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POLICE & FIRE  
Firefighters Contain  
Greenwich Hospital Blaze



A vehicle caught fire yesterday in the staff parking garage at Greenwich Hospital. Firefighters quickly contained the blaze to two vehicles. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause. Photo credit: Greenwich Firefighters

Greenwich Firefighters  
Gain Safety Support

Starting August 18, 2025, the Greenwich Fire Department will assign a firefighter driver, known as an Incident Management Technician (IMT), to the shift commander's vehicle. The IMT will provide additional support and oversight at emergency scenes to improve safety and efficiency. This change was made possible through approval from local government bodies.

Calico Cat And Kittens  
Rescued

On August 10, Greenwich Police found a calico cat and her five kittens abandoned in a dirty cardboard box near the Bruce Park playground entrance. Greenwich Animal Control reports an increase in animal abandonment cases and is requesting information from the public. Anyone with details is asked to contact Animal Control at (203) 622-8299.

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

"People may not be motivated to save the insects for their own sake, but a world without insects is a world without birds." Madeline Bodin, "A Shared Tale," Smithsonian Magazine, July/August 2025.

## A Visit to the Annual Cos Cob Mianus Dugout Old Timers Picnic at Greenwich Point



Cos Cob Mianus Dugout Old Timers gathered at Greenwich Point Park, August 24, 2025, with the oldest in front row, L to R 4th Tony Marzullo, 96, and 5th, Peter Orrico, 93.

By ANNE W. SEMMES

The guys were arriving soon after 11 a.m. last Sunday at Greenwich Point Park for the 40th anniversary of the Cos Cob Mianus Dug Out Old Timers. The story goes this gathering of guys wanting to hang out and tell stories began in the basement of a restaurant now the site of Louie's on River Road Extension in Cos Cob. It grew big and met at the Old Greenwich Civic Center before moving to Greenwich Point Park some years ago. Some 73 showed up on Sunday, and this time there was a third generation attending.

Rick Novakowski is wearing a tee shirt emblazoned with "Cos Cob Mianus Old Timers - Established 1984." He's been attending for "probably 20 years," he tells. "Freddie Intrieri and Doc Orrico were long time Old Timers and asked me to join them and help organize and everything else." Novakowski shares that original Cos Cob and Mianus lineage of those founders, with Doc Orrico having died at 88 last year to be celebrated at this year's meeting.

So, what pulls these guys together? "It's like everybody enjoys each other," says Novakowski. "There's no pretense. There's no controversy... Maybe they'll argue with tomorrow, but for today, they seem to wipe everything clean and be happy...

Laugh and talk about the old times," adding, "For some reason they're just comfortable." Comradery writ large.

And then there's that scent of fresh corn cooking and grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, and clam chowder. "Its food coma," says Novakowski, "By the time one or two o'clock rolls around, there's so much food that everybody's in a food coma. Everybody's happy."

"Kelly's from Rye caters the food," shares Josephine Intrieri Colangelo, daughter of the original founder Fred Intrieri, present while doing her organizing part before departing. "They start with Danishes and coffee," then comes lunch, ending by 5ish, after a three-course steak dinner!

The oldest attendee at 96 is Tony Marzullo of Cos Cob. Next up is Doc Orrico's brother Peter Orrico, age 93, The rule was to join the Old Timers you needed to be 50 but times have changed. Arriving was Doc Orrico's grandson Bailey Ballone in his 20's, along with Novakowski's son Christian in his 20's.

So, Ballone shares this is his first attendance. He's asked, "Why did you come?" "To honor my grandpa," and Christian's response is the same, "To honor Doc Orrico as well."

Others arriving are purchasing \$80 tickets in hopes they will win a door prize. Colangelo has gathered gifts

*"It's like everybody enjoys each other. There's no pretense. There's no controversy."*  
**Rick Novakowski.**



The late Doc Orrico, honoree of the 2025 Cos Cob Mianus Dugout Old Timers Picnic. Courtesy of Josephine Intrieri Colangelo.

cases of wine and gift certificates to restaurants. She tells about her Dug Out founding dad Fred Intrieri's fame. (He died age 93.) "He was one of the biggest landscapers in Greenwich back in the day. He was very generous and always helping people... always paying and doing stuff for this day...like me, running around and everything. And he lived for this day."

Citing this gathering as happening every year, "until Covid killed it," Colangelo shares,

"I went to the guys last year and said we have to do this. My father's memory has to go on. He loved this event. We have to bring it back. So that's when we brought it back. And then we had the biggest turnout - 70 guys after all that time."

With the crowd swelling and ospreys dipping their wings on their way to the water, time came to honor Doc Orrico with Rick Novakowski stepping up. "Doc would be so happy today... I know how it was for Doc, the importance of keeping this tradition going. This town's changed a lot, but it still is a unique place where we can go way back to our roots... We're all rooted in friendship and we're lucky to be in this spot that we can do this."

Doc Orrico's son Anthony Orrico of Bethel was introduced: "This day means a lot to me. And thankfully I was able to get in before I turned 40... So, I've had probably 20 years coming almost every year. "

Up next was another son Keith Orrico of Cos Cob. He described his dad as "a very

uncomplicated guy... He loved Cos Cob, he loved to be an Italian, and he loved this picnic, and he would have been very honored about this and very happy today."

Last up was Doc Orrico's son-in-law Brian O'Gorman of Pemberwick who confessed his shortcomings. "I'm Irish, so there's a strike out. I'm not from Cos Cob, that's another strike out, but I've been part of the Orrico family for coming on 26 years." His wishes: "Let's keep things going. I want to bring the younger people in. I want to get everybody involved...And outside of family birthdays and family traditions and family holidays, this is Doc's favorite day of the year."

O'Gorman ended with a coincidence while watching TV in the morning "and this is completely 100 percent truth. They did a 20-minute special on SportsCenter about the song "Sweet Caroline" and its influence round the world on the sports stadiums... Doc's favorite song. Let's play it!" His recording began with the crowd joining in.

## Courage & Faith surges with sold-out crowds

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

The Courage & Faith Speaker Series has been running for more than a decade, drawing some of the most compelling voices in public life to Christ Church Greenwich. This fall, the series continues with renewed energy.

We are sending this email to give Sentinel readers a chance to get their tickets now before these events are sold out.

The season begins September 21-23 with "By Land and Sea: Paul's Travels in Acts." Rev. Dr. Chuck Robertson will lead four lectures over three days, tracing Paul's journeys and the legacy of his letters. Evening sessions include examinations of disputed authorship, Paul's views on women, and contrasting interpretations between Eastern and Western Christianity. Music and fellowship frame the experience, from a Choral Evensong to a concluding Greek dinner.

In October, the series welcomes Sam Waterston and Rev. Dr. Russ Levenson Jr. for a conversation about Witness to Belief: Conversations on Faith and Meaning. Levenson's book includes reflections from Jane Goodall, Amy Grant, Condoleezza Rice, and Admiral William McRaven. Jenna Bush Hager praised the work, noting that his stories "fill you with hope and inspire grace."

Soon after, on October 29, David Brooks will appear for a lecture on "How America Recovers." The columnist and author, a familiar voice from The New York Times and PBS, has already sold out the sanctuary.

And still ahead is Jon Meacham on December 3. His presentation, "The Soul of America: God, History, and the Way We Live Now," is selling quickly, with interest well beyond Greenwich. Organizers expect another sellout, making it one of the most anticipated evenings of the season.

Courage & Faith has always carried a simple charge. Its mission statement asks: "How do we

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Paul was a fierce enemy of the early Church until a blinding encounter with Christ utterly transformed him into Christianity's most passionate and tireless messenger. Through maps and photos, these will be informative talks.

Sunday Forum with breakfast, Sept. 21, 11:15 am  
"By Land and Sea: Paul's Travels in Acts"

Sunday, Sept. 21, 6 pm  
"In His Name: The Disputed Letters"

Monday, Sept. 22, 6 pm  
"Paul and Women" plus a Greek dinner for attendees with Rev. Dr. Robertson.

The talks are free but please register  
Scan or go to: christchurchgreenwich.org

"Courage & Faith" is a collaboration between St. Barnabas and Christ Church Greenwich  
Event location: 354 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT

unite with compassion in an era marked by deep divisions and global unrest?" The question feels more urgent each year, and the sellout crowds are an answer in themselves.

Tickets for remaining events are available now. Organizers encourage prompt reservations at christchurchgreenwich.org/courage-faith-speaker-series.

## Last Chance for GrahamBerries

Organic Blueberries from Abilis Available only Through August

GrahamBerries, the fresh, organic blueberries sold each summer through Abilis' Competitive Employment program, will only be available through the end of August. Hurry and get yours before they are gone!

GrahamBerries come from Blueberry Hill, an organic farm in upstate New York owned by Peter and Philippa Orzulak, whose son Graham is an Abilis program participant and the namesake of GrahamBerries.

Known for their plump, juicy flavor, GrahamBerries have been a summer favorite for more than ten years and help provide critical employment opportunities for Abilis community members with disabilities. The blueberries are sold for \$14 a quart or \$5 a half-pint at the following locations:

- Abilis Gardens & Gifts: M-F, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 50 Glenville St., Greenwich (Quarts & Half-Pints).
- The Café at Greenwich Library: M-Th, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sun, 1-3 p.m., 101 W. Putnam Ave., Greenwich (Half-Pints).
- Island Beach Concession Stand: Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Half-Pints).
- Cos Cob Fire Station: M-Th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 200 E. Putnam Ave., Greenwich (Quarts).
- Old Greenwich Farmers Market: Wednesdays, 2:30-

5:30 p.m., 38 West End Ave., Old Greenwich (Quarts).

- Greenwich Town Hall: M-Th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 101 Field Point Road, Greenwich (Quarts).

- The Café at Darien Library: M-Th, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fri, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1441 Post Road, Darien (Half-Pints).

- Boxcar Cantina: Special GrahamBerries Blueberry Margaritas, 44 Old Field Point Road, Greenwich.

"The community looks forward to GrahamBerries all year long, and now is the last chance to get them before the season ends," said Amy Montimurro, Abilis president and CEO. "These blueberries have a loyal following, and the program also gives our community members hands-on experience in retail sales and customer service."

Abilis is a 501c3 non-profit organization that supports more than 800 individuals with disabilities and their families from birth throughout their lives. Founded in 1951, Abilis is a leader in providing meaningful supports to the community in Fairfield County, Connecticut, in towns including Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Ridgefield, Stamford, Westport and Wilton. The organization has a long-standing reputation for individualized, high-quality care. For more information, visit [www.abilis.us](http://www.abilis.us), or follow on Facebook @Abilis, Inc., Instagram @abilis\_us or Twitter @Abilis.



# Greenwich August 2025 Condo and Co-op Report



By Mark Pruner

### Market Tightest Ever

August finally looks like a good month for condo sales after they had been below average monthly sales for our 21st century average. We'll end the month with 21 condo sales, the same as last year and as our 25-year average. Overall, the poor sales in the earlier months this year, except for our shortest month, means that through August we have sold 110 condos and co-ops (going forward all references to condos include co-ops) in Greenwich. This compares to 135 condo sales last year and our 25-year average of 134 condos.

Like our single-family homes, we have lower sales due to lower inventory. Right now, we only have 34 condo listings on the market. Of those 34 listings, all but 2 of them are under \$4 million. Interestingly enough, the two condos over \$4 million are really 4 condos.

The first of these very high-end condos is 148 E. Elm St. which is composed of units 1 & 2. These are both new units. Combined you get 8 bedrooms, 8 full baths and 3 half-baths, but only 1 fireplace in 8,567 sf. List price is \$7,800,000. For only \$6,590,000, you can get 4 bedrooms: 4 full baths and one half bath, but still only one fireplace if you buy 1 Home Place units A and B. (BTW: Home Place is off of Davis Avenue, just south of the Bruce Park, near the pond.)

Last year, we had the highest sales price to original list price at 101.3%. This year we went down to exactly 100.0% of sold price to original list price. This compares to our 25-year median of 94.1% of SP/OLP. Condos are almost always tight in Greenwich. We had the highest sales price per square foot and the highest average sales price at \$1.33 million in 2024.

This year we are blowing those records away. Our average price is \$1.42 million, up 6.8% from last year. Our average price/sf is \$769/sf, up 10.0% from last year. Part of that big jump is a change in the mix in what is selling this year with 17 sales over \$2 million this year.

Our cumulative days on market dropped to an all-time low of 61 days on market last year and they went down even more this year to 50 days on market. The reason it was even this high was we had 3 sales that had been on the market for over 200 days. The median days on market was a very low 30 days from listing to binding contract,

almost the same as last year.

In 2024, we saw the highest volume of condo and co-op sales ever with \$256 million in total sales. So far this year, we have sold \$156 million of condos, which annualized comes out to \$212 million.

All of this is attributed to our very low inventory. We have 34 condos on the market. We have already sold 110 condos and have 22 contracts waiting to close. At this point, it looks like low inventory may lead to lower sales this year, but we will have more sales in the second half of the year than in the first half of the year, if historic seasonal sales pattern applies.

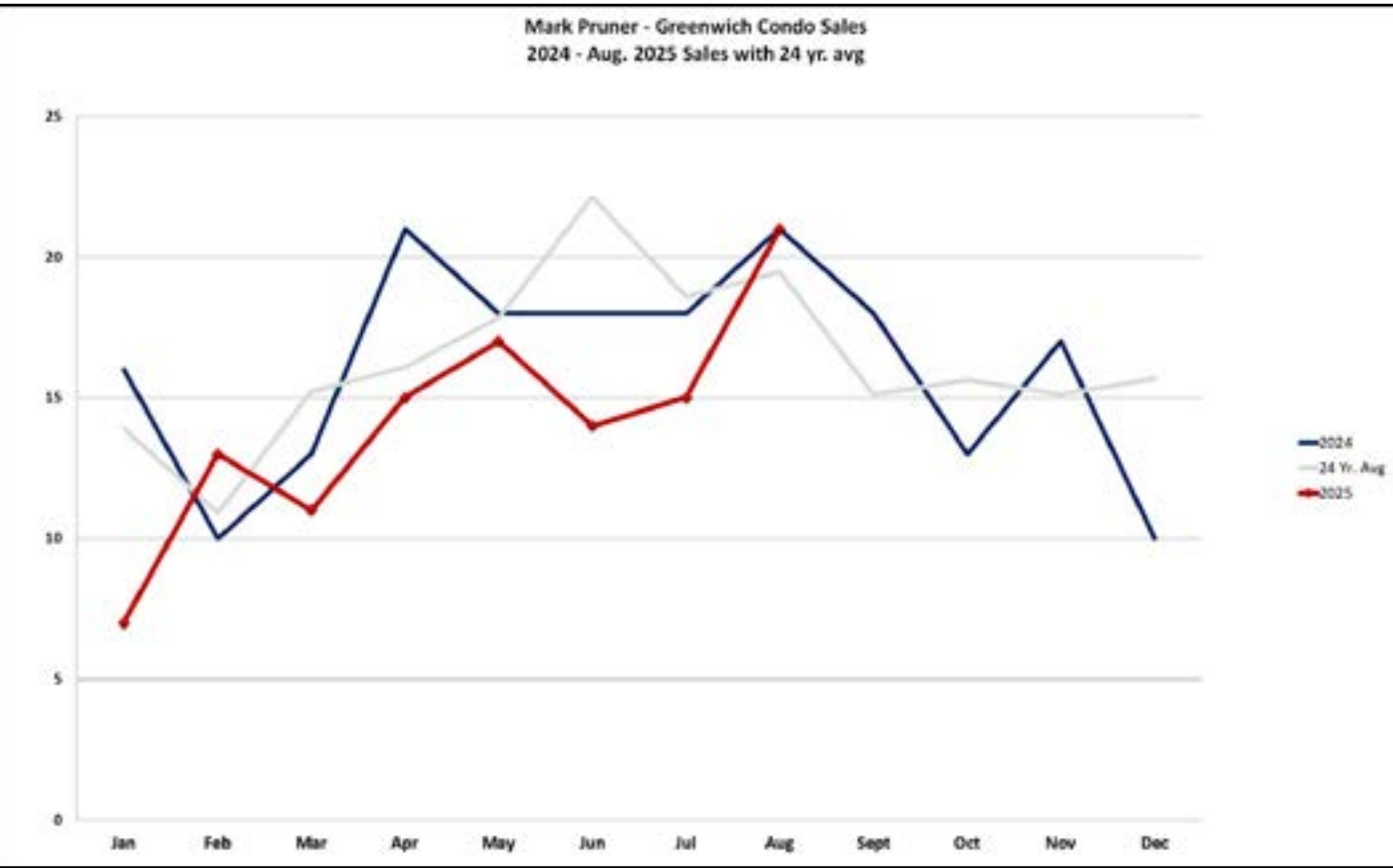
Our condo sales were spread out all over front country, where properties are zoned for multi-family. Most of sales are in central Greenwich, Pemberwick, Glenville, and Byram on the west side of town and also in Cos Cob on the east side of Greenwich. Of our 22 contracts, 12 are pending, i.e. non-contingent and 10 are contingent. These 10 contingent contracts represent about 45% of all the contract, which is a much higher contingency percentage than we see in single family home contracts.

We see more contingent contracts for condos than we do for single family homes, because of the lower price point and buyers that don't have the \$3 million of cash it takes to buy the average priced house in Greenwich. Still if you are looking to buy a condo, it's a good idea to bring cash. If you don't have the \$1.81 million to buy the average condo listing in Greenwich, you really, really want to get a good mortgage broker and get underwritten pre-approved. If sellers know that if you only need an appraisal to close, then only a slightly higher offer may be as good as cash. (Sellers nearly always think their house will appraise for your offer price.)

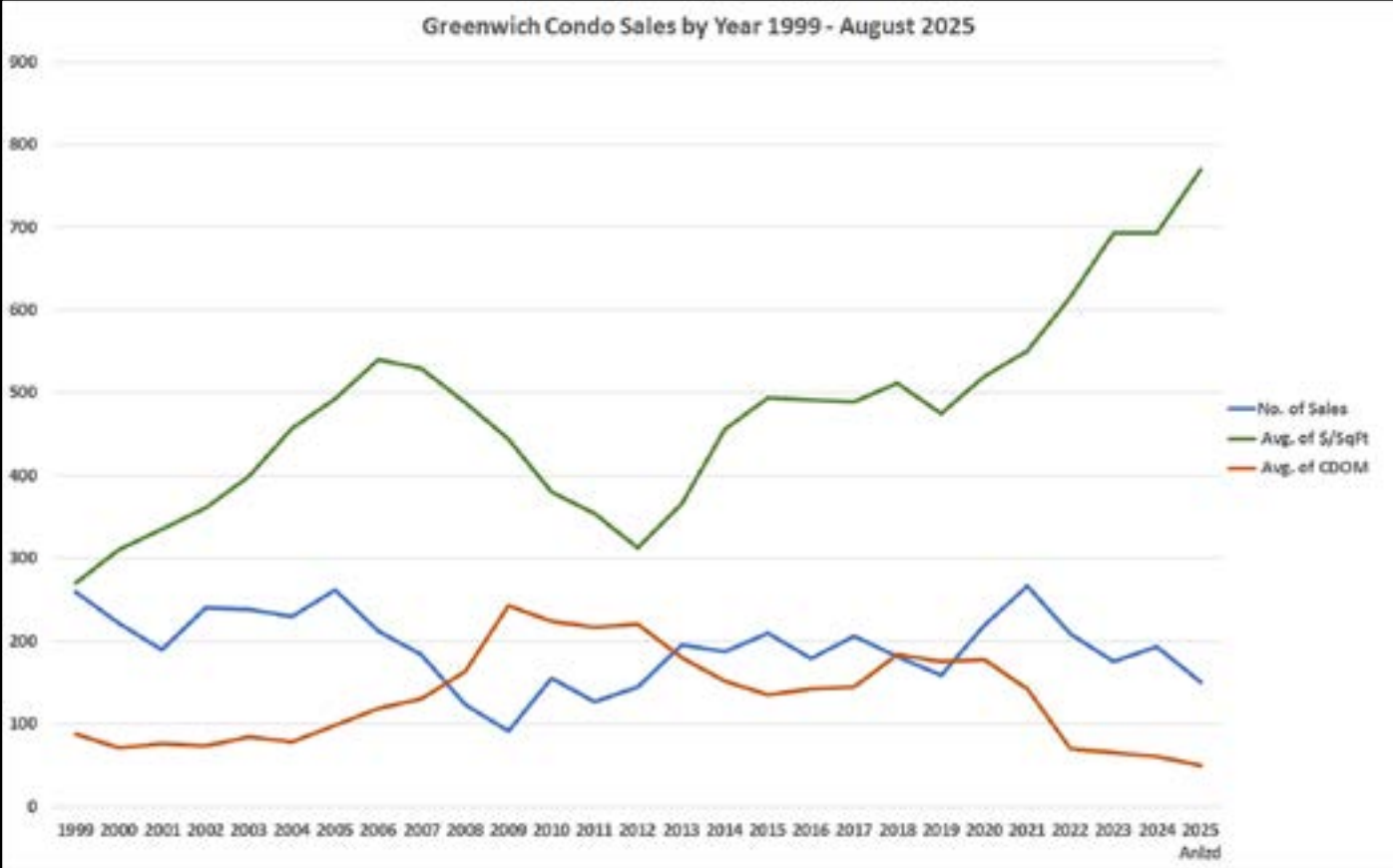
The condo market is tight at every price range. We have less than 3 months of supply from \$600,000 to \$3 million. We have no MoS above \$4 million. We do have 7 sales over \$4 million this year, but no inventory until you get above \$6.5 million where we have inventory, but no sales. Our team has 9 condos listed for \$10 million at 147 Holly Hill, but they fall under the multi-family category in the Greenwich MLS since they are rental/investment properties.

