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## I Thought the Loudest Cries Meant the Most Urgency



By SHARI SHAPIRO

For a long time, I thought I knew how to spot the kids who needed help most.

They were the ones raising their voices, knocking over chairs, and tearing up during math class.

The kids whose pain was obvious to everyone.

If I'm honest, I trusted my instincts a little too much.

Because what I've learned, the hard way, and over years of sitting with kids and counselors, is that urgency doesn't always look urgent. And distress doesn't always announce itself with bells and whistles.

These days, the kids I worry about most are the ones who no one else is.

They're the ones who don't cause problems.

The ones who get good grades.

The ones who don't ask for help because they've learned not to need it.

They slip under the radar precisely because they seem "fine."

I remember a student that a counselor once mentioned almost in passing. No behavior issues. No meltdowns. Teachers liked him. He smiled when spoken to. He did his work. He never made a big deal about seeing his counselor.

But he came anyway, quietly and regularly, because sitting in class felt like he couldn't breathe. Because home was falling apart. Because being invisible had become his best coping strategy.

And no one was worried about him.

Until he finally said, "I don't think anyone would notice if I wasn't here."

That sentence has stayed with both his TeenTalk counselor and with me.

In schools, at home, around dinner tables, we are naturally drawn to what's loud. What's disruptive. What demands immediate attention. And of course, those kids deserve our attention and support, often urgently.

*If you're reading this and thinking of a child who seems fine, but something in your gut says otherwise, trust that feeling.*

But there is a quieter group of kids who are carrying just as much, sometimes more.

They're anxious but high-functioning.

They're sad but polite.

They're overwhelmed but responsible.

They've learned that being easy is safer than being honest.

At Kids In Crisis, our counselors see this pattern all too often. The student who never gets written up but stops sleeping. The child who laughs with friends but goes home to panic attacks. The teen who helps everyone else and never talks about themselves.

These are the kids who worry me the most now, not because they're dangerous or dramatic, but because they are

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Elliot Alchek, Joe Pellegrino, Matt DesChamps, Joe Kelly, Harry Fisher, Josh Brown, Stephen Selbst, Sally Bednar, David Weisbrod (Chair), Leslie Tarkington, Doug Fenton, and Laura Erickson. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

## BET Enters Budget Season With Bipartisan Focus

The Board of Estimate and Taxation is well into its fiscal year 2026-2027 budget review under Democratic leadership, with members from both parties describing a more disciplined and cooperative process than in recent years.

The 12-member board is reviewing the budget submitted by First Selectman Fred Camillo, beginning with department-by-department evaluations conducted by the Budget Committee. Those sessions, held

in full-day meetings, are followed by a consolidation of figures before formal votes.

"The budget committee has been going through an evaluation of each of the department's budgets," said BET Chairman David Weisbrod. "First they are meeting with the individual departments to conduct a detailed assessment of the revenue, expense and proposed capital numbers so as to have a

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## Camillo Weighs in on Hartford's Latest Bills



First Selectman Fred Camillo in his office at town hall.

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

The Connecticut Legislative branch has entered the phase of its session when committee hearings stretch long into the day and the nuts and bolts shaping of legislation occurs. Before bills reach the House or Senate floor, they are supposed to be tested in public (although this does not always happen)—through hours of testimony from agency heads, advocates, municipal officials and citizens. Written submissions become part of the permanent legislative record. Amendments are negotiated. Some proposals advance. Others expire.

For Fred Camillo, Greenwich's First Selectman and a former state legislator, this process is not ceremonial. It is routine. Over the years he has testified on dozens—by some counts hundreds—of bills affecting municipalities. He treats

the act of testifying as part of the job description. State statutes alter local budgets, police powers, housing rules and utility costs. If a proposal touches Greenwich, he believes Greenwich should be heard.

Just within the past week, Camillo has submitted testimony on four measures spanning landlord-tenant law, homelessness policy and water regulation. The bills differ in subject matter but converge on a common theme: how the state calibrates authority—between landlord and tenant, town and state, regulator and ratepayer.

### The Sanctity of Contract: SB 257

SB 257, An Act Concerning Evictions for Cause, would require landlords to demonstrate specific grounds before removing a tenant after lease expiration. Supporters argue the

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measure strengthens housing stability. Camillo urges lawmakers to consider the contractual implications.

Allowing a tenant "who has violated terms of a lease and or stopped paying rent to stay in the house or apartment

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## Greenwich Communities Welcomes New Families at Armstrong Court

*"We've done a lot of work here and we plan on doing a lot more."*  
Sam Romeo

Six families received keys to newly renovated homes at Armstrong Court on Saturday morning, as Greenwich Communities hosted a "Welcome Home" Key Presentation and Community Breakfast in the Winston A. Robinson Community Room.

The gathering brought together United States Congressman Jim Himes, First Selectman Fred Camillo, Selectwoman Lauren Rabin, Board of Estimate & Taxation member Joe Kelly, many more VIPs, commissioners, staff and neighbors to mark the completion of a major renovation and to welcome the new residents into the Chickahominy complex.

Armstrong Court's former one- and two-bedroom apartments have been reconfigured into three-bedroom, two-bath homes designed for families. The redesigned units are intended to provide energy-efficient, modern living spaces within walking distance of downtown Greenwich.

Congressman Himes situated the event within a wider context.

"This is what happens when local commitment is supported by state and federal partnership," Himes said. "We have

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## First Congregational Awards Record \$60,014 from Tree Sale



Anders Ekernas, of Call A Ride; Ginny Chaney of The Undies Project; Julie Faryniarz, Executive Director Greenwich Alliance for Education; Cathy de Graff, co-president of Mothers for Others; David Rabin, CEO of Greenwich United Way; Lauren Ghaffari, Pam Speer, Kate Collins, co-chairs of the event.

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich has awarded \$60,014 to seven local nonprofit organizations, marking the largest distribution in the 59-year history of its annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale.

Church leaders presented the gifts on Sunday, Feb. 22, during a celebration in Old Greenwich. The funds, raised through the longstanding holiday sale, will support organizations serving children and families in Greenwich and Stamford.

Each of six organizations received \$7,500: Greenwich Alliance for Education, Mothers for Others, Pacific House Young Adults Program, The Undies Project, Greenwich United Way and the YWCA Harmony Project. In addition, proceeds will fully fund a monthly hot meal at New Covenant Center for one year and provide support for Call-A-Ride.

Since the sale began in 1966, total gifts from its proceeds have reached an estimated \$943,354.

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The annual tree and wreath sale has grown into a community-wide effort staffed by volunteers of all ages, including church members, representatives from recipient charities and students from Greenwich public and independent schools. According to Pam Speer, co-chair of the sale, more than 100 local volunteers contributed 282 hours to the most recent

effort.

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The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, established in 1665, describes itself as open and affirming to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment. Its mission, according to the church, is “to proclaim the gospel to all people and to work for the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the search for human understanding in all our relationships.”

The church’s historic building features a bell tower with 12 copper and block tin bells, cornerstones dating to 1895 and stained-glass windows dating to 1896.

Those pictured at the awards celebration included Anders Ekernas of Call-A-Ride; Ginny Chaney of The Undies Project; Julie Faryniarz, executive director of Greenwich Alliance for Education; Cathy de Graff, co-president of Mothers for Others; David Rabin, CEO of Greenwich United Way; and event co-chairs Lauren Ghaffari, Pam Speer and Kate Collins.

## Rolling Out the Red Carpet and Redefining Inclusion



The Abilis Youth Board is 40 members strong, made up of students from 14 high schools throughout Fairfield and Westchester Counties. The teens have been busy planning and hosting the annual Together We Shine formal dinner dance party for Abilis community members -- a night of inclusion and fun! Photo credit: Abilis.

The Abilis Youth Board is Hosting Together We Shine on February 28 - an Inclusive Evening of Music, Dance and Fun!

The Abilis Youth Board, made up of 40 students from 14 high schools across Fairfield and Westchester counties, is bringing a night of joy, inclusion and celebration to the 800+ member Abilis community with the upcoming 7th annual Together We Shine event being held Saturday, February 28, at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. This year’s red-carpet event will be a Mardi Gras celebration!

This event is made possible

through the year-long fundraising efforts of the Abilis Youth Board, whose dedication creates a beautiful celebration. Leading the Abilis Youth Board and spearheading the Together We Shine event is Lily Breitfelder, a 17-year-old senior at Greenwich Country Day School and president of the Abilis Youth Board. Lily’s connection to Abilis began in elementary school when she helped run a lemonade stand with a friend whose uncle had Down syndrome.

“What I love most is how collaborative the Abilis Youth Board is,” Lily said. “We’re not just planning an event, we’re planning

it with the Abilis community.”

That mindset is evident throughout Together We Shine. This year, Youth Board members invited Abilis community members to vote on a theme. Mardi Gras was the enthusiastic winner. To prepare for the evening, the teens recently hosted a mask-decorating event, creating colorful, glittered Mardi Gras masks side-by-side with Abilis community members. Those masks will serve as table centerpiece decor for Together We Shine – a detail that reflects not just creativity, but shared ownership.

“The Youth Board cares about every part of the experience,” said

Virginia Blum, a special education advocate who leads the Abilis Youth Board. Throughout the past several years, Blum has watched the students take full responsibility for the event.

“These dedicated teens have been working towards Together We Shine all year,” she said. “Every bake sale, every fundraiser, every hour they give is about creating a night that’s truly about inclusion, friendship, and belonging.”

Luke Wells is a 16-year-old junior at Greenwich High School, who joined the Abilis Youth Board after attending previous meetings with his older brother Nick, who

***“What I love most is how collaborative the Abilis Youth Board is. We’re not just planning an event, we’re planning it with the Abilis community.” -- Lily Breitfelder, president of the Abilis Youth Board.***

served before going to college. This year’s Together We Shine will be Luke’s third – and his favorite event of the year!

“The organization does so many wonderful things for the Abilis community,” Luke said. “Together We Shine is my favorite event. It feels special to provide a great experience to teens and adults who may not always have the opportunity to have fun at this level.”

Luke has helped raise funds by organizing bake sales in Greenwich High School’s student center and encouraging friends and family to support the cause.

While he admits baking isn’t his strong suit, he emphasized the team effort and does his part by buying and enjoying others’ baked goods.

That same sense of purpose is shared by Stamford High School juniors Mia Boccuzzi and Florencia “Flo” Fortte, who helped establish an Abilis club at their school. Their club has hosted restaurant fundraisers, worked shifts at a Christmas tree lot, and helped Stamford High win the Walk/Raise for Abilis Challenge Cup by raising \$2,199, all to support Abilis’s programs and services.

“Fundraising is an important

part of what we do,” Mia said, “but it’s also about awareness – helping more to understand the all that Abilis does.”

For Flo, whose family has personal connections to disability advocacy, Together We Shine stands out as the moment when all that work comes together.

“Seeing how happy everyone is at the Together We Shine event is what stays with you,” she said.

The heart of Together We Shine isn’t the red carpet, the music, or the decorations – it’s the Abilis community experiencing a night of pure joy fueled by the teenagers behind it— students who have chosen to spend their time creating a space where everyone feels seen, celebrated and included.

“They don’t see limits,” Blum said. “They see ways to connect and ways to make something special even better. And on that dance floor, thanks to them, everyone shines.”

The Abilis Youth Board is open to any high school student interested in supporting Abilis’ mission of inclusion and celebrating everyone’s special abilities. For more information or how to apply, please contact [klair@abilis.us](mailto:klair@abilis.us).

