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September Promotes Suicide Prevention Awareness

September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, highlighting the need to identify warning signs and encourage people to seek help. Evidence shows that effective treatments are available. The 988 Lifeline provides immediate, confidential support for anyone in crisis.

POLICE & FIRE

CCFPP Quickly Contain Rollover



On Sunday morning, September 7, Greenwich fire units responded to a tractor-trailer rollover on I-95 northbound. The truck crossed the median, jackknifed, and blocked lanes in both directions, causing a fuel spill that ignited a small fire in a catch basin. Crews extinguished the fire, remained on scene for over two hours to assist with recovery and safety, and then turned the incident over to the state Department of Transportation. Photo credit: Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol

Lieutenant Lombardo Retires

Robert Lombardo has retired after 33 years with the Greenwich Police Department

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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

“Any religion which is not based on a respect for life is not a true religion... Until he extends his circle of compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.” Albert Schweitzer, from Jeremy Rifkin’s “The Green Lifestyle Handbook,” 1990.



The tenth remembrance event at the Cos Cob Park September 11 Memorial marked the 24th anniversary of 9/11. Above left: Event organizer Stephanie Dunn Ashley. Below left: High school senior Steele Barhydt leads the Pledge of Allegiance. Right: Sergeant Brian Tornga of the honor guard in a moment of quiet reflection following the ceremony. See our full photo album at www.GreenwichSentinel.com. Additional photos on pages 20 & 21. Photos by Bob Capazzo.



A Decade After the Memorial was Built

By SENTINEL STAFF

The air was bright, the harbor still. At 8:46 a.m. Thursday morning, the cannon at Riverside Yacht Club thundered and the bell tolled across Cos Cob Park. That is the moment everything changed 24 years ago, the moment the first tower was struck.

They gathered again, as they have each year since the memorial was built. Families of those lost, first responders in full uniform, clergy with prayer books open, residents carrying flowers. They stood before the two glass towers that rise from the bluff, sunlight slipping through etched names, and they remembered.

Harry Fisher stood among them, speaking about his brother Bennett, about that day and the moment he and Bennett’s wife Susan realized he would not be coming home. “By evening when I decided to go home, Susan and I shared a moment in the driveway and agreed that we were pretty certain that we had lost Ben,” Fisher said. “I felt that God had us and Ben in his hands at that moment.”

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“We must not forget the innocent Americans who left home that day never to return, and the fearless first responders who risked everything to save them.”

– First Selectman Fred Camillo



Leslie McElwreath: Celebrating Two Decades of Luxury Real Estate Leadership at Sotheby's

By ANNE WHITE

of the country’s most exclusive properties.

In 2023, McElwreath closed approximately \$386 million in sales, ranking her the #1 agent for Sotheby’s International Realty Inc. nationwide. Her most celebrated transaction was the \$138.83 million sale of Copper Beech Farm in Greenwich, a deal that set a Connecticut price record and placed among the highest residential sales ever recorded in the United States.

Over the course of her career, McElwreath has surpassed \$2 billion in closed sales volume, representing a roster of estates that include Rockfields, Sabine Farm, Old Mill Farm, and Dunellen Hall. RealTrends has repeatedly named her the top individual agent in Connecticut, with verified 2024 transaction volume of \$192.9 million, ranking her #60 in the nation among all agents.

At Sotheby’s International Realty, McElwreath has capitalized on the firm’s global branding and access to 11,000 Sotheby’s auction house clients worldwide, giving her listings visibility far beyond Greenwich. Her contributions to the company’s 2024 MidYear Luxury Outlook Report demonstrate her focus on equipping clients with data-driven insights into market trends.

McElwreath’s role in the community extends beyond the closing table. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Greenwich Land Trust, donating a portion of her commissions to preserve the town’s woodlands, parks, and beaches. This civic engagement aligns with her reputation as a trusted advisor who sees her work as tied to the broader health of Greenwich.

Pamela Pagnani, Senior Vice President and Managing Broker of Sotheby’s International Realty – Greenwich Brokerage, credited McElwreath with setting a high bar for the profession. “For more than 20 years, Leslie has inspired those around her with her unwavering professionalism, tireless work ethic, and steadfast commitment to ethical excellence, having over \$2 Billion in closed real estate transactions, including her record breaking sale of the most expensive home in the history of Connecticut which was co-listed with Joseph Barbieri and closed for \$138,830,000. It is a pleasure working with Leslie and wishing her 20 more successful years of making dreams come true for her loyal clients.”

With her combination of Wall Street sophistication, record-breaking results, and dedication to community stewardship, Leslie McElwreath continues to define luxury real estate in Greenwich. Her performance has made her both an industry benchmark and a fixture in the region’s ongoing narrative of growth and prestige.

The Romeo Way

A crowd filled with dignitaries gathered at Armstrong Court on Saturday to honor Sam Romeo’s decades of service and leadership. The celebration featured the unveiling of “Honorary Sam Romeo Way,” recognizing his tireless advocacy for affordable housing as longtime chair of Greenwich Communities. Speakers included CEO Anthony Johnson, Vice-Chairman Jim Boutelle, First Selectman Fred Camillo, State Senator Ryan Fazio, and Former First Selectman Peter Tesei, who praised Romeo’s dedication, collaborative leadership, and enduring commitment to the town. Surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues, Romeo called the tribute humbling, and thanked his wife Mary for her partnership in service. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

BET Primary Results and Commentary

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

There are moments in the political life of a town when the outcome of an election feels larger than the sum of the votes. Greenwich had such a moment this week. The Republican primary for the Board of Estimate and Taxation—the BET, as locals know it—was not just a contest of candidates. It was, in many ways, a referendum on tone, on civility, and on the kind of community Greenwich wants to be.

The winners—Sally Bednar, Josh Brown, Harry Fisher, Joe Kelly, Joe Pellegrino, and Leslie Tarkington—are the slate endorsed by First Selectman Fred Camillo. Bednar, a certified public accountant with decades in Wall Street finance and an RTM representative, brings accounting and consulting expertise and a reputation for patriotism and fiscal stewardship. Josh Brown, like Bednar, is a newcomer to the BET with extensive experience on the RTM; offering a fresh perspective. Fisher, the BET chairman and lifelong Greenwich Republican with a Cornell economics degree, returns with seasoned leadership and experience stretching back to service on the RTM in the 1980s. Leslie Tarkington, over twenty years on the BET including leadership of its Budget Committee and a resume in senior corporate finance management (MBA, Darden School), rejoined the slate through the petition process. Joe Pellegrino, a former BET member and Budget Committee chair from a decade ago, stepped up to serve again. Joe Kelly, former Board of Education chair and Sentinel Award recipient with wide respect across town, also entered the BET race with a call for unity and goodwill.

A Test of Endurance

For longtime BET member Leslie Tarkington, the race was a challenge [to return to the BET]. She told me that when she arrived on primary night, waiting for the final numbers, she was nervous and uncertain. “Then I couldn’t believe that I had won and that every single member of our slate had won. I just think it’s such a positive referendum for the town.”

What struck her most was the outpouring of goodwill afterward. “I have never, ever had so many congratulatory emails and texts. They came from old friends, from new friends, from part-time residents, and they came from Democrats. Amazing.” Tarkington used a word she returned to often: affordable. “There are Republicans and Democrats that feel we need balance in the BET and keeping our taxes affordable. And affordable is the word that I use. Not low taxes—affordable. But civility, respect, and collaboration also, are really important.”

The Case for Civility

Joe Kelly, a relative newcomer to BET politics but well-known for his Board of Education and high-energy community work, echoed that theme. He wanted to use his thank-you message to voters to emphasize something simple but rare: kindness. “This is about remembering that those we’re competing against are our next-door neighbors and people who live up the block from us. They are usually volunteers. They have families, they live in our community, and should never be singled out or attacked in any way for wanting to serve.”

Kelly acknowledged he has thick skin. But he added, “I do have a wife and children who live in town, and they see these things in the paper. For them, for the kids at school, for the families—negative campaigning has a cost. The worse it gets, the fewer people will be willing to serve. We want more people to step forward and volunteer, not fewer.”

That sense—that volunteerism is Greenwich’s secret strength—runs deep here. It’s what makes the town both sophisticated and neighborly. “People who have achieved such great things in their lives are now offering to help to their town achieve great things,” Kelly said. “They shouldn’t be attacked, and their families shouldn’t have to go through that.”

A Relief, and a Warning

Harry Fisher, the BET chairman, was perhaps the biggest target of the campaign. His opponents threw “everything” at

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By STUART ADELBERG

September is an odd month for those of us who no longer have school aged children in the house. For years, our lives were dictated by the September through June school schedule. It now feels downright strange to wake up on the Tuesday after Labor Day and realize that things are pretty much the same in our home as they were the Friday before Labor Day.

Though we’re no longer headed back to school, September will always be a month of “new beginnings” in our home. As a Jewish family, September brings the High Holidays – a sacred opportunity to atone for the past, clean the slate, reflect, and set the stage for the coming year.

Regardless of how removed I am from school days, September always evokes memories of the lead-up to a new elementary school year. Back in the day, it included a fresh 64 pack of Crayola Crayons, full of colors with strange names - and a new composition notebook, the kind with the black and white marble

New Beginnings

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design on the cover. Do they make these anymore?? What about #2 pencils? I don’t know what #2 meant – but we were told to get them, so we did!! All these new items contributed to the excitement of a fresh start.

I had the same “new beginning” feelings every year all the way through college. I remember trekking over to the bookstore and then being shocked at the quantity and cost of the textbooks for my new classes. Though we were too cool at that age to show it, we were also more than a little excited by the feel and smell of brand new, unopened books – packed with all that knowledge still to come. The excitement admittedly waned as soon as we received the first huge reading assignment!

One of the most important lessons learned throughout my working years and now, in retirement, is the need for constant “new beginnings.” No one likes to stand still, and I always remember the advice of successful businesspeople who taught me that an organization that isn’t moving forward is essentially falling behind. I now understand how important it is for individuals to apply this lesson, as well. Though I’m no

expert, I believe that having something new and different to look forward to is one of the keys, at any age, to a healthy life. Of course, as we move through different stages of our lives, the things we look forward to may be tempered by health, physical limitations, personal obligations, and finances, but it is important, to the extent that we are able, to wake up each day with some type of “new beginning” in mind.

My latest “new beginning” arrived four weeks ago as a beautiful hound-mix named Connie, added to our family courtesy of Adopt-a-Dog. She is affectionate, adorable, and playful. Every minute of her life seems to be a “new beginning,” and she refuses to have her puppy energy tempered, even for a second, by the limitations of her new dad. I have found myself asking, more times than I’d like to admit, why I am chasing a puppy at this stage in my life. But she makes me laugh and reminds me not to sweat the small stuff – like that rug she decided we no longer needed! And I am convinced that walking miles every day with Connie is going to keep me around for many more years, healthy, fit, and ready



My “New Beginning” ready to pounce!

for countless interesting and exciting “new beginnings” still to come! Either that or she’ll kill me! Stay tuned.

Stuart Adelberg has a long history of leadership and active volunteer involvement in the region’s arts and human services nonprofit communities.

He appreciates the opportunity provided by Greenwich Sentinel to share his occasional thoughts and observations.

By JAY BRIAR

The start of a new school year is always a flurry of activity, from new classrooms and new teachers to new friendships and new challenges. It’s a time of fresh beginnings, but it’s also a time of significant transition for our children. As adults, we often frame this transition in terms of schedules, school supplies, and academic goals. But for a child, the

Taking Children Seriously

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experience can be much more nuanced, a complex landscape of emotions and social dynamics that they may not have the words to describe. This is where one of the most important skills

we can possess as parents and educators comes into play: the ability to truly listen.

Listening to children is an art that goes beyond simply hearing the words they say. It

means taking them seriously. Sometimes, that’s literal, but often it’s also figurative. Children, with their developing brains and still-forming prefrontal cortexes, don’t always use language in the same precise, intentional way that adults do. They tell us their stories in a way that makes sense to them, and it is our job to understand the context to figure out how best to help them. Taking children seriously does not mean always deferring their vantage point, but it does mean effectively listening and constructively interpreting what they have to say.

When a child comes to a parent or a teacher and says, “Beatrix made fun of me,” there’s a good chance that something hurtful was indeed said. But it’s also possible that the child felt excluded or left out, even if no outward action was taken. Both scenarios are genuine challenges that need to be addressed. If we only take the literal explanation at face value, we risk missing the best ways to support them. We might react by seeking out an apology or demanding a specific punishment, when what the child really needed was help navigating social exclusion

or building confidence. The partnership between home and school is crucial in this effort. The consistency with which we approach these challenges, both as parents and educators, is key to a child’s healthy development.

Parents and teachers are partners in a child’s education and well-being. By working together, we create a stable and consistent environment where children feel safe and supported. Here are ways parents can foster this partnership and support their child’s development at home:

Ask Open-Ended Questions: Instead of asking “Did you have a good day?” which invites a simple “yes” or “no,” try asking, “What was a highlight of your day?” or “What was one thing that made you laugh?” This encourages children to tell their stories, providing more context and clues about their day.

Validate Their Feelings, Not Necessarily Their Conclusions: If your child says they were made fun of, you can say, “That sounds like that hurt your feelings. It’s tough when you feel left out.” This validates their emotions without necessarily accepting a literal interpretation, giving you a chance to explore the situation more deeply

together.

Model Healthy Communication: Children learn by example. When you have a conflict with another adult or family member, model a calm, problem-solving approach. Show them how to express feelings constructively and find common ground. This teaches them the skills they need to navigate their own social challenges at school and beyond.

Check-In with Their Teachers: Teachers generally appreciate getting a heads up about an issue so they can be on the lookout. Instead of waiting until a problem appears to be getting worse, send a quick note with the information. “Paul reported some bad language on the playground. Just wanted to let you know in case you can keep an eye out for it.”

By truly listening and working together, we can help our children not just survive, but thrive, in the new school year.

Jay Briar is the Head of Whitby School in Greenwich which serves students from preschool through middle school, offering Montessori and International Baccalaureate programs.

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By ANNE W. SEMMES

That email in early August appeared to be from my wildlife photographer daughter with her name and subject of “Transmitting images.” Not quite looking like her own email but perhaps... I opened it...My screen is seized by “Microsoft” with a TERRIFYING siren and messages across the screen citing my laptop has been compromised, with DO NOT TURN OFF COMPUTER AS YOU WILL LOSE EVERYTHING, CALL MICROSOFT AT THIS NUMBER NOW! So, it’s Microsoft to the rescue, correct? I call the number with the deafening siren continuing. A man answers the phone sounding foreign and far away. I hang up! I say a prayer and turn off my laptop and call my techie son-in law. “It’s a scam,” he tells. He’s able to inspect my laptop online and shares all is well.

All this when the day before I received an odd and concerning email from friend Louisa Stone. The crisis subject line states, “Broken Femur.” Her email is a request for help in her crisis to follow through on her Amazon gift order for a friend of \$100.

An August Avalanche of Scams Across Town and Help on the Way

“Persistent scammers are reaching into everyone’s computers, cell phones and social media trying to rip off all of us every day,” Mark Pruner.

Looking suspicious, I respond with apologies I am away traveling...

Louisa, upon learning of this scam, calls police to her house, and calls her grandson. She would change her email and reach out with apologies to her friends and family having received that scammed email. But alas that scammed email of Louisa’s lives on, recently sent to the Round Hill Association (RHA) of Greenwich, addressed to Mark Pruner RHA director and realtor, cced to fellow members of the Round Hill Association (RHA), requesting Mark to complete an order on Amazon. Mark responded to Louisa, this email was “very highly likely” a scam.

Our churches being scammed

Meanwhile, Round Hill Community Church has been dealing with a painful email hacking involving the use of the name of its senior pastor Ed Hortsmann (but not his email) with urgent pleas for “gift cards, money, cash, going out to all members of the congregation,” tells Lynda Kinney, Church administrator. “If the pastor sends out an urgent request for money, you’ll likely do it! ... It’s not a blame game. You’re acting out of compassion. Bad actors are

taking advantage... There’s nothing we can do to thwart it.”

“Persistent scammers are reaching into everyone’s computers, cell phones and social media trying to rip off all of us every day,” weighs in Mark Pruner. “At the present time, the tech companies, phone companies and law enforcement are not able to stop this onslaught of scams, so it’s caveat user.”

Mark tells of having served on panels with FBI members, “And their philosophy is follow the money back to the perpetrators. The problem is you have scammers in known locations such as Eastern Europe, Russia, and Chinese scammers just over the border - that there doesn’t seem to be a real effort by the countries to stop them provided the scam efforts are outside of the country.”

Mark sees the need for “something to be done at the federal level because much of the problem is international” and “even domestic scammers have an overseas element such as servers or money transfers or crypto transfers.”

And now with scammers able to use AI says Mark, “It’s only going to get worse. AI makes detecting scam messages much harder. For

many years, one way to spot a scam email was that it wasn’t written well, using awkward words or punctuation. Now, AI can generate perfectly written scam emails since they’re based on the writing styles of our top publications.”

Mark cites younger people who grew up with computers as “more sensitive to things that are out of the norm and more suspicious...Elderly folks who didn’t grow up with computers are more susceptible because things don’t stand out as much to them.”

What the Federal Trade Commission is reporting on scams

Just how susceptible these elder folks are I find in a recent online article sent to me by my daughter from the Federal Trade Commission with the headline of “FTC Data Show a More Than Four-Fold Increase in Reports of Impersonation Scammers Stealing Tens and Even Hundreds of Thousands from Older Adults.” Those losses by those over 60 counted to \$445 million in 2024!

Those scams so described by the FTC “generally involve someone contacting consumers to alert them to a fake and urgent problem...” Like a “Broken Femur,” like

Microsoft citing my laptop as compromised! Those scammer lies are described as #1 “Claiming to be from your bank or a well-known company like Amazon #2 Scammers claiming to be a government officer warning that your Social Security number ...or other information is being used to commit a crime #3 “Scams start with a fake on-screen security alert that looks like Microsoft or Apple with a number to call. If you call, they say your online accounts have been hacked.” Thank God I hung up!

“We have to be vigilant,” tells Tim Werbe, an RHA member and fellow recipient of Louisa Stone’s scammed email. He cites scams as becoming “more sophisticated,” that “Amazon needs to fight it.” And scammers do “prey on older people.” He’s learned, “They’re scamming homeowner’s mortgages, claiming to be the owner. We have to be very wary right now.”

“Scamming is a widespread problem via email and text!” adds Nancy Duffy, RHA board vice president who’d also received that scammed email at RHA. “The same goes for phishing on Instagram.” She’s the recipient of “a lot of scam, mostly from scammers using manipulated email addresses

of those with AOL accounts. They are relatively easy to spot; however, the scammers are persistent.”

Greenwich Library stepping up with “DON’T TAKE THE BAIT!”

In this increasingly scam-concerned world Greenwich Library is offering some important programming. Next Tuesday on September 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. is “DON’T TAKE THE BAIT! Tools to Stay Sharp and Scam-Savvy in Today’s World” addressing elder fraud and featuring three panelists: Emily M. Newcamp of The First Bank of Greenwich, Detective James Manning of Greenwich Police Department, and Michelle L. Beltrano, of Beltrano Law.

Two more programs are coming up in October shares Lorna Rhyins, a key proponent of Tech Help at the Library. The first on Tuesday, October 14, from 2-3 p.m. will be “Cyber-Savvy Seniors: Staying Safe in the Digital Age,” online, featuring Richard Wilson, CEO of Kyvoo, a Connecticut-based AI company. And on Monday, October 20 from 6-7 p.m. “Cybersecurity in the Age of AI Online,” on “how AI is making scamming so much more difficult to catch and ways you can protect yourself.” All programs require registration.



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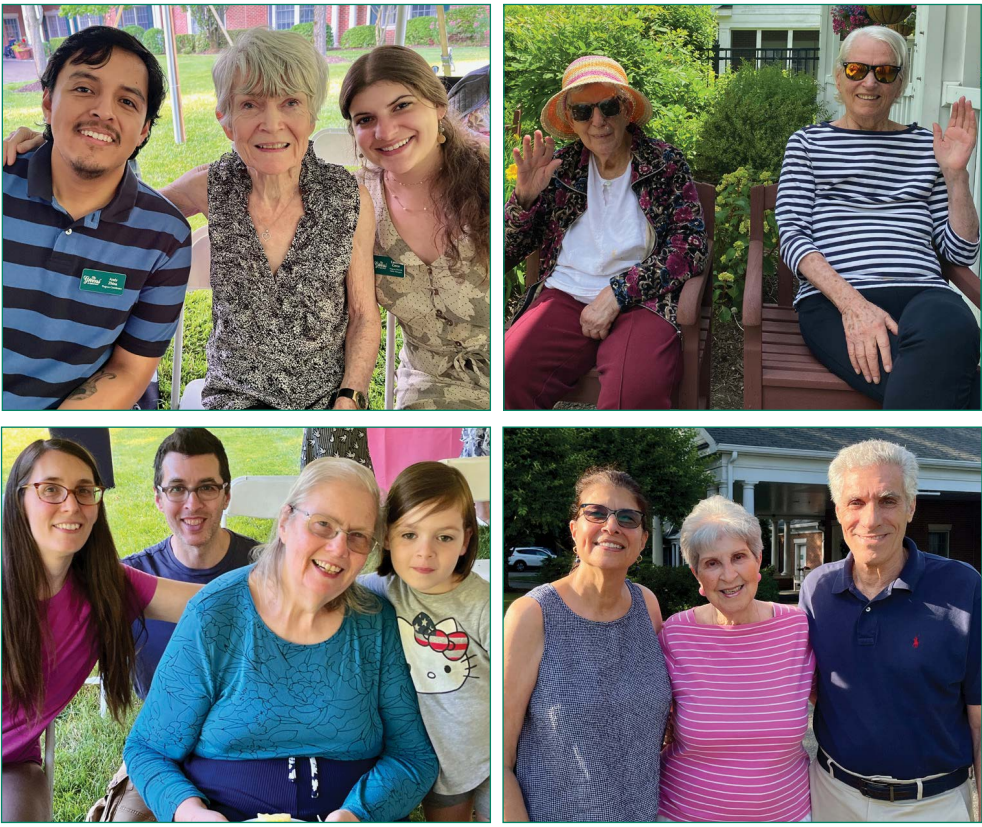
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Kaia Simmons and Hunter Eggers

Kaia Simmons and Hunter Eggers celebrated their marriage on June 21, 2024, in an intimate family ceremony at a historic sea captain's estate in Osterville, Massachusetts. The bride's half-sister, Riva Simmons, officiated. A reception with Greenwich friends will follow this October.

The bride, of Greenwich, is a Principal, Middle Market Fund, at L Catterton. She graduated from Stanford University with degrees in Human Biology and Management Science & Engineering, and later earned her MBA from Harvard Business School. She is the daughter of Cheryl Simmons of Providence, Rhode Island, and the late Professor William Simmons, UC Berkeley and Brown University.

The groom, also of Greenwich, works in finance with One Acre Fund. A graduate of Greens Farms Academy and Franklin & Marshall College, he is the son of Bobbi and Steven Eggers of Greenwich.

The couple first met in New York City in 2020. What began as a simple first meeting blossomed into five hours of effortless conversation. On one early date, they visited a psychic on a whim, who told them they were "romantically incompatible," a prediction they laughed off – and ultimately proved wrong. After three and a half years of adventures together, Hunter proposed in Brooklyn's Fort Greene Park, taking Kaia completely by surprise.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Lake Tahoe and now reside in Pelham, New York.

Cut the Ivy, Save the Tree

There is growing awareness in Connecticut of the damage caused by invasive plants, yet many homeowners, landscapers, and gardeners remain unaware of the serious threat posed by English ivy. Long valued as a low-maintenance and attractive ground cover, English ivy grows quickly, thrives in a wide range of conditions, stays green through winter, and adds a sense of elegance to landscapes. Ironically, these same traits make it especially destructive when left unchecked.

Like other ivies, English ivy is a vigorous climber. Its vine roots secrete a glue-like substance that allows it to cling tightly to bricks, stone, trees, and other surfaces. On buildings, ivy traps moisture, loosens masonry, and accelerates structural decay. However, on trees the harm can be far worse.

Unlike native vines like poison ivy, which typically coexist with trees, English ivy can overwhelm trees in yards or natural spaces. It forms thick woody stems that can reach a foot in diameter. The added weight from English ivy vines dramatically increases the risk of lost branches during snow or storm events. As it climbs, the ivy shades out leaves, causing branches to die and decreasing the tree's overall health and vitality. Property owners may first notice dieback in lower branches, but over time, the entire canopy can be compromised.

This decline often goes unnoticed because it happens slowly, sometimes over many years. By the time the damage is obvious, the tree may already be beyond saving. This is why it is critical to intervene early. When ivy is just beginning to spread on the ground or at the base of a tree, it can be pulled by hand. Once vines have adhered to bark, however, more care is needed.

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The best method to remove English ivy is to remove a portion of the vine close to the ground and let the vine above die naturally.

Pulling vines that are strongly attached will damage the bark of a tree and can increase the risk of infection.