Our highest condo sale this year was at the Modern, next to Greenwich Town Hall for \$6.2 million. Over \$3 million we have 7 listings and 10 sales so far this year and 4 contracts waiting to close.

The large majority of condo sales are under \$2 million;



Condo sales took a nice jump in August and got back to our 25 year average of 21 August sales.



Most condo sales are \$2 million dollars in Greenwich, but we do have 4 sales over \$5 million this year.

				Last Month Sold+ Contracts	YTD Sold	YTD+ Contracts	Months of Supply	MoS w/ Contracts	Last Mo. MoS Annld
As of 8/27/25	Inventory	Contracts	Last Mo. Sold						
< \$600K	6	5	3	8	24	29	2.0	2.0	2.0
\$600-\$800K	3	4	2	6	17	21	1.4	1.4	1.5
\$800K-\$1M	3	2	1	3	14	16	1.7	1.8	3.0
\$1-\$1.5M	9	6	7	13	24	30	3.0	2.9	1.3
\$1.5-\$2M	5	0	3	3	14	14	2.9	3.4	1.7
\$2-\$3M	1	1	1	2	7	8	1.1	1.2	1.0
\$3-\$4M	5	4	0	4	3	7	13.3	6.8	.
\$4-\$5M	0	0	1	1	3	3			
\$5-\$6.5M	0	0	0	0	4	4			
\$6.5-\$10M	2	0	0	0	0	0			
> \$10M	0	0	0	0	0	0	.	.	.
TOTAL	34	22	18	40	110	132	2.5	2.4	1.9

Our inventory is still very low with only 34 condos and co-ops on the market. Low inventory has led to slightly lower sales and very low days on market.

this is up from the majority of sales being under \$1.5 million last year. The only price category that has anything close to decent inventory is under \$1.0 - 1.5 million where we have 9 listings, but we also had 24 sales and 6 contracts this year, which means only 2.9 months of supply

On average, just about any month is a good month to sell a condo. We do have a slight peak in June with 22 sales last year, but we don't see the big

late spring/summer spike that we see in Greenwich house sales. Then again, if you don't have to list in January or February you may want to wait for the spring market, but feel free to list away in November or December.

The condo and co-op market is tight in Greenwich, but then it always is. It's the place to go if you want to get into Greenwich for less than a \$1 million. So far this year, we have had 55 sales and 11

contracts for condos under \$1 million. We also have 12 condos in inventory. On the single-family home side under \$1 million, we only have 16 sales and 6, most of which were bunched at the top of the range between \$800,000 and \$1 million.

If you are looking for a newly built condo ready to move in to, we don't have any. We have 2 listings that are under construction, and our next newest condo was built

in 2019. We did have one lucky buyer who bought a 2024 build.

We are at the lowest days on market ever so be ready to move, when you see the condo or the co-op that you want.

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## 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 Rabin.

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

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.

By LIZ LEAMY

Last Sunday was an afternoon for the books up as two of America's premier high goal teams, FlyHouse and La Fe, battled it out against one another in fierce fashion at the Greenwich Polo Club with the intention of accruing all-important points in the first round of the East Coast Open, one of the most celebrated tournaments of the sport.

In the final tally, FlyHouse, the powerhouse contingent based out of the New York metropolitan area, clicked the win with their remarkable power, skill and energy to land at the top of the leaderboard, 16-9, over their formidable opponent based out of Wellington, Florida, who are the 2025 East Coast Gold and East Coast Silver Cup champions.

For the talented and accomplished members of these teams, it was all about playing in an optimal level.

“It was great to be out there today and the crowd was amazing,” said David Stirling Jr. of Uruguay, who is one of the sport's highest-ranked players with a nine (out of a 10 maximum) goal rating. “They come here and enjoy everything and I think that makes it even more special.”

Other athletes agreed. “It was a tough and intense game,” said Christian (Magoo) LaPrida of La Fe, the renowned seven goalers who is a big crowd favorite at the Greenwich Polo Club. “The whole atmosphere here is amazing and I've played here many times and like it. It's really nice.”

This year's East Coast Open tournament, which commenced in 1978, features five teams that have either a 20-goal or near to 20-goal handicap, FlyHouse, La Fe, Audi, Sayville Ford and Stradavarius.

Over the next few weeks, these teams, all of which have rosters featuring many of the sport's most decorated players and ponies, will face off against one another at the Greenwich Polo Club in hopes of claiming the storied Perry Cup trophy that will be awarded to the top finisher after the final match slated to be held Sunday, September 7th.

Most certainly, the expertise of the players and ponies

# FlyHouse glides past La Fe



The Best Playing Pony award being given to the stunning charge ridden by the illustrious Uruguayan high goaler, David Stirling Jr., one of polo's highest-ranked players with a nine (out of a 10 maximum) goal handicap. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

participating in this game did was very much appreciated by the spectators and others at this thrilling faceoff who all applauded and cheered for the players, both equine and human, throughout the entire match, something that made for an electric and memorable atmosphere.

“The talent on the field is unbelievable and if you look at the ratings of these guys, it's amazing,” said Mark Steinberg, co-owner of the TrailNetwork merchandise company based in Port Chester, New York, along with his brother, Michael Steinberg, both of who are the proprietors of the ever-popular Greenwich Polo Club Shop based underneath the grandstand. “This is a gorgeous venue and it's great to be with everyone. You can see they're all having such a good time enjoying everything, enjoying the food and refreshments, as well as being together to watch this beautiful game. There are so many people from Greenwich and also from all over who come to see this sport and experience everything about this incredible venue.”

At the same time, the athletes also had a great time playing at the Greenwich Polo Club on this glorious August afternoon.

“I've never been here and it's my first time playing at the club. It's an amazing place,” said Stirling, who has won more than 10 Argentinian Cup tournaments in his stellar playing career thus far. “This is one of the major spots we have in the polo world. The field was great and the atmosphere is one of the best in the world.”

Throughout this sold-out

event, scores of people could be seen teeming about the Greenwich Polo Club grounds enjoying the game and all the other things there.

“I love it here. It's so beautiful,” said Melanie McCreath of Ansonia, Connecticut, who was attending her first-ever match at the venue. “There's so much happening here, especially with the food and everything else. It's such a great atmosphere.”

In addition to all of people enjoying the match from the sidelines, many families and spectators, many of who were there with their dogs, could be seen visiting one of the many food trucks located behind the grandstands that offered such tasty fare as sushi, pizza, Greek food, burgers and fries and ice cream, among other things.

“This is a great sports and social event for everyone,” said Ralph Pietrafesa, President of Longford's Ice Cream based in Stamford, Connecticut, whose truck is always a major attraction at the Greenwich Polo Club Sunday matches each season. “It's a great game to watch, the horses are beautiful and there's a lot of action everywhere. Everyone's having a great time and there are so many good food trucks. It's fun to be part of the whole experience here.”

At the same time, dozens of individuals could be seen perusing and purchasing merchandise at the ever-popular Greenwich Polo Club Shop and other retail vendors on hand there.

“It's been such a busy summer

here and we're thrilled to provide everyone with merchandise so they have memories to bring home, which means a lot,” said Steinberg, whose most popular items this year have included the Greenwich Polo Club baseball caps, straw hats, tee shirts, sweatshirts and Boathouse jacket, among other things. (The store also sells water bags, blankets, water bottles and candles with the Greenwich Polo Club logo as well as stunning polo belts and polo-inspired paintings, among other enticing merchandise.) “This club is so fantastic and unique and draws such a wonderful crowd of people. It's a place like no other and it's always great to be here.”

Others concurred.

“It's such a great turnout here,” said Gino Gallitto who was on hand at the match on behalf of Mohegan Sun, partners of the Greenwich Polo Club. “People are from all over the place and have travelled here to come see a cool sport.” (Gallitto was also there with his colleague, Katelyn Gillette, who is a member of Mohegan Sun's digital team.)

Ultimately, the essence of the Greenwich Polo Club environment seems to reflect the strength and power of everyone involved in its community as well as the unique and luminous spirit of Greenwich itself.

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

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# Witnessing a Renaissance: the Audubon Center

By ANNE W. SEMMES

Tuesday there was an impressive gathering of Town officials, National Audubon officials, and nonprofit organization leaders for a ribbon cutting before a white clapboard colonial in backcountry to celebrate its restoration, as located on property given to the Greenwich Audubon Center the year of its founding in 1943. “We stand here today to celebrate the re-opening of the Mead House, a home that has been a part of the community since 1746,” welcomed Rochelle Thomas, executive director of the Audubon Center.

Yes, built by Zebediah Mead as one of only three remaining pre-revolutionary houses on John Street between Riversville and Round Hill Roads, inherited by the Clovis family then given to Audubon Greenwich.

“We take pride in conservation and preservation,” addressed First Selectman Fred Camillo, “and in this restoration project, the Audubon managed to combine both.” But Thomas would note, “It is through the generosity of one individual, Reinhold Vogel, whose bequest made the restoration of Mead House a reality. Our deepest gratitude to him, as his love for Audubon will now benefit generations to come.”

Certainly, a memorable moment for those 55-plus attendees, but what had brought that National Audubon hierarchy, including Audubon’s Managing Director of North America, Joel Beauvais, and its CFO Ingrid Milne? Thomas told, “This event is an important day in Audubon’s continued support of the Centers Transformation process.” Explaining later she said, “the restoration of the Greenwich campus and [Audubon’s] investment in Centers across the country are a big priority at present. There are four pillars in

their new strategic plan – habitat, climate, policy and community building, and the Centers are going to play a huge role in helping achieve the community building goal and more.”

### The initiatives of Kim Gregory

But missing from the crowd was Greenwich Audubon advisory board chair Kim Gregory who has played a pivotal part in the Center’s beginning renaissance, stating as she often has her belief that “Greenwich is a town that values history.”

Gregory’s efforts “began with her desire to save the “stately old Cottonwood” tree behind the Mead House...to highlight the historical nature of that part of the Audubon Center,” shared Camille Broderick, former Audubon board member and present at the event. “That tree, according to Ted Gilman [retired Audubon educator], goes back to the 18th century...probably brought back by settlers going to the Midwest as Cottonwood trees don’t grow in this part of the world.” Gregory with Broderick’s help entered the Cottonwood in the Greenwich Tree Conservancy’s Treasured Tree competition to be chosen as a “newly classified historic landscape tree award.”

“This was in 2022 (during Covid time) when we had no Center director,” continued Broderick. Gregory’s attention had shifted to the Mead House - once housing the likes of Ted Gilman but becoming a place of storage. “Why don’t we do something with this house?” became Gregory’s thought, that had her reaching out to friend Elise Green, board member of the Historic Properties of Greenwich (HPG) with “What do you think about saving this house?”

Green’s discovery of those hand-hewn beams and rafters in the Mead House’s attic inspired her interest: “The beams are original for the 1700’s but unusual

as they are crossed!”

The first job was to empty out those storage-packed rooms, led by Green and Gregory and HPG advisory board member Rusty Parker. And then in early 2023 came the new Center executive director Rochelle Thomas. “She has truly brought life back to Audubon Greenwich,” told Broderick. “Her leadership and enthusiasm confirm the potential of the Audubon Center being a vibrant part of the Greenwich community once again...in the post-COVID world.”

### Elise Green and Reinhold Vogel step up

In those restoration-beginning days the first step was led by Green Broderick shared, “for us to remediate any mold in the House and then, with a lot of elbow grease, Green dug in and cleaned decades of grime to reveal the potential in this historic house.” Following on came National Audubon’s supportive launch of its Centers Transformation initiative and finally came that lucky bequest from Reinhold Vogel allowing a full restoration of the Mead House.

Those four bright bedrooms will house up to four staff members, told Thomas, plus “our Hawk Watcher, who is a full-time seasonal employee...often a young person getting started in conservation...from late August to the end of November. They count hawks and engage with the community five days a week. Our annual Hawk Watch Festival will be on September 27.”

Add the Center’s two other homes for staff, Thomas noted.

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Audubon Center Director Rochelle Thomas doing the ribbon cutting. On her L First Selectman Fred Camillo, Robert LaFrance, Audubon CT Director of Policy, and Samantha Putt Del Pino, Audubon VP of Conservation Action, Eastern Flyways, and on R, HPG board members Rusty Parker and Elise Green, and Mike Berger, executive director and VP of Audubon CT and NY. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

“We have the Steel House, currently a single-family house and the Van Molle House that can house two staff members.”

“The restoration of the Mead House is not the finish line,” Thomas had explained to the celebrating crowd, “It’s a beginning... the first step in a larger vision for the restoration of the entire Greenwich Audubon Center campus. Up next is the historic former Center building (known to many as the Red Barn) which holds an especially meaningful

place in both Audubon’s and the Greenwich community’s history. It was the first Audubon Education Center in the country.”

“We hope to launch a fundraising campaign” Thomas continued, “to restore it to its original footprint very soon.” Thanking the crowd for their support, she ended with, “Together, we are not only preserving the past—we’re building a future for the birds AND the people.”

In that crowd was truly a veteran birder and longtime

Audubon Center supporter, Gary Palmer who happened to be having his birthday that day turning 94. All champagne glasses were raised for a toast and a singing of “Happy Birthday” to Palmer.

He responded, “This is something I’ve wanted to see happen for so long... restoring some of these buildings and preserving them. I’m glad I lived long enough to see it starting. I just hope I live long enough to see the Red Barn restored too. That’ll be a dream come true if I get to see it.”

## Prepare Now for the Next Ida



Red Cross responders and Greenwich Police help distribute cleanup kits to Greenwich residents who were impacted by Hurricane Ida. (Photo Credit: Stephanie Dunn Ashley / American Red Cross)

By STEPHANIE DUNN ASHLEY

Four years ago, the remnants of Hurricane Ida drenched our beloved Greenwich community and neighboring towns. That day, the remnants of Hurricane Ida brought widespread devastation to our community: flooded roads, damaged homes, compromised infrastructure and deep emotional tolls.

But Ida wasn’t the first storm to hit us hard — and it won’t be the last.

In 2012, Superstorm Sandy battered our shoreline: downing trees, cutting power to thousands and causing severe coastal flooding. Just a year earlier, in 2011, Hurricane Irene brought heavy rains, storm surges and widespread power outages across Greenwich and beyond. Going further back, Hurricane Gloria in 1985 and the Great New England Hurricane of 1938 also left their mark on our region. These storms — each different, each destructive in their own way — underscore a growing truth: extreme weather is no longer limited to southern coasts or far-off places. It’s here. It’s local. And it’s personal.

I remember clearly the aftermath of Irene, Sandy and Ida. With Ida, however, I was working with the American Red Cross as we distributed cleanup kits in Pemberwick and nearby neighborhoods, seeing waterlogged memories piled by the curb, mud-covered cars and residual dirt on houses showing that floodwaters needed to be measured in feet not inches. I remember talking to residents who weren’t just cleaning up a mess but facing the emotional weight of losing a sense of security, hearing their narrow escape stories and seeing neighbors coming together to help each other through the disaster.

What storms like Ida, Sandy, and Irene have shown us is that disasters don’t wait for the “right

time.” They can strike overnight — like Ida’s eight inches of rainfall — or during your daily commute or while your kids are at school. That’s why it’s so important to take steps to protect your family by making a plan to stay safe, gathering important supplies and knowing how you’ll stay connected.

When planning for an emergency, think about two different scenarios: one where you shelter in place at home and another where you need to evacuate. What would you need to have at home for up to two weeks, what would you need to evacuate for up to three days, how would you get where you need to go and what kinds of specific needs are in your household?

Include essentials like water, non-perishable food, medications and personal hygiene items for each family member. Don’t forget chargers and backup batteries for phones, medical devices and mobility aids. Make sure critical documents are digitized and stored accessibly and securely. If you have pets, think about leashes, carriers, food, bowls, litter and comfort items like toys or blankets. Plan ahead for how you would reconnect with loved ones if you get separated or if the phone and internet are down — and be sure to write down important phone numbers in case your cell phone is unusable.

It’s easy to feel a false sense of security in the Northeast. But the reality is, the storms are changing. They’re becoming more frequent, more intense, and more unpredictable — and even a common thunderstorm can now trigger dangerous flash flooding with little warning.

This September, during National Preparedness Month, let’s not wait for another storm to remind us to get ready. Take some time to prepare. It could make all the difference for you, your family and for our community.

Stephanie Dunn Ashley is the CEO of the American Red Cross Metro NY North Chapter. Based in Greenwich, Conn., the chapter serves Westchester and Rockland counties, Greenwich, Conn., and the US Military Academy at West Point.



Red Cross responders and Greenwich Police check on Greenwich residents who were impacted by Hurricane Ida to help provide cleanup supplies and other support. (Photo Credit: Stephanie Dunn Ashley / American Red Cross)

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# How Greenwich Hospital’s Intensive Outpatient Program Is Transforming Teen Mental Health Care

By Mia Cernigliaro, Greenwich Hospital Intern

Greenwich Hospital’s innovative Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) stands out as one of the only of its kind in the region. Designed to meet a growing need, the IOP offers a crucial intermediate level of care for teens navigating significant mental health challenges.

Launched in October 2024, the IOP came at a critical time for adolescent mental health. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, rates of psychiatric issues among teens soared, leaving families to navigate long waitlists and limited access to care. The IOP offers a structured, team-based model for teens struggling with mood and anxiety disorders, bridging the gap between weekly therapy and inpatient treatment.

For IOP Medical Director Jessica Dodge, MD, the mission is personal. A board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist, she has long been passionate about supporting young people who feel different or misunderstood. “I’ve always wanted to foster growth and development in

people who could be stigmatized or felt different in some way,” she shared. “It’s a never-ending mission to help kids move through the world and feel safe and understood.”

Developed in partnership with the Yale School of Medicine and Greenwich United Way, the program addresses a growing need for accessible, adolescent-focused care. Adolescents aged 13 to 17 attend the IOP three days a week for six to eight weeks. Sessions include group-based activities focused on mindfulness, coping skills and psychoeducation, alongside medication management and periodic family meetings. “The idea of the IOP is to help those people in subacute levels of distress so that we can avoid hospitalization,” explained Dr. Dodge.

The program functions as a bridge, providing teens with meaningful and intensive support while still allowing them to maintain school and family routines. It is tailored to teens showing signs of social withdrawal, academic decline or trouble managing daily routines due to anxiety or depression. Dr. Dodge emphasized the need for early, direct conversations about

*Today’s teens face mounting pressure. From academic demands and social media to post-pandemic isolation, many are overwhelmed and unsure where to turn. “There’s a lot of pressure on kids,” said Dr. Dodge. “And a lot less time for kids to be kids.”*

emotional health. “If kids are starting to have passive thoughts of not wanting to be alive, we should be checking in,” she noted. “Asking kids about suicide can actually help prevent it.”

