

**POLICE & FIRE**  
**Officer Cardini Officially Joins Police Force**

Chief Heavey gave Officer G. Cardini a letter confirming the completion of her probationary period. This letter officially marks her status as a fully sworn officer. She has now successfully completed the necessary requirements to join the team permanently.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

**Officers Graduate and Begin Field Training**



Officers Garcia, DelVecchio, and Gillespie graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy's Class 384 and have returned to the Guilford Police Department. They will begin Field Training, where their performance will be evaluated as they apply their academy training to real-world situations. The officers will continue to develop their skills over the coming weeks.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

**FROM TOWN HALL**  
**Greenwich Celebrates Greek Independence Day Event**



The Town of Greenwich held a Greek Independence Day ceremony on Tuesday, an event that has grown since its inception in 2020. This year, dancers from New Rochelle's Holy Trinity Church participated, and State Rep. Tina Courpas attended, presenting a citation from the State Legislature. The ceremony also marked the election of a Greek-American resident to the State Legislature in November.

Photo Credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

**New Regulations Aim to Protect Waterways**

Town planning officials are drafting new regulations to create riparian buffers along rivers to reduce pollution entering Long Island Sound and to help mitigate flooding. The regu-

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## Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

"In this moment, is it still possible to face the gathering darkness, and say to the physical Earth, and to all its creatures, including ourselves, fiercely and without embarrassment, I love you, and to embrace fearlessly the burning world?" By late nature writer Barry Lopez, from his essay, "Love in a Time of Terror" in "The Best American Essays, 2021," Selected by Kathryn Schulz.

## From Walkouts to Tax Hikes: Inside Greenwich's \$500 Million Budget Debate

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Greenwich's 2025–26 municipal budget process, currently under review by our elected Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) volunteer leaders, has resulted in walkouts, scheduled police presence at Town Hall, and a backup meeting date in case of disruption. The proposed budget exceeds \$500 million, and the immediate discussion centers around spending increases that could lead to either a 3% or 6% rise in the town's mill rate. Residents and officials have raised concerns about the long-term financial impact of these decisions.

**Security in Place as Pressure Mounts**

BET members have received hundreds of emails, many initiated by parent advocacy groups responding to the proposed \$4.1 million reduction to the Board of Education's requested increase. The BET is not voting on the mill rate itself this week but on the spending plan that will determine future tax calculations. The mill rate will be set later to generate the revenue needed to meet the approved budget.

BET Chair Harry Fisher stated, "We build the budget first. Then we set the mill rate to meet it." The meeting on Thursday will include security measures, and a third session is scheduled for Friday if disruptions prevent a vote.

**Impact on Taxpayers: 3% vs. 6%**

A 1% mill rate increase equals approximately \$4.2 million in new, recurring annual revenue for the town, according to former BET Chair Mike Mason. A 6% increase would equate to approximately \$25 million in additional annual obligations. These increases become permanent, forming the base for future budgets.

For a homeowner currently paying \$9,000 in property taxes, a 3% annual increase would result in a tax bill of approximately \$11,800 after ten years. A 6% annual increase would bring the bill to over \$16,100 in the same period. The cumulative ten-year difference between the two is about \$24,000. On a \$2 million property, the impact would double. Applying compounding interest at 3%, ten years of \$25 million in additional annual spending would total \$286.6 million in additional spending even if everything else stays flat.

It is just math says Mason.

**Substitute Teacher Costs Drive Debate**

The proposed \$4.1 million reduction to the schools' \$12 million requested increase has been described in public commentary as a cut. Parent Teacher Advisory Council (PTAC) emails warned of a negative impact on education quality. In response, parent Brian Raney stated in a widely released letter, "This is a reduced increase. It's not a cut. And PTAC has no business turning into a political action committee."

The substitute teacher budget comprises over half of the \$4.1 million under review. The current Board of

Education budget includes \$1.95 million for substitute teachers, up from \$1.07 million the previous year—an \$882,930 increase. According to information shared during budget hearings, substitute staffing is required frequently due to teacher absenteeism. On a single day in December, the district needed 112 substitutes.

Data shows that by January, hundreds of teachers had already taken eight or more sick days. BET members noted that absenteeism tends to increase adjacent to scheduled vacations voicing concerns that Greenwich teachers are among the highest paid in the state. Taxpayers are paying top dollar for full-time talent and still covering the cost of replacements at twice the frequency of most other towns in Connecticut.

**Differentiating Cost Structures**

BET members noted that not all costs are fully visible in the Board of Education's budget. Expenses such as health care, pensions, and administrative services like human resources are included in the town's fixed charges. These indirect costs remain taxpayer obligations. This year, health care premiums for town employees have increased by 11%.

Town departments such as Public Works and Public Safety have also been discussed during budget deliberations. According to First Selectman Fred Camillo, "The DPW came in under budget guidelines. Now they're being forced to contemplate winter operations without overtime funding." He added, "Thirty years ago, Greenwich had 175 police officers. Today we have 152—despite the rise in cybercrime, financial fraud, and school safety demands." Camillo also warned against reductions at the town-run Nathaniel Witherell nursing home, stating, "If we cut now, we risk losing our star rating. That makes recruitment harder and costs go up."

Camillo emphasized that while efficiencies could be identified in some departments, particularly in administrative and educational overhead, police and fire departments are already operating with disciplined budgets and cannot reasonably absorb further cuts.

**Budget Process Breakdown**

BET Chair Harry Fisher stated that he has attempted to collaborate with his Republican colleagues, but been thwarted. He and Leslie Tarkington, Chair of the Budget Committee, requested meetings and input with their Republican colleagues prior to the Budget Committee Decision Day in March, but the request was ignored. Then again Fisher requested full caucus meetings early last week, but again was thwarted. The Republican caucus finally met on Friday the 28th. New proposals were presented without prior notice. An all-or-nothing position, which risked the possibility of no budget being passed resulted.

Without an approved budget, the previous year's budget would automatically be reinstated, but without capital spending. "That means no road paving, no school

maintenance, no drainage repairs, no sewer pump station work," Fisher said.

Democratic members have similarly thwarted his attempts to compromise claiming that the proposed reductions will negatively affect essential services. One Democratic official said, "They're weaponizing numbers to justify cuts that will harm education and town services."

Republican members contend that their proposals reflect an effort to moderate the rate of increase rather than implement cuts from current spending levels.

**Institutional Knowledge and Compounding Risk**

Former BET Chair Mike Mason noted a loss of institutional knowledge on the board. "The BET used to be boring," he said. "Now it's being politicized, and the implications of decisions aren't always fully understood."

Mason estimates that this year's proposed spending includes \$20 million in new obligations. If these are carried forward annually without adjustment, the total cost would reach \$200 million over a decade—before accounting for compounding interest. "People think they're approving a small bump. What they're doing is changing the financial trajectory of the town," he said.

Fisher and Republican BET members aim to limit the mill rate increase to under 4%, which would require reducing over \$10 million from requested budget increases. Democratic members have advocated for restoring the full proposed education increase and adding additional expenditures, which would likely push the mill rate increase closer to 6%.

**Outlook**

The BET will vote on the proposed budget on Thursday. If the meeting is disrupted, a session is scheduled for Friday. Security will be in place. "We've never had a violent incident in Greenwich," Fisher said. "And I don't expect one now."

According to a letter from a longtime resident read into the public record, "After ten years of compounding increases, I won't be able to stay in my home." The outcome of the vote will determine the spending baseline that will guide Greenwich's financial path for years to come. Once finalized, the Board of Estimate and Taxation, with input from the Town Assessor will calculate the mill rate necessary to raise the approved amount.

The ongoing budget discussions highlight the financial tradeoffs between immediate service levels and long-term tax burdens. While some departments are presenting budget increases tied to contractual and structural costs, others—particularly the Board of Education—face scrutiny over rising discretionary expenditures such as substitute teaching coverage. The results of Thursday's vote will establish the fiscal course for Greenwich and its 22,000 homeowners over the next decade.

## Greeting Cards



By STUART ADELBERG

I'm not a fan of greeting cards – never have been – never will be. As someone who devotes a ridiculous amount of time selecting every word that I write, the idea of purchasing something that someone who doesn't know me has written to express a supposedly heartfelt sentiment is anathema to me. Sorry Hallmark.

With the above said, you may wonder how I came to scour the greeting card aisles in one of my favorite stores this past week and spent what I consider to be an excessive amount of money for a birthday card. Well, sometimes we put aside our convictions for the people we love!

My wife celebrated a birthday this week. My gift is a special day that is already planned. This is not a surprise – because you don't surprise my wife with an event. She is the keeper and queen of our calendar. There is no way that I can schedule anything, no matter the occasion or how far in the future, without completely messing up our plans, which are always made in advance, with meticulous detail. Did I mention that these are documented in the daily planner that she purchases the day they are available. Surprises are neither welcome nor accommodated!!

Since she already knows how

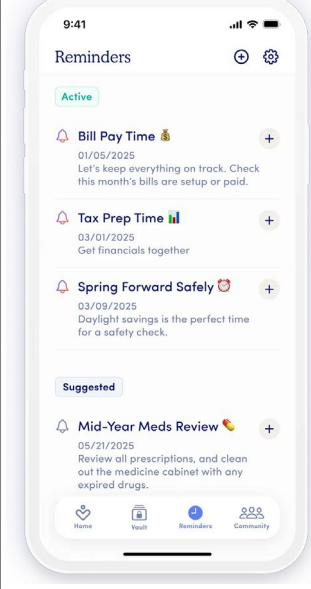
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we plan to celebrate her birthday, and the event is not happening for another month, I needed a way to mark the occasion that morning. She had already expressed her gratitude for my generous gift, but my generosity would have been completely forgotten, if I failed to hand her something. Hence, my search for a meaningful card!

Despite my distaste for greeting cards, I do enjoy the process of searching for one. I admire the people who make a living composing these cards, especially the funny ones. I am that fool you see in the greeting card aisle pushing the button on every item with sound effects and laughing hysterically at the clever, typically mean, birthday cards. Of course, I can't give any of those cards to my wife if I expect to have a place to sleep that night – but that doesn't stop me from enjoying them while searching for the nice card I need to buy!

You can learn a lot about our society and its customs by searching through the greeting card aisles. For example, I am apparently not the only husband with a distaste for greeting cards and a fear of buying the funny ones for a wife. In the

## Smart Care: Tech Meets Tradition in Elder Support



The challenges of caring for aging parents are growing more complex, especially in communities like Greenwich, where an increasing number of families are managing elder care while balancing work, personal responsibilities, and financial pressures. As Connecticut's population continues to age, more residents are stepping into caregiving roles, often without formal training or support.

To address these challenges, local organizations are exploring new ways to help caregivers navigate the logistical and emotional burden of elder care. On March 3, 2025, the Caregiver Circle series, hosted by the Greenwich Commission on Aging and River House Adult Day Center, featured a discussion on how a variety of

technologies can support families in managing long-term care. The event introduced tendercare, a technology platform designed to simplify caregiving by easily adding and organizing critical medical, legal, and daily-living information to one accessible place and recommending

*tendercare was developed by Shauna Sweeney, who was inspired by her personal experience managing care for her father following his early-onset Alzheimer's diagnosis.*

steps to take and the best care-related services a caregiver might need. The app answers the problem almost everyone faces – "I don't know what I don't know!"

**Technology as a Caregiving Tool**

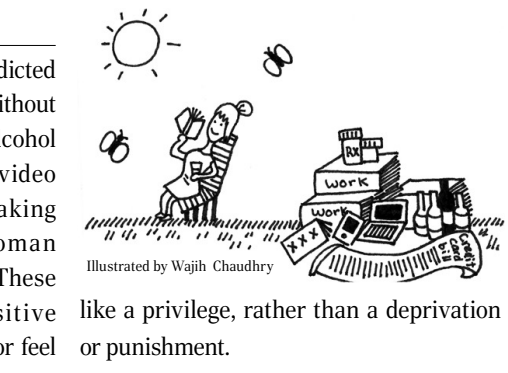
tendercare was developed by former Meta executive Shauna Sweeney, who was inspired by her personal experience managing care for her father following his early-onset Alzheimer's diagnosis. The platform uses AI-driven tools to consolidate medical and financial information, provide reminders for critical appointments

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## COLUMN

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Do you ever wonder if you are addicted to a certain behavior? Can you live without your cell phone for an afternoon, alcohol each night, your shopping habit, video games? If not, experiment with taking periodic "sabbaticals." (One woman refers to hers as "spa vacations.") These timeouts— when framed in positive language—make a change in behavior feel



like a privilege, rather than a deprivation or punishment.

## Take a Sabbatical

Also, share your intent with one trustworthy friend. Talking honestly about the behavior that bothers you reduces its power considerably. The old adage is true: "we are only as sick as our secrets."

If periodic sabbaticals aren't sustainable, you'll have a clue that you need more support to "let go" of the behavior. Remember, you're choosing to "let it go," rather than to have it "taken away," or

"giving it up." Sabbaticals from behaviors give us important information about ourselves while opening up productive space to focus on other interests.

James takes periodic sabbaticals from alcohol, Susannah from spending money, and Justin from screen time. Knowing that they can successfully and happily put boundaries around their behaviors is a gift they give themselves.

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## Furry Friends Bring Smiles to The Nathaniel Witherell



Lisa Wysocki and feline, Willow at left.

Mike Feeney with English Labrador, Harry at right.

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

If you hear the sound of joyful barking or catch sight of a fluffy feline curled up in a resident's lap, don't be alarmed - pet therapy is in session at The Nathaniel Witherell! Thanks to dedicated volunteers and their four-legged companions, Saturdays and select weekdays are filled with wagging tails, soothing purrs, and an abundance of smiles.

Leading the charge in canine companionship is Harry, a two-year-old yellow English Labrador with a personality as sunny as his fur. Owned by local Greenwich resident Mike Feeney, Harry is a regular Saturday visitor, and he knows exactly how to work a room - tail wagging, tongue hanging out, and ready for unlimited belly rubs. The dog-loving residents greet him like an old friend, showering him with affection and, of course, the occasional contraband dog biscuit.

For many residents, Harry is a warm reminder of their own beloved dogs, who were more than pets - they were family. One visit with Harry often leads to cherished stories about childhood pups, loyal companions, and the irreplaceable bond between humans and their canine counterparts. "He reminds me of my old dog, Max," one resident shared, scratching behind Harry's ears. "Max used to snore louder than my husband!"

Harry follows in the paw prints of Aengus, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever who was also part of the pet therapy program before his passing. Mike, a corporate bond broker by day and a hero to dog lovers by weekend, has kept the tradition alive by bringing Harry to brighten everyone's day. The Nathaniel Witherell simply wouldn't be the same without devoted owners like Mike, who understand the power of a cold nose and a warm heart.

Of course, dog lovers aren't the only ones getting their dose of animal affection. Enter Willow, the undisputed queen of Cat Club. A Domestic Shorthair rescue with a talent for snuggles, she is the third therapy cat brought to The Nathaniel Witherell by Greenwich resident Lisa Wysocki, who has been sharing her love of felines with residents for an impressive 14 years.

Nicknamed "Willow the Pillow" for her uncanny ability to mold herself into the coziest lap accessory, she reigns over Cat Club, offering head bumps, slow blinks, and the occasional delicate paw pat. For residents who spent their lives with feline friends, Willow provides much-needed kitty companionship, complete with soft purring and just the right amount of sass. "She has that perfect 'I love you, but I'm also judging you' cat expression," one resident joked, stroking Willow's velvety fur.

These pet therapy sessions are more than just visits; they are moments of joy, nostalgia, and comfort. Whether it's Harry bounding through the halls with a wagging tail or Willow curling up in a cozy lap, these furry friends bring a little extra sunshine into The Nathaniel Witherell.

Because at the end of the day, nothing warms the heart quite like a cold nose or a soft purr.

Volunteers are always welcome at Friends of Nathaniel Witherell. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Tate, Director of Resident and Volunteer Services, at [mary.tate@witherell.org](mailto:mary.tate@witherell.org) or 203-618-4228. There are many opportunities to suit your interests and schedules, including arts and crafts, games, gift shop, and a variety of other activities.

For further information about Friends of Nathaniel Witherell and supporting these vital experiences we provide to those at The Nathaniel Witherell, call Lisa Harding, Director of Development, Advancement & Fundraising at 203-618-4227 or [lisa.harding@friendsofnw.org](mailto:lisa.harding@friendsofnw.org). Please also visit our website at <https://friendsofnathanielwitherell.org/>.

## How to Be an Advocate for Your Trees

BY JOHN CONTE

As a landscape architect and president of the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, I'm excited to share some practical tips that empower homeowners to be advocates for their trees during construction activities on their property. Such projects, whether large or small, can alter drainage patterns, soil composition and the overall topography of the land. These changes can be hard on trees. Trees are more than just a part of our landscape—they're living, breathing assets that add beauty, value, and a sense of wellbeing to our homes. With the right knowledge and approach, you can ensure your trees remain a thriving part of your property during, and especially after, a project.

Start by scheduling a comprehensive tree assessment with a certified arborist before any construction begins. This assessment can pinpoint potential vulnerabilities and give you a clear idea of your tree's current health. An arborist's insight is invaluable for both you and your contractor, as it lays the groundwork for a construction plan that respects the integrity of your tree's root system.

Another one of the most important things you can do to give your trees the protection they need before construction starts is to create a "Tree Protection Zone" (TPZ). This zone serves as a physical and operational barrier around your important trees, ensuring that no heavy equipment or disruptive activities come too close to the roots, trunk or branches of these assets. The size of the TPZ should be based on your tree's species, age and



The majority of tree roots are found in the top two feet of soil.

size. Contractors should install barriers and signage around these areas prior to the start of construction activities, making it clear to everyone on site that tree preservation is a top priority. A well-defined TPZ is not just a protective measure—it's a visual reminder of the value trees add to your home. Even foot traffic can be detrimental to tree roots if concentrated in one place for extended periods. Retaining a landscape architect who is well versed in tree protection methods is a great way to ensure that these practices are defined and followed.

An arborist can develop a Tree Protection Plan that defines the TPZ and describes a range of tree protection methods to be prescribed. This can include fencing, wooden frames around tree trunks, hardened ground mats that protect soil from compaction, and in some cases, temporary

construction roads to define vehicle and circulation areas.

The tree protection plan can also outline specific measures to be taken to safeguard trees such as requiring the use of modern tools like an air spade for trenching within root zones. The air spade uses a focused blast of air to dislodge soil from around roots without doing any damage to the fibrous web of fine root structures below the soil. Often, pipes or wires can then be installed under the roots and soil can be backfilled without the tree feeling any harmful effects from these installations. This is dramatically different than using a backhoe to rip up roots, tearing and damaging them well beyond the excavation zone.

The establishment of a TPZ, and the steps to be taken in and around the zone will dramatically improve the likelihood that your trees will remain

healthy and viable for years to come. A written plan reinforces accountability and ensures that everyone involved in the project understands the importance of tree preservation.

Fostering a collaborative relationship with your contractor is imperative. Many professionals in the construction industry are eager to adopt environmentally friendly practices when they understand the significance of preserving mature trees. By sharing your tree protection goals and asking for examples of previous projects where trees were successfully safeguarded, you build a team dynamic that's focused on long-term success rather than short-term convenience.

At the end of the day, construction doesn't have to mean the loss of your trees' beauty or health. Modern construction techniques and proactive measures can harmoniously blend progress with nature conservation. By embracing innovative tools like the air spade and insisting on best management practices, you empower yourself to be a strong advocate for your trees.

Let's work together to champion a greener, healthier future for our community. With knowledge, planning, and open communication, you can confidently ensure that your construction project will honor and preserve the natural legacy of your property's trees.

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President, Greenwich Tree Conservancy  
To find out more about the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, visit us at: [www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org](http://www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org).*



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April is Financial Literacy Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of financial matters that impact our lives. At The First Bank of Greenwich, we believe financial literacy is not just for adults—it’s crucial we teach our children these important lessons too. That’s why we are committed to educating the younger generation and equipping them with the knowledge they need to manage their finances responsibly.

The First Bank of Greenwich has hosted a series of engaging Financial Literacy programs tailored specifically for middle school and high school students. These programs focused on fundamental financial concepts such as budgeting, savings, credit scores, and responsible borrowing. Our goal is to ensure that young people are equipped with the skills they need to make informed financial decisions throughout their lives.

One of our standout initiatives is the Start to Save program, which encourages younger individuals to begin their savings journey early.

Through this program, children as young as 6 can participate and learn the importance of setting financial goals and developing good saving habits. The First Bank of Greenwich will increase the child’s initial deposit by making a one-time \$5.00 deposit and donating an additional \$5.00 to that child’s school PTA if their PTA

is a participant. Furthermore, there is no monthly charge or minimum average daily balance required to earn interest. In addition, every time the child makes a deposit, they can spin our “prize wheel”. This helps promote savings and encourages kids to visit the branch regularly and learn more about banking.

Additionally, our financial literacy efforts extend through our various products and services, designed to teach practical money management skills. The First Bank of Greenwich offers educational resources and online tools to help customers improve their financial literacy. We also provide a range of accounts, including personal checking accounts, health savings accounts, pet savings accounts, and holiday club accounts.

As part of our commitment to financial education, we partnered with Greenlight, a leading financial technology company. Greenlight offers a suite of tools that empower parents to teach their children about money management in a hands-on and practical way. Through Greenlight, young users can gain valuable experience in budgeting, saving, giving and managing their own debit cards all under parental supervision. The Greenlight app allows parents to set spending limits, assign chores, and automate allowances, making it a comprehensive tool for financial education.

Greenlight’s debit card for kids and teens is designed to help them learn about financial responsibility in a safe and controlled environment. With real-time notifications and detailed spending reports, parents can monitor their children’s financial activities and provide guidance as needed. This hands-on approach ensures that children not only understand financial concepts but also practice them in their daily lives.

At The First Bank of Greenwich, our dedication to financial literacy is evident in everything we do. By empowering the next generation with essential financial knowledge, we are helping to build a stronger, more financially secure community.

Join us this **Financial Literacy Month** in making a difference. Let’s teach our children the value of financial literacy today for a brighter tomorrow.

For more information about our Financial Literacy Programs and the “**Start to Save**” initiative, visit our website or contact us today. Together, let’s make financial literacy a cornerstone of our children’s education.

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# The Plight of Sudan and More as Addressed by Bob Macauley

By ANNE W. SEMMES

With all the natural disasters occurring around the world one country is speaking to me today – Sudan. The United Nations is reporting Sudan as suffering “the world’s largest and most devastating humanitarian crisis.” With its army at war with a “powerful paramilitary group” with some 12 million people being forced to flee their homes, there’s starvation and “evidence of genocide in the western region of Darfur, where residents say they have been targeted by fighters based on their ethnicity.”

But 40 years ago, in 1985, I witnessed that country suffering from famine from a severe drought, and deforestation. I was airlifted along with three million dollars (\$11 million plus worth today) of food and medicine, all made possible by a Greenwich native, Bob Macauley, founder of Americares Foundation (in 1982), now headquartered in Stamford, CT.

The wonder of how one person could engineer the gathering of life-saving material from 19 pharmaceutical companies, wheat and beans from two food companies, and surgical equipment, then charter a 747-cargo plane to come to the rescue of malnourished Sudanese children was near-miraculous.

Bob also had a plan to plant a million trees in Darfur, so I was accompanied by two foresters, and I was brought on as a chronicler. (Those trees would alas be planted instead in Kenya.)

Mind you Bob had some influential friends. His roommate at Yale was George H. W. Bush, then serving as Vice-President. I received a press release from the Vice-President’s office on April 4, two months before our June liftoff noting the signing of a bill (HR1289) bringing “an additional \$1 billion in food aid and disaster relief to drought-stricken Africa.” The release also noted the “superb job” of Americares about to “emergency airlift 250,000 pounds of medicine, vitamins, food, blankets and tents...from the people of the United States to the people of Sudan - with love.”

