Lane	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000	\$2,801,035	7	4	2	0.36	
15 Red Coat Lane	\$2,850,000	\$2,575,000	\$2,575,000	77	5	3	2	
254 Stanwich Road	\$2,799,000	\$2,699,000	\$2,400,000	63	4	4	1.37	
43 Hunting Ridge Road	\$2,775,000	\$2,775,000	\$2,775,000	31	5	4	4.08	
134 Lockwood Road	\$2,950,000	\$2,950,000	\$3,150,000	2	4	3	0.33	
182 Milbank Avenue 3	\$3,200,000	\$2,995,000	\$2,885,000	122	3	2	0	
36 Highview Avenue	\$3,495,000	\$3,495,000	\$3,750,000	10	4	3	0.24	
7 Mountain Laurel Drive	\$3,799,000	\$3,495,000	\$3,650,000	68	5	5	2.96	
10 Lakeview Drive	\$3,495,000	\$3,495,000	\$3,976,000	11	5	5	0.28	
34 Thunder Mountain Rd	\$4,095,000	\$3,950,000	\$3,910,000	113	5	4	2	
10 Edgewood Drive 4B	\$3,950,000	\$3,950,000	\$4,200,000	26	3	4	0	
5 Jofran Lane	\$4,195,000	\$4,195,000	\$3,900,000	15	5	5	1.22	
11 Morningside Drive	\$4,495,000	\$4,495,000	\$4,495,000	0	5	6	0.51	
416 Taconic Road	\$5,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,650,000	89	5	5	3.03	
459 Field Point Road	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000	39	5	4	0.78	
42 Mallard Drive	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	\$4,950,000	34	5	7	0.37	
29 Taconic Road	\$5,395,000	\$5,395,000	\$5,700,000	10	5	7	5.41	
12 Winding Lane	\$6,100,000	\$6,100,000	\$6,100,000	0	5	4	2.42	
121 Valley Drive	\$6,290,000	\$6,290,000	\$6,000,000	16	5	6	1	
202 Round Hill Road	\$6,795,000	\$6,795,000	\$6,500,000	148	5	3	2.53	
26 Taconic Road	\$6,950,000	\$6,950,000	\$7,025,000	15	5	6	2.03	
25 Game Cock Road	\$7,495,000	\$7,495,000	\$7,495,000	38	4	4	0.6	
88 Cedar Cliff Road	\$16,995,000	\$13,995,000	\$13,250,000	1162	7	8	1.77	
198 Shore Road	\$21,900,000	\$21,900,000	\$21,000,000	43	6	5	0.65	



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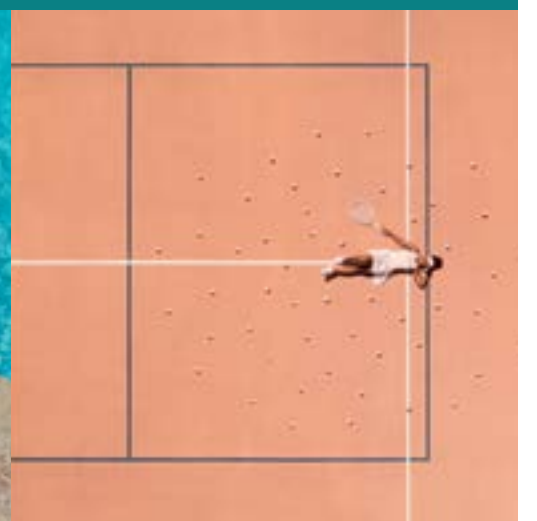




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ANSWER:

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### FIND 10 HIDDEN OBJECTS





FRIDAY, AUG. 22

**7 p.m.**  
Live Music: Tangled Vine. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd., Cos Cob. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com/events

**8:30 p.m.**  
Magnificent Moths Evening Adventure (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. \$15. RSVP. audubon.org/events?view\_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

**10 a.m.**  
Hawk Watch Kickoff & Intro to Hawk ID (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. \$15. RSVP. audubon.org/events?view\_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

**4 p.m.**  
Greenwich Pokémon Card Club Tournament & Meetup. 1156 East Putnam Ave., Riverside. facebook.com/events/1289337806236801

**7 p.m.**  
Live Music: Kings Highway. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd., Cos Cob. 203-618-9036. stlawrencesociety.com/events

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

**6 p.m.**  
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Sunset at Tod's Point. BYOE (everything). greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

**7 p.m.**  
Sound Beach Community Band perform 'Meet The Muppets: The World of Jim Henson'. Binney Park. Free. For weather postponement/cancellation information, call 203-861-6100 (after 4pm). greenwichct.gov/2084/Summer-Concerts