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Much of the program’s success is thanks to the partnership with Greenwich United Way, who played a crucial role in both funding and outreach. “Our collaboration has allowed us to connect across systems and to work with community partners. We’re really thankful for

the support they’ve given,” Dr. Dodge asserted. This cross-sector approach helps ensure that students, families, schools and healthcare providers are aligned in addressing the mental health needs of local youth.

Amid uncertainty, Dr. Dodge and the IOP team wants families to know that “We see you—you are not alone— and we are a resource in this wonderful community.”

For more information about the Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Intensive Outpatient Program at Greenwich Hospital, call 475-240-8072.

Mia Cernigliaro is an intern at Greenwich Hospital.

## Thank you Harry Fisher

Harry Fisher’s tenure as chair of the Board of Estimate and Taxation began under a cloud not of his making. He was elected with two Republican votes and six Democratic votes because another Republican sought the gavel and lost. From that moment forward, Fisher was forced to preside

over a rancorous BET where hostility came in bipartisan measure. Democrats pursued partisanship; Republicans, too, indulged in it. Some even refused to serve on committees, leaving Fisher to shoulder the work of three members.

This town deserves a more cooperative, functional BET.

But before we rush toward the next election, we ought to acknowledge that Harry Fisher managed—sometimes barely, but always honorably—through two years of civic trench warfare. He deserves thanks for enduring a task that would have broken lesser figures.

COLUMN

## Take Pride in Town, Please Keep it Clean

I am concerned about the growing problem of chewing gum being discarded on our newly reinstalled sidewalks on Greenwich Ave. While spitting on the sidewalks is prohibited for health reasons, dropping gum is just as unsanitary and indeed more damaging.

Once stuck on the sidewalk, gum leaves lasting stains that are

expensive to remove and diminish the appearance of our town. It is both a public health concern and a sign of disrespect towards the community’s investment in improving our appearance with fresh clean new sidewalks.

Greenwich takes pride in our cleanliness and beauty. But just look at the ugliness being added by those

dropping gum carelessly all the way up and down Greenwich Ave. Let us please treat our sidewalks ( Greenwich ) with care and ensure our sidewalks remain clean and healthy spaces we all can be proud of.

Sincerely,  
Peter J Dapuzzo

COLUMN

# Happy Birthday Sept. 6 to the Mother of Women’s Education in the U.S.

By Bobbi Eggers

Catharine Beecher was the mother of women’s education in America. Thanks to her crusade, the female half of America’s population is educated. That’s a big deal! Yet today, many have never heard of her.

Catharine (her family called her Kate) was born 225 years ago on September 6, 1800 in East Hampton, NY. Life in the first half of the 19th century was quite different. The average woman had seven children during her lifetime and faced almost a 3% chance of death with each pregnancy. The female literacy rate was 35%, about half that for men. Women were not allowed to attend college. Like most girls in the early 19th century, Kate was prepared by her parents strictly for matrimony.

In 1822, Beecher was engaged to a brilliant Yale professor named Alexander Fisher. Unfortunately, he died in a tragic shipwreck off the coast of Ireland before they could marry. During her bereavement, she escaped cruel treatment from the misogynist male establishment by living with Fisher’s family in Franklin, MA. Alexander’s mother Sally, was a woman of “uncommon mathematical ability.” Under her nurturing care, Kate came to love learning and realized the pitiful state of her own education. She pointedly wrote to her father that “all the knowledge I have seems to have walked into my head.”

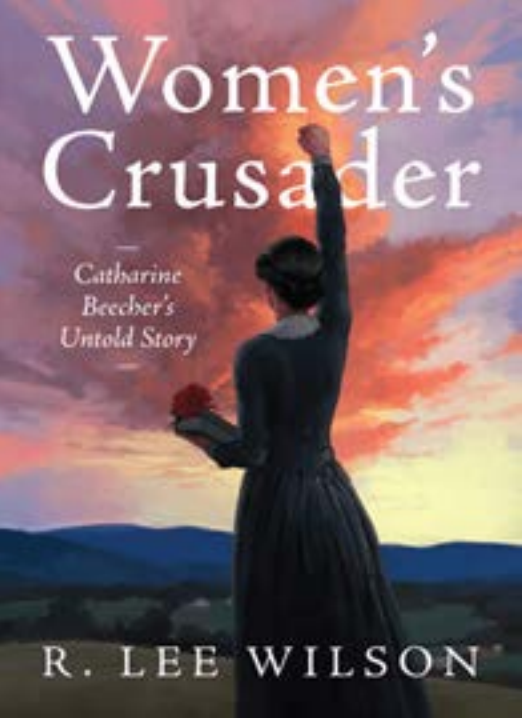
Beecher emerged as a crusader for women’s education. She founded Hartford Female Seminary in 1823 to provide women

the education they deserved. Females would learn science, rhetoric and higher mathematics which were typically reserved to men. Kate was a pioneer advocate for women’s education along with Emma Willard and Mary Lyon. She sought to send 90,000 women teachers to the growing states in the Midwest. Beecher became a best-selling author of an advice book that made her one of the most famous women in America. At the peak of her career, she took time off to tend the family of her younger sister, Harriet Beecher Stowe. This allowed Harriet to finish her groundbreaking novel, Uncle Tom’s Cabin.

Thanks to Kate’s crusade, a population of educated women emerged in the second half of the 19th century. They were prepared to fight for women’s equality. But during much of her career, Beecher opposed female suffrage on tactical grounds. She believed that women’s substandard education and healthcare demanded immediate remedies. There is logic to her views, but her opposition was unnecessary. Eventually, Beecher embraced female suffrage.

By the end of her career, the female literacy gap was closing rapidly. Women could attend colleges, but not with men. Kate had learned to use her charm and intellect to circumvent roadblocks to female progress. In my favorite story, she found a course that interested her at Cornell college. She asked to enroll, but was told that “only men take that class.” Unfazed, she replied, “That’s fine, I prefer to take it with men.” Totally confounded, the male college

## So, thank you and Happy 225th Birthday to the mother of women’s education in America!



president allowed her to take the course.

So, thank you and Happy 225th Birthday to

the mother of women’s education in America!

Come to Lee Wilson’s free Author Talk on Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 pm. Lee will show a visual presentation and discuss more details about Ms. Beecher’s life with a wine and cheese reception at Dogwood Books, 254 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT Admission is free but registration is requested.

Lee Wilson is an award-winning biographer. Women’s Crusader: Catharine Beecher’s Untold Story, won best historical biography at the 19th Annual National Indie Book Awards and was awarded the Bronze medal for biography at the 2025 Independent Publisher’s Book Awards. Lee is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of DePauw University in Greencastle, IN and earned his MBA at Harvard Business School with first year honors. He was a consulting partner at Booz Allen, an EVP at Chase and Equitable Life and ended his career as CEO of First Capital. Lee lives on Sanibel Island in Florida and spends his summers in Greenwich where he and his wife Deb raised their three children.

# Day Captain Jacob Urban, West Haven Fire Department

By Charlotte Ashley

When people think of firefighters, paramedics, and police officers, the image that often comes to mind is one of strength. We are trained to run into burning buildings, to respond without hesitation to the most chaotic and devastating moments of people’s lives. We’re expected to keep our composure when others are at their most vulnerable. And we do it, proudly, because we know our neighbors and communities are depending on us.

But what isn’t always visible is the cost of carrying that responsibility. The emotional weight of this profession doesn’t disappear when the fire is out or the ambulance doors close. Every responder carries with them the calls they cannot forget: the accident scenes, the sudden losses, the children they couldn’t save. Over time, the burden grows heavier, and too often we’re left with little space to process what we’ve endured.

That’s where Danny comes in.

Danny isn’t a firefighter. He doesn’t carry tools, operate a hose, or sit through training drills. What he brings instead are a wagging tail and an endless supply of unconditional love. That’s because Danny is a K9s For Warriors Station Dog, which is an American Kennel Club recognized therapy dog, and in a profession defined by stress and sacrifice, Danny and the nearly 100 other Station Dogs placed by K9s For Warriors have made all the difference.

Through the K9s For Warriors Station Dog

program, Danny was placed at our West Haven firehouse. Unlike Service Dogs trained for a single individual, Station Dogs are there for the whole crew. They belong to all of us, and they serve a very special role: helping us, and all First Responders, reconnect after the hardest calls.

When we pull the trucks back into the firehouse after a particularly tough shift, Danny is waiting at the door. His tail thumps against the wall, his ears perk up, and suddenly the heaviness of the moment feels a little lighter. He doesn’t ask questions. He doesn’t need explanations. He simply offers his presence, and that presence gives us permission to take off the emotional armor we’ve been wearing.

As firefighters, we learn to compartmentalize. We can’t allow ourselves to break down in the middle of an emergency. We turn our emotions off to make quick, life-or-death decisions. But when the call is over, those emotions have to go somewhere. Danny provides a safe way back. In those quiet moments between calls, he reminds us that it’s okay to feel, to laugh, to let go, even if just for a minute.

The science backs up what we feel in our bones: dogs lower stress levels, reduce anxiety, and increase oxytocin, the “feel-good” hormone that helps people feel safe and connected. But beyond the science is the way Danny looks at us with absolute trust, or how his goofy grin can make an exhausted crew smile after hours of grueling work. Those little things add up. They



keep us healthier, stronger, and more resilient for the next time the alarm sounds.

For me, this isn’t just theory, it’s personal. My career began in Kentucky, and since 2009 I’ve been serving with the West Haven Fire Department. Over the years, I’ve moved from firefighter to Lieutenant, and now serve as Day Captain overseeing our Training Division. I’ve seen firsthand how much our team gives of themselves, how much they sacrifice, and how often they carry that weight home. Wellness and safety have become central to my role, because if we don’t take care of our people, they

cannot take care of the community. Danny has become an essential part of that mission.

He isn’t just our Station Dog. He’s a bridge back to ourselves.

Every wag of his tail, every nudge of his nose, every moment of unconditional presence is a reminder that while the work is heavy, we are not alone in carrying it. And in the world of first responders, where courage is constant, but vulnerability is rare, that reminder is lifesaving.

Four legs and a tail may not sound like much. But for the West Haven Fire Department, it has meant everything.



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

In the sixteenth century, a beggar and young student named Marc Antoine Muret fell desperately ill while in Italy. He was carried, half-dead, into the hands of physicians.

Believing he could not understand Latin, they spoke freely over his suffering body: Faciamus experimentum in anima vile – meaning “Let us experiment on this vile soul.”

But Muret, though wracked with illness, was a Latin scholar and a man of deep faith. From the table where they had laid him, he summoned the strength to reply: Animam vilem appellas pro qua Christus non dignatus mori est? – meaning “Do you call vile the soul for whom Christ did not disdain to die?”

In that moment, Muret testified not only to his learning but to his faith. Though bent low by sickness, he affirmed that his life – indeed every life – bore infinite worth because Christ had died even for him, a lowly beggar.

Later, Muret recovered and became a renowned poet, author, and professor. He even lectured before King Henry II and his queen. But that moment remains a witness across the centuries: no soul is

vile, no person is expendable, no neighbor is unworthy.

Seven centuries after Isaiah, Jesus embodied this remarkable vision. In Luke’s Gospel (Luke 13:10-17) Jesus met a woman who had been bent over and crippled for eighteen years. Luke tells us that “she could not stand up straight.” Yet still she came to the synagogue.

She did not cry out for help. She did not demand attention, but she showed up to worship God, even bent over by suffering. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward, touched her, then declared: “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”

When his critics protested that healing on the Sabbath violated the law, Jesus rebuked them. Jesus consistently teaches us and most importantly shows us through his actions that the true essence of God’s law is not restriction but mercy; not rigidity but love.

This act was more than physical healing. It restored her dignity, lifted her eyes, and returned her to the community. She who had been bent low suddenly stood tall, praising God. This story is not only about her, but it is about us.

We are all bent in one way or another. Some are bent by grief or anxiety. Others by pride or ambition. Some are bent by greed,

guilt, jealousy, shame, or addiction. Still others by injustice or exclusion.

And when we are bent too long, we forget how to look up. We no longer marvel at the stars above us, but see only the dust under our feet.

But the good news is this: Jesus heals bent people. He straightens us out, restores our dignity, and lifts our eyes to see heaven above us and our neighbors beside us. He frees us not only from sin but from the burdens that bow us down.

History warns us what happens when faith bends away from compassion. In 1933, the so-called Reichskirche (Church of the German Reich) fused Christianity with Nazi ideology. Over time, clergy were silenced. Prophets were imprisoned. The state appointed bishops. The Church, meant to be the conscience of the nation, became an instrument of its corrupted power.

Only a few – people like Bonhoeffer, Niemöller, Barth – had the courage to resist. Their witness reminds us that when religion is co-opted by ideology, when ritual replaces mercy, and when faith focuses on control instead of compassion, the results are catastrophic.

Our Christian faith journey is meant to lead us deeper into love, justice, and unity. As we navigate

the complexities of our world, let us remember: our faith is a source of hope and reconciliation, guiding us to build bridges rather than barriers.

There are movements in our nation today that carry the name of Christ but bend faith away from Jesus’ compassion. Christian Nationalism is one. It seeks to fuse religious identity with political ideology in ways that divide neighbor from neighbor.

When faith is used to exclude rather than include, to draw barriers rather than build bridges, it violates the Gospel. Christian Nationalists desire to bring prayer to classrooms and add the Ten Commandments to Courthouses despite our long national tradition of plurality. Jesus does not call us to claim privilege or power, but to serve, love, and seek justice for the least among us.

Within Christian Nationalism there is something called the Seven Mountain Mandate, which encourages Christians to seize control of our government, industry, judiciary, military, media, universities, schools, entertainment, and health care system.

Christian Nationalism is rapidly growing and is hijacking our faith. Christian Nationalists ground their theology in the image of a wrathful God depicted in parts of

the Old Testament with an ominous depiction of the Last Judgment found in the book of Revelation.

They omit most of Jesus’ teaching and values, empathy, mercy, and compassion, such as in Matthew 25, where Jesus says, “Whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done for me.” They offer law without compassion, order without grace, judgment without mercy and attack abortion and gay rights, despite the fact that Jesus never addressed either concern.

Whenever faith is bent by fear or narrowed by ideology, it is no longer faith in Christ, but when faith stands tall, it offers compassion, healing, reconciliation, and hope. As Episcopalians, we speak of the Via Media or the middle way.

It is not compromise for its own sake, but balance rooted in mercy. The middle way resists extremes that dehumanize and insists that truth must be wed with charity, justice with compassion, and conviction with humility.

But this is not only about nations or ideologies. It is also about all of us here in Greenwich. Who around us is bent over? The elderly neighbor who feels forgotten. The young family overwhelmed by bills. The teenager wrestling silently with depression. The refugee seeking

stability. The person in the pew who feels invisible.

Like Jesus in the synagogue, we are called to see, get to know, care for and lift them up, not always with miraculous healing, but with the miracle of presence, compassion, friendship, and prayer.

When our faith bends toward fear, it becomes off-putting like a wall. When our faith straightens through compassion, it creates a bridge. The world does not need more walls, but it needs more bridges across divisions, cultures, and wounds.

William Sloane Coffin once said: “Christ’s resurrection puts love in our hearts, decent thoughts in our heads, and a little more iron in our spines.” That is what straightens us, enables us to stand tall, and to dream a better dream for our country and repair our world. Let us live our faith not as a weapon but as a bridge, not as a barrier but as a sign of hospitality and welcome.”

*The Rev. Marek Zabriskie serves as Rector of Christ Church Greenwich and has been a national leader in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion by creating and promoting The Bible Challenge, which has helped over one million people read through the entire Bible or the entire New Testatment in a year.*

# Worship Services

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

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. *Beginning on Sunday, September 7, our second service will begin at 11am instead of 10:45am. B3 Expo! – Sunday, September 7.*

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

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

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. *Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. Adoration on First Fridays at 6pm in the Chapel will resume Friday, Sept. 5 at 6pm. Prayer Shawl Ministry resumes on Saturday, September 6 at 9:30am. Celebrate the Birth Day of our Blessed Mother Mary – pray the Rosary together: Sunday, September 7, following the 11:30am Mass, Chapel Garden Grotto, (bring flowers to offer and your own Rosary), Rain or Shine, for more information contact: Lea Olaes at 203-278-1787.*

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

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

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm – Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine’s Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine’s Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine’s Church. Daily/ Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am – Daily Mass, St. Catherine’s Church; 5:15pm – Daily Mass, St. Catherine’s Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine’s Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine’s Church. *Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine’s church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals – Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or ParishPartners@stc-sta.org. Summer schedule change for Junio, la Misa en Español se celebrará temperament a las 12pm en lugar de las 6:30 durante los muses 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.*

**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 Cannet at stefania.canneto@yahoo.com or call 203.324.7321, Free Admission (donations encouraged).*

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
 469 North St.; 203-869-5421  
 www.stmichaelgreenwich.com

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

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

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

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

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. The 2026 Mass Intention Book is opening up on Tuesday, September 2.*

**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.*

**Christian Science**  
**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
 11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555  
 christiansciencet.org/greenwich

Sundays: Church and Sunday School at 10:30. Weds. 7:30pm testimonies of healing. Call # for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520. Reading Room 333 Greenwich Ave. M-F 1:00-5:00 203-869-2503. Bibles, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, children’s books, and more. *Sermons: August 31: Christ Jeseus. September 7: Man.*

**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 September 7.*

**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. Celebration Sunday! – September 7, 10am-1:30pm, on the front lawn.*

**Congregational**

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

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. *Women’s Fellowship Summer Socials at Greenwich Point - Sue Baker Pavilion – 4th Mondays of July and August, 5:30pm. Homecoming: Sunday, September 7, 11am-12:30pm.*

**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. Homecoming Weekend: September 6 & 7 (Saturday Service Project & All-Church BBQ on Sunday after worship at 10:30am). Teddy Bear Story Hour: Saturday, September 27, 8am. All are welcome here!*

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

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

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children’s Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Volunteer Opportunity - Inspirica Women’s Emergency Shelter: Wednesday, September 3, 3-4pm. Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, September 7, 10-11am. Great Fall Gathering: Sunday, September 7, 11:15am, Tomes Higgins Front Lawn. Sung Compline Sunday, September 7, 5pm.*

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

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

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

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

**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 Chab 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 & Chalah: Thursdays, 9:15am, \$20 p/class.*

**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. Shabbat Service: Friday, Sept. 5, 6pm at First Presbyterian Church.*

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Shabbaton with Rabbi Sarah Bracha Gershuny: September 5-7.*

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

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *High Holiday Food Drive: Beginning Sunday, September 7. Temple Shalom presents Eylon Levy: "How to Speak about Israel with Confidence" – Monday, September 8, 7pm.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Nondenominational**  
**Dingetown Community Church**  
 376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

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

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

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

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

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children’s Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Getting to Know Spirit Aspects of Trance and Mediumship with U.K. Medium John Goodey – Virtual Workshop : Sunday, August 31, 1-3pm, \$35 register at*



NEW BRIEFS  
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Selectmen meeting, the Department of Public Works reported ongoing work with residents and the Round Hill Association to address speeding on Porchuck Road and surrounding backcountry routes. Proposals under review include lowering the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph, adding rumble strips, and redesigning intersections. Any speed limit change would require approval from the Connecticut Office of the State Traffic Administration.

AROUND TOWN

**Greenwich Community Gathers To Remember**

Greenwich will hold its annual September 11 remembrance ceremony at Cos Cob Park on Thursday, Sept. 11, beginning at 8:46 a.m. with remarks, the reading of names of local victims, the ringing of a bell, and a flower-laying at the memorial. A ceremonial American flag will also be placed at the site. That evening, the Glenville Volunteer Fire Company will host a separate ceremony at its memorial, which incorporates steel from the World Trade Center.

**Greenwich Residents Encouraged In Bear-Smart Living**



Black bear sightings are becoming more frequent in Greenwich, especially in warmer months when the animals are most active. Authorities advise residents to secure trash and bird feeders, avoid leaving pet food outdoors, clean grills, and never approach bears. Sightings should be reported to local police or the state wildlife division, and emergencies should be reported by calling 911. Photo credit: Greenwich Conservation Commission

**Greenwich Parks Photo Contest Celebrated**

The fifth annual For the Love of Parks and Recreation photo contest announced its winners: Andrew Cummings (The Estuary), David Kaplan (Slow Down), and William Schwartz (Bird Over Byram Harbor). Winning and selected entries are available online along with information on upcoming fall programs from the Department of Parks and Recreation. The contest is held each year during National Parks and Recreation Month to showcase Greenwich's parks and facilities.