### Landing in Sudan

Landing in the capital city of Khartoum, the two foresters and I would then be put in a small plane to fly across the desert landscape of Darfur in search of where to plant a million trees. What I witnessed below me and on the ground will be with me forever. Such primitive conditions, and such shortage of water as well as food. At one water source the lineup of those waiting with their buckets went as far as the eye could see. Its effect upon me post-journey was that I would send \$100 for a truckload of water, with a photo sent later showing me the joy it brought.

“Their ability to endure suffering is far greater than my ability to witness it,” Bob had shared with me after his trip to Sudan three months before mine. That spoke to me having seen that elderly Sudanese woman carrying a bucket on her head, knowing that some must travel a day’s journey for water. And this woman had a metal peg leg.



Bob Macauley, founder of Americares, reflecting “his personal vision and commitment to not take no for an answer when it came to helping people.” Photo by Americares.

“You see a situation, and you have to move, boom, boom, boom.” Bob Macauley.



A lineup of women and children for free water in the Kordofan Region of Sudan. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

was from Beth Bush (Mrs. Prescott Bush) late of Greenwich. She was in London working on her book about her brother, Draper Kauffman, as founder of the Navy SEALs. Turning on her recorder she’d found a recording she made of my interviewing Barbara Bush for my program “Inner View” on Greenwich’s WGCH radio, prior to my airlift to Sudan. Barbara was addressing her trip with the Vice President and Bob Macauley to Sudan. Reminded I was they had accompanied Bob on his

earlier trip!  
“The questions - and especially the ending were so moving [of their trip],” wrote Beth. And gripped she was over Barbara remarking, “For what we would spend on a pair of shoes, a family could be fed for a week.” Beth then wrote of coming across in London “lovely dinner plates which I thought we ‘needed’...at \$400 a real bargain (compared to home).” But after hearing that recorded interview she’d decided “a much better bargain would be to send that \$400 to Americares.”

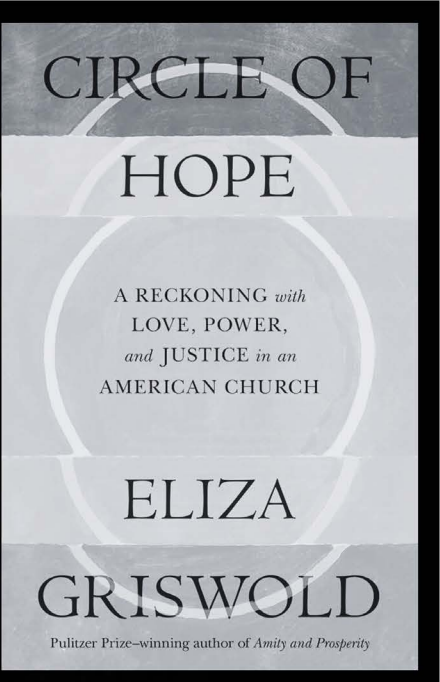
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| Address                   | Area      | Price       | Day/Time    | Broker           |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 85 Valleywood Road        | Cos Cob   | \$1,795,000 | Sat 1-4 PM  | BHHS New England |
| 1 Strawberry Hill Ave. 8B | Stamford  | \$475,000   | Sun 1-3 PM  | BHHS New England |
| 42 Mimosa Drive           | Cos Cob   | \$1,850,000 | Sun 1-3 PM  | BHHS New England |
| 201 Shore Road            | Greenwich | \$2,499,000 | Sun 1-3 PM  | Coldwell Banker  |
| 297 Cognewaugh Road       | Cos Cob   | \$1,995,000 | Sun 1-4 PM  | Compass          |
| 7 Roberta Lane            | Greenwich | \$2,295,000 | Sat 12-2 PM | Sotheby's        |
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| Address                | Original List | List Price  | Sold Price  | DOM | BR | FB | Acres | SqFt   |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----|----|----|-------|--------|
| 51 Forest Avenue 67    | \$979,000     | \$979,000   | \$1,100,000 | 4   | 2  | 2  | 0     | 1,271  |
| 15 River Road 220      | \$985,000     | \$985,000   | \$955,000   | 11  | 2  | 2  | 0     | 1,270  |
| 25 Stepping Stone Lane | \$2,595,000   | \$2,595,000 | \$2,780,000 | 11  | 4  | 3  | 1.05  | 6,146  |
| 269 Pemberwick Road    | \$3,150,000   | \$2,996,000 | \$2,700,000 | 167 | 5  | 4  | 0.26  | 4,550  |
| 45 Wesskum Wood Road   | \$3,900,000   | \$3,900,000 | \$4,204,500 | 7   | 4  | 4  | 0.43  | 3,539  |
| 70 Sherwood Avenue     | \$4,295,000   | \$4,295,000 | \$4,724,528 | 15  | 5  | 6  | 2     | 7,727  |
| 12 Bryon Road          | \$4,995,000   | \$4,995,000 | \$5,575,000 | 6   | 5  | 4  | 0.25  | 4,153  |
| 146 Brookside Drive    | \$7,995,000   | \$7,995,000 | \$7,900,000 | 19  | 7  | 6  | 4.01  | 7,644  |
| 10 Hurlingham Drive    | \$8,000,000   | \$8,000,000 | \$7,950,000 | 140 | 6  | 7  | 13.36 | 12,456 |

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| Address               | List Price   | Price/ SqFt | SqFt   | AC   | BR | FB | Area               |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------|------|----|----|--------------------|
| 19 Palmer Street 2    | \$699,000    | \$459       | 1,524  | 0    | 2  | 2  | Cos Cob            |
| 15 River Road 210     | \$799,000    | \$724       | 1,104  | 0    | 2  | 2  | Cos Cob            |
| 18 Stone Avenue 3     | \$885,000    | \$393       | 2,250  | 0    | 3  | 3  | South Parkway      |
| 24 Riverside Lane     | \$1,195,000  | \$639       | 1,871  | 0.22 | 3  | 3  | Riverside          |
| 152 Valley Road       | \$1,425,000  | \$679       | 2,100  | 0.3  | 4  | 3  | Cos Cob            |
| 65 Orchard Street     | \$1,495,000  | \$1,001     | 1,493  | 0.17 | 4  | 2  | Cos Cob            |
| 71 Valleywood Road    | \$1,795,000  | \$693       | 2,592  | 0.17 | 4  | 3  | Cos Cob            |
| 42 Mimosa Drive       | \$1,850,000  | \$672       | 2,751  | 1    | 4  | 2  | Cos Cob            |
| 297 Cognewaugh Road   | \$1,995,000  | \$607       | 3,284  | 2.16 | 4  | 3  | Cos Cob            |
| 16 Dandy Drive        | \$2,075,000  | \$349       | 5,943  | 0.62 | 4  | 4  | Cos Cob            |
| 45 Homestead Road     | \$2,175,000  | \$696       | 3,127  | 0.28 | 5  | 3  | Glennville         |
| 7 Roberta Lane        | \$2,295,000  | \$674       | 3,405  | 1    | 7  | 4  | South Parkway      |
| 1 Arrowhead Lane      | \$2,450,000  | \$785       | 3,120  | 1    | 4  | 3  | Cos Cob            |
| 4 Park Avenue         | \$2,800,000  | \$859       | 3,261  | 0.2  | 3  | 4  | Old Greenwich      |
| 6 Carissa Lane        | \$2,850,000  | \$602       | 4,735  | 1.11 | 4  | 3  | South Parkway      |
| 420 Davis Avenue      | \$3,350,000  | \$1,061     | 3,158  | 1.2  | 5  | 3  | South of Post Road |
| 10 Edgewood Drive 5B  | \$3,825,000  | \$984       | 3,886  | 0    | 3  | 3  | South Parkway      |
| 36 Edgewood Drive     | \$3,975,000  | \$833       | 4,774  | 1.43 | 4  | 3  | South Parkway      |
| 19 Beechcroft Road    | \$4,995,000  | \$717       | 6,969  | 1.69 | 5  | 5  | South Parkway      |
| 980 North Street      | \$4,995,000  | \$446       | 11,211 | 0.92 | 6  | 6  | North Parkway      |
| 26 Glen Avon Drive    | \$6,995,000  | \$1,177     | 5,942  | 0.87 | 6  | 5  | Riverside          |
| 33 Meadow Wood Drive  | \$8,950,000  | \$1,776     | 5,040  | 2.78 | 5  | 4  | South of Post Road |
| 104 Husted Lane       | \$11,250,000 | \$1,403     | 8,016  | 2.01 | 6  | 6  | South Parkway      |
| 24 Conyers Farm Drive | \$25,000,000 | \$2,031     | 12,312 | 25.5 | 6  | 6  | North Parkway      |

## March Sales Plunge - Contracts Hold Up - Inventory Stays Down



BY MARK PRUNER

In times of economic uncertainty, transactions slow down, and closings are often the most affected. You would think that closings, whose closing dates are set out in a contract signed by buyer and seller, would show the least effect of economic fluctuations, but historically that is not the case. When the economic future becomes uncertain, people put off closings.

That is certainly what happened in March. In a month where our 10-year pre-Covid average in sales was 42, we didn't come close. Even in March 2024, with only slightly higher inventory levels than we have now, we had 32 sales compared to this March's 19 sales. What we didn't have in March 2024 were financial prognosticators raising the chances of a recession. In the last 25 years, only one March came close to having such a low number of sales, and that was during the worst part of the Great Recession in March 2018, when we had 18 sales.

So, does that mean that the Greenwich real estate market is as bad as it has ever been this century? Luckily, the answer is no. When times are uncertain, sales drop, but contracts are still rising as they do nearly every spring market. Contracts are our best forward-looking indicator and they show that deal are still getting done.

At the beginning of this April, we had 82 contracts, down only 5 contracts from the 87 we had at the beginning of April 2024. If only half of our contracts close in April, then we will have 41 sales, the same as we had in March 2024 and in March 2025. Based on this, we are not likely to see a repeat of the very low sales we saw last month.

If we delve deeper and look at the inventory and contracts by week, contracts look similar to a standard spring market with contracts accelerating in March, albeit slightly below where contracts were in March 2024, which were slightly below the number of contracts each week in March 2023. All this comes down to inventory.

Inventory started to drop to unheard-of levels in the second

half of 2021. In 2022, 2023, and 2024, we saw new and much lower inventory lines each succeeding year. As a result, sales were also a little lower each year, with 2024 having the lowest sales in 14 years. Then came 2025, and inventory got even stranger.

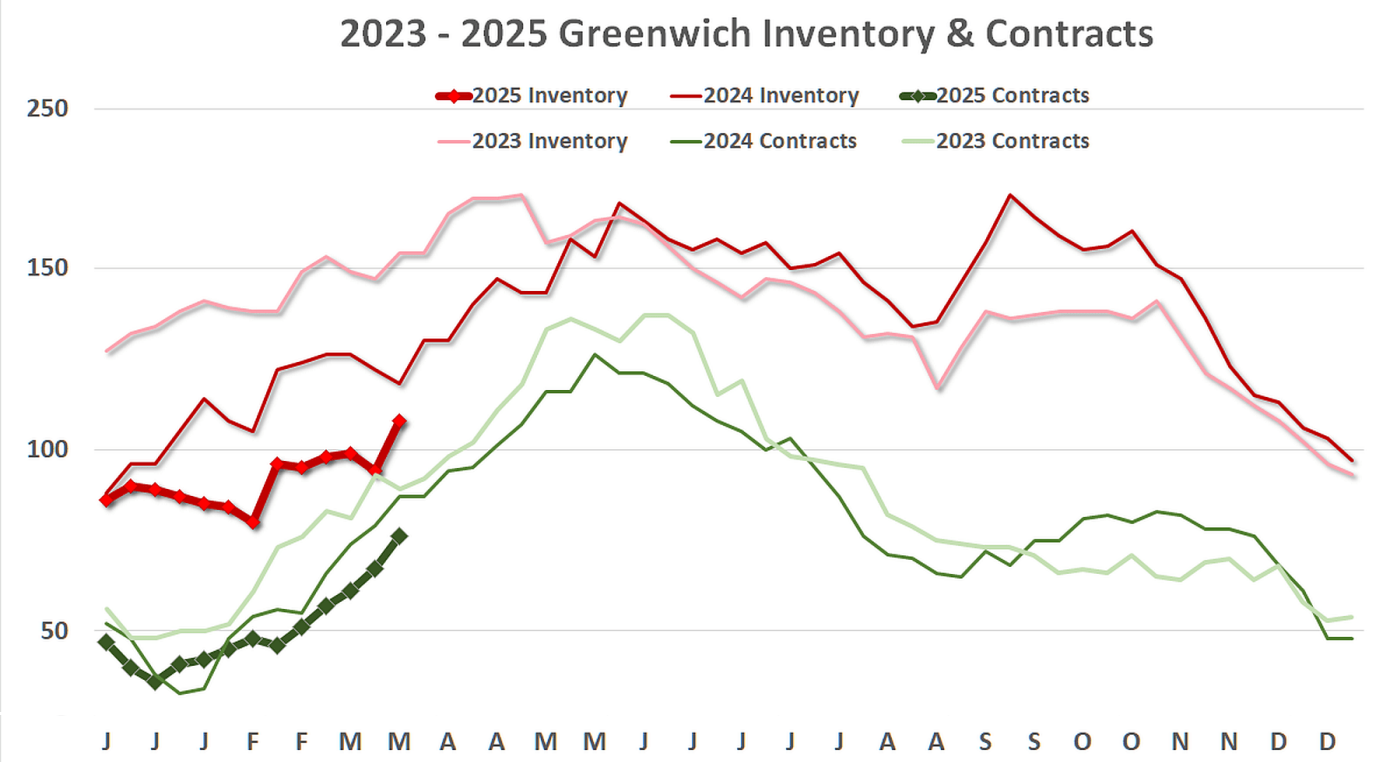
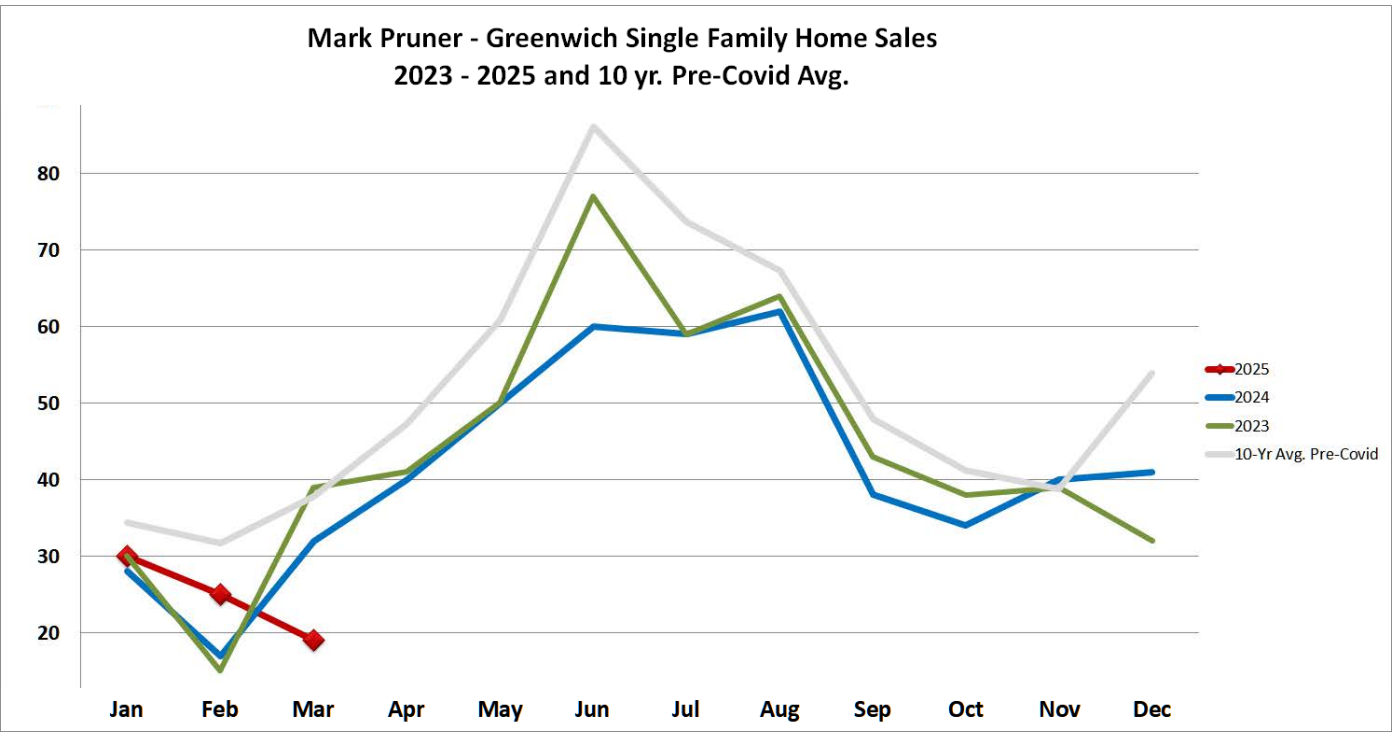
At least in 2023 and 2024, while inventory levels started at record lows, they went up as they always do. We didn't see that this year. Inventory went down from what was already a record low opening inventory and declined for the first seven weeks of this year. That never happens. What we were seeing, and continue to see, is that anything decent that came on the market in 2024 went off as quickly as it came on, so inventory was staying flat.

To see this in action, take a look at Tim Agro's table of sales last week. We had nine sales, and seven of those nine sales went to contract in 19 days or less. The other two sales were on the market for 140 and 167 days on market (DOM), which curiously is also a sign of a pro-seller market. In a tight market, you see houses that have been on the market for months sell because buyers have nothing else to buy, so they finally see the inner goodness that all the previous buyers did not.

The other interesting thing we saw in the weekly numbers is that the number of listings finally got over 100, finishing last week at 113 listings. Each of the last three weeks' new listings have been in the double digits. This is what is supposed to happen in the spring market, but it is not what we had been seeing this year until March. The question this raises is if some of the financial smart money is putting their houses on the market now because they are expecting a softer market in the future. Only time will tell.

First quarter sales match last year almost

For the first quarter, we were seeing a pro-sellers market with smart, aggressive buyers. Of our 74 first-quarter sales, 36 of them went to non-contingent contract in less than a month. In addition, we had another 19 properties that went to contingent contract in less than a month. (For MLS days on market calculation, properties under a contingent contract are considered to still be "active" properties. These listings under a contingent contract continue to accumulate



days on market until the contract becomes non-contingent.)

In total, 55 of our sales this year went to contract in less than a month. Also, only 27 of our sales had a contingency, meaning that if you wanted to win a deal, being ready to waive a mortgage contingency was a big help.

Of our 74 first-quarter sales, only 16 went for over list price, with another 12 sales going for full list price. This 38% of all sales going for full list or over list is down from what it was for all last year, but that is typical of the first quarter, where many of the sales were from listings that were over-wintering. Our median days on market was 54 for the first quarter, up from last year.

Price wise, the high-end is where the action is, with sales over \$5 million up in 2025 compared to last year. Sales are down under \$1 million because

we have no inventory and hence no sales under \$800,000 and only one sale from \$800K to \$1 million. Low inventory has also led to lower sales from \$1.5 to \$5 million compared to 2024.

It is a sellers' market below \$6.5 million when you look at months of supply. However, if you take the slow sales in March and annualize them, it is only a sellers' market under \$2 million. As mentioned above, with the number of contracts, April should be a much better month for sales.

Slow sales in March, even with lower inventory, mean current month annualized months of supply is seeing big jumps. Good contracts for the inventory we do have.

What about the rest of 2025?

What does all this mean for buyers and sellers in the Greenwich real estate market?

The short answer is no one knows. The Greenwich real estate market is tied to the stock market, which did not have a good quarter. On the other hand, our inventory is so low that even if demand has dropped, we still have enough demand for the inventory that we do have. For those that have been waiting to sell, this may be a good time to list in case our some preliminary signs of softening grow.

For those looking to redeploy assets into a less volatile asset, Greenwich real estate is not a bad choice. For buyers who need mortgages, many have resigned themselves to mortgage rates in the 6-7 percent range, which still is historically low. Will we continue to see the price appreciation that we have seen over the last several years? That's a harder question. If stocks are to trend lower, many of the stock

investors tend to stay in stocks, just more conservative ones, so the influence on the Greenwich market is not huge enough to push up prices a lot.

Will house prices drop this year, like they have in places like Austin, Boise, and Orlando? This area has the lowest inventory percentage today compared to 2019. Even if we tripled our inventory, we'd still be well below historical averages. Demand could drop a lot, but would it be enough to see median prices actually go down? That is more of a stretch.

Stay tuned; it is going to be an interesting year.

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COLUMN

# Camillo Statement On Proposed BET Budget Cuts



By Fred Camillo

Given the enormous public interest in the Board of Estimate and Taxation's 2025-26 municipal budget vote, scheduled now for Thursday, I want to be very clear that budget cuts being proposed now by some members are going to be very harmful to Town departments, both big and small, and I oppose them.

In my six years as First Selectman of the Town of Greenwich, we have worked extremely hard with our Town department heads to be able to do more with less. The fact that we have trimmed the headcount for Town employees by 40 people over the last six years is a testament to that.

*“When we eat the challah prepared by the hands of our loved ones, we feel their presence amidst the dough.”*

I believe strongly in fiscal prudence and smart management of resources, which I have shown repeatedly throughout my time as First Selectman and when I was a State Representative. However, I believe most of the cuts being proposed are unnecessary and would be damaging, if approved.

The proposed \$4 million cut to our schools is an action that I am respectfully asking the BET to reconsider.

Efficiency, consolidation and any other goal that promotes fiscal prudence and responsibility is something I support, as do many others in Town. What I object to here is the magnitude of the proposed cut to the school budget, which I am hearing will involve the end of certain programs and the possible elimination of teaching

positions.

Our public schools, which I am blessed to have attended, along with our focus on public safety, public health, and the parks system, are some of the main reasons why people choose to move to our beautiful Town. Let's spend money wisely, and not look to cut indiscriminately across the board which can lead to unintended consequences.

I just want to highlight a few examples of cuts to a few departments and the resulting strain on the already stretched thin departments.

As Police Commissioner, I am concerned about the potential cut to the police department, which is already having to redeploy existing resources to cover more of

the Town and operations than ever before due in large part to having to cover one of the largest landmasses in the State of Connecticut and all it does to cover our local schools.

If this cut is approved, the department will be faced with the choice of having to eliminate another position or going without certain equipment that is used for public protection.

I understand the BET might be reconsidering this cut to the police department and I thank them for listening to our concerns.

It is worth noting that 30 years ago, we had a police force of 175 members. Today, we are at 152 and that is with financial fraud crimes, technological tools required to protect the public, and sophisticated criminal enterprises that were not even

in existence years ago when we had 23 more officers in uniform

The Department of Public Works, which came in under the BET's approved guidelines with its budget, is now being forced to look at whether or not it will be able to fund overtime this winter. That means we would have to go to the BET for interim appropriations for money to cover basic resident needs like plowing snow and making sure our streets are clear of ice.

The Nathaniel Witherell is another area of concern. Since my first day in office, I have challenged Witherell's management to be more efficient and figure out how to address their \$5 million to \$7 million yearly deficit. The staff and Witherell's board members have worked very hard to respond and address that and we're almost to the point where we would not have a deficit there if it were not for its debt costs.

I believe we are finally at a point where there is a light at the end of the tunnel for Witherell as a Town department. But the cuts being proposed by some

BET members would, according to some Witherell board members and its new chairman who has 52 years of experience in the hospital industry, will downgrade the facility to a one-star rating. That would be disastrous.