The safest method for removing English ivy from trees, especially larger vines, is to cut the stem close to the ground. Then, make a second cut six to twelve inches higher and remove that section of vine. Growth above this point will die and eventually fall away naturally. Applying herbicide to the rooted stem can provide extra assurance that the ivy will not resprout. Though dying ivy clinging to a tree may be unsightly for a season, it is the best way to ensure the tree's long-term survival.

Because birds eat English ivy berries and spread the seeds through their droppings, it can appear even where it has never been planted. For this reason, it's wise to regularly check your yard, garden, or nearby woodland for its telltale vines. In Fairfield County, several local organizations actively cut back ivy in parks and forests to protect our community trees.

Although English ivy is still legal to purchase in Connecticut, we strongly recommend homeowners and businesses choose alternatives. Many beautiful, low-maintenance ground covers exist that provide the same lush look without threatening the health of trees or the integrity of buildings. English ivy may be traditional, but it comes at too high a cost.

Kate Dzikiewicz
Executive Director, Tree Conservancy

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He recalled the flood of kindness that followed—calls, visits, salutes from soldiers, tears shared in silence. “I want to thank all who came out today to remember those we lost,” he told the gathering. “I also want to take note of the thousands more who were able to escape that day. Thankfully many more than we lost. Your continued support of those impacted is appreciated.”

First Selectman Fred Camillo spoke too. He is a man who knows the cadence of public mourning and the language of civic pride. “With the passage of time, memories will fade, and resolve will weaken. This is true for almost all events, big and small, tragic and triumphant,” Camillo said. “But for the friends and families of the nearly 3,000 Americans killed on September 11th, 2001, including 32 with ties to our community here in Greenwich, the memories are still vivid, and the resolve still strong to not forget.

“Twenty-four years ago, this morning, America suffered one of its darkest days in history. The evil that was behind the attacks still lingers in the world today, which is even more reason that ceremonies and observances like the one today must continue.

“We must not forget the innocent Americans who left home that day not to return, and the fearless first responders who risked everything to save them. May God love and bless them, and may He love and bless the people of the United States, and freedom-loving people around the world.”

It was simple, and it was right.

The Memorial That Almost Wasn’t

The towers of glass now seem inevitable. They were not.

When Connecticut built its state memorial at Sherwood Island in 2002, Greenwich families quietly asked: should there not also be something here, in the town so many of the victims called home? Some proposed a labyrinth at Tod’s Point, where on that day residents had gathered to watch the smoke rise. The idea fell away.

For years, the notion drifted in and out of public talk. Money was hard to find. Consensus was harder.

Some doubted the need. Some thought the task impossible.

But Susan Wohlforth, who lost her husband Martin “Buff” Wohlforth, carried the idea forward, through meetings where hopes seemed thin.

Design, then Determination

The first true shape of the memorial came when Greenwich architect Charles “Chuck” Hilton put pencil to paper. He imagined two glass towers, twelve feet high, standing not in stone but in transparency, allowing light to pass through the names. A black granite terrace would be their base, solemn and strong.

Most striking was the walkway: a spiral path designed according to the Fibonacci ratio, often called God’s fingerprint; the sequence seen in seashells and galaxies, a reminder of order and eternity in creation. The path would carry visitors gently toward the towers, into reflection, into memory.

Hilton’s vision gave the dream its first reality, yet the project languished for years.

It was then that others were recruited to help make it happen. Peter Barhydt took up the stalled effort, lending new urgency and practical force. He brought in Gervais Hearn, who led the grassroots fundraising, and philanthropist Ed Dadakis, who had initial doubts but whose foundation became one of the largest contributors.

At the helm was James Ritman, President of the Board, steady in his leadership. He kept the ship pointed forward, guiding a group who believed that Greenwich could and must build its own place of memory. It was a true community effort; dozens of people were involved and hundreds more donated.

A Night of Music

Fundraising remained the hurdle. Then came a night of music at the Capitol Theatre in Port Chester.

It was called “The Music Remembers,” and the name was perfect. Caroline Jones, Greenwich-born, sang that night. The Ian Murray Band played — its frontman Ian Murray, co-founder and CEO of Vineyard Vines, lending both music and visibility.

The folk-rock trio Dispatch performed an acoustic set. The place was alive with song, and it was alive with purpose. The night raised \$75,000 for the memorial.

The dream moved toward ground.

Dedication

On Sept. 11, 2015, the memorial was unveiled. More than 250 gathered. The morning sun caught the glass towers and scattered prisms of light.

It was the incredible story behind the memorial: fragile yet enduring, a dream that would not die, a promise kept at last.

From that day, Greenwich had not only memory but a place for it.

Ten Years of Services

And so it has been.

Each Sept. 11, the town has returned to the bluff. Prayers have been offered by Rev. Thomas Nins and Rabbi Gisel Baler. Music has come from the Sound Beach Community Band, the Melody Men, Megan Tyre, Michelle Pauker, Neal Spitzer, add Ken Pond and Dylan Pond, and others.

The Greenwich Police, Fire, and EMS, led by Chief Jim Heavey, Chief Joe McHugh, and Executive Director Tracy Schietinger, have presented the colors.

The Riverside Yacht Club has fired its cannon. The Greenwich Police Marine Division has sent sprays of water into the air. Flowers have been laid, names have been spoken, bells have tolled.

And there has always been Stephanie Dunn Ashley — CEO of the American Red Cross Metro NY North Chapter, organizer and often emcee of the ceremonies; along with Wells Noonan who has quietly led the effort. For ten years they have captured the moment at the memorial.

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COLUMN

Supporting Elementary-Age Kids: Early Signs of Anxiety and How to Help

By SHARI SHAPIRO

At recess, one child stood on the edge of the playground, watching the others run, climb, and laugh. She wanted to join in, but the fear of not being accepted kept her rooted in place. A counselor noticed, walked over, and asked, “What’s the hardest part for you?” That small conversation opened the door to a bigger truth: she was experiencing social anxiety. Over time, she practiced taking small steps toward connection, and discovered the joy of belonging.

That’s the thing about young children: their big feelings don’t always come out in words. Sometimes it looks like stomachaches or headaches, sometimes tears at drop-off, and sometimes quiet withdrawal that goes unnoticed. As parents, teachers, or neighbors, it can be easy to miss the signs. But if we pay attention, these are early signals that a child might

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need support.

In recent years, more and more elementary schools have reached out for help. Principals and teachers are seeing what parents are seeing, that younger children are carrying anxiety, sadness, or worry that feels too big for their small shoulders. At Kids In Crisis, we’ve responded by placing master’s level counselors directly into elementary schools through our KidTalk program. Unlike in middle or high schools, where our work often focuses on the students themselves, KidTalk includes a lot of coaching and partnering with parents. We know that when families learn tools together, kids thrive.

Right alongside KidTalk, we also offer SafeTalk: an empowerment program for

students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Through interactive discussions and role plays, children practice how to handle real-life situations: standing up to bullies, staying safe around strangers, and knowing what to do if someone crosses a boundary. It’s about giving kids the language and confidence to protect themselves, while reassuring them that trusted adults are always there to help.

Why does it matter so much at this age? Because the elementary years are a critical window for prevention. Studies show children are six times more likely to complete treatment in school-based settings than in community clinics. And a 2024 survey revealed that 85% of parents



of elementary-age children reported noticing concerning signs about their child’s emotional well-being at least once a month. These aren’t isolated stories, they reflect a larger reality.

So, what can you do if you’re worried your child is struggling?

Watch for patterns, not just moments. Everyone has a rough day, but repeated headaches, stomachaches, or changes in sleep or appetite can signal something more.

Name the feelings. Saying, “It seems like you’re nervous about

school,” helps children learn the language of emotions. Even if you’re not sure, guessing shows you’re paying attention.

Build small routines of calm. A five-minute bedtime chat, drawing together, or a walk after dinner gives kids a steady rhythm and a chance to talk.

And remember, you don’t have to do it alone. For families, knowing that help exists right in your community can make all the difference. Whether it’s a KidTalk counselor at school, a SafeTalk workshop in your child’s classroom, or our 24/7 Helpline, there are safe, caring adults ready to listen.

The good news is that children are resilient. With the right support, they can learn coping skills, find their voice, and grow into emotionally

healthy teens and adults. Every time we step in early, we’re not just helping a child get through today, we’re giving them tools for a lifetime.

If you notice your child—or any child—struggling, don’t wait for it to pass. Reach out. Our 24/7 Helpline is available at 203-661-1911. Sometimes just talking through what you’re seeing with a professional can help you take the next right step.

Because no child should have to face anxiety alone. And with caring adults around them, parents, teachers, librarians, counselors, and neighbors, they don’t have to.

Shari L. Shapiro is the executive director of Kids In Crisis, a 24/7 emergency crisis shelter for children and youth, located in Cob Cob.

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BET PRIMARY RESULTS & COMMENTARY

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him—negative mailers, videos, even a photo that turned his face bright red. “They claimed it was a printer error,” he said.

Despite it all, Fisher won. “What a relief it is. Oh, it feels terrific,” he said the morning after.”

What Fisher sees in the result is a lesson. “This just proves that the electorate is interested in positive campaigns and that negative attacks do not play well with the voters.” He described the outcome as “a decisive victory” and one that “shows Greenwich is interested in bipartisanship and bringing people together.”

The View from the Top

First Selectman Fred Camillo’s endorsement of the slate was clear. “Fred’s endorsement, Fred and Lauren’s, was a key factor,” Fisher said. “There’s no question about it. A lot of people at the polls commented that ‘Fred’s my man.’” Camillo himself was characteristically gracious in victory. He thanked voters for “valuing civility, collaboration, and fiscal responsibility,” and praised “the respectful competition and service of all who put their names forward.”

It is classic Camillo: a call to unity without losing sight of the Republican roots that brought him to office.

LETTER

Social Media has put a whole new spin on what it is be a kid these days. As a young person myself, I often hear adults express nostalgia for simpler times, but we are living in an era where being immersed in a digital world through our smartphones is the norm. These devices supply a never-ending source of entertainment, from TikTok and Instagram offering voyeuristic glimpses into other people’s lives; viral dances, fashion trends, quirky animal podcasts, recipe ideas, and even brief news updates. And let’s not forget about Snapchat! Who hasn’t spent countless hours taking selfies just to keep up with those coveted streaks? While this may seem like innocent fun on the surface, the reality is far more concerning.

This constant engagement is actually rewiring our brains, impairing our focus and our capacity to foster actual human relationships. Our scrolling patterns are not random but rather are the target of sophisticated algorithms driven by machine learning. Data points of interest include viewing time, search queries, likes, shares and follows. This information is compiled and constructed to create a personalized feed which in turn creates a content program meant to keep our attention indefinitely. Hence, the term “doomscrolling” was coined reflecting the unconscious and prolonged engagement that ensues. This consuming act robs us of human interactions, connections with nature and normal physical

The Numbers Behind the Story

For all the emotion of primary night, there are also numbers that matter. Registrar of Voters Fred DeCaro offered a clear-eyed account of turnout and mechanics. “We had the highest Republican primary turnout of any town our size in the state for the day—about 25%,” he said.

That’s remarkable. It means not only were Republicans engaged, but many unaffiliated voters also changed registration to take part. “The final few days, that picked up,” DeCaro said. “For basically the month of August we were getting an average of one a day. In September, that jumped to about 4 a day. And at that late date voters had to make the change in person, which means they were very determined. They definitely could have had an impact.”

A Referendum on Tone

What happened in Greenwich this week can be read a dozen ways. Some will say it was a show of strength by the First Selectman. Others will note it as a sign that fiscal conservatives still set the pace in town politics. But the words of those who won tell another story.

They speak less of policy than of tone. Less about tax rates than about listening. Tarkington: “We really need to listen to citizens more.” Kelly: “Positive campaigning in Greenwich works.” Fisher: “Negative attacks do not play well with the voters.”

What comes through is that Greenwich Republicans—and by extension, Greenwich voters—want politics that feels like the town itself. They want civility, balance, and affordability. They want people to

debate, yes, but debate as neighbors, not enemies.

The Road Ahead

Tarkington reminds colleagues, “Today begins another four months of working together with this existing team.”

The existing team which will continue the work of the BET for the next four months includes three Republican members from the slate that was defeated in the primary; two Republican members that won in the primary and are up for re-election in November; a Republican member running as an Independent in November; and four of the current six Democrats, also looking ahead to the November election.

It will not be easy. As Tarkington admitted, “This term has been extremely stressful. The lobbies, the constituency groups, the interest groups—they are extremely strong. It has become difficult to hear what the vast majority of citizens are saying.” But she added, “It has been so touching to see the extent of the support coming from so many. That tells me people do not want dissension. They want balance.”

Balance. Civility. Affordability. These were the watchwords of the primary. Whether they can carry through November is the question.

Greenwich is a town that prides itself on excellence but cherishes its community life. It has wealth but also wisdom. The BET primary was, in its way, a small-town drama with big themes. It showed us that politics here can still be about something more than winning: it can be about how we choose to live together.

And in Greenwich, that still matters.

Let’s Have a TikTok Detox

In the bestselling book, “Anxious Generation”, Jonathon Haidt reveals that many teens spend an astonishing five hours glued to their phones in what he describes as a “smart phone-based childhood” which ultimately leads to a decline in mental well-being.

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In the bestselling book, “Anxious Generation”, Jonathon Haidt reveals that many teens spend an astonishing five hours glued to their phones in what he describes as a “smart phone-based childhood” which ultimately leads to a decline in mental well-being. Scientific studies have found that prolonged exposure to social media can contribute to dopamine dysregulation, a condition which occurs as a result of constant stimulation of the brains reward system with surges in dopamine. This can result in addictive behaviors and a diminished sensation to future dopamine production. Decreased attention spans have also been

reported as a result of users getting accustomed to brief, rapid-fire content. Clinically, these effects can be demonstrated by notable neurobiological changes in the prefrontal cortex through imaging. Furthermore, emotional disturbances are prevalent among social medial users, stemming from frequent social comparisons and exposure to negative content.

While there are distinct benefits to some social media content which are focused on fostering community connections and showcasing creativity, we must set parameters on our overall use. Setting time limitations can enhance our awareness while turning off notifications can help prevent distracting temptations. Reducing the amount of social medial app subscriptions can also be beneficial. Many schools have even adopted a ‘phone-free’ environment, which has been shown to improve focus, academic performance and student interactions.

In conclusion, while social media can be a gateway to connection and creativity, it is vital to navigate this digital landscape mindfully, so we do not lose sight of the world beyond the screen and the rich complexity of real-life interactions. After all, a perfectly filtered selfie cannot replace seeing a genuine smile from a friend.

*Catherine Tiedemann
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OPED

A Message from CT169STRONG on Local Control

As we enter the fall season and read media reports of a special session upon us soon, we continue to be dismayed with the lack of collaboration between the majority party and Republicans on what we hear will be the next iteration of the mega housing bill. We are hearing nothing much has changed with the content of the legislation, and State Senate majority leaders have promised it will be a “strong bill.”

CT169Strong continues to urge for collaborative efforts to create workable legislation -- that includes bringing all stakeholders together.

CT169Strong also wants to shed truth on recent media reports. The op-ed articles published in the CT Mirror on August 26 and August 27, 2025, promote a misleading narrative concerning a key provision of mega housing bill HB5002, which was wisely vetoed by Governor Lamont. Although HB 5002 was deeply flawed and represented bad public policy for a multitude of reasons, this article will focus on the draconian provision which eliminates the ability of local zoning commissions to enact minimum parking regulations. This one size fits all catastrophe negatively impacts urban, suburban and rural Connecticut communities alike, undermines local control of zoning, and places a straight jacket on the ability to plan and zone.

CT169Strong seeks to promote constructive dialogue and an exchange of ideas in search of solutions. Unfortunately, an upcoming conference being promoted by DesegregateCT seeks to stifle discussion and the free flow of information.

Why else would that organization go out of its way to insult Governor Lamont by making it clear that “he is not invited” to the conference because of his refusal to sign HB5002? This close-minded intolerance displayed by DesegregateCT and its allies must be rejected, if a collaborative process and meaningful legislation is the ultimate goal.

Now for the discussion on parking:

1. Unprecedented Statewide Mandates

HB5002 eliminates minimum parking requirements statewide, a misguided policy which no other state has adopted. While advocates cite cities like Seattle or Minneapolis and smaller towns, those are local decisions tailored to specific conditions. Connecticut’s diverse towns—facing challenges like narrow roads, flood zones, and the absence of mass transit —need flexibility, not a one-size-fits-all rule. Connecticut is already one of the most congested and fourth most densely populated state. A statewide mandate ignores these realities and sets a dangerous precedent.

2. Eroding Local Control

It is false logic to assume that HB5002 as written creates more flexibility for towns and cities. It does the exact opposite. In 2021, developer advocates pushed for, and Connecticut lawmakers imposed parking maximums, limiting spaces developers could build, but allowed for an opt-out provision as a compromise for the loss of local decision making from that mandate. Many municipalities opted out by the December 31, 2023, deadline. HB5002 eliminates these parking maximums and revokes the opt-out option, forcing all towns into a rigid framework where developers alone decide. This isn’t “towns taking the lead,” as advocates sometimes claim. It is state overreach that strips municipalities of autonomy with an unworkable State mandate and pulling them by the nose.

3. Misplaced Trust in Developers

It is flawed logic to assume that all developers will set the precise amount of parking that is actually needed on all new developments under 24 units as HB5002 mandates. It is also naive to assume as HB5002 does, that on projects over 24 units that developers choosing their own consultants and paying them for a report to set the exact amount of parking needed on any specific project will be impartial. The consultants that developers pay will just back into the predetermined number of parking spots that the developers intend to offer. Developers prioritize profit, often cutting costs like parking to maximize returns. Just as building inspectors verify plumbing and electrical work, parking needs oversight to prevent corner-cutting. Without checks and balances, residents risk under-parked developments that harm livability and impact quality of life.

As an alternative, we suggest that towns may update their parking policies based on objective and reputable nationwide traffic and parking studies and guidelines locally adapted to every municipality’s individual needs. This allows for flexibility and accounts for local circumstances. Traffic standards may change, evolve and adapt as needed. This is in line what Governor Lamont has endorsed by his towns “taking the lead” approach. By adopting this approach, there will be real reliance on the scientific method, rather than the pseudo-science rhetoric employed by the supporters of HB 5002.

4. No Guarantee of Affordability

It is false logic to assume if developers eliminate some or all onsite parking spots that developers will pass those savings onto a project’s end users. Advocates suggest reducing parking will lower costs for renters or buyers, but HB5002 includes no such affordability requirements while developers are being allowed to provide no parking on projects under 24 units. Developers can pocket savings from fewer parking spaces or even offering none at all without passing the cost saving benefits onto residents. This mandate is a giveaway to developers, not a solution for housing affordability or creation of affordable units.

5. Burdening Residents

Under-parked developments disproportionately harm vulnerable groups—elderly residents, families with young children, and service workers with late-night or irregular schedules—who rely on cars due to inadequate public transit at those off hours. HB5002’s “health and safety” provisions added as a last-minute compromise by the legislature, are toothless, as the bill explicitly states no project—residential, commercial, or mixed-use — can be denied solely for insufficient parking. This is not an effective compromise solution for workable parking policy.

6. Stop State Laws that Limit parking flexibility

State regulations (one of the five factors that impact development costs) like no impact fees or prohibiting “fee in lieu” of parking prevent municipalities from having greater flexibility around parking and local zoning decision making. This ends up hurting development, municipalities and residents in the long run. Legislators should allow for impact fees, yet the majority leaders continue to wrongly obsess only on zoning.

7. Blocking Municipal Solutions

Unlike other states, Connecticut prohibits impact fees, which could allow towns more flexibility on parking requirements and allow funding for municipal parking lots near transit hubs. Those who benefit from the development (the developers) should incur the true costs, not the residents. HB5002 further restricts municipalities by banning fees in lieu of parking. This forces residents to bear the cost of parking shortages through higher property taxes—already the second highest in the U.S.—or pay for private parking. As Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff noted, this shifts costs directly onto residents to “subsidize the cost of parking for developers.” That is not sound policy making to improve affordability for CT’s residents, it’s just a handout to developers. Elimination of minimum parking mandates is only one provision in HB5002. This legislation, taken as a whole, represents a top down, central planning approach, which is at odds with Connecticut’s tradition of local control and home rule. Despite the rhetoric of its supporters, HB5002, in the form adopted by the General Assembly, places profits over people.

It’s time to expect better. We have heard that the self-interested developer advocates are asking their supporters to contact the Governor to put pressure on him to pass the majority leadership’s HB5002 during an expected special session with little to no modifications. We reject this idea and encourage the Governor to continue his discussions with the local municipal leaders and land use experts, the Connecticut Council of Municipalities (CCM), the Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) and the regional Council of Government to get to real workable solutions for affordability for all residents and for affordable housing development, not developer handouts.

Our call to action is to let Govenor Lamont, the majority leadership and your own legislators know that you, the residents of Connecticut, are watching and expect a better process that is open and collaborative in order to get to workable housing policy.

Sincerely, CT169Strong

P.S. Our efforts to expand our communication and education on zoning and housing legislation everywhere throughout the state costs money. While CT169Strong’s volunteers are all unpaid, the advertising we do to expand our reach and share the information about the bills statewide is not free. We rely on the generous support of fellow residents to make it happen.

Please consider making a donation today to help support our efforts by using the link below. Thank you!

<https://ct169strong.org/donate/>

Caren’s Cos Cobber Happy Hour to Benefit Wallace Center

September is National Senior Center Month and the Friends of the Wallace Center (formerly the Greenwich Senior Center) will host a series of friend-raising and fundraising events. The Wallace Center provides Greenwich residents 55 and older with free membership and opportunities to form and maintain social connections. The Center offers classes, programs and lectures focused on health and wellness, lifelong learning, the creative arts and technology.

Event Lineup:

Happy Hour — Tuesday, September 16, 2025 • 4–6 PM — Caren’s Cos Cobber, 31 East Putnam Avenue. 10% of all drink proceeds generously donated to the Wallace Center. Local celebrity bartenders include Fred Camillo (First Selectman), Tina Courpas (CT State Representative), Steven Meskers (CT State Representative), and Andrea Blume (Greenwich Chamber of Commerce). Each will donate their tips.

Exclusive A.L.C. Pop-Up Shop — Wednesday, September 17, 2025 • 10 AM–6 PM — Wallace Center Café, 299 Greenwich Avenue. Shop the Fall 2025 collection; 10% of proceeds benefit the Wallace Center.

J.McLaughlin Shopping Event — Thursday, September 18, 2025 • 1–5 PM — J.McLaughlin, 55 East Putnam Avenue. 10% of all sales benefit the Wallace Center.

Wallace Center Community Day — Saturday, September 20, 2025 • 10 AM–3 PM — 299 Greenwich Avenue. A family-friendly day designed to bring awareness to the Wallace Center—its programs, mission, and upcoming renovations.

For more information about the Wallace Center and its programs, or to become a member (free for Greenwich residents 55+), please contact the Wallace Center at 203-862-6700.

Hope is the Oxygen of Life

Hope is one of life’s most indispensable gifts. It energizes and fortifies us from within.



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

I knew that school was open and everyone was back in town when it took me ten minutes to go .7 miles from the corner of Indian Field Road to the Christ Church rectory just off the Post Road in Greenwich last Tuesday morning.

Fall is such an exciting time. Everything ramps up, and there’s a lot to look forward to. At Christ Church, where I serve as Rector, we are offering so many exiting events, many of which are open to everyone in Greenwich.

Over Labor Day Weekend, my wife and I spent three incredible days in and around Rhinebeck, New York. One afternoon, we passed a farm with a crimson red barn and the word HOPE painted in large white letters on its side.

That little word for it is at the heart of the Christian life. It appears 164 times in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

In his song “Badlands,” Bruce Springsteen sang: “I believe in the love that you gave me, I believe in the hope that can save me, I believe in faith and I pray, that someday it will raise me

above these badlands.” We all have our badlands to negotiate, and we all need hope. So, the question is where do we find it? In The Book of Hope: A Survival for Trying Times, the conservationist Jane Goodall

outlines the four things that give her hope: human intellect, the resilience of nature, the power of young people, and the “indomitable” human spirit.

Where do you find hope in your life? For many of us, God is our greatest source of hope. As they say, “There are no atheists in foxholes.” When we’re under fire in life, we turn to God for hope and for help.

Throughout our lives, we hope for different things, depending on our circumstances. Some hope that we can take a special trip that’s been on our bucket list for years. Newcomers to Greenwich hope to get off to a good start. Still others are hoping that their children will have a wonderful year in school and make new friends. All of us hope for good health, a strong economy, and that the wars in Ukraine and Gaza will soon end.

Hope is an indispensable ingredient to life. It’s the very oxygen that keeps us going. The Russian writer, Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote, “To live without hope is to cease to live.”

In his book Man’s Search for Meaning the renowned Jewish psychiatrist Victor Frankl examined how he and others were able to survive living in the Auschwitz death camp while countless others perished. He wrote, “The only reason men and women lived through the holocaust was because they had a dream, a hope, and an expectation that God was their shepherd.”