**New Oak Tree Planned Downtown**

A large maple tree outside the Havemeyer building in Greenwich was removed after town arborists and an outside tree care company determined it was in serious decline and structurally unsafe. Officials said the removal was not connected to nearby sidewalk construction work. A willow oak will be planted nearby as a replacement.

Greenwich High School's varsity dance team will hold a workshop for students in grades three through eight on Saturday, September 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center, 449 Pemberwick Road. The \$30 fee includes a T-shirt, instruction, and a short performance; payment can be made by Zelle to Montimurro@abilis.us or by check to Amy Montimurro. Registration requires completing a form and waiver, which must be emailed to greenwichcardinaldanceteam@gmail.com

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

**North Greenwich Church Expands Community Outreach**



North Greenwich Congregational Church, located at 606 Riversville Road, will resume Sunday services on September 7 at 10:30 a.m. Since 2020, the church has expanded its community role by housing Neighbor to Neighbor's food bank during the pandemic, supporting Afghan refugees through Jewish Family Services, providing garden beds for food banks, and hosting Kids in Crisis' holiday fair. The church also shares weekly messages of encouragement on its outdoor sign and will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2027. Photo credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community

**Greenwich Retirees Enjoy US Open**

On August 21, 2025, about fifty members of the Retired Men's Association of Greenwich, along with family and friends, attended the U.S. Open Tennis Fan Week at Flushing Meadows in Queens. The group observed practice sessions with top players, watched qualifying matches, and explored fan activities. This marked the RMA's second annual trip to the event, part of its broader schedule of excursions and community programs.

**Community Joins Great Captain Cleanup**

Great Captain Island, a 17.2-acre town-owned property with a lighthouse dating to 1868, will host a coastal cleanup on Saturday, September 13. Volunteers will meet at Grass Island Marina at 8:45 a.m., depart by boat at 9:00 a.m., clean from arrival until 11:00 a.m., and return by noon. Collected non-biodegradable trash will be recorded for submission to Save the Sound and the Ocean Conservancy; participants should bring gloves and buckets and must pre-register via [Conservations@greenwichct.org](mailto:Conservations@greenwichct.org)

**Jon Meacham To Speak Greenwich**

Jon Meacham, Pulitzer Prize-winning presidential historian, will speak at Christ Church Greenwich on Tuesday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. in an event titled The Soul of America: God, History, and the Way We Live Now. Meacham is a professor at Vanderbilt University, a contributing writer for The New York Times Book Review and Time, and author of several acclaimed books, including American Lion and His Truth Is Marching On. Tickets and books are available through Christ Church Greenwich.

**Greenwich Junior United Way Expands**

The Greenwich Junior United Way is expanding its program this fall to include students in grades six through eight. The organization engages students in identifying community needs, planning projects, and carrying out initiatives such as donation drives and events. Middle school participants will gain skills in areas including project management, fundraising, advocacy, budgeting, and public speaking.

**Special Education Fund Expands Programs**

The Special Education Legal Fund, a nonprofit serving families of children with disabilities in Connecticut and Westchester County, will launch new programs this fall. It will host a free webinar, The New S.E.L.F., on August 27 to introduce staff attorney Laura Sullivan and outline resources for the 2025-2026 school year. Beginning September 2, the organization will accept prescreen applications for its Legal Aid, Attorney Grant, and Advocate Grant programs.

**Pause Wellness Studio Opens In Greenwich**

Pause, a wellness studio, has opened a new location in Greenwich at 100 East Putnam Avenue. The studio offers services such as floatation therapy, infrared saunas, LED light therapy, IV therapy, contrast therapy, cryotherapy, and naturopathic medicine, with prices starting at \$28. This is Pause's 14th location across seven states.

**Cos Cob Picnic Marks 40th**

The Cos Cob Mianus Dugout Old Timers held their 40th annual picnic on Sunday, August 24, at Tod's Point. The event, founded in 1985 by Fred W. Intrieri, featured food, games, and socializing, and also included a remembrance of longtime member Joseph "Doc" Orrico, who died on August 21 at age 88. Tickets were \$80, and Kelly's of Rye catered the meal.

SCHOOLS

**Greenwich Schools Begin Safely Thursday**

Greenwich Public Schools reopened on Thursday, August 28, 2025. The Greenwich Police Department reminded drivers to slow down in school zones, stop for buses, avoid distractions, and yield to pedestrians, while students and parents were advised to use crosswalks, avoid phones, and cross at corners. Everyone is urged to allow extra travel time and prioritize safety during the first weeks of school.

**Greenwich High Achieves Top Ranking**

Greenwich High School is ranked ninth among Connecticut public high schools in the 2025-2026 U.S. News & World Report rankings. The evaluation, based on 2022-2023 data, considered state test scores, graduation rates, college readiness, curriculum breadth, and performance on AP and IB exams. Nearly 24,000 schools nationwide were reviewed, with about 18,000 ranked.

SPORTS

**Charity Tennis Tournament Benefits Communities**

A charity tennis tournament will be held at the Greenwich Country Club on September 13-14, featuring at least 32 adult players from Fairfield and Westchester Counties. Proceeds will fund equipment and financial assistance for tennis players in developing countries and underserved local communities. The event, listed on the USTA calendar, is supported by Mercedes-Benz of Greenwich, Criquet, and a Greenwich-based medical spa.

LOCAL POLITICS

**Early Voting Begins At Town Hall**

Early voting for the Republican primary for the Board of Estimate and Taxation ran from September 2 to September 7 in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Voting hours differed each day.

FROM HARTFORD

**Flags Lowered Honoring Shooting Victims**

Two children were killed and 17 others wounded in a mass shooting Wednesday morning at Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minneapolis. President Donald Trump ordered U.S. flags nationwide to be flown at half-staff through August 31, 2025, and Governor Ned Lamont directed the same in Connecticut. Flags at all state buildings, schools, and facilities will remain lowered during this period, with businesses and municipalities encouraged to follow.

**States Push To Ease Mifepristone Restrictions**

Seventeen state attorneys general and Pennsylvania's governor have petitioned the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to lift restrictions on mifepristone, a drug used in medication abortions. The filing cites extensive evidence of the drug's safety and argues the rules—such as requiring special certification for prescribers and pharmacies—create unnecessary barriers to access. The petition builds on an earlier request by four states and asks the FDA to either remove or stop enforcing these requirements.

ACROSS CT

**Connecticut Expands Renters Rebate Program**

Connecticut's Renters' Rebate program runs from May 1 to September 30, 2025. It provides reimbursements of up to \$700 for single renters and up to \$900 for married couples who are age 65 or older, or disabled, and meet income limits of \$45,200 (single) or \$55,100 (married) for 2024. Eligible applicants include those renting apartments, rooms, cooperative housing units, or mobile homes.

# Performing Arts “Act 1” Begins On September 8th

GREENWICH PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO, a 501© (3) organization is currently accepting Registrations for their “ACT 1” SEASON – SEPTEMBER 8th to JANUARY 31st, 18 Weeks of Classes for K – 12 and ADULTS. Classes are held at the GREENWICH ARTS COUNCIL, 299 GREENWICH AVENUE and we're happy to announce, at THE GREENWICH TEEN CENTER, 100 ARCH STREET. Greenwich Performing Arts Studio is designed to teach and guide students of all levels.

Classes include ACTING, ADULT ACTING, PUBLIC SPEAKING, IMPROV, MUSICAL THEATRE and TV / FILM. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Students are welcomed.

Our New offerings include “CATERED CLASSES™”, Classes specifically “tailored” to address Students needs. “GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES™”, the First Senior Theatre Company and “PLEAD YOUR CASE™”, a Workshop for Attorneys, Lawyers, CEO's and

HR Execs.

We are thrilled to have Broadway Producer and 2X TONY WINNER, Carl Anthony Tramon back to conduct our BROADWAY MAINSTAGE PRODUCTION of “INTO THE WOODS” in affiliation with Actors Technique NY, which will be rehearsed in Greenwich and performed Mid – January in NYC and we are looking forward to a GUEST APPEARANCE by BROADWAY PRODUCER and 2X TONY WINNER Todd Etelson, NY's Top Kids & Teens

On Camera Acting Coach and Founder and owner of Actors Technique NY.

We are also Thrilled to have Sachi Parker MacLaine, daughter of Famed Actress and Dancer Shirley MacLaine, join our GPA Family to teach Teen / Adult Acting and our “GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES™” Program.

GREENWICH PERFORMING ARTS Mission is to teach “LIFE SKILLS THROUGH THE PERFORMING ARTS”. Classes are kept small so we can work with each

individual at their level.

Our Students have gone on to perform on BROADWAY, OFF BROADWAY, Disney World, Radio City Music Hall, the UNITED NATIONS, in TV and FILMS, in Commercials and in Anime and are represented by Top NY Agents and Managers.

Our Students have been accepted to Top Ivy League Universities, NYU TISCH, Received Juilliard Scholarships and Fulbright Scholarships.

And why? Because our programs are not “cookie cutter”.

Each Student is “1 of a kind” and we honor, support and encourage their uniqueness. We strive to help them find their Best Self.

We develop Leaders Not Followers and We Develop Independent Thinkers.

Go to [www.greenwichperformingarts.com](http://www.greenwichperformingarts.com) for a Full Description of Classes and our FALL 2025 ACT 1 SCHEDULE

For more information and pricing call – 203 273-STAR (7827)

## It's A Wonderful Life



Open Arts Alliance is thrilled to announce the addition of “It's A Wonderful Life” to its Fall 2025 season lineup. This heartwarming production will replace the previously announced “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”.

Newly adapted from the historic broadcast and presented as a live radio play- step into the heartwarming story of George Bailey, a man who dreams of adventure but finds himself tied to the small town of Bedford Falls.

A guardian angel named Clarence shows George what the world would be like if he'd never been born and reminds us that every life touches countless others in ways we may never realize.

“It's A Wonderful Life” promises to be a magical theatrical journey that will warm your heart and inspire your spirit. Perfect for all ages, this production captures the true meaning of the holiday season - reminding us that sometimes, the greatest gifts aren't wrapped

under a tree but are found in the love and lives we share.

Performance Date: November 15, 2025

Location: The historic Irvington Theater

AUDITIONS NOW OPEN:

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to register for auditions.

Don't miss the chance to be part of this unforgettable production.

For audition registration and more information, please visit: [www.openartsalliance.com](http://www.openartsalliance.com)



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Ready, Set, Kindergarten! Advice to Ease the Transition



Mrs. Jeannine Tocco and her Kindergarten students

“Rising Kindergarteners often need a little reassurance that they’re ready once they walk through those classroom doors.”

BY JEANNINE TOCCO


Beginning Kindergarten is a major milestone filled with new experiences—classrooms, teachers, friends, and routines. It’s natural for children to feel a mix of excitement and nervousness. As adults, we look forward to this big step for our daughter/son as they enter elementary school. Parents announce it with pride, grandparents ask about it with joy, and neighbors and friends love to talk about it. But this momentous milestone may also bring some uncertainty for your child—and that’s completely normal. Sacred Heart Greenwich Kindergarten Lead Teacher, Mrs. Jeannine Tocco, says, “Rising Kindergarteners often need a little reassurance that they’re ready—and that they’ll know what to do once they walk through those classroom doors. The truth is, many of the things parents already do at home will prepare their child for Kindergarten. When school begins, we, as teachers, build on those skills with joy, care, and community—ensuring your child feels confident, connected, and excited to learn.” Mrs. Tocco has suggestions for some playful, confidence-building ways you can help your child feel prepared and excited for the start of Kindergarten: Sing together: Let your child sing her heart out with funny, happy or silly songs. Singing helps children grow comfortable using their voice, expressing joy and connecting with classmates. Rhyme aloud: Read aloud rhyming books to your child. Play ‘call and response’ games with nursery rhymes. For example, the adult says, “Little Miss Muffet,” and your child chimes in, “sat on a tuffet!” Rhymes are fun and strengthen early literacy. Do puzzles: Puzzles encourage problem-solving and spatial awareness. They can be completed independently and collaboratively. Puzzles can be fun or frustrating - and both experiences build resilience. Play board games: Games teach turn-taking, patience and social interaction. They also offer a chance to practice winning and losing gracefully. All skills that support school readiness. Explore outdoors: Walk, play, run, climb, jump! Outdoor play fuels curiosity, builds confidence and gives children experiences to bring into the classroom. Before the first day of school: Practice dialogue for making a new friend: Role play on how to say hello and ask to play. Make it fun and silly. Practicing basic conversational skills at home will build a ready social vocabulary. Set an example for thinking out loud: For example, work a puzzle with your child and think aloud: “This piece looks like it fits...maybe if I turn it a little...” Encourage your child to think aloud as well by modeling listening and responding. This builds collaborative conversations and skills. Offer a bravery token: A little comfort item like a drawing, picture, or even a stone tucked into your child’s pocket can be a brave-day reminder that they are loved and ready. Just make sure it is replaceable since children can lose things. Although this memento will carry important meaning for your child, be careful not to give it so much sentimental value that it adds pressure to keep it. Part of the fun can be picking or creating a new one each day. Remind your child that many of the things you do together will be same activities that happen in Kindergarten. Mrs. Tocco adds, “The most exciting part then, is that your child will be the one leading the way, teaching you new things at the end of every day!” Mrs. Jeannine Tocco has been a Kindergarten Lead Teacher at Sacred Heart Greenwich for 16 years. Mrs. Tocco has a B.A. in Economics from St. Lawrence University, and a Master degree in Teaching.

Neighbor to Neighbor’s Backpack Distribution: A Community Coming Together

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BY DEVI BRIDGEMOHAN

As summer starts to wind down and families begin preparing for the school year ahead, Neighbor to Neighbor (NtN) launches its annual Backpack Distribution. This initiative ensures that children in our community have the tools they need to start the school year. This year’s event was a resounding success thanks to a powerful combination of generosity and strong community partnerships. Through the incredible support of the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Foundation, NtN received a donation of 900 Under Armour backpacks. Designed for middle and high school-aged students, these backpacks were also filled with essential items including school supplies and reusable water bottles. For many families, the back-to-school season can be financially overwhelming. Purchasing backpacks and other supplies can place a significant burden on already tight household budgets. At NtN, we’re closing this gap by ensuring every student has a fair start to their academic year. We credit this year’s distribution success to our community partners, who helped us extend our reach and serve even more children across different neighborhoods. We were proud to work alongside the YMCA, Barbara’s House, and Jewish Family Services (JFS) of Greenwich. Each of these organizations played a vital role in supporting families year-round, and their involvement in the Backpack Distribution helped ensure that the right resources got into the hands of those who needed them most. The event had a positive ripple effect beyond the recipients. Volunteers of all ages came together to pack and organize backpacks, sort supplies, and help with distribution. For many, it was a chance to give back, connect with neighbors, and be part of something truly meaningful. This year’s Backpack Distribution also reaffirmed NtN’s commitment to its core mission: to strengthen the Greenwich community by providing access to nutritious food, clothing, and other essentials in an atmosphere of kindness and respect. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our community partners and the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the event successful. Together, we made a real difference. Neighbor to Neighbor is a nonprofit organization that aims to improve the lives of Greenwich residents by increasing access to food and basic living necessities. To learn more visit www.ntngreenwich.org. Devi Bridgemohan is the Marketing & PR Coordinator of Neighbor to Neighbor.



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# Fall is in the Air



By Lauren Rabin

Is that the feeling of fall in the air already? I hope not, but, like each year before, there have been too many signs. First, my grandson was requesting Grandma’s famous meatballs... not something I typically cook in the summer, and I did anyway. Note, my secret ingredient is seltzer water! Then I saw the Greenwich Youth Football League players starting to practice. Today at the doctor’s office, a sign at the receptionist’s desk read “fall is in the air”. And, for many parents in town, your child is preparing to return to school or leave for college for the first time, I recall an invaluable book I received when my oldest son started college. It’s called “You’re on Your Own (But I’m Here If You Need Me).”

The book is a thoughtful and practical guide for parents navigating the transition as their teenagers head off to college and begin adulthood. Written by Marjorie Savage, a parent educator at the University of Minnesota and mother of three, the book combines research, insights from her work with college students and their families, and her own experience

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as a parent.

The central theme of the book is that although college marks a time for students to take responsibility for their own lives, parents still play a crucial—though evolving—role. Savage reassures parents that their influence does not end when their child leaves home; instead, it shifts toward being a mentor, sounding board, and supporter, rather than a manager.

What the Book Covers

Savage tackles the many phases and challenges of the college experience, both for students and parents. Topics include:

- The First Year Adjustment – How students handle new freedoms, homesickness, academics, and social pressures, and how parents can support without overstepping.
- Communication Strategies – Finding the right balance between staying connected and giving

students space to grow, including managing phone calls, texts, and visits.

- Academic Expectations – Understanding the realities of college coursework and what to do if a student struggles.
- Social Life and Independence – Navigating issues like alcohol, relationships, mental health, and peer pressure, while encouraging responsible decision-making.
- Money Matters – Teaching financial responsibility, budgeting, and handling money from afar.
- Crisis Situations – Recognizing when a problem is severe enough to step in, from academic probation to health and safety concerns.

Throughout, Savage shares anecdotes from parents and students, offering both reassurance and practical tools. The book is empathetic and realistic, neither alarmist nor overly idealistic. It

acknowledges the challenges and anxieties of letting go, while giving parents constructive ways to remain connected and influential. Its guiding philosophy is summed up in the title. Parents need to allow their children the independence to make choices and mistakes, while also making clear that they will always be available as a source of support.

Savage reassures parents that their relationship with their child is not ending but transforming. The key is flexibility, patience, and the confidence to allow children to grow into adulthood with ongoing, but less direct, parental support.

Wishing all parents and caregivers of college students, especially in their first years, a successful transition during this phase. To everyone, enjoy the transition from summer to fall.

*Laren is our Selectwoman, Mother of college graduates.*

## Overcoming Challenges with Strength and Loving Kindness



By Rabbi Mitch

Once upon a time, a large, menacing mountain lion confronted a tiny bear cub.

The little bear stood on its hind legs and offered a small roar, more of a squeak than a bellow. Then, to the cub's shock and delight, the mountain lion hastily fled the little bear's presence.

The cub puffed out its chest, filled with pride, unaware of the massive shadow behind it.

The cub's parent, 10 feet tall and 1,200 pounds, was silently present while offering a manifestation of silent, watchful protection.

The story of the tiny bear cub is a powerful metaphor for our lives.

Sometimes, we face challenges and think and feel we

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will overcome them only with our strength, not realizing that with us is a loving presence that supports us.

Like the small cub, we all have moments when we need the strength and attentiveness of others, even if we don't know how to ask for it, or even recognize that we need it.

Most human beings naturally have an instinct to love and protect their family. But our Judaism challenges us to extend our circle of care.

God commands us to love our neighbors and, even further,

to love the stranger.

God does not give us a Divine suggestion, but rather a foundational commanding principle by which we are to live our lives.

The mitzvah is “V’ahavta et ha ger kamocho” - “And you shall love the stranger as yourself.”

The mitzvah's phrase shares the same linguistic structure as “V’ahavta et Adonai Elohecha” - “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, and might.”

The shared structure is not an accident, but rather a profound linguistic clue that tells us something vital about the nature of Divine love.

Our fulfillment of the mitzvah to love God is directly related to our succeeding in loving the “other.”

Sometimes, we might feel that God is distant and unknowable to us. But our ability to make God manifest in our lives is achieved through our acts of loving-kindness, our sacred actions by actively reaching out to those in need and ensuring our loving help and manifest presence.

A Midrash tells of a rabbi who once asked his student about the well-being of his daily classmate.

The student replied that he didn't know. The rabbi said to his student:

“How can it be that you study Torah together, pray under the same roof, serve the same God, and yet you don't know the welfare of your daily classmate? How can you then know if your classmate might need your help, advice, or comfort?”

The rabbi reminded his students that the essence of community is to ensure we share in each other's lives because no one should face fear or sorrow alone. And no one should celebrate joy in isolation.

We are all interconnected and responsible for one another's well-being, and this

responsibility to love is a recurring theme in Jewish prayer and teaching.

We begin our daily prayers by declaring our readiness to accept the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. This mitzvah is the source of the “Golden Rule,” articulated in all great religions.