# A New Forest Crisis: The Threat of Beech Leaf Disease in Connecticut



Dark banding between leaf veins indicates beech leaf disease infection. NPS/Brolis

BY KATE DZIKIEWICZ

Over the past century, Connecticut's forests have endured repeated waves of invasive pests and diseases. Dutch elm disease, chestnut blight, and other destructive pathogens have wiped out once-dominant tree species, permanently reshaping the composition and character of our woodlands. Today, our forests face another serious threat: Beech leaf disease.

American beech trees are a foundational species in many Connecticut forest ecosystems and among the most common native trees in our region. Their nuts provide a rich source of protein and fat for wildlife, including squirrels, wild turkey, black bears, and numerous bird and small mammal species. In good health, beech trees can live an extraordinary 300-400 years and when grown in open areas such as parks and yards, their trunks may reach two to three feet in diameter. Greenwich is home to several remarkable specimens, including a magnificent beech in Greenwich Common Park off Greenwich Avenue. This tree is part of the Greenwich Tree Conservancy's town-wide Arboretum. Arboretum Curator Lisa Beebe found that the trunk measures 14.5 feet in circumference, or over four feet in width!

Unfortunately, beeches in our forests,

***Across Greenwich and surrounding communities, many individual beech trees near homes, parks, and public spaces are already receiving treatment, helping to preserve some of these majestic giants. Unfortunately, no method currently exists to treat entire forest ecosystems at scale, leaving millions of beech trees in Connecticut's woodlands critically vulnerable.***

parks, and backyards are now under grave threat. Since its arrival in Connecticut, beech leaf disease has spread rapidly. Without intervention many of the state's beech trees could be lost in the coming years, but emerging treatments are offering new hope.

Beech leaf disease was first identified in the United States in Ohio in 2012 and was confirmed in Connecticut in 2019. It is caused by the microscopic nematode *Litylenchus crenatae*, originally from Asia. Research suggests the nematode may spread through wind-driven rain, water droplets, and possibly through animal droppings after wildlife consume infected beech nuts. Both native and ornamental beech varieties are susceptible, placing trees in natural forests and landscaped settings alike at risk.

The nematodes overwinter in the leaf buds of infected trees, damaging leaves as they develop in spring. Infection is easy to recognize. Affected leaves display dark banding between veins and may appear thickened, leathery, crinkled, or curled. Because leaves are essential for photosynthesis, the process by which trees convert sunlight into energy, extensive leaf damage can effectively starve a tree over time.

In many cases, infected trees decline and die within two to three years. However, recent research has identified treatments that can improve survival rates, particularly for high-value landscape trees. Carefully applied fertilizers may strengthen trees and improve their resilience. In addition, antiparasitic nematicides can be injected into roots,

sprayed on leaves, or used in combination treatments. Homeowners concerned about beech trees on their property should consult a certified arborist to assess tree health and determine the most appropriate course of action. Treatment typically requires multiple years of follow-up to be effective.

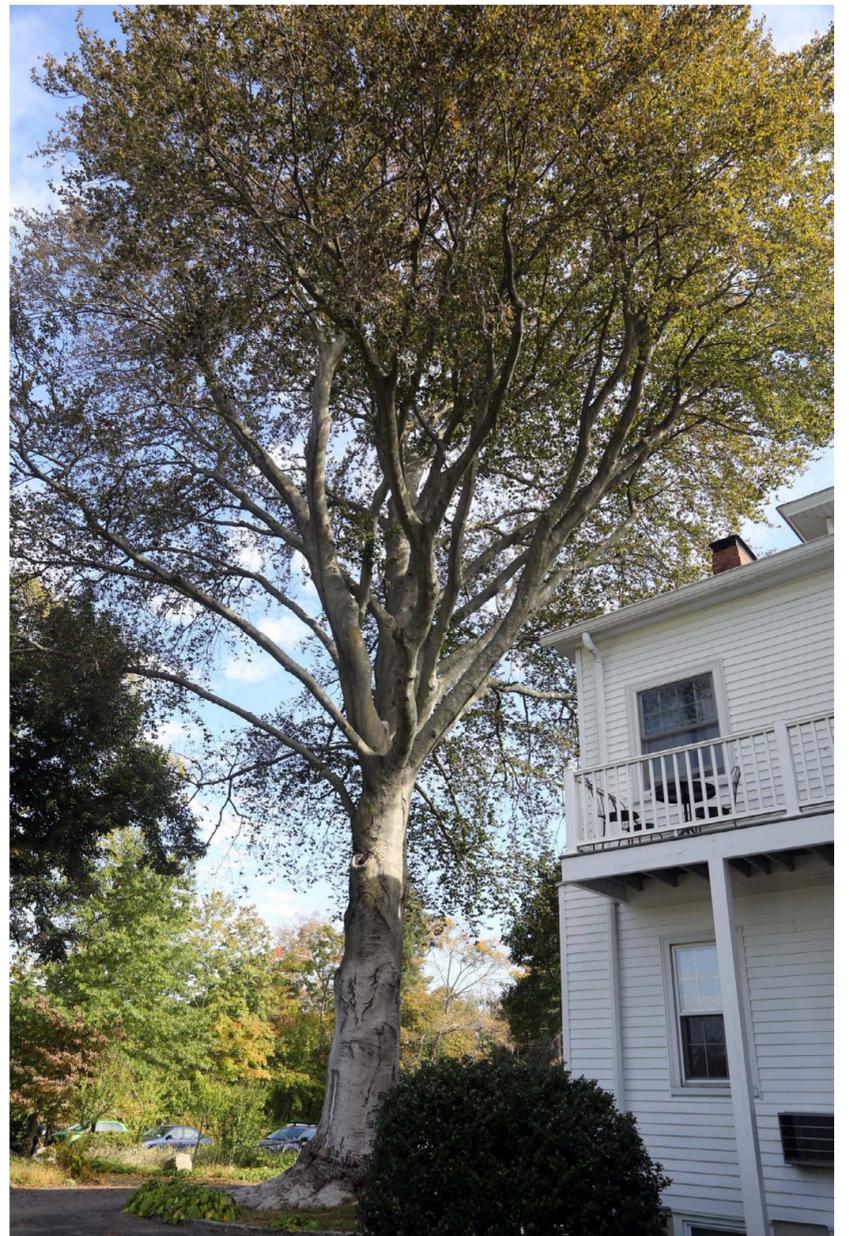
Across Greenwich and surrounding communities, many individual beech trees near homes, parks, and public spaces are already receiving treatment, helping to preserve some of these majestic giants. Unfortunately, no method currently exists to treat entire forest ecosystems at scale, leaving millions of beech trees in Connecticut's woodlands critically vulnerable.

Still, there is reason for cautious optimism. Ongoing research is exploring more efficient treatments and investigating whether certain beech trees may possess natural resistance to the disease. With continued scientific effort and community awareness, there remains hope that our iconic beech forests will endure for generations to come.

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



GTC Arboretum Curator Lisa Beebe measures a massive beech tree in Greenwich Common Park. Photo by Kate Dzikiewicz



A stunning European beech tree near the Stanton House Inn. Treatments have kept this tree in good health. Photo by Kate Dzikiewicz

# The RMA Presents “Update on the 2025 Real Estate Market”

By MIKE TEBAY

At the February 18 meeting of the Retired Men’s Association Bob Meaney introduced the speaker, the RMA’s current president, David Michonski, who gave an update on the real estate market. David has had an extensive career in real estate and consulting around the globe. He has advised the U.S. Department of State, has managed the Greenwich office of Coldwell Banker, and is the CEO of Quigler, Inc. He’s a graduate of Colgate, and has studied at Harvard, Boston College, and Wharton. David was assisted by his lovely wife, Linda, who went into detail about revaluation and assessments. Linda has been a real estate agent for more than 30 years, having started out in Beacon Hill in Boston. She is now with Douglas Elliman here in Greenwich. With David, Linda is the co-author of a real estate guide titled, “Get Your Highest Price.”

Linda Michonski opened the session by addressing the elephant in the room: a town-wide average assessment increase this year of 27 percent. She explained that this spike was part of a five-year revaluation cycle, a process that left many residents looking for a way to contest their new tax burdens. Linda walked the audience through the mechanics of an appeal, noting that the window for action was narrow, with a deadline of February 20. She detailed the specific criteria for senior and disabled tax credits, which required residents to be at least 65 years old with an income below \$86,500. The home must also be a primary residence, and have an assessed value of less than \$2,281,335, based on the 2025 Grand List.

When David Michonski took the lectern, he shifted the focus to what he irreverently termed “real estate porn.” He used the phrase to describe the public’s obsession with scrolling through luxury listings on platforms like Zillow, Homes.com and Realtor.com. David pointed out that while there are only about eight million active buyers and sellers



Linda and David Michonski spoke about the recent Greenwich property reassessments and changes in the real estate market in the past year.

*David noted that there is a national housing shortage estimated at four to seven million homes.*

in the United States annually, these sites attract over 400 million unique visits per month from people who log in to look at houses they likely have no intention of purchasing.

The highlight of the presentation was a countdown of the ten most expensive sales in Greenwich for 2025. David guided the audience through a gallery of excess, illuminated by listing details and by striking photographs of expansive water views, manicured lawns, sparkling pools, pristine tennis courts, luxurious theaters, saunas, gyms, wine cellars, soaring ceilings and gleaming marble. He started with a \$17.3 million estate on Longhorn Lane, that featured 12 bathrooms for its eight bedrooms. He lingered on a property on Creamer Hill Road, which he described as the “steal of the century.” Though it sold for \$19.5 million - a significant drop from its \$39.5 million list price - the value lay in its 81 acres and nine already-approved subdivided lots, making the mansion itself essentially a million-dollar

afterthought.

The narrative reached its peak with the most expensive sale of the year: a \$43 million new construction in the exclusive Khakum Wood enclave. This 26,000-square-foot behemoth carried an annual tax bill of nearly \$300,000. David contrasted these figures with Mead Point, where the gated community once saw the sale of the historic Copper Beech Farm for a record-breaking \$135 million.

The broader market data David shared was equally startling. The average price for a single-family home in Greenwich had performed a “moonshot,” reaching \$4.3 million - a 21% increase that pushed the market above the \$4 million threshold for the first time in history. It represented an increase of \$2 million since 2019, after plateauing for a decade. David noted an especially large increase in sales at the top of the market - the median price increase was a “mere” 10%. This surge was driven by a historic shortage of inventory - the town had only

471 new listings compared to its traditional average of over 1,000 - and average days on the market were at an extraordinary low of 70 days, compared with a historical average of around 200 days. David noted that there is a national housing shortage estimated at four to seven million homes. He attributed this national housing deficit to the lingering effects of the 2008 Great Recession, which drove many builders into bankruptcy and discouraged others from creating new inventory for nearly a decade. In Greenwich a further contributing factor was a lack of available land, with the Town being 98% built out.

In contrast to single family homes, the average price of condos and coops in Greenwich had remained essentially flat in 2025 relative to 2024, perhaps attributable in part to the fact that condos and coops had accounted for most of the new construction in Greenwich in recent years.

During the subsequent discussion, local context was provided through mentions of figures like Scott Frantz,

a former Connecticut State Senator, whose prominent local presence served as a touchstone for the audience’s questions about neighborhood exclusivity and political dynamics. David also addressed concerns about private equity firms buying up residential housing, explaining that while this is a significant trend in states like Texas and Florida, it represents only about 8% of the total ownership nationwide, and probably rather less in Greenwich. He concluded by noting that, while Greenwich remains a premier national brand, it has recently slipped to third in Connecticut income rankings, trailing behind the neighboring “Gold Coast” towns of Darien and Westport.

The RMA’s next presentation, “Bridging Generations: Parenting Adult Children and Grandchildren in a Changing Cultural Climate” by Trevor Crow, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

In this presentation on estranged grandparents and adult children Trevor Crow covers the emotional realities of estrangement, reasons it occurs, and evidence-based strategies for repair and reconnection.