If the endgame for some is to sell the Nathaniel Witherell operation to a private entity, why would we devalue it as an asset? Whether a business, or even professional sports franchise, the idea of selling low is something to be avoided, while an asset that is strong is always considered to be more valuable.

These cuts would also be demoralizing to the people we have to interview as potential members of the Witherell's board and the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell. These are people who are working really hard to turn the ship around and these cuts would set their efforts back significantly.

I again respectfully urge the BET to think about the ramifications for Greenwich's future and reconsider these cuts.

COLUMN

# A Parent’s Reaction to PTAC Communication

As a parent, I'd like to draw your attention to the fact that the PTAC is sending out inappropriate, partisan-appearing messages. I do not believe this is the role of PTAC, and I hope you don't either!

Today, we received a call

to action email over the Town budget. It is misleading, has little context, and supports one of the partisan sides in the debate. It says “The proposed \$4.05 million cut to the school budget will have a significant negative impact on the quality of education

and resource we expect from Greenwich public schools.”

This is a blatant misrepresentation of a possible budget amendment (hasn't made it to floor) to reduce the proposed budget increase for next year. That's NOT A CUT. A cut

implies a reduction from the current year budget. As to the impacts of any such reduction, that is at the discretion of the BOE - NO OTHER BODY. The BET and RTM have zero control over how BOE spends the taxpayer funds once they are

appropriated to the Schools.

Reasonable people can disagree about whether a budget increase should be 5% or only 3%. It is NOT the role of PTAC (or any PTA) to be involved in this. Doing so only damages to reputation of PTAC.

Please issue a retraction/apology via email for this, and refrain from engaging in this type of one-sided, misleading communication in the future.

Sincerely,  
Brian R. Raney

## TENDERCARE From Page 1

and medications, and guide families through complex caregiving tasks such as power-of-attorney documentation and insurance coordination.

Experts in elder care emphasize that one of the biggest challenges for families is managing fragmented information. Many caregivers struggle to track medical records, coordinate with multiple healthcare providers, and ensure that critical documents are accessible when needed. AI-powered tools like tendercare are designed to simplify these tasks, making it easier for caregivers to stay organized and be prepared. The platform allows users to upload documents by taking photos of prescription bottles or scanning PDFs, and it will integrate with Medicare to import medical files directly.

For families who share caregiving responsibilities, digital access to information is particularly valuable. Many caregivers rely on phone calls and handwritten notes to communicate vital details, a system that is often inefficient and prone to error. By digitizing medical and legal records, platforms like tendercare streamline coordination between family members and professional caregivers, reducing the risk of miscommunication.

“This technology is extremely user-friendly,” said Mimi Santry, a senior care specialist with Assisted Living Locators. “It doesn't require someone to be tech-savvy. Information can be easily uploaded, and the ability to share documents with family members and caregivers makes managing care much

smoother.”

The Growing Burden on Caregivers

Connecticut has one of the oldest populations in the country, with nearly 20 percent of residents over the age of 65. According to AARP, more than 420,000 unpaid caregivers in the state provide essential support to aging family members, often without formal training or external resources. The demand for elder care services continues to rise, placing additional pressure on families who are already managing full-time jobs, childcare responsibilities, and financial planning for their own futures.

Greenwich's Caregiver Circle series, now in its 16th year, is designed to provide essential education and guidance for family caregivers. Coordinated by the Greenwich Commission on Aging and River House Adult Day Center, the series hosts expert-led discussions on aging-related topics, ranging from dementia care to legal planning.

Blending AI with Human Connection

While technology provides efficiency, experts emphasize that caregiving is inherently personal and requires human connection. AI-powered tools can help caregivers stay organized, but they do not replace the need for hands-on support, whether from family, professional home aides, or adult day centers. Platforms like tendercare work best when integrated with in-person services such as those provided by River House Adult Day Center, which serves more than 120 aging adults and 200 caregivers annually.

One of the most practical applications of tendercare is its Emergency Room Ready file, which compiles critical medical and legal information—such as prescriptions, blood type, implants, allergies, and next of kin—into a digital format that can be accessed

instantly. Caregivers can receive a scannable magnet that allows emergency responders to retrieve this information in seconds. EMTs who attended the event expressed support for the feature, recognizing its potential to improve care in critical situations.

“This feature could improve the quality of care dramatically—particularly in an emergency,” Santry added. “Having instant access to all the necessary medical and legal information means that first responders can provide faster and better care when every second counts.”

As Greenwich families seek solutions for elder

care, the integration of digital tools with community resources may offer a more sustainable approach. Caregivers are increasingly looking for ways to blend technology with traditional care models, ensuring that their loved ones receive both the practical management and emotional support they need.

The Caregiver Circle series will continue to host events focused on navigating aging-related challenges, reinforcing the importance of community-based solutions in tandem with emerging technology. To learn more about tendercare, visit [www.trytendercare.com](http://www.trytendercare.com).

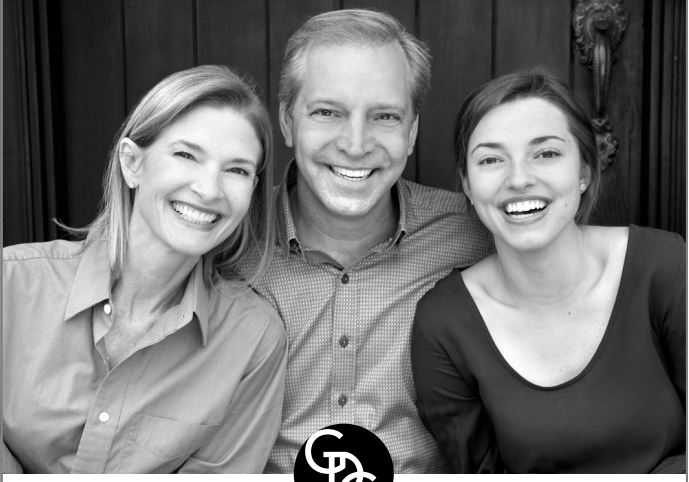
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# NEWS MAKERS

## NEW BRIEFS From Page 1

lations would limit certain activities and structures near waterways and set conditions for development within buffer zones. The conservation department would enforce the rules, and the regulations would apply only to residential areas.

### AROUND TOWN

#### I-95 Bridge Maintenance to Begin

The Connecticut Department of Transportation will conduct bridge maintenance on both sides of Interstate 95 from Greenwich to New Haven, with an expected completion date of April 25. The work will focus on maintaining drainage structures in several towns along the highway. Lane and shoulder closures will occur from 8 am to 4 pm on weekdays, with traffic control measures in place.

#### Merritt Parkway Repaving Project

Repaving work is ongoing along the Merritt Parkway between Exit 27 and Exit 33 in Greenwich, expected to last until December. The project includes milling, resurfacing, and ramp repairs, with temporary detours in place. Work will occur overnight from 6 pm to 6 am, Monday through Friday.

#### Bruce Park Nominated for Best Park

Bruce Park in Greenwich has been nominated for USA Today's "Best City Parks 2025" by an expert panel. The park, established in 1908, offers various recreational facilities, including sports fields, tennis courts, walking paths, and ponds. In October 2024, the park received historic property designation to protect its features from future development. Vote by going to <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/bruce-park-greenwich-connecticut/>

#### Eversource Adjusts Plan for Residents

Eversource is revising its plan to dig test pits on Greenwich Avenue after receiving complaints about the noise from residents. The work, which involves excavating 41 holes for underground utility relocation, may now be done during the day rather than exclusively at night. Eversource is still awaiting permits and will continue gathering feedback from the community to finalize the plan.

#### Greenwich Seeks Expert Advice for Redevelopment

Greenwich town officials have requested \$50,000 to hire a consultant to help evaluate redevelopment proposals for the Havemeyer Building on Greenwich Avenue. The building, owned by the town, is in need of costly repairs and sits on valuable land. The consultant would assist in comparing the financial and structural aspects of the proposals, with a focus on long-term leases versus upfront payments.

#### Sidewalk Expansion Project Gains Support

The "Sidewalks on Shore" campaign continues to push for more funding to extend sidewalks along Shore Road in Old Greenwich, a busy route used by children and visitors to Greenwich Point Park. A recent public hearing saw calls for additional funding to be included in the fiscal year 2025-26 budget, with \$1.25 million already allocated for the project.

#### Shore Road Sidewalk Extension Project Planned

The Shore Road sidewalk extension project will expand the existing walkway, extending it toward Greenwich Point Park. The first phase of sidewalks was completed in 2023, and the second phase is currently in planning.

#### BNY Mellon Property Sale

The Bank of New York is selling its building at 10 Mason Street but will continue its wealth management operations there through a leaseback agreement, reflecting changes in the banking sector.

### LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

#### Red Cross Blood Drive in Cos Cob

The American Red Cross will hold a blood donation drive in Cos Cob on April 7 from 1:30 to 6:30 pm at the Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard Street. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted if space is available. Donations can be scheduled online or by calling 800-733-2767.

#### Young Girls Learn Government at Workshop

The Women in Government Workshop will be held at Greenwich Town Hall this Sunday from 2 to 4 pm. It is organized by the Greenwich Girl Scouts and the League of Women Voters of Greenwich for young girls, particularly those in preschool through 5th grade, to learn about local, state, and federal governments. Girl Scouts can earn a badge in citizenship or democracy based on their level.

#### Eliza Griswold to Discuss New Book

Eliza Griswold will discuss her book *Circle of Hope: A Reckoning of Love, Power, and Justice* in an American Church at a free event on April 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm at [Christchurchgreenwich.org](http://Christchurchgreenwich.org). The book examines the Circle of Hope church in Philadelphia and its efforts to address justice, power, and inclusion within a modern American church. A reception and book signing will follow, with books available for purchase on site.

#### Greenwich Audubon Launches Oneida Sanctuary Restoration

The Greenwich Audubon Center is working to restore the Oneida Sanctuary, a salt marsh in Greenwich that has been affected by invasive plants. Over the past two years, efforts have focused on removing these plants, planting native species, and installing signage. A crowdfunding campaign is underway to raise \$7,250, which will be matched by Sustainable CT's Community Match Fund if the goal is met by April 21st.

#### Greenwich Hosts Event for Earth Day

Waste Free Greenwich will host an event on April 5 to observe Earth Day. The ReThink Waste Fair at Christ Church's Parish Hall will feature eco-friendly vendors, sustainability demos, and recycling opportu-

nities.

#### Greenwich Launches Interactive Re-Framing 95 Exhibit

The Greenwich Historical Society, in collaboration with Untapped New York, will open "Re-Framing 95," an interactive exhibition and walking tour, on April 5. The exhibit, part of the Rediscover Greenwich initiative, features large frames placed around the Bush-Holley House to highlight the impact of Interstate 95 on the site's history. Walking tours will begin at the Cos Cob Train Station and end at the Historical Society's campus.

#### Greenwich Celebrates Youth Leadership and Achievement

The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich held its annual Youth of the Year celebration on April 3, recognizing club members for their contributions to the club, community, and academic achievements. Eleven students were considered for the award, with the winner moving on to compete for the Connecticut Youth of the Year title. The event also honored George Fox as Champion of Youth, Barbara and Joe Havranek as Community Impact Volunteers, and a high school member with the David Ogilvy Award.

#### Students Lead Environmental Event for Kids

Leaders of the Next Generation (LNG), a nonprofit organization led by two Greenwich High School students, hosted the third Green Guardians event at the Greenwich Audubon Center on March 29. The event featured stations where children learned about environmental issues, including plastic pollution and oil spills, through interactive activities. LNG, focused on environmental awareness and education, offered the event free of charge with pre-registration required.

#### Beyond Yoga Opens First East Coast Store

Beyond Yoga is opening its first East Coast store at 197 Greenwich Avenue, previously a Chase Bank branch, with plans to open by the end of May. The company currently operates seven locations, with five in California and one each in Illinois and Washington. The new store will be its eighth overall.

### PEOPLE IN TOWN

#### GHS Students Honored with MLK Jr. Award



Diana Davidson and Sofia Jackman, both students at Greenwich High School, received the Martin Luther King Jr. Award from Greenwich Hospital. The award recognizes students who demonstrate leadership, service, and a commitment to their communities. To be eligible, recipients needed to complete at least 30 hours of community service, write an essay on Dr. King's values, and provide letters of recommendation.

Photo Credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

#### Barbara's House Appoints New Executive Director

Barbara's House, a social service agency supporting low-income residents in Greenwich, has appointed Lorraine Termini as its new Executive Director following Gaby Rattner's retirement. Termini, a former educator with over 30 years of experience in Greenwich Public Schools, holds advanced degrees in education and leadership. Vanessa Cardinal Boticault has been promoted to Program Director, overseeing staff, volunteers, and initiatives.

#### Louis Josephson Appointed New CEO

Louis Josephson has been appointed as the new president and CEO of Family Centers, effective April 21, following the retirement of Bob Arnold after 43 years in the role. Josephson has over 30 years of experience in leading human services and mental health organizations, most recently as CEO of Bay Cove Human Services in Boston. He holds degrees from Tufts University, Columbia University, and New York University.

### SCHOOLS

#### GPS Honor Outstanding Paraeducators

Greenwich Public Schools has announced the 2025 Paraeducators of the Year, recognizing 15 para-professionals for their contributions to student development. One of the honorees will be selected as the district's nominee for Connecticut's 2026 Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award. Individual schools will hold ceremonies to acknowledge the winners.

#### GCDS Law Review Club Launches



The GCDS Law Review Club has published its first edition, featuring four articles on various legal topics. The club aims to promote discussions on constitutional law and help students develop writing and editing skills. The second edition is scheduled for release in May. Photo Credit: Greenwich Country Day School

#### Sacred Heart Film Festival Celebrates Creativity

The 16th Annual Sacred Heart Film Festival will showcase the work of 92 student filmmakers, featuring PSAs, documentaries, experimental films, and creative projects. The event will also include a mys-

tery-solving activity hosted by Olivia Antenucci, Natasha Arakal, Lila Caruso, and Amy Walsh. The festival will take place on Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Greenwich.

#### 59 Employees Recognized with Difference Maker Award

Greenwich Public Schools announced 59 employees as recipients of the March 2025 "Difference Maker" award for their significant contributions to the community. The award recognizes full- and part-time staff who have made a lasting impact through individual actions or ongoing efforts. Nominations are open to GPS families, students, colleagues, and community members.

#### Councilmember Pinto Commencement Speaker



Greenwich Country Day School has announced that Councilmember Brooke Pinto, a 2007 graduate, will be the Commencement Speaker for the Class of 2025. Pinto was a student representative, athlete, and performer during her time at the school. She will return to campus to speak at the graduation ceremony.

Photo Credit: Greenwich Country Day School

#### Eagle Hill Hosts Guiding Eyes Puppies



Eagle Hill School hosted puppies from Guiding Eyes as part of their training to become service dogs. The puppies spent time with students to develop socialization skills. The school participated in this training process.

Photo Credit: Eagle Hill School

#### GCDS Juniors Shine at Science Fair

Cooper Taylor and Chris Suy, juniors at Greenwich Country Day School, earned major awards at the 2025 Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair. Taylor won first place in physical sciences for his project on vertical take-off and landing aircraft, while Suy's project on adaptive traffic lights was recognized for innovation in engineering. Both students will advance to represent their school at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair in May.

#### Air Force Band Performs at GHS

The U.S. Air Force Academy Band will perform at Greenwich High School on April 9 at 7:30 pm. The concert, part of the "Spirit of America" tour, will feature a variety of music, including patriotic, jazz, pop, classical, and country. Admission is free, but tickets are recommended through Eventbrite.

#### Support for Ramadan Observers

Greenwich High School allows students to opt out of physical education to observe Ramadan, fostering inclusivity and respect for cultural practices.

### SPORTS

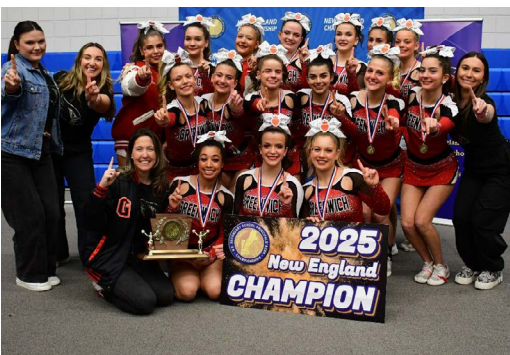
#### Basketball Team Wins Spring Tournament



The Boys and Girls Club Greenwich basketball team won their game in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Connecticut Spring Basketball League. The 8-week tournament tests teamwork and commitment. Coach Mike Gerald's leadership has been instrumental in the team's performance.

Photo Credit: Boys and Girls Club Greenwich

#### Greenwich Cheer Team Makes History



The Greenwich High School Varsity Cheer Team made history by winning the Division I title at the New England Interscholastic Spirit Championship, marking the first time both the team and any Connecticut school has won the competition in its 17-year history. This victory follows their earlier win at the Connecticut States CIAC Cheer Championship Finals, securing a triple crown for the team. The achievement highlights the team's success in multiple competitions this year.

Photo Credit: Deb Alza

#### GHS Baseball Program Raises Funds

The Greenwich High School baseball program raised nearly \$5,000 on a Sunday morning through community donations. The funds will go toward team needs. The team's Home Opener will take place on April 6 at noon, marking the first game at GHS Cardinal Field in a year due to field repairs.

#### SH Lacrosse Triumphs in Overtime



Sacred Heart Greenwich's Varsity A lacrosse team has started the season strong, rallying in the final minutes to win their first three games, including a dramatic 8-7 overtime victory over Noble and Greenough School on March 27. Senior Daphne Fallon scored the game-winning goal in the fourth overtime, assisted by freshman Peyla Carcatterra, after the Tigers came back from a two-goal deficit with less than a minute left in regulation. The team's motto, "want it more," has driven their success, with key contributions from both experienced players and younger talent.

Photo Credit: Rachael Stover

#### Bruins Bounce Back with Victory



Brunswick School has been a consistent contender in the FAA Baseball Tournament, winning six regular season titles and four tournament championships since 2012. Despite having a younger team in 2025, with a mix of talented underclassmen and strong leadership from senior captains like Wim Nook and Jackson Shepelsky, their goal remains to win the FAA final. After an early loss to St. Luke's, the team rebounded with a 7-1 win, showing resilience and growth as they look to improve throughout the season.

Photo Credit: Brunswick School

#### GHS Rugby Triumphs Over Staples



The Greenwich High School Varsity Boys' rugby team defeated Staples High School 14-10 in a hard-fought season opener. Despite Greenwich dominating possession, Staples held strong defensively, with notable performances from Benja Gonzalez Lobo and Floris Van De Rotte. The game saw Greenwich maintain control with strategic play, eventually securing the win with two tries and successful conversions.

Photo Credit: Antonio Monteiro

### FROM HARTFORD

#### Town Board Opposes House Bill 7033

House Bill 7033 aims to prevent municipalities from penalizing homeless individuals for performing essential activities on public land. The bill's definition of "public lands" includes areas near roadways and parks, potentially impacting local efforts to maintain these spaces. The bill's provisions could create challenges for municipalities in managing public land.

#### Connecticut Launches \$30 Million Housing Initiative

Governor Ned Lamont and Connecticut Housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno announced a \$30 million investment in CT Home Funds to support homeownership in the state through three programs. These programs will provide loans and grants to homeowners and developers for home repairs, energy efficiency improvements, and affordable housing construction. The initiative will be managed by Capital for Change and the Housing Development Fund.



# RMA Presents “The Canarsie Tunnel Project”

By Rick Donohue

The presentation at the March 26th meeting of the Retired Men’s Association detailed the extensive repair project undertaken in the Canarsie Tunnel after it suffered significant damage from flooding during Superstorm Sandy in 2012. The tunnel, which carries the L train between Manhattan and Brooklyn, was inundated with seven million gallons of salt water from the East River, leading to corrosion of the concrete bench walls and damage to critical infrastructure like tracks, signals, and electrical equipment. Isabel

Lopes, a structural engineer at WSP, explained how an initial plan for a prolonged shutdown was averted, and the repairs were completed while maintaining partial operation.

The original repair strategy proposed an 18-month full closure of the L train to allow for the complete replacement of the damaged concrete bench walls, the track bed, and the rails. This plan, however, generated considerable anxiety among local residents and businesses who relied heavily on the L train for commuting and commerce. To mitigate these concerns, the MTA developed an alternative service plan involving busways, ferries, and increased service on other subway lines. Unexpectedly, in January 2019, Governor Cuomo announced the cancellation of the full shutdown, mandating that the repairs be executed within a compressed 15-month timeframe while keeping the tunnel operational. This abrupt change necessitated a fundamental rethinking of the repair methodology. To address this challenge, a group of experts from Cornell and Columbia engineering was convened to reassess the project goals and propose a revised approach aimed at minimizing disruption to passengers. Simultaneously, Isabel Lopes and her design team were tasked with inspecting the tunnel to develop a feasible repair plan that could be implemented under these new constraints.

A crucial step in the revised plan involved a detailed inspection of both tubes of the Canarsie Tunnel. Engineers, contractors, and MTA representatives walked the entire length, assessing the condition of the concrete bench walls in 10-foot increments. They used hammers to sound the concrete and visually inspected for cracking and spalling, categorizing each segment into one of three conditions: good condition

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Structural Engineer Isabel Lopes described the Canarsie Tunnel Project, a major construction that repaired a heavily used New York City subway tunnel damaged during Superstorm Sandy.

(no action needed), some damage (requiring local strengthening), and severe damage (slated for removal).

Based on this assessment, the original plan for full demolition and reconstruction of the bench walls was modified. Instead, the revised approach incorporated local strengthening using rigid Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) panels for all damaged areas. These panels offered a multi-purpose solution, serving as a walking surface for emergency egress and maintenance, spanning over removed sections of the bench wall, and even incorporating rungs and grab bars in some designs. The FRP panels were constructed from a phenolic resin (historically known as Bakelite) reinforced with glass fibers. Extensive engineering analysis, including deflection tests with personnel jumping on a mockup panel and finite element analysis, was conducted to ensure the panels’ structural integrity under various loading conditions, such as pedestrian traffic and potential impact from a collapsing bench wall. The management of electrical cables also underwent a significant change. The initial plan to embed new cables within reconstructed bench walls was discarded. Instead, the existing damaged cables were abandoned in place, and a new cable management racking system was installed on the tunnel’s concrete liner above

the bench walls. This approach, common in other modern tunnel systems worldwide, allows for easier access to the cables for future maintenance, repairs, and replacements.

For the tracks, a similar strategy of localized repair was adopted. Instead of fully replacing the concrete track bed and rails, the existing ties were locally cut out and replaced with more corrosion-resistant composite ties, followed by localized concrete pouring to secure them. The rails were then replaced during weekend closures.

To ensure the long-term safety and functionality of the repaired tunnel, a fiber optic cable monitoring system was implemented. This system continuously monitors both the existing concrete bench walls and the newly installed FRP panels for any signs of movement or deterioration. If cracking or a local collapse occurs, the fiber optic cable detects the movement and immediately transmits a signal, allowing for prompt intervention and necessary repairs.

The revised repair plan proved highly successful.

The work requiring shutdowns was completed in just 12 months, three months ahead of the accelerated schedule. This achievement minimized disruption for the approximately 250,000 daily L train riders. The project

exemplified a collaborative spirit among the MTA, WSP, and the contractor, driven by the urgency and the need for innovative solutions. The methods employed, particularly the use of FRP panels and the cable racking system, have since been considered for other infrastructure repair projects.

The project was funded through a combination of FEMA funds, MTA funding, and state funding, and the efficient execution of the revised plan resulted in cost savings compared to the original full shutdown proposal. Regarding the broader resilience of the New York City subway system to future flooding events, various measures are being implemented. These include the installation of curbs at subway station entrances to impede surface water runoff and the potential consideration of guillotine-style floodgates within tunnels to prevent catastrophic flooding. The PATH train, which also experienced severe flooding during Superstorm Sandy, underwent its own repair process, with methods tailored to its specific infrastructure, including its power system. The Canarsie Tunnel project serves as a valuable case study in effectively and efficiently repairing critical infrastructure after a major disaster while minimizing disruption to the public.