As Rabbi Akiva taught, “Love your Neighbor” is the most essential principle of the Torah, encompassing all others.”

Accepting this commandment isn't just about feeling love or thinking well of others. It means taking action.

In the words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, we need to “pray with one's feet.”

We must move beyond a purely spiritual or emotional connection to a tangible, physical act of care.

We ensure our living presence and support are always manifest.

We feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, protect the powerless, etc.

Loving our neighbor and the stranger in our midst isn't a passive state of mind, but our active, continually ongoing concrete support efforts.

Our sacred responsibility is to create a community where everyone has the quiet, protective presence of a parent bear standing just behind them.

Shabbat Shalom.

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



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# Obituaries



**DEBRA SILVERTHORN**

Debra Jean Silverthorn died peacefully on August 21, 2025. Debbie was born on June 4, 1957, in Quantico, VA, and grew up in the Japanese countryside, near Yokosuka Naval Base. Debbie attended local Japanese schools and graduated from Yokohama High School in 1975. Graduating from the University of Georgia with a master’s degree in accounting, Debbie was a lifelong passionate CPA, who specialized in international tax, and loved to share her intimate knowledge of obscure tax codes with anyone who she thought might need it.

Debbie was a proud resident of Greenwich for almost 30 years and was deeply committed to her church community at First Congregational Church of Greenwich, where she served as Treasurer, spearheaded the church’s recognition as a Historical Landmark, and dedicated the Pray Ground and the Silverthorn Handchimes.

Debbie traveled all over the world and was blown away by the beauty of national parks, but she best loved Mohonk Mountain House and spending early mornings at Tod’s Point.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband, David Roth, her two children, Sarah Gordon (Eric Mandell) and David Gordon, and the many friends and family who adored her.

A service was held on Tuesday, August 26 at First Congregational Church of Greenwich. Shiva was held on August 26, 27, and 28.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Debbie’s honor can be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation or Planned Parenthood.

**NANCY SHEALY**

Remembering Nancy Shealy, a Rare Soul  
Nancy Windsor Shealy passed away on August 19, 2025, in New York, NY. Born on April 1, 1952, Nancy’s life was marked by her desire to aid those in need of aid, and she used her fluency in Eastern European languages to help refugees in need. As a Program Specialist at HIAS INTERNATIONAL, where she was based in Rome, Italy for many years, her concentration was to assist displaced Eastern Europeans of all backgrounds to resettle into rebuilding their lives in the United States. Later, she spent 30 years of service at the New School of Social Research in New York City. She touched students and colleagues alike with her care and attention in the realm of the Political Science Department.

Nancy grew up in Greenwich, CT and graduated from Greenwich High School in 1970. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Connecticut in 1974, and received a Ford Fellowship at the University of Indiana to continue her higher education.

Nancy was predeceased by her father, William B. Shealy, her mother, Margaret P. Shealy, and her brother-in-law, Peter J. Harrington. She is survived by her brother, Stephen Shealy of Cos Cob, CT, and two sisters, Pamela Shealy Harrington of Riverside, CT and Susan Shealy of Boston, Massachusetts, in addition to two nephews and one niece, to whom she was a devoted Godmother.

Nancy enjoyed nature and many pets throughout her life. She spent countless hours training for New York City marathons, and experiencing every day outside in every season. After retirement, she enjoyed extensive travel to many cultural and religious sites worldwide to recognize the deep meaning of the landmarks she visited.

A Memorial Service and Mass was held August 26 at the Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena, Riverside, CT. Donations would be most appreciated in Nancy’s name at the ASPCA website, under the heading Memorial Donations.

**ROBERT FERRARO**

Robert J. Ferraro, a lifelong resident of Greenwich, passed away Monday, August 18. He was 81.

Born October 10, 1943, to Frank and Patricia, Robert was a graduate of Greenwich High School and went on to serve his country proudly in the US Army. After returning home, he worked for many years at Connecticut Natural Gas, holding many positions throughout his career. After his retirement, he worked at McArdle’s nursery. Robert had a passion for classic cars and was a member of the Coachmen Rod & Custom. He enjoyed working on his 1961 Chevrolet Impala convertible and would spend Monday and Wednesday evenings at local car shows cruises. He also was an avid golfer.

He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Lynda. He is survived by his loving children, Daniel (Jennifer), Robert (Gaylene); his cherished grandchildren, Matthew, Teddi, Mia, Robert, and Ryan, as well as his loyal dog, Jerry, his brother Fran and sister Carol.

Family and friends gathered Monday at Coxe & Graziano Funeral Home, Greenwich. A prayer service was held Tuesday at the funeral home, followed by interment at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Greenwich.



**BRADLEY HVOLBECK**

Bradley Steele Hvolbeck, a fourth-generation resident of Greenwich, CT, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2025. Brad lived a full and complete 84 years.

Brad had a tenacious work ethic and he excelled at his career in real estate owning his own firm which bore his name and later joining Sotheby’s International Realty, building a legacy of excellence, integrity and dedication. Brad’s volume of real estate sales each year made him one of the top brokers in Greenwich and the country. His achievements speak volumes, having sold some of the most notable and record-breaking transactions in Greenwich history. His work in Conyers Farm alone, where he represented and sold more than 45% of the properties is a testament to his expertise and commitment. During his career he was elected to the Board of Directors and seven different terms as President of the Greenwich Association of Realtors and the Greenwich Multiple Listing Service. From 1986-1989 Brad served as Vice-President of the Connecticut Association of Realtors, representing six associations in Fairfield County. He attained the highest professional designation in the residential real estate business including CRB, CRS and GRI and was honored as Realtor of the Year and inducted into the Realtor Hall of Fame.

What truly set Brad apart was his kindness, professionalism and generosity. He gave back to the community in countless ways, serving on many Boards including Greenwich Health, Boy Scouts of America; Greenwich Council, Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and Greenwich Leadership Forum. He also served as a Fundraising Chairman for the American Red Cross and a Real Estate Chairman of The United Way. For many years he served on the Board and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Eagle Hill School.

Brad was renowned for his sharp wit, sense of humor, his elegant style and his magnificent posture. His personality filled the room and more than anything Brad loved being with his family and friends, entertaining, telling a story or cracking a joke.

Brad was a graduate of Greenwich High School ‘59 and Nichols College ‘63. After college he served in the Connecticut National Guard and his love of his country and the Town of Greenwich was always evident. He was an accomplished sportsman, fisherman and athlete. In addition to all the sports he played in high school and college, he continued to play lacrosse and hockey well into his middle age and in his later years Brad took up the rigorous sport of polo which became one of his many passions. His dedication to active sports left little time for him to work on his golf game which remained a source of great frustration. Brad loved to set goals, remained active into his senior years and became a talented and prolific artist.

Above all, Brad was devoted to his family and fiercely loyal to his friends. He is survived by his wife, Marijane, sons, Brad Jr., Morgan and Christopher Bates, Jr. and grandson, Evan. He is also survived by his brothers, Richard and David (Jackie) and four nieces. He was predeceased by his parents, Charles Jesse Hvolbeck and Roberta Steele Hvolbeck.

He was a member of the Greenwich Country Club, Indian Harbor Yacht Club and Watch Hill Yacht Club and former member of the Misquamicut Club and Fairfield Hunt Club.

A celebration of his life will take place at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Eagle Hill School, 45 Glenville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831 in honor of their 50th anniversary this year.

**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 at Christ Church Greenwich on Friday, August 29 at 11AM.



**WANDA MILLER**

Wanda Estelle Harrington Miller, 65, of Meredith, NH, passed away at her home on Monday, August 11, 2025 surrounded by her family.

Wanda, affectionately known as “Wandabird,” was born December 31, 1959, in Greenwich, CT, to Richard and Barbara (Bridges) Harrington. She spent many summers with her family at Lake Winnepesaukee, a place she loved so much that she made it her home in 1994.

Wanda was deeply involved in her community, serving over a decade as Sunday School Superintendent at the First Congregational Church of Meredith and as PTA President at Inter-Lakes Elementary School. She later fulfilled her lifelong calling as an educator, teaching at Inter-Lakes Elementary for 18 years before retiring.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a BA in Fashion Merchandising, Wanda went on to earn her teaching credentials at Seattle Pacific and her Master’s in Education from Plymouth State University. Known by many names like Mamma Miller, Mimsy, Mom, she was the embodiment of warmth, kindness and generosity. Her greatest joy came from family, especially

her grandchildren, with whom she hosted “Camp Mimsy” each summer. She was an avid reader and a member of the Waldron Bay book club, enjoyed traveling, spending time at the beach and playing pickleball and Mahjong. A gifted host and homemaker, Wanda brought people together with her hospitality and heart. Christmas was her absolute favorite time of year, which illustrates her love of God and deep faith in Jesus. A recent convert to Catholicism, she worshiped at St. Andre Bessette Parish in Laconia, NH.

Wanda leaves a profound legacy and will be deeply missed by her family, friends and the community she loved so well.

Wanda is survived by her daughters Natalee Hanna and her husband Nathan of Moultonborough and Katherine Tremblay and her husband Joseph of Meredith, her son Erik Miller and his partner Jennifer of Alexandria, VA, sister Nancy Horn and her husband David of Kennebunk, ME, and seven grandchildren, Rowan, Elliana, Reese, Vann, Richie, Conrad and Henry and one grandchild on the way who will arrive October 2025. In addition to her parents, Wanda is predeceased by her husband Robert H. Miller, Jr., and her brother William Harrington.

There will be no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 10:00am, at St. Andre Bessette Parish at Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services/603Cremations.com, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH, 03246, is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit wilkinsonbeane.com



**BRADEN EWING**

July 23, 1985 - August 4, 2025

Braden Carey Ewing, of Orlando, FL, died peacefully, just days after his 40th birthday, from complications following a stroke. He is survived by his father and best friend, Michael Ewing of Sebring, FL; his uncle, William Carey (Barbara) of Ipswich, MA; and his beloved cousins, Kristin Keith of Dedham, MA, Erin Epker (Mark) of Dedham, MA, Meghan Frank (Paul) of Los Angeles, CA, William Carey (Jocelyn) of Durham, NH, Jonathan Keith (Kristen) of Milton, MA, Caitlin Garzoli (Jeremy) of Hamilton, MA, and Andrew Carey (Sheri) of Boxford, MA.

Braden will be dearly missed by the next generation of cousins, the adoring Moore and Carey families, and a strong network of friends who all cherished him. He was predeceased by his devoted mother and biggest fan, Elizabeth Carey Ewing, whose greatest joy was raising him, and his beloved aunt, Linda “Lele” Carey Keith.

Braden was born in Greenwich, CT, later moving to Dallas, TX, where he attended The Lamplighter School. He returned to Connecticut and graduated from Brunswick School, where he was an active member of the community and loved being part of the NE Championship football team. He attended Rollins College in Winter Park, FL, before bringing his natural talent for technology to the software industry. In the Orlando area, he worked for CollaborativeMD, spent eight years as a tech analyst at Oracle and, most recently, worked at UKG.

Braden had a rare and beautiful gift for bringing people together. Whether gathering friends around a table for a game of Dungeons & Dragons or simply sharing a quiet, meaningful conversation, his presence was a source of light and comfort. He had an infectious kindness- an unforgettable laugh-and big bear hugs that left a lasting impression on everyone he met. His joyful spirit made the world feel a little more magical just by being in it.

The family will hold a private celebration of life later in the fall.



# Friends of Nathaniel Witherell: Honoring Lives, Enriching Days

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

In the heart of Greenwich, Connecticut, Friends of Nathaniel Witherell is bringing heart, joy, and humanity to long-term care - quietly, powerfully, and with deep compassion. This nonprofit organization exists for one reason: to uplift and enhance the everyday lives of the residents at The Nathaniel Witherell through personalized programs, thoughtful touches, and moments that matter.

This fall, Friends is hosting its first fundraiser in nearly five years - an evening of inspiration and celebration called “Music of Memories” on Wednesday, September 4. With over 100 guests expected, this joyful gathering will raise critical funds to support

quality-of-life enhancements for residents.

Tickets start at \$50 and are available now at [friendsofnathanielwitherell.org/events](http://friendsofnathanielwitherell.org/events)

**Where Compassion Becomes Community**

Among those deeply impacted by the work of Friends of Nathaniel Witherell and the care received at The Nathaniel Witherell are Emily and Phil Trotman, longtime Greenwich residents who will serve as honored speakers at the event. Over the past year, both Emily’s mother, Cay Eden, and Phil’s father, Arthur Trotman, received long-term care at The Nathaniel Witherell. The work

of Friends helped make all the difference.

“After a few months there,” Emily said, “The Witherell became my community as well. We all worked together to care for our loved ones. From the aides and nurses to activities and food service staff and the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, all were dedicated to making our parents’ final days as full and meaningful as possible.”

One of the most poignant moments came early in Cay Eden’s stay. A lifelong artist, Cay found her identity celebrated - not forgotten - thanks to Friends volunteer programming. Mary Tate, Director of Volunteer, Marketing, and Administrative

Services for Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, arranged an in-house art exhibition featuring 15 of Cay’s original paintings. The show brought Cay joy, and it introduced her as “the artist” to fellow residents and staff alike.

“My mother didn’t lose her identity when she moved into skilled nursing,” Emily shared. “It was celebrated. That’s what Friends helped make possible—creating space for each person’s individuality and story to shine.”

From music and art, to gardening and live performances, to simply ensuring residents have moments of connection and celebration - Friends of Nathaniel Witherell provides the funding, coordination, and passion that

bring these moments to life.

**A Night to Support a Life of Meaning**

Proceeds from Music of Memories will directly support beautification of the rose garden and other communal spaces at The Witherell. These quality-of-life enhancements will continue to provide updated spaces for programs that are not part of clinical care, but are essential to emotional, spiritual, and social well-being; programs that make stories like Emily and Phil’s possible.

“We remain so grateful,” said Phil, “that our parents were able to live out their final years in a place where they felt respected

and cared for—not just in terms of health, but as whole people.”

**Celebrate With Us**

On September 4, the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell invite you to come be part of that mission. Enjoy an uplifting evening, hear more of the Trotmans’ story, and help shape a future where joy, creativity, and community are always part of care.

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**Wednesday, September 4, 2025**

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Because quality of life is just as important as quality of care. And Friends make it possible.

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, The Nathaniel Witherell nursing home enjoys a vibrant monthly rotating art installation that transforms everyday hallways into places of warmth and engagement. Founded in 2007, this dedicated nonprofit raises funds and organizes programs designed to enhance residents’ quality of life through artistic, recreational, and social experiences

Each month, Mary Tate, Director of Volunteer, Marketing, and Administrative Services, curates a new exhibition - typically about 20 pieces - featuring local artists whose work is accessible and meaningful for seniors. By carefully choosing art that avoids confusing abstractions, the program fosters memory, conversation, and connection among residents, families, and staff.

Artist of the Month: Anne Firmender

This August’s featured artist is Anne Firmender, a beloved resident at The Nathaniel Witherell for six years. Though watercolors are her favorite medium, Anne also works in oils, embracing experimentation with confidence and emotional clarity. Her signature loose brushstrokes - rare for someone early in their artistic journey - reflect her

*Anne Firmender proves that every hallway can become a gallery, and every moment an opportunity for joy.*



Anne Firmender



“Forever Friends” by Anne Firmender

inspiration from color, feeling, and creative courage. Anne did not discover her artistic roots until she began taking group art classes two years ago at TheNathaniel Witherell with art teacher, Colleen Hains. This led to Anne’s desire to create her own work. Now Anne fearlessly tackles challenging compositions and explores new techniques with joy and commitment.

Visit the August Gallery

We invite everyone to

experience Anne Firmender’s vibrant artwork alongside the ongoing rotating exhibits curated by Friends of Nathaniel Witherell. These programs are not just exhibitions - they’re bridges to the wider community, sources of stimulation and delight, and reminders that creativity and connection enrich every day. Anne Firmender proves that every hallway can become a gallery, and every moment an opportunity for joy.

Thank you to Friends of

Nathaniel Witherell for making art a meaningful part of life to The Nathaniel Witherell. And a warm congratulations to Anne for bringing her bold, expressive voice to our walls this month.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or to support the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, visit [www.friendsofnathanielwitherell.org](http://www.friendsofnathanielwitherell.org). Every contribution helps nurture a community where care, connection, and growth truly flourish.

## Meals, Books & More

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

In a heartwarming collaboration, Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich is spreading the word about the invaluable services offered by the Greenwich Library, demonstrating how two local nonprofits are working together to enrich the lives of Greenwich residents.

Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich is dedicated to delivering nutritious meals to homebound seniors and individuals with long or short term disabilities, ensuring they maintain their health and independence. Recognizing the importance of mental and emotional well-being, the organization has partnered with Greenwich Library to inform clients about the library’s services tailored for those who are homebound.

*Meals-on-Wheels empowers its clients to access resources that promote learning, entertainment, and personal growth.*

Greenwich Library offers a Homebound Delivery Service for residents who are physically unable to visit the library. Through this program, individuals can receive physical materials such as books, DVDs, and CDs delivered directly to their homes. A prepaid mailer is included for the easy return of items, ensuring a seamless experience for users. Another choice is accessing the digital options for reading, listening to audiobooks, or music, and also newspapers, magazines, and movies, right from home using

the library’s digital platform.

By sharing information about Greenwich Library’s services, Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich is empowering its clients to access resources that promote lifelong learning, entertainment, and personal growth. This collaboration underscores the strength of community partnerships and the collective impact of nonprofits working together to serve the public.

Residents interested in utilizing these services can contact Greenwich Library



Meals-on-Wheels client, Linda Enright

at (203) 625-6524 for more information on the Homebound Delivery Service.

Through initiatives like

these, Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich is not only providing essential services but is also fostering a connected and supportive

community for all residents. For more information on how you can get involved, visit [mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org](http://mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org) or call (203) 869-1312.

## Partnering with Sacred Heart University

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

The Friends of Nathaniel Witherell (Friends) is honored to have been selected to participate in a special partnership with Sacred Heart University’s Center for Nonprofits. Through the university’s Capstone Project, a group of MBA students teamed up with Friends this summer to offer fresh ideas and practical support - helping us strengthen our work and grow our impact in the community.

The Capstone Project pairs graduate students with local nonprofit organizations, giving students real-world experience while providing valuable help to community groups. We were thrilled to be chosen and to have the chance to work with such a bright and committed group of students.

Friends supports The Nathaniel Witherell, a much-loved short-term rehab and skilled nursing center in Greenwich, Connecticut. For more than a century, The Witherell has

*Challenge: help us think of new ways to grow and better support the people we serve.*

provided outstanding care in a warm, welcoming environment. It’s a special place where residents, families, and staff come together like a community - and many call it a second home.

To kick off the project, Friends presented the student team with a challenge: help us think of new ways to grow and better support the people we serve. We asked them to come up with useful ideas and tools that we could actually put into practice.

Each week throughout the summer, the students met with Friends staff and board members to learn about our work, ask questions, and share their

progress. On July 25th, some of the students visited The Nathaniel Witherell to see is all in action. Seeing the care, compassion, and sense of community first hand gave them a deeper appreciation for the heart of our mission.

The project wrapped up on August 11th, when the student team gave a final presentation filled with professional recommendations, thoughtful insights, and research Friends can use going forward. Their ideas will help Friends continue to support The Witherell in meaningful ways.

Best of all, this project came at no cost to Friends, thanks to the generosity of Sacred Heart University. We are deeply grateful



Justin Karas, MBA student at Sacred Heart University, Sally Van Leeuwen, Friends board member, and Vanessa Sotelo, MBA student at Sacred Heart University

to the university, the Center for Nonprofits, and especially the students who dedicated their time,

talent, and heart to this project.

Thanks to this partnership, we are even better equipped

to enhance the quality of life for residents at The Nathaniel Witherell.



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# The Sight of the Stars

By JOSEY GARDNER

In 1888, Vincent Van Gogh wrote a letter to his brother, Theo, and said, “For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.” It’s hard to imagine, but during Van Gogh’s lifetime, entire swaths of the Milky Way galaxy could be seen in the sky in places like London and New York City. Now, large metropolitan cities such as those are lucky to see a handful of twinkling stars in the night sky. The loss of the night sky over the decades is something not many of us have thought about, but it’s something apparent when we leave an urban area and spend a night in a wilderness area. Where have all the stars gone? And why does it matter?