Those who had something to live for – a symphony that they longed to compose, a course that they hoped to teach, a book that they had planned to write, or a spouse or family member that they longed to see – were often the ones who survived the holocaust, according to Frankl.

Take away hope and we crumble. In the Inferno Dante describes the entrance to Hell over which the words are written, “All hope abandon, ye who enter here.” Indeed, when we lose hope, life can become a living Hell. But when faith crumbles and love fades, hope really begins its work – or else we die. So often hope is born on the other side of despair.

Hope is more than optimism, wishful thinking, or believing that everything will turn out all right in the end. Hope is not pie in the sky. Real hope is grounded in reality and accepts setbacks, injustices, dangers, and even death. Real hope gives you the motivation to endure the hard work, pain, and exhaustion that any worthwhile endeavor requires.

John Gardner wrote a book entitled On Leadership. In it he wrote, “The first and last task of a leader is to keep hope alive.” Hence, a leader must honestly assess a situation and from this honest assessment convey possibilities for hope.

One such hopeful leader was Vaclav Havel, the former playwright and president

of Czechoslovakia. In one of speeches, he said, “Life without hope is an empty, boring, and useless life. I cannot imagine that I could strive for something if I did not carry hope in me. I am thankful to God for this gift. It is as big a gift as life itself.”

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not about judgment or shaming and dividing people. Jesus’ message is an incredible gift of hope. All four gospels show how God managed to transform Jesus’ crucifixion – history’s most horrible act – into the most hopeful event recorded in time.

The purpose of the Bible is to give us hope. That’s why the Psalmist writes, “And now, O Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you” (Psalm 39:7). The prophet Jeremiah writes, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope” (Jer. 29:11) Likewise, St. Paul writes, “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope” (Romans 15:14).

Some people are born hopeful. It’s in their DNA. But like other habits of the heart, hope is a trait that can be nurtured and trained. Every time you worship, read the Bible, pray, say grace before a meal, give generously, or care for someone in need, you invest in hope.

You contribute something

to your spiritual 401K plan, and over time hope accrues and it will help you and your loved ones get through tumultuous times for we never know what we will face in the future.

Let me offer an example. Paul Wittgenstein was born in Vienna to one of Europe’s wealthiest families. His younger brother, Ludwig, became one of the 20th centuries greatest philosophers. Despite the family’s Jewish heritage, Paul and his siblings were raised as Roman Catholics.

Their household was frequently visited by famous artists and intellectuals, including Johannes Brahms, Gustav Mahler, and Richard Strauss. The young Paul often played duets with these visiting artists. He adored music and studied with Malvine Brée and the Polish virtuoso Theodor Leschetizky. In 1913, he was his public début and received favorable reviews.

The following year, World War I broke out, and Paul was called up for military service. During combat, he was shot in the elbow and was captured by the Russians during the Battle of Galicia. As a result, his right arm had to be amputated.

That could have ended Paul’s musical career, but hope kept his dreams alive. While recovering in a prisoner-of-war camp in Omsk, Siberia, Paul resolved to continue his career using only his left hand.

Reaching out to the

Danish Ambassador, Paul wrote to his old teacher, Joseph Labor, who was blind, asking for a concerto for the left hand. Labor immediately began composing a piece. After the war, Paul studied intensely, arranging pieces for the left hand alone, and learning Labor’s new composition.

He began to perform again. Many of the reviews were qualified, noting that he played very well for a man with only one arm. Nonetheless, he preserved and devised novel techniques, including pedal and hand-movement combinations, that allowed him to play chords previously thought impossible for a five-fingered pianist.

But the most dramatic moment of his life came on January 17, 1933 in Paris when Paul played the “Concerto in D Major for Left Hand,” which he had commissioned the great composer Maurice Ravel to write for him. Paul had premiered the piece in Vienna in 1932 to instant acclaim. Now, in Paris Ravel conducted while Paul played. A music critic described the event by picturing Wittgenstein’s one hand leaping over the piano keyboard making the sounds of two hands. Extraordinary!

You see hope helps us to conquer all things. To discover hope, you have to be proactive. You must put yourself out there and invest yourself in whatever you are doing. Most of all, you must lift up your eyes to the Great Composer above who longs to help you overcome your greatest fears and your greatest challenges, so that you might triumph.

The Chosen: Capturing Audiences Worldwide



Iconic photographer Annie Leibovitz created the official artwork for *The Chosen* Season 5. Her work was unveiled in Times Square earlier this year.

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Launched in 2018 as a bold expression of faith and cinematic ambition, *The Chosen* began as a crowdfunded experiment and quickly grew into the most successful crowd-funded TV series in history. Created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins, it is the first multi-season dramatization of Jesus of Nazareth’s life, told through the eyes of those around him. That framing—intimate, character-driven, and deeply human—reshapes the Gospel into a serialized saga rather than a distant tableau.

What began as a short film sparked by

Jenkins’s spiritual surrender—“share this story, not for ambition but to honor the Gospel”—grew into a sprawling seven-season arc that balances historical fidelity with emotional depth.

From a humble app-first distribution to global streaming partnerships, *The Chosen* has rewritten the metrics of faith-based television. It has reached hundreds of millions of viewers across more than 175 countries and has been translated into dozens of languages. In one dramatic acceleration, viewership leapt from 100 million to an additional 100 million in just

over a year, reflecting a rapid and sustained global embrace.

Beyond raw numbers, the show has inspired spin-offs, interactive Bible studies, and a broader movement of devotional media. Its reach has extended from living rooms to classrooms, from parish halls to outdoor screenings, becoming a rare work of religious art that thrives both inside and outside traditional church structures.

Season 1 emerged in 2019, built entirely on grassroots crowdfunding. It has since been recognized as the most successful crowdfunded media project in entertainment history. Season 4 notably had a staggered theatrical rollout—eight episodes released in theaters during Holy Week before streaming—challenging conventional distribution models.

Season 5, titled *Last Supper*, continued that cinematic trend, debuting in cinemas around Easter before streaming first on Amazon Prime Video for three months, later becoming available on the show’s app and website. By blending the scale of a theatrical premiere with the accessibility of digital streaming, *The Chosen* has expanded the ways faith-based stories can find audiences.

Critics increasingly describe *The Chosen* as a movement, not merely a show—a modern evangelical epic elevating Jesus to mainstream entertainment and spiritual significance. Jonathan Roumie, who portrays Jesus, has become a cultural touchstone in his own right, embodying a deeply relatable Christ: human, compassionate, authoritative, and quietly magnetic. His performance has sparked both devotional fervor and wider public conversation about how Jesus might be imagined in today’s culture.

The ripple effects are unmistakable. Major platforms have taken notice, and interest in biblical storytelling has revived across Hollywood. Studios once wary of overtly religious content now see new possibilities, spurred by the unexpected momentum of a project that began outside the studio system altogether. Even Mel Gibson’s long-gestating *Passion of the Christ* sequel has found renewed attention in this climate.

Part of what makes *The Chosen* beloved is its refusal to flatten the disciples into saints-

Families gather, congregations unite, and skeptics lean in—The Chosen makes the Gospel feel human, urgent, and profoundly alive.

in-waiting. Instead, we meet fishermen with tempers, tax collectors with conflicted loyalties, and women navigating courage and vulnerability. The series lingers in their humanity—brokenness, humor, doubts—and in doing so, invites viewers to find themselves in the story. For many, this is the first time a depiction of Jesus feels not just reverent, but relational.

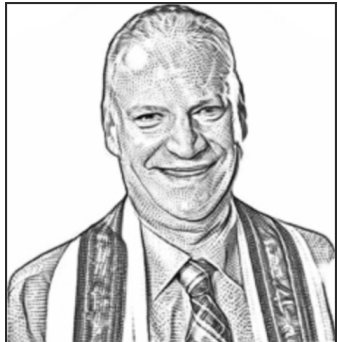
Families gather to watch together. Congregations build small groups around it. People who have not opened a Bible in years are rediscovering it through a lens of narrative imagination. We love this show not only because it reintroduces us to familiar texts, but because it renders them alive again—urgent, tender, and deeply personal.

In a surprising and delightful turn, legendary photographer Annie Leibovitz created official portraits for Season 5, unveiled in Times Square. Known for her iconic work with cultural luminaries, Leibovitz lent her artistry to the *Last Supper* cast portraits, elevating the series into high art and cementing its crossover into mainstream culture.

Where historic biblical adaptations were once episodic or theatrical one-off films, *The Chosen* disrupted the model with serialized storytelling that is emotionally immersive and theologically resonant. Its humility in origin—and its ambition in execution—have made it a global phenomenon transcending demographics, media landscapes, and even theological divides.

The Chosen shows how a grassroots faith-based project can wield cultural power without sacrificing integrity or depth. As it strides toward its crucifixion arc in future seasons, its impact continues to unfold—at once spiritual, cultural, and profoundly modern.

Recognizing the Goodness in Others and Ourselves



By Rabbi Mitch

Compassionate hearts will naturally extend toward suffering.

We will reach out with our love to family members in crisis, friends facing hardship, neighbors in need, and even strangers whose pain calls out to us that we must offer comfort.

Our instinct to reach across the divide of human suffering speaks to something sacred within us. Yet, too often, a truly tender soul will discover themselves imprisoned behind walls of their construction, trapped by a devastating absence of self-compassion. And each harsh self-judgment adds another

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stone to these walls.

When we fixate on our failures and dismiss our sincere efforts at growth, we build barriers that separate us from joy, connection, and healing. We become both prisoner and warden, withholding from ourselves the very love and understanding we offer freely to others.

I confess my struggle with this self-imposed exile. Too often, I deny myself compassion when I fall short of impossible standards.

The proverbial mirror magnifies my perceived flaws while obscuring the good I know exists alongside them.

If another person came to me carrying similar burdens, I would gently remind them that failure belongs to the human condition. I would encourage them to meet

their desire for growth with patience and love.

Yet, facing my own imperfections, I can too quickly abandon this wisdom and become my harshest critic. But I return, again and again, to this truth: the absence of self-compassion creates a cruel irony.

The more we punish ourselves for our humanity, the further we drift from other humans. We retreat behind self-constructed barriers, blind to the hands reaching toward us, the love waiting beyond our walls of shame.

The divine commandment calls us to “Choose life for yourselves and your children.”

How can we choose life? How can we offer genuine compassion, forgiveness, and love to others, if

we cannot extend these gifts to ourselves?

We all cause harm. We all fall short. But repentance and spiritual healing cannot emerge from self-flagellation.

True transformation requires practicing love, acceptance, and compassion for ourselves alongside all others. Only then can we break free from our self-constructed prisons and become available to the gifts of love surrounding us.

Judaism speaks of the nekudah kedushah—the point of absolute purity, holiness, and divine connection dwelling within every human being.

We must train our vision on this inner light, learning to recognize goodness in others and ourselves and allowing our divine

radiance to shine.

Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav offered this profound guidance: “You have to judge every person generously, including yourself!”

He taught us to seek even the smallest fragment of goodness—just “a little bit of good”—promising that this tiny spark would restore our lives and kindle joy.

Notice the wisdom in Rabbi Nachman’s progression: he begins by judging others generously, then extends this mercy to the self, understanding that self-compassion often demands greater courage.

Perfect holiness already dwells within our beautifully imperfect souls.

Recognize the nekudah kedushah within yourself.

Practice the radical act of self-

compassion.

Tear down the walls that imprison your heart and step into the light of your divine worth.

Shabbat Shalom.

Temple Sholom’s Senior Rabbi

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

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. *HT Discover - Sunday Session: September 14, 9:30am.*

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.*

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. Bagels, pastries & coffee: Sunday, September 14, following the 9 & 10:30am Masses. Retiring reception honoring Fr. William F. Platt, Pastor: Sunday, September 14, follow-*

ing the 10:30am Mass.

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 12. Lourdes Retreat with Bishop Frank Caggiano: Sunday, Sept. 14, 2pm, St. Mary Church (566 Elm St, Stamford), for information/registration email: Stefania.Cannet@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. Special Blessing for the Women of the Parish (SMWA)/Breakfast & Fellowship: Wednesday, September 17, 9:30-11am.*

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. Women’s Guild Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 1pm, in the Parish Center, All women of the Parish are invited. New members are always welcome.*

St. Roch Church

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

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

Christian Science

First Church of Christ, Scientist

11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencect.org/greenwich

Sundays: Church and Sunday School at 10:30. Weds. 7:30pm testimonies of healing. Call# for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520. Reading Room 333 Greenwich Ave. M-F 1:00-5:00 203-869-2503. Bibles, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, children’s books, and more. *Sermons: Sept. 14: Substance. Sept. 21: Matter. Sept. 28: Reality.*

Community

First Church of Round Hill

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

Round Hill Community Church

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children’s Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. *Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. Round Hill Art & Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm. Family Brunch: Sunday, September 14.*

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. *Friends and Family Festival: Saturday, September 13, 4-6:30pm, All are welcome.*

North Greenwich Congregational

606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
(Instagram photos and videos @ [north_greenwich_church](#))

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

Second Congregational Church

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

Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am. Children’s Chapel during 10:30am worship. *Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @2CCGreenwich. Teddy Bear Story Hour & Fair: Saturday, September 27, 8am. Vacation Bible School: October 2 & November 4. 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. Friday Bible Study with Rev. Tim Hamlin: Friday, Sept. 12, 9am. Back to Fall Treat Boxes: Saturday, Sept. 13, 9am. Dad’s Playground Gathering: Saturday, Sept. 13, 9:30am. Bagels and Bibles: Sunday, Sept. 14, 8:45am. Messy Church Eucharist: Sunday, Sept. 14, 8:45am. Youth Confirmation Class 2025-26: Sunday, Sept. 14, 11am. Sunday Forum: The Global Bible: Sunday, Sept. 14, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Anna Jacobson and her band: Sunday, Sept. 14, 5pm. Book Discussion: “The Soul Of America”: Monday, Sept. 15, 12pm. Men’s Ministry Welcome Back Barbecue: Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6-8pm. Wednesday Bible Study with Rev. Terry Elsberry: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10am & 7pm. Living With Loss: Grief Support Group: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1pm. Women’s Bible Study Thursday, Sept. 18. Pet Food And Toy Drive: Sunday, Sept. 21*

to Sunday, Oct. 5. Sunday Forum: “By Land and Sea: Paul’s Travels in Acts”: Sept. 21, 11:15am.

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.stpaulsriverside.org

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

St. Saviour’s Episcopal Church

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

Jewish

Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich

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

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. *Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. Kabbala & Chalah: Thursdays, 9:15am, \$20 p/class.*

Congregation Shir Ami

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

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

Greenwich Reform Synagogue

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Welcome Back BBQ: Sunday, September 14, 12pm.*

Temple Sholom

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

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Congregational Shabbat Dinner: Friday, Sept. 12, 7:15pm (following 6:30 pm services). Selichot: A Time for Reflection: Saturday, Sept. 13, 7:45pm. Game Night: Mah Jongg & Canasta: Monday, Sept. 15, 7pm. Sisterhood Welcome Event: Flower Arranging Workshop: Thursday, Sept. 18, 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 Noon-day 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

Dingelton 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 Albertson-pcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Mediumship practice sessions with guided meditation: Mondays - Sept. 15 & 22, 7-9pm \$20/session register at CSDPastor@gmail.com.*

Trinity Church

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

Service: Sundays, 10am, Trinity Greenwich, Hyatt Regency, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich & On-line.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Community Night: Wednesday, September 17, 5-7pm.*

Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave.
203-861-7555

www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

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

Living Hope Community Church

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

Worship In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/livestream): Sundays: 10am. *Forum for Fathers: Are you a man with or who has kids or family members with ADHD? We meet Sundays at 9am at the church to pray, seek God, and encourage each other. Contact Todd.klair@gmail.com for more information. Grow Night Spiritual Connections Seminar: Wednesday, September 17, 6-8:30pm.*

A Global Conversation About Listening

There is something timeless about Sunday mornings at Christ Church—the choir notes hanging in the rafters, the children tugging at parents’ sleeves, the old New England light filtering through tall windows. Yet this Sunday, September 14, the conversation once again turns outward, toward a larger horizon.

At 11:15 a.m., parishioners and neighbors will gather for a free Sunday Forum with breakfast and coffee, to hear Yale Divinity School’s Bruce Gordon speak on “The Global Bible: Why Do Christians in the West Need to Listen More and Talk Less?”

That title alone suggests a gentle rebuke. We in the West, Gordon argues, often treat the Bible as if it were our private inheritance, bounded by our own debates and familiar assumptions. But across Central and South America, Africa, and Asia, Scripture

is alive in different ways, read and lived beyond the contours of Western experience. “We have a lot to learn and need to listen to how other churches are interpreting the Bible,” Gordon writes.

There is a humility in that—an invitation to pause our explaining, our endless parsing, and attend instead to voices we have not heard. It is not unlike what one senses in Greenwich itself: a town proud of its history, yes, but enriched by newcomers, different accents, new stories at every school concert and town gathering.

Gordon is well-suited to lead such a conversation. A native of Canada, he taught at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland before joining Yale in 2008. His scholarship roams widely across the Reformation and its legacy, and his works—Calvin, The Swiss

Reformation, and most recently The Bible: A Global History—have been acclaimed for bringing old worlds vividly to life . That latest book, honored by Publishers Weekly as a “Top Ten Religion Book” of the year, insists on precisely what he will explore here: that the Bible is not the possession of one place or people, but a global story.

What Greenwich will hear on Sunday, then, is more than a lecture. It is a reminder that Christianity is not an heirloom but a living, changing conversation—a reminder that we are, in fact, part of a far larger family.

One imagines parishioners leaving the Forum carrying not only the taste of coffee and breakfast rolls but also the echo of Gordon’s admonition: listen more, talk less. In a world—and a town—where words are plentiful, listening can feel like a spiritual discipline.

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and 42 years in law enforcement. He began his career with the Wilton Police Department before joining Greenwich in 1992, later serving most of his tenure in supervisory and leadership roles. Over his career, he trained and mentored numerous officers and received multiple commendations for his service. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

Engine 2 Returns to Service



Engine 2 has returned to Station 2, which was previously closed. The building has been inspected and meets operational safety standards. Repairs to affected areas are ongoing, and temporary accommodations have been established for personnel. Photo credit: Greenwich Firefighters

FROM TOWN HALL

Greenwich Residents Turn Scraps Into Soil

Residents in Greenwich can bring their food scraps to the town’s voluntary drop-off recycling program, started in June 2020. By composting instead of throwing food away, they help improve soil health and cut down on waste going to incineration. In its first year, community participation diverted more than 36 tons of food scraps from disposal.

Great Captain Cleanup



Tomorrow, Sept. 13, volunteers will join the Town’s Conservation Department for a coastal cleanup at Great Captain Island. Participants met at Grass Island Marina for a 9 am boat to the island, where the cleanup ran until about 11 am All collected non-biodegradable debris was recorded and reported to Save the Sound for submission to the Ocean Conservancy. Photo credit: First Selectman Camillo’s Community Connections

AROUND TOWN

GCTV Returning Soon To Channel 79

Altice will return Greenwich Community Television (GCTV) to Channel 79 on Optimum systems around September 16, reversing its earlier move to Channel 1310. The decision follows notification from the Area 9 Cable Council, though an exact date has not been confirmed. In the meantime, GCTV continues to stream government meetings and community events live and on demand via its YouTube page.

CBRE Finalizes Mill Property Sale

CBRE brokered the \$97.5 million sale of The Mill, a mixed-use property in Glenville, Greenwich, consisting of 71 apartments and nearly 29,000 square feet of retail space across five buildings. The property, originally part of a 30-acre site developed in the late 19th century, centers on an 8.7-acre complex that once housed the American Felt Company. As of Wednesday, Greenwich Town Hall had not yet recorded the transaction.

Community Efforts Protect Local Waterways

Storm drains are built to carry rainwater only, and when trash, leaves, or pet waste enter them, the system can clog, leading to flooding and infrastructure damage. Anything that enters a drain flows untreated into local waterways and Long Island Sound, contributing to pollution and potential beach closures. Residents must keep storm drains clear by never placing trash, leaves, or pet waste in or near them. All waste should be disposed of properly in trash bins to prevent flooding and water pollution.

Greenwich Reviews New Housing Proposal

KRM Realty LLC has submitted a pre-application to Greenwich Planning & Zoning for a three-story mixed-use building at 121 East Putnam Avenue, the former site of Chocoylatte. The proposal includes ground-floor commercial space, six residential units on the upper floors—one designated as moderate-income—and 15 parking spaces. The pre-application has not yet been scheduled for commission review.

Greenwich Reviews Development Changes

At a recent Greenwich Planning & Zoning

Commission meeting, Mead Point LLC requested changes to its 2022 approval for development at 618 Indian Field Road, including alterations to landscaping, lighting, grading, and parking. The project has faced compliance issues, including unauthorized tree removal, unapproved grading, and a stop-work order issued in April 2025. Town staff reported environmental concerns related to additional tree removal, site changes, and lighting impacts, leading commissioners to question whether the original special permit remains valid.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Cos Cob Library Reopens Bigger



Cos Cob Library has reopened following renovations and an expansion that added 1,120 square feet, including an 857-square-foot community room. The project reconfigured the interior, moving the adult section west and enlarging the children’s and young adult areas by nearly 600 square feet. The branch’s new hours are Mondays noon to 8 pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays 9 am to 6 pm, and Fridays and Saturdays 9 am to 5 pm, with Sunday closures. Photo credit: Jessica Reid

Greenwich Realtors Open 2025 Grants

The Greenwich Association of Realtors Community Foundation is accepting applications for its 2025 grant program until Sept. 15. One \$25,000 grant will be awarded, with the possibility of additional discretionary funding. Nonprofits must submit a one-page proposal with project details, goals, beneficiaries, organizational background, and contact information to foundation@greenwichrealtors.com

Ribbon Cutting Today At RSM

The Russian School of Mathematics is holding a ribbon-cutting today, September 12, for its new branch at 76 Progress Drive in Stamford. The event, organized with the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, includes math games, crafts, and family activities. It is free and open to the public.

Happy Hour Supports Greenwich Seniors

A fundraising happy hour will be held September 16 from 4 to 6 pm at Caren’s Cos Cobber to benefit the Friends of the Wallace Center. Ten percent of drink sales and tips from guest bartenders will go toward supporting programs and services for Greenwich seniors. The Wallace Center, formerly the Greenwich Senior Center, is undergoing renovations, including the addition of a new café.

Riverside And Old Greenwich Unite

The Riverside Garden Club and the Garden Club of Old Greenwich will present a standard flower show titled “C’est Paris!” on Thursday, September 25, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Riverside. The exhibition will feature floral designs, horticulture, and photography, and is open to the public at no cost from 3:00 to 5:00 pm The Riverside Garden Club was founded in 1919, while the Garden Club of Old Greenwich, established in 1924, celebrated its centennial last year.

DART Advances Research for NPC

Dana’s Angels Research Trust (DART) is a nonprofit that funds research, education, and treatment for Niemann-Pick Type C (NPC), a rare childhood neurological disease. On October 4, 2025, DART will hold its eighth annual two-mile charity walk at Greenwich Point Park in Old Greenwich, with in-person and virtual participation options. Since its founding in 2002, DART has contributed to FDA approval of NPC therapies, funded clinical trials, and supported programs including newborn screening and collaborative drug development.

Community Joins Forces For Cleanup

The International Coastal Cleanup will take place on Saturday, September 20, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at Greenwich Point Park. Volunteers will remove and record shoreline trash, with data submitted to Save the Sound and then to the Ocean Conservancy for global tracking. Registration is available online, check-in will be on-site, and supplies will be provided.

Greenwich Trust Advances Historic Home

The Greenwich Preservation Trust requested a lease from the town of Greenwich to restore and maintain the Thomas Lyon House, built around 1690 and considered the oldest unaltered home in town. The house remained in the Lyon family until 1926 and later passed through several organizations before the town assumed ownership in 2007. The Board of Selectmen was scheduled to vote on the proposal on September 11.

Bruce Museum Extends Frey Exhibition

The Bruce Museum is extending the “Jeremy Frey: Woven” exhibition through October 26. The show is the first retrospective of Frey’s career, featuring over 50 baskets made from natural materials such as sweetgrass, cedar, spruce root, and porcupine quills.

The exhibition previously appeared at the Portland Museum of Art and the Art Institute of Chicago.

Boys and Girls Club Reopens After Major Renovation

Following a two-year, \$28 million renovation, the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich has reopened with a revamped facility, including a new gym, teen center, expanded arts space, locker rooms, and after-school program rooms. The clubhouse has been renamed in honor of Rebecca S. Breed. Programs resume Oct. 1.

SCHOOLS

GHS Cruiser Showcases Big Red



The start of the GHS school year was marked by a short delay. During that time, the School Resource Officer’s cruiser was updated with new designs. The vehicle now displays the school’s colors and mascot to promote Big Red spirit. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

Greenwich Academy Seniors Earn National Recognition

Three Greenwich Academy seniors—Serena Evans, Denise Seol, and Alexandra Zummo—have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Fewer than one percent of U.S. high school students achieve this recognition. Their selection reflects strong academic performance on standardized tests.