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

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “Frederic Church’s Olana” by Carolyn Keogh, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Note: This and all future RMA presentations will be held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900) was one of the leading American landscape painters of the 19th century, and a central figure in the Hudson River School of painters. His masterwork was Olana, a sprawling estate near Hudson, NY, boasting an eclectic mansion with spectacular views of the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains. It has been designated a National Historic Landmark. In this lecture Carolyn Keogh will examine Church and his artist-designed house and surrounding landscaping through the lenses of art, ecology, and place.

Carolyn will discuss how deeply rooted Olana and Church’s practice is in the inspiration of place, discuss Church’s engagements with the emerging field of ecology in the 19th century and explore his four-decade-long development of Olana as a work of three-dimensional landscape design.

Carolyn Keogh is the director of education and public programs at The Olana Partnership where she oversees programs for diverse learners of all ages at the renowned landmark historic site. Previously, she managed school, youth, and teen programs at the Guggenheim Museum. She has presented at conferences on intergenerational art and technology programs and on inclusive farm interpretation and is a member of the New York City Museum Educators Roundtable. Her scholarship on empathy-building, art museum education, and public programming was published in “Theory and Practice” in 2019 and “History News” in 2022. Carolyn received her BA from NYU in art history and an MA in art history with a focus on art museum education from City College.

To stream the presentation by Carolyn Keogh at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 9, 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 79. The public is also invited to attend the presentation in person at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue.

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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COLUMN

# The Night Watchman

By Maxwell Grant

Sitting on my nightstand right now is Eliot Stein's terrific new book, "Custodians of Wonder", a series of portraits from around the world of people who may turn out to be the last practitioners of ancient customs, including a musician from Mali who remembers the intricate details of a community's history going back centuries, a Peruvian man who is the last Inca grass bridge master, and a Sardinian woman who makes the rarest pasta on Earth.

But my favorite chapter, so far, is about the last town night watchman in Scandinavia, who lives in Ystad, Sweden, and carries out a job that has continued, almost

entirely without hiccup, for the last 500 years.

Perched each night in the tower of the main church, as his father and grandfather were before him, the current watchman scans the town for fire or other disturbance and marks each quarter hour until dawn with a short blast of a small brass cornet—an instrument his grandfather had specially made for that purpose.

In many ways, it is a strange job—older than fire or police departments, telephones or closed-circuit television cameras, of course, but hardly more efficient, and now redundant. The last time the night watchman spotted a fire from his

place atop the church tower, he quickly called the fire department on his cell phone.

Yet the job continues.

In fact, Stein reports that many of the town's residents make a point of sleeping with their bedroom windows cracked open, specifically so they can hear the reassuring sound of the watchman's cornet throughout the night, even in the middle of winter.

I don't know that this idea would get much traction here in town.

A few years ago, our church received a call from a prospective home buyer in central Greenwich, asking if our church bell really tolled the hour all day (it stops after 9 p.m.),

and would we be open to silencing it during a toddler's afternoon nap, or, say, if someone had a really important Zoom?

With that in mind, it's hard to imagine even the most unobtrusive of cornets sounding through the night as a universally welcome new feature of life in our neighborhood.

But the night watchman of Ystad speaks to a certain kind of longing that we may well share.

In an age of cellular communication and professional first-responders, intervention is probably quicker and more successful than ever.

When an emergency happens, we know just what to do.

Yet don't we still long for a deeper sense that all is well?

Isn't there a difference between knowing ourselves to be watched

over with care, as opposed to merely being well-monitored (important as that also surely is)?

Similarly, our religious traditions are most compelling when they help us articulate that sense of ourselves and our world as cared for by something larger than ourselves, and probably least meaningful when they propose faith as a strategy for compliance to some form of monitoring (which in the end, turns out to be all-too-human).

To put it another way, while we may not like the sense that we're being watched, we will readily admit the importance of feeling seen—especially by our families, friends, and neighbors, whose ways of seeing us (at least, at their best) point to the even fuller attentiveness and love that dwell in God.

What makes the presence of the

watchman so comforting is not that he is up in the church tower looking for trouble, but that his faithful love for his neighbors is so diligent that he knows instantly when all is well, and when something is amiss.

For those with a sense of living in the sight of God, there is a similar comfort.

"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?" Jesus asks his disciples. "And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not..." (Luke 12:6-7)

In the darkness of night, may we all find peace in such a promise.

*Rev. Dr. Maxwell Grant is Senior Minister of the Second Congregational Church of Greenwich and current board chair of the Congregational Library and Archives in Boston.*

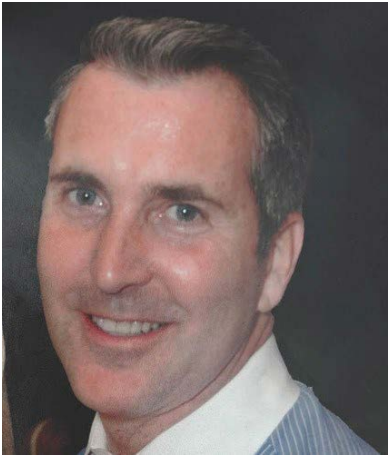
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| <p><b>Assemblies of God</b><br/><b>Harvest Time Church</b><br/>1338 King St.; 203-531-7778<br/>www.htchurch.com</p> <p>Worship Services: Sun, 9 &amp; 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. <i>Men's Breakfast: Saturday, April 5, 8:30am. Annual Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 12, 10am.</i></p> <p><b>Baptist</b><br/><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>10 Northfield St.; 203-869-7988<br/>www.firstbaptistgreenwich.com</p> <p>Sunday Servings: 11:30am, Facebook Live or for Devotion: 11-11:25am (Dial in 701- 802-5355, Access code 360922).</p> <p><b>Greenwich Baptist Church</b><br/>10 Indian Rock Ln; 203-869-2807<br/>www.greenwichbaptist.org</p> <p>Worship: Sun, 11am (in person and online through Facebook &amp; 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.</p> <p><b>Catholic</b><br/><b>Sacred Heart Church</b><br/>95 Henry St.; 203-531-8730<br/>www.sacredheartgreenwich.org</p> <p>Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 &amp; 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. <i>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. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, All are Welcome. Easter Food Drive: We are collecting non-perishable food donations for Easter baskets. Please leave items at the front or rear entrances of the church each weekend through Sunday, April 6. Suggested items: \$20 Store gift cards (Stop &amp; Shop or Shoprite); canned tuna, chicken or turkey; pasta; stuffing; soups; rice; beans; peanut butter; jelly; powdered milk; cereals; coffee; tea; juice; spaghetti sauce; instant mashed potatoes; macaroni &amp; cheeses; canned fruits and vegetables. Holy Week: Palm Sunday – April 13: Masses: Sat. 4pm; Sun. 7:30, 9:30 &amp; 11:30am. Confessions: Tuesday, April 15, 5-7pm, in the Church.</i></p> <p><b>St. Catherine of Siena &amp; St. Agnes</b><br/>4 Riverside Ave; 203-637-3661<br/>www.stc-sta.org</p> <p><i>* All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are in-person and livestreamed (View our Livestream and recordings here: <a href="https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta">https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta</a>)</i></p> <p>Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm – Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. 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Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 &amp; March 14), <a href="https://stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose">stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose</a>. New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There's no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes or even Catholic, you just need to be registered. If interested, please contact Parish Partners at (203-637-3661, ext. 375). Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or <a href="mailto:ParishPartners@stc-sta.org">ParishPartners@stc-sta.org</a>. <b>Lent, Holy Week, and Easter events: Daily Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 7am St. Catherine Church; 5:15pm, St. Agnes Chapel. Stations of the Cross: Fri, 2pm (Spanish), St. Lucy Chapel; 7pm (English), St. Catherine Church; April 11, 7pm – with traditional choir and organ, St. Catherine Church. Palm Sunday Mass: Saturday, April 12, 5pm; Sunday, April 13, 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish), 5pm, St. Catherine Church.</b></i></p> <p><b>St. Mary Church</b><br/>178 Greenwich Ave.; 203-869-9393<br/>www.stmarygreenwich.org</p> <p>Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 &amp; 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 &amp; 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. <i>New Day Bereavement Program: Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm, through March 18. Lent: Daily Mass - Mon-Fri, 12:05pm. Adoration: Fri, 10am-4pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confessions heard in the Chapel: Fri, 11:30am; Sat, 4-5pm; in Spanish, 6-6:45pm. Stations of the Cross: Fri, 7pm. Via Crucis (en Español), Fri, 7pm.</i></p> <p><b>St. Michael the Archangel</b><br/>469 North St.; 203-869-5421</p> | <p>www.stmichaelgreenwich.com</p> <p>Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 &amp; 9am. Sat: 9am &amp; 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 &amp; 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am &amp; 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. <i>New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm &amp; through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. Sacrament of the Sick: Saturday, April 5, 10am. Walking with Purpose Special Event - Mary's Way of the Cross: Tuesday, April 8, 9am. Witness Talk: Forgiveness &amp; Healing w/ Donna Berger: Wednesday, April 9, 6:30pm.</i></p> <p><b>St. Timothy Chapel</b><br/>1034 North St.; 203-869-5421</p> <p>Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am.</p> <p><b>St. Paul Church</b><br/>84 Sherwood Ave.; 203-531-8741<br/>www.stpaulgreenwich.org</p> <p>Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 &amp; 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am &amp; 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. <i>Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. Fridays in Lent: Candlelit Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm, immediately following we will have Soup &amp; Bread in the Parish Center, all are welcome. First Friday Devotion: April 4, 9am; Confessions will also be available 8:30-8:55am, Mass will follow at 9am. First Saturday Devotion: Saturday, April 5. Women's Guild Spring Bake Sale: week-end of April 12 &amp; 13, after all masses.</i></p> <p><b>St. Roch Church</b><br/>10 St. Roch Ave; 203-869-4176<br/>www.strochchurch.com</p> <p>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. <i>Lent: Stations of the Cross: Fridays through April 11 – English, 5:30pm; Spanish, 7pm. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays, 9am-5pm. First Friday Adoration: April 4, 9am-5pm; Mass, 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross in Spanish, 7pm.</i></p> <p><b>Christian Science</b><br/><b>First Church of Christ, Scientist</b><br/>11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555<br/><a href="http://christiansciencet.org/greenwich">christiansciencet.org/greenwich</a></p> <p>Sundays: 10:30am. Sunday School: for students up to 20yrs, 10:30am, Wed. 7:30, testimonies of healing - call in for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520". Reading Room, 333 Greenwich Ave. 203-869-2503, M-F, 1-5pm, some Saturdays. Bibles and children's books for sale. <i>April 6: "Unreality." April 13: "Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" "Finding where God is Seen and Felt: What's Church got to do with it?" – Free Lecture: Tuesday, April 8, 7pm.</i></p> <p><b>Community</b><br/><b>First Church of Round Hill</b><br/>464 Round Hill Rd; 203-629-3876<br/>www.firstchurchroundhill.com</p> <p>In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent, Holy Communion: April 6, 10am. Palm Sunday: April 13, 10am.</i></p> <p><b>Round Hill Community Church</b><br/>395 Round Hill Rd; 203-869-1091<br/>www.roundhillcommunitychurch.org</p> <p>Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at <a href="http://roundhillcommunitychurch.org">roundhillcommunitychurch.org</a> 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. <i>Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. Round Hill Art &amp; Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm.</i></p> <p><b>Congregational</b><br/><b>The First Congregational Church</b><br/>108 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-1791<br/>www.fccog.org</p> <p>Worship: In-Person &amp; 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. <i>Palm Sunday - Worship Service: April 13, 10am.</i></p> <p><b>North Greenwich Congregational</b><br/>606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763<br/>(Instagram photos and videos @north_greenwich_church)</p> <p>Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, in person.</p> <p><b>Second Congregational Church</b><br/>139 E Putnam Ave; 203-869-9311<br/>www.2cc.org</p> <p>Sunday worship: 8:30 &amp; 10:30am. Children's Chapel during worship 10:30am worship. <i>Winter/Spring Yoga: Fridays, 9-10am (\$20/week). Teddy Bear Story Hour: Saturday, April 5, 8am, at Coffee for Good. Coffee &amp; Connection: Saturday, April 5, 10am, (Reservation required). Holy Week: April 13-20. Good Friday VBS: April 18, 9-11:30am (Register by April 15).</i></p> <p><b>Episcopal</b><br/><b>Anglican Church of the Advent</b><br/>606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432<br/><a href="https://facebook.com/greenwichanglican">facebook.com/greenwichanglican</a></p> <p>Service: Sun, 9am, Holy Eucharist. Sunday School</p> | <p>during academic year.</p> <p><b>Christ Church Greenwich</b><br/>254 E. Putnam Ave; 203-869-6600<br/>www.christchurchgreenwich.org</p> <p>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. <i>Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Book Study: The Anxious Generation: Sundays, March 30 &amp; April 6, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Anna Leinbach: Sundays, April 6, May 11, June 1. Joyful noise with Rob Mathes: Sundays, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 5pm. Lenten Lectio Divina with Rev. Tim: Wednesdays, through April 16, 11:15-11:45am, Chapel. "Eggs for Easter" Drive: through May 1 – we need your help to provide 1,500 dozen eggs for food-insecure families to be delivered directly to the Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry – Donate eggs online here: <a href="https://amplify.ampyourgood.com/user/campaigns/4738">amplify.ampyourgood.com/user/campaigns/4738</a>. Author Talk with Nancy Thode: Friday, April 4, 6pm. Courage and Faith with Eliza T. Griswold: Circle of Hope: Saturday, April 5, 6pm. The Anxious Generation Book Study: Sunday, April 6, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Music by Anna Leinbach: Sundays: April 6, May 11, June 1, 5pm.</i></p> <p><b>St. Barnabas Episcopal Church</b><br/>954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526<br/>www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org</p> <p>Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person &amp; livestreamed). <i>Join us as we celebrate that God is with us through thick and thin throughout the season after Pentecost. Every Sunday features joyful preaching, beautiful music, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. Summer Sundays feature preaching by our priest in charge, the Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp, and the music of Marnus Greyling. Children are always welcome in church, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Come take a breath with us this summer.</i> Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.</p> <p><b>St. Paul's Episcopal Church</b><br/>200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447<br/>www.stpaulsriver-side.org</p> <p>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. <i>"The Way of Love" a Lenten Dinner conversation about faithfulness in turbulent times: Thursdays during Lent, 6:30pm, RSVP required to <a href="mailto:Ann.post@stpaulsriver-side.org">Ann.post@stpaulsriver-side.org</a>. Spring Vacation Bible School launches on April 14.</i></p> <p><b>St. Saviour's Episcopal Church</b><br/>350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262<br/>www.saintsaviours.org</p> <p>In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.</p> <p><b>Jewish</b><br/><b>Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich</b><br/>75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059<br/>www.chabadgreenwich.org</p> <p>Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. <i>Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. Kabbala &amp; Challah: Thursdays, 9:15am, \$20 p/class. Practical Tips for Navigating Challenging Behaviors – Parenting Workshop: Monday, April 7, 7:30pm, RSVP.</i></p> <p><b>Congregation Shir Ami</b><br/>One W. Putnam Ave; 203-274-5376<br/>www.congregationshirami.org</p> <p>All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. <i>Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: Saturdays, 10am, on Zoom. Passover Second Seder: Sunday, April 13, 6pm, Round Hill Community Church.</i></p> <p><b>Greenwich Reform Synagogue</b><br/>92 Orchard St.; 203-629-0018<br/>www.grs.org</p> <p>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. <i>Red Cross Blood Drive: Monday, April 7, 1:30-6:30pm.</i></p> <p><b>Temple Sholom</b><br/>300 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-7191<br/>www.templesholom.com</p> <p>Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm &amp; Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. <i>Pre-Passover Food Drive/Mitzvah of Feeding the Hungry: through April 10. Together Shabbat for Young Families: Friday, April 4, 5:30pm. PreK-2nd Grade Youth Program: Challah Braiding: Sunday, April 6, 11:30am. Shop for Passover at the Sisterhood Gift Shop: April 6, 8, 9 &amp; 10. Game Night: Mah Jongg &amp; Canasta: Monday, April 7, 7pm. Women's Musar Class: Mindfulness in Jewish Texts with Rabbi Gisel: Tuesday, April 8, 6:30pm.</i></p> <p><b>Lutheran</b><br/><b>St. Paul Lutheran Church</b><br/>286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466<br/>www.firstpaul.com</p> <p>Sunday Divine Service: 9am. Sunday Bible Study: 10:30am. Wednesday Dinner: 5:30pm. Wednesday</p> | <p>Bible Study: 6:30pm.</p> <p><b>Methodist</b><br/><b>Diamond Hill United Methodist</b><br/>521 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-2395<br/>www.diamondhillumc.com</p> <p>In-person &amp; Online Worship Service every Sunday, 10am, followed by a time of Fellowship. Wednesday Noonday Prayer &amp; Wednesday Evening Bible Study. (Details at <a href="http://diamondhill.com">diamondhill.com</a>).</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584<br/>www.fumcgreenwich.com</p> <p>Sunday Worship, 9:30am (except the last Sunday of the month at 10:30am). Virtual Daily Gathering: Mon-Fri, 3pm, Zoom. Talking with Your Hands: Mon, 3pm. Reading this World as a Christian: Tue, 3pm. Back to Rock – music with Mr. Bruce: Tue, 3pm, via Zoom. Reading the Shape of Scripture: Wed, 3pm, via Zoom. Spring Bible Study: Thu, 3pm, via Zoom. Tea &amp; Talk: Fri 3pm, via Zoom.</p> <p><b>Bethel African Methodist Episcopal</b><br/>42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099</p> <p>Worship via teleconference: Sun, 11am and until further notice (Dial-in number: 425-436-6380, Access code: 612220).</p> <p><b>Nondenominational</b><br/><b>Dingletown Community Church</b><br/>376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30am. Philip Antinone – Chaplain.</p> <p><b>Revive Church</b><br/>90 Harding Rd., Old Greenwich (Old Greenwich Civic Center)<br/>www.myrevive.org</p> <p>Worship Service: Sun, 10am, Holiday Inn 980 Hope St, Stamford. Online Sermons available on Facebook (<a href="https://facebook.com/myrevivechurchgreenwich">facebook.com/myrevivechurchgreenwich</a>) and on Youtube. All groups are online. Direct any prayer needs to the prayer chain at 203-536-2686 or <a href="mailto:revivecfm@gmail.com">revivecfm@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Stanwich Church</b><br/>202 Taconic Rd.; 203-661-4420<br/>www.stanwichchurch.org</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship Service: 9am &amp; 10:45am. Kids Ministry for grades 5 and under, and Student Ministry for grades 6 &amp; above, are offered. Praise &amp; Prayer Night: 6pm on the First Sunday of each month. Live stream and recorded media are available at <a href="http://stanwichchurch.org">stanwichchurch.org</a>. We'd love to meet you here! <i>Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil: 8pm-12Noon. Good Friday Service: 12pm with Kids Ministry (grades 5 &amp; under). Easter Sunday Services: 9 &amp; 10:45am with Kids Ministry (grades 5 &amp; under) and Student Ministry (grades 6 &amp; above) offerings.</i></p> <p><b>Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC</b><br/>293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615<br/>www.Center4SpiritualDev.org</p> <p>Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:Albertsonpcc@gmail.com">Albertsonpcc@gmail.com</a> for registration and Zoom Links). <i>Spiritual Mediumship class – The Joy of Mediumship: Mondays, April 7, 14 &amp; 21, 7-9pm, \$120.</i></p> <p><b>Trinity Church</b><br/>5 River Rd.; 203-618-0808<br/>www.trinitychurch.life</p> <p>In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich; 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. <i>Women's Breakfast: Saturday, April 5, 9am, Ministry Center. Around the Table: A Family "Taste of Passover": Sunday, April 6, 4:30pm, Greenwich. Trinity Youth Passover Dinner: Tuesday, April 8, 7pm, \$5/per person, RSVP by April 3.</i></p> <p><b>Presbyterian</b><br/><b>First Presbyterian Church</b><br/>1 W. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-8686<br/>www.fpcg.org</p> <p>Worship: Sundays, 10am. <i>Lenten Vespers: Prayer Services – Wednesdays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the chapel. These services will feature messages based on a sermon series, "The Mission of Christ," delivered here by the then senior pastor, The Rev. Dr. C. John L. Bates, in the winter of 1961. Holy Week: Palm Sunday - April 13, 10am.</i></p> <p><b>Grace Church of Greenwich</b><br/>89 Maple Ave.<br/>203-861-7555<br/>www.gracechurchgreenwich.com</p> <p>Worship: Sundays, 8:45am, 10:45am &amp; 4:30pm, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome. <i>Women of Grace: Friday, April 4, 7pm.</i></p> <p><b>Living Hope Community Church</b><br/>38 West End Ave; 203-637-3669<br/>www.LivingHopcet.org</p> <p>In-person &amp; online (<a href="http://LivingHopcet.org/livestream">LivingHopcet.org/livestream</a>) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: <a href="http://livinghopcet.org/resources/alpha">livinghopcet.org/resources/alpha</a>. <i>Lent Challenge: Grow... 7 for 7 – 7 days a week, 7 minutes a day reading Scripture, 7 minutes of prayer, Attend church all 7 Sundays. "Journey to Easter" – Saturday, April 19: children will embark on an interactive adventure to explore the Easter story! Each child will receive a special Easter Passport to guide hem through different stations, each representing a key moment of the Easter journey. Pre-Ks Parent &amp; Me cooking class – Children with parents will bake Resurrection Cookies. Register at <a href="http://livinghopcet.org">livinghopcet.org</a></i></p> |
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# Obituaries

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JAMES BENINCASA

James Guy Benincasa passed away on March 23. He is survived by his wife, Tiffany Benincasa, and his three children, Christopher, Charles, Kathryn, and his brother, Richard, and sister-in-law, Belinda . Born in Glen Cove, New York and raised in Manhasset, New York, where he attended Saint Mary’s Preparatory School before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1984. Stationed at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, California, where he dutifully served as an Administrative Specialist, earning the rank of Senior Airman. While serving, James earned both a Bachelor’s degree and Master’s of Business Administration from National University.

After his military service, James moved to New York City, where he built a long and successful career in the financial industry, including 21 years at Flextrade LLC as Senior Vice President of Global Sales. He married the love of his life, Tiffany Jerome, on October 9th, 1999, and settled in Greenwich, Connecticut, where they made their home and raised their family.

Throughout each day, James was always full of life. He leaves his family and the community with an example of how to always be grateful, present, and generous. Throughout his life, faith was his constant companion. James was honored with the Saint Augustine Medal of Service in 2009, awarded by the Most Reverend William E. Lori, S.T.D., of the Diocese of Bridgeport. His service at the St. Agnes and St. Catherine of Siena Church, Greenwich Youth Lacrosse, The Boy Scouts of America, and AA allowed him to touch the lives of many members of the community. James’ compassion led him and his wife to Border Collie and Animal Rescue for many years. He found incredible happiness out on the water with his family, whether racing across it or simply soaking in the stillness. His joy and altruism shaped him into a leader that would always treat you with care and consideration while giving you a good laugh. A man of faith, service, and family, he will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

Visiting hours in Greenwich were Thursday, April 3, at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, April 4, 1lam at St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes Church in Riverside, CT. It can also be viewed through the livestream link for those that are not able to attend. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a memorial tribute fund that will be established.



NAN CHEQUER

Nan Budde Chequer, of Riverside, CT, mother to Elizabeth (Hendee), Anne, and Laura, passed away peacefully on March 27.