It’s not necessarily that the stars themselves are disappearing (though that does happen, stars can go out or explode in dramatic supernovas), it’s that our ability to see them has greatly diminished over the years. We’re all too familiar with air pollution, water pollution, and land pollution—but light pollution is something that is often dismissed due to just how prevalent it is. Light pollution occurs when outdoor lighting created by humans alters the already present state of light in

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Indigo Bunting. Photo: Sunil Gopalan/Audubon Photography Awards

the outdoors, or its “natural” state. Essentially, it’s when our man-made light begins to outshine natural light such as stars, and makes the world around us brighter than it would have been otherwise. Our ability to create large amounts of light pollution increased with the invention of the light bulb and other technological developments, and now the amount of light pollution caused by dense urban areas can nearly wipe out the sight of the stars entirely in those areas.

Stars are beautiful to look at, and losing the sight of them when humans have been gazing at them for millennia, is devastating. But they’re more than just pretty twinkling lights in the sky. Humans still rely on them for navigational purposes in some fields, and humans aren’t the only ones. There are many different theories concerning how birds migrate and how they know what direction to go—one of these theories involves using stars for navigation.

In 1967, a scientist at Cornell named Stephen Emlen used a closed off planetarium and a group of young Indigo Buntings that he raised in different conditions to test if birds could navigate using the stars. One group of birds was raised in a windowless room, never exposed to a light source. One group was never exposed to the sun, but was raised under a consistent simulation of the night sky in the planetarium, with the North Star as a focal point. The last group was raised under an alternating routine of a windowless room, and a night sky simulation.

When it was time for the annual fall migration of birds in the wild, the young Indigo Buntings were released into a special room in the planetarium that mimicked the orientation of the current night sky. The first group of birds raised in a windowless room with no stars flew in random directions, unable to discern star patterns, north from south, and east from west. The second group, raised under a consistent night sky, was able to orient around the North Star and began flying south, as their normal migration pattern dictated. The third group, raised partially under a night sky and partially under a windowless room, was also able to orient

themselves around star patterns and fly south. This research suggested that birds learn rotational star patterns as they observe them, and use them as just one way to determine direction when migrating.

When we lose sight of the stars, so much is at risk—our own culture, and the wellbeing of other animals that rely on them to live their normal lives. So what can we do? Greenwich has already begun tackling the problem with the creation of the Lights Out Greenwich initiative. Lights Out Greenwich has helped put into effect municipal regulations for outdoor lighting to control light pollution in the area, such as fully shielded outdoor lights that help angle light downwards rather than upwards, and “curfews” for lights that determine when light will be shut off or dimmed at night. Lights Out Greenwich has several resources that locals of Greenwich can refer to when learning how to reduce their individual light pollution footprint. Reducing that footprint is something individuals and cities should strive for—the stars are something we have loved and looked to for the entirety of human history. When gazed upon, whether in 1880 or 2025, the sight of stars is still worth protecting.

## Celebrating 20 Years in Aquatics: An Interview with Shanna Sudderth

By DANIELLE NUGENT

This September marks a major milestone for Shanna Sudderth, who has dedicated 20 years to the Aquatics Department at YWCA Greenwich. We sat down with Shanna to reflect on her journey, the uniqueness of the program, and her passion for teaching water safety.

Q: Congratulations on 20 years! Can you tell us about your career?

Shanna: Thank you! It’s hard to believe it’s been 20 years. I started as the Assistant Director and then was promoted to Director of Aquatics in 2019. This place has been such a huge part of my life these past two decades.

Q: Have you always had a passion for working with children and swim instruction?

Shanna: Absolutely. I received my bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from the College of Charleston, so working with children has always been a goal of mine. I spent summers lifeguarding and working at camps, so this career is the perfect mix of the two.

Q: What sets the Aquatics program at YWCA Greenwich apart?

*Congratulations on 20 years! Can you tell us about your career?*



Shanna Sudderth, pictured in the center, with Dolphin Babies participants. Photo credit: Chi Chi Ubina for Fairfield County Look

Shanna: It’s designed to be swimmers as young as 6 months through high school on our a lifelong program. We start old, and they can stay with us competitive swim team, the

Dolphins. We even have senior aquatic classes. There’s really something for everyone here, and my staff does an amazing job of catering to each person so that everyone can feel comfortable and confident in the water.

Q: Transitioning young swimmers can be challenging. How do you approach that process?

Shanna: One of our specialties is helping kids transition from being in the water with a parent or guardian to being with just an instructor. This usually happens in our Dolphin Tots level. At that stage, it’s critical that instruction is personalized. I make it a point to speak with every family, build relationships, and ensure everyone feels comfortable. If a child is struggling, I do everything I can to find the right approach and instructor to help them succeed. I’ve seen it all from kids screaming in the parking lot to those same kids breaking records years later at the Connecticut championships. We call those transformations the ‘Shanna Banana Specials’.

Q: You seem very passionate about water safety. Can you tell us more about that?

Shanna: Water safety is everything to me. I truly believe every person should know how to swim because it truly does save lives. No matter how challenging a student may be, I will always find a way to get them in the water.

Q: What does this 20-year milestone mean to you personally?

Shanna: It means the world to me. Knowing that my work has had a positive impact on the Greenwich community is an incredible feeling. I’m so grateful for my staff and the way they support my mission to teach as many people as possible how to swim and stay safe around water.

Q: For those interested in swim programs, what would you recommend?

Shanna: I would encourage anyone, whether you’re a beginner, a parent of a young child, or a senior looking for fitness options, to explore our programs. We have something for everyone, and we’re here to help you feel confident and safe in the water.

To learn more about Aquatics programs at YWCA Greenwich, visit [ywcagreenwich.org](http://ywcagreenwich.org).

## The Junior League of Greenwich Unveils New Leadership and Initiatives for 2025-26



Left to right: Roli Agrawal, DEIB Director; Tiffanie Gray, Executive Vice President; Pauline Millard, Fundraising Director; Jenifer Bloodworth, Director at Large; Barbara Bollmeyer, Treasurer; Sara Davis, President Elect; Johnna Yeskey, Sustainer Chair; Sammie Jacobs, President; Melinda Mehfar, Nominating Director; Terry Lamantia, Sustainer Chair-Elect; Octavia Melly, Nominating Committee Member; Amanda Schietzelt, Membership Director; Sarah Rose, Finance Director; Maha Karamahad, Project Director; Kelly Beyrer, Communications Director.

The Junior League of Greenwich (JLG) proudly announces its 2025–2026 Board of Directors and Management Team under the leadership of newly installed President Samuelle (Sammie) Lazar Jacobs.

“I’m thrilled and honored to step into the Presidency of the Junior League of Greenwich,” said Jacobs. “I look forward to continuing the incredible legacy of my Past Presidents and to moving the League forward with our incredible team this year. We’re especially looking forward to the Women’s Conference to normalize mental health conversations, eradicate stigma, and empower people to share their stories.”

The League will host its second

annual Women’s Conference on March 28, 2026, following the sold-out success of its debut this past March. The conference aims to uplift diverse voices, spotlight intergenerational mental health, and bring together the community for conversations that empower and inspire.

This year also marks a deeper investment in community-driven impact through the development of a new large-scale signature project, an expanded focus that includes women and youth wellness and education, further volunteer engagement opportunities through the Project Impact initiative, and broader access to the League’s flagship Positively Me! program, which teaches confidence and

decision-making skills to 3rd-grade girls.

As part of its outreach efforts, the Junior League invites women interested in becoming members of the JLG to join our Summer Cohort. The cohorts provide an opportunity to learn more about the organization’s mission, initiatives, and how to join in making a positive difference in Greenwich.

For more information about the Junior League of Greenwich, membership opportunities, or to stay updated on upcoming events, please visit [www.jlgreenwich.org](http://www.jlgreenwich.org).

For media inquiries or further information, please contact: Kelly Beyrer, Communications Director, [communications@jlgreenwich.org](mailto:communications@jlgreenwich.org).

## Back to School, Back to Stains: How Fabricare Cleaners Can Help You Save Time and Clothes This School Year

With summer behind us, and the school bell ringing again, it’s time to swap out swimsuits for school uniforms—and get ready for the inevitable: stains, tears, and fast-growing kids outgrowing their clothes.

Here are a few quick tips to help you salvage your children’s clothing this school season—and how Fabricare can step in to save you time and stress.

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A new school year brings new challenges—and new stains. Here’s how to treat the most common classroom culprits:

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gently with a paper towel. Then use another towel dampened with rubbing alcohol to blot again—you should see the ink transfer. Repeat until the stain is gone, then wash as usual.

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COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

# The Luck of Being at the Berkley for the Brubeck Brothers Jazz Concert

By ANNE W. SEMMES

It was the moment when the Brubeck brothers - Chris on bass and Dan on drums, plus pianist Chuck Lamb and guitarist Mike DeMicco, began playing that Dave Brubeck masterpiece “Blue Rondo a la Turk” with its unforgettable melodic begin and blend of jazz and blues, that I broke down in tears, overwhelmed with memories of growing up listening to that piece in my big sister and brother-in-law’s house in Memphis, Tennessee. Moved as I was, also spellbound was the often-clapping audience of nearly 300 filling to capacity the Greenwich Library’s Berkley Theater nearly a month ago on a Sunday afternoon, July 27.

Chris, who towers over all, gave a captivating history of that Blue Rondo piece beginning in 1958, “when we had a really jazzy beatnik president named Dwight Eisenhower who believed in this thing called Voice of America, a fantastic thing [recently removed] that would broadcast American news as opposed to Communist party news, interlacing lots of jazz...which behind the Iron Curtain jazz was so popular.” So, “the Eisenhower Administration said, let’s send goodwill ambassadors, American jazz musicians all over. And it really worked because in jazz, there’s such democracy.”

“We have four equal voices in this band,” Chris noted, “and each person has a right to speak... And we found as we’ve traveled the world, the more oppressed people are, the more that society loves jazz - it is incredible.”

Brubeck as jazz ambassador  
Dave Brubeck, as a designated ambassador, then traveled Europe - first with wife Lola and a couple of sons of their six kids, but arriving in the Middle East on their way to Iran and Iraq they learned “no women or children were allowed.” It would be at Dave’s tour end in Turkey, “the most sane democratic place,” when walking its streets to a recording studio for a radio broadcast with Turkish musicians that the magical spark came that brought us Blue Rondo a la Turk. “He heard some musicians hanging out, playing on the street,” told Chris.” And for a “cowboy” growing up in Northern California, “he was not used to hearing exotic music in that culture.” Chris turned to Dan to hit his drum to play that exotic beat of 1-2-1-2-1-2-1-2-3 that Dave had heard.

“Dad put a melody to that same fascinating rhythm, then he borrowed the rondo form from classical music.” But where was the jazz? So, he chose to “throw some blues in because everyone knows that 9/8 alternating the blues and the rondo form will make sense. And the song became a hit.”

The mind jumps to a similar creative aha moment recently learned of Geroge Gershwin when he was traveling the streets of Paris whilst composing his “An American in Paris.” He hears the honking taxis, then collects a few of those taxi horns. Thus, that traffic sound would begin his masterpiece,

*“And we found as we’ve traveled the world, the more oppressed people are, the more that society loves jazz - it is incredible.” Chris Brubeck.*

The Brubeck Brothers Quartet, L to R Dan Brubeck by drums, Mike DeMicco and guitar, Chris Brubeck, who plays bass, trombone and composition, and Chuck Lamb on piano. Contributed photo.

“An American in Paris.”

Indeed, this is what Darius Milhaud, the influential French composer/teacher of Dave Brubeck would recommend: “Whenever you travel the world, really listen and you can incorporate new ideas from other cultures and bring them into jazz.” (And Darius became the name of the first of Brubeck’s five sons.) Milhaud was teaching at Mills College in San Francisco where Dave studied, and at their first meet up had asked, “Why do you want to study with me?” “Because you know all about orchestration and voicing and chorus, and I have this dream someday I can write big pieces if I study with somebody who knows and writes the coolest music in the world,” Chris told. Milhaud’s response: “Oh, me and my French friends, we all think music is dead. What we like is American jazz.”

The Brubeck brothers – and sister  
Chris and brother Dan are surely inheritors of their father’s musical talents. Peterson Music Librarian Dora Salm, in her introduction had described the brothers as “known for their

creative improvisation and adventurous rhythms.” It was in 1972 that Chris joined his father and brothers Darius and Dan to form the New Brubeck Quartet. Chris would later form the Brubeck Brothers Quartet. And just two years ago Chris debuted his composition, “Confluence: Double Concerto for Classical Guitar, Blues Guitar & Orchestra,” with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra!

In the concert Chris would shine the light on drummer brother Dan, describing him with a smile as “quietly playing behind me on brushes.” Throughout the concert Dan would display his tireless and dynamic talent addressing his multiple drums, often bringing applause.

Time came to address their sister, Cathy, playing a piece named for her called “Kathy’s Waltz,” [a historic spelling error by Columbia Records] “Our sister Cathy was obsessed with becoming a ballet dancer where she would, four years old, wear a little tutu costume and twirl across...So my dad wrote a song for her that became, of all the songs written for the various children, the most famous one because it was on the ‘Time Out’ record...And as you’ll hear, this is an amazingly beautiful tune.”

Brubecks play at Christ Church Greenwich

Then it was segue time into a different genre. “Some of you know,” said Chris, “my father, in addition to writing over 600 jazz tunes, also wrote a lot of choral and religious music. And one of the earliest performances was right here in Christ Church Greenwich. A man named Richard Vogt had a good choir [Greenwich Choral Society] and the piece was ‘La Fiesta De La Posada.’ It was Dave’s and my mom’s take on the famous story of Joseph and Mary searching for a place to stay, and they end up in the manger.”

“It was really fun for us every Christmas,” he continued, “because there would not only be kids, but three wise men, who looked a bit like the ‘Three Amigos’... and they had a virgin, a very beautiful soprano.” But Dave’s first religious piece came soon after serving in WWII.

“It was called ‘The Light in the Wilderness,’” said Chris. “Dad couldn’t believe [in the War] how many people that theoretically all believed in the teachings of Jesus Christ were slaughtering each other in Europe and just destroying everything. So, he said, ‘I’m going to write a piece that makes everyone think about those words.’ So, one of the movements is called ‘Forty Days’ of how Jesus went out 40 days in the desert...So, here’s a meditation on that piece.”

After an hour and a half of their electric performance Chris offered one last piece – audience choice. “Take Five!” shouted the hundreds for that piece known round the world. It played out with Chuck Lamb pounding the keys - leading the tune, with Mike DeMicco plucking furiously on his guitar, Chris on his trombone, and Dan giving those drums all he’s got. The stand-up applause was long.

So, this reporter was fortunate over the years to be there for Dave Brubeck performances and now with the Brubeck Brothers. I also experienced “La Fiesta De La Posada” performed in Christ Church Greenwich years ago. But alas I’ve not witnessed “The Light in the Wilderness.” One can only hope the Brubeck Brothers, now in their 70’s, will hang onto their impressive stamina, and return one day to Greenwich with their fascinating history and exhilarating rhythmic jazz.

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59 Hillside Road	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000	\$4,950,000	29	5	4	1.5	5,704
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74 Valleywood Road	\$1,825,000	\$1,775,000	\$1,775,000	18	4	2	0.22	2,198
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30 Buckfield Lane	\$3,450,000	\$3,450,000	\$3,800,000	9	4	4	2.07	4,534
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29 Taconic Road	\$5,395,000	\$5,395,000	\$5,700,000	10	5	7	5.41	
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26 Taconic Road	\$6,950,000	\$6,950,000	\$7,025,000	15	5	6	2.03	
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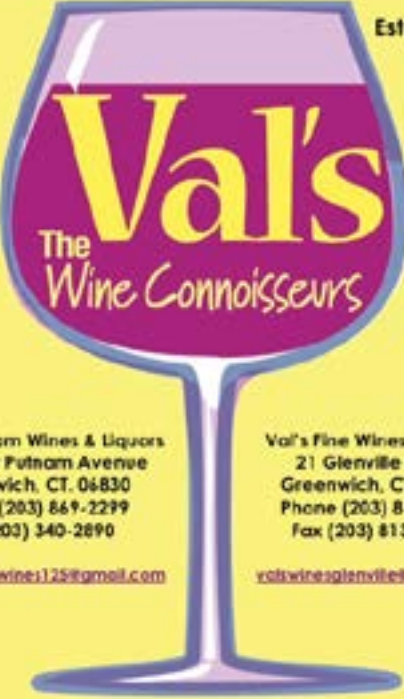
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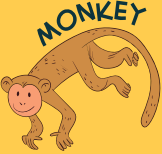
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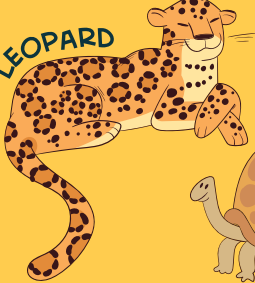
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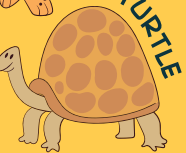
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TOWN MEETINGS

**Tuesday, August 26**  
[Planning & Zoning Commission](#)  
7-8 p.m., Town Hall & via Zoom

**August 29**  
**THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
**8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center**

**September 2**  
**Open Tech**  
2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
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**September 3**  
**Living Well Now & Later Series: Wills, Trusts & Peace of Mind**  
6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim and Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
The library has partnered with Staying Put to present a 3-part series for living well now—and later. Find peace of mind, protect what matters, and create space for a life you love. Support your well-being—mentally, emotionally, and practically. Register at <https://shorturl.at/reFEh>.

**Waveny Summer Concert | The Short Bus Band**  
7:30-9:30 PM on the lawn behind Waveny House  
Bring a chair or blanket and go enjoy a free Waveny summer concert featuring The Short Bus Band (70’s songs to Today’s Hits).

**September 4**  
**The Effect**  
7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre  
THE EFFECT, by Lucy Prebble, centers on two volunteers, Tristan and Connie, who fall in love during a clinical trial for a dopamine-based antidepressant. Their romance disrupts the trial, leaving their doctors, Dr. James and Dr. Toby, to grapple with ethical questions about their work. The play explores identity, love, and the limits of medicine. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

**September 5**  
**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
**8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center**  
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**Guided Tour of The Armory Show with LG Art Advisory**  
10:45 AM- 1 PM on the lawn  
Join for an exclusive 2-hour guided tour of The Armory Show with Lauren Gargiulo, founder of LG Art Advisory and a respected contemporary art specialist. Held annually at the Javits Center, The Armory Show is one of the most significant international art fairs—bringing together leading galleries, artists, and collectors from around the world. Meet at the check-in desk at the Javits Center. Tickets are \$110/members, \$125/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/armoryshow/>.

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**September 6**  
**Opening Reception for 75th A•ONE**  
5-7 PM at the Silvermine Arts Center  
Join the opening reception for the 75th A•ONE Exhibition. Established in 1949 as the New England Exhibition, a regional exhibit, it later became known as Art of the Northeast and is now a national exhibition.

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**September 8**  
**Beethoven: Ways of Listening Presented by David Stein**  
2:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
Focusing on a single masterpiece as a doorway into a great composer’s mind and music. Using performance videos and illustrations at the piano, we delve into the emotional and spiritual meanings expressed in the work. Listeners will gain a deeper understanding of the music. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

**September 9**  
**AARP Safe Driving Course with Phil Swan**  
9:30 AM- 1:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
Refresh your driving skills with The AARP Smart Driver™ course. Learn more about driver safety strategies, accident avoidance, and defensive driving. Completion of the course may help you save on your auto insurance! Class size limited to 15. Pre-registration may be made online at [aarp.org/drive](http://aarp.org/drive) (which allows credit card payment). Or, register by calling 203-594-3620 and pay the day of by cash or check made payable to AARP.

**Open Tech**  
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**The Frick Re-Opens: An In-Depth Zoom Lecture with Page Knox**  
6:30 PM on Zoom  
Join art historian Page Knox for a one-hour Zoom lecture on the long-awaited reopening of The Frick Collection in New York City. Closed since 2020, the Frick has reopened its doors with a beautifully renovated building and an exciting expansion. Registration is \$15/Carriage Barn members, \$20/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/thefrickreopens/>.