Brunswick Students Earn National Recognition

Brunswick School announced ten students as National Merit Semifinalists. The honorees are Dylan Arouh, Jack Chung, Pierce Crosby, Bryan Dean, Henry Graham, Justin Guo, George Kapp, Max Lanson, Charles Sulkowski, Jack Whitney-Epstein, and Travis Wilson. They were recognized for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, placing them among the top students nationwide.

Sacred Heart Students Earn Recognition



Two Sacred Heart Greenwich students, Stephanie G. ’29 and Bonnie U. ’29, advanced to the 2025 Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge. Their project, “Testing the Strength, Flexibility, and Biodegradability of a Watermelon Rind-Based Bioplastic,” won first place at the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair in 2024. They are among 300 students nationwide selected from nearly 2,000 entries. Photo credit: Sacred heart Greenwich

Wally Talk Show Highlights Youth



The first episode of What’s Up With Wally featured Officer Franco and K9 Arrow as guests. The show, hosted by student resource officers, focuses on issues affecting young people. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department Student Resource Officers

Whitby School Opens Creeden Commons



Whitby School held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for The John E. Creeden Commons. The new facility was made possible through donor contributions. It will serve as a community space for the school. Photo credit: Whitby School

Greenwich High Seniors Earn Honors

Nine Greenwich High School seniors were named Semifinalists in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students are Catherine Broderick, Maia Coplit, Miller Fishback, Ambika Jha, Ruth Mund, Hadrian Nobay, Davin Shin, Marley Wies, and Annabelle Wu.

Greenwich Country Day Students Honored

Seven Greenwich Country Day School seniors were named Semifinalists in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students are Zachry Bostock, Ryan Carre, Charlie Moloney, Henry Santangelo, Linnea Shah-Gustafsson, William Stern, and Cooper Taylor.

CMS Construction Progresses

Greenwich Public Schools released its September update on the Central Middle School construction project. In August, crews completed structural steel work, exterior framing, roofing installation, concrete slabs, and utility systems, while September work includes finishing the structure, continuing roofing, installing mechanical systems, and site utilities. The new 125,000-square-foot, \$112 million building is on schedule to open in August 2026, replacing the existing 1958 school.

SPORTS

Greenwich Volleyball Starts Season Strong

Greenwich High School’s girls volleyball team opened its 2025 season with back-to-back 3-0 victories, defeating Southington on Sept. 4 and Newtown on Sept. 8. Junior Kayah Armstrong led with 12 kills in each match, while teammates Heidi Zieme, Bailee Dayton, Victoria Sullivan, and Aleena Jacobsen also contributed strong performances. The Cardinals, now 2-0, will host St. Joseph on Sept. 10 in their home opener.

Greenwich Academy Dominates Season Opener

Greenwich Academy opened its 2025 volleyball season with a 3-0 sweep over St. Luke’s, winning by set scores of 25-15, 25-13, 25-8. Setter Caroline Brower led with eight aces, six digs, and 27 assists, while Devon Mahaffy added 12 kills and Issy Fottrell contributed 11 kills. The Gators will next face Masters School on September 11 before hosting Sacred Heart Greenwich on September 16.

Greenwich Swimmers Dominate Season Opener

Greenwich High School’s varsity girls swim team opened its 2025 season with a 97-65 victory over Trumbull on Sept. 3. Senior captains Melissa Geiger and Wesley Wales highlighted the meet with individual wins, while sophomore Olivia DeVries and junior Ellison Charette also secured first-place finishes. The defending Class LL champions showcased their depth, with multiple strong performances across relays and individual events.

Greenwich Girls Soccer Starts Strong



Greenwich High School’s girls varsity soccer team opened its 2025 season with a 2-0 win over Fairfield Ludlowe at Cardinal Stadium. Freshman Siena Ettinger scored in the first half, and junior Gabriella Cimador added a second goal after halftime, while the Cardinals’ defense held strong for the shutout. The victory follows two straight years of state tournament runs, with senior captains Julia Gustafsson, Anna Lenschow, and Ella Whitridge leading this year’s squad. Photo credit: David Fierro

Greenwich High Football Defense Returns Strong

The defending Class LL state champion football team will have all three key starting linebackers—Santi Parra, Jack Kelly, and Justin Carroll—returning for the 2025 season. Their performance last year was a major factor in the team’s state title, and expectations are high for a repeat.

FROM HARTFORD

Connecticut Strengthens E-Bike Safety Rules

Connecticut has updated its e-bike laws to clarify classifications and safety requirements. E-bikes without pedals and powered between 750 and 3,500 watts are now defined as motor-driven cycles, requiring a driver’s license, while those above 3,500 watts will need registration and insurance. All e-bike riders must now wear helmets, regardless of age or bike class.

ACROSS CT

CT Launches Energy Assistance Program

Generation Power CT is accepting applications for its first Emergency Energy Assistance Program cycle, running September 2–10, 2025. Eligible Connecticut residents must review requirements and submit documentation before the deadline. Additional application cycles will be offered later in the year. Visit https://gpct.org/ for more information.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Apple Picking Season Begins

Apple orchards in and around Greenwich have opened for the season ahead of the official start of fall on Sept. 22. Harvest Moon Farm and Orchard in North Salem, NY, operates year-round with a farm store open daily from 9 am to 5 pm Silverman’s Farm in Easton, CT, expects its apple-picking season to run from September through December, with dates and hours announced online.

Obituaries



MARIE LONGO

Marie (“Mary”) C. Longo of Cos Cob passed away peacefully on September 5, 2025, at the age of 97. She was born on May 24, 1928, in Bivongi, Reggio Calabria, Italy, to the late Vincenzo and Immacolata Lorenti. Mary immigrated to the United States at a young age, accompanied by her parents and three brothers. They settled in a home in Stamford, CT where she attended the public elementary school system, and went on to graduate from Stamford High School. Thereafter, Mary was employed by the Conde Nast Publishing Company for many years until meeting and marrying the love of her life, the late Salvatore R. Longo, Jr. on September 30th, 1948. They resided in Cos Cob together for 63 years prior to his passing in 2012, raising three children in the home they built together.

Mary was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was happiest when she was baking, cooking or preparing a meal for those she loved. She especially relished the Easter and Christmas traditional meals and even when she became physically unable to prepare and serve them herself, she looked forward to her family keeping the tradition for her and savored every minute nonetheless!!

She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her, but most especially her children, Anthony J. Longo (Angela), Louise R. DellaPietro (Dennis, Sr.), and Salvatore R. Longo III. She is also survived by her brother, Dominic Lorenti, sisters-in-law Diane Lorenti and Eleanor Lodato; eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Carmen, Frank, Vincent and sister, Shirley.

Family received relatives and friends on Thursday, September 11 at Lacerenza Macari Family Funeral Home, Stamford, CT. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Mary on Friday, September 12 at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena at 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT. Entombment will be private.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the medical and nursing staff at Nathaniel Witherell for their continual compassion and care.

VERONICA SORO

Veronica Soro, affectionately known as “Vera,” was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She left this world unexpectedly on September 5 at the age of 88.

Born in Dumbarton, Scotland, on January 16, 1937, Veronica was the daughter of Charles and Margaret McGinlay. She graduated from the convent school of Notre Dame before immigrating to the United States. Veronica worked for 20 years at Greenwich Ophthalmology. A devout woman of faith, she was an active parishioner at St. Mary’s Church in Greenwich. Veronica is fondly remembered for her homemade Scottish shortbread and jam. She played the piano and loved music.

Veronica is now reunited in Heaven with her beloved husband, Quirico “Rico” Soro, who predeceased her. She is survived by her cherished sons, Rico Soro, Giovanni Soro (Tammy), and Raffaele Soro (Anna), as well as her loving grandchildren: Lucian, Brianna, Alexandra, and Isabella.

She is also remembered as the dear sister of Bernadette McGinlay.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Veronica will be celebrated on Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church, followed by interment at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to the Fred D. Knapp Funeral Home.



ALAN BERK

May 11, 1934 - September 2, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Alan S. Berk, a devoted husband, brother, father, and grandfather, on September 2, 2025. Born on May 11, 1934, Alan was raised in Brooklyn by Phil and Mae Berk. He lived his adult life in Greenwich, CT, and Stockbridge, MA.

Alan earned his Bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business and Master’s degree from Columbia University’s School of Business. Alan began his career at Arthur Young & Company and moved to Avco Corporation as VP of Finance before returning to Ernst & Young as Chief Financial Officer until his retirement. Following his retirement, he served as Chairman of the Board of the Jewish Home for the Elderly in Fairfield, CT and Vice-President/Treasurer of the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, CT.

He was an avid tennis player, runner, skier, and golfer. He brought light and love to his beloved wife of 65 years, Barbara; his brother Ira and sister-in-law Jane; his children Charles, Peter, and Nancy (Berk) Saperstone and their spouses Peggy, Sheryl, and Pete; and his grandchildren Bradley, Emily, Jack, Jason, and Carrie.

Donations can be sent to Alzheimer’s Association - CT Chapter in care of Joan Weisman, 122 Palmers Hill Road, Stamford, CT 06902 or online to 2025 Walk To End Alzheimer’s: Fairfield County - Team Edgehill.

NICHOLAS GREVELIS, SR.

09/01/2025

Nicholas George Grevelis, Sr., 91 years young - devoted brother, loving father, adoring father-in-law, fun uncle, beloved grandfather, and friend to all.

Nick, “Mr. Nick,” or in his most tender moments, “Papi,” passed away peacefully at 91, surrounded by family and dear friends. He lived not just a long life, but a remarkable one - full of love, countless friendships, and more adventures than anyone could count (and many more we will never know). On September 1, 2025, the world said goodbye to a man who somehow managed to live more than one lifetime within his own, and a life with no regrets.

Blessed with natural charisma and an unquenchable zest for life, Nick was magnetic. His warm smile, sharp wit, unapologetic sarcasm (delivered in that old-school, tough-guy Boston accent), and insatiable appetite for a good time, he will leave an indelible mark on all who knew him. He had an uncanny knack for making good friends. Nick was never without good company. He lived and loved deeply.

Born in Peabody, Mass., to George Theodore Grevelis and Ester Ziavis, Nick was one of four brothers and survived by his youngest brother, Christy Grevelis of Salem, Massachusetts. For the past 45 years, he called Winston, Georgia, his home, where he built

a community which embraced him as one of their own. He was a Boston boy “gone country.” This past year, he moved north (he hated the cold weather) to Greenwich, Connecticut, settling in just a mile from his two boys and four grandchildren - the role of grandfather would define his later years more than any of his prior adventures.

Nick’s life was a masterclass of reinvention. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy, as a member of the Honor Guard, a role reflecting his deep patriotism and respect for discipline and tradition. A gifted athlete, he played baseball during his service and even had a stint with the Cleveland Indians’ farm team. After years in Washington, he devoted years to nightlife, managing nightclubs and restaurants, where his “Big Fish” personality shined. Later in life, he followed his love for golf, becoming a PGA-certified golf professional. As a Golf Pro, he especially cherished the coaching of his junior golfers, pouring his heart into supporting the Alexander High School golf team - proudly reminding anyone who would listen that under his guidance, they won a county championship in 1993.

But for all his accomplishments, Nick’s proudest role was that of grandfather. “Papi” had a truly magical bond with all four of his grandchildren, Rigs, Bash, Caroline, and Carter, loved their Papi dearly and looked forward to every moment with him. He called them every single day, often leaving playful voicemails which now serve as a treasure trove of love and humor to carry his family for years to come. Whether spinning stories (some tall), teaching lessons, or simply being mischievous, Papi poured his heart and soul into the lives of his grandchildren. A man who once considered becoming a Greek Orthodox priest, he found his highest calling as a Papi.

Nick was, and will always be, a man of mystery, mischief, and love. He is survived by his two sons, Nick and Steve, his youngest brother, Christy, his beloved daughters-in-law, Nicole and Kristen, nieces and nephews, Harris, Teddy, Steven, George, Nicole, Andrea, and Stephanie, and four grandchildren, who will carry on his legacy of storytelling, smiling, laughing and living life fully. He is also survived by countless friends who mourn his passing.

A visitation was held Friday, September 5 at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, Greenwich. A Funeral Service was held the same day followed by interment at Putnam Cemetery, in Greenwich.



GABRIELLA VIPPOLIS

Gabriella “Lilly” Vippolis, born March 24, 1938, passed away on August 28, 2025 at the age of 87. Gabriella resided in Cos Cob from approximately 1978 to 2005 and passed with no children but was one of 10 siblings with many nieces and nephews.

She was well known for her creative and pioneering fashion boutique with specialties from Florence, Italy, that she owned, called Gabrion at 30 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich. A generous and passionate business owner who dedicated herself to her work and love of home/personal fashion. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

RONALD FASONE, SR.

Beloved husband, father and friend, Ronald John Fasone Sr.

(1943-2025) passed away peacefully on August 21, 2025.

Ronald was born on February 4th, 1943, in Port Chester, NY, raised in Pemberwick and lived in Chickahominy for 35 years before retiring to North Fort Myers, Florida. Ronald was a graduate of Greenwich High School and a veteran of the U.S. Army – stationed on Okinawa Island, Japan.

He was predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Margarete; and survived by his sons, Ronald Jr., Michael (Karin), and Matthew (Jeanine); as well as his grandchildren, Madison, Samson, Adrian, and Sebastian.

Ronnie was the proud owner of Stamford Fish & Seafood, a family-owned and operated business for 29 years. After “retiring” he and Margarete worked for another ten years at Publix Markets. Ronald had a love for his family, friends, golf and a good laugh.

A Memorial service was held on September 8 at Castiglione Funeral Home, Greenwich, CT.

RAYMOND KOEHLER

In loving memory of Ray Koehler

Raymond M. Koehler, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend, left this world on Aug. 21, 2025. He was surrounded by love.

Ray was born on Oct. 11, 1953 in Northampton, MA to Gene and Stanley Koehler. His imagination and adventurous spirit were nurtured from a young age during his family’s numerous travels abroad, including to England, Italy and Greece. Wherever the destination, he absorbed the culture and created lifelong friendships.

Ray graduated from Amherst Regional High School in 1972 with academic distinction. He starred on the football, basketball and track teams, served as captain on the football team, and won the scholar-athlete award his senior year. He went on to attend Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, where he played football for a year, ran track, and served as president of the Stag Club. He earned a B.A. in classics in 1976, graduating summa cum laude, and received a M.A. degree in classics from the University of Toledo.

Ray devoted his professional life to teaching and generations of students benefited from his engaging and innovative methods. He taught classical languages at Waynfleet School in Portland, ME, Brunswick School in Greenwich, CT, Stoneleigh-Burnham in Greenfield, MA, and Hill Regional Career High School in New Haven, CT, bringing Latin to life with skits, music and games. He composed “The Never Ending Noun Ending Song,” turning rote grammar into a memorable experience, and authored “A Student’s Guide to Catullus.” He led many student trips to Greece and frequently presented to his peers and colleagues at Classical Association of New England conferences.

Ray was a kind, understanding and supportive husband to his wife, Monica Koehler, creating a magical relationship that will live on. He was a loving father to his two daughters, Isabel Claire Koehler and Rachel Ann Kaplan (Danny), and stepdaughter Veronica Concodello (Joe). He nurtured their self worth and personal development with his never-ending support. He is also deeply missed by his step-grandchildren, Sophia and Scarlett Concodello.

Ray shared a warm and loving relationship with each of his siblings, filling their shared childhood with music, stories and imagination. Margaret DeGregorio (Jim McMillan), Jenny Yelle (Gerald), Jamison Koehler (Susan Burke) and Mary Anne Brush (George) will keep his memory alive always.

Also holding a special place in Ray’s heart were his nieces and nephews: Peter DeGregorio, Geneva Mehta (Raaj), Laura Koehler (Michael Dumas), Emma Brush (Grayson Zulauf), Jack Koehler, Meg Behan (Mike), Ray Yelle, Somers Basile (Pete), Bobby Koehler (Gaby),

Eric Yelle and Jared Brush. He was interested and engaged in their lives and, in turn, they supported his many musical endeavors and creative projects.

Ray brought music, laughter, love of games and his competitive spirit to every family gathering, whether he was shooting the moon in a game of Hearts or making pancakes with real maple syrup. His family admires his unwavering positivity and ability to see the good in everyone.

A memorial service and reception will take place in Amherst, MA on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 12:15 p.m. at the Inn on Boltwood, 30 Boltwood Ave. The reception will be preceded by a graveside service at 11:15 a.m. at Wildwood Cemetery, 70 Strong Street, open to those who wish to attend.

Memorial donations may be made to the New England Classical Association or The Yale Cancer Center.



JUDITH HARRISON

Judith Cole Harrison, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away on June 1, 2025, in Darien, CT. Born on May 15, 1940, in Berwick, Pennsylvania, to Harry and Betty Cole, she was the middle of five children and is survived by her brothers Mike and David Cole, along with many nieces and nephews.

Judy is also survived by her devoted husband of 53 years, Matthew Harrison, her daughters Cecily Urenay (Gokay) and Page Gostling (Peter), and four adoring grandsons: Berker, Arman, Win, and Chips. She will be remembered for her kindness, intelligence, and elegance.

A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Judy’s early career included work as a teacher, a book researcher-earning credit in Dean Acheson’s Pulitzer Prize-winning “Present at the Creation”- and a travel editor, both in the U.S. and Belgium, where she and Matt moved as newlyweds. After raising their daughters, she pursued her passion for aesthetics as an ASID-accredited interior designer. Judy and Matt spent over 30 years in Greenwich, CT before moving to Darien to join their daughters last year.

Judy’s life was enriched by travel, reading, music (she was an accomplished flutist), learning, hosting, and design. She rose to the challenges-including many moves-of supporting Matt’s career, both in the Army and in civilian life. She embraced new challenges even into her 80s, from mastering new recipes to sewing gifts for her grandsons. Whether hosting gatherings, offering a trick (or a gadget) to make someone’s life easier, or making special memories with her family, she approached life with grace, warmth and humor-especially the ability to laugh at herself.

Her kindness and elegance touched all who knew her, and her memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

Judy’s memory will be honored at a service at the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point on September 12, followed by committal in the West Point Cemetery

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Bravo! Waterbury, which provides musical outreach to underprivileged children. <https://www.waterburysymphony.org/bravo-waterbury>



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A New School Year at the Greenwich Alliance for Education

BY JULIE FARYNIARZ

It is September and school is back in session! To all of the teachers, administrators, students and families, we wish everyone an exciting year of learning.

At the Greenwich Alliance for Education, we spent the summer preparing First Generation students - AVID Greenwich High School graduates - for their first day of school on a college campus. Transition to College (T2C), is a twelve hour workshop series specifically designed to address skills and knowledge that result in a successful transition from high school to college. Topics included budgeting & banking taught by The First Bank of Greenwich, an alcohol & drug awareness conversation with Liberation Programs, lessons focused on adjusting to the college lifestyle - time, task, materials - and much more. We are very proud of these AVID graduates and their older alumni who excel in college and beyond. Funding for T2C is made available by the Greenwich United Way and the Greenwich Department of Human Services.

Starting a new school year also means college tuition bills. GHS AVID graduates currently attending college were awarded \$83,000 in AVID SUCCESS scholarships. These 60 students share that the scholarships go well beyond reducing debt. They give them the opportunity to spend more time on academics and get involved on their campuses as leaders because they do not need to work multiple jobs. Our overall scholarship awards have reached \$1IMM.

A new list of Reaching Out Grants will be posted at the start of the school year. Our grants provide funding for innovative programs and enrichment opportunities to elevate achievement for all students and for projects that

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Tuning In To Music annual recital showcases benefits of playing music

Starting college - Transition to College (T2C) prepares First Generation AVID students for the new school year

foster educational success for under-resourced students. Innovation grants include Greenwich High School: Student Facing AI Tools, Middle School Science Teams: U.S Department of Energy Science Bowl, and BookBreak platform of A-List authors at the middle schools. Grants focused on under-resourced students include AVID professional development for Hamilton Avenue educators, theater arts comprehensive experiences for students at New Lebanon and Julian Curtiss Schools, and afterschool academic and enrichment programs at Hamilton Avenue

School. Free private music lessons for students participating in the Greenwich Alliance for Education's Tuning In To Music program begin again in the new school year. Greenwich Public School (GPS) music teachers recommend students eligible for free/reduced lunch to take afterschool music lessons taught and administered by the Connecticut School of Music. This opportunity expands access for these musicians to the vast array of ensembles offered in the district. And, from a GPS music teacher, "[playing] an instrument fosters confident,

independent thinkers who are actively engaged in learning and expressing themselves."

A new school year always makes me excited at the Greenwich Alliance. It also reminds me how important each year of education is for each student. We live in a wonderful community and investing in our children is worth it!

Julie Faryniarz is the Executive Director of the Greenwich Alliance for Education; YWCA Women Who Inspires Honoree; Recipient of the PTAC Excellence Award; Mother of 3 GPS graduates and married to her husband, Danny for 35 years

A Pastor to Presidents and Friends

The Reverend Dr. Russ Levenson's ministry has carried him from Birmingham to Yale to Houston, but it was in Texas where his vocation intersected most closely with history. As Rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Levenson presided over the largest Episcopal parish in North America, a congregation that grew to more than 10,000 members under his leadership. There he became pastor, counselor, and friend to leaders whose lives shaped not only Houston but the nation—the Bush and Baker families among them.

Levenson's years in Houston were not about celebrity, though his congregation included presidents and secretaries of state. They were about a vision of parish life where every person, whether a former head of state or a Sunday school student, was drawn more deeply into the rhythms of faith. Still, the proximity of public life to the pews gave his ministry a distinctive character. George H.W. and Barbara Bush were not only parishioners but

companions on a journey of faith. James A. Baker III, too, counts Levenson as a pastor and confidant.

He was with the Bushes in their final years—at the bedside, in prayer, at funerals watched across the globe. Yet his book Witness to Dignity: The Life and Faith of George H.W. and Barbara Bush reminds readers that the story of their lives was not primarily about politics but about faith, family, and service. Jenna Bush Hager described Levenson as “a dear friend and spiritual mentor to both my beloved grandparents,” adding, “His stories of friendship will fill you with hope and inspire grace.”

Those years brought him into public view, yet the heart of his ministry remained deeply personal. He recalls late-night conversations with Baker not about policy but about Scripture, not about campaigns but about calling. He speaks of Barbara Bush's humor, of the President's humility, of moments when their public responsibilities fell away and what remained was prayer. In Houston, faith was not ornamental—it was

essential.

At St. Martin's, Levenson's leadership extended far beyond the Bush pew. The parish expanded ministries for youth, grew in service to the poor, and deepened its global mission. The size of the congregation was extraordinary, but what mattered more was the culture he built—one that made room for both the powerful and the ordinary, where every voice was heard, and where worship anchored community.

When Levenson retired as rector, he stepped into a new calling as author and teacher. His most recent book, Witness to Belief: Conversations on Faith with Some of America's Most Influential Voices, gathers conversations with leaders from across public life—Denzel Washington, Jane Goodall, Condoleezza Rice, Admiral William McRaven, Amy Grant, Sam Waterston, and others. The project carries forward the same conviction that marked his Houston years: that faith is worth speaking of candidly, that its quiet power shapes lives as much as any political

act or public policy.

In October, Levenson will come to Greenwich as part of the Courage & Faith Speaker Series at Christ Church. His conversation with Sam Waterston will not only draw from his new book but also from a ministry defined by presence—at the altar, at the bedside, and at the intersection of faith and history.


Houston gave him a unique platform. The Bushes and Bakers gave him lasting friendships. St. Martin's gave him a pulpit large enough to serve a city and a parish that stretched across America. And yet, in Levenson's telling, these were never stories about him. They were stories of faith made visible, of public figures who allowed private belief to shape their lives, and of a pastor who walked beside them.


When he speaks in Greenwich this fall, he will bring with him not only books and stories but also the memory of those Houston years—when the nation's leaders knelt as parishioners, and when the role of a pastor was, at its core, to be a friend.