Born August 19, 1938, to August and Grace Budde (née Guthrie), Nan grew up in Teaneck, NJ, as older sister to brothers Neil and Bruce. After graduating from Teaneck High School, she attended Vassar College on a full scholarship, where she was elected Chief Justice (co-chairman of the student body), reported for the school newspaper, received the Chemical Rubber Award for achievement in chemistry, and earned one of 21 spots on the Vassar Daisy Chain (chosen for scholarship, contribution to school, and “appearance”).

Nan also worked multiple jobs to help support her family’s finances, including reporting at the Bergen Evening Record and clerical work for The Ford Motor Company.

Following her graduation from Vassar, Nan began a 22-year career in photographic science at Polaroid Corporation in Cambridge, MA, working as a chemist alongside the founder, Dr. Edwin H. Land, on the development of several influential products, including the SX-70 camera. During her time at Polaroid, she partici-

pated in the landmark litigation of Polaroid Corp v Eastman Kodak Co, which led to the largest patent infringement settlement at the time for Kodak’s commercialization of Land’s patented technology for instant developing film. The case spanned 14 years, during which time Nan attended the Yale Law School, graduated in 1986 at the age of 47, and continued in a consultative role until Polaroid’s eventual victory in 1991. Nan was Of Counsel at Tyler, Cooper & Alcorn, specializing in Trusts & Estates until her retirement, after which she remained active as a docent at the Bruce Museum, a member of the Altar Guild at St. Paul’s in Riverside, CT, and was the first woman to serve as a Flag Officer at Riverside Yacht Club, as Secretary.

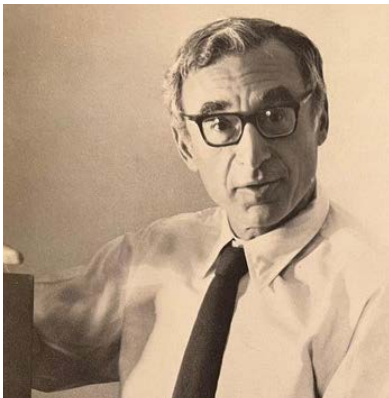
In 1963, Nan married John H. Chequer, with whom she raised her three daughters in Newton, MA, London, UK, Los Angeles, CA, and Greenwich, CT. In any locale, Nan’s unwavering priority was her daughters and she was actively involved in all aspects of their development.

She served in leadership roles on PTAs and parents councils; executive produced school and church theater productions; hung wallpaper in bedrooms, furnished and electrified hand-built dollhouses, created any imaginable Halloween costume, and hand-sewed the most exquisite ballgowns for Barbies. Her gourmet cooking inspired birthday requests the likes of duck in green peppercorn sauce, roast lamb with ratatouille, and Chocolate Charlotte Malakoff, and not a Christmas passed without both a trifle and a Bûche de Noël.

In 1988, Nan married Herbert F. Schwartz, with whom she shared a passion for law, and adopted his love of sailing. Together with friends and family, they campaigned and cruised his yacht Wenden to multiple ports and a host of victories.

Nan is predeceased by her parents; her husband, Herb; her ex-husband, John; her brother, Bruce Budde and sister-in-law Kathy; and survived by her brother, Neil Budde (Ansie); her daughters, Elizabeth Hendee (Rick), Anne Chequer, Laura Chequer (Paul Craine); Herb’s children, Wendy Schwartz (Neil Radisch), Karen Wirima, Peter Schwartz (Kira); and her beloved grandchildren, Grace Hendee, Brooke Hendee, Benjamin Craine, Duncan Craine, Sarah Radisch, Emma Radisch, Ethan Schwartz, and James Schwartz.

A service to celebrate Nan’s life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 9 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Riverside, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nan’s memory to Fairfield County Hospice House, 1 Den Road, Stamford, CT 06902.



BERTRAM METTER

August 14, 1927 - March 27, 2025

Bert Metter died peacefully, at his home, in Greenwich, CT, at the age of 97. The home he lived in since 1966. He was born on August 14, 1927, to Harry and Rosella Metter in Brooklyn, New York. Bert was an exceptional student, accepted into the Brooklyn Technical High School. He graduated Brooklyn College in 1949, Columbia University in 1952, with an AMP degree from Harvard University in 1980.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Roz Metter, and by his middle son, Larry Metter (wife Corrine). Bert and Roz were married for 46 years. They were true partners in life, and were pillars of the community in Greenwich, Connecticut. Bert was loved and respected by many both in the community and professionally. He is survived by his sons, Joel Metter and Danny Metter (wife Amy), by 7 grandchildren, Jeff, Brian, Lianne, Alex, Laura, Chase, Kylie, and by 2 great-grandchildren, Gabriella and Maya. Being a single child, his family was his greatest accomplishment, being the Patriarch of the family. Bert took incredible pride watching his grandchildren grow and have success academically and professionally. He was passionate about fitness, having exercised, especially running six days a week, for more than 60 years. He always took exceptional physical care of himself. He was an avid tennis player, bridge player, reader and writer.

Bert started his career with the New York Mirror, as copy chief, in 1953, then went to Newsweek Magazine in 1956. He joined the advertising agency, J. Walter Thompson USA Company in 1960, as a direct-response specialist. He climbed the ranks for over 30 years, as Senior Vice President in 1973, Executive VP in 1978, Executive Creative Director in 1982, Vice Chairman in 1984, and CEO & Chairman of the Board in 1986. Bert won well over 40 industry awards over his time with JWT, including numerous Clios, Effies and Andys at virtually every television-commercial and film festival. He was highly regarded as a Marketing and New Business development genius. He was known as a prolific speaker and presenter, as documented in many books about business. Additionally, Bert was the author of the

book “Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah: The Ceremony, the Party and How the Day came to Be” (Clarion Books).

Bert will be laying comfortably next to Roz and Larry at Sharon Gardens, in Valhalla, for eternity. A private family service was held on Sunday, March 30th, 2025.



PETER SILBEREISEN

September 4, 1958 – March 24, 2025

Peter Joseph Silbereisen, 66, of Cos Cob, CT, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, March 24, surrounded by his beloved family. Born on September 4, 1958, in Greenwich, CT, he was the cherished son of Shirley Gazso Silbereisen and Peter T. Silbereisen.

Peter was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather—affectionately known as “Pop Pop”—as well as a treasured friend to many. He left an indelible mark on those who knew him, embodying kindness, steadfast loyalty, and an endlessly giving spirit. He dedicated 29 years of service as a police officer with the Greenwich Police Department, earning the admiration of colleagues and the gratitude of the community. Following his retirement, he continued his lifelong commitment to serving others by working as a security officer at Brunswick School for a decade. His integrity, work ethic, and consistent dedication made a lasting impact on all who crossed his path.

Peter found his greatest joy on the water, whether boating, fishing, or simply soaking in the serenity of the sea. His love for the ocean was more than a pastime—it was a passion he eagerly shared, teaching his son, grandson, and dear friends the art of navigating the waves. His deep connection to the water led him to serve as a long-standing member of the Greenwich Police Marine Division, blending his love for the sea with his commitment to protecting others. Whether casting a line, steering a boat, or feeling the ocean breeze, Peter was at his happiest by the shore, and his love for the water will live on through those he inspired.

His career was also distinguished by moments of extraordinary service in times of crisis. Peter played a pivotal role in the evacuation of lower Manhattan on September 11, 2001, and was recognized for his heroic efforts during the largest boat rescue operation on Long Island Sound in 2002, where 149 passengers were safely brought to shore after the Greenwich Ferry ran aground. His quick thinking, composed demeanor, and unshakable professionalism in the face of adversity earned him widespread respect and numerous commendations.

Peter is survived by his devoted wife, Diane Silbereisen, whose unwavering love and care provided him with boundless comfort. He also leaves behind his beloved children, Jessica Silbereisen O’Leary, Lindsay Silbereisen Chiodi, and Philip Silbereisen; his sons-in-law, Frank Chiodi and John O’Leary II; and his adored grandchildren, Francesco Chiodi, Lilianna Chiodi, and John O’Leary III. He is also survived by his mother, Shirley Silbereisen; his sister, Debra Angotto (Anthony Angotto); and other cherished family members, including his sister-in-law, Harriet Dinter (Randolph Dinter), and brother-in-law, Richard Semler (Vivienne Semler). Peter was preceded in death by his father, Peter Thomas Silbereisen, and his mother-in-law, Catherine Eleanor Semler.

A Catholic Mass was held on Tuesday, April 1, at St. Mary’s Church, Greenwich, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Peter’s name to the Silver Shield Association of Greenwich (P.O. Box 1123, Greenwich, CT 06836).

Peter will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those who loved him.



RICHARD GREENE

Richard Lawrence Greene, affectionately known as “Dick,” passed away on March 24, at the age of 82. Born on Feb. 17, 1943, in New York, NY to Hugh and Florence Greene, Dick was one of four children, growing up alongside his siblings; Hugh, Peter, and Susan.

Dick is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 60 years, Elaine; his beloved children, Richard, Kristen (Colm), and Ryan (Maureen); and six treasured grandchild-

dren — Elliott, Alexander, Colin, Griffin, August, and Aiden — whom he loved more deeply than words can express. His family was his pride, and he cherished them beyond measure.

For Dick, family always came first, which was evidenced by his unconditional love and unwavering commitment. He found joy in coaching his children throughout their adolescent years, camping trips, and skiing adventures with his family. In his later years Dick’s heart swelled with pride as he became his grandchildren’s unwavering fan. He cheered them on with boundless love and managed to give each one his full attention, making them all feel uniquely special and deeply cherished.

Dick was a caring and gentle man with a quick wit, a wonderful sense of humor and if one word could define the essence of his character, it would undoubtedly be “kindness.” Dick had a genuine care and compassion for others. His acts of generosity, understanding and empathy were not lost on those around him, which is what drew people closer over the course of his life. A gentle soul with a big and welcome presence; that was Dick Greene.

After attending Hunter College, Dick’s professional career began in sales and marketing at Wallace Packaging. Dick later owned a packaging and fulfillment plant and ultimately founded US Marketing, LTD.

His military service reflected his proud commitment to his country, serving six (6) years with the National Guard and the Army Reserve 7th Regiment in New York City.

He embraced an active lifestyle, enjoying golf, tennis, racquetball and platform tennis (“red ball” for those who played with him). He enjoyed countless hours at Tod’s Point Beach and Binney Park together with his loving wife Elaine. He was also a member of The Milbrook Club in Greenwich for 25 years where he made lasting friendships.

Dick will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his peaceful spirit, inviting nature, integrity, and the boundless love he shared with all who knew him. He was not just one of the “good ones;” he was truly the best.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30am on Saturday, April 26, at St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church in Riverside, CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to The Wounded Warrior Project.



JAMES MEEKER

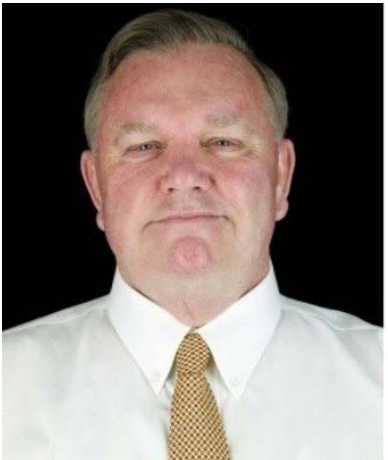
James Becket Meeker of Greenwich, CT died peacefully on Friday, March 21. He attended Greenwich Country Day School and The Taft School. In 1973 he graduated from Denison University where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Having majored in communications, Jim’s career interests after college took him to New York, where he worked at ABC and Jack Morton Worldwide in the companies’ entertainment and client service teams. Jim grew up in Greenwich spending time playing hockey, tennis, and squash. Jim’s many community interests included being a member of the Nutmeggers, Greenwich Skating Club, and he served on the board of the Field Club of Greenwich.

Jim was known for his kind-hearted spirit and love for his family. Most weekends were spent at the Field Club with his boys and on his boat, Sea Bear. Tubing with the kids and tying up with friends for sunset dinners around Captain’s Island were some his greatest joys. Through all of his travails, Jim never lost his spirit and zest for life.

Mr. Meeker leaves behind his wife of 37 years, Cindy, their two sons, Jeffrey and William, and a sister, Pamela Thyne.

A celebration of life will be held Thursday, April 24 at 3:00 p.m. at Christ Church Greenwich. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Christ Church Greenwich or Greenwich Hospital.



ROBERT BURTON

April 4, 1938 - March 21, 2025

Robert “Bob” G. Burton, Sr., a titan of the printing industry, a devoted family man, and a passionate philanthropist passed away peacefully on March 21, at his home in Greenwich, Connecticut. He

was 86 years old. Known for his sharp business acumen, unwavering dedication to education, and love for football, Bob leaves behind a legacy that touched countless lives through his leadership, generosity, and indomitable spirit.

Born on April 4, 1938, in Pontiac, Michigan, Bob rose from humble beginnings in the coal-mining town of West Frankfort, Illinois to become a transformative figure in both business and collegiate athletics. Bob’s early life instilled in him a fierce work ethic and a deep appreciation for giving back to the community. He carried his love for collegiate athletics into a lifelong commitment supporting student-athletes. As a standout athlete at West Frankfort High School, Bob was fortunate to earn an athletic scholarship to play football at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1962. That same year, Bob was drafted by both the San Francisco 49ers of the NFL and the Buffalo Bills of the AFL. After his athletic career was cut short by an injury, Bob continued his educational pursuits and received a Master’s degree from Tennessee Technological University. He pursued additional post graduate studies at the University of Alabama, where he discovered his passion for Alabama Crimson Tide football. Bob also received two honorary doctorate degrees in business from the University of Connecticut and Murray State University.

Bob’s career in the printing and publishing industry spanned decades and included leadership roles at some of the nation’s most prominent companies. For six decades, Bob led with passion while driving unmatched growth across the industry reflecting his reputation as a turnaround specialist with an unrelenting drive for excellence. Bob started his business career in Chicago, Illinois at Science Research Associates, the publishing division of IBM. He then held a series of senior executive positions at Capital Cities/ABC, including President of ABC Publishing. In 1991, Bob was recruited by KKR to lead their portfolio company, World Color Press. Under Bob’s leadership, World Color Press grew into an industry leader and was eventually acquired by Quebecor in a transaction valued at \$2.7 billion. In late 2000, Bob partnered with the late Ted Ammon and assumed the leadership of Toronto based Moore Corporation, leading its turnaround before it merged with Wallace Computer Services. In 2003, Bob and his three sons founded Burton Capital Management, LLC, based in Greenwich, Connecticut. In 2005, he took the helm of Cenveo, Inc., a Stamford-based global leader in printing and packaging, where he served as Chairman and CEO until his retirement in 2018.

Beyond business, Bob was deeply passionate about charitable and educational causes. As a resident of Connecticut since 1977, Bob was a pillar of the community and a generous benefactor to numerous local organizations. His most notable contributions were to the University of Connecticut, where he and his family donated over \$7 million to the football program. His \$2.5 million gift established the Burton Family Football Complex, a state-of-the-art facility that opened in 2006 and became a cornerstone of UConn’s rise in Division I athletics. Bob also endowed scholarships at UConn for student-athletes pursuing business careers, including one named for his son Michael G. Burton, a former UConn football captain.

Bob was also a huge supporter of student athletes in Greenwich, Connecticut, where, with a \$200,000 gift, he helped Greenwich High School install lights at Cardinal Stadium. He also served on the Board of Eagle Hill School, where he was a strong financial supporter and helped fund the construction of Burton Field. Bob also funded numerous academic scholarships for graduating seniors at West Frankfort High School and students at Syracuse University.

Bob’s philanthropy and generosity extended beyond education. Together with his beloved wife of 52 years, Paula, they supported organizations such as the Greenwich-based Breast Cancer Alliance, West Frankfort Fire Department and High School Library and Stamford Hospital, in all contributing over \$30 million to educational and charitable initiatives. His generosity was matched only by his devotion to his family, whom he considered his greatest achievement.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Burton; his sister Earlene Schlichter; his sons, Robert G. Burton, Jr. (Stacey), Michael G. Burton (Tiffany), Joseph Burton (Calico), and nine grandchildren who brought him immense joy along with his faithful dog, Buddy. Bob was predeceased by his parents, Earl and Verna Lee, and his brother, Larry.

He will be missed by his friends and family with whom he had rich and lengthy relationships. Bob Burton will be remembered as a man who turned challenges into opportunities and who gave selflessly to uplift others. He lived with a passion that inspired all who knew him. His legacy will live on in the businesses he built, the students he supported, and the family he cherished.

A private memorial service was held for family and close friends in Greenwich, Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Breast Cancer Alliance in Greenwich, Connecticut, a cause that was dear to Bob’s heart.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thomas M. Gallagher Funeral Home, 104 Myrtle Ave, Stamford, CT, (203)-359-9999. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**





BARBARA CUCUEL

Barbara Laidlaw Cucuel passed away on March 24. She was born in Greenwich, CT on December 12, 1938, the youngest child of Marvin Laidlaw and Esther Carrot Laidlaw. She married Kenneth Ray Cucuel on September 8, 1962. They had four daughters.

After the children entered school, she worked at Ward’s Department Store and later at Dartmouth National Bank as a teller. She also helped out in the press box at the Dartmouth football games and always brought chocolate chip cookies. Hosting Dartmouth students for holiday meals, or hosting an entire team of players (basketball, hockey, and squash) was of great joy to her.

It is of little surprise that she was mostly seen in and around the kitchen of her home...and others’. Ironing, wiping a counter, clearing away cups and dishes all the while watching Oprah, Ellen, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud, or tennis.

After Ken’s retirement, Barbara and Ken traveled the world as Ken participated in squash tournaments. They traveled to Canada, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

She was predeceased by her parents, three sisters: Jane Fisher, Margaret Fisher, and Elizabeth Laidlaw. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth, her four daughters: Jeanine (Philip) King of Etna, Michelle Couture, Alicia (Tim) Cloud of Plainfield, and Heather (Craig) Stephenson of Richmond, ME, eight grandchildren, Ashleigh (Mike), Ken (Ellen), Matthew (Valeria), Courtney, Jessica (Levi), Jon, Emma, and Megan, and two great-grandchildren, Charles and Daniel.

Special thanks to the nurses, aides, and staff of Wheelock Terrace and VNH Hospice for the wonderful care and compassion they gave Barbara during her last days - we are grateful for all you did.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to VNH Hospice, 88 Prospect St., White River Junction, VT 05001.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.



TARA HOLBROOK

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of my mother, Tara Collins Holbrook. She died peacefully, at home, surrounded by her family and wonderful caregiver Marilyn Madrin. She leaves behind her daughter, Elizabeth Needham (Peter Mark), her son, John Needham, and four beloved grandchildren, Cecilia Needham, Ethan Mark, Evelyn Needham and Kathryn Mark.

Tara was born on Oct. 30, 1937, in Haverhill Massachusetts to her parents, Kathryn and Joseph Collins. She was a life-long learner, attended the Dana Hall School, Vassar College and earned a certificate of Business Administration from The Harvard Business School.

Tara had a passion for the investment world from an early age and was a breaker of glass ceilings. After graduating from Harvard, she moved to New York and went straight to work on Wall Street. She began her career at White Weld where she met her future husband, James Needham. She liked her position there but as was telling of the times, the partners asked her to leave as they didn’t allow married couples to work together. That did not stop her. Tara’s work as a securities analyst earned her recognition on the well-respected Institutional Investor, All American Team, which was an accomplishment few women could claim at the time.

Tara eventually left Wall Street to move to Connecticut with her new husband, Donald J. Kirk and her two children. She quickly turned her talents to becoming the Chair of the Board at Community Answers at The Greenwich Library and worked for the political campaign of Independent, John Anderson who was running for President. She played duplicate bridge, regularly competing in competitions. She read about the subject voraciously and took her game seriously.

Tara was a formidable athlete and excelled at diving (as a child), tennis (recreationally) and golf (seriously). She was twice the women’s club champion at the Stanwich Club in Greenwich, CT and enjoyed memberships at Loch Lomand (Scotland) where she was a founding member, and The Country Club of Fairfield. Even with these accomplishments, Tara was proudest of her work co-founding the Edna Adan Maternity Hospital in Somililand. Tara’s fundraising was of major importance in the hospital’s earliest years at a time when it was the sight of a 75% decrease in maternal mortality. The hospital continues even now to improve maternal health in

Somililand and beyond.

After this stint with a portfolio approach to life, Tara decided to go back to work in a professional setting and had a long career with General Electric Pension Fund as a portfolio manager. Tara married George Holbrook later in life and they moved to Santa Barbara in search of better weather and a new adventure. They got to know their new community by joining the Birnham Wood and The Valley Club where they played golf in beautiful and warm Montecito until George’s death in 2023.

Regrettably, Tara suffered from chronic pain in her later years. She was relentless in her search for solutions that would provide relief to her debilitating symptoms. For a time, she was able to break free of the pain and live a relatively normal life. Through all of this, Tara continued to read The NY Times, complete the daily crossword, and stay in touch with friends.

She will be missed by all those who loved her and remembered by all those who knew her.

Memorial donations may be made to Friends of Edna Maternity Hospital, 95 Montgomery Street, Black Rock, CT 06605.



DOROTHY ABBEY

Dorothy Dannemiller Rogers Abbey, lovingly known as “Charsey” to her grandchildren, passed away peacefully on March 20, in Santa Fe, NM. She was 92.

Born on March 15, 1933, in Akron, Ohio, Dorothy attended Old Trail School, where she earned field hockey all-state honors as a center forward. Her academic excellence secured her a full scholarship to Trinity College in Washington, D.C. She graduated in 1955.

That same year, Dorothy married Robert D. Rogers, a Georgetown Law graduate, and together they raised five children in Greenwich, CT. She and Bob were active in local politics and were avid sailors. Dorothy loved taking classes at the Art Barn and became a talented painter and sculptor.

Dorothy later lived in Delray Beach, FL; Boston, MA; Wichita, KS; and ultimately Santa Fe, NM. She built a successful career in art sales, owning her own gallery, and remained deeply engaged with family throughout. In Santa Fe, Dorothy volunteered with NAMI, Literacy Volunteers, and was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Robert D. Rogers (1926-1997) and Shirl Abbey (1924-2014), as well as her daughter, Dede (Dorothy J.) Rogers (1958-2018). She is survived by her children, Laurie (Colin Myer), Bill (Sarah Morrison), Bob (Barbara Fassuliotis), and Tim (Yvette Fields); nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; her brother, Ed Dannemiller; many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Santa Fe, in the summer of 2025. Donations in Dorothy’s name may be made to NAMI of Santa Fe or Literacy Volunteers of Santa Fe.



ROBERT MCGINNIS  
1926 - 2025

Renowned painter/illustrator, Robert E. McGinnis (those who knew him first-hand called him Bob), died at the age of 99, in Old Greenwich, on March 10. Bob was one of the most prolific illustrators of the 20th century. It’s likely you have seen one or more of his artwork images somewhere. They appeared in magazines such as The Saturday Evening Post, National Geographic, Good Housekeeping, McCall’s, Reader’s Digest and Guideposts; on very many book covers (especially paperback books, spanning many genres, from Detective to Mystery to Gothic to Historical Fiction to Romance to Fantasy); in the form of personal-project paintings that included many Old West scenes; and also on movie posters for culturally significant movies (and also on soundtrack album covers). In our biased opinion, Bob was the very best of the James Bond/007 artists, having created exciting images for the posters for movies such as Thunderball, You Only Live Twice, Diamonds Are Forever, Casino Royale (parody movie), and Live and Let Die. In 1993, Bob was inducted into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame. This was a tremendous honor for Bob. He said he had to have three drinks before walking up to the podium to deliver his acceptance speech; he was a shy and unpretentious person.