**September 10**  
**Stay Safe, Play Smart—Pickleball Tips for Injury-Free Fun**  
**Presented by Carl M. Cirino, MD, Sports Medicine Surgeon**  
11 AM at the Lapham Center  
Playing pickleball is a great way to stay active and boost both your physical and mental health—but like any sport, it comes with its fair share of bumps and bruises. Join Dr. Cirino as he shares expert tips to help you stay injury-free and safe. Coffee and breakfast treats will be served. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

**Mac vs. PC**  
3 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
Want to learn the differences between a Mac and a PC? Join Reference librarian James to compare and contrast both computer types. Register at <https://shorturl.at/7kCsq>.

**Author Alka Joshi and Six Days in Bombay**  
7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Bestselling author of The Henna Artist Alka Joshi returns with Six Days in Bombay, a sweeping story of identity and self-discovery inspired by the iconic Indian painter, Amrita Sher-Gil, known as the “Frida Kahlo of India.” Joshi delves into her subject with a riveting presentation that teases filmed scenes from this epic novel. Register at <https://shorturl.at/vs2Gw>.

**September 11**  
**Make Mocktails**  
6:30 PM at Grace Farms  
Enjoy an evening of crafting and sipping delicious mocktails. Follow Chef Leah’s recipes to create three seasonal beverages, while discovering connections between food, culture, and community. Tickets are available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/mocktails-2/2025-09-11>.

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**September 12**  
**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
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**September 13**  
**Be in the Humans of New Canaan Portrait**  
10-11:30 AM & 2:30-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Kontulis Family Storytime Room  
Celebrate the transformative power of human connection by participating in this community portrait. During these sessions, local photographer Dutch Doscher will first capture you alone or with others, and then you’ll fill out a brief questionnaire of fun and meaningful writing prompts to accompany your image. Finished pieces will be displayed in our pop-up photo show at the Library. To register for the morning slots, visit <https://shorturl.at/tabCm>. For the afternoon, visit <https://shorturl.at/IFzgF>.

**Nature Workshops with Kimberly Kelly | Slow Flower Bouquets**  
11 AM at Grace Farms  
Adults of all experience all invited to learn about the various cultural practices that rely on nature, including flower bouquets, the impact of seeds, permaculture, and holiday décor. This hands-on workshop promotes seasonal and sustainable cut flowers and emphasizes the importance of knowing the origin of your flowers. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/paegK>.

**Art as Identity: Exploring Personal Experiences, Dreams, and Memories**  
12-3 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
In this immersive workshop, participants will delve into the intricate relationship between art and identity. Through engaging activities and discussions, explore how art is a powerful metaphor for encapsulating who we are. Workshop fee includes all materials. Tickets are \$130/members, \$145/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/X3F7k>.

**Alicja Kwade | ParaPosition Sculpture**  
3 PM at Grace Farms  
Experience the opening of ParaPosition, a remarkable sculpture by Alicja Kwade, made of slim interlocking steel frames supporting four boulders and a blue chair made of bronze, in celebration of Grace Farms’ 10 Year. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/KBvEP>.

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**September 14**  
**The Effect**  
2 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre  
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**New Canaan Dems Family BBQ**  
4-7 PM at the Carriage Barn  
Join the NC Dems annual BBQ fundraiser with live music and kids activities. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/2ZexJ>.

**September 15**  
**Social Security Basics: What Every Individual Should Know**  
**presented by Benjamin Rhodes, Social Security Administration, via Zoom**  
1 PM at the Lapham Center  
Join us for answers to your questions about social security. The Zoom presentation will be available for viewing only at Lapham. Registration required. To register, call (203) 594-3620. Free event.

**September 16**  
**Lunch & Learn: Jake Gorst, on his grandfather, Andrew Geller**  
12 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society  
Bring your brown bag lunch, snack or soup and learn from film maker and frequent Museum presenter, Jake Gorst, who will talk about his grandfather, Andrew Geller. Geller was an American architect, painter and graphic designer and was credited for bringing modernism to the masses. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/SN67S>.

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**Understanding AI: What It Is, What It Isn’t, and Why It Matters | Dinner and Program**  
5-7 PM at the Lapham Center  
Join for an engaging overview of the current state of Artificial Intelligence (AI). This presentation will explore what AI is—and what it isn’t—while looking at how different socio-demographic groups are using it, its expected impact on jobs, its everyday applications, and its risks, particularly around fraud and misuse. To register, call (203) 594-3620. Free.

**September 17**  
**Chelsea Gallery Tour with Merrily Kerr of New York Art Tours**  
10:45 AM, location will be announced one week before event  
Join for an inspiring two-hour walking tour of Chelsea’s premier contemporary art galleries with NYC art insider Merrily Kerr, founder of New York Art Tours. On this private tour, visit approximately seven of the most important and talked-about exhibitions in New York. Tickets are \$85/Carriage Barn members, \$100/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/chelseagalleries/>.

**Trivia Bingo, Appetizers, and Drinks with Mike Bacon**  
5-7 PM at the Lapham Center  
Back by popular demand, Mike returns with his fun and fast-paced nine-category Trivia Bingo. If you’ve played before, you know it’s always a great time. Bring your friends, test your knowledge and enjoy some laughs—you might even win a prize. To register, call (203) 594-3620. Free.

**September 18**  
**Food Influencer Diane Morrissey Presents "You Got This!"**  
6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Diane Morrissey is coming to the library to demo some of the recipes from her new cookbook, You Got This!: Recipes Anyone Can Make and Everyone Will Love. The cookbook is designed for novice cooks who need confidence and for seasoned home cooks who need new ideas and inspiration. Register at <https://shorturl.at/n6X0P>.

**September 19**  
**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
**8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center**  
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## September 20

### Chess Fest

10 AM- 2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Arlene H. Grushkin Children's Program Room

Chess Fest is a celebration where players of all ages and skill levels come together to watch, learn, play, and enjoy chess. More information is available at <https://www.32pieces.com/home>.

### Autumn Stroll

11 AM at Grace Farms

Notice nature as seasons change with a guided fall walk among the trees at Grace Farms. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/Nrs0F>.

## September 24

### Prospective Member Lunch |

### Staying Put

12 PM at Waveny

Join Staying Put for their prospective members lunch. To register, call (203) 966-7762.

### Journey into the World of Tea |

### Oolong and Pu-erhs

3 PM at Grace Farms

Explore the fascinating world of oolongs and pu-erh, tasting samples of green oolongs, dark oolongs, and compare the stark differences between a raw and a cooked pu-erh. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/Cokei>.

### Glass House Presents Women, Modernism, and Philip Johnson

6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Learn about architect Philip Johnson's overlooked associations with some of the women who embraced and promoted modernism from the 1930s through the 1950s. Register at <https://shorturl.at/xLEiQ>.

## September 25

### The Rotary Club of New Canaan's 40th Annual Lobsterfest

4-8 PM at Waveny House

How would you like to enjoy your lobster and other meals? Dine in at the Waveny House veranda or order curb-side take away. The menu will include lobster, lobster rolls, beef tenderloin, chicken, vegetarian cheese lasagna and a kid’s meal. More information and tickets are available at <https://www.newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.org>.

### Author Jane O’Connor and

### illustrator Robin Preiss Glasser:

### Fancy Nancy Besties for Eternity

4:15 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Join to celebrate the launch of Fancy Nancy Besties for Eternity with author Jane O'Connor and illustrator Robin Preiss Glasser. More information and registration is available at <https://tinyurl.com/mr394y97>.

## September 26

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center

Sponsored by the New Canaan Sentinel for a weekly community coffee and conversation.

### Lunch with a Purpose | Citizens of Humanity and west-bourne

11 AM- 2 PM at Grace Farms

Join for a lunch and conversation featuring Amy Williams, CEO of Citizens of Humanity Group and Camilla Marcus, chef and founder of west-bourne. They discuss how the essential pillars of food, clothing, and shelter are driving change toward a more sustainable and ethical future in a conversation moderated by Karen Kariuki. Lunch will be a 4-course vegetarian meal. Register at <https://shorturl.at/4tpYg>.

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## September 28

### Waveny Park Arts Festival

10 AM- 4 PM in Waveny Park

The Waveny Park Arts Festival will feature 50 artist & artisan vendors, live music & entertainment, food trucks, and more. For more information visit <https://carriagebarn.org/2025-artsfest-application/>.

## SAVE THE DATE

### October 1

### Movie Screening, Dinner and Conversation with Claire Ayoub

5 PM at the Lapham Center

Join for dinner, a screening of Empire Waist, and conversation with New Canaan’s own Claire Ayoub. Empire Waist is a heartfelt comedy about teens learning to love their bodies through fashion design and friendship. Claire will discuss the film after the viewing. Registration required, call 203-594-3620.

### October 4

### “Unleash the Artist In You”

### Painting Workshop with Melissa Benedek

12 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Join this small group workshop to explore self-expression and a deeper connection with your creative side. It is not about creating a perfect piece of art, it’s about creating from within and finding your own style and direction. Materials included, BYO lunch. Spaces are limited—sign up early to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$135/members, \$150/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/unleash-the-artist-in-you/>.

### October 9

### Staying Put Annual Meeting

4:30 PM at the Lapham Center

Join Staying Put for their annual meeting. Step Into Wellness: Foot Care Essentials with Dr. Tauber. To register, call (203) 966-7762.

### October 10

### Opening Night of Witch

7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre

A charming devil arrives in the quiet village of Edmonton to bargain for the souls of its residents in exchange for their darkest wishes. Elizabeth should be his easiest target, having been labeled a "witch" and cast out by the town, but her soul is not so readily bought. More information is available at <https://tpnc.org>.

### October 11

### Faster Things – Allman Brothers Tribute

7 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

If you love the music of the original Allman Brothers Band, you will love Faster Things – the Allman Brothers Tribute Band. Faster Things conjures the twin guitar harmonies and searing slide guitar sounds, Hammond organ, harmony guitar and unusual time signatures of the original Allman Brothers band with passion. Advance tickets are \$25 and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/faster-things/>.

### October 18

### Modern House Day Tour + Symposium

9:15 AM- 4:30 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society

This year’s tour includes homes by Philip Johnson, John Johansen, Bimel Kehm, and a newly-built residence

reflecting mid-century ideals through modern innovation, open plans, and nature integration. Attendees will tour in small buses, guided by knowledgeable architects. A catered boxed lunch will be provided. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/hDVcf>.

### “Exploring Your Vision In Paint”

### Workshop With Landscape Artist Jonathan McPhillips

10 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Join renowned landscape artist Jonathan McPhillips for a one-day workshop that is open to artists of all levels working in any paint medium. Spaces are limited—sign up early to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$155/ members, \$180/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/jonathanmcphillips/>.

### October 19

### Caffeine & Carburetors

7 AM in Downtown New Canaan

Caffeine & Carburetors is a gathering of automotive enthusiasts, meeting four times a year to enjoy our rides and share them with like-minded gear heads. More information is available at <https://cbo.io/bidapp/index.php?slug=ccjune2025>.

### October 22

### Breakfast with the New Canaan Sentinel

10:30 AM at the Lapham Center

Join for breakfast with the Sentinel! In an era where facts matter more than ever, the New Canaan Sentinel, is committed to delivering trust-worthy news, compelling stories, and diverse perspectives—more than just a publication—it's a platform built on the principles of integrity, transparency, and public service. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

### October 29

### Preserving Nature Close to Home: An Intro to the New Canaan Land Trust

### Presented by Robin Bates Mason, Executive Director

12 PM at the Lapham Center

Discover the New Canaan Land Trust: Past, Present, and Future. Join Executive Director Robin Bates-Mason for an insightful lunch and learn detailing the history of the NCLT and its strategic vision for the future. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

### October 30

### Halloween Bingo

12-2 PM at the Lapham Center

Join for lunch, BINGO, and prizes for the best costume! Costumes encouraged. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

### November 6

### Fraud Prevention Tips with the New Canaan Police Department

### Presented by Officer Adams and Officer Coughlin

11 AM at the Lapham Center

Financial scams and identity theft are constantly evolving. Staying informed helps you recognize and avoid the latest schemes. Reduce your risk of becoming a victim by attending this presentation. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

### November 22

### Holiday Market

10 AM- 5 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center

The New Canaan Nature Center will kick off the holiday season by hosting our Holiday Market! There will be unique gifts items including jewelry, clothing, candles, and much more. School of Rock will also be playing some holiday cheer!

## BLOOD DRIVES

### Friday, August 29

Norwalk Hospital

34 Maple Street

Norwalk, CT 06856

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### Saturday, August 30

The Rowayton

Community Center

33 Highland Ave

Norwalk, CT 06853

8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

### Sunday, August 31 & Monday, September 1

Greenwich Blood

Donation Center

99 Indian Field Road

Greenwich, CT 06830

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### Wednesday, September 3

Stamford Church of Christ

1264 High Ridge Road

Stamford, CT 06903

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Wilton Library

137 Old Ridgefield Rd.

Wilton, CT 06897

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

St. Philip's Church

25 France Street

Norwalk, CT 06851

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### Thursday, September 4

Merritt 7

501 Main Avenue

Norwalk, CT 06856

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### Support Services

## & Meetings

## September 3

### Back-to-School Resource Fair with Inclusive Together

12-2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

Join Inclusive Together and New Canaan Library at a Back-to-School Resource Fair for parents and caregivers of neurodiverse children. Meet representatives from local organizations that offer valuable services and programming for children with disabilities and neurodivergent children. Ask questions, make connections, and learn what these organizations can do for you. Arrive any time between 12 and 2, and stay as long as you are able. Register at <https://shorturl.at/k2doA>.

### Back to School Together: From Struggle to Strength--Tools to Support Your Child with Learning Differences

12:15 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room

Join Jake of Superpower Mentors for a dynamic workshop designed for parents and caregivers of neurodivergent children or those with learning differences. Walk away with practical tools to foster affirming, strength-based communication—and set your child up for lasting success at home, in school, and in life. Register at <https://shorturl.at/gZWYj>.

### Alzheimer’s Support Group with the Waveny LifeCare Network

12 PM at the New Canaan Library, Lydee Hummel Study Room (#223)

Family members, caregivers, and friends are invited to meet for informative and supportive group sessions to help navigate changes related to memory loss and cognitive decline. Register at <https://shorturl.at/FowDU>.

### October 12

### Library Orientation

11 AM at the New Canaan Library, Kontulis Family Storytime Room

New Canaan Library is partnering with Inclusive Together to offer an

exclusive Library Orientation for parents/caregivers and their children. This event is designed for those who appreciate a quieter, less crowded environment. Register at <https://shorturl.at/LNcky>.

### Every Friday

AA Speaker Meeting Wheelchair

Access

Fridays at 7:30 AM

Congregational Church of New Canaan

### Every Saturday

AA Meeting-Sober Citizens Group

Saturdays at 9:15 AM

First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

AA Meeting-Laundry and Dry

Cleaning Group

Saturdays at 10:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

Lost Then Found NA Meeting

Wheelchair Accessible

Saturdays at 7 PM

United Methodist Church (back entrance)

### Every Monday

AA Meeting

Wheelchair Access

Mondays at 7:30 AM

Congregational Church of New Canaan

Adult Child Al-Anon Meeting

Mondays at 12 PM

St. Mark’s Church, Youth Room

### Every Tuesday

Adult Child Alanon Meeting

Tuesdays at 12 PM

St. Mark’s Parish House, Conf. Room

### Every Wednesday

AA Step Meeting

Wheelchair Access

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Congregational Church of New Canaan

Al-Anon Parent’s & Newcomer’s

Mtg.

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Silver Hill, Jorgenson House

208 Valley Rd., New Canaan

### Every Thursday

AA Big Book Meeting, Wheelchair

Access

Thursdays at 7:30 AM

Congregational Church of New Canaan

New Canaan Parent Support Group

7- 8:30 PM

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

New Canaan

## Our Neighbors

### September 5, 6, & 7 2025 Norwalk Seaport Association

### Oyster Festival

Times Vary at Veteran's Memorial Park and Marina

42 Seaview Avenue, Norwalk

Three days of fun, food, and entertainment on multiple stages, plus a myriad of special events for families and friends. More information and tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/U9LAl>.

## September 25

### Art With A Purpose Fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association

5-7 PM at Atria Darien, 50 Ledge Road

Join a special art show and wine reception showcasing the talents of featured resident artists, partnering with the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, please contact [monica.lynn@atriaseniorliving.com](mailto:monica.lynn@atriaseniorliving.com).

### September 27

### Plates with Purpose

5-7 PM at Serafresca at the IC, 1620 Newfield Ave. Stamford

Join Filling in the Blanks for food, fun, and festivities. Enjoy specialty cocktails, a silent auction, and celebrate their Philanthropist of the Year, Shonda Rhimes. The evening will help raise funds to support Filling in the Blanks’ mission to fight childhood hunger in local communities. Tickets are available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Ji0/>.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Pig's home  
4 Bit of parsley  
9 Fluid ounce or foot  
13 Figurehead's place on a ship  
15 Quintet within "facetious"  
16 Fancy-schmancy  
17 Hamster's home  
18 Desert flora  
19 Alone  
20 Not quite right  
22 Worker in a pit  
24 Heavy book  
26 They ebb and flow  
27 '90s workout system  
29 Crowd size?  
31 Intense craving  
32 Outdoor event  
36 Beethoven's German birthplace  
37 In days gone by  
39 Baby's boo-boo  
40 Monarch, perhaps  
42 Prosper  
44 Mini-\_\_\_\_ (convenience stores)  
45 Name ending in four consonants  
46 He-Man's twin sister  
48 Where to see stock footage?

- 49 Concern for parents of young kids  
52 Greet someone  
56 Like the White Rabbit  
57 Devices for smoothing sheets  
59 Fortified tower in a castle  
60 Tons  
61 Unfamiliar with  
62 "Blondie" boy  
63 Pigs' homes  
64 Feeling bloated  
65 Acid  
DOWN  
1 Org. concerned with boxers' safety?  
2 Airport transport  
3 Classic cartoon bear  
4 Anatomical pouch  
5 Lack of conflict  
6 Puerto \_\_\_\_  
7 Itty-bitty bit  
8 Suffering severe remorse (see letters 8 to 5 in this answer)  
9 Dessert "topped" with fruit, and a theme hint  
10 Everybody's opposite  
11 Keys in the ocean

- 12 Superhero with a hammer  
14 Eggy breakfasts containing ham and peppers (... 11 to 7)  
21 Breaks down in tears  
23 Appearance  
25 Track sport, to Brits (... 8 to 3)  
27 Ten Commandments pronoun  
28 "Say it \_\_\_\_ so!"  
29 Moderate paces  
30 "2001: A Space Odyssey" computer  
31 As yet unscheduled: Abbr.  
33 Amazes

- 34 Leaning Tower of Pisa feature  
35 Slippery fish  
38 What workouts "burn"  
41 Really funny person  
43 Globes  
46 Oil source  
47 Unintentionally discover  
48 Tenths of dimes  
49 Applaud  
50 Square footage  
51 Column crossers  
53 Shout  
54 Bottom lines?  
55 Apple product with a Touch model  
58 Kind of sauce in a stir-fry

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

B	A	B	A	R		S	C	A	B	I	W	A	S			
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Family Time Crossword  
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Something read in a restaurant  
5. Covering for a pillow  
9. It can hold mortar  
12. (K) Atop  
13. (K) Fish decoy  
14. Bauxite, for example  
15. (K) Get the lumps out of flour  
16. Help a criminal commit crime  
17. Like a face that's gone pale  
18. (K) It tells actors where to stand  
20. Support meeting  
22. (K) Feeling very poorly  
23. (K) Delete wrinkles  
25. (K) What 100% is  
27. Good steak rating?  
29. (K) Marching band big 'un  
33. Where manicurists store their records? (2 words)

36. (K) It can reveal what you really know  
37. (K) U-turn from polite  
38. (K) Grow into bigger clothes  
39. (K) "It was the most fun \_\_\_\_!"  
41. Road rescue  
43. (K) Part of a long sentence, sometimes  
46. Loose rocks, to a mountaineer  
49. Eggs, at a clinic  
50. (K) Building block brand  
53. (K) Cookie in some sleeves  
54. (K) Hot roofing material  
55. (K) Meat from a calf  
56. Within striking distance  
57. (K) Caribou relative  
58. (K) "Is anyone \_\_\_\_ eating frog legs like me?"  
59. Catch sight of  
DOWN  
1. Put in disarray, as someone's hair

2. (K) Cast-of-thousands movie  
3. Bare-bones, in offers (2 words)  
4. (K) Up to the time of  
5. Thin strip of wood  
6. Spokes' center  
7. (K) "So there you \_\_\_\_!"  
8. D.C. public transportation  
9. (K) Sound from a wolf  
10. Doctorate exam  
11. (K) Say, "No, it wasn't me"  
19. (K) Lesson \_\_\_\_ (teacher's offering)  
21. Voting no on  
23. Arouse, as one's wrath  
24. (K) Not just use a book for decoration  
25. (K) Toward the rear, on a watercraft  
26. (K) Give a ridiculous alibi  
28. Beast in some fairy tales

30. A way that the unprepared are caught?  
31. (K) Plead, as for money  
32. (K) Had boiled eggs dipped in honey  
34. Thing on an agenda  
35. Videotape format of long ago  
40. Part of the human heart  
42. (K) Layer way up high  
43. (K) A place for doves  
44. (K) The shape of a high school track  
45. (K) Writer Twain  
46. (K) You can dig it  
47. Collect your crop  
48. (K) Fish in "Finding Nemo"  
51. (K) Slippery as an \_\_\_\_  
52. (K) Fewer cars need this than 20 years ago

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?  
  