MONDAY, AUG. 25

**9:30 a.m.**  
Qigong Class. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

**7:30 p.m.**  
E-Bike Rider Safety and Skills Session. Greenwich Fire Department, 15 Havemeyer Place. Open to all e-bike & scooter riders. 203-622-3950. GFDsocialmed@gmail.com

TUESDAY, AUG. 26

**9:30 a.m.**  
Perrot Memorial Library: Perrot Walks at Tod's Point. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

**12 p.m.**  
Webinar: A Day in the Life of a Soundkeeper. On Zoom. Free. Register. savethesound.org/dayinthelife

**1 p.m.**  
Webinar: Talk Early, Talk Often: Prevent Underage Substance Use with Madd and Dr. Robert Turrisi. Online. Register. share.hsforms.com/2jNP0qwkW596rNfijdVbkH-Qrs9fo

**6 p.m.**  
Bruce Socials: Trivia at the Bruce. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$10 (includes a slice of pizza and a beer). brucemuseum.org

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

**11 a.m.**  
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: George Ubogy and Cynthia MacKay, "A Journey Through Some of America's Greatest Songs." Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

**1:30 a.m.**  
Baby Storytime (0-15 months). Perrot Memorial Library. Free drop-in program. perrotlibrary.org

**12 p.m.**  
Japanism Week: Decorate a Paper Fan in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Road. greenwichhistory.org/events

**6:30 p.m.**  
Author Leigh Stein Takes On The Attention Economy In Her Latest Novel. Athena Books, 228 Sound Beach Ave. \$35. eventbrite.com/e/1489644319259

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

**9 - 11 a.m.**  
New Lebanon School PTA: Back-to-School Clothing Drive. New Lebanon School, 25 Mead Ave. For questions on pick-up/drop-off information, call 203-570-2896 or 914-384-6512.

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

**10 a.m.**  
Sensory Storytime (18-48 months). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Registration required. perrotlibrary.org

**12 p.m.**  
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Let's Do Lunch. Tod's Point p(icnic tables at the first concession stand). Bring your own picnic lunch. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

**12 p.m.**  
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Ignite Grant Information Session. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

**2 p.m.**  
Lifetime of Looking: Color and Light – for adults experiencing cognitive decline, such as Alzheimer's Disease, and their family members and caregivers. Bruce Museum. Free with museum admission. Registration is required. 203-413-6743. srice@brucemuseum.org

**4:15 p.m.**  
Sing with Me (families with children of all ages). Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Registration required. perrotlibrary.org

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

**9:30 a.m.**  
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Friday Beach Walk's at Tod's Point. Meet at: Second concession stand near the flagpole. All levels welcome. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

**10 a.m.**  
Greenwich Art Society: Flowers Workshop with Greta Corens. 299 Greenwich Avenue. Register. greenwichartsociety.org/classes-summer-2025

**12 p.m.**  
Japanism Week: Make Origami in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Road. greenwichhistory.org/events

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, THROUGH MONDAY, SEPT. 1

**11 a.m. & 2 p.m.**  
Skyhunters in Flight. Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. beardsleyzoo.org

WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCT. 29

**2:30 - 5:30 p.m.**  
Old Greenwich Farmer's Market. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Avenue, Old Greenwich. Through Oct. 29. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com.

SATURDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 22

**9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Greenwich Farmer's Market Opening Day. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). Through Nov. 22. greenwichfarmersmarketct.com.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

**3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch

Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. info@archstreet.org. archstreet.org

TUESDAYS:

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

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

WEDNESDAYS:

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

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

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

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

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

2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

THURSDAYS:

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

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

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

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

**GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org**  
**Friday, Aug. 22**  
**12 - 4 p.m.**  
Cos Cob Library Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.  
**4 p.m.**  
Crafty Kids (Ages 3-5). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org  
**5 p.m.**  
Greenwich Library Early Close (5pm).  
**Saturday, Aug. 23**  
**9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Cos Cob Library Temporary Hours at The Reading Room.