Estrangement between grandparents and their adult children is a widespread and painful issue, often resulting in limited or no contact with grandchildren. Common reasons include past family dynamics, unresolved hurts, differences in values, boundaries, or disputes about parenting styles. The roles of grandparents have evolved, shifting from authority figures to more peripheral participants in their grandchildren’s lives, occasionally heightening tensions. Estranged grandparents often face feelings of loss, grief, confusion, loneliness, and helplessness. Crow will explore strategies for repair and reconnection, reflection to understand, initiating respectful contact, taking responsibility, listening

more, judging less, and healing through forgiveness, compassion and love.

Trevor Crow is a Certified Executive Coach, author, licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT), and Certified Emotionally Focused Therapist (EFT). She has her own radio talk show focusing on relationships, Trevor & Friends, Tuesday at noon on WGCH, also available as a podcast and on YouTube, Substack and Spotify. Her latest book is “Blending Families: Merging Households with Kids 8-18.” A prior book was “Forging Healthy Connections: How Relationships Fight Illness, Aging and Depression” (both co-authored with Maryann Karinch). Trevor holds an MBA from Harvard and a master’s degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Fairfield University. She lives in Greenwich and in 2022 ran for Connecticut State Senate, losing in an extremely close race.

To stream the presentation by Trevor Crow at 11 AM on Wednesday, March 4, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum channel 79.

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after the expiration of the lease amounts to blatant discrimination against the property owner and protections of those who ignore written contracts that they reviewed, agreed to, and signed,” he writes.

He adds that “CT is not considered a rental property owner friendly state to begin with,” warning that further restrictions would “exacerbate the exodus from Connecticut that we have been experiencing, only this time from the mom and pop owners of rental property.”

His argument is anchored in predictability. When expectations embedded in leases are altered by statute, behavior changes—sometimes in ways that affect housing supply itself.

### Risk and Reciprocity: HB 5257

HB 5257 would prohibit landlords from requiring a security deposit greater than one month’s rent. Advocates see relief for tenants facing steep upfront costs. Camillo sees a shift in exposure.

“A security deposit is there to protect a landlord from destruction to his or her property caused by a tenant, and in many cases, this rental property may represent the majority, or all, of the property owner’s income,” he writes. He continues: “I have personally witnessed several cases of property damage caused by a tenant that far exceeded the two month’s security deposit that most landlords require.”

The legislature must decide whether lowering the cap reduces barriers without increasing downstream costs. Camillo’s testimony suggests that for small-scale landlords, margin matters.

### Compassion and Civic Order: HB 5260

HB 5260 would prohibit municipalities from imposing penalties on homeless persons for performing “life-sustaining activities of daily activity.” The bill attempts to codify humane treatment. Camillo’s testimony emphasizes equilibrium.

“While we can all agree that compassion and offering help and guidance to a homeless person needs to be the first endeavors of all of us, not just public officials. That said, there always needs to be a balance between the welfare of a homeless person, and the rights and public safety of the general population,” he writes.

He argues the proposal would “handcuff a municipality from fulfilling its obligation to its residents and at the same time, would do nothing to assist the homeless individual, who would basically be the recipient of a policy of enablement.” In Greenwich, he notes, local officials dispatch social services and police so that “services are offered, and behavior is monitored, for the protection of both the homeless individual and the public.”

The question is institutional competence. Who is best positioned to maintain public space while extending assistance—the state through blanket prohibition, or municipalities through calibrated discretion?

### Guardrails for Ratepayers: HB 5249

HB 5249 amends the charter of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority in connection with the potential acquisition of Aquarion. On this measure, Camillo supports

legislative clarification.

He calls the bill “a technical fix that makes clear that PURA retains its full statutory authority to make sure it has the right to review the proposed Aquarion deal and ensure that it is a deal that is in the public’s interest.”

The proposed purchase, he writes, “is debt financed and the cost of that financing would be pushed onto ratepayers in their water bills and potentially onto municipalities – which also impacts local property taxes.” The bill ensures that “any buyout of our water is subject to appropriate scrutiny and that they will keep our water clean and affordable.”

Here the logic shifts. Strong state oversight, in this instance, is viewed as a necessary counterweight to financial complexity that could burden residents.

### The Habit of Engagement

Camillo’s repeated appearances in the legislative record reflect more than policy preference. They reflect a habit formed during his time in Hartford. Laws that appear abstract in committee rooms arrive in town halls as line items, enforcement decisions and rate increases. A municipal executive who has once been a legislator understands that early testimony often shapes final language.

Connecticut Legislative branch will decide the fate of these measures in the weeks ahead. But at this stage—when bills are still pliable—the testimony of local officials helps frame the consequences in practical terms. For Camillo, speaking into that process is structural. It is how a town asserts its presence in a state system where the distance between statute and sidewalk is shorter than it appears.

## KIDS IN CRISIS From Page 1

easy to miss.

And once you see it, you start seeing it everywhere.

You see it in your own house, when your child says “I’m fine” a little too quickly.

You see it at the dinner table, when the quietest kid eats the fastest.

You see it when grades stay high, but joy disappears.

So what do we do with that? We start by expanding our definition of “struggling.”

Struggling doesn’t always mean acting out.

It can mean shutting down. It can mean perfectionism.

It can mean never asking for help because help has never felt reliable.

Here are a few things I’ve learned to look for, and I’m encouraging parents to notice

too:

*Pay attention to changes, not just crises.*

*A child who used to love soccer but suddenly quits. A teen who stops seeing friends.*

*A kid who sleeps more, or less, or is always exhausted. These shifts matter.*

*Make space for quiet check-ins.*

*Not every conversation has to be a big talk. Sometimes it’s a drive in the car. A walk after dinner. Sitting side by side doing nothing. That’s often when the truth sneaks out.*

*Normalize needing help... even when things look okay.*

*You don’t have to wait for a breaking point to talk to a counselor, a teacher, or a trusted adult. Support isn’t just for emergencies; it’s for prevention.*



One of the most powerful things school-based counselors do is notice the kids no one else notices. They offer a steady presence. A place to exhale. A

chance to say the quiet things out loud before they turn into something heavier.

And for families, it helps to remember this: your child

doesn’t need to be in crisis to deserve care.

If you’re reading this and thinking of a child who seems

fine, but something in your gut says otherwise, trust that feeling. Ask the extra question. Sit a little longer. Listen without trying to fix.

And if you ever need help figuring out what to say, or whether something is “serious enough,” you don’t have to decide alone. The Kids In Crisis 24/7 Helpline is always available at 203-661-1911 for parents, caregivers, and kids. Big concerns. Small worries. Quiet fears. We take them all seriously.

Because the truth I had to admit is this:

The kids who need us most aren’t always the ones calling out.

Sometimes, they’re the ones hoping someone will finally notice.

*Shari L. Shapiro is the Executive Director of Kids In Crisis*

# Greenwich News Briefs

## POLICE & FIRE

### Community Joins Search for Teen

Nellie G. Granados, 16, was last seen on February 19, 2026, at approximately 8:30 p.m. in Greenwich, CT. She was wearing black tights, a black hoodie, a black vest, and beige Uggs boots. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Greenwich Police Detective Division at 203-622-8054, the Confidential Tip Line at 203-622-3333, or email [TIPS@greenwichct.org](mailto:TIPS@greenwichct.org)

### Greenwich School Zones See Safer Streets

Greenwich has installed speed cameras in several school zones following a unanimous vote by the Board of Selectmen to improve public safety. The cameras enforce reduced speed limits during specified school arrival and dismissal times, with detailed schedules set for each location. Drivers who receive citations may appeal, and any revenue collected is restricted to traffic safety education, engineering, and enforcement.

## FROM TOWN HALL

### Free Tax Help Returns to Greenwich

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program is offering free federal and state tax preparation at Greenwich Town Hall through April 10, Tuesday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. IRS-certified volunteers will assist taxpayers of all ages, with a focus on seniors and low- to moderate-income households, and AARP membership is not required. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by emailing [greenwichtaxaid@gmail.com](mailto:greenwichtaxaid@gmail.com) or calling or texting 203-594-6058; required forms are available at Town Hall and the Wallace Center at 299 Greenwich Avenue.

### Town Observes Rare Disease Day

On Feb. 26 at 10 a.m., Rare Disease Day was observed in the Cone Room on the second floor of Town Hall, where a proclamation was read and remarks were delivered. More than 7,000 rare diseases have been identified worldwide, and the total number of people affected is comparable to the population of the world's third most populous country. The event highlighted the need for greater awareness and funding for research and treatment.

### Public Meeting for Street Safety Plan

The Town of Greenwich will hold a public meeting on March 12, 2026, from 6–8 p.m. at Town Hall to present the draft Safe Streets Greenwich Safety Action Plan and a proposed list of priority safety projects. The plan is funded by a federal Safe Streets for All grant and is based on crash data analysis, community input, policy review, and the development of conceptual designs for 15 high-priority locations. The final plan, expected in mid-2026, will guide future roadway safety improvements and position the Town for additional state and federal funding.

### Greenwich Residents Support Safe Winter Roads

Department of Public Works crews are operating continuously to keep roads clear. Residents and contractors should not push snow into streets or parking lanes and should avoid parking along road edges during plowing. Snow returned to the roadway creates hazards and requires crews to re-plow cleared areas.

### Greenwich Launches Invasive Species Initiative



February 23–27 is National Invasive Species Awareness Week, and the North American Invasive Species Management Association is hosting daily webinars on invasive species issues. Invasive species are non-native plants, animals, or pathogens that spread quickly and cause environmental, economic, or public health harm. In Greenwich, the Conservation Commission and partners are launching a year-long education campaign, a four-part event series beginning March 25 at the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, ongoing removal efforts on town properties, and a public information display at Town Hall. Photo credit: Conservation Commission

### Selectmen Review Foreclosed Property Sales

The Greenwich Board of Selectmen will meet Feb. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Town Hall to consider starting the process to sell several town-owned properties acquired through tax lien foreclosures between July and October 2025, referring the proposed sales to the Planning and Zoning Commission as required by the town charter. The agenda also includes a first read of a traffic ordinance amendment to allow enforcement of reserved parking at electric vehicle charging stations at Town Hall. Second read items include proposed two-hour parking restrictions on part of Loughlin Avenue, ceremonial flag requests, a proposed term limit ordinance for town building committee officers, and the closure of a public hearing on a noise variance request from Burning Tree Country Club.

### Commission Reviews Modern Office Proposal

The Planning & Zoning Commission has begun a preliminary review of W.R. Berkley Corporation's proposal to demolish its existing office building at 475 Steamboat Road and construct a new 96,550-square-foot building of similar size. The company cited the age of the 1969 structure and the comparable cost of renovation as reasons for replacement, stating the new building would be more energy efficient, include bird-friendly glass, and feature quieter mechanical systems with acoustic screening. Because the property predates current zoning regulations and is nonconforming, the commission will continue reviewing issues including setbacks, noise, lighting, and equipment placement.

### Town Approves Hyatt Regency Cinema

Town officials have unanimously approved a 40-seat public movie theater, the Townsend Cinema, at the Hyatt Regency in Old Greenwich and amended the zoning code to permit small theaters within hotels. The approval includes conditions requiring designated parking and signage during large hotel events and closure of the theater during certain high-security functions, and it maintains prior requirements for the preservation and maintenance of four historic obelisks on the property. The cinema opened in 2025 following the 2020 closure of Greenwich's last standalone movie theater and is part of the hotel's recent \$40 million renovation.