Born in Cincinnati on February 3, 1926, Bob never allowed the limited vision in one of his eyes to slow him down: playing as number 74, left tackle, on the Ohio State University undefeated team of

1944, working as a teenage apprentice at Walt Disney Studios (he met Walt), and serving on boats in the Merchant Marines right before WWII ended. He was a man’s man. Among other things, he loved fishing with friends and his son, socializing with other artists and cartoonists and writers (he was friends with some of the top illustrators and gallery artists of his generation), and playing poker with a group of friends. He reveled in being surrounded by nature, whether it was as a kid roaming the fields of his grandparents’ farm in Oxford, Ohio, or later paddling a canoe on Ahmic Lake in Ontario, or fishing amid the Catskill Mountains, or jogging around Tod’s Point with his dog, Nellie.

Much is written about Bob, in books and magazines and online, regarding his massive talent and output. He was an active, competitive and innately hard-working person, and, most of all, he loved to draw and paint. His drive to succeed and his endurance at the easel enabled him to leave behind a body of work that will never be matched.

Bob leaves behind his three children, Melinda, Laurie and Kyle, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, and a brother, David McGinnis. He was predeceased by his wife of 75 years, Ferne (who served in the critical support role toward Robert’s success as an artist, and who was also creative and a talented pastels artist), and by four of his five siblings.

Remember Bob the next time Ohio State beats Michigan in football. Or when you see the Breakfast At Tiffany’s movie poster image of Audrey Hepburn with a cat perched on her shoulder. Our father created that! (Co-written by Melinda and Kyle.)

ANDREW PALOVCHEK

Andrew ( Andy ) Palovchek beloved by his family, passed away peacefully on March 20.

He was born on July 10, 1930, the fourth of five sons of Andrew and Anna Palovchek. Andy was raised in the Byram section of Greenwich. He started working at an early age, while still in school, to help make ends meet. At Greenwich High Andy played football. He was a lineman on the 1946 team which won the State Championship. His favorite sport however, was Baseball. He was a catcher and outfielder, and was elected captain his senior year. After graduation, Andy enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was a Korean War Veteran. Andy and his late wife Bertha were married in 1954. Both of them always did their best to provide a better life for their family. Andy retired in 1995 from the Connecticut Natural Gas Co. Although he was not comfortable in crowds, he brightened the lives of his family and friends. He was always happiest being outside, whether simply mowing the lawn, using his snowblower, taking walks, or talking to neighbors. Andy remained determined, and was never afraid of hard work. He always wanted to help out his family and friends. Perhaps the best example of his unselfish nature was the care he took of his wife, as her health declined in her final years.

Andy is survived by his son Mark, daughter Christa and her husband Frank, grandsons Marc, Kyle, and Matthew, a brother Richard and his wife Ferdnande, a niece Janet, her daughter Robin and son Kevin. In addition to his wife Bertha and parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Paul, William, and Edward. The family would like to Thank the staff at Civita Care Center at Long Ridge for the care and devotion they showed to Andy and his family.

In accordance with Andy’s wishes there will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be held at Greenwood Union Cemetery for the family.

HELEN HIRSHHORN

Helen Klahr Hirshhorn died peacefully on March 19, in Connecticut, at age 88, after a long illness. Helen was a Stamford, CT native whose parents, Lillian and Alexander, owned a small jewelry business in downtown Stamford. She was a graduate of Stamford High School and got her teaching degree from Lesley College. Her career and personal life reflected her passion for education and community service that included many years volunteering for Meals on Wheels and reading to the blind. She was a long-time runner, an avid reader, enjoyed spending time alone and with friends, and happily described herself as “not crafty”. In that vein, she will always be remembered as brilliant, quick-witted, clever and droll!

In 1969, she saw a vision realized: the opening of The Mead School in Greenwich, CT. She was instrumental in its development and growth. She initially worked in administration and then taught and mentored there until 1999. Upon her retirement, Mead’s director said, “Helen knows and holds the story of Mead: its people, its philosophy, its history and its soul.” Fifty-six years later, Mead is still flourishing!

Helen was an amazing listener, generous with her time and guidance, non-judgmental and truly devoted to those she loved.

She is survived by her daughters, Rachel Hirshhorn Mason (husband John Mason), Jennifer Hirshhorn (partner John Roberts), brother, David Klahr (wife Pam Weiss), and her beloved grandson, Kyle Mason. She is also survived by her cherished friend, Marcia Zimmerman. She was predeceased by her beloved granddaughter, Caroline Mason, her daughter, Rebecca Caryl, and her former husband, Gordon Hirshhorn.

She is already greatly missed.

If desired, donations in her name to The Mead School or Meals on Wheels

would be greatly appreciated.



MILTON CAMPBELL

Milton Flake (Bob) Campbell passed away peacefully on March 15, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the age of 89.

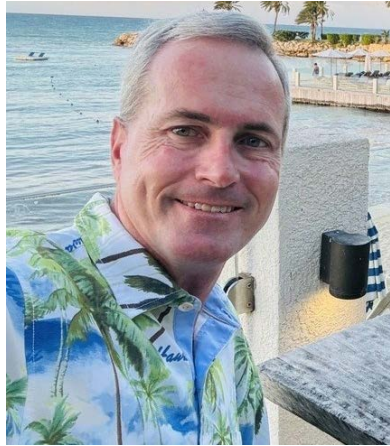
Born in Taylorsville, NC, on April 24, 1935, to Rowe and Sophie Campbell, he was valedictorian of his high school class and went on to graduate from Davidson College, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1957. Bob graduated from Duke University Medical School in 1961, completed an internship at Cornell Medical Center and a residency in Ophthalmology at Duke University. He served in the US Navy, as a Lt. Commander, and was director of the Eye Department at the U.S. Naval Hospital in St. Albans, New York, from 1966-68.

In 1968, Bob and his beloved wife, Penny, moved to Greenwich, Connecticut, where he started Greenwich Ophthalmology, growing it into a large, successful practice, which remains in business today. Bob loved being a doctor and caring for his patients. He was Chief of Medical Staff at Greenwich Hospital from 1990-1993, and Director of the Eye Department at Greenwich Hospital from 1980 until his retirement in 2000. In 2000, Bob and Penny retired to Vero Beach, FL and Middlebury, VT where Bob pursued a new passion as an artist and painter. Painting brought him a great deal of pleasure and his many pieces featured the natural landscapes and birds of Florida and Vermont. Penny and Bob shared a sense of adventure and loved to travel. They loved nothing more than planning their next trip and explored the world together. Bob was well-loved by all who met him. He was a kind and gentle man, with a good sense of humor, a deep love of his wife, Penny, and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He and Penny shared a zest for life and a love of nature. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bob was predeceased by Penny, his beloved wife of 61 years, his sister, Ann Campbell Brown, and his brother, Buck.

He is survived by four daughters and their families: Kimberly and Wade Cobb of Middlebury, VT (James, Helen, Nathan), Heather and Mark Leonard, of Winchester, VA (Meagan, Nicholas), Catie and Phil Resor of Middle Haddam, CT (Tucker, Grayson, Ben), and Sarah and Keith Baker of Chattanooga, TN (Sophie, Sam). He was also blessed with three great-grandchildren: Evelyn and Declan Pampreen, and Johnny Cobb.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Bob’s name to The Foundation Fighting Blindness, The Cornell Lab of Ornithology or the environmental or humanitarian charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 12, at 1 pm at the Middlebury Congregational Church in Middlebury, Vermont.



MARK DEAN

February 7, 1971 – February 20, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mark Christman Dean - a much-loved husband, father, son, brother, cousin and friend - lost too early due to an unexpected health complication. He enjoyed his final days celebrating his shared birthday with Ana, the love of his life, on the beautiful beaches of Antigua.

Mark was born in Greenwich, the place he always called home. He was one of the first preschoolers to attend Putnam Indian Field School and graduated from Brunswick School in 1989. He created a beautiful family here with his wife, Ana, and son, Bryan, now a junior at Brunswick.

Mark was kind, considerate, smart, adventurous, good-natured, and had a life-long passion for sports. At Brunswick, he played soccer and baseball, wrestled, and competed on the school’s alpine ski team. He was commissioner of his friends’ “rotisserie” baseball league in high school, managing everything on paper.

Growing up, he spent his winter weekends skiing – his ultimate passion – at Windham Mountain, including a stint as a junior patrolroller. During the summer, he sailed, swam, and captained the Belle Haven Lobsters swim team. One summer he swam an impressive 500 laps to raise money for the Red Cross as part of the Swim Across America fundraiser. During college summers, he returned home and lifeguarded at Burning Tree Country Club.

From a young age, Mark showed a strong commitment to the Greenwich community. He was a Boy Scout for many years and attended the Youth Leadership Conference. As a member of Greenwich Teen Voice, Mark spent four years working to establish Arch Street, Greenwich’s Teen Center. As a young adult, he joined the

Greenwich Jaycees and was a member for eleven years, including time as President.

Mark attended Emory University, where he was affiliated with Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and earned his degree in Economics and Psychology in 1993. After graduation, he returned to Greenwich to begin a career in Sports Management. He worked for Today’s Athlete for Tomorrow and later transitioned to Advantage International.

The pride of his professional career was his service at NorthCoast Asset Management, a prestigious wealth management firm in Greenwich. NorthCoast Asset Management writes, “Mark Dean was an integral part of NorthCoast Asset Management for two decades, serving ultimately as a Principal in the Finance Department. As the son of Paul Dean, a co-founder of NorthCoast, Mark carried forward his family’s legacy with dedication, professionalism, and a deep commitment to the firm’s success.”

Mark lived life to the fullest. He maintained his passion for skiing and was always the first in line on a powder day. He could often be found playing tennis with Ana and Bryan at the Milbrook Club. He was a devoted fan of the New York Yankees, enjoying season tickets with friends and family. Mark traveled many corners of the world and shared his sense of adventure with his family. He took advantage of every day - always with a smile on his face. He will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts.

There will be a memorial service for Mark at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 4 at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church (84 Sherwood Ave., Greenwich, CT, 06831). In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to [www.sixlovetennis.org](http://www.sixlovetennis.org) or a charity of your choice



LARRY CONDON

Larry E. Condon died peacefully at home in New York City on Dec. 30, 2024 after a short illness. He was born on September 27, 1937 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania to Matthew T. Condon and Grace Cecelia Condon. Larry’s life partner and husband John Hoffee died in 2020. Larry’s living siblings are Diane Condon of New York and Naples, Florida and Marshall E. Condon of Stamford, Connecticut. Their spouses are, respectively, Thomas Brown and Terry Condon. His nieces and nephews, all Condons, are Alexander, Matthew, Jill, Kimberly (Condon Ladd), Thomas, Pamela, and Matthew.

Larry was an energetic advocate for New York, and he was well-respected for his decades of leadership in the philanthropic community. At the time of his death he was Chairman Emeritus of the Mertz Gilmore Foundation, where he had served as President and then Chairman for decades, a Life Trustee at the New York Botanical Garden, where he had served as a trustee since 1998, and an honorary advisor to the Public Theater, after long board service. Under his leadership the Mertz Gilmore Foundation’s interests were the environment, clean energy, climate change (beginning with acknowledgement of this issue in the 1980s), civil rights, LGBTQ rights, community engagement and the performing arts in New York City. After the death of his friend and legendary philanthropist LuEsther T. Mertz, one of the founders of Publishers Clearing House, Larry became one of the six original trustees of the LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust, which during its 30-year life distributed 450 million dollars to the Public Theater, The New York Botanical Garden, the Joyce Theater, WNET, and many other cultural, environmental and civil rights organizations. These had been Mrs. Mertz’s interests, and they were shared by the trustees, all of whom predeceased Larry. The cumulative giving of the Mertz Charitable Trust to the Public Theater and The New York Botanical Garden made it the largest donor in the history of those institutions. Following the instincts of Mrs. Mertz and Larry, the Mertz Charitable Trust had a style of philanthropy that emphasized their trust in the professional people in their organizations, and de-emphasized the agendas of the philanthropists.

Larry’s earlier career had been first as a high school history teacher in Los Angeles and Greenwich, CT, and later in New York in educational administration at Global Perspectives in Education and the Lincoln Center Institute. His undergraduate degree was from The Pennsylvania State University, and his master’s degree in history from UCLA. A Fulbright Scholar and the recipient of several other fellowships, he traveled around the world in the 1960s and spent a year of graduate study in Addis Ababa.

Larry loved the theater, cooking, reading, history, his rural childhood, and Ireland. He was a passionate New Yorker. He was a beloved friend of many who will remember him by his warmth and curiosity, his charm, his charismatic presence and bright smile.

The family asks that any memorial gifts be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or the New York Botanical Garden in support of their science and education initiatives.



COLUMN

# Challah, Blessings and Tradition



By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

Israeli poet Chaim Nachman Bialik lost his father when he was just seven years old. His mother was left widowed with three young children living in abject poverty, and she found work in a tiny shop to barely make ends meet.

After working many hours, she would come home and work more hours cleaning, cooking, sewing, etc. Late one night, Bialik rose from his bed and observed his mother in their kitchen. Exhausted, she wept as she kneaded the dough for the bread the following day.

While baking by candlelight, his mother’s lips moved in prayer: “May I bring up the children to be God-fearing. May they be true to the Torah. May they never disgrace me.” While she prayed, tears rolled down her tired cheeks, and without her realization, her tears mixed with the dough.

Little Bialik felt an overwhelming love for his mother. The following day, he ate his mother’s bread mixed with his mother’s tears and felt that his “mother was in that bread.”

I often think about this story, especially as I eat our traditional Shabbat challah. Our special braided bread is considered a significant symbol of the Jewish religion. Rabbinic stories declare that the baked dough of our challah contains spiritual and magical components.

The Hebrew term “challah” refers to the dough removed from the loaf before it is braided, not the loaf itself. In the Book of Numbers, chapter 15, the Torah instructs us: “Before you knead and bake your bread, you shall set aside challah, a portion of the bread, as an elevated gift to God.”

The rabbis teach that the commandment to separate

*“When we eat the challah prepared by the hands of our loved ones, we feel their presence amidst the dough.”*

our challah “is one of the 613 mitzvot (commandments) that contribute to creating a Jewish life.” Historically, challah was removed and then given as a tithe or sacrifice to the Holy Priest, representing a consecration to God. While the Great Temple of Jerusalem was destroyed almost 2000 years ago, we retain the custom of setting aside a small portion of the dough and then burning it.

Beyond the historical and religious importance of challah, I think more of my Bubbye, my grandmother of blessed memory, and my mother of blessed memory. They baked their Shabbat challah jointly every Friday in the early afternoon, and it was a highlight of my childhood.

While I always loved the smell of the challah baking, I once asked my Bubbye and Mom, “Why don’t you just buy the challah in the store?” I recall my mother’s laughter and how my Bubbye scoffed and asked: “Would you prefer “wonder bread” to my challah?” She then added: “There’s no magic in store-bought challahs.”

The Torah commands many magical ingredients to make challah: water, flour, yeast, oil, eggs, salt, and sugar. Each ingredient has its magical power.

- Water traditionally symbolizes the Torah, often called mayim chayim, living water.
- Flour symbolizes physical sustenance; the rabbis say, “Without Torah, there is no flour, but without flour, there is no Torah.”
- Yeast is the ingredient of prayer; we should continue to grow intellectually and spiritually.
- Oil symbolizes the messianic dream, the idea that a person can become the “anointed one.”
- Eggs symbolize life.
- Salt is God’s currency, a symbol of God’s everlasting covenant with us because it

never spoils.

- And sugar is our hope for a sweet life.

All those who continue to make challah are asked to put these magical ingredients together in a positive, joyful mood. The rabbis taught that joy transfers to our lives when we eat challah.

Baking challah catalyzes three blessings: it is a blessing for you, your home, and all your loved ones as they eat it.

Coming home from school, sitting in the kitchen with my Bubbye and my mom, helping with the kneading, braiding, and baking, and talking about everything under the sun, was the highest form of spirituality; together as a family, we were engaged in a fun Jewish mitzvah.

In our family, when we sat down at the Shabbat dinner table and said the blessing for our bread, “...HaMotzi Lechem Min HaAretz,” the whole family, and often friends at the Shabbos (Sabbath) table, felt a sense of joy, peace, and harmony.

After we bless the challah, we (by custom) refuse to slice it with a knife, instead tearing it by hand because God desires not even a symbol of war or violence where a blessing is offered.

Traditionally, Shabbat calls for two loaves of challah to be placed on the table, and this commemorates the double portion of manna our spiritual ancestors received after our Exodus from Egypt. Moses told us: “The two loaves would last Friday and Saturday, our Sabbath.

Today, many Jews honor the tradition of two loaves of challah by having one at their Shabbat table and donating the second to a food bank to provide for the needy, as God provided for us.

The tradition is that we should bake challah ourselves at least twice a year, and at least one of these two times should be during our Ten Days of Awe, the

10 days of repentance from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur. The reason for the challah during these ten days is that “this mitzvah will help rectify the damage we and past generations cause.”

On Rosh Hashanah, challah is baked in a round shape for our circular year, and raisins are added to our prayer that it will be a lovely year.

Challah is the Jewish symbol of blessings for ourselves, our homes, and our loved ones. When we eat the challah prepared by the hands of our loved ones, we feel their presence amidst the dough.

Inspired by the love, joy, and hope we digest, we can decide to pay it forward and knead purpose into our lives with all the ingredients that come with our shared love which I hope we can braid every day the secret ingredients of our lives: the living waters of life, the sacred flour of sustenance, the prayerful ingredient of yeast, the oil that anoints our salvation, the salt that reminds us of our tears, and the sugar that sweetens and restores our souls.

Let us bake two spiritual challahs daily, one to take care of us and the other to take extra care of those who need us.

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

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# Lions Fuel Meals-on-Wheels Mission



Greenwich Lions Club Service Chairperson and Secretary Alan Gunzburg accompanied by his service dog, Denise, Meals-on-Wheels Program Director Willow Buscemi, and Lions Club President Nora Yanet Parry

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

In a heartfelt demonstration of community solidarity, the Greenwich Lions Club has generously donated \$500 to Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich, reinforcing their shared commitment to supporting vulnerable residents. Greenwich Lions Club Service Chairperson and Secretary Alan Gunzburg accompanied by his service dog, Denise and Lions Club President Nora Yanet Parry stopped by Meals-on-Wheels to present the check.

The collaboration between these two organizations exemplifies the profound impact of community partnerships. "This donation not only provides financial support but also

serves as a reminder of the power of collective goodwill," says Willow Buscemi, Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich program director. "It is through such acts of generosity and collaboration that the fabric of our community is strengthened, ensuring that no neighbor is left behind."

Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich plays a crucial role in the community by delivering nutritious meals to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and homebound residents, ensuring they can live without the fear of missing meals. With a dedicated team of volunteers, the organization provides daily meal deliveries, offering not just sustenance but also a vital human connection that combats isolation. Their mission is to enable clients to

maintain independence and dignity within their own homes.

The Greenwich Lions Club, a chapter of the global Lions Clubs International network, has been a pillar of service in the community for over a century. Known for initiatives such as combating blindness, supporting youth, providing disaster relief, and caring for the environment, the club embodies the motto "We Serve." Their recent centennial celebration underscored a legacy of fostering camaraderie and civic responsibility among its members.

If you would like to support Meals-on-Wheels by volunteering please contact us at 203-869-1312, via email mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com, or our website mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org.

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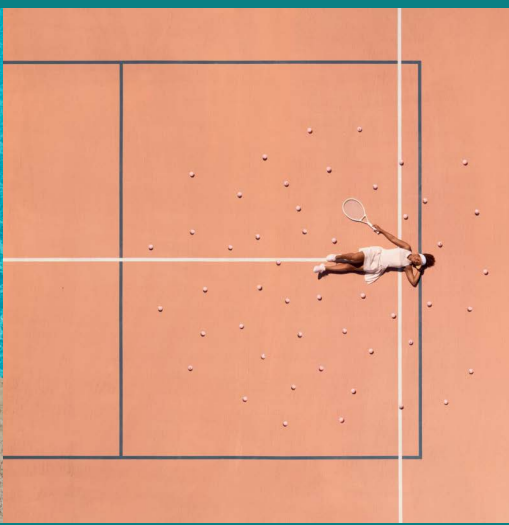




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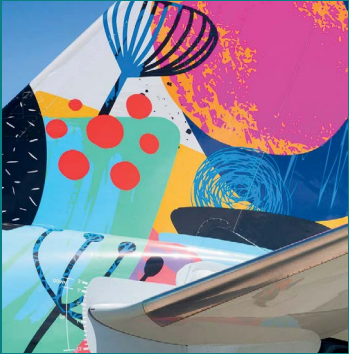


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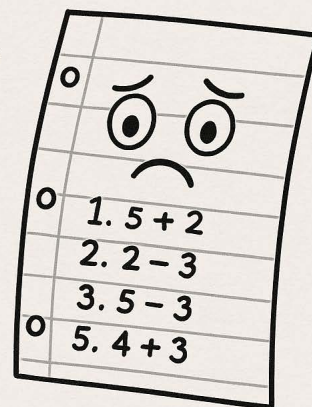


## Writing Contest!!

Dear Student,

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# Math Homework



**Honorable Mention: Andrea Kiczek  
Wilson**

Dear Diary,

In hindsight, there were red flags everywhere that would have clued me in that the relationship was doomed to fail. First, he didn't have any friends. Like, zero. And he was always wearing the same ratty outfit every time we hung out. How you present yourself to the world is important, you know?

He never took me to meet his family. He never took me anywhere at all! Sure, he was a pretty good cook, especially fish, and his place was beautiful, but I missed going out and doing things. I don't know, something always felt off.

But still, to just pack up and leave me, just like that, it hurts. I feel so isolated and abandoned. Was it something I did? Is there something wrong with me? I mean, besides the fact that I'm just a volleyball.

**Alone and confused,  
Wilson**

**Why It's Noted:** This is a comedic triumph of voice and concept. The reveal is masterfully timed—only at the end do we understand the speaker is Wilson, the volleyball from *Cast Away*. The humor doesn't rely on the pop culture reference alone; it builds an emotionally believable (and hilariously dramatic) breakup letter.

***Honorable Mention: Rachel Craft  
Replaced***

He didn't even hide it. Just waltzed in with her—sleek,  
matte black, ten speeds, digital display.  
She whirled once and got the whole countertop.  
I used to make his post-workout shakes. His  
margaritas. His soup.  
Now I sit unplugged, dusty, next to a jar of expired  
flaxseed.  
Traitor.

**Why It's Noted:** This succeeds through voice and economy. The anthropomorphic blender's tone drips with indignation, jealousy, and heartbreak—turning a minor kitchen upgrade into a full-blown domestic betrayal. The phrase “She whirred once and got the whole countertop” is laugh-out-loud funny, and the ending—Traitor—lands with perfect, petty fury. It takes appliance envy and turns it into a compact kitchen drama. Short, sharp, and very funny.

Always yours,  
Math Homework

**Why It Wins:** The tone is pitch-perfect—a passive-aggressive, clingy “friend” masquerading as a math worksheet. It channels student frustration into a well-crafted voice. The phrase “I missed you this weekend” delivers dry humor, while the “LOL” adds a cringe-worthy authenticity. The entry nails character, concept, and word economy in under 50 words.

***Runner-Up: Kayla Kiczek***  
***Sentinel Writing Competition***

Normally you write to me, but this month I am writing to you. I make you want to be a better writer. It's always a fun and creative challenge. Then, that Friday comes and you check to see if you won. Probably not this time, though!

**- Sentinel Writing Competition**

**Why It Places:** This clever, meta entry flips the prompt on its head—what if the contest wrote *\*back\**? It's bold, a little snide, and self-referential in a way that resonates with any competitive writer. The personification of the contest voice is both encouraging and cheeky. Smart structure and a strong concept earn this piece second place.