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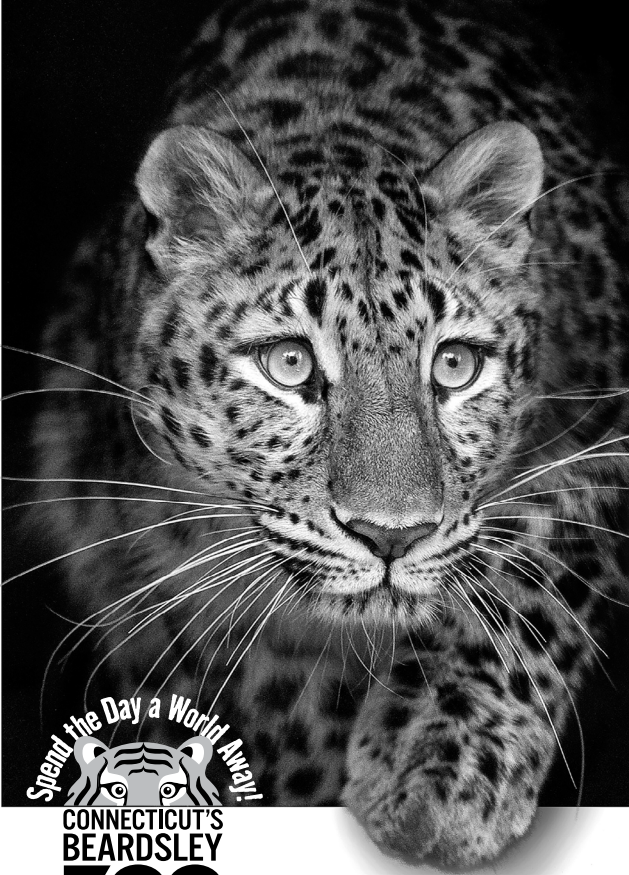
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By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Every birthday deserves a moment of warmth, joy, and connection - and thanks to the extraordinary joint effort between The Woman's Club of Greenwich and Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich, that's exactly what clients across the community are receiving. With love, care, and a true spirit of giving, The Woman's Club has introduced birthday bags that are now delighting recipients all over town. Each thoughtfully assembled bag includes a cheerful coloring book with colored pencils, comforting tea bags paired with lemon and honey, a sweet handful of Hershey's Kisses, and a heartfelt birthday card. It's a simple gesture that has brought immense joy, sparking smiles and lifting spirits in ways that go far beyond the contents of the bag.

This kind of compassionate outreach is no surprise coming from The Woman's Club of Greenwich, an organization with a proud and enduring legacy of service. Since its founding roots in 1910, and its reformation in 1917, the Club has continuously shaped and supported the civic life of Greenwich. Over the years, it has not only fostered essential community services - from the Community Chest and the Visiting Nurse Service to the Free Lunch Program - but it also gave birth to Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich. That service, which began as a small, caring initiative by a Club member in 1960, has grown remarkably

Warm Wishes on Wheels

To every Meals-on-Wheels client who receives a birthday bag, know that your community celebrates you - you are seen, you are valued, and you are never alone.

Annmarie Gordon, The Woman's Club of Greenwich & Amy Peel, Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich

while never losing sight of its purpose: to nourish, to connect, and to care.

Today, Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich delivers over 4,000 meals a month to more than 110 clients, offering thoughtfully tailored options to meet diverse dietary needs. But it's not just about nutrition. Every weekday morning, between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., a dedicated team of 75 volunteers fan out across

11 delivery routes, offering not just meals but also friendship, a warm hello, and often, the only in-person connection some recipients may have that day. The impact of these visits goes far beyond the plate - it touches hearts, eases loneliness, and sustains dignity and independence.

And now, with the arrival of the birthday bags, that spirit of care takes on an extra sparkle.

These are more than small gifts. They are joyful reminders that someone remembers, someone cares, and someone is celebrating with you. For clients, especially those who may be celebrating alone, these colorful, heartfelt packages are cherished moments of recognition and love.

The collaboration between The Woman's Club and Meals-on-Wheels is a shining example of what can happen when tradition meets action, and when community spirit is matched with compassion. This partnership reflects the very best of Greenwich: a place where people look out for one another, where service is woven into the fabric of everyday life, and where kindness never goes out of style.

To The Woman's Club of Greenwich, thank you for your unwavering commitment to uplifting those around you. To Meals-on-Wheels, thank you for turning compassion into daily action. And to every client who receives one of these birthday bags, know that your community celebrates you - you are seen, you are valued, and you are never alone.

Visit mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org or contact them at (203) 869-1312 to get started. Your community is

How I Spent My Summer Vacation (and Why You Might Want To, Too!)

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Not every summer has to be about sleeping in or scrolling TikTok for hours. This year, some Greenwich teens spent their break doing something different - and way more meaningful. They volunteered with Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, the nonprofit that makes life brighter for the residents of The Nathaniel Witherell, a senior residential facility and rehab center here in Greenwich.

What Volunteering Looked Like

Teen volunteers engaged with residents and got to step into someone's day to make it better. A typical volunteer shift meant:

- * Helping with bingo and card games (and making them surprisingly competitive!)
- * Assisting with art activities

- * Escorting residents to events and activities within the residential facility
- * Hanging out one-on-one, chatting, and connecting

What Teens Got Out of It

Yes, the volunteer hours count for school and college apps. But what students really walked away with was so much bigger: confidence, patience, and the kind of experience you can't get in a classroom.

Why It Matters

Thanks to Friends of Nathaniel Witherell charitable support and volunteer program, residents don't just live at The Nathaniel Witherell - they feel at home. Volunteers are a huge part of that feeling, bringing joy, energy, and connection to people who truly appreciate it.

Want In?

High school students (sophomores and above) can volunteer year-round. No special skills are required - just a positive attitude and willingness to show up.

Learn more by contacting Mary Tate at mary.tate@friendsofnw.org or sign up at friendsofnathanielwitherell.org

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Teen volunteers from Greenwich High School, Brunswick School and Greenwich Academy

Central Middle School Project Milestones as Construction Advances

After years of planning and community input, the new Central Middle School campus is now visibly taking shape, and construction crews are working steadily to meet the scheduled opening in fall 2026.

The project is a two-phase, 21-acre campus build. Phase One, under way now, includes construction of the new school building. The current CMS building remains in use for students and staff, who are in their final year there.

In late 2021, Greenwich Public Schools commissioned an assessment of the existing Central Middle School's condition, examining architecture, structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. That report confirmed the building no longer met current Connecticut building codes.

In mid-2023, the project won Municipal Improvement status from the Planning & Zoning Commission — a necessary step to secure funding and move forward with site plan approvals.

The project carries a price tag of approximately \$112 million. State reimbursement is expected to cover about 20% of that total, significantly more than earlier estimates.

Educational specifications for the new facility, developed in collaboration with school staff, families, and civic leaders, call for modern learning spaces, enhanced safety, and sustainability features.

According to the September 2025 construction bulletin:

August saw completion of foundation systems, erection of structural steel, upper-level exterior framing, and beginnings of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) work. The roofing system was started, and slabs (slab-on-deck and slab-on-grade) were placed at upper levels.



Central Middle School Rendering

Underground plumbing/sewage work is progressing, particularly along Indian Rock Lane.

Looking ahead:

Work will continue through Saturdays in September and October, as builders finalize decking and structural detailing.

Much of the focus will be on installing the roof systems, exterior envelope framing, and rough-in of upper-level MEP hangers.

Additional concrete slab placement and installation of stormwater and utility systems outdoors are also planned.

What the New School Will Offer

Once completed, the new Central Middle School building will be a two-story structure of about 125,000 gross square feet, designed to serve approximately 660 students in grades 6-8. The design includes:

Flexible learning environments with academic pods and specialty classrooms.

Large shared spaces—auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium—that support both school and community events.

Safe, separate drop-off areas for buses and cars, improved parking facilities, and better site circulation.

Community and Oversight

The CMS Building Committee, established in July 2022, includes representatives from the Board of Education, the town's planning, zoning, and facilities departments, and Greenwich Public Schools administration. Chair Joe Rossetti has emphasized keeping the project on budget and aligned with community expectations. First Selectman Fred Camillo, state representatives, and members of the town's House delegation have played active roles in

securing funding and regulatory support.

Transparency has been a priority. Monthly updates are published by the Building Committee, community forums have been held, and construction notices (such as weekend work and potential disruptions) are being distributed to neighboring areas.

What to Expect

The new school is expected to be ready for occupancy by summer 2026, with demolition of the old building to follow and athletic fields rebuilt on that area.

School operations in the old building will continue until the new one receives its final certificate of occupancy.

Safety measures, especially around traffic flow and pedestrian access, are being integrated into the design to reduce risk during construction.

Girls Swim Team Tops Trumbull In Season-Opening Meet



Photo courtesy of Kara Mendelsohn: Greenwich High School senior captain Ainsley Sahrbeck competes in the butterfly event for the Cardinals in their season-opening meet against Trumbull at Greenwich High School. The Cardinals won.

By LIZ LEAMY

A decisive season-opening win against Trumbull was the first of what should be, many victories for Greenwich High School's varsity girls swimming/diving team, a program that indeed, boasts a championship pedigree.

One season ago, the Cardinals captured the team title at the CIAC Class LL Swimming Championships for the second straight season, giving them 31 Class LL crowns overall. Greenwich, which also has 22 State Open championships to its resume and a wealth of FCIAC team titles, begins its 2025 campaign with plenty of talent, depth, experience and of course, high expectations.

The Cardinals captured the CIAC Class LL championship last fall with an astounding 1,012 team points and placed second behind champion Ridgefield at the State Open Championships by 36 points. Greenwich was also the runner-up to Ridgefield at the FCIAC championship meet.

"We have a great group back from our State Open runner-up team and 11 new members to our team, so we have a lot of new faces, which is great too for the continued strength of the team," Greenwich coach Brendan Heller said. "It will be a fun season."

The Cardinals opened their season with a 97-65 home win over Trumbull High School on Sept. 3, showcasing their depth in each event. Captaining the Cardinals are, in alphabetical order are seniors Olivia DeVito, Melissa Geiger, Isabel Guzman, Ainsley Sahrbeck and Wesley Wales.

DeVito is one of the Cards' divers, while Geiger, Guzman, Sahrbeck and Wales will be looked upon to power the squad in multiple

swimming events.

"I'm feeling really pumped, the team is super amazing," Guzman said. "We have great spirit, we have a lot of talent and I'm really pumped to see what we can accomplish this season."

Guzman posted a third-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:08.30) at last season's CIAC Class LL Championships. In Greenwich's season-opener versus Trumbull on Sept. 3, junior Julia Kozma, sophomore Sara Jee, Geiger and Wales started the meet by combining to win the 200-yard medley relay in 1:54.62.

Sophomore Olivia DeVries was the 200-yard freestyle winner for Greenwich, registering a time of 2:01.70. Junior Isadora Nassa placed second for the Cardinals in the 200 freestyle, clocking in at 2:02.20 and teammate Anna Whitridge took third in 2:06.13.

Geiger won the 200-yard individual medley race against Trumbull, recording a time of 2:16.08. Jee was the runner-up in 2:16.83, while Guzman had a third-place finish (2:21.21).

"It's really amazing to be a part of a team that is so honored and has had so many accomplishments over the past couple of years," Geiger said.

At last year's Class LL Championships, Geiger finished second in the 100-yard butterfly (58.33) and had a second-place finish in the 500 freestyle (5:05.35).

"Being able to help lead the team is something I've looked forward to the past couple of years," Geiger said of her role as one of the Cards' captains.

Alexis Abellard of Trumbull was the 50 freestyle winner, touching the wall in 25.49 seconds. Elsa Wang, a freshman, was the runner-up for GHS in 26.66, followed by teammates Lily Norton (a senior, 27.74) and Florence Kim

(freshman, 28.36).

Geiger touched the wall first in the 100-yard butterfly race (59.28 seconds) and Sahrbeck placed second (1:02.71). Trumbull's Jessica Nagelo finished third 1:03.06) and Jee was fourth (1:05.75).

Like her teammates, Sahrbeck is looking forward to helping lead the team to its goals this fall.

"It's really exciting, I'm really happy to have the role," Sahrbeck said. "This is such a great team, it's been such a special place for me and now to be one of the leaders of it officially is super exciting and I'm really honored."

Sahrbeck had a fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle at the 2024 Class LL Championships and will be looked upon to help propel the squad at the postseason meets once again this season.

"It was amazing, it was so much fun," Sahrbeck said of last season's team victory at the CIAC Class LL championship meet. "We got over 1,000 points, so that was super cool, making history."

In the 100 freestyle race against Trumbull, junior Ellison Charette earned a winning performance, posting a time of 55.24 seconds. Close behind her was teammate Kensington Worden, a junior (55.91). Kozma was third in 57.16.

Wales won the 500-yard freestyle, showing her endurance by winning the race in 5:23.89. DeVries placed second (5:27.21) and Whitridge was third (5:45.72).

Especially impressive to Wales is how well the freshman on the squad have adjusted to competing at the varsity level.

"They're all amazing, they got right into it," Wales said. "They've put their heads down, they're training really hard and they're all doing

amazing."

Heller appreciates the effort, commitment, production and leadership skills of his senior captains.

"The captains are great," Heller said. "They came in their first year and set the tone. They have embodied what this team is all about. To have them as captains now is great."

Wales was the 200 freestyle champion at the 2024 Class LL finals (1:51.32) and placed second in the 100 freestyle (51.66). She was second in the 200 freestyle at the 2024 State Open at Yale University (1:50.82).

"For the team, our goal is to see where we are at, see what we can do as a team and build up our depth," Wales noted. "Ultimately, at the end of the season, our goal is to win Opens. Obviously, we want to win FCIACs, LLs, but the Open is our really big goal."

Greenwich swam exhibition against Trumbull in the 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke and the 400 freestyle relay, meaning they opted to not score points in those events, since they already clinched a victory in the meet.

Freshman Alden Charette of GHS had the best time in the 100 backstroke in the meet (1:02.47). Teammate Elsa Wang, also a freshman, had the second best time (1:05.50).

Sophomore Kensington Worden had the meet's best time in the 100 breaststroke, finishing the event for GHS with a time of 1:11.81. Ellison Charette had the second best time (1:12.68).

Geiger, Jee, Nassa and DeVries teamed up to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:46.64). Alden Charette, DeVries, Sahrbeck and Wang combined for the best time in the 400 freestyle relay (3:51.42). The Cardinals' meet against Trumbull did not include diving. DeVito and Kristen Jacks are Greenwich's senior divers. Sophomores Alina Khilko and Clementine Whittle are sophomore divers and Alden Charette is also a diver. Jacks won the Class LL 1-meter diving championship in 2024 with an 11-round score of 400 points. DeVito placed second with 399.10 points.

Greenwich's next meet is Sept. 16 when it travels to FCIAC foe Danbury. They will then host Westhill/Stamford on Sept. 17.

"There were a lot of good races, everyone was super loud and it was super fun," Guzman said of the Cardinals' season-opener. "Everyone swam great and I'm proud of the team. We want to do very well at State Open and LL and get the triple crown."

"This is a supportive group, everyone cheers for each other all the time and it's super special," Sahrbeck said. "It's good to be back, it's such a great environment and I'm really excited for the season."

"We all want the same thing, we want the same goal so it's a great place where we can work together to achieve the same thing."

Said Heller: "We want to work really hard during the regular season, be competitive in the dual meets and use the FCIACs to build on for the state meet. That's always the goal, to be our best in November. We are going to be training hard for November."

Greenwich High's Girls Volleyball Sweeps Past Southington, Newtown

By DAVID FIERRO

The 2025 season has started in sensational fashion for Greenwich High School's varsity girls volleyball team.

The Cardinals opened their season with a home match against non-conference rival Southington High School on the road on September 4th and earned a 3-0 win. Greenwich then traveled to Newtown High School Sept.

8 and experienced the same type of success, posting a 3-0 victory.

Greenwich's 3-0 triumph against Southington was a hard-fought affair, as it won the match by set scores of 25-22, 25-23, 25-22. Junior middle hitter Kayah Armstrong registered 12 kills and three digs, while junior outside hitter Heidi Zieme posted 10 kills, 10 digs and three aces to help power the Cardinals. Sophomore Bailee

Dayon recorded 23 digs and one ace, junior setter Victoria Sullivan had 30 assists, nine digs and one ace and senior outside hitter Aleena Jacobsen tallied 11 digs and six kills for the Cardinals.

On Sept. 8, the Cardinals visited the Nighthawks of Newtown and swept to a 25-16, 25-16, 25-16 victory. Sullivan notched 26 assists, two blocks and two aces, while Jacobsen had six kills and three digs in the win. Armstrong had 12

kills, Dayon registered seven digs, three assists and one ace and Zieme added two aces and one dig for the 2-0 Cardinals.

Greenwich hosts FCIAC foe St. Joseph in its home-opener on Sept. 10. Match time is at 4 p.m. The Cardinals advanced all the way to the semifinal-round of the CIAC Class LL Volleyball Tournament in 2024, where they were edged by Darien, 3-2.

Greenwich Academy Volleyball Sweeps St. Luke's In Season-Opener

By DAVID FIERRO

Greenwich Academy's varsity volleyball team was a sweeping success in its season-opening match against St. Luke's School on September 9th.

The Gators began their 2025 season in style, sweeping FAA foe St. Luke's, 3-0, in New Canaan. Greenwich Academy won their season-opener by set scores of 25-15, 25-13, 25-8.

Setter Caroline Brower recorded eight aces,

six digs and 27 assists to lead GA to its decisive win. Outside hitter Devon Mahaffy registered 12 kills, four aces and five digs in the winning effort. Issy Fottrell added 11 kills and one block for the victors.

Greenwich Academy is in action again on September 11th, as its plays is home-opening match against Masters School at 4:30 p.m. GA then hosts rival Sacred Heart Greenwich on Sept. 16th at 4:15 p.m.

Audi and FlyHouse generate big energy at Greenwich Polo Club



From Sunday's East Coast open semifinals by Claudia Suica

By LIZ LEAMY

Last Sunday, the rain cleared up and the sun came out as the talented and skilled players of Audi and FlyHouse, both equine and human, went head-to-head against one another in a high-energy four-chukker exhibition match in which the former, headed by the iconic Mariano Aguerre, edged out the latter, 9-8, at the Greenwich Polo Club.

This lively showdown was memorable on all counts as virtually all of the spectators, totaling nearly 3,000 individuals, applauded and cheered for teams all afternoon with players describing this match as first rate in every regard.

“It was really wonderful and the crowd was great,” said Christophe Landon of Audi, owner of Christophe Landon Rare Violins Inc. based in New York City who is a prize-winning violin maker, expert restorer and international dealer in instruments and bows, as well one of the popular mainstay players at the Greenwich Polo Club. “The field was amazing too and everything went very well.”

Aside from the polo, another golden takeaway of the afternoon was to see everyone having

such a grand time watching the match along the sidelines whether sitting in the grandstands, or relaxing at one of the giant tents, cabanas, lawn tables or on blankets.

Meanwhile, during the 10-minute halftime, hundreds of people traversed onto the massive Conyers Farm polo field to stomp the divots while also enjoying the music of string musicians, courtesy of Christophe Landon, who played some amazing pieces of music.

Conclusively, hundreds of spectators and supporters also attended the buoyant awards ceremony held at the conclusion of the match.

“The Greenwich Polo Club represents excellence and class and also the association of sport and art,” said Landon, whose team, Stradavarius, was one of the formidable five high-goal entries in this year’s East Coast Open. “It’s an incredible place.”

Throughout the afternoon, scores of people could also be seen teeming around the grounds behind the grandstand either visiting the extensive lineup of food vendor trucks and retailers there, including the ever-Greenwich Polo Shop with its ever-popular Greenwich Polo Club

merchandise, among other things.

“It’s been so busy, as it has been each week. This is an incredible place and all of the people here are amazing. Everyone is having such a good time,” said Mark Steinberg, co-owner with his brother, Michael Steinberg, of the Trail Network merchandise company based in Port Chester, New York, who are partners of the Greenwich Polo Club and proprietors of the Greenwich Polo Store. “We have a lot of friends here and always make new friends. It’s great.”

Others agreed.

“It’s amazing here. I love the atmosphere, the spirit of the people and how lively the game is,” said Alice Ho of New York City who was attending her first-ever Greenwich Polo Club match. “This is my first time here and it’s been a great experience. There’s so much to explore as well with all the different food trucks and retailers. There are so many options.”

Another standout of the match was the stunning parade of beautiful fashions worn by everyone, a variable that reflects so muc of the gold-star brand and reputation of the Greenwich Polo Club, with this collection of eye-catching

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ensembles featuring bright-colored, beautifully cut dresses, light-hued khakis and slacks, sharp-looking blazers and enticing hats, among other things.

At the same time, the vastness and pastoral beauty along with the incredible art on display at the Greenwich Polo Club are also much of what has come to define the unique and golden experience there.

“It’s been great to be here. To see all the people, the size of the field and this match has been amazing,” said Pamela Benet of Boston who was also attending her first-ever match at the Greenwich Polo Club. “The huge sculpture across the field (‘Untitled (Big Clay #3)’ by Urs Fischer located next to the Brant Foundation Art Study Center) is just so beautiful.”

The 2025 high goal season at the Greenwich Polo Club will wrap up with the Greenwich Cup sponsored by Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. based in New York City on Sunday, September 14th. (Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. will be celebrating Barbados Day that afternoon as well.)

For more information, please visit the Greenwich Polo Club website at: www.greenwichpoloclub.com

GHS Girls Soccer Starts Season with Shutout Win at Cardinal Stadium



Photo by David Fierro: From left to right: Julia Gustaffson, Ella Whitridge and Anna Lenschow are senior captains of the Greenwich High School varsity girls soccer team, which defeated Fairfield Ludlowe in the season-opening game.

By DAVID FIERRO

The past five seasons saw Greenwich High School’s girls varsity soccer team register winning records while giving the premier teams in the FCIAC and state all they could handle and more.

Watching the Cardinals display their depth, talent and skill while competing against Fairfield Ludlowe in their season-opening game, it was apparent an especially strong run in the FCIAC and state tournaments could be in the Cards this fall.

Scoring one goal in each half, Greenwich kicked off its 2025 campaign in fine form, earning a convincing 2-0 victory over Fairfield Ludlowe in an FCIAC matchup held on Sept. 3 at Cardinal Stadium.

“It was a really positive start,” Greenwich head coach Simon Rumbold said. “It was convincing and I felt we had control of the game for the most part. Possession and shots on goal, shows that story too.”

The Cardinals, who hosted state/FCIAC powerhouse St. Joseph today (Sept. 5), are coming off a stellar 2024 campaign in which they

posted a record of 7-5-3 in the FCIAC, good for 24 points, qualifying them for both the FCIAC and CIAC Class LL Tournaments.

In the 2024 CIAC Class LL Tournament, Greenwich topped Shelton, 3-0, in the first round and played extremely well while being edged by St. Joseph, 1-0, in the second round. Top-seeded St. Joseph proceeded to win the Class LL state championship, defeating Ridgefield, 2-1, in the final. The 2023 season saw the Cardinals advance all the way to the quarterfinal round of the CIAC Class LL tourney, where they lost in dramatic fashion to Staples, 2-1, in a game decided in penalty kicks. Greenwich beat Wilton and Southington in the opening two rounds of the 2023 state tournament.

Greenwich’s three 2025 captains – Julia Gustafsson, Anna Lenschow and Ella Whitridge have experienced the squad’s impressive success the past several seasons and are primed to help lead the Cards to greater success this fall.

As Rumbold noted, Gustafsson has been a member of the varsity squad since her freshman year and has started every game, while Lenschow and Whitridge have also been mainstays on the varsity team.

“We’re feeling pretty confident about the season,” said Lenschow, a center midfielder, who received All-FCIAC First Team honors for the 2024 season. “We have a lot of new additions this year to our team that are really going to help us move forward throughout the season where they can come on and make an instant impact.”

Lenschow, who was active throughout Greenwich’s 2-0 triumph against Ludlowe in the season-opener for both teams on Sept. 3, solidifies the Cards’ midfield along with junior Kenna Harlow. Gustaffson and Whitridge excelled in the season-opening win as well, propelling Greenwich’s outstanding and efficient defensive effort. Greenwich enjoyed the possession edge in a big way against Fairfield Ludlowe and when the Falcons did have the ball, the Cardinals’ backline defenders cleared it out of harm’s way, enabling their team to go on the attack.

“Julia has played basically every minute since she was a freshman, she is a key defender on the team,” Rumbold said. “Ella since sophomore year has been a key defender on the team.”

Indeed, like her fellow captains, Gustaffson embraces her role as one of the squad’s leaders.

“We have such a good team this year, so being able to be a leader on it is great.” Gustaffson said. “Using what we know as players and our experience and giving it to freshmen – it’s a really cool experience.”

Gustaffson appreciates the togetherness the team has exhibited in all areas of the field.

“In past years, we’ve always had good people on the team,” she said. “This year, the chemistry is really good and I think using that on and off the field will really help us get to where we want to go. We want to make it far in states and far in FCIACs.”

Junior Shay Sippel is also a returning defender, the team is relying upon to power the backline.

“We work as a unit and our job is to keep the field compact and keep the game at a pace that we play at the whole game and I think we did a good job of that,” said Whitridge following the Cardinals’ shutout win versus Ludlowe. “We’ve been working really hard in the preseason and we’ve done really well in our scrimmages. With the new additions, we’ve been working on building team chemistry and I think we did that really well today.”

Siena Ettinger, one of the Cardinals’ new additions, scored the team’s first goal of the season. A freshman forward, her first-half goal gave GHS a 1-0 lead on Ludlowe. Junior forward Gabriella Cimador converted a shot from approximately 10 yards out with 27:12 remaining in the second half, putting the Cardinals on top of the Falcons, 2-0.

Senior Harriet Franks returns as a scoring threat at forward, where she created a lot of chances for GHS against Ludlowe. Ettinger, Cimador, junior Ashley Morris and freshman Sophia Gega are also among some of Greenwich’s top offensive athletes.