**11 a.m.**  
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org.  
**1 p.m.**  
PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.  
**Monday, Aug. 25**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.  
**1 p.m.**  
Fiction Addiction: Lunchtime Edition. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.  
**2 p.m.**  
PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab.  
**Tuesday, Aug. 26**  
**11 a.m.**  
Storytime with Patty (Birth - Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.  
**5 p.m.**  
Meditation & Breathing with Gail. On Zoom.  
**Wednesday, Aug. 27**  
**1 p.m.**  
LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.  
**Thursday, Aug. 28**  
**11 a.m.**  
Tech Help. Learning Lab.  
**11:15 a.m.**  
Qi Gong. Online.  
**1 p.m.**  
Amplify Your Business Impact: Greenwich Library x Woman Owned Greenwich. Online.  
**Friday, Aug. 29**  
**5 p.m.**  
Greenwich Library Early Close (5pm).  
**Saturday, Aug. 30**  
**All Libraries closed.**

**GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwichhospital.org/events**  
**888-305-9253**  
**Saturday, August 23**  
**9 a.m.**  
CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Volunteer Ln. \$65. For discount information call 888-305-9253.  
**Monday, August 25**  
**6 p.m.**  
CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Volunteer Ln. \$65. For discount information call 888-305-9253.

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

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: redcrossblood.org**  
**Friday, Aug. 22**  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Road, Upper Level 3 Hawthorne, NY.  
**Saturday, Aug. 23**  
**7 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**  
Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.  
**8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
Archangels Greek Orthodox Church, 1527 Bedford Street, Stamford.  
**Sunday, Aug. 24**  
**7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.  
**Monday, Aug. 25**  
**11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**  
Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich.  
**8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Road.







# LEO MANDALA

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## SUDOKU

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Sudoku answers

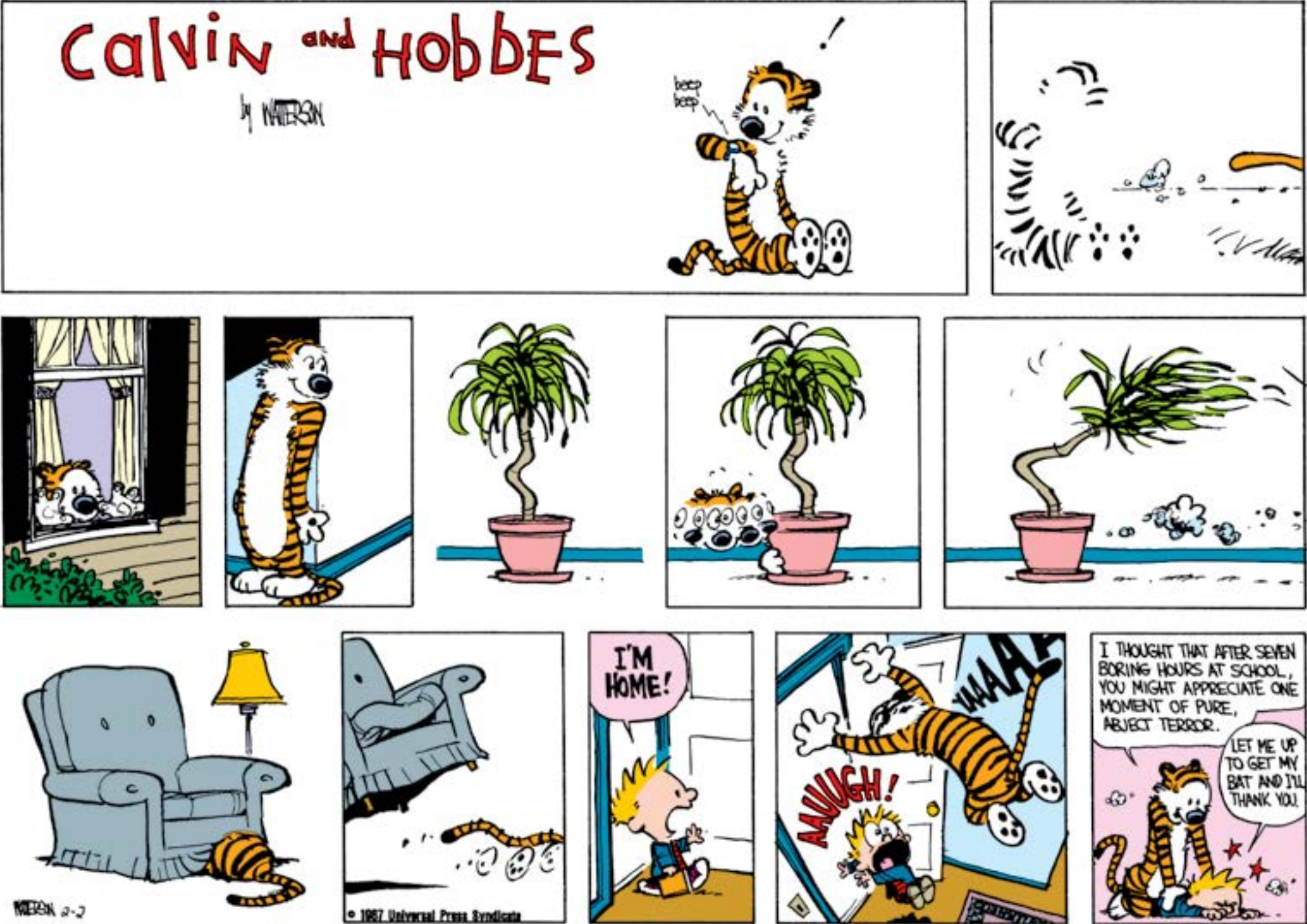
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EDUCATION