**Category: Ages 16 & Over**  
***Winner: Erica Blair***  
***Mitch and the Couch***

When our childhood dog, Mitch, a sweet-tempered brown mongrel, died of old age, my mother said that she found herself going to the door to let him in for weeks afterwards.

Mitch left a kind of fingerprint in our house. For his fourteen years, he had curled up to sleep in the same place on our living room rug, leaning his back against the couch and leaving a little worn smudge from years of contact from his warm fur against the upholstery.

When Mom downsized, she donated the couch to Goodwill. One of the two volunteers who came to collect it looked at the smudge and asked if he could say hello to the dog. Mom teared up a little and showed him Mitch's photo. The man promised my mother that he would make sure the couch found a good home, one with a dog.

**Why It Wins:** This entry is intimate, subtle, and emotionally rich. The “smudge” becomes a symbol of lasting memory—proof of a life lived quietly but meaningfully. The final gesture by the mover, who promises a new home for the couch “and” a dog, transforms the piece into something enduring and kind. The prose is clean, emotionally intelligent, and restrained.

### Runner Up: Kelly Hogan Thread

There were almost thirty of them once. Engineers. A few poets. Two exes who pretended to be civil. Every Thursday—like clockwork—an email would hit the thread: jokes, recipes, political rants, birthdays no one remembered until someone did.

First to go was Mark—claimed he'd joined a monastery. In Iceland. No forwarding address.

Then Priya, who said she'd "outgrown digital communication" and switched to handwritten letters. No one got one.

Jared left after sharing a photo of a door in his basement that “wasn’t there before.” He signed off: brb.

**Emails kept coming, but replies thinned.**

Lucia said she kept hearing typing at night when her laptop was closed. Then nothing.

Adam accidentally replied-all with coordinates. No one opened them.

And Carol—always the quietest—just wrote: “It’s happening faster now.”

Now it's only me. Watching the blinking cursor.

**Holding the silence like a loaded file**

I should leave, but the thread won't

**Subject line: "Re: [redacted]"**  
**No one answers.**

Why It Places: “Thread” blends mystery, dark humor, and technological eeriness into a compact narrative that evolves from nostalgic to unsettling. The pacing is masterful: the slow vanishing of each member, each with a peculiar, increasingly paranormal reason, creates a rising tension. Details like “Jared... a door in his basement that ‘wasn’t there before” and “Adam... coordinates” are deeply effective in implying a wider, unseen horror. The format—emails trailing off, ending with “Re: Re: Re: still here?”—mirrors real digital decay.

What sets it apart is the slow collapse of community and reality, communicated entirely through the tone and unraveling rhythm of the email thread. The story feels haunting without relying on gore or cliché—it's psychological, creeping, and absurdly believable.



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10 a.m.  
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524- 8032. greenwichymca.org 5 - 7 p.m.  
Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse  
**WEDNESDAYS:**  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
“Tools for Aging Well” (2nd Wednesday of the Month). Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org.  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org 12 - 2 p.m.  
Waste Free Greenwich’s Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/composting-at-rhcc 12:15 p.m.  
Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks – moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.org  
6:30 p.m.  
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support  
**2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:**  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org  
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7 p.m.  
Friends Friday Films: “The Crime is Mine,” with Reel Talk speaker Joe Meyers Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.  
Saturday, April 5  
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
AARP Tax Help. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Appointments are NOT required. 203-622-7900.  
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Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org.  
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2 p.m.  
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LEGOS for the 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 First Ladies" by Marie Benedict. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.  
2 p.m.  
PrintLab: 3D Printed Mushroom Lamps. Innovation Lab.  
3 p.m.  
Clean Up Your iPhone. Learning Lab  
3:15 p.m.  
Nutmeg Book Club with Ms. Flynn "Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?" by Leslie Connor. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.  
6 p.m.  
Know Before You Go: Preparing For The Unexpected. Marx Family Black Box Theater.  
Tuesday, April 8  
11 a.m.  
Petite Concert. Marx Family Black Box Theater.  
11 a.m.  
Storytime with Patty (Birth - Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.  
1 p.m.  
ICareer Strategy Series: Job Search Accelerator.  
1 p.m.  
Friends Book Group. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.  
3:45 p.m.  
Pen to Paper. Cos Cob Library Community Room.  
5 p.m.  
Gentle Yoga with Kristin. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.  
5 p.m.  
New Yorker Stories Discussion Group. Online.  
7 p.m.  
Investing: Sector Investing. Online.  
Wednesday, April 9  
10 a.m.  
Baby Lapsit in the Stacks. Cos Cob Library Turret.  
10 & 1 p.m.  
Career Coach - MS Excel. Main Greenwich Library.  
11 a.m.  
Early Walkers in the Stacks! Cos Cob Library Turret.  
7 p.m.  
Learn Before You Leave: A College Safety Panel. Marx Family Black Box Theater.  
Thursday, April 10  
10:30 a.m.  
Volunteer Training: Adopt-a-Shelf. Main Greenwich Library.  
11 a.m.  
Technology Help. Learning Lab.  
4 p.m.  
Family Tai Chi with Ken Dolan. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
Cos Cob Thursday Evening book club. Main 2nd Floor Meeting Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Evening Book Group. This Book Club will meet temporarily at the Main Library, in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room, during the Cos Cob renovation.  
Friday, April 11  
10 a.m.  
Storytime. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883.  
11:15 a.m.  
Qi Gong. Online. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/14174460  
3 p.m.  
Innovator-in-Residence Finale: Innovative Engineering. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.  
7 p.m.  
Friends Friday Films: “Minari.” Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.  
Saturday, April 12  
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
AARP Tax Help. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Appointments are NOT required. 203-622-7900.  
10 a.m.  
Blooming Beginnings!: Art, Movement & Mindfulness (ages 3-5). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.  
11 a.m.  
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org.  
1 p.m.  
Cloak and Dagger Book Club. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883.

1 p.m.  
LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.  
3 p.m.  
Poet's Voice: Patti Smith. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events?cid=-1&t=m&d=2025-04&cal=-1&inc=0

**GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwichhospital.org/events**  
888-305-9253  
Saturday, April 5  
9 a.m.  
AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital. \$20.  
Monday, April 7  
6 p.m.  
CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Volunteer Ln. \$65. For discount information call 888-305-9253.  
Wednesday, April 9  
7 p.m.  
Talk: Pediatrician 101. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

**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  
Sunday, April 6  
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.  
Monday, April 7  
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.  
1:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.  
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Westchester Medical Center Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, 100 Woods Rd., Valhalla, NY.  
Tuesday, April 8  
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
St. Augustine, 111 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont, NY.  
Wednesday, April 9  
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
West Harrison Senior Center, 251 Underhill Ave., West Harrison, NY.  
Thursday, April 10  
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.  
1 - 6 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Church, 403 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford.  
Friday, April 11  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.  
Sunday, April 13  
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

**TOWN MEETINGS:** greenwichct.gov/calendar  
Monday, April 7  
10:30 a.m.  
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting.  
1 p.m.  
Planning & Zoning Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.  
7 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting. Hayton Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
Education Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
Land Use Committee Meeting. Cone Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
Legislative & Rules Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
Public Works Committee Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.  
Tuesday, April 8  
12 p.m.  
First Selectman's Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting. Zoom Webinar.  
4 p.m.  
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.  
5:30 p.m.  
Shellfish Commission Regular Meeting. Via Zoom.  
7 p.m.  
First Selectman's Youth Commission Board Meeting. Employee lounge.  
7:30 p.m.  
Appointments Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
Health & Human Services Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

7:30 p.m.  
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
Town Services Committee Meeting. Hayton Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
Transportation Committee Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.  
Wednesday, April 9  
10 a.m.  
BET Audit Committee.  
11 a.m.  
FS Operations Planning Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.  
12:30 p.m.  
Nathaniel Witherell Quality of Life Committee Meeting.  
1 p.m.  
BET HR Committee.  
6 p.m.  
FS Hamill Rink Task Force Meeting. Hayton Room and Audio Dial-In.  
7 p.m.  
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting.  
7 p.m.  
Historic District Commission Regular Meeting. Mazza Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
District 11 Meeting. GCDS, 401 Old Church Road.  
7:30 p.m.  
District 4 Meeting. Byram Firehouse.  
7:30 p.m.  
District 8 Meeting. Cos Cob School Media Center.  
Thursday, April 10  
10 a.m.  
BET IAC OPEB Combined Meeting.  
10 a.m.  
Board of Selectmen Meeting In Person at Town Hall Cone Room and Virtual via Zoom.  
3 p.m.  
BET Law Committee.  
7 p.m.  
District 10 Meeting. Round Hill Church, 397 Round Hill Road.  
7 p.m.  
District 3 Meeting. Hamilton Avenue School.  
7:15 p.m.  
District 2 Meeting. Cone Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
District 12 Meeting. North Mianus School Library.  
7:30 p.m.  
District 5 Meeting. Riverside School Library.  
7:30 p.m.  
District 6 Meeting. Old Greenwich School Cafeteria.  
7:30 p.m.  
District 7 Meeting. Mazza Room.  
7:30 p.m.  
District 9 Meeting. Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center  
8 p.m.  
District 1 Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

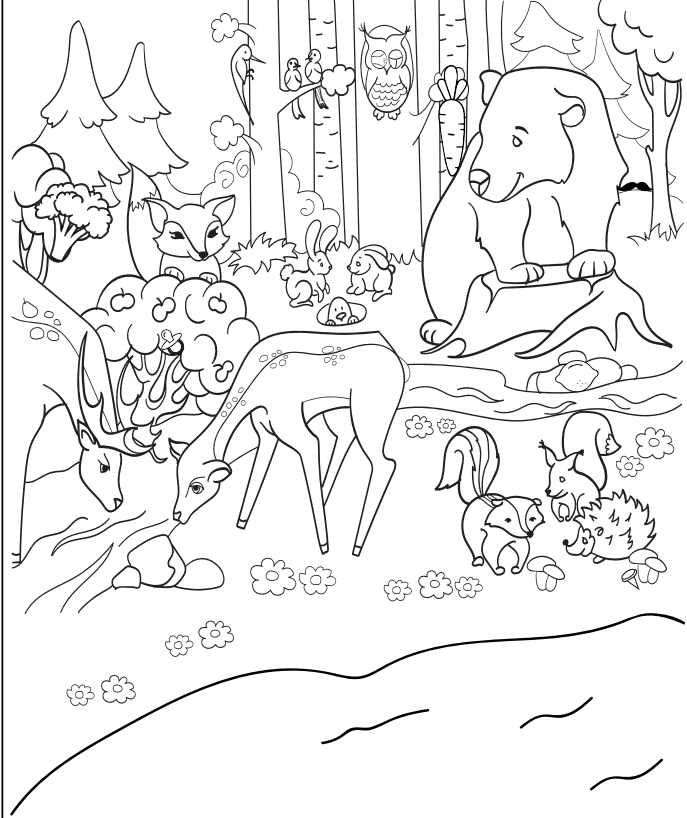
**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Friday, April 4  
6 p.m.  
Person to Person's Spring Benefit “Rising Together.” Serafresca at the Italian Center, Stamford. bit.ly/RisingTogetherBenefit  
Sunday, April 6  
1 p.m.  
The 3rd Annual Hope Day. Arch Street Teen Center. Free. All are welcome. greenwichtogether.org  
2 p.m.  
Greenwich Girl Scouts and LWV Greenwich: Women in Government Expo. Greenwich Town Hall. Free. lwvgreenwich.org  
Thursday, April 10  
6 p.m.  
River House Adult Day Center's Pickleball Palooza fundraiser. Pickleball America, Stamford. square.link/u/GdgQOG52  
• Planned Parenthood of Southern New England's Annual Spring Luncheon. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. plannedparenthood.org/planned-parent-hood-southern-new-england  
Thursday, April 24  
Neighbor to Neighbor 50th Anniversary. Hyatt Regency, Greenwich. ntngreenwich.org/50th-anniversary-save-the-date  
Friday, April 25  
6:30 p.m.  
Greenwich Tree Conservancy's Tree Party. McArdle's Florist & Garden Center. greenwichtreeconservancy.org/2025-tree-party  
Saturday, April 26  
9 a.m.  
The Center for Family Justice's 13th Annual Walk A Mile in Her Shoes. Downtown Fairfield Train Station. centerforfamilyjustice.org  
6 p.m.  
Habitat for Humanity 40th Anniversary Gala. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. habitatctfc.org  
6 p.m.  
American Red Cross Greater New York Region's Red & White Ball: A Salute to Service and Valor. Riverside Yacht Club. e.givesmart.com/events/DoN/page/order-form2  
Thursday, May 1  
11 a.m.  
YWCA Greenwich's Old Bags Luncheon 20th Anniversary. Belle Haven Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/old-bags-luncheon-20th-anniversary  
• Greenwich Arts Council's “Art to the Avenue.” greenwichartscouncil.org  
Sunday, May 4

8:15 a.m.  
Breast Cancer Alliance 5K Run/Walk. Richards of Greenwich. breastcanceralliance.org  
Wednesday, May 7  
6 p.m.  
Food Rescue US: “Celebrate Food Rescue US.” The Loading Dock, Stamford. foodrescues25.givesmart.com  
Friday, May 9  
6 p.m.  
YMCA of Greenwich's An Evening in Las Vegas Annual Gala. Greenwich Country Club. greenwichymca.org/events  
Friday, May 16  
7:30 a.m.  
BIC's 12th Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. secure.qgiv.com/for/b1cbenefitbreakfast2025/event/12thannualspringbenefitbreakfast  
Saturday, May 17  
7 p.m.  
Spring for Abilis Gala. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/GGE  
Saturday, May 24  
10 a.m.  
Greenwich Town Party. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichtownparty.org  
Monday, May 26  
10 a.m.  
The annual Old Greenwich Memorial Day Parade. Sound Beach Avenue.  
Thursday, May 29  
9 a.m.  
Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County (CLC) 9th Annual Golf Outing. The Stanwich Club, Greenwich. bit.ly/CLC2025GolfOuting  
Saturday, May 31  
9 a.m.  
Greenwich Concours d'Sport. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com  
Sunday, June 1  
10 a.m.  
Greenwich Concours d'Elegance. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. greenwichconcours.com  
Friday, June 6  
Family Centers "Midnight in Monte Carlo" benefit. Private Greenwich residence. familycenters.org/product/midnight

**Our Neighboring Towns**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 4  
6:30 p.m.  
First Fridays: Whirlwind. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. Free admission, no reservation required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org  
2 p.m.  
Decoupage with Megan Reed Design. The Little Plucky, 111 Elm St., New Canaan. \$75. Also offered Saturday, April 5, 2pm. thelittleplucky.com/product-page/decoupage-with-megan-reed-design-spring-shells  
7:30 p.m.  
Curtain Call presents “Anything Goes”. The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, & 26). curtaincallinc.com  
SATURDAY, APRIL 5  
10 a.m.  
Memoir Writing Workshop with Author Gabi Coatsworth. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org  
12 p.m.  
Emergency Preparedness and Go-Bag Giveaway. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org  
SUNDAY, APRIL 6  
7:45 a.m.  
Filling in the Blanks 7th Annual Unite to Fight 5K. Waveny Park, 677 South Ave., New Canaan. \$45 for 5k, \$20 for Kids Fun Run. runsignup.com/Race/CT/NewCanaan/UnitetoFight  
10:30 a.m.  
Chinese Language School of CT Spring Open House. UCONN-Stamford, Lecture Hall 108. ChineseLanguageSchool.org  
MONDAY, APRIL 7  
6 p.m.  
Trivia Night: TV. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org  
TUESDAY, APRIL 8  
5 p.m.  
Taxes in Retirement/567 Workshops. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org  
6 p.m.  
Navigating Social Security & Medicare. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9  
2 p.m.  
Poetry Club: Get Ready to Slam, Session. Ferguson Library - West Side Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org  
7 p.m.  
John Jay Homestead Lecture Series: Keeping the Faith: God, Democracy, and the Trial That Riveted a Nation, with Brenda Wineapple. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org  
THURSDAY, APRIL 10  
6 p.m.  
Gilded Age Properties: Sneak Peek at the Holdings of the Lockwoods & Mathews. The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, 295 West Ave, Norwalk. lockwoodmathewsmansion.com

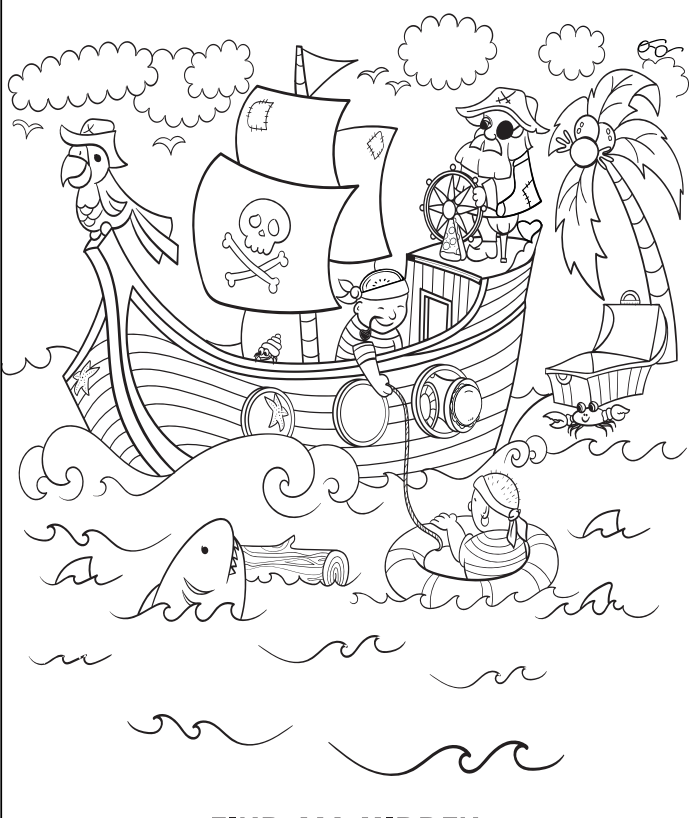


# Find and color.













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fastener
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moon
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pacifier
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whiskers
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pear
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fork
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baseball ball
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lemon
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broccoli













### FIND ALL HIDDEN

-   
musical note
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heart
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watermelon
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glasses
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sock
-   
candy
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tambourine
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matchstick
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pizza
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goniometer



### FIND ALL HIDDEN

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croissant
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umbrella
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ruler
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hazelnut
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carrot
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candy
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apple
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cupcakes
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brush
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Cup

## Sudoku for Kids

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## SUDOKU

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### Easy

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### Very Hard

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|   |   | 3 |   | 7 |   | 1 |   |   |
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### Very Hard

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### Sudoku answers

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| 1 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 5 |
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# This Week in History & Fun Things to Celebrate

## National and International Observances

**Geologists Day (April 6):** Celebrated on the first Sunday in April, recognizing the work of geologists in resource discovery and environmental preservation.

**World Health Day (April 7):** Established by the World Health Organization in 1948, this observance draws attention to pressing global health issues.

**National Zoo Lovers Day (April 8):** A lighthearted occasion promoting visits to zoological parks and awareness of wildlife conservation.

**National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day (April 9):** Honors American servicemembers who were prisoners of war, as established by presidential proclamation in 1988.

**National Siblings Day (April 10):** Celebrates the bonds between siblings and recognizes the importance of family support systems.

## Historical Events

April 4, 1968 – Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: The civil rights leader was shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee, sparking

national mourning and riots in over 100 American cities.

April 5, 1614 – Pocahontas Marries John Rolfe: Their union in Jamestown, Virginia symbolized a temporary peace between English settlers and the Powhatan Confederacy.

April 6, 1917 – U.S. Enters World War I: Congress declared war on Germany, aligning the United States with the Allies.

April 8, 1974 – Hank Aaron Breaks Babe Ruth's Record: Aaron hit his 715th home run in Atlanta, surpassing Babe Ruth's career record and cementing his legacy in baseball history.

April 10, 1912 – RMS Titanic Sets Sail: The British passenger liner departed Southampton on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

## Notable Birthdays

Maya Angelou (April 4, 1928): American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist, best known for I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.

Booker T. Washington (April 5, 1856): Influential educator and author, founder of Tuskegee

Institute, and advisor to multiple U.S. presidents on racial matters.

Billie Holiday (April 7, 1915): Jazz singer whose vocal style and emotional expression influenced generations of musicians.

Mary Pickford (April 8, 1892): Silent film star and co-founder of United Artists, known as “America’s Sweetheart.”

Paul Robeson (April 9, 1898): Singer, actor, and activist whose global influence extended beyond the arts into civil rights.

Joseph Pulitzer (April 10, 1847): Newspaper publisher whose endowment created the Pulitzer Prizes for achievements in journalism and the arts.

## Sports Events

The Masters Tournament (April 7-13): Held in Augusta, Georgia, the 2025 tournament begins with practice rounds this week. Defending champion Jon Rahm is expected to return, according to ESPN.

MLB Regular Season Week 2: Teams continue early season play. The Yankees host the Red Sox at home while the Mets travel to face

the Braves.

## Fun and Quirky Observances

**National Deep Dish Pizza Day (April 5):** Honors the iconic Chicago-style pizza known for its thick crust and rich tomato sauce.

**Draw a Picture of a Bird Day (April 8):** Encourages artistic expression and a whimsical appreciation of avian life.

**Winston Churchill Day (April 9):** Marks the day Churchill became an honorary U.S. citizen in 1963, recognizing his leadership during World War II.