Sophomore Taylor DeVries begins her first season as the starting goalie for GHS, a role 2025 graduate Lauren Huang successfully filled the previous two seasons. The upcoming week has Greenwich visiting Wilton on Sept. 9 and Bridgeport Central on Sept. 11. Greenwich’s next home game is Sept. 17 against FCIAC rival Staples.

“Our goal this year is to definitely make it to a far stage in FCIACs and states,” Lenschow said. “We’ve been building up in previous years to reach this point and we’re really excited where we’re going this year.”

As for being one of the Cards’ captains? “It feels nice, we have a good team behind us and I’m excited that I get to lead the team with my fellow captains,” Lenschow noted.

Said Whitridge: “The best thing that we have to do is communicate with each other and act together and keep the field secure. We need to continue to put in more hard work, communicate with each other and trust in each other, which I think we’re all going to be doing really well.”

RMA Presents “Can Trump Bring Peace to Ukraine?”



Dr. Thomas Graham of the Council on Foreign Relations spoke on the prospects for peace between Russia and Ukraine.

European allies are concretely discussing security guarantees and military assistance for Ukraine, including the possibility of “boots on the ground” in a peace deal.

By JAMES DEAN

In a candid and thought-provoking address at the September 3 meeting of the Retired Men’s Association, Thomas Graham, a distinguished fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, offered a nuanced perspective on the protracted conflict in Ukraine. Introduced warmly by host Bob Phillips, Graham, who also co-founded Yale’s Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies program and served on the National Security Council staff, asserted that President Donald Trump could indeed bring peace to Ukraine, albeit not on the immediate timeline Trump might envision.

Graham highlighted a recent flurry of diplomatic activity, including a summit between President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Anchorage, Alaska, followed by a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and European leaders to discuss security guarantees. To Graham, this signaled the start of an “intensive period of diplomacy” focused on the complex issues necessary for a satisfactory conclusion to the conflict.

Despite what he characterized as significant media criticism of Trump’s recent conduct, Graham delved into three primary areas of concern. The first was the Anchorage meeting itself, where Trump’s warm welcome to Putin was seen by many as validating the Russian leader and bringing him out of isolation. Graham acknowledged the justification of this criticism, noting that the Russian press began to speak of “two superpowers” again. However, he emphasized that dialogue with the opposing side is “imperative,” to understand red lines and potential compromises.

The second criticism focused on the perceived lack of momentum in the diplomacy, particularly Putin’s insistence that he would not meet with Zelensky unless Ukraine was prepared to surrender – a non-starter for Kyiv. Yet, Graham revealed that substantial work was occurring behind the scenes. European allies are concretely discussing security guarantees and military assistance for Ukraine, including the possibility of “boots on the ground” in a peace deal. Ukraine, too, is intensifying efforts to develop its own defense industrial sector to produce necessary equipment and build a military deterrent. Meanwhile, Washington and Moscow are in private conversations to clarify the ambiguities from the Anchorage talks. Graham stressed the importance of

this private diplomacy for sensitive issues.

Finally, Graham addressed Trump’s pivot from demanding a ceasefire and threatening sanctions, to instead seeking a comprehensive peace agreement before any cessation of hostilities, a position that echoed Putin’s long-standing stance. Graham offered two key insights: first, there was little evidence that the West or Ukraine possessed the means to compel Russia into a ceasefire anytime soon. Second, he reminded the audience that, historically, diplomacy and warfare often occur simultaneously, citing the Korean, Vietnam, and Afghanistan wars as examples. Given the immense complexity of a comprehensive peace, Graham suggested focusing on a framework agreement outlining principles and parameters for an ultimate settlement. Such an agreement, offering confidence to both sides regarding their vital interests, could pave the way for a ceasefire and subsequent detailed negotiations, a path lower-level administration officials are reportedly exploring.

Graham argued that the current moment presents an opportune time for serious peace talks, as both Ukraine and Russia possess strategic reasons to end the conflict swiftly. Ukraine faces a severe demographic crisis, exacerbated by millions fleeing abroad, and horrific economic devastation, with reconstruction costs estimated to be upwards of half a trillion dollars. Prolonged conflict also threatens the consolidation of Ukraine’s nascent democratic systems. While Ukraine is unlikely to join NATO or militarily regain all occupied territories, it can achieve its essential goal: preserving a sovereign, independent state capable of self-defense, accelerating European integration, and building a prosperous democracy. Graham cited Finland’s post-World War II experience as a model for recovery and prosperity despite territorial losses.

For Russia, the costs are equally compelling, albeit different. The conflict has resulted in an estimated million-plus casualties, with 250,000 to 300,000 killed – a figure exceeding all Russian losses in combined conflicts since World War II. The economy is strained, facing recession and stagflation, and Russia is falling behind in cutting-edge technology compared to global powers like the United States, China, Europe, and even India. Graham highlighted that normalizing relations with the U.S. is crucial for Russia to

open commercial opportunities and, critically, to rebalance its increasingly asymmetrical relationship with China, whose economy and technological capabilities vastly outweigh Russia’s. Without the U.S. as a counterbalance, Russia cannot maintain its status as an independent great power.

Despite these strategic imperatives, Putin remains focused on maximal demands, believing Russia holds the advantage and that Ukrainian and European resolve will eventually falter. To navigate this, Graham proposed four key steps for U.S. policy under the Trump administration: establish unity among Ukraine, Europe, and the U.S. on the ultimate goal of preserving Ukrainian sovereignty and westward integration; continue supporting Ukraine militarily, prioritizing direct equipment provision and investment in its defense industrial sector, while exercising caution with additional sanctions due to potential global “knock-on effects”; maintain dialogue with Russia at various levels, as they are instrumental to any cessation of hostilities; and finally, demonstrate persistence and patience, making it clear to Putin that time is not on his side.

Graham concluded that while Trump has created an “opening,” peace is not easily achieved, requiring “a lot of hard work.” He emphasized that the coming months would reveal if Trump possessed the capability to see this through to an end that serves American interests. A lively Q&A ensued.

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

The RMA’s next presentation, “Understanding Dementia: Vital Insights for You and Your Loved Ones” by Matthew McConnell, M.D., is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

In this informative presentation Dr. Matthew McConnell will address key questions regarding dementia, for which there is as yet no cure.

- What behavioral changes are there in normal aging?
 - What behavior suggests that we get tested for dementia?
 - What medications have been developed to treat/restrain dementia?
 - What is the focus of current efforts to find a cure for dementia?
- The presentation will be followed

by an opportunity for audience questions and answers.

Dr. McConnell is a board-certified neurologist and epileptologist. He was formerly one of the medical directors of Atrium Health, serving as a general neurologist and epileptologist managing four offices in the Charlotte, North Carolina region. He was also a Clinical Assistant Professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Dr. McConnell attended Duke University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience and psychology with a minor in biology and chemistry. He went on to complete his medical degree at Wake Forest University. He completed his neurology residency at University of Virginia followed by an epilepsy fellowship at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. McConnell’s approach to patient care is centered around listening carefully to the details of the patient’s life and tailoring a treatment approach that is unique to their diagnosis, personal preferences, and lifestyle. He believes that the physician-patient relationship is deeply based around communication and trust.

To stream the presentation by Matthew McConnell, M.D. at 11 AM on Wednesday, September 17, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 1310.

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

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How to Move Into Greenwich When You are Not Rich



BY MARK PRUNER

Greenwich is known as a wealthy enclave, and it is. This year we have already sold more houses over \$10 million through August than we have ever sold for full year. If the trend continues, we will sell around 37 houses over ten million dollars, but what about the other end of the market?

What if you are not a multi-millionaire, but you'd like to live in Greenwich? Young families moving to Greenwich is our largest segment of buyers from outside Greenwich. A related group are kids who grew up in Greenwich and would like to come back.

Young families

Buying a house

New York City has lots of good jobs and is a magnet for people from around the world. When you are young and single it's a great place to be and there are lots of prospective partners to meet. As these folks get older, their salaries go up and many of them start thinking of green grass and a calmer place to raise kids.

Let say you only want to spend \$1 million, even despite a 50% run up in prices since 2019. Year to date in Greenwich, we have sold 11 houses for \$1 million or less. Square footage is from 1,200 to 2,200 s.f. with most of the houses having 3 bedrooms, a good choice for a family of 2 or 3. Location is likely in an R-7 zone (.172 acres) in Old Greenwich, Riverside, Cos Cob, Pemberwick or Byram and don't forget Banksville in our northeast corner.

I checked with Stan Yee, the SVP of Mortgage Lending at Origin Point Mortgage. He said that with 20% down an \$800K mortgage at 6.35% would have a mortgage payment of just under \$6,000/mo including property taxes and insurance. Mortgage companies would like your housing costs to be no more than 37% of income, which means that you would need an income of around \$195,000 to buy your \$1 million house in Greenwich.

Personally, I think \$195K is a lot of money, but it's not nearly what it was 20 years ago. Nowadays, that's the starting salary for a Tuck MBA grad at Dartmouth (my alma mater :). If our couple met at grad school with two of these salaries, they can look for a house all the way up to \$2 million dollars. Here

they have a lot more choices with 93 of our 362 sales so far this year being under \$2 million.

For \$2 million, You now get 4 or 5 bedrooms with houses around 4,000 s.f. and even 5,000 s.f. if you are willing to do some work. Lot size can be as big as one acre, though it centers around the R-12 zone of quarter-acre lots. In addition to the areas mentioned for our under \$1 million, you now have Glenville, more areas in Old Greenwich, Riverside, and Cos Cob as well as North Mianus and the lower part of mid-country.

Buying a condo

If you are two adults, or have a baby, many families will look at condos. Instead of the only 11 houses that have sold under \$1 million, we have 59 condos, some as large as 2,000 s.f. that sold for less than \$1,000,000. For young families and DINKs (dual income, no kids) a condo is a great option, because the association takes care of landscaping, garbage, snow plowing and usually exterior maintenance. This can make a two-income life a lot less stressful.

So far this year, we have sold 115 condos and 85% of them have been under \$2 million. You can live very well in a \$2 million condo that is walking distance from Greenwich Avenue, the train and just around the corner from Exit 3 on I-95.

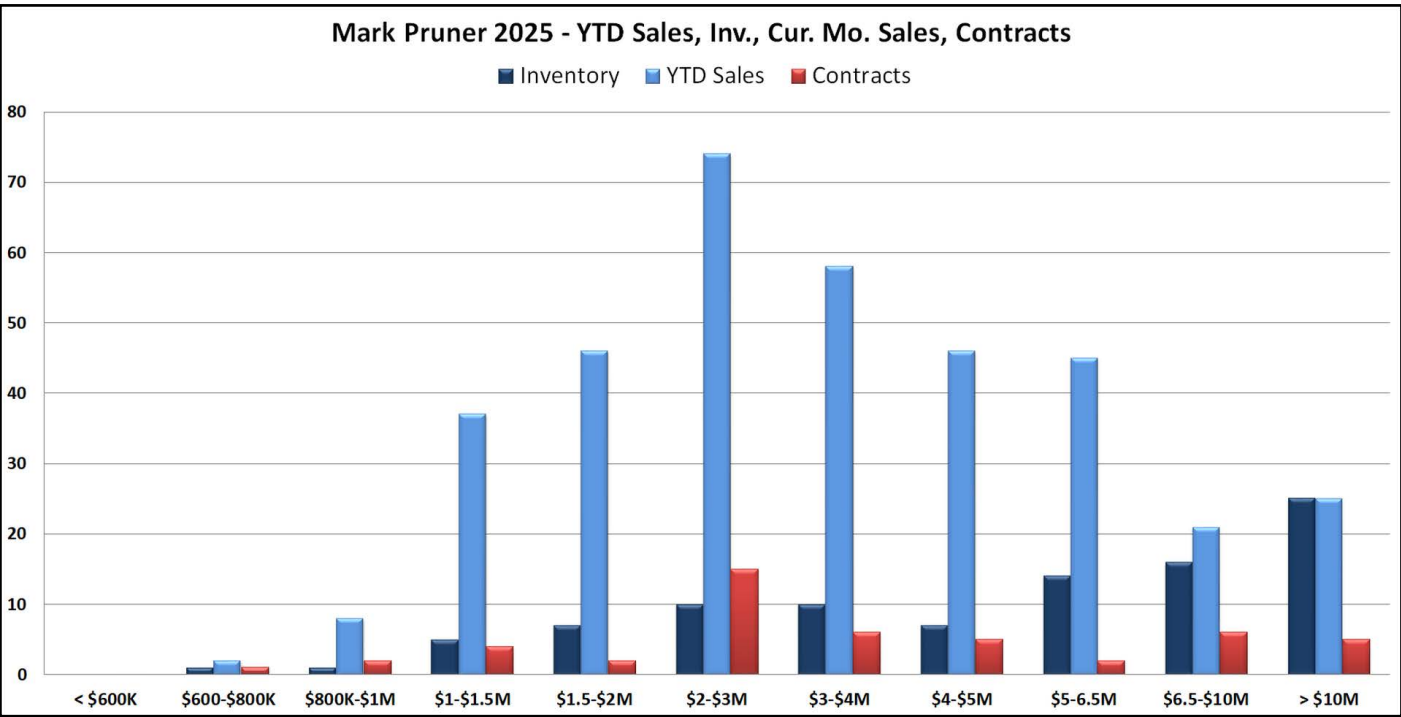
Renting

If you want to live in Greenwich, you don't have to rush if you rent. While there is one listing available under \$1 million on the GMLS you have 59 listings under \$6,000 . With the small number of houses available bidding your time in a rental and then moving quickly, when the right house comes along is a good strategy.

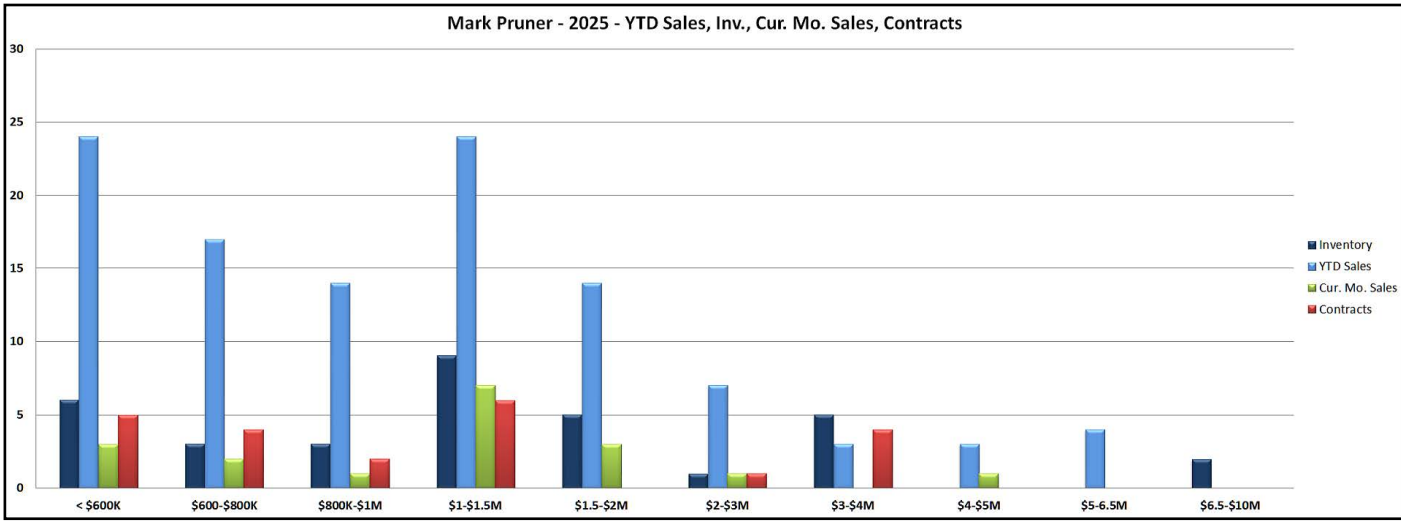
While you are renting, get underwritten pre-approved for a mortgage. This is almost as good as cash when it comes to making an offer as you only need an appraisal to get your mortgage approved. Also, you can try out a neighborhood in your rental and see if you like it.

Kids who grew up in Greenwich

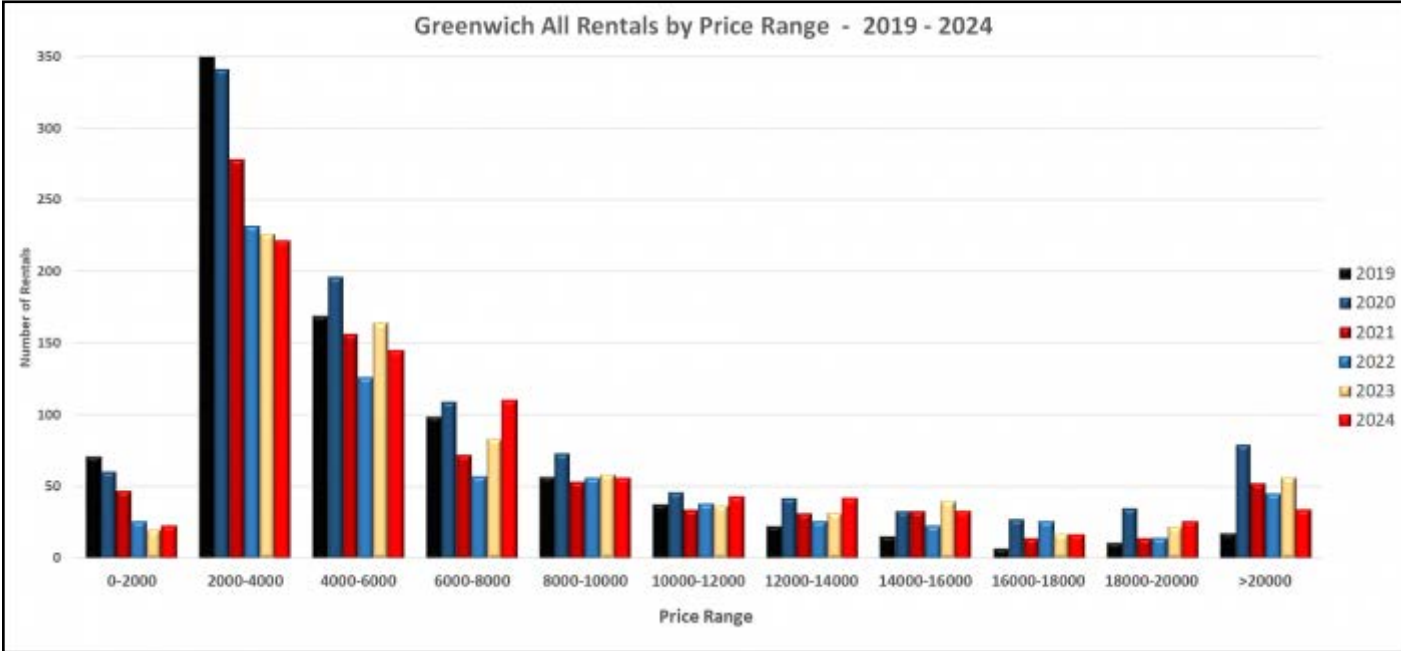
Much of what I wrote above young families applies to kids who grew up in Greenwich. The one principal difference is that many kids who grew up in Greenwich would like to move back when they are still single. Generally, moving back in with your parents is not a great option. You've been away from home for 4 – 8 years and



We have sold 11 houses under \$1M so far in 2025 and only have one listing.



We have lots more condos under \$1M and 85% of our sales are under \$2M.



Rental prices have moved up with inflation, but we still have plenty of inventory under \$5,000/mo or only \$2,500/mo for two roommates.

meeting someone and asking them back to your place to meet your father and mother is not a great pick-up line. Also, if you watch your parents' faces when you talk about moving back home, you'll see that while they won't say it, they'd like you to find your own place.

That sentiment can work in your favor. If you are just starting out, the place you can afford is probably rented by word of mouth. We have 4 listings available on the GMLS for under \$2,500 so it's a good time to find a roommate or two. We have 47 options on the GMLS under \$5,000. So, check the classifieds and Craigslist,

but motivate your parents, by letting them know if they can't find a place for you to rent, you'll have to become a boomerang child and move back in with them. The next thing you know your mom and all of her friends are looking for a place for you and so is your dad and his friends and everyone at the club.

Let's say that you've been living in the city with two of your college buddies and you have met the "one" and neither of you want to live together with your college buddies. You also both have been doing well, but you are a HENRY (High Earners, Not

Rich Yet). For these folks, the killer is the downpayment. Often young families have been devoting their extra income to paying down their college and grad school and haven't had time to create a nest egg for a downpayment.

Look at your options for 90% and even higher loan to value mortgages. (If you are a veteran, you may even qualify for 100% financing.) Mom and Dad can also help out. Downpayment assistance makes for a hell of a wedding gift. If the downpayment assistance comes as loan, with or without interest, make sure everyone signs a formal loan

agreement. You never know what happens if the kids or the parents get divorced or someone passes away. The time to agree on that is when everyone is in a good mood, not when the knives are out or you are dealing with a corporate executor or estranged siblings.

Lots of people want to live in Greenwich. Having a good agent, being prepared and moving quickly can make all the difference.

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46 Park Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$5,450,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Brown Harris Stevens
11 Valleywood Road	Cos Cob	\$2,850,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Brown Harris Stevens
34 Park Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$15,500	Sun 12-2 PM	Brown Harris Stevens
267 Riversville Road	Greenwih	\$2,995,000	Sun 2-4 PM	Coldwell Banker
20 Sherwood Farm Lane	Greenwih	\$5,100,000	Sat 12-2 PM	Higgins
1 Sound View Terrace	Greenwih	\$3,295,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
20 Martin Dale	Greenwih	\$14,500	Sun 12-2 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
41 Winthrop Drive	Riverside	\$3,895,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
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NEW SALES

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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
33 Talbot Lane 15	\$630,000	\$630,000	\$700,000	169	3	1	0	1,280
75 Cos Cob Avenue 9	\$785,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	48	2	1	0	1,222
20 Church Street B62	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,358,000	14	2	2	0	1,318
35 Skylark Road	\$1,695,000	\$1,695,000	\$2,100,000	26	2	2	0.28	1,341
46 Bowman Drive	\$2,149,000	\$2,149,000	\$2,100,000	31	5	3	1.13	3,506
10 Old Forge Road	\$2,395,000	\$2,395,000	\$2,960,000	5	5	4	2.1	4,331
44 Bote Road	\$2,395,000	\$2,395,000	\$2,605,000	20	4	4	0.49	2,916
523 E Putnam Avenue B	\$3,095,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,550,000	101	3	3	0	3,251
98 Hunting Ridge Road	\$2,965,000	\$2,900,000	\$2,700,000	209	3	2	5.6	4,670
16 Orchard Drive	\$3,150,000	\$3,150,000	\$3,150,000	0	4	3	0.52	3,093
36 Hendrie Avenue	\$3,195,000	\$3,195,000	\$3,260,000	14	5	3	0.22	3,500
232 Valley Road	\$3,399,000	\$3,399,000	\$3,050,000	57	6	6	0.51	6,066
2 Sparrow Lane	\$6,595,000	\$6,195,000	\$6,050,000	39	6	6	1.03	5,210
214 Clapboard Ridge Rd	\$55,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$43,500,000	42	8	12	7.99	26,837
18 Maple Drive	\$849,000	\$849,000	\$952,500	50	2	1	0.1	1,274
40 W Elm Street 5A	\$1,125,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,035,000	54	1	1	0	1,050
47 Lafayette Place 3G	\$499,000	\$499,000	\$500,000	48	1	1	0	627
29 Taconic Road	\$5,395,000	\$5,395,000	\$5,700,000	10	5	7	5.41	
12 Winding Lane	\$6,100,000	\$6,100,000	\$6,100,000	0	5	4	2.42	
121 Valley Drive	\$6,290,000	\$6,290,000	\$6,000,000	16	5	6	1	
202 Round Hill Road	\$6,795,000	\$6,795,000	\$6,500,000	148	5	3	2.53	
26 Taconic Road	\$6,950,000	\$6,950,000	\$7,025,000	15	5	6	2.03	
25 Game Cock Road	\$7,495,000	\$7,495,000	\$7,495,000	38	4	4	0.6	
88 Cedar Cliff Road	\$16,995,000	\$13,995,000	\$13,250,000	1162	7	8	1.77	
198 Shore Road	\$21,900,000	\$21,900,000	\$21,000,000	43	6	5	0.65	