## AROUND TOWN

### Grammy Nominee Performs In Greenwich

Grammy-nominated Metropolitan Opera singer Mikhail Svetlov performed at North Greenwich Church on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m. The free concert featured selections from opera, Broadway, and the American songbook and was part of the church's community concert series, with donations supporting its music program. The church is located at 606 Riversville Road at John Street, across from Greenwich Audubon.

### Six Families Move Into Renovated Homes



Six families received keys to newly renovated apartments at Armstrong Court during a "Welcome Home" event hosted by Greenwich Communities. The former one- and two-bedroom units were reconfigured into three-bedroom, two-bath homes as part of ongoing capital improvements by the

housing authority, which manages about 1,235 affordable units and has more than 350 additional units in development, including 52 at McKinney Terrace. The project is part of a broader local effort to expand and upgrade affordable housing in Greenwich.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES & NON PROFITS

### Continental Fine Wine Adapts After Crash

A car crashed into Continental Fine Wine and Spirits at Church and William streets on Jan. 18, causing an estimated \$100,000 to \$200,000 in damage; no one was injured. The store has been closed to in-person shopping since the incident, with operations limited to deliveries, curbside pickup, and scheduled events. The owner, who purchased the business in July, has waived the usual delivery fee on smaller orders while awaiting repairs.

### Just Salad Proposed for Cos Cob

The Planning and Zoning Commission is reviewing a proposal for a 28-seat Just Salad restaurant at Cos Cob Plaza, 393 East Putnam Ave., with attention to traffic and parking impacts. The plan provides 11 customer parking spaces, compared with 28 spaces required for the previous tenants, and zoning regulations require one space per two seats for fast food or one per three seats for a standard restaurant. The application remains under review, with additional information requested on projected customer and delivery activity.

### RH Estates Opening This Spring

RH Estates will open this spring at 265 Greenwich Ave., filling a storefront that has been vacant since 2023. The brand, formerly known as Restoration Hardware, already operates two other locations in Greenwich and plans to include a dining component at the new site, with job listings posted for restaurant positions. The building, owned by Thurles LLC, previously housed Ralph Lauren, Ruby & Bella, and SaksWorks, and has received town permits for interior renovations.

### Church Tree Sale Sets Record



The First Congregational Church of Greenwich announced that its 59th annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale raised a record \$60,014 for local nonprofits serving children and families in Greenwich and Stamford. Six organizations received \$7,500 each, and additional funds will support a monthly meal at New Covenant Center for one year and provide assistance to Call-A-Ride. Since the sale began in 1966, it has distributed an estimated \$943,354 to the community.

### Greenwich Lifeguard Course Opens Registration



The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich will host an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course at its pool at 4 Horseneck Lane for participants ages 15 and older. The course covers water rescue skills, surveillance, first aid, CPR, and AED use, and those who successfully complete it will receive a certification valid for two years. The fee is \$300, financial aid is available, and participants who are later hired as lifeguards at the Club may qualify for partial reimbursement.

### Spring Follies Returns to Greenwich

Open Arts Alliance and the Wallace Center of Greenwich will present another season of The Spring Follies for residents age 55 and older. The four-week program, held Thursdays from April 2 through April 23 from 12:00–1:00 p.m., allows participants to develop and present talents such as singing, storytelling, or other creative skills, culminating in a final performance on Friday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. A free introductory Lunch & Learn will take place March 5 from 12:00–1:00 p.m., with registration available at [myactivecenter.com](http://myactivecenter.com) or by calling 203-862-6707.

### Greenwich Hospital Earns Magnet Designation

Greenwich Hospital has received Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center for the third time, placing it among about 10 percent of hospitals nationwide and one of seven in Connecticut with the recognition. The hospital first earned the designation in 2016 and was re-designated in 2021; it is now one of four hospitals in the state to achieve Magnet status three or more times. The four-year designation follows a multi-step review of nursing leadership, patient care quality, professional practice, and safety, and this cycle the hospital received 10 recognized exemplars, up from six in 2021.

## PEOPLE IN TOWN

### Greenwich Artisans Share Food Expertise

Foodshed Forum Fairfield County will host "Meet the Makers: Greenwich's Artisanal Food Community" on Friday, March 6, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Sam Bridge Nursery and Greenhouses. The panel will feature Victor Alvarez (Greenwich Fish), Raphaël Dequeker (Raphaël's Bakery), Laura Downey (Fairfield Greenwich Cheese Company), Louise Joseph (Dough Girls On The Go), Herb Mueller (Black Forest Pastry Shop), and Federico Perandin (Il Pastaficio - Greenwich & Westport), and will be moderated by Ali Ghiorse of The Foodshed Network. The event will address operating local food businesses and the role of consumers in supporting the regional food system; registration information is available online or by contacting [ali@thefoodshednetwork.org](mailto:ali@thefoodshednetwork.org)

## THE ENVIRONMENT

### Community Garden Signups Open March 7

Greenwich Community Gardens will hold in-person registration for 2026 garden plots on March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and March 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cos Cob Firehouse. Plots at the Armstrong Court and Bible Street community gardens will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, with a waitlist available once they are filled. The nonprofit organization manages both gardens and provides information at [info@greenwichcommunitygardens.org](mailto:info@greenwichcommunitygardens.org) and on its website.

## SCHOOLS

### Sacred Heart Students Share Research



Last month, third-year science research students from Sacred Heart Greenwich presented their projects to residents at Broadview Senior Living on the Purchase College campus. After each presentation, the audience asked detailed questions about the students' research. Students also reflected on skills developed during the three-year program, including coding, communication, and professional networking. Photo credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich

### Greenwich Schools Adjust After Snowfall

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Greenwich Schools Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones informed families that students would not be marked tardy due to hazardous road conditions and that absences would be excused if schools were contacted. She said the decision not to delay or close schools was made at 4:30 a.m. based on available forecasts, but snowfall began earlier and was heavier than predicted; the National Weather Service later issued a statement warning of reduced visibility and up to three inches of accumulation in southern Connecticut. Improved travel conditions were expected for the afternoon commute.



Co-chairs of Gifts on Wheels at Greenwich Academy, Caroline Stickel and Tess Azmak

## Bridging Classroom to Front Door

*Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich is grateful for the leadership of Tess Azmak and Caroline Stickel and the commitment of Greenwich Academy students.*

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Every weekday, Meals-on-Wheels delivers nutritious meals and brief wellness check-ins to homebound seniors, individuals with disabilities, and vulnerable residents across town. For many clients, that knock on the door represents their only human connection of the day.

That reality inspired *Gifts on Wheels*, a student-led initiative at Greenwich Academy co-chaired by Tess Azmak and Caroline Stickel, to deepen student involvement with Meals-on-Wheels and help address the isolation many seniors face.

After volunteering on delivery routes, the students recognized how many clients live alone. According to Meals-on-Wheels America, one in four adults over age 60 lives alone, a major risk factor for loneliness. Locally, internal surveys show that 64 percent of Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich clients say their delivery volunteer is often the only person they see that day.

Through Gifts on Wheels, students assemble gift bags for more than 100 Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich clients throughout the year. Each bag

includes simple items such as puzzles, seasonal treats, and handwritten cards created by Greenwich Academy students. Those handwritten notes have become a meaningful highlight for many recipients and reinforce the human connection behind each delivery.

By delivering meals directly to clients' homes, the organization helps clients maintain independence, dignity, and safety while providing consistent personal contact.

Partnerships like Gifts on Wheels strengthen that mission by reminding clients they are seen and valued. Small gestures - a kind note, a familiar face, a few minutes at the door - make a meaningful difference.

Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich is grateful for the leadership of Tess Azmak and Caroline Stickel and the commitment of Greenwich Academy students who support the organization's daily work. Together, volunteers of all ages are helping ensure that no neighbor is forgotten.

To learn more about Meals-on-Wheels of Greenwich or how to get involved, visit [mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org](http://mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org).

## Central Middle School Update

By LAURA KOSTIN

### CMS Open Enrollment Info Session Set for March 5th

Families interested in attending the new Central Middle School for the upcoming school year are invited to attend a virtual information session on Thursday, March 5th at 7pm. The info session was scheduled after Greenwich Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Toni Jones instituted a regulation that would allow for open enrollment at CMS for next year.

The virtual info session will feature renderings of the new building and a presentation about the building's instructional spaces, fields and technology.

**So far, twenty-one families have declared their interest in attending school in the new building when it opens for students and staff in late August and all will be accommodated.**

Additional interested families have a limited

period to seek enrollment. A second sign-up period is currently open and will close on April 3rd at midnight. The link to sign up is here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMbH-GkaCoIPQJ14hFna15eBvX4AapbwGP7mPOY-Ensuy2MFg/viewform>

Currently, there are 15 spots each for incoming 6th and 7th graders but only 7 spots for incoming 8th graders. If more students apply, a lottery will be held on or before April 8th.

CMS is expected to have 422 students next year, before taking into open enrollment into account. The new building can hold more than 600 students.

Construction work continues on the new building, so far it remains on track to open to students and staff in late August.

The March 5th virtual information session can be accessed here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/898706>

## Lifeguard certification training



### Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich to Host American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course for Teens and Adults

The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich will host an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course in March to train teens and adults in water safety, rescue techniques and emergency response.

The course will be held at the BCGG Pool, 4 Horseneck Lane, and is open to participants age 15 and older. Those who successfully complete the program will receive an American Red Cross

Lifeguarding certification valid for two years.

The training covers active surveillance, water rescue skills, first aid, CPR and AED use for adults, children and infants. The course combines classroom instruction with hands-on practice and in-water skill assessments designed to prepare participants for professional lifeguarding roles.

"This course is about much more than earning a certification," said Janet Poillon, Aquatics Director at the Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich. "Water safety is a critical life skill. Whether our participants go on to work as lifeguards or simply feel more confident around the water, they are gaining the knowledge and training to save lives. In a community like ours, where aquatics play such a big role year-round, having well-trained people who understand prevention and

emergency response makes a real difference."

Club officials said the program also provides teens with an opportunity to build responsibility and leadership skills while earning a credential that can lead to summer or year-round employment.

The course schedule is March 6 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; March 7 from noon to 4:30 p.m.; March 9 from 3 to 5 p.m.; March 10 from 6 to 9 p.m.; and March 11 from 3 to 7 p.m.

The fee is \$300 per participant, with financial aid available. Participants who complete the course and are later hired as lifeguards at the club may be eligible for reimbursement after a designated period of employment.

For information or registration, contact Janet Poillon at [jpoillon@bgcg.org](mailto:jpoillon@bgcg.org) or visit the club's registration page online.

## NEWS BRIEFS

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#### SPORTS

##### Greenwich Cardinals Open Hockey Registration

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 season of the Greenwich Cardinals Youth Hockey Association at Dorothy Hamill Rink, including its Mites (8U) program and travel team tryouts. The Mites program, for children born in 2018 or later, does not require tryouts; travel team tryouts for 10U, 12U, 14U, and 16U/18U will be held in March and April at Dorothy Hamill Rink and Terry Conners Rink. Details and registration are available at [gcyha.net](http://gcyha.net), and questions may be sent to [GCYHASocial@gmail.com](mailto:GCYHASocial@gmail.com)

##### Greenwich Academy Wins Tenth Straight Title



Greenwich Academy defeated Hotchkiss 5-2 at the 2026 U.S. High School Team Championships in Philadelphia to win its tenth consecutive Division I national title and its eighteenth overall. The program has been undefeated since 2015 and holds a 174-match winning streak. The team's success reflects sustained performance across the full lineup and long-term program development. Photo credit: Greenwich Academy

##### Sacred Heart Rolls Into Postseason

Sacred Heart Greenwich defeated Newton Country Day, 71-38, on Feb. 21 to finish the regular season 15-6 and secure the No. 2 seed in the FAA Tournament with a 7-1 league record. The Tigers, two-time defending FAA champions, were scheduled to host Masters School in the quarterfinals, but the game was postponed due to a regional blizzard. In the Senior Day win, Lucianna Parrotta scored 15 points, Eva Wilkerson and Emma Matthews added 12 points each, and the team honored senior captains Wilkerson and Ava Curto.