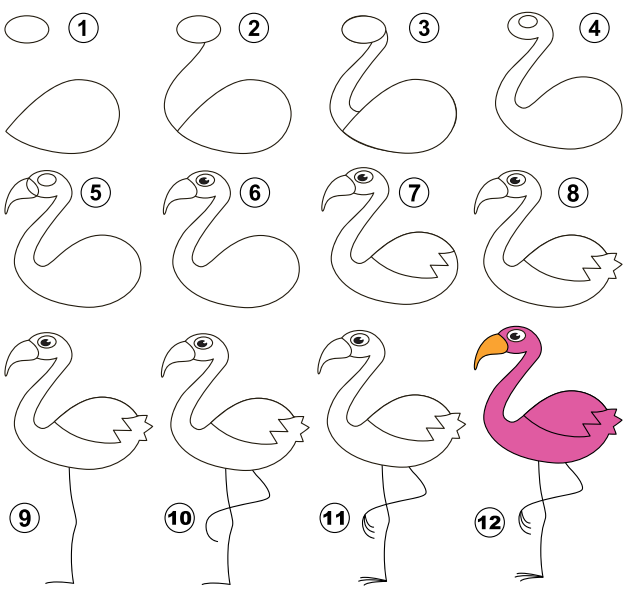
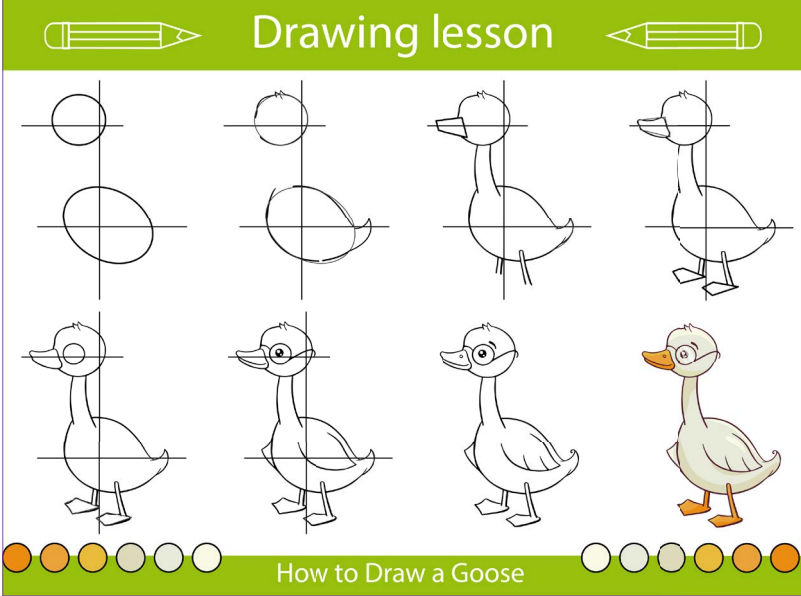
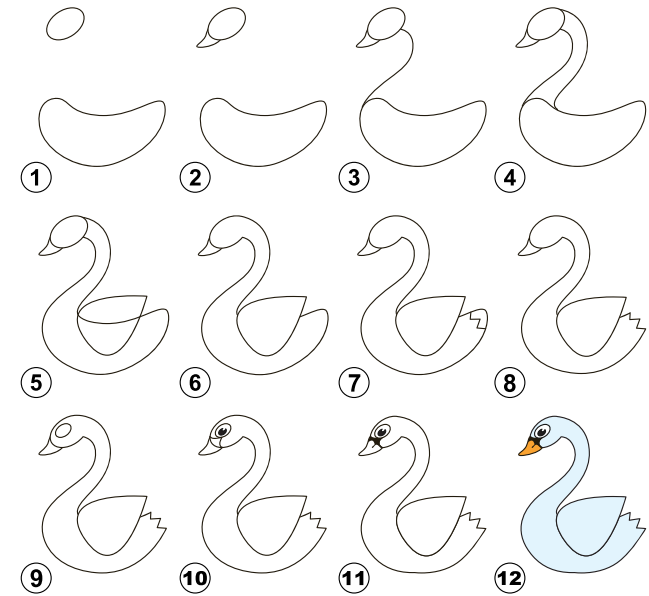
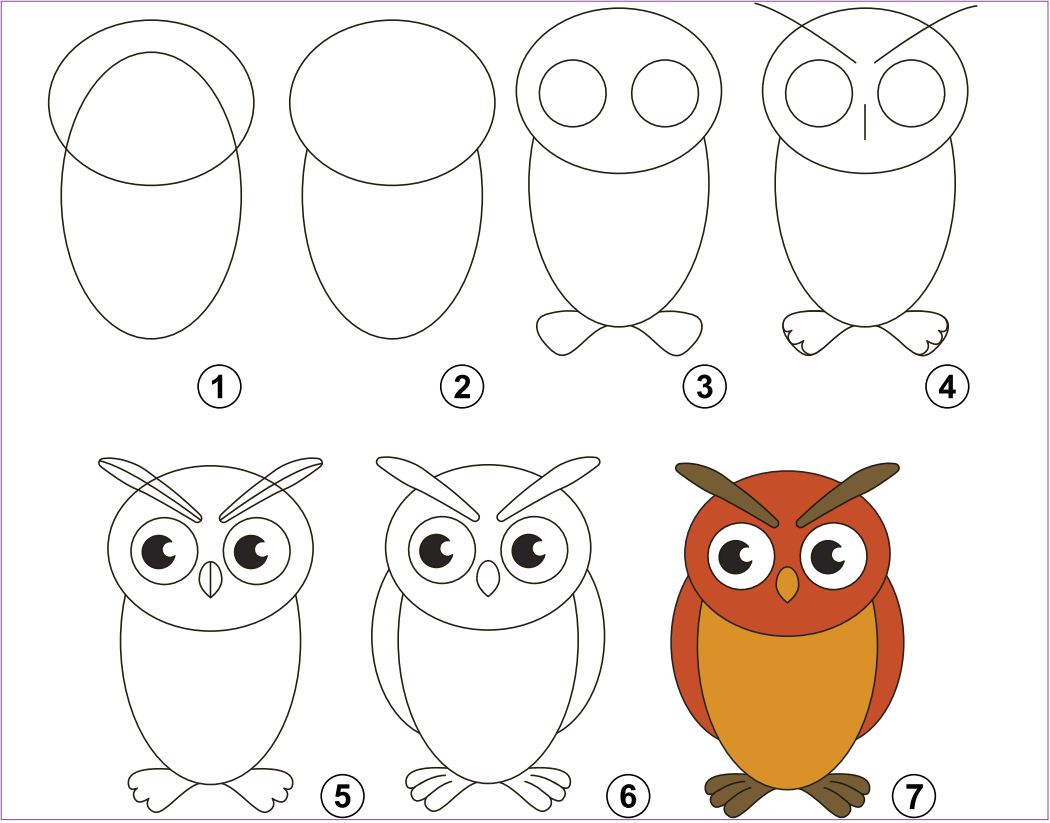
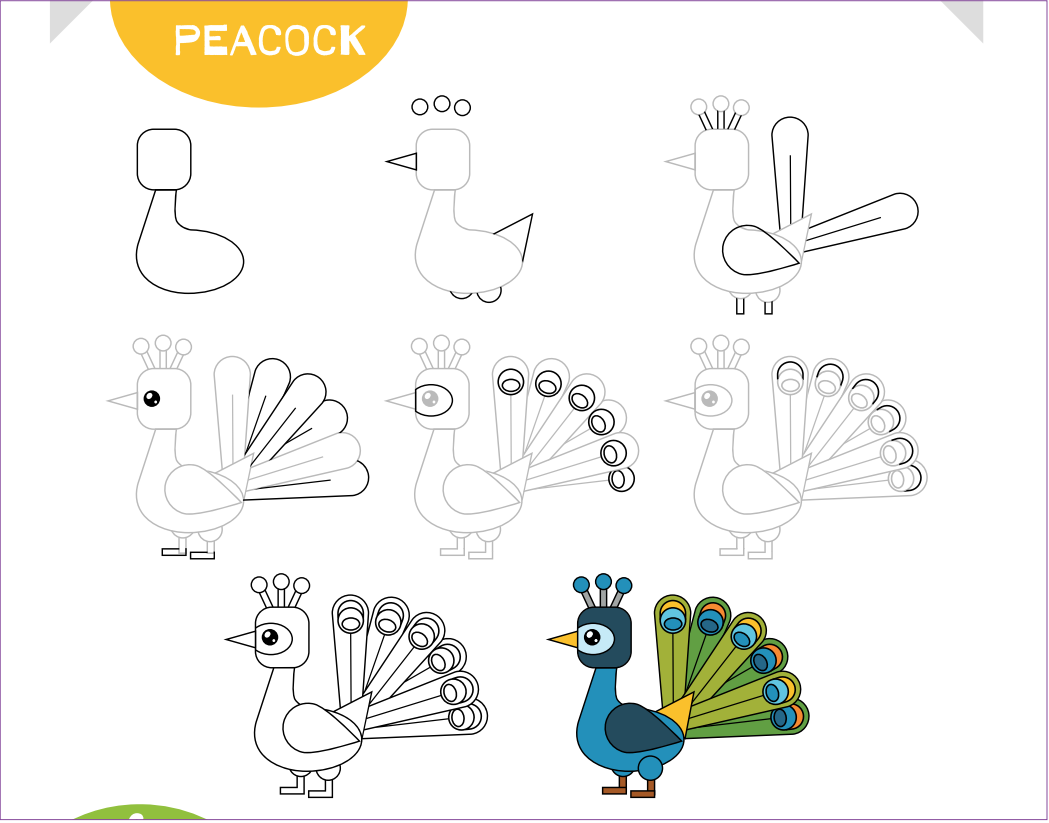
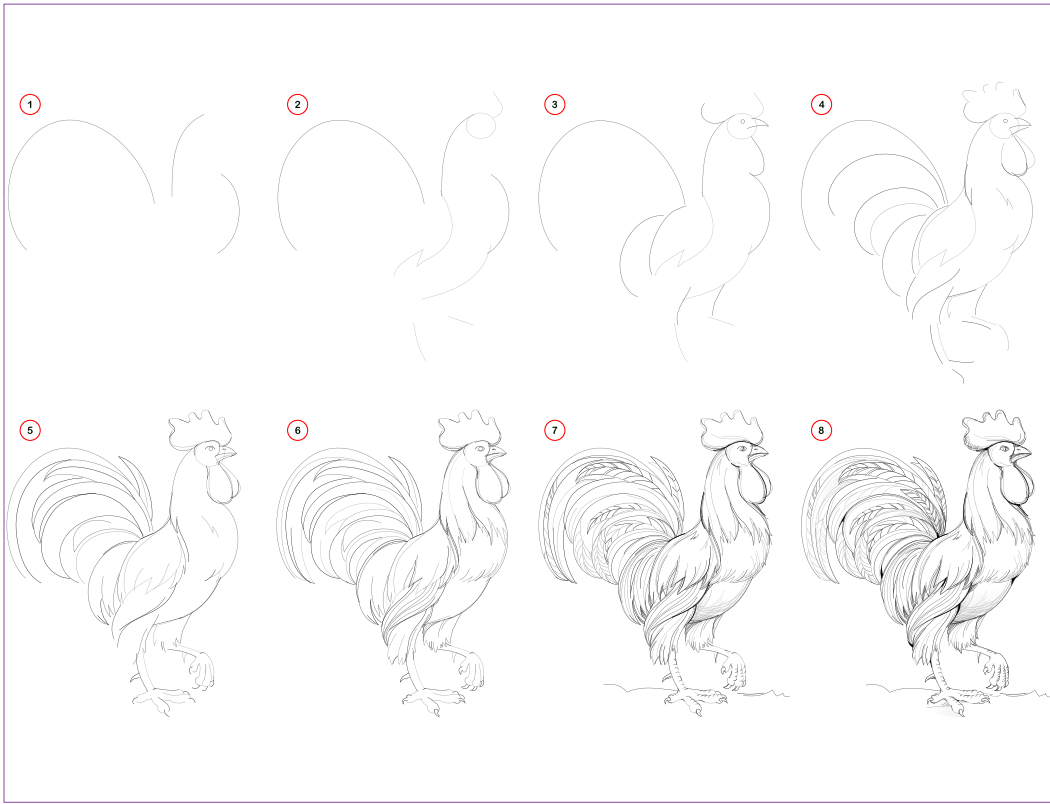
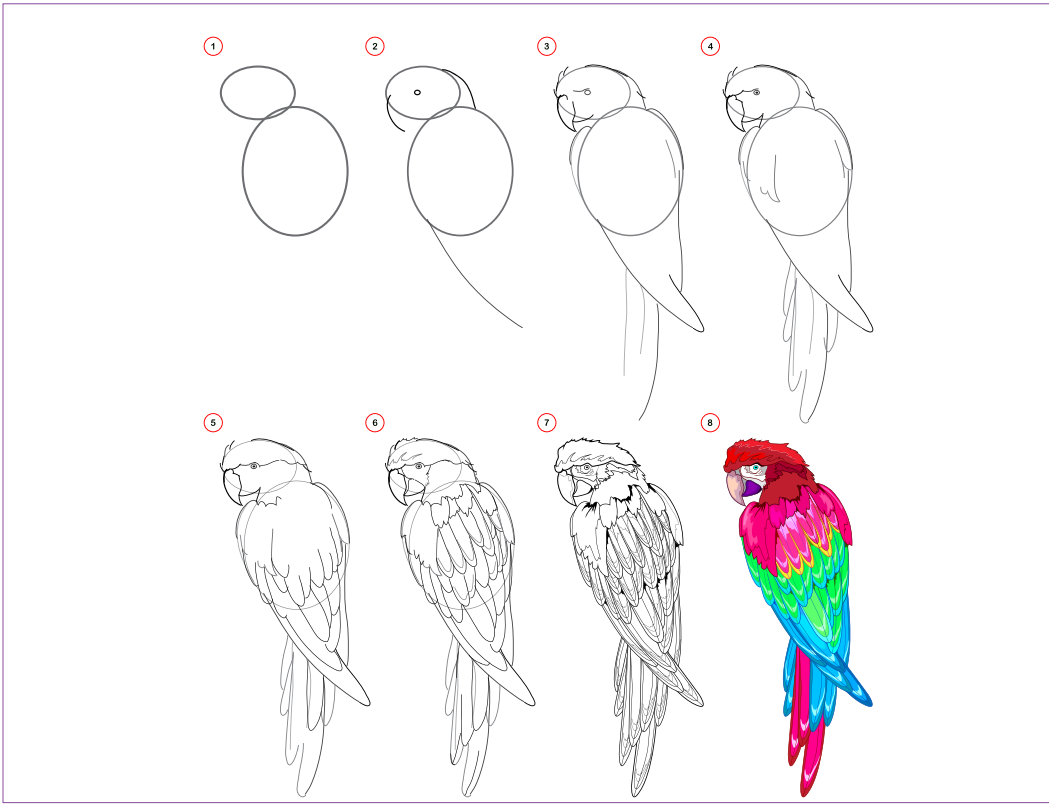
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April 9, 1942 – World War II Civil Defense Drill: Local newspaper archives note that New Canaan held a nighttime blackout drill involving volunteers and air raid wardens.

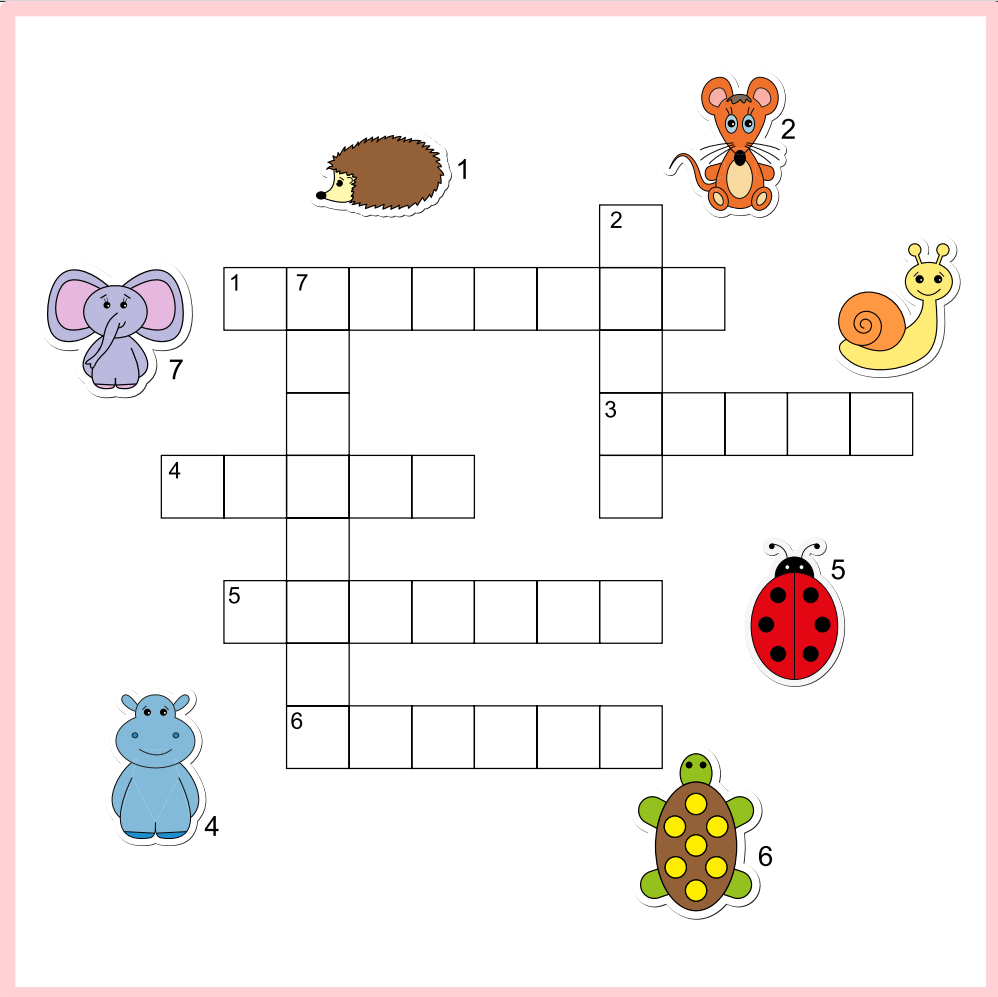
## Bonus Highlight

**Eclipse Anticipation:** The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, will remain a major topic one year later. Many schools and museums are marking the one-year countdown with programs and viewing plans for 2026's annular eclipse, visible across parts of the Northeast.

# Learn to Sketch Birds Like a Pro in Honor of Draw a Bird Day







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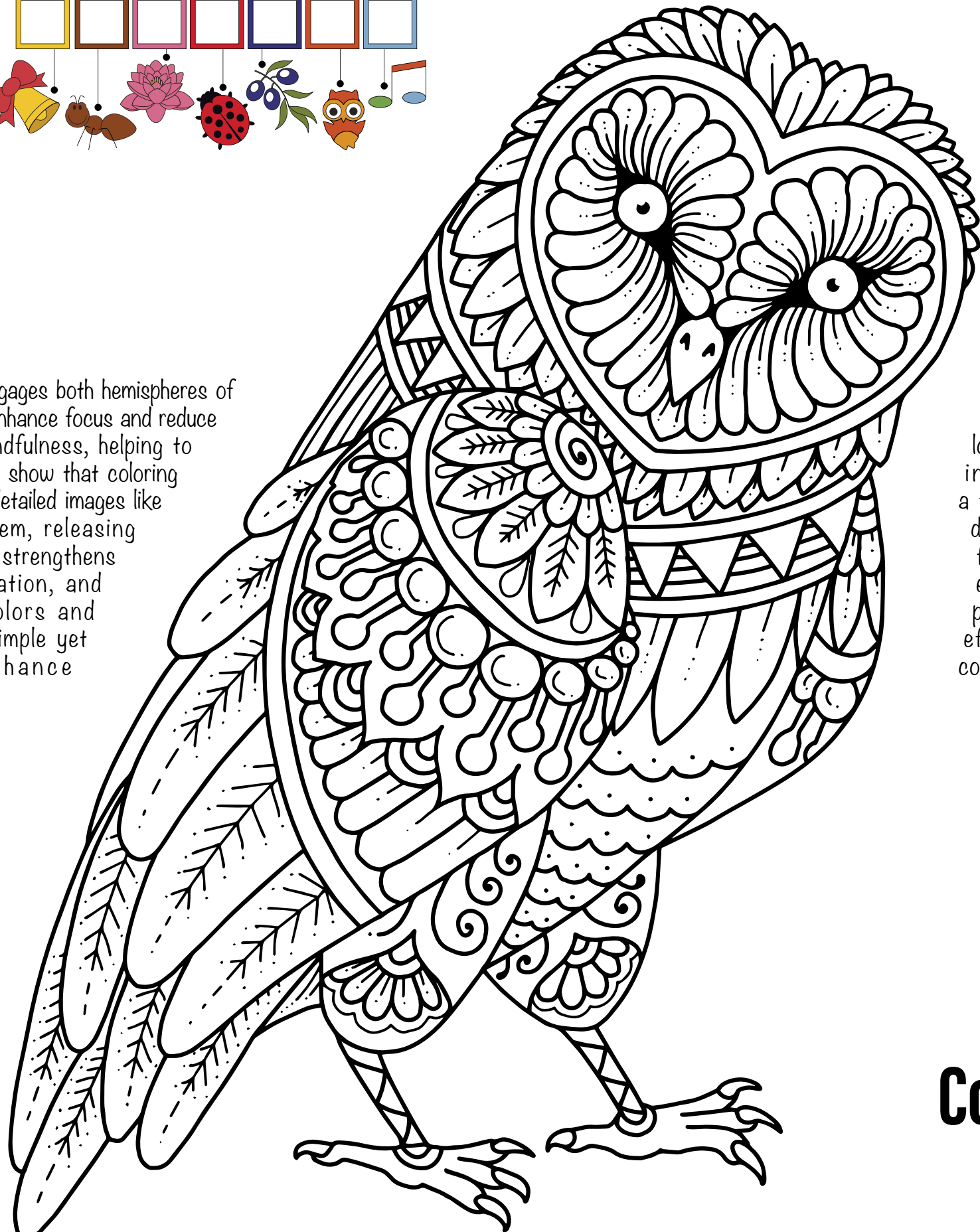
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## First Letter Game

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Coloring engages both hemispheres of the brain, combining creativity with logic to enhance focus and reduce stress. The repetitive motion promotes mindfulness, helping to lower cortisol levels and improve mood. Studies show that coloring intricate patterns, such as a flower, can activate the brain's reward system, releasing dopamine and fostering relaxation. This activity strengthens fine motor skills, improves hand-eye coordination, and encourages problem-solving by selecting colors and patterns. For all ages, coloring is an effective way to boost mental clarity, enhance cognitive function, and promote a sense of calm.

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## Color This Owl Mandala



# A Hunting Owl

Beneath the moonlight over the hedgerows of rural Norfolk, a pale figure glides without a sound. Wings spread wide, face like a heart, the barn owl cuts through the darkness with spectral ease. One moment it’s a shimmer above the fields, the next it disappears into the blackness. These owls are not merely surviving—they are perfectly tuned to the nocturnal world, reigning as silent sentinels over farmland and fen.

Barn owls (*Tyto alba*) inhabit every continent except Antarctica. In the United Kingdom, they are icons of twilight—easily recognized by their ghostly plumage, rounded wings, and distinctive, disk-shaped faces. Despite their ethereal appearance, barn owls are precision hunters, relying on acute hearing and near-silent flight to locate prey in total darkness.

This winter, conservationists working with the Barn Owl Trust documented an unusually successful breeding season in East Anglia. A nesting pair near Thetford raised six healthy owlets—double the average brood size for the region. Hidden inside a timber nesting box tucked in a disused barn, the family flourished thanks to a mild winter and a resurgence in small mammal populations across restored grasslands.

According to the British Trust for Ornithology, barn owl numbers in the UK declined sharply during the 20th century due to habitat loss, rodenticide poisoning, and modern farming practices. Yet in recent years, targeted conservation efforts—such as maintaining rough grass margins, banning certain pesticides, and installing



nest boxes—have helped stabilize populations in several counties.

“Barn owls need a very specific kind of habitat,” said Dr. Alex Brown, an ecologist with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. “Open fields for hunting, undisturbed structures for nesting, and plenty of voles and mice. When those align, you get success stories like this one.”

The family of six near Thetford was monitored by motion-activated cameras, which captured rare footage of both adults delivering prey throughout the night—mostly field voles, interspersed with shrews and the occasional songbird. The footage, now archived by the Barn Owl Trust, is among the clearest documentation yet of barn owl parental behavior in the wild.

Barn owls are specialized hunters. Their asymmetrical ears allow them to pinpoint sounds with remarkable accuracy, while the fringed edges of their wing feathers muffle flight. They can detect a mouse’s heartbeat under

snow or tall grass and strike with near-perfect precision. Unlike many birds of prey, they rely less on vision and more on a three-dimensional acoustic map of their environment.

The success of this brood has been hailed by conservationists as a sign of environmental recovery in a region where decades of hedgerow destruction and pesticide use devastated biodiversity. Healthy barn owl populations indicate healthy prey populations, which in turn suggest functioning ecosystems—a metric increasingly used in biodiversity monitoring across the UK.

Challenges remain. Road traffic, severe weather, and habitat fragmentation continue to threaten barn owl survival. The birds often hunt low over verges, making them especially vulnerable to vehicle collisions. According to the UK Mammal Society, as much as 80% of barn owl mortality in some areas is road-related.

Still, as the owlets near fledging and prepare for independence, conservationists remain hopeful. The parents will continue to feed them through the early weeks of flight, teaching them to navigate their territory, hunt efficiently, and avoid danger. By autumn, they will disperse into the countryside, seeking new barns and meadows of their own.

In the darkness they leave behind, their passage is almost imperceptible. But for those who listen closely, the soft screech of a hunting owl still calls across the night—a reminder that nature, when given a chance, remembers how to thrive.

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NOTHING TO DO?! YOU COULD READ A BOOK! OR WRITE A LETTER! OR TAKE A WALK!

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