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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE AFRICAN GIANT MILLIPEDE

An Animal Super Hero

By JIM KNOX

If the great Stan Lee were to create an animal superhero in his time, he would have stayed true to the formula which propelled so many of his creations into super sci-fi stardom. The most essential quality for nearly all of his characters was an unassuming, humble nature. He would then add an incredible array of unique powers to his evolving creation. Lastly, he would wrap his character in a cloak of goodness—which they would in turn bestow upon the planet...or perhaps the galaxy.

With this unbeatable formula in mind, it seems that Stan Lee, rather than Mother Nature, created Archispirostreptus gigas, otherwise known as the African Giant millipede. This beast from the African rainforest is indeed a humble, unassuming creature. Far from flashy, the millipede is colored a blackish purple hue, and is incapable of climbing, running, flying or swimming, its mode of locomotion is simply, walking.

Within the African rainforest, its specific habitat is the rainforest floor. As a detritivore, this beast roams the leaf litter searching for meals—mostly decomposing plant matter—all the while churning through the top layer of soil with its bulldozer approach.

Its unique superpowers seem to leap off the pages of a comic book or graphic novel. As an invertebrate, an animal without a backbone, it's not surprising that these beasts possess an exoskeleton. What is unusual is that it possesses a multilayered exoskeleton which is comprised of dorsal calcareous plates or reinforced body armor. It is this unique design that confers both proportional super strengths to mix the rainforest soil and great defense from predators.

It is this soil mixing that enables the rainforest to grow and flourish...hence the goodness to the planet. Yet



the African Giant millipede has far more to it than a few extra legs. For starters, these creatures are true giants of the invertebrate world. Reaching lengths of up to 13 inches, they dissuade most amphibian, reptile and bird predators, and nearly all invertebrate predators, by their size alone.

In addition to their size, they utilize their armored exoskeleton for defense—curling up into a defensive ball position. If a predator is not deterred by their size, or their defensive posture, the millipede can launch a chemical attack. Any predator foolish enough to sniff or bite the millipede, will receive a snout-full of repugnatorial fluid which is a potent cocktail of cyanide and hydrocyanic acid.

Yet the Giant millipede's superpowers don't end there. Possessing multiple legs per segment, the millipedes travel their rainforest home on up to 400 legs. Utilizing their simple eyes known as ocelli, as well as a pair of antennae, they can navigate the dense rainforest to find food and each other. Equipped with two sets of internal organs per segment, giant millipedes are designed like no other creatures on the planet.

Found on every continent other than Antarctica, and just one of the 7,000 known species of millipedes on the planet, there is more

than one millipede species for every one of the world's 6,000 + known mammals. In The U.S. and Canada alone, we have more than 1,400 native millipede species. This exceptional diversity enables the world's forests

and grasslands to benefit from these soil engineers, which in turn distribute nutrients from their waste, mix nitrogen into the soil, and aerate it for optimal plant growth, in the process.

The millipede is no

overnight success either. These animals have been plowing through the planet's forests and grasslands for an astounding 420 million years! With a track record of survival like that and the ability to flourish on all but one of the world's continents, the millipede is one of nature's most successful creatures.

With such a resume of success to its credit, the millipede shouldn't lack fans, yet its humble, behind-the-scenes nature, assures this planetary superhero is often overlooked. Having worked with them for years, I can assure you, that they can wow an audience just as much as any falcon or tiger cub. For most, the initial sight is familiar, but the size throws most people off. With our largest Connecticut species, the American Giant millipede, topping off at a

very respectable four inches, the African Giant adds a new dimension and sense of wonder to all of those who witness its "chorus kick line" up close.

When we shine a light on creatures like the African Giant millipede, we realize that nature might be ruled by the bold, but it is run by the old—the ancient creatures who have not had to change over millions of years because Mother Nature got it right so many years ago.

**Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo where he directs education efforts for Connecticut's only zoo. A proud Member of The Explorers Club, Jim enjoys sharing his passion for wildlife conservation with audiences in Connecticut and beyond.**



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