##### Brunswick Skates Toward Playoffs



With two regular-season games remaining, Brunswick School's varsity hockey team holds a 16-8 record and is currently ranked fourth in the eight-team Martin Earl/Large School Tournament standings, positioning it for a potential home first-round playoff game. The Bruins recently fell to top-ranked Salisbury, 6-0, but responded with road and home victories over Frederick Gunn (3-1) and Taft (5-2), highlighted by four goals from junior Keegan Kazan against Taft. Brunswick closes the regular season against Trinity-Pawling and Dexter Southfield before the tournament begins March 4.

##### Gators Edge Tigers In Thriller

Greenwich Academy defeated Sacred Heart Greenwich, 7-6, in an FAA varsity ice hockey game on

Feb. 18, 2026, at Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink in a contest that featured multiple lead changes and 13 total goals. The Gators built a 4-0 lead before Sacred Heart scored four times in the second period and later took a 5-4 advantage early in the third, but GA responded with three straight goals to secure the win. Olivia Smith scored four goals for Greenwich Academy, while Lindsay Schwind scored twice for Sacred Heart.

##### Cardinals Celebrate Senior Night Victory

Greenwich High School's varsity girls basketball team defeated Westhill, 48-17, on Senior Night on Feb. 17, improving to 16-2 overall and 12-1 in the FCIAC. The Cardinals led 11-2 after the first quarter and 28-9 at halftime, with Elsa Xhekaj scoring 11 points to pace a balanced offense. Greenwich hosts Fairfield Warde on Feb. 20 and closes the regular season at Brien McMahon on Monday as it competes for the top seed in the FCIAC Tournament.

##### Cardinals Carry Momentum Into Postseason

Greenwich High School's varsity boys ice hockey team closed the regular season with three straight wins, defeating Stamford/Westhill (5-3), Ridgefield (3-1), and North Haven (7-4) to finish 9-11 overall and 3-5 in the FCIAC. The Senior Night victory over Stamford/Westhill featured a comeback from a 3-1 deficit, with junior John Meehan scoring twice, including the go-ahead and insurance goals. Greenwich next competes in the FCIAC Tournament beginning Feb. 25 and has also qualified for the CIAC Division I state tournament.

##### Greenwich Girls Capture Dual Championships

Greenwich High School won the team titles at both the 2026 CIAC Class LL and FCIAC indoor track and field championships, scoring 87 points at Class LL and 116 at FCIAC. The Cardinals earned points across sprint, distance, relay and field events, highlighted by multiple relay victories and individual first-place finishes, including Gemma Hardwick in the 600 meters at both meets. The Class LL title marked Greenwich's first in the event since 2018.

#### LOCAL POLITICS

##### RTM Districts Seek Community Candidates

District 7 (North Center) has two vacancies on the Representative Town Meeting for the term from March 2026 to December 2027 and will fill them at a meeting on March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Mazza Room at Town Hall; interested residents may contact Kim Blank at [kimblankrtm@gmail.com](mailto:kimblankrtm@gmail.com), and District 9 has one vacancy to be filled at a special meeting on March 5, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center, 449 Pemberwick Road, with interested candidates directed to Jane Weisbecker at [Janeweisbecker@gmail.com](mailto:Janeweisbecker@gmail.com); the RTM, established in 1933, is Greenwich's 230-member legislative body responsible for passing ordinances, approving budgets, and overseeing municipal improvements.

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# SPORTS

## Brunswick hockey team tops Taft, Frederick Gunn; Bruins primed for the playoffs



Photo by David Fierro: Brunswick School senior captain Mason St. Louis, right, in action vs. visiting Salisbury School.

BY DAVID FIERRO

With only two games remaining in the regular season and the postseason rapidly approaching, the Brunswick School varsity hockey team is primed and poised for the playoffs.

Facing a daunting schedule throughout the season, the Bruins sport an impressive record of 16-8, a mark that has them currently ranked fourth in the Martin Earl/Large School Tournament, if it were held today. The Martin Earl/Large School Tournament includes eight teams. Belmont Hill School (16-7-4) is currently ranked No. 1, Thayer Academy is ranked second (13-9-3), Cushing Academy is third (16-

11-1), Brunswick is fourth (16-8) and Andover (13-10-3) is ranked fifth.

St. Paul's (16-10-1), Kent School (10-11-2) and Deerfield Academy (10-10-2) round out the eight-team Large School Tournament bracket. Should the Bruins keep their No. 4 ranking or move up, they will earn a home game in the tournament's first round.

Brunswick played three games recently, two of which were at home at Hartong Rink. The Bruins dropped a 6-0 decision to a powerhouse Salisbury School squad, a rare convincing loss for the team. Salisbury has posted a record of 21-3-2 and is the No. 1-ranked team in the Elite 8 rankings. The Elite 8 Tournament also

features eight teams, with Salisbury, Dexter (18-1-4), St. Mark's (22-3) and Avon Old Farms School (14-7-1) among the top four ranked squads.

Brunswick rebounded from its setback at home versus Salisbury School on Feb. 18th, by traveling to Frederick Gunn School on Feb. 20 and recording a 3-1 victory. The Bruins then hosted rival Taft School on Feb. 21st and was victorious, 5-2.

Against Taft School at Hartong Rink, it was all about junior Keegan Kazan, as the crafty winger netted four goals and added an assist to power the Bruins to the three-goal win.

Bruins coach Mike Kennedy noted that Taft registered 20 shots on goal in the opening

period but only came away with two goals.

Kennedy described junior goaltender Evan Akerman as the next story of the game for his squad. Akerman made 35 saves and kept his teammates in the contest before they began to play better hockey, especially in the third period, Kennedy noted.

The previous day on Feb. 20, Brunswick went on the road to Frederick Gunn School and earned a hard-fought 3-1 win – the program's eight consecutive victory against the Highlanders across the last four years.

Playing without their captain Mason St. Louis and needing a 'W' to move up in the playoff standings, the Bruins dug deep and rallied from a 1-0

deficit after the first to score three second-period goals and snatch the lead from the home team after 36 minutes, Kennedy noted.

Brunswick generated goals in 5v4, 4v3, and 4v4 situations on two rebounds from sophomore Colton Cleaves and senior Ben Lombardi and then one on a 2v1 rush from junior Alex Zinman. Junior Keegan Kazan was in on all three goals.

In the third period, Brunswick dug deep on the defensive side of the puck to preserve the win, with goalie Zai Ferraro stepping up big between the pipes.

In the Bruins' home matchup against Salisbury on Feb. 18th, the Crimson Knights showed why they are ranked No. 1 in the Elite 8 Tournament bracket so far this season.

Salisbury outshot Brunswick, 38-19, for the game and took a 1-0 lead at the 8:15 mark of the opening period, on a goal from junior Sebastian Ball, who tapped in a feed from behind the net.

With 5:15 remaining in the second period, junior Grayson Espenshade scored, giving Salisbury a 2-0 advantage heading into intermission.

In the second period, Brunswick applied a good deal of pressure on Salisbury senior goalie Jordan Rittenberg. The Bruins' best moments came during the second period, as they generated several strong shots on goal, yet they didn't

light the lamp and the Knights

held them off the scoreboard.

"I think it was deflating the fact that we had a couple of power plays late in the second period when the game was still within reach and we didn't really generate anything off that," coach Kennedy said. "That was the deflating part."

Salisbury opened the game up in the third period, scoring four times on their way to the win.

"It's a really good team," Kennedy said. "We were competitive at the start and late into the second period, but that just proves what an elite 'A' team is. They have a lot of competitive edge to them. They won a lot of battles, they buried their chances in front and our team can learn a lot from playing a team like that."

"It's up to us to either learn from that team and kind of implement some of their qualities and characteristics into our game the last couple of weeks or else we will continue to get these disappointing results," Kennedy also noted.

The defeat against Salisbury, indeed, proved to be a learning lesson for the Bruins, who recovered well with victories versus Frederick Gunn and Taft.

Up next for Brunswick are games against Trinity-Pawling on Feb. 27th at Hartong Rink and Dexter Southfield on Feb. 28 on the road.

Then it's playoff time and the NEPSIHA Martin Earl/Large School Tournament begins on March 4th.



Photo by David Fierro: James Jackson of Brunswick moves the puck along the boards during varsity ice hockey action against Salisbury School at Hartong Rink at Brunswick School on Feb. 22, 2026. Salisbury won the game, 6-0.



Brunswick was defeated at home by a powerful Salisbury School team, the No. 1-ranked squad in the NEPSAC, 6-0.



Photo by David Fierro: Brunswick applies pressure near the net against Salisbury School in NEPSAC hockey action.



Picture by David Fierro: Brunswick goalie Evan Akerman in action against Salisbury School.

# Transforming Gimbel Sanctuary



Before restoration began, much of the sanctuary was overgrown with invasive plants, choking out existing trees and native plants. Photo: Greenwich Audubon Center

BY MATT VIENS

Leaves crunched underfoot as the team made its way through thickets of mugwort, multiflora rose, and porcelain vine.

“Believe it or not, this area used to be an orchard,” quipped John Fairty, land and facilities manager for the Greenwich Audubon Center. He and the group with him were walking through Gimbel Sanctuary, located just ten minutes away from the main sanctuary property. “It’s been a long time.”

The group, which included staff from the Greenwich Audubon Center and Greenwich Land Trust, continued its slow advance along half-buried log rounds and over long-forgotten stumps. The invasive plants had certainly made their presence known, turning the once-flourishing orchard into a blanket of thorny shrubs and sprawling vines.

But there were plenty of signs of the former ecosystem for those who knew where to look: a healthy white ash sapling over here, a collection of goldenrod over there, and, on the area’s southern boundary, a thicket of nannyberry viburnum with berries still evident.

These observations were made in early February; only a few months later, the Gimbel Audubon Sanctuary has been greatly transformed!

*Believe it or not, this area used to be an orchard... It’s been a long time.*

Located in western Greenwich, Connecticut, Gimbel spans 80-acres of field, forest, and orchard. It’s one of seven properties maintained by the Greenwich Audubon Center. Work on the site began early this year, with assessments of potential partnership opportunities and future restoration needs.

Back in February, the list was long. Invasive plant species had spread, resulting in the loss of native meadow habitat, the death of several orchard apple trees, and overgrown, inaccessible trails. After the assessment, both the Greenwich Audubon Center and Greenwich Land Trust were in agreement: the site was long overdue for some serious change.

Thanks to the hard work of Greenwich Audubon Center staff, interns, and partners, that change is well on its way!

Over the summer, the center’s Eco-Leadership Corps—an internship program for high school students interested in the environment and conservation—spent 8 sweat-filled weeks removing debris, cutting back invasive plants, and tagging native plant species for preservation.

The team was able to successfully clear the entirety of the former orchard area, removing more than 100 cubic yards of invasive plant material and other debris.

With the area cleared, the Eco-Leaders were able to identify several high-value native plant species still present in the area to preserve: nannyberry, red-stemmed dogwood, swamp milkweed, a few residual apple trees, among others.

Protecting these plants will provide important structure and winter food supply for resident

birds and other wildlife and, as seeds are naturally dispersed, help promote a more robust native plant population at the site.

Building on the Eco-Leader’s impressive efforts, in early November, Audubon staff partnered with Apple Greenwich to complete improvement work along the sanctuary’s entrance trail. This team of 13 build and installed 144 feet of boardwalk—built with lumber milled from hazardous trees removed from the Main Sanctuary property—to enhance site accessibility and visitor safety.