Brass button?  
  
Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

Previous riddle answer:

Fire water thing?

17-A) GUN

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

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That's Sweet! by Paul Coulter

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12
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63					64						65		

Horoscopes

Key Astrological Features:

Sun in Virgo (all week): Focus on analysis, health, routines, service.

Mercury Retrograde in Virgo (all week): Careful review, editing, revisiting old work, delays in communication.

New Moon in Virgo on August 29: Fresh start for practical goals, wellness, work habits.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

The New Moon in Virgo on August 29 highlights your daily routines and health habits. It's a powerful time to start a new wellness plan or organize work tasks. Mercury retrograde urges you to review schedules and clear lingering tasks before taking on more. Simplify where you can.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Creative pursuits and joy are at the heart of this New Moon. Rekindle old hobbies, plan fun with children, or revise artistic projects. Mercury retrograde suggests delays, so use the week to refine ideas rather than launch them. Careful planning pays off.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

The New Moon energizes home and family matters. Consider reorganizing your living space or addressing lingering domestic tasks. Mercury retrograde may bring old family conversations back to the table—listen carefully and clear misunderstandings with patience.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Communication is front and center. The New Moon supports revising plans, restarting old writing projects, or clarifying ideas. Mercury retrograde can complicate travel or schedules—double-check details. Use the week to reconnect with neighbors or siblings.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Finances and personal values are highlighted by the New Moon in Virgo. It's a good time to review budgets and reconsider priorities. Mercury retrograde asks for care in transactions—avoid major purchases if you can. Look to clear debts or streamline spending.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

The New Moon in your sign offers a personal reset. Set intentions for self-improvement and new approaches to your goals. Mercury

retrograde in Virgo asks you to reflect on old habits and refine plans before committing. Use this energy to realign with what matters.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

This week brings introspection. The New Moon encourages you to set intentions around spiritual growth, rest, or ending cycles that no longer serve you. Mercury retrograde may surface old worries—process them gently. Prioritize quiet time to recharge.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Friendships and group goals are the focus. The New Moon is ideal for reconnecting with old friends or refining plans with teams. Mercury retrograde can stir past conflicts—work toward resolution with honesty. Collaborate thoughtfully to avoid crossed wires.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Career and public image come under the New Moon's light. Set goals for professional refinement or revisiting old projects. Mercury retrograde can cause delays with authorities or plans—triple-check details before submitting work or signing contracts.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

The New Moon supports learning, teaching, and travel plans—especially revisiting past studies or refining goals. Mercury retrograde may delay trips or complicate paperwork. Be thorough and patient, focusing on research and preparation.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Financial partnerships and shared resources are highlighted. The New Moon can help you address debts or renegotiate terms. Mercury retrograde asks you to read fine print carefully and revisit old arrangements for clarity. Take a measured approach.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Relationships take center stage. The New Moon is ideal for recommitting to shared goals or improving communication with partners. Mercury retrograde may bring back old issues—use this time to clear the air. Listening and empathy are key.

Summary for August 28 - September 3:

This week's New Moon in Virgo on August 29 offers a chance to set practical, grounded goals, particularly around organization, health, and routines. But with Mercury retrograde in Virgo, progress is best made slowly, through careful review, editing, and tying up old loose ends.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 evasive (6)  
2 more gaunt (7)  
3 sounding like a hungry belly (8)  
4 without any detours (8)  
5 marionettes (7)  
6 Canadian sprinter De Grasse (5)  
7 your parents' children (8)

SOLUTIONS

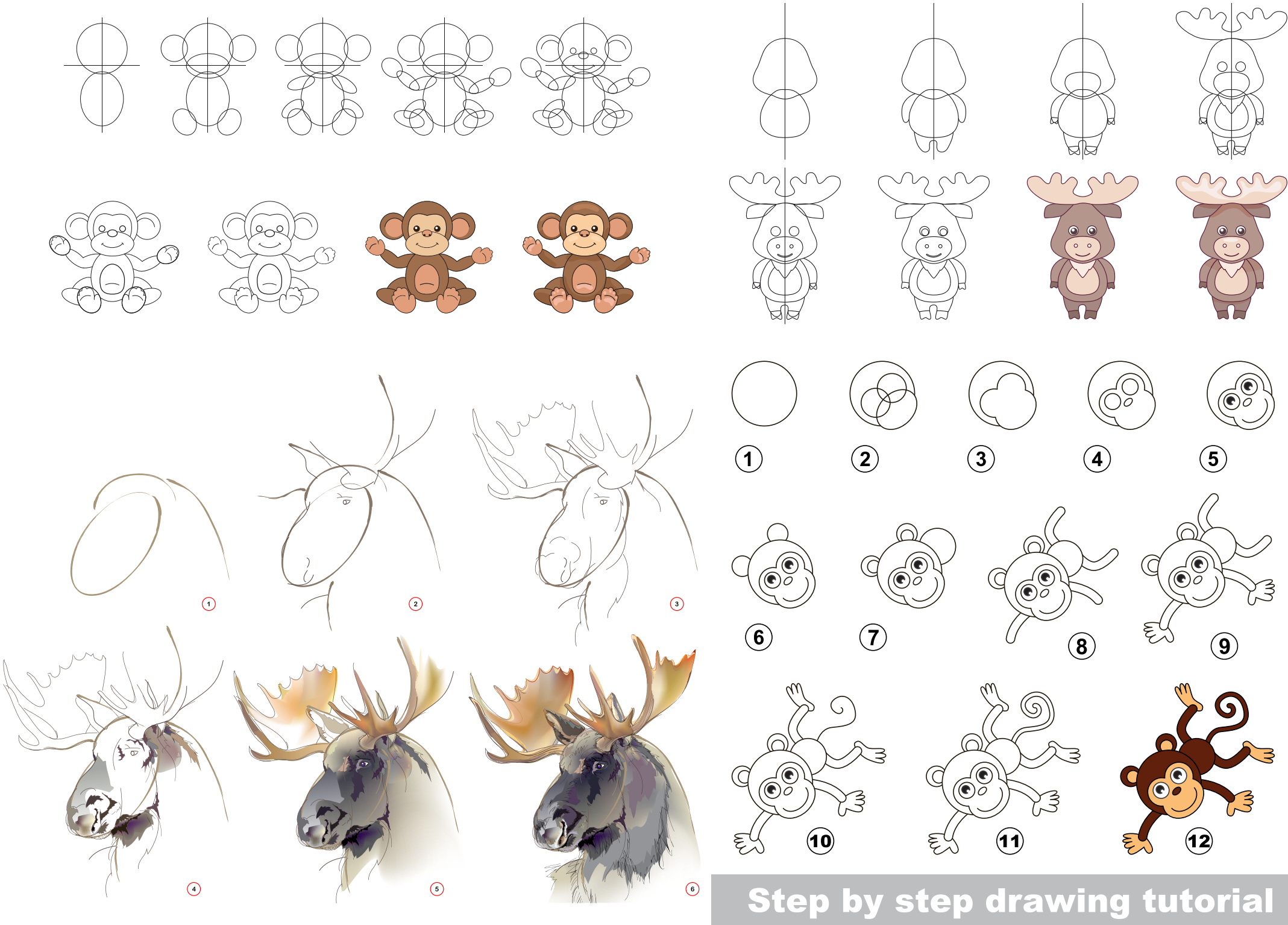
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Previous Answers: 1. UNWISE 2. CYCLICAL 3. TRANSPARENT 4. GERONTOLOGY 5. LEMONADE 6. MYTH 7. DESCARTES 8/4



# How To Draw Two Ways: step by step



## Sudoku for Kids

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2		1	
3	1	4	

		1	
	2	3	
4			3
		4	1

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## SUDOKU

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

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Very Hard								
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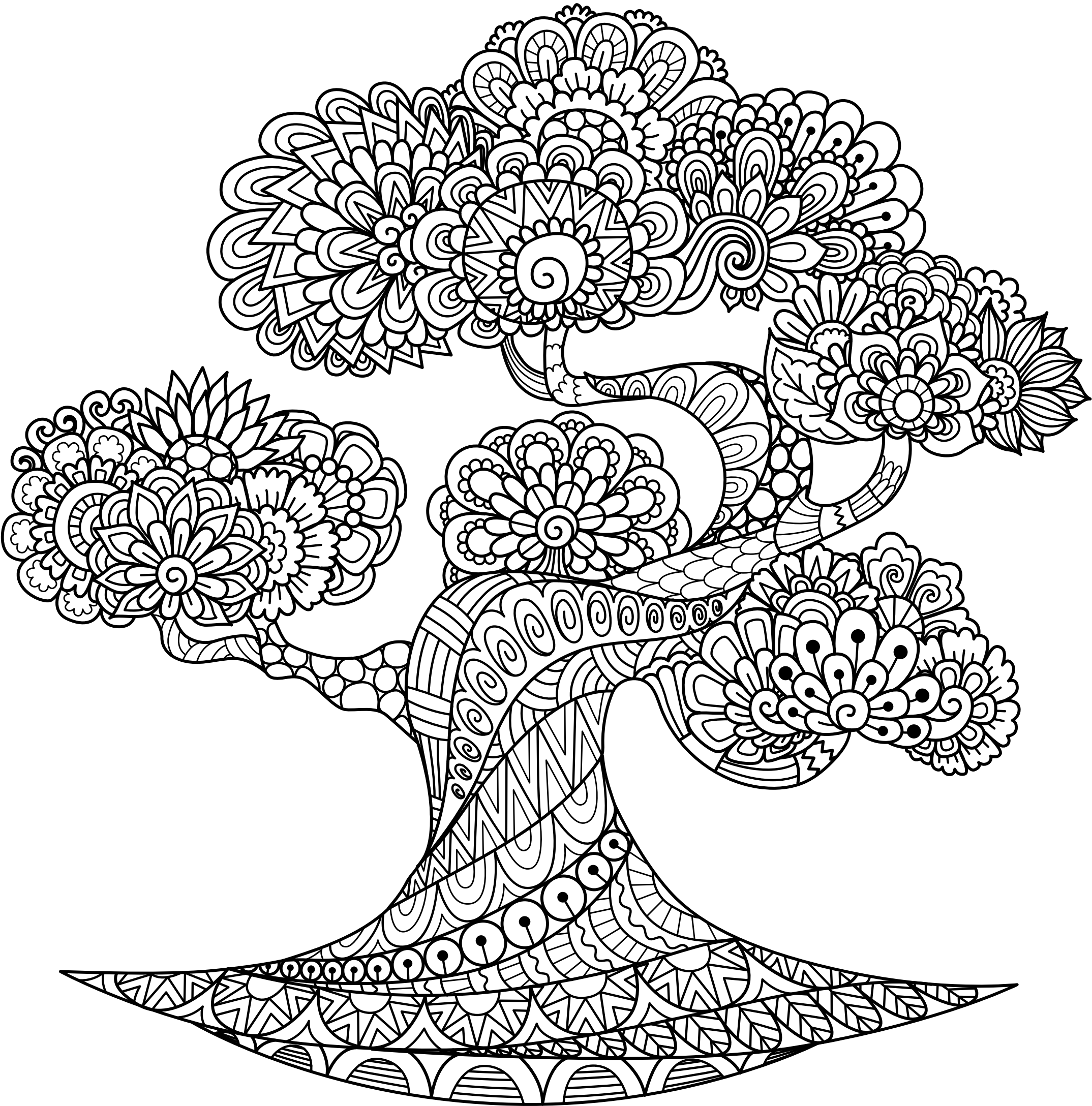
Sudoku answers

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# MANDALA

coloring mandalas is good for your brain!



Word Search  
Puzzle

Forest Animals

O	T	H	A	F	O	P	D	I	S	M	S
W	A	R	T	H	O	G	D	K	Q	U	I
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## How Many ?

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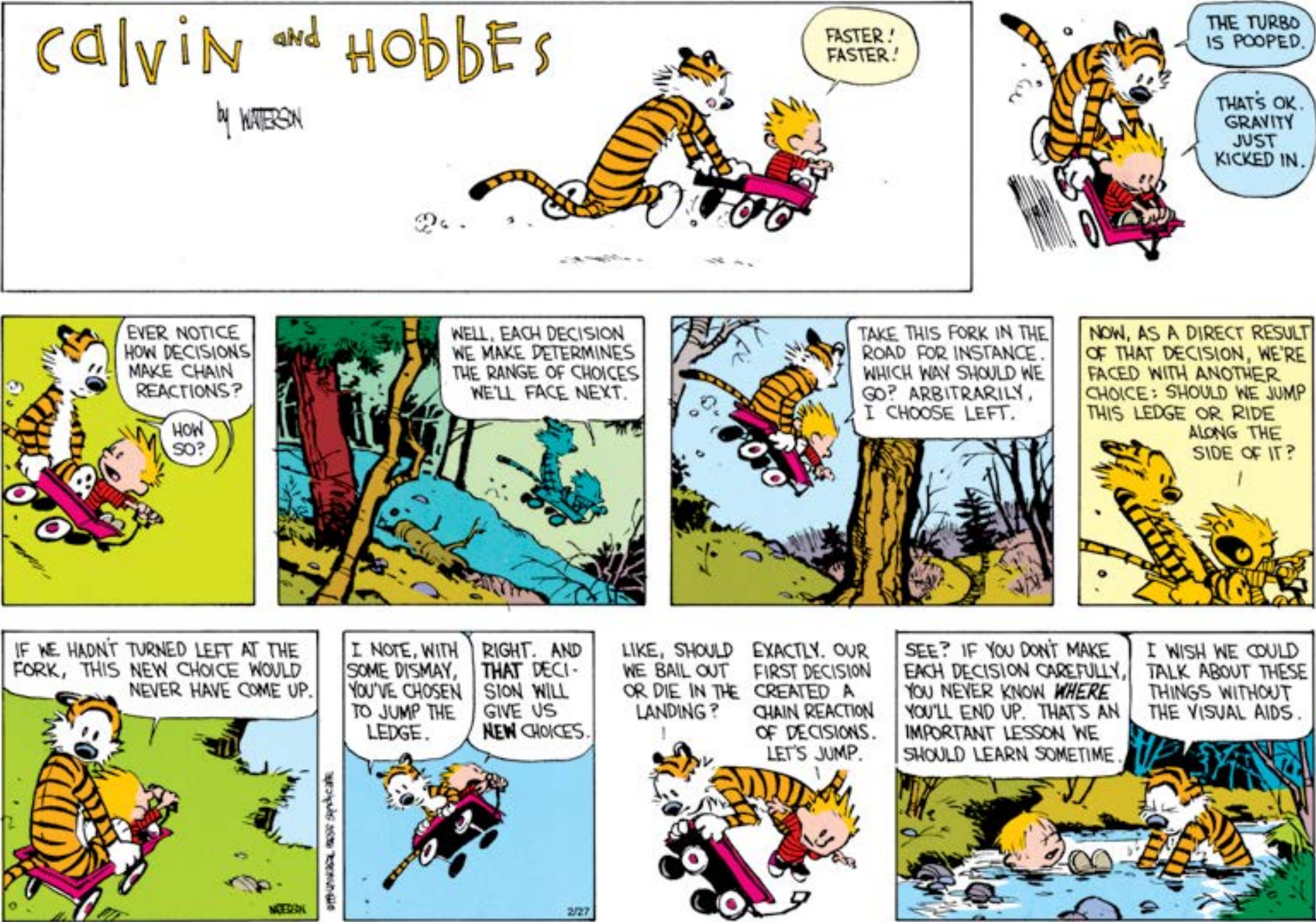
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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE TAPANULI ORANGUTAN

# Tapanuli Orangutan: a New Breed

By JIM KNOX

“Hey, what do you think about the new orangutan?” my friend asked.

Knowing his sense of humor, I cocked my head and smiled, waiting for the punchline.

“Go ahead...” I encouraged him to finish the joke.

The roar of the crowd under the Friday night lights pulled us from our conversation to focus on the game.

“Seriously. What do you think?” he asked earnestly, after the next set of downs.

“I haven’t heard,” I responded in surprise.

Now it was his time to smile.

“You’re not kidding...” he replied.

“Nope. Tell me. I haven’t read anything about it,” reflecting on an especially busy week gone in a flash.

It was the fall of 2017. Our boys were good friends and teammates, so our friendship had grown as well, our conversations ongoing, wide-ranging, and always fun.

Now confident neither was pulling each other’s leg, he began. I listened and learned of an amazing discovery.

Though initially described as unique as far back as 1939 when a population of the animals was discovered in Northern Sumatra, it wasn’t until the result of a phylogenetic study was published in 2017 that the Tapanuli Orangutan had a new identity and a new name. While the name is new, the story of this great ape, and the tale behind its lineage, goes back far longer than the twentieth century. Tracing its origins back nearly 3.5 million years ago when it diverged from its closest relative, the Sumatran Orangutan, the Tapanuli orang set off down a path shaped by a living planet. Episodic sea level rises, which flooded land bridges between Borneo and



Sumatra, further isolated the apes, and the massive Lake Toba volcanic eruption 75,000 years ago, all but cut off the apes for good. This isolation drove specialization.

Differing significantly enough from the Bornean and Sumatran Orangutan species, the Tapanuli Orangutan was declared a distinct species by virtue of its genetics. This difference is seen by the naked eye in terms of certain anatomical features such as smaller heads, wider faces, and longer upper canines than their cousins. Behaviorally, these animals differ markedly from their relatives as well. A single aspect of their nascent study offers tantalizing glimpses into the hidden world of this primate. After thousands of hours of meticulous observations by field biologists, these great apes have never been observed on the ground, leading scientists to conclude they are purely, or virtually arboreal! This in turn has led to theorizing that they have adapted to an entirely arboreal lifestyle to evade the

predations of the Sumatran Tiger, which though capable of climbing, is not as adept in the trees as the great apes.

The timing it seems, is both fortuitous and critical for the orangs. With the discovery of this single known population of just 800 animals, comes the imperative to protect their limited habitat, its quality as well as quantity. Likewise, given the proverbial thimble of knowledge we have amassed on these newly discovered great apes, who knows what we will uncover of their behavioral and physical aspects through rigorous field work among the trees in their rainforest home?

Though I work with wildlife both under human care and in the wild, what astounds me is the discovery of a great ape well into the 21st century. With an astonishing 20,000 new species discovered each year, I fully expect new species of insects, scorpions, crabs, birds, frogs, and lizards to receive scientific description. Even mammals are not unexpected. Mice, bats, marsupial possums, and small

monkeys turn up each year. Yet, the idea that a 200-pound ape has been living on our planet for our entire existence and has just blipped on our radar in the past few years staggers me.

I think that’s what is most

significant about this discovery.

On the surface, it’s just another species—a new mammal. Yet, in a sense, it is far more. The Tapanuli orang reminds us not just about the pace and scope

of discovery in our planet’s

rainforests, on its mountain slopes, and beneath its waves each year. It emphatically proves that we have so much to discover about our world and its nearly unimaginable biodiversity. It also stokes the incentive of potential discovery to usher in a new golden age of exploration. In addition to the great ape, discoveries of the last few years include a great cat and a great whale!

The most significant discoveries are those which spawn others in their wake. With the Tapanuli Orangutan, we have just such a discovery. Let’s explore together and see what we uncover.

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