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1465 E Putnam Avenue 301	\$395,000	\$608	650	0	0	1	Old Greenwich
9 River Road 411	\$838,000	\$745	1,125	0	2	2	Cos Cob
3 River Avenue 1A	\$849,000	\$489	1,735	0	3	1	Byram
402 W Lyon Farm Drive 402	\$1,950,000	\$783	2,489	0	3	3	Pemberwick
2 Midbrook Lane	\$2,600,000	\$859	3,026	0.23	4	3	Old Greenwich
11 Orchard Place B	\$2,795,000	\$736	3,800	0.26	5	3	South of Post
11 Valleywood Road	\$2,850,000	\$1,031	2,765	0.19	5	4	Cos Cob
267 Riversville Road	\$2,995,000	\$1,039	2,882	2.98	3	3	South Parkway
10 Tomahawk Lane	\$3,250,000	\$891	3,648	1.01	3	3	Cos Cob
1 Sound View Terrace	\$3,295,000	\$962	3,424	0.17	5	3	South of Post
20 Meadow Place	\$4,150,000	\$1,815	2,286	0.36	3	3	Old Greenwich
52 Round Hill Road	\$4,500,000	\$936	4,810	2.15	4	3	South Parkway
125 Field Point Road PHB5	\$6,200,000	\$2,584	2,399		3	3	South of Post
116 Birch Lane	\$6,495,000	\$1,075	6,044	1.01	5	6	South Parkway
48 Lexington Avenue	\$7,699,000	\$1,095	7,028	0.18	5	5	South of Post
577 Round Hill Road	\$7,900,000	\$965	8,188	6.58	4	5	North Parkway
105 Woodside Drive	\$7,950,000	\$886	8,970	0.88	6	6	South of Post
21 Binney Lane	\$7,995,000	\$987	8,102	0.48	6	6	Old Greenwich
34 Dublin Hill Road	\$8,250,000	\$888	9,295	3.24	6	7	South Parkway
26 Andrews Farm Road	\$8,250,000	\$1,013	8,146	4	6	8	North Parkway
50 Hidden Brook Road	\$8,490,000	\$1,232	6,893	0.5	7	8	Riverside
10 Birch Lane	\$8,750,000	\$910	9,619	1.35	5	5	South Parkway
7 Parsonage Road	\$13,995,000	\$1,361	10,286	1.12	6	6	South Parkway
30 Meadowcroft Lane	\$15,945,000	\$1,397	11,411	2.31	6	7	South Parkway
90 Oneida Drive	\$16,750,000	\$1,028	16,300	1.32	8	9	South of Post
65 Upper Cross Road	\$24,995,000	\$1,253	19,950	21.9	6	7	North Parkway



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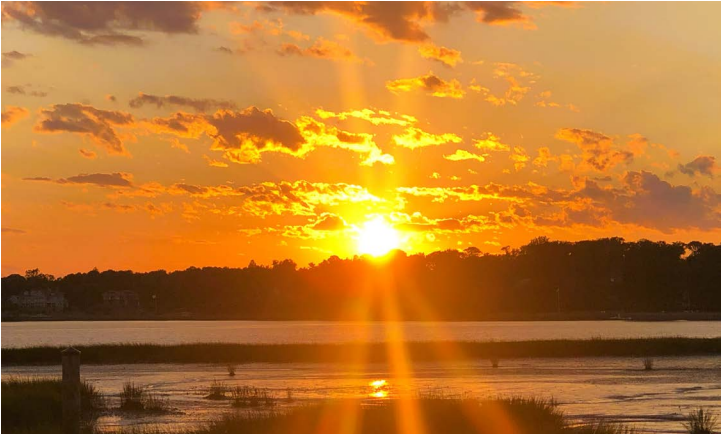
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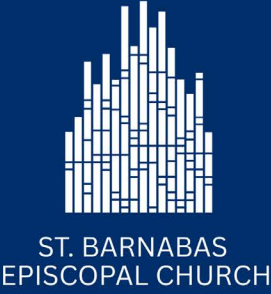

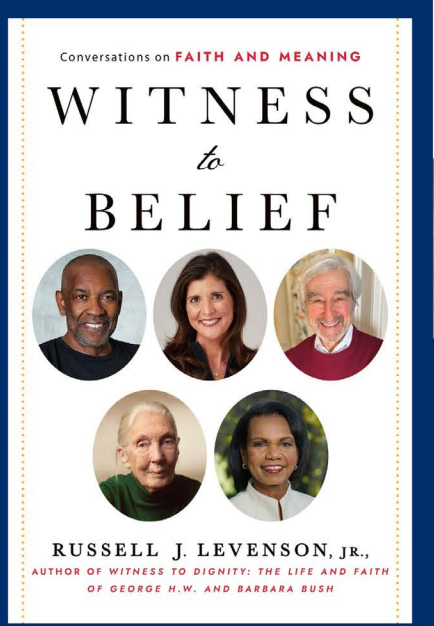
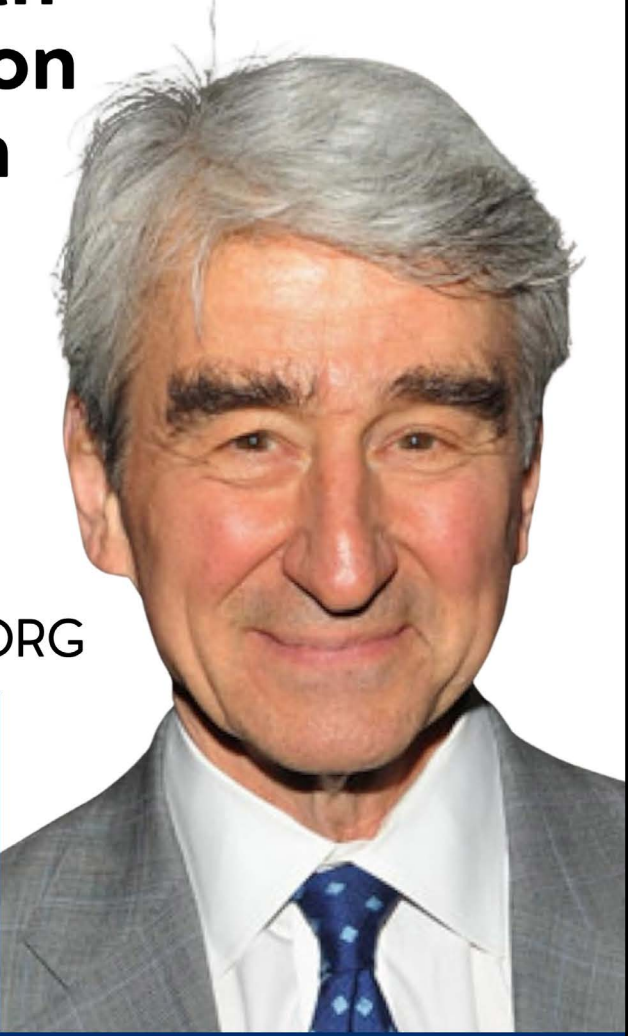

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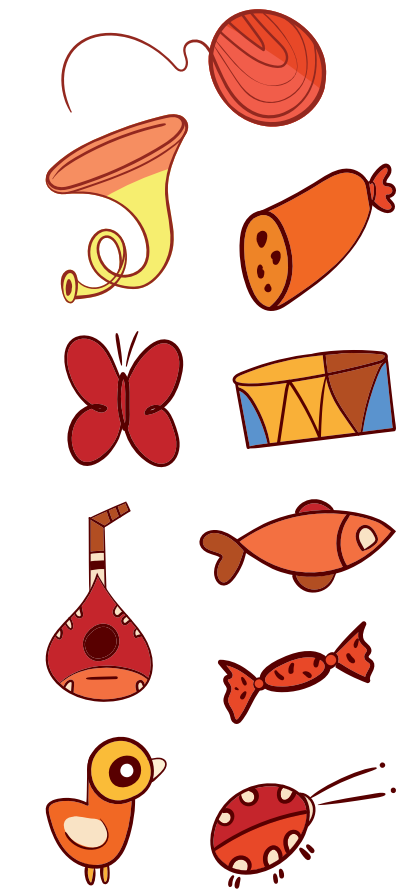
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Read it Outloud
The story of the
Caterwaul Choir!



On the corner of Caterwaul Street and Tuna Boulevard lived a chorus of cats unlike any others. They didn't just meow—they sang. Operas, pop songs, jazz, country... even karaoke on Thursdays.

The neighbors called them The Caterwaul Choir, mostly because that's what it sounded like at first: "MWREEEAAAHHH-WAAA!"

But these cats had dreams. Big ones. Stardom-on-Broadway-sized dreams.

There was Maestro Mittens, the tuxedo cat who conducted with a tail flick and wore a formal jacket he got from a wedding. Then there was Harmony, the Siamese soprano who only hit high notes, which cracked windows and occasionally startled ducklings.

Bass Baritone Bob was a grumpy tabby with a voice so deep, he once made a goldfish jump out of its bowl. And don't forget Scat Cat Cleo, who only sang in nonsense jazz syllables like "Skiddle-dee-meow-bop!"

They practiced in the alley every afternoon. They used trash can lids as drums, old tin cans as microphones, and a laundry line as a stage curtain. Their biggest fan was a poodle named Sir Barkington who howled in harmony from next door.

One day, they got their big break. A music scout walked by, spilled her coffee in surprise, and immediately booked them for a concert at the local elementary school.

The day of the show arrived.

The lights dimmed. The curtain rose. Maestro Mittens tapped his tail. Silence.

Then...

"M W A A A A H H H H H - M E O W - M E O W - M E E E - Y A A A O O O W!"

It was... magical? Confusing? Possibly both?

The audience of children stared in stunned silence.

Then, one brave kindergartener stood up and yelled, "That was PAW-some!"

And the crowd went wild.

Now the Caterwaul Choir is on a world tour. They've sold out litter boxes—I mean, concert halls—in 12 countries. They have a hit single called "Fur Real."

Just remember: if you hear a cat howling outside your window tonight, don't throw a shoe. It might just be the start of the next hit.

CODEBREAKER (or CODEWORD, or CODE CRACKER) WORD PUZZLE

The number in each square corresponds to a letter. The same number represents the same letter. Crack the code and fill the grid by determining which letter relates to which number. To help you get started two word entries have picture clues, and four letters are already in place.

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WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Walk-In Houseplant Clinic. Greenwich Botanical Center. greenwichbotanical-center.org/upcoming-events

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Woman's Club of Greenwich Annual Tag Sale. 89 Maple Ave. Friday, Sept. 12 & Saturday, Sept. 13, 10am-4pm. 203-869-2046. secretary@womans-clubofgreenwich.org. womansclubofgreenwich.org

10:30 a.m.

YMCA of Greenwich: Walk With Ease at Cos Cob Park, led by instructor Wendy Rosa. Meet at the first pavilion near the soccer field. Free & open to the community. All ages & experience levels welcome. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

4 p.m.

Young Artists Philharmonic (YAP) Auditions. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. 917-968-7009. fluteclassics101@gmail.com. youngartistsphil.org

4 p.m.

Game Hub: Gotta Catch 'Em All Challenge (Ages 7-13). Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

6 - 8:30 p.m.

Kid's Night Out - Game Party. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Member: \$25, Non-Member: \$35. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

6 p.m.

Ride with Pride – Spin Class. YMCA of Greenwich. Member: Free, Non-Member: \$10. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

6 p.m.

American Red Cross Cocktail Party. Belle Haven Club. redcross.org

6:30 p.m.

At Home in Greenwich 2025 Annual Gala. Delamar Greenwich Harbor. eventbrite.com/e/1447195614039

7 p.m.

Community Hoe Down and Line Dancing Class. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. greenwichymca.org/events

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

7 - 8:30 a.m.

Fall Migration Bird Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. Free – donations encouraged. RSVP. audubon.org/events?view_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

8 or 10:10 a.m.

Yoga Saturday. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Coastal Clean-Up at Great Captain Island – volunteers needed. Meet in the Grass Island Marina Parking lot at 8:45am. Volunteer hour sign-offs are available. signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44ADAA2FABF-DC61-58119626-great

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

“Advantage, Youth” Charity Tennis Tournament – Men's Draw. Greenwich Country Club. Registration closes Sept. 10. playtennis.usta.com/greenwich-countryclub/Tournaments/Overview/A8499AFC-F0FC-4578-AD8C-3FCB650DF902

9:30 a.m.

Greenwich Newcomers Club: Beach Walk's at Tod's Point. Meet at: Second concession stand near the flagpole. All levels welcome. greenwichnewcomer-sclub.wildapricot.org

10 a.m.

When Teens Turn to AI for Advice: What Parents Need to Know. River House Adult Center, 125 River Rd. Ext., Cos Cob. Free. 203-613-3122. growthandresiliencegroupp.com/events

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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203-869-2046. secretary@womans-clubofgreenwich.org. womansclubofgreenwich.org

1 p.m.

Art Adventures: Paper Pool Party (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Sept. 14. brucemuseum.org

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

“Advantage, Youth” Charity Tennis Tournament – Women's Draw. Greenwich Country Club. Registration closes Sept. 10. playtennis.usta.com/greenwichcountryclub/Tournaments/Overview/A8499AFC-F0FC-4578-AD8C-3FCB650DF902

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Art in the Park. Binnney Park, Old Greenwich. Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 21. ogmerchants.com/art-in-the-park-2023/art-in-the-park-sept-2025

12 - 2 p.m.

Water Fun Day For Littles. YMCA of Greenwich. Free & open to all kids ages 2-10 in the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

1 p.m.

Greenwich Choral Society Celebration Exhibition & Reception. 299 Greenwich Avenue – “Arts Building” 2nd Floor. Exhibit runs until Oct 19. gcs-ct.org

2 p.m.

Bruce Socials: Artful Connections. Bruce Museum. brucemuseum.org

4 p.m.

Greenwich Shellfish Commission: Mollusks and Mingling. Innes Arden Cottage, Tod's Point. Free. Register. savethesound.org

4 p.m.

Friends of Greenwich Point Summer Concerts: IRIEspect. Tod's Point. In the event of rain, the concert will be indoors at Bosco's Bar + Grill, 148 Sound Beach Ave. Free. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

MONDAY, SEPT. 15

12:15 p.m.

Talk: Keep Your Brain Young - The Science of Neuroplasticity. YMCA of Greenwich. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

10 a.m.

Mexican Independence Flag Raising Ceremony. Front Steps of Town Hall. greenwichct.gov/calendar

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Polar Bear Silhouette Art (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, Sept. 17 & Thursday, Sept. 18. brucemuseum.org

10 a.m.

Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Golf Outing. Glen Arbor Golf Club. breast-canceralliance.org

1 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Ignite Grant – How to Calculate Projections. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

4 - 6 p.m.

The Friends of the Wallace Center Happy Hour Fundraiser. Caren's Cos Cobber, 31 East Putnam Ave. 10% of drink proceeds & celebrity tips will be donated to the Wallace Center. 203-862-6700.

5 p.m.

Intersections: A New Collection by Bob Abriola. The J House Greenwich, 1114 East Putnam Ave. \$15. eventbrite.com/e/1617897006499

6 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

10 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings Junior: Polar Bears (ages 12 Months-30 Months). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. First come, first served.

brucemuseum.org

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Friends of the Wallace Center Exclusive A.L.C. Pop-Up Shop. Wallace Center Café, 299 Greenwich Ave. 10% of proceeds benefit the Center. 203-862-6700.

11 a.m.

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Matthew McConnell, M.D., Neurologist, “Understanding Dementia: Vital Insights for You and Your Loved Ones.” Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

1 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Exporting: International Expansion for Every Business Type. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

8 - 10 p.m.

Astronomical Society of Greenwich: Bowman Observatory Public Nights. Bowman Observatory, on the grounds of the Julian Curtiss School. Free. GreenwichStars@gmail.com. astrogreenwich.org

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Greenwich Botanical Center: Visit to Frances Palmer's Dahlia Garden. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org/upcoming-events

1 - 5 p.m.

The Friends of the Wallace Center Shopping Event. J.McLaughlin, 55 East Putnam Ave. 10% of all sales benefit the Wallace Center. 203-862-6700.

5 p.m.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Tree Walk at Binney Park. Free. Register. 203-622-7380. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

5:30 p.m.

Celebrating Our Mentors Fundraiser. Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich. eventbrite.com/e/1412520158819

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

10:30 a.m.

YMCA of Greenwich: Walk With Ease at Cos Cob Park, led by instructor Wendy Rosa. Meet at the first pavilion near the soccer field. Free & open to the community. All ages & experience levels welcome. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

11 a.m.

Talk: Live Your Best Life in an Organized Home with Mayflower Home. YMCA of Greenwich. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

11 a.m.

Pickleball Tournament - Ages 50+ YMCA of Greenwich. Members: \$20, Non-Members: \$30. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

4 p.m.

Young Artists Philharmonic (YAP) Auditions. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. 917-968-7009. fluteclassics101@gmail.com. youngartistsphil.org

4 p.m.

YWCA Greenwich: Building For Our Future Groundbreaking. 259 East Putnam Avenue. ywcagreenwich.org

4:30 p.m.

TGIF Fitness Made Fun Dance Class For Individuals with Special Needs. YMCA of Greenwich. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

6 p.m.

Greenwich United Way's “Brew Ha-Ha”. Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. e.givesmart.com/events/JGz

6:30 p.m.

Family Outdoor Movie Night. YMCA of Greenwich. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

7:30 p.m.

Club Cardio! – Dance Workout Party with Kata and DJ Brandon Mubuuqe. YMCA of Greenwich. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

7 - 8:30 a.m.

Fall Migration Bird Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center. Free – donations encouraged. RSVP. audubon.org/events?view_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Greenwich Green & Clean: International Coastal Cleanup. Tod's Point. Register. Community Service Certificate will be available. greenwichgreenand-clean.org

8 or 10:10 a.m.

Yoga Saturday. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

9 a.m.

Sensory Friendly Mornings. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free admission for children 18 & under. brucemuseum.org

9 a.m.

Meet for Coffee at the Bruce: With Samantha Woodruff. Bruce Museum. RSVP. brucemuseum.org

9:30 a.m.

YMCA of Greenwich Trailblazer Club Hike: Mohonk Preserve. Meet at: West Trapps Trailhead Parking Area, 3180 US-44, Gardiner, NY. Members: Free, Non-Members: \$10. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wallace Center Community Day – a family-friendly day to bring awareness to the Center, its programs, mission, and upcoming renovations. 299 Greenwich Ave. 203-862-6700. greenwichct.gov/199/The-Wallace-Center

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bruce Wellness Day. Bruce Museum. All activities are free with Museum admission, and there is no admission fee for visitors under 18. brucemuseum.org

12 - 2 p.m.

Family Fun Fair. YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the public. ywcagreenwich.org

1 p.m.

Science Solvers: Ecosystems of Wellness Dioramas (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Sept. 21. brucemuseum.org

7:30 p.m.

Greenwich Symphony Orchestra 2025-2026 Season Opening. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School, 10 Hillside Rd. greenwichsymphony.org

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

10 a.m.

‘Puttin’ on the Dog’ Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, Greenwich. adoptadog.org

6:30 p.m.

Abilis Dancing Stars of Greenwich. Tamarack Country Club. abilis.us

3 p.m.

Greenwich Symphony Orchestra 2025-2026 Season Opening. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School, 10 Hillside Rd. greenwichsymphony.org

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

9 a.m.

State of Mental Health in Lower Connecticut with Greenwich United Way. Foundation House, 124 Old Mill Rd. **RSVP by Sept. 11.** foundationhousect.org/event-details/state-of-mental-health-in-lower-connecticut-with-greenwich-united-way

WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCT. 29

2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Old Greenwich Farmer's Market. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Avenue, Old Greenwich. Through Oct. 29. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.org

SATURDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 22

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

Greenwich Farmer's Market Opening Day. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). Through Nov. 22. greenwichfarmersmarketct.com.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAYS:

10 a.m.

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

5 - 7 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAYS:

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New

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Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Green Salad, Baked Beans, Chips, Pickles, Cookies, Ice Cream, Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks

Tickets: Adults \$40, Veterans \$25, Children \$20 (5 Years & Older)

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RSVP: (203) 531 - 0109 or (646) 236 – 7657

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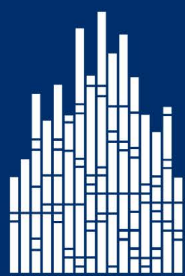
Sunday Forum with breakfast , Sept. 21, 11:15 am
"By Land and Sea: Paul's Travels in Acts"

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

Monday, Sept. 22, 6 pm
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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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

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

6 - 7:30 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support
2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunity-church.org

THURSDAYS:

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

5 - 7 p.m.

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

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

GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, Sept. 12

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: “Bob Trevino Likes It” Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, Sept. 13

10:30 a.m.

Music with Tom Weber. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

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

1 p.m.

Innovator-in-Residence: Math Art. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

3 p.m.

Art Opening Reception: “Whisper of the Seasons” paintings by Adriana Alfaro. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

Sunday, Sept. 14

3 p.m.

Peterson Concert: Flor de Toloache. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org

Monday, Sept. 15

11 a.m.

LEGOS for Wee Ones with Beth. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

12 p.m.

Byram Lunch Bunch Book Club: The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

2 p.m.

PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab.

3:15 p.m.

Battle of the Books Book Club with Ms. Flynn: The Misfits - A Royal Conundrum. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

6 p.m.

Cos Cob Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn.

6:45 p.m.

The Best of the Johnson Girls: Sea Chanteys and Maritime Music. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

Sit n Stitch Knitting Group. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

3:45 p.m.

Pen to Paper. Cos Cob Library Turret.

5 p.m.

International Book Club (Zoom): My Name is Emilia del Valle by Isabel Allende.

6 p.m.

DON'T TAKE THE BAIT! Tools to Stay Sharp & Scam-Savvy in Today's World. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

7 p.m.

Foreign Affairs Book Group. Community Room #5.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

10 a.m.

Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Career Coach: Advanced Excel. Byram Shubert Library Lot.

10 a.m.

Hands-On AI for Business and Personal Use. Learning Lab.

11 a.m.

Early Walkers. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

12 p.m.

Brown Bag Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

1:30 p.m.

Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

3 p.m.

R.E.A.D. to a Dog. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

3:45 p.m.

Nappy's Puppets. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

5 p.m.

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

5 p.m.

Community Sponsored: League of Women Voters Board Meeting. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

6:30 p.m.

Power Up: Crush Your Imposter Syndrome. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Thursday, Sept. 18

10 a.m.

Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

11 a.m.

Tech Help. Learning Lab.

11:15 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online.

4 p.m.

Animal Show with Two by Two Animal Haven. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

6 p.m.

Flinn Gallery Opening - Vietnam: Tradition Upended. Flinn Gallery.

7 p.m.

Workshop: “Basic Artificial Intelligence” with Izzy Johnson. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Friday, Sept. 19

10 a.m.

Cos Cob Library Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

3:45 p.m.

Alpaca Storytime with Clover Brooke Farm. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.

4 p.m.

Innovation Lab for Kids: Make a Solar Racecar. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: “The Fire Inside.” Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, Sept. 20

10:30 a.m.

Crafts with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

Friends of CCL Open House & Re-Opening Celebration. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

1 p.m.

Innovator-in-Residence: Math Art. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

1:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 8+). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

2 p.m.

Flinn Gallery Artist Talk - Vietnam: Tradition Upended. Flinn Gallery. 203) 622-7947. flinngallery.org

2 p.m.

Jerry's Movies: Laura (1944) directed by Otto Preminger. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwich-hospital.org/events 888-305-9253

Saturday, Sept. 13

9 a.m.

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

Thursday, Sept. 6

12 p.m.

Benefits of Beans: Boost Your Fiber Intake. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. Free.

Saturday, Sept. 20

9 a.m.

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

9 a.m.

AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. \$20.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntn-greenwich.org

Everyday, all day

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

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

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

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

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

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: red-crossblood.org

Friday, Sept. 12

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Ave., Norwalk.

Saturday, Sept. 13

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

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

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Sunday, Sept. 14

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Monday, Sept. 15

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Stamford, 1101 Bedford St., Stamford.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 17

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

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

1 - 6 p.m.

Italian Center, 1620 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River – Road Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

Thursday, Sept. 18

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Saturday, Sept. 20

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

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

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

Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

Sunday, Sept. 21

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, Sept. 15

9 a.m.

BET Budget Committee.

9:15 a.m.

ADA & Advocacy Advisory Committee for People With Disabilities Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

10:30 a.m.

Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting.

1 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

8 p.m.

RTM Full Meeting. Central Middle

School.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

10 a.m.

Mexican Independence Flag Raising Ceremony. Front Steps of Town Hall.

4 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

6:30 p.m.

BET.

7 p.m.

Board of Human Services Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

7 p.m.

First Selectman's Youth Commission Board Meeting. Cone Room.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

10:30 a.m.

FS Active Transportation Task Force Meeting. Virtual via Zoom.

7 p.m.

Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting.

7 p.m.

Fair Rent Commission Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

12 p.m.

FS Nominating Advisory Committee Meeting. Via Zoom.

6 p.m.

Harbor Management Commission Regular Meeting. Mazza Room.

Thursday, Sept. 18

11 a.m.

FS Sustainability Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

Monday, Sept. 22

7 p.m.

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, Sept. 26

6:30 p.m.

The Benefit for Greenwich Hospital. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/G9U

Saturday, Sept. 27

8 a.m.

YMCA of Greenwich's “Spin-A-Thon - Pedal For A Purpose!” fundraiser. greenwichymca.org/events/details/113/Spin-A-Thon-Pedal-For-A-Purpose!

12 p.m.