While restoration efforts are still in the early stages of implementation, they mark an important first step toward larger-scale and more comprehensive management that will keep this site healthy and accessible for birds and people year after year!

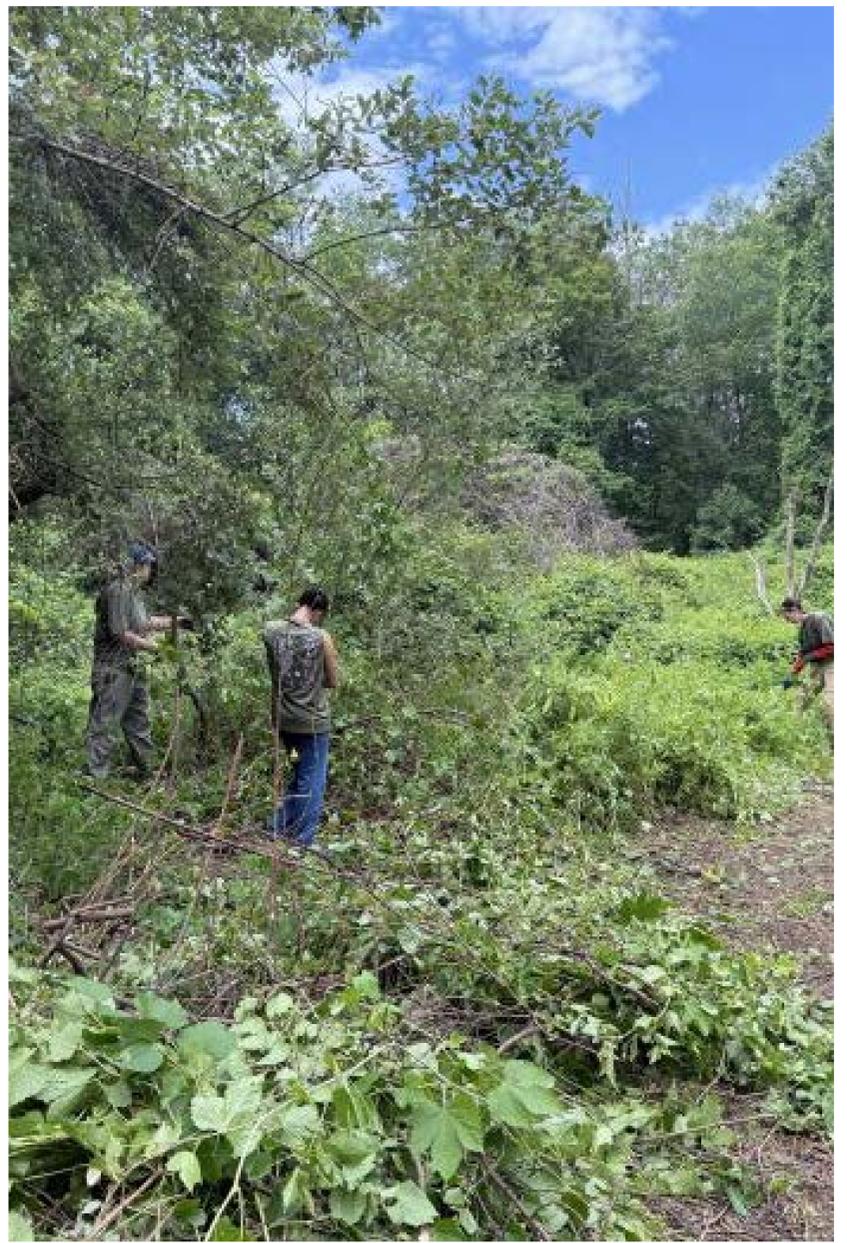
Next time you drive by Gimbel Sanctuary, we invite you to stop by and explore the progress that’s been made. If you look closely, you may even see a few old apple trees—monuments to an ecosystem lost, and guideposts for a healthier, more bird-friendly future.

This article was originally published on the National Audubon Society’s website.e

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Eco-Leaders work to clear invasives. Photo: Greenwich Audubon Center



Large areas of the sanctuary were cleared of invasive plants, exposing native plants and trees that had been part of the former orchard. Photo: Greenwich Audubon Center



Sam Romeo, Lisandra Amezquita, Dan Persaud, New Greenwich Communities Resident Jacqueline Bull, Fred Camillo, Anthony Johnson. Photo by Bob Capazzo.



Selectwoman Lauren Rabin, U.S. Congressman Jim Himes, and Connecticut State Representative Tina Courpas. Photo by Bob Capazzo.



First Selectman Fred Camillo hands a gift to one of Armstrong Court's newest residents. Photo by Bob Capazzo.



Anthony Johnson, Lauren Rabin, and BET Member Joe Kelly. Photo by Bob Capazzo.



Fred Camillo and Sam Romeo, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

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a housing crisis. We need to do more of this."

Standing before the assembled families and officials, Sam Romeo, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, described the property in personal terms.

"This is our family complex," Romeo said. "Today we welcome these residents into our family. We've done a lot of work here and we plan on doing a lot more."

The morning's focus shifted from renovation plans to lived experience when new resident Beatrice Betancur addressed the room.

"It's a beautiful place. Me

and my family are so happy for this opportunity to live here in Greenwich. This is going to change our lives. We're very grateful," Betancur said.

Anthony Johnson, CEO and Executive Director of Greenwich Communities, framed the moment as both celebration and commitment.

"It's a great opportunity to welcome six new families to Armstrong Court," Johnson said. "To have a place in Greenwich that's affordable, beautiful, and safe — that's what we offer. We offer opportunity."

Greenwich Communities

manages approximately 1,235 units of affordable housing across 13 residential properties. Founded in 1946, the organization has more than 350 additional units in planning and development, including 52 units at nearby McKinney Terrace.

Selectwoman Lauren Rabin reflected on the broader meaning of the ceremony, describing housing as foundational to civic life.

"Welcoming new families to Armstrong Court was a powerful reminder that housing is more than walls and a roof — it's stability, dignity, and the foundation for opportunity. Seeing these beautiful, modern apartments filled with hope and possibility was truly heartwarming. Armstrong Court represents what's possible when we come together with intention

and compassion. Affordable housing done right, and the Greenwich Communities way, strengthens our entire community — and today we saw that vision become reality for families who now have a place to call home," Rabin said.

Camillo connected the project to both policy and memory. Calling the ceremony "yet another example of Greenwich leading the way on affordable housing," he added, "I want a salute Greenwich Communities for continuing to improve the lives of so many here in town and doing so with local guidance and leadership."

He then spoke about his family's ties to the neighborhood. "As someone who grew up here in town and had a grandmother who lived there, it was especially gratifying to see how beautiful this complex has become for the

residents in town. I know that those who live there now will enjoy it and will have lasting memories just like those who have called this wonderful place home since the 1950s still do."

Kelly emphasized the role of local governance in shaping the outcome.

"When we all come together to solve a problem, incredible things can happen! The new homes in Armstrong Court are a testament to this. They're something we can all be proud of, and they show what local government can achieve when it has control over planning and zoning," Kelly said.

Romeo also addressed a perception frequently associated with the town's name.

"When people hear 'Greenwich,' they think everyone here is wealthy," he said. "But not everybody. What we've built here

shows what's possible when a community commits to doing it the right way."

After the formal remarks, families received their keys to sustained applause. Children stood close to parents, neighbors lingered over a light breakfast, and officials toured the renovated apartments — updated kitchens and bedrooms that will soon carry the marks of daily life.

In a town where housing debates often unfold in public hearings and planning documents, Saturday's ceremony centered on something direct and visible: six sets of keys, handed from one generation of residents and leaders to the next.

For the families stepping across their thresholds at Armstrong Court, the moment marked not only a renovation completed, but a place to belong.

## BET From Page 1

consistent picture of what's in the budget."

The Budget Committee decision day is scheduled for March 3. The full BET decision days are set for March 31, with April 1 reserved as a second day, if necessary. Public hearings will take place March 26 at 7 p.m.

"We're hoping to get as much public input as we can," said Weisbrod.

Residents may attend in person or participate via Zoom.

The First Selectman's proposed budget reflects a 6.01 percent mill rate increase, according to the town's published budget schedules.

Weisbrod said the entire board is reviewing that figure closely.

"We are all looking to see if that number make sense. Are there opportunities to reduce expenses and are there revenues that may not be captured in the budget profile?" he said. "That's the work that's going on right now."

He said the board's structure has been critical to maintaining stability.

"If the BET is working right, it should function through its committees," Weisbrod said. "Because each committee has 2 Republicans and 2 Democrats, if they're working right, everybody's input is incorporated in the decisionmaking."

He said the committees — including Human Resources, Audit, Investment Advisory, Law, Policy and Procedures, Budget, and the reactivated Debt and Fund Balance Policy Committee — are meeting regularly and working through complex financial questions.

"The committees are all functioning at a high level," Weisbrod said.

The Debt and Fund Balance Policy Committee, which had not met for several years, has resumed work reviewing long-term capital needs, including school projects and major infrastructure planning.

"The dialogue has been extremely good," Weisbrod said. "The town finance staff has done a terrific job in presenting the numbers that Fred provided. And we on the BET are kicking the tires, talking to the schools and town departments."

He said the goal is to understand capital plans well before they formally enter future budgets.

"The idea is to get a handle on this well in advance," Weisbrod said.

Weisbrod also credited town staff for

managing simultaneous responsibilities during the peak of budget season.

"This is the heart of the season right now, February, March," he said. "Everybody's working hard."

He added that the finance staff and budget director are "working flat out" preparing fiscal year 2027 materials while continuing to manage ongoing financial operations.

Republican members describe a similarly improved atmosphere.

"I think we have a much better Republican team on the BET that is working well together," said Harry Fisher, former BET chairman and current member. "We're meeting on a weekly basis. We have respect for each other."

Fisher characterized the Republican role as constructive under Democratic control.

"We're good people that are interested in doing the best by the town," he said. "At the end of the day, local issues are not partisan."

Joe Kelly, a Republican BET member and former chair of the Board of Education, said the most significant challenges will emerge during detailed budget negotiations.

"The challenges or the stress pressures will be when we address the budget," Kelly said.

As a newer member, Kelly said he has found departmental presentations demanding but informative.

"Just listening to all the different departments make their presentations, I find it incredibly interesting how all the different departments run," Kelly said.

He described his broader fiscal approach as pragmatic.

"My goal would be certainly to try to figure out how we can get everybody what they need," Kelly said, noting that budget proposals often anticipate reductions.

For residents seeking to review detailed figures, meeting schedules, and official documents, materials are available at the town's website.

**Budget Committee meeting calendar:**  
<https://www.greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/53092/BET-Budget-Committee-FY2026-2027-Budget-Meeting-Calendar?bidId=>

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## The Discipline of Kindness

Partisanship is not new. But its current form is less accurate, more insistent, more intrusive, more eager to conscript every institution into its service, and too quick to assume.

Social media posts are constructed to provoke. Engagement is the currency, and outrage is the quickest mint. Tone sharpens. Context narrows. Motives are imputed. The appetite for humiliation grows.

*That spirit does not build community. It hollows it out.*

Consider what actually sustains a community. It is not the viral post or the sharpened accusation. It is the quiet work of noticing people who might otherwise go unseen. Kindness rarely trends. It does not announce itself. But it is the operating system of any healthy civic life.

Shari L. Shapiro, Executive Director of Kids In Crisis, describes how her understanding of distress has evolved. “Urgency doesn’t always look urgent. And distress doesn’t always announce itself with bells and whistles,” she writes. The children who concern her most are not the disruptive ones but the compliant and high-achieving. They do not demand attention. They avoid it.

One student, well-liked and outwardly steady, visited a counselor regularly because he felt he “couldn’t breathe.” Home was unstable. He caused no trouble. Few worried about him. Until he said, “I don’t think anyone would notice if I wasn’t here.”

**“Civility is not a tactic or a sentiment. It is the determined choice of trust over cynicism.”**

That sentence should arrest any community tempted to fixate on spectacle. The loudest problems are not always the deepest ones. The child who smiles may be struggling. The neighbor who says “I’m fine” may not be. “These shifts matter,” Shapiro reminds parents. So do silences.

Kindness begins with attention. It requires the discipline to pause before assuming, to ask before accusing, to listen without rehearsing a rebuttal. It is not indulgence. It is moral clarity about what matters.

Shapiro urges parents to expand their definition of struggle: watch for subtle changes, make room for quiet conversations, normalize help before crisis arrives. Care, in other words, is proactive. It is patient. It resists the drama of the moment in favor of the dignity of the person.

The same ethic should guide public life.

When the Board of Estimate and Taxation reviews a budget, when officials debate housing, when residents testify at hearings, the obligation is not to score points but to weigh consequences. Local governance functions best when members of both parties remember, as one BET member recently put it, that “local issues are not partisan.” That statement is not naïve. It is necessary.

Kindness in governance does not mean softness in numbers. It means seriousness in motive. It means asking what policies will mean for the family receiving keys to a renovated apartment, for the teenager who cannot sleep, for the taxpayer calculating the next bill. Housing decisions, school budgets, mental health services — these are not abstractions. They shape lives. They require steadiness, not theater.

In public debate, as in parenting, intent matters. If the purpose is humiliation, the result will be division. If the purpose is stewardship, the result can be trust.

Abraham Lincoln urged Americans to act “with malice toward none, with charity for all.” Charity, in its original sense, meant love — the disciplined willingness to seek the good of another.

There is a temptation, especially in the digital age, to treat every disagreement as a referendum on virtue. To assume bad faith. To demand alignment. To punish independence. But a community newspaper, a town board, a nonprofit serving children — these institutions exist to serve the whole, not a faction. They belong to neighbors before they belong to ideologies.

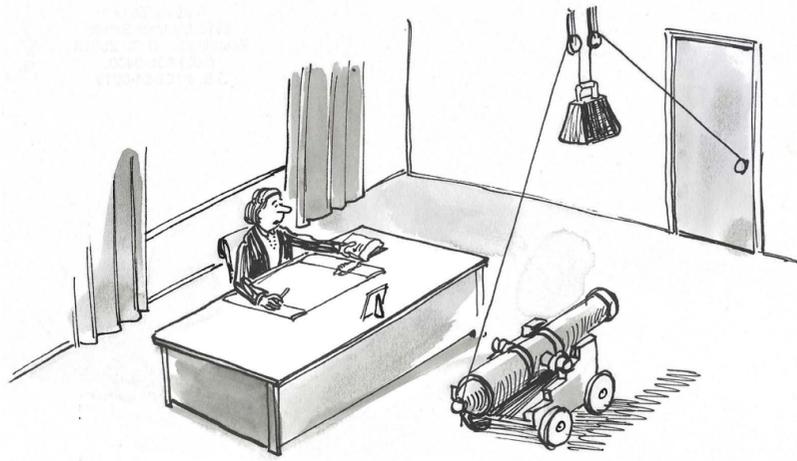
Partisanship asks: Who wins?

Civic responsibility asks: Who needs care?

A wise town chooses the latter. It resists the reduction of every question to a contest of enemies. It protects institutions whose intent is constructive. It understands that strength is shown not in domination but in stewardship.

Greenwich needs fewer traps and more listening. It needs adults who understand that kindness is not sentimentality but structure — the architecture of trust.

# Editorial Page



*Send in anyone who has disagreed with me in the past or might disagree with me in the future.*

OPED

## Guarding Greenwich: A Call to Preserve Local Stewardship

As I conclude my service as Chairman of the Greenwich Republican Town Committee, I do so with gratitude for the trust placed in me and with a concern that transcends party. Greenwich has long occupied a distinctive place in Connecticut’s civic life. It has been regarded — and more importantly, has conducted itself — as a town governed by deliberation rather than impulse, by institutional memory rather than ideological fashion. That character did not arise by accident. It was formed by generations who understood that self-government requires restraint, consistency, and seriousness.

The central question before us is whether that character will endure.

The Republican Town Committee has long sought to remain anchored in that municipal tradition. Our emphasis in what was a long tradition of governing Greenwich has been local: balanced budgets, predictable taxation, professional administration, public safety, and zoning decisions made by those who live with their consequences.

We are a local committee concerned with a local polity where disagreements are managed with civility. When we have fallen short of that standard, we have worked hard to correct our course — because self-government begins with self-scrutiny. Fortunately, we have a First Selectman in Fred Camillo who works diligently to preserve this local perspective and to keep Greenwich focused on governing rather than posturing.

Municipal government is not an ideological proving ground. It is where contracts are negotiated, budgets balanced, roads repaired, and schools sustained. It is where arithmetic

disciplines ambition. When local politics begins to mirror national partisan theater, the cost is not abstract. It is borne in diminished local authority and a coarsened civic culture.

Nowhere is this tension more evident than in zoning and housing policy. Greenwich has historically defended local control, calibrating development to infrastructure capacity, environmental constraints, and neighborhood character. That calibration reflects lived knowledge — of traffic flow, classroom capacity, water systems, and tax burdens. These are the daily realities of governance. Such judgments cannot responsibly be centralized in Hartford without weakening accountability to the people most affected.

In 2024, House Bill 5390 — an anti-local housing proposal — would have shifted zoning authority. During her tenure as a State Representative, Selectman Rachel Khanna voted in favor of that legislation, which with her support passed the House. It was halted through the determined efforts of State Senator Ryan Fazio—who argued it undermined local control. As similar proposals reemerge and pass under the weight of a veto-proof supermajority, voters are entitled to examine consistency. Positions on questions as foundational as local control should not fluctuate with electoral winds.

All three Democratic members of our state delegation have voted for or advanced legislation that weakens municipal authority. None has mounted sustained procedural resistance when such measures were viable. Opposition offered only when outcomes are assured invites skepticism. Local control cannot be defended episodically. It requires vigilance when legislation is being born

and when opposition might have real effects.

This reflects a broader shift. The Greenwich Democratic Town Committee has increasingly aligned itself with the tone and ambitions of the national and state-wide progressive movement. The shift is evident in policy commitments that subordinate municipal judgment to statewide mandates and in rhetoric that casts disagreement in moral absolutes. That approach may energize a base. It does not strengthen a town.

Greenwich has not flourished through agitation. Its vitality has rested on institutional steadiness and a shared understanding that public office is stewardship, not spectacle. Even sharp disagreement was bounded by respect for the town itself as the primary constituency.

Greenwich residents expect competence and candor. They expect their officials to safeguard both the town’s balance sheet and its authority to govern itself. They expect civility — because in a community of shared institutions, politics that degenerates into vilification diminishes the whole.

The future of Greenwich will not hinge on one chairman or one committee. It will depend on whether we insist that local government remain disciplined, measured, and rooted in the particular interests of this town rather than in the shifting cataclysms of national issues—on either side.

Greenwich deserves leadership commensurate with its inheritance: thoughtful, restrained, and serious. If we preserve that standard, we preserve more than electoral advantage. We preserve the governing character of the town itself.

Michael Hahn

## Neil Vigdor Feature

To the Editor:

Last week’s feature on Neil Vigdor’s photography was a standout. Readers have been accustomed to seeing his byline in *The Greenwich Time* previously and now *The New York Times*, but the article revealed another dimension of his work that deserves attention.

The images described in the piece — from carefully

composed night skies to the technical precision required for long exposures — reminded us that journalism is not only about speed, but also about patience and discipline. The account of layering 160 photographs to capture fireflies against the North Star was especially striking. It demonstrated both technical mastery and artistic restraint.

It was also refreshing to see recognition of a journalist who began his career in Connecticut and has gone on to report on some of the most consequential events of our time. The combination of national reporting and local roots gave the story added resonance.

Too often, we consume news without considering the craft behind it. This

profile did the opposite. It highlighted the skill, preparation and judgment required to produce work that withstands scrutiny in an era of digital manipulation and skepticism.

Thank you for giving readers a deeper look at a journalist whose work, whether in print or through a lens, reflects rigor and clarity.

## T-Shirt Contest

Teens have the opportunity to design an impactful and meaningful t-shirt design for Swim Across America that will be featured on the back of the commemorative 20th Anniversary t-shirt, worn by swimmers, volunteers, and supporters throughout the 2026 season. The annual swim will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 96 Cummings Point Road in Stamford, Connecticut, and attracts hundreds of swimmers, volunteers, boaters,

kayakers, paddle boarders and spectators.

Open to all Fairfield County middle and high school students, the Make Waves T-Shirt Design Contest celebrates creativity, community and compassion. Submissions will be accepted now through March 15, 2026, with a panel of judges selecting the final design and second and third place winners. The Grand Prize design will be printed on 2026 shirts, which will then

be used to help raise funds at Swim Across America Fairfield County events from May through November. The t-shirts will also be donated to pediatric cancer patients at Yale Cancer Center and Memorial Sloan Kettering, accompanied by a visit from DASH the Dolphin, Swim Across America’s beloved mascot.

Original designs are submitted via an online form by uploading a drawing, painting, collage, photograph, etc., at

swimcrossamerica.org/tshirt

Full rules and submission details are available at [www.swimcrossamerica.org/tshirt](http://www.swimcrossamerica.org/tshirt).

Swim Across America — Fairfield County encourages swimmers, volunteers, boaters, kayakers, paddle boarders, and land supporters to register now and be part of this milestone year.

Visit [swimcrossamerica.org/fc](http://swimcrossamerica.org/fc) to learn more.

### EMPLOYMENT AD

#### Nanny

**Quiet Meadow Care LLC, in Glastonbury, CT, seeks Nanny in Riverside, CT, to care for children in private home by providing support to parents in satisfying children’s physical, emotional, intellectual, and social needs. Resume with references to:**

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# CCM Calls for Transparency as Pension Offsets Added to Sweeping Emergency Bill

At a time when Connecticut residents consistently cite affordability as their number one concern, it is deeply troubling that the Connecticut General Assembly is poised to impose yet another costly mandate on our towns and cities: one that will inevitably drive property taxes even higher.

By slipping pension offset language into SB 298 - a sweeping emergency certification bill - legislative leaders are advancing a proposal that has failed to gain approval for nearly a decade, and for good reason. Municipal officials from every corner of the state have repeatedly raised serious concerns about the fiscal impact, the precedent it sets, and the unintended consequences for local budgets and taxpayers. Those concerns have yet to be resolved.

Embedding this policy in a sprawling 121-page emergency bill - in the wake of a major blizzard and outside the normal public hearing process - bypasses meaningful public

*Towns and cities do not have the luxury of deficit spending.*

comment, circumvents collective bargaining, and clearly disregards years of bipartisan municipal opposition. This is not transparent policymaking. It is not deliberative. And it is not responsive to the real and urgent concerns of Connecticut families.

Towns and cities do not have the luxury of deficit spending. Unlike the state, towns and cities must balance their budgets each year. When new mandates are imposed, local leaders have only one primary revenue tool to respond:

the property tax. The result is predictable...higher tax bills for homeowners, renters, and small businesses.

At a moment when residents are struggling with the rising costs of housing, utilities, food, and healthcare, advancing a costly pension offset mandate that benefits a narrow interest at the direct expense of property taxpayers sends entirely the wrong message.

Connecticut's affordability crisis demands thoughtful, transparent debate and full public vetting, not procedural shortcuts that shift additional financial burdens onto towns and cities. The legislature should remove this provision from the emergency bill and allow for an open, honest discussion about its true cost and impact before asking taxpayers to shoulder yet another mandate.

*Connecticut Conference of Municipalities*

## Free, Two-Day, Online Leadership Training

Representation matters now more than ever in shaping policies and governance that reflect the diverse voices of our communities. As our nation continues to evolve, it is imperative that leadership at all levels of government mirrors the rich diversity of the people it serves.

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) and the Campaign School at Yale University proudly announce our commitment to advocating for increased representation in public office. This free, two-day, online training directs participants through the importance of championing diversity in leadership and aims to create a more inclusive and equitable political landscape where all voices are heard and valued.

"At the state and local level, representation matters because our decisions touch people's daily lives," said CCM Executive Director and CEO Joe DeLong. "When leadership reflects the diversity of the community, it leads to smarter policies, stronger civic engagement, and communities that work better for everyone."

The training seeks to empower individuals from communities of color to engage in the political process and run for public office in order to bring fresh perspectives to governance. Through programs such as this, as well as leadership training, and community outreach, Representation Matters is dedicated to breaking down barriers that have historically limited diverse participation in politics.

The importance of representation extends beyond elections. Diverse leadership results in more inclusive decision-making, leading to policies that better reflect the needs and aspirations of a broader constituency. From city councils to state legislatures and Congress, diverse voices drive meaningful change and foster trust in democratic institutions.

We encourage community members, organizations, and leaders to join us in this effort to build a government that truly represents the people. If you are interested in learning more, supporting our mission, or running for office yourself, please visit CCMCares.com for more details.

## 2026 Greenwich Town Party Community Ticket Lottery

The Greenwich Town Party 2026 Community Ticket Lottery opened on February 21, giving Greenwich residents, employees, and students the opportunity to apply for Community Tickets (general admission) for this year's event. The Community Ticket Lottery exists to give all eligible community members the equal chance to purchase Community Tickets to GTP.

Held once again on Memorial Day Weekend, the event will feature live music, local food favorites, and family fun. The 2026 musical lineup will feature headliner Dave Matthews & Tim Reynolds on the Main Stage, alongside John Fogerty, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, and Elmo's Got the Moves. Local bands will perform on the Town Stage throughout the day.

### Community Tickets

The Community Ticket Lottery will remain open for submissions through Wednesday, March 11 at 11:59 PM. Greenwich residents, Greenwich employees, and Greenwich students are all eligible to submit an application for the online ticket lottery. All lottery submissions are verified for Greenwich residency or employment. During the application process, community members can sign up to purchase up to four adult tickets, up to four children's tickets (ages 2-12), and one baby ticket.

All applications are entered into the ticket lottery equally; no preference is given to date and time of application submission within the open period. After the lottery closes, randomly selected applicants are notified by email if they have won. Winners have the option to opt out within 24 hours or their credit card will be automatically charged

for the tickets they have requested on their application. All Community tickets for the 2026 event are sold exclusively through this lottery. For additional details and to submit an application for the lottery, visit the GTP website: <https://www.greenwichtownparty.org/community-lottery>.

The cost for the 2026 Community tickets is \$100 per adult ticket and \$20 per children's ticket ages 2-12, plus taxes and fees. Tickets are free of charge for children under the age of 2, but they must have a ticket to attend the event.

### Sponsor Tickets

Sponsor passes are still available for purchase starting at \$1,500 per person. Sponsor tickets include unlimited access to the Sponsor Pavilion, a private tented area with exclusive waterfront access, a curated menu by Marcia Selden Catering, premium open-bar service throughout the day and evening with signature cocktails and mocktails, preferred on-site parking with VIP entrance, dedicated staff and security, and private air-conditioned restroom trailers. Sponsor tickets are open to Greenwich and non-Greenwich residents.

The Greenwich Town Party, founded by Ray Dalio, is an IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, privately funded through generous contributions from individuals, businesses, philanthropic foundations, family offices, and, in part, ticket sales. These contributions allow most attendees to enjoy significantly discounted or complimentary tickets, and this collective generosity not only funds the event but also provides ongoing support to local non-profits and community organizations throughout the year. The GTP has no cost to the Town of Greenwich and is not funded by taxpayers.



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# Emptying Oneself: The Call to Holiness and Freedom



By KATE NOONAN

“So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

There is a moment many of us recognize, not always in prayer, not always in church, but sometimes in the quiet middle of an ordinary afternoon, when we feel the weight of ourselves. The noise. The habits. The familiar loops of thinking and reacting that have played out so many times often feel less like choices and more like fate. It is in that

moment that God whispers something both surprising and freeing: It is time to let go.

Over the course of a lifetime, it seems that many operating systems have been installed in our personal hardware. Some were loaded in childhood; messages about worthiness, fear, control, the need to perform. Others were added through heartbreak, failure, or the slow erosion of disappointment. They run quietly in the background, consuming energy, shaping responses and often distorting perception. The troubling truth is this: these programs, once installed, do not simply vanish because we ignore them. They keep running while shaping our outcomes. And they do not always lead us to our best selves, or more importantly, to our truest selves - our selves as God sees us.

This is precisely why Lent is not merely a season of religious obligation. It is a divinely designed opportunity for reprogramming.

Jesus understood this need intimately. Even He, in the fullness of His divine mission, recognized that busyness can become a barrier. In the wilderness, before His public ministry began in earnest, He withdrew. He fasted. He sat in silence and withstood the voice of every temptation. Later, throughout His ministry, He would repeatedly urge the crowds, leave the urgent requests, and go alone to pray. He needed, as fully human and fully divine, to extract himself from a very busy ministry and be with God. If the Son of God required that emptying and time in prayer then we too must require the same.

Luke 14:33 is one of the most demanding verses in all of Scripture. Jesus does not dress it up. He does not soften it with qualifications. The equation is straightforward: disciples renounce. The call to follow Christ is, at its core, a call to uninstall. To surrender the programs that protect us from vulnerability. To release the identities we have curated for safety. To lay down the things: material, emotional, psychological - that we have quietly promoted to the status of gods.

This is not self-destruction. It is self-discovery through surrender.

The philosopher Blaise Pascal observed that the human heart is restless until it rests in something ultimate. We fill ourselves endlessly - with achievement, with distraction,

with the approval of others. But Christian spirituality insists on a counterintuitive truth: we must be emptied before we can be filled.

Lent is an entire season designed precisely for that process. The traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are not arbitrary religious exercises. They are tools specifically designed to interrupt the background programs. Fasting interrupts the program of comfort-seeking. Almsgiving interrupts the program of accumulation. Prayer interrupts perhaps the most stubborn program of all: the belief that we are the complete master of our own lives.

When we renounce, truly renounce, not just symbolically, we create space. Space for clarity. Space for honesty. Space for the Spirit of God to move in places

too long filled with our own noise.

Holiness, then, is not about perfection. It is not about becoming someone else or erasing who you are. It is about becoming, at last, fully and freely yourself, as God originally designed. It is the freedom that comes when the old programs no longer run the show, and a truer, more whole operating system of love, grace, and divine purpose is allowed to function more freely.

So the question is not simply what will you give up this Lent. The question is: what is it time to uninstall? And, finally, are you willing to trust what God might install in its place?

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## What Can Lent Teach Us?



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

The season of Lent kicks off each year with the story of Jesus entering the wilderness, where he is tempted by the devil. In many ways it is also the story of each of our spiritual journeys.

The Spirit led Jesus to the Wadi Qelt - an area not far from where the Jordan River empties into the Dead Sea. It's situated just south of Jericho, looking down over the world's oldest city in the lowest region on the earth.

Jesus spent 40 days in these sand-colored hills, dotted with boulders, scrub brush, and a few scorpions. The desert is so vast, so quiet, and so empty that you feel small and very vulnerable. Because sand absorbs sound, you can hear your heart beat and you can listen to your breath. “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Throughout the centuries, the Church has invited Christians to observe a holy Lent - like a 40-day spring cleaning for our soul. The word “Lent” comes from the

old English word “Lenten,” which means “spring” - not just the budding of leaves and flowers, but the springtime of the soul, when new shoots of spiritual life can take root in the depths of our being.

The Church in its infinite wisdom knows that we can get complacent about our faith. We attend church and recite the Nicene Creed and the Lord's Prayer without giving it a second thought.

Likewise, it's easy for us to do nothing Monday through Saturday to go deeper in our faith. We often fail or forget to take time to pray, read the Bible, keep a gratitude journal, fast, serve the poor, or read a devotional book by a saint or a spiritual master.

So, Lent invites us to spend 40 days not swimming on the surface of life but diving deeper into the spiritual journey. During Lent, we are invited to pray and read Scripture, to fast and simplify our lives, to wind down the chaos of our overscheduled days so that we can hear our heart beat and listen to the sound of our breath.

Lent is a spiritual retreat. It is a chance to step back from

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the relentless pace of life and the disturbing daily news cycle and to spend 40 days living by the grace of God alone, trusting that we will be saved by the mercy of God rather than our own endless activity and accomplishments.

Forty is a well-established pattern in the Bible. The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness learning to trust God. Moses spent 40 days on the mountain listening to God and receiving the Law. Elijah spent 40 days in the desert before he heard God's still small voice. So, too, God delivered Jesus to the devil to be tested for 40 days in the wilderness.

Jesus was said to have been around 30 when he was “driven” by the Spirit into the desert. Thirty is a normal age to ask some serious questions about where our lives are headed. Are we on track to accomplish our goals? Are we feeling fulfilled?

Is there more to life than we've been experiencing? Was Jesus having doubts about being a small town carpenter?

For whatever reason, Jesus made his way to the Jordan River, where John baptized him. As he emerged from the water, the heavens parted, a dove descended, and a mysterious voice said, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” Jesus was like a rock star.

But with his hair still wet from his baptism, the Spirit catapulted him into the wilderness - the place where transformation often occurs in the Bible. The desert is the place where our lives fall apart and God reshapes us. Entering the wilderness was God's idea, not Jesus'.

Jesus was ordained, but his ministry had yet to begin. He hadn't preached a single

sermon or performed a single miracle. The wilderness was his seminary. It revealed his identity and taught him to trust God - instead of magic, fame, or political power.

By the end of the 40 days, Jesus was famished and weary and the devil knew that it was time to start the test. Meanwhile, Jesus recalled God's voice saying, “You are my Son... with whom I am well pleased.” This now seemed like ancient history. Had he been imagining it?

Why did God not send a rescue party or at least a raven carrying a loaf of bread to feed him. But alas, nothing! The sky stayed shut. No doves descended, no voice spoke from heaven, and no reassuring words were offered by God. There was just Jesus, the desert, and the devil.

Jesus probably thought that he deserved better. There are times when we feel that we

deserve better. A devilish voice whispers within us, “If I am a Christian, why isn't God making my life easier? Shouldn't I be happier, healthier, or richer since I attend church and pay my pledge?” And we are tempted by Satan and must shoo the devil away.

The devil's exam taught Jesus what the wilderness teaches each of us - at the end of the day we don't need much to get by. The simpler we live, the happier we are. The more that we trust God, the more manageable our lives become. When we live with compassion, our lives take on real purpose and meaning. Yes, Lent has so much to teach us.

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## Purim: A Celebration Like No Other



By RABBI MITCHELL M. HURVITZ

*Chag Purim, chag Purim! Chag gadol hu la'Yehudim... Purim Day, Purim Day! It's a great Jewish holiday...*

As the joyous melody rings out