Greenwich Parks & Recreation's 1st Annual Fall Festival. Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. greenwichct.gov/2708/Recreation-Newsletter

6 p.m.

Filling in the Blanks 6th Annual ‘Plates with Purpose’. Serafresca, Stamford. Plates2025.givesmart.com

Monday, Sept. 29

9:30 a.m.

The 28th Annual Kids Challenge Golf Tournament. Shorehaven Golf Club, Norwalk. kicgolf2025.givesmart.com

10:30 a.m.

Habitat for Humanity 32nd Annual Benefit Golf Outing. The Country Club of Fairfield. e.givesmart.com/events/JdI

11:30 a.m.

Bruce Museum's Art of Design. bruce-museum.org/events/art-of-design-2025

Tuesday, Sept. 30

12 p.m.

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Open House & Ribbon Cutting Celebration. 4 Horseneck Ln. Open to the public. eventbrite.com/e/1447548940849

Friday, Oct. 3

7 p.m.

Greenwich Library's bi-annual Opening Night Celebration. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.org/support/opening-night

Saturday, Oct. 4

9 a.m.

8th Annual DART to the Finish Charity Walk. Tod's Point. danasangels.org

6 p.m.

“Witness to Belief” – Rev. Dr. Levenson & Actor Sam Waterston. Christ Church Greenwich. \$35. christchurchgreenwich.org/courage-faith-speaker-series

6:30 p.m.

Greenwich High School Class of 1975 50th Reunion. Innis Arden Golf Club. myevent.com/ghsclassof1975

Sunday, Oct. 5

8 a.m.

YWCA Greenwich Walk and 5K Run. Bruce Park/Arch Street. ywcagreenwich.org/events/walk-the-walk

Monday, Oct. 6

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Paintball player's cry
6 What icons on a phone stand for
10 Basics
14 Sister's daughter, maybe
15 Blood thinners might prevent one
16 Steak specification
17 Reptile that symbolizes treachery
18 "Yep, totes!"
20 Little bit
21 "The Great British Baking Show" treat
23 Sword-and-sandal epic costumes
24 Composer Satie
26 Spoil
27 Country with an important canal
28 What's hit at a 39-Down
30 Org. that might certify an AC tech
32 Kitty's sound
33 Squatter, say?
37 Major event in Major League Baseball
38 Carbs also called "butterflies"
39 ___ Schwarz
40 Portland-to-Seattle dir.
41 Best Animated Short Film and others

- 45 Dressed like a gender-bending queen
48 (Gimme a treat!)
50 Greek goddess of marriage
51 Sprinter ___ Moses
52 Chef's sharp tool
54 Line with one end, in math
55 Minneapolis twin?
57 Cloud-forming insects
59 "Peter Pan" fairy, for short
60 Pay to play, in a way
61 "Don't go easy on the other team!"
62 Uses an abacus, perhaps
63 Disorderly room
64 Stockholm resident
DOWN
1 Marching synchronously
2 Lee Isaac Chung film named for a Korean vegetable
3 Way to park
4 "Gross!"
5 Tops worn with jeans
6 Sound before a blessing?

- 7 Snack foods whose container features a monocled legume
8 Skin opening
9 The "S" of PST: Abbr.
10 Alphabetical-ly first noble gas
11 Darts and cornhole, for two
12 Liquid that lightens coffee
13 What one can't play on?
19 ___ snail's pace
22 Moving like a snail
25 Punch sound, in comics
27 Couples up
29 Reason for a civil case
31 "Guilty," e.g.
34 Biblical paradise

- 35 Is the right size for
36 Show the ropes to
37 Saxophone or flute, e.g.
38 Short-term solution
39 Spanish party
42 Fill with bubbles
43 Not tween-appropriate
44 "I'm the one declaring this!"
46 Icy venues for Adam Rippon
47 Tiny, six-legged worker
49 Makes mad
52 Girl group
53 Tamagoyaki ingredients
56 "Foxy Brown" actress Grier
58 Completely fresh

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Accounting pro
4. Elegant hotel name
8. (K) Becomes Julius Caesar for a few minutes
12. (K) Every one
13. Massage target
14. "Beat it, horsefly"
15. (K) Bubbly drink (2 words)
17. Pocket bread
18. Nerdy person
19. Singer up on a Swiss mountain, sometimes
21. (K) A Santa-led VIP
23. (K) Grapefruit's coat
24. (K) 24 hours back
28. Put knuckles to a wooden door
31. (K) Boy Scout statement
32. (K) Finish off a pickle
33. Word processor command
34. (K) Dude relative?

35. Was quite logical (2 words)
37. (K) Member of a chess set
39. (K) Put a carrot in ranch
40. Refuse to help a gardener?
43. (K) Moan and ___
47. Stage solo in an opera
48. Where to go on a big ol' country farm?
50. Look closely
51. The U of CPU
52. Good time to have steak smothered in gravy
53. (K) Put in the right order
54. (K) Actions of a nervous foot
55. (K) Heart with "Mom" in the middle, in cool talk
DOWN
1. (K) King or queen lying flat on a table

2. (K) Big piece of farm equipment
3. African flower used in lotions
4. Disorderly crowd
5. (K) It's really, really cold
6. (K) Those people
7. Given no stars (2 words)
8. City in Colorado
9. (K) Kids
10. Huge bag
11. (K) Fly among the clouds
16. (K) Brushed choppers
20. Like weekend projects around the house
22. (K) Goes nuts (2 words)
24. 1954, for Denzel Washington (Abbr.)
25. (K) Hearing device
26. More turbulent, with pouring rain and thunder

27. (K) The big guy
29. (K) Website revenue source
30. Author known for "The Raven"
33. Duplication, briefly
35. (K) Cows say what?
36. (K) Places worth seeing on vacation
38. Eye-popping genre in a museum
40. (K) Parts of bottled sodas
41. Cookie option
42. (K) Sandwich filler, sometimes
44. Boot out of office
45. (K) It's continental
46. (K) Like the happiest person in line
49. (K) Waiter's reward

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

Added up?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

M	A	S	H		A	R	C		S	T	A		Y
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Previous riddle answer:

Double standard?
29-D) TWO

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Universal Freestyle 1 by Stella Zawistowski

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Horoscopes

This week brings a shift toward practical insight and emotional integration. The Sun in Virgo forms a harmonious aspect with Jupiter on September 11, offering grounded optimism. Mercury aligns with the Sun and North Node on September 12, sharpening mental focus. Lingering emotional waves from the September 7 lunar eclipse continue to influence reflection and release. Uranus remains retrograde in Gemini, encouraging inner innovation and review of how we connect and communicate.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Your routines come into focus. The Mercury-Sun alignment sharpens your planning skills, while the recent eclipse encourages you to release mental clutter. Use this week to reorganize your priorities with quiet confidence.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Joy and creativity return—slowly. The week supports small steps toward personal pleasure and emotional renewal. Express affection honestly, but don't rush outcomes. The eclipse continues to work quietly behind the scenes.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

You're being asked to revise how you show up for others. Uranus retrograde in your sign invites internal change. The Mercury cazimi midweek can help you express yourself with unusual clarity. Edit before you speak.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

The Sun-Jupiter sextile highlights emotional growth through home and family. The Mercury-Sun conjunction gives you insight into where to apply that clarity. Reconnect to familiar people or places that bring peace.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

This week rewards simplicity. Focus on clear communication, especially around finances or shared resources. The eclipse may still be stirring deeper emotions—stay present and practical rather than performative.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

With Mercury in your sign, conjunct the Sun and North Node, you're gaining rare insight into your current path. The eclipse pushed you to release an old version of yourself. Now, recalibrate without rushing forward.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Solitude has value right now. Internal patterns demand attention. Use this week to reflect on your emotional needs and unspoken fears. The Mercury-Sun alignment supports journaling and private clarity.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Career and visibility continue to shift. The Mercury cazimi brings focus to your long-term goals. As eclipse energy fades, let clarity—not urgency—drive your professional adjustments.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

You're examining the structure of your ambitions. A thoughtful approach to your daily work can bring unexpected clarity this week. The Mercury-Sun conjunction helps you refine your path forward with purpose.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Emotional honesty leads the way. The eclipse stirred deep waters, and this week brings the first wave of clarity. The Mercury cazimi encourages you to speak your truth—start with yourself.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Connection is your focus, especially around shared space or emotional exchange. Uranus retrograde continues to rewrite what comfort and intimacy mean to you. Let insight, not habit, guide how you relate.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

You're being called to reassess your partnerships. Eclipse energy continues to dissolve what's no longer useful, while Mercury's alignment with the Sun helps you name what is. Say what matters—clearly and calmly.

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 digging around (9)
2 habits handed down (10)
3 following a mentor, perhaps (9)
4 Statue of Liberty donor (6)
5 predicting future events (11)
6 "bite" taken by a golf club (5)
7 cowboy's contest (5)

SOLUTIONS

- _____

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Previous Answers: 1. DURABLE 2. WOOLY 3. WHITNEY
4. SANDLER 5. FLUID 6. MUSHIEST 7. SUNFLOWER

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

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Sudoku for Kids

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SUDOKU

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

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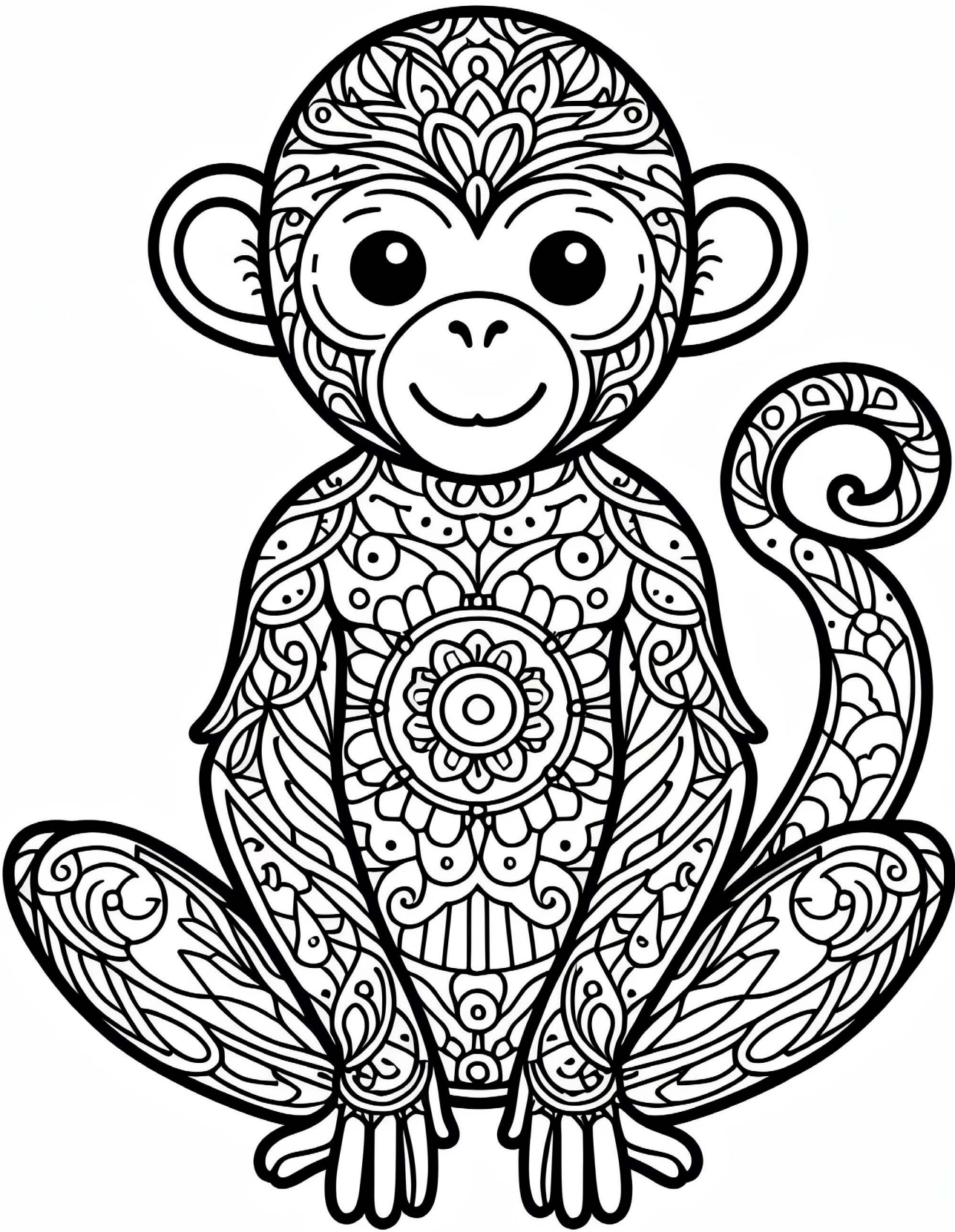
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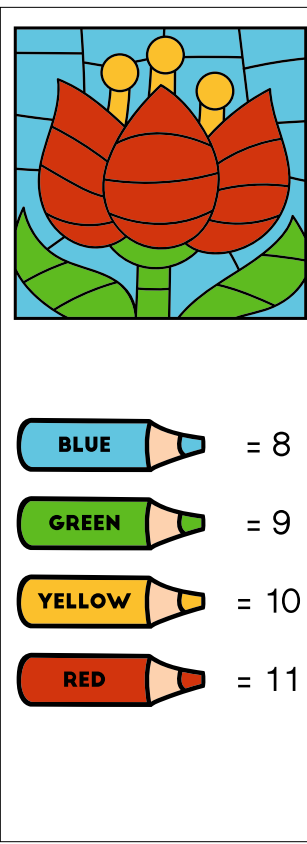
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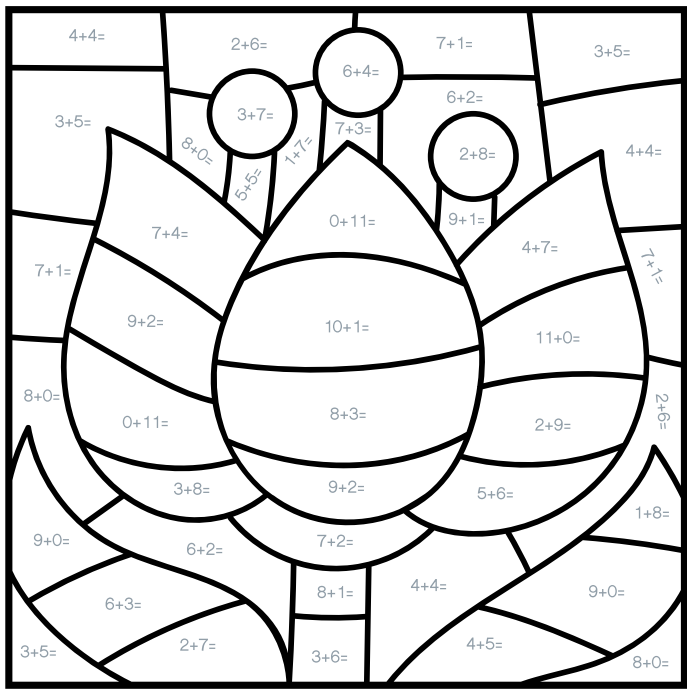
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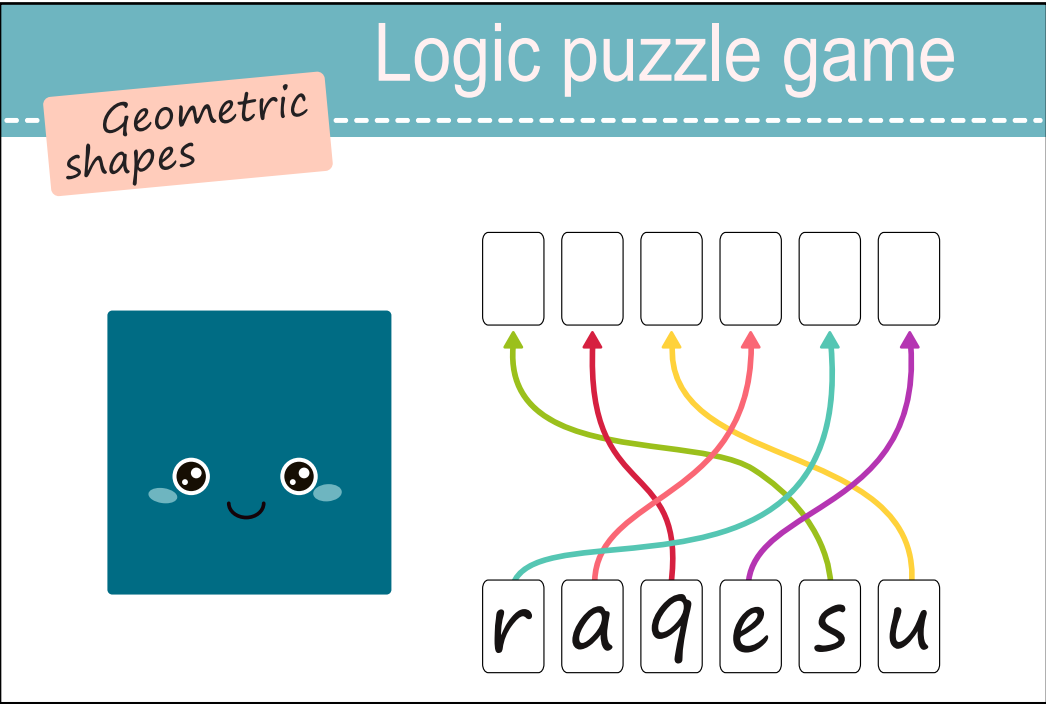
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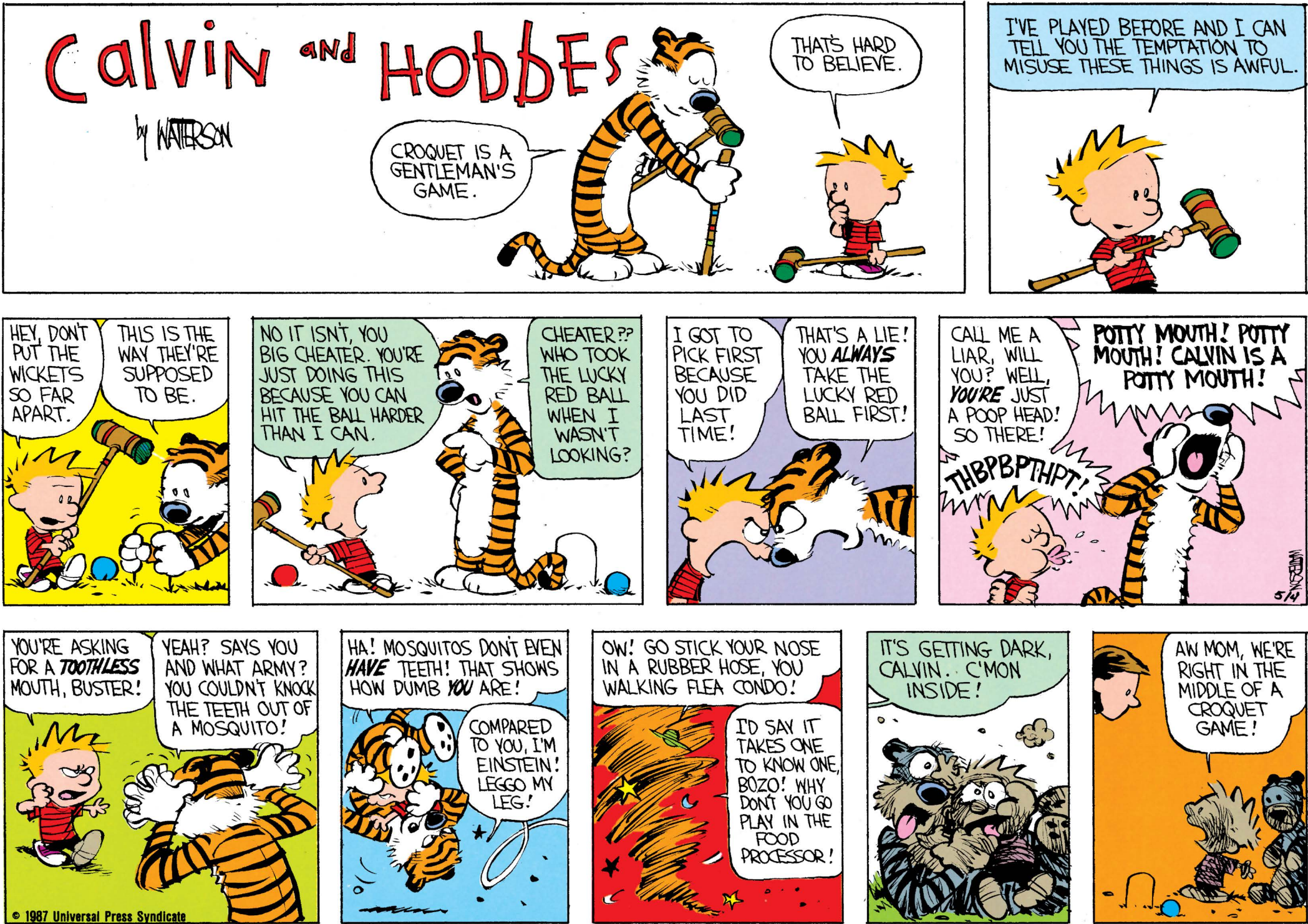
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Wildly Successful: The Chimpanzee

Political Animals

By JULIE KIPER

In the heart of equatorial Africa, where forest meets savanna, lives a creature so closely tied to our own nature that studying them is like gazing into a mirror. The chimpanzee, *Pan troglodytes*, is our closest living relative along with the bonobo, sharing more than 98 percent of our DNA. They fascinate scientists and casual observers alike not merely because of their resemblance to us, but because of their intricate social lives. To know the chimpanzee is to understand that politics is not the sole domain of humankind. It is deeply embedded in the natural world.

Chimpanzees live in communities that can number more than 100 individuals, though they splinter into smaller parties that change frequently. These shifting groups are held together by bonds of kinship, trust, and strategy. Dominance hierarchies are a constant feature, and the pursuit of status plays out in ways strikingly familiar. Male chimpanzees vie for alpha rank, but strength alone is never enough. Just as in our legislatures and boardrooms, alliances matter most.

A would-be leader grooms his allies, literally. Hours spent carefully combing through the hair of a companion are investments in loyalty. When confrontations arise, those partners stand with him. De Waal, the primatologist whose observations in the 1970s coined the term “chimpanzee politics,” noted how rivals could rise to power not by brute force but by coalition-building, patience, and timing. Some even demonstrated an uncanny ability to sense when to reconcile with enemies or offer comfort to victims, acts that strengthened reputations and cemented influence.

These dynamics play out dramatically when an alpha falters. Subordinates may quietly shift allegiance, forging new bonds that tip the balance. When the challenge comes, it can be swift, violent, and decisive. Yet remarkably, chimpanzees often reconcile

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afterward, returning to grooming and embracing. The message is clear: stability depends on healing rifts as much as on asserting dominance.

Nor is politics limited to males. Females exert influence through subtler means. Their choices of who to support, mate with, or tolerate can determine the fate of male ambitions. In some groups, females form coalitions of their own, shaping access to food or restraining aggression. Observers at Gombe, the Tanzanian field site made famous by Jane Goodall, have witnessed how elder females can calm disputes and preserve peace within the troop.

This political sophistication extends beyond power struggles. It governs access to resources. Food is scarce in the dry season, and disputes can escalate quickly. Individuals with strong allies often feed first, while loners wait at the margins. Grooming and coalition-building thus become survival strategies. Even young chimpanzees learn early to curry favor with older individuals.

The parallels to our political world are interesting. Charisma, alliance-building, strategic generosity, and the careful management of reputation all shape who leads and who follows. When Frans de Waal titled his book *Chimpanzee Politics*, he was not drawing a metaphor—he was reporting behavior.

Understanding chimpanzee politics teaches us more than curiosity. It reminds us that our capacity for strategy, compromise, and reconciliation have ancient roots. It also holds up a mirror to our darker impulses: manipulation, betrayal, and coercion. These are not inventions of civilization but inheritances from a deep

evolutionary past.

For all their conflicts, chimpanzees also display empathy. They console distressed companions with gentleness and vocal reassurance. They adopt orphaned young, even at great personal cost.

Today, however, the chimpanzee’s political theater plays out on a shrinking stage. Once ranging across 25 nations, chimpanzees now inhabit fewer than half that number. Habitat



loss, poaching, and disease have driven their numbers down to an estimated 170,000–300,000. They are listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Each community has a cultural tradition, for chimpanzees teach one another how to crack nuts with stones, fish termites with sticks, or share meat from a hunt. These learned behaviors are passed through generations.

What then can we do? Support the organizations working to protect chimpanzee habitat, from the Jane Goodall



Institute to the Wildlife Conservation Society. Encourage sustainable forestry and agriculture that leave corridors for wildlife. And when we teach our children about history and government, let us also remind them that the roots of politics run deeper than Athens or Rome. They extend back to the forests of Africa, where Chimpanzees are negotiating alliances under the ancient canopy.

The chimpanzee, wildly successful politicians for millennia, now may depend on our political acumen for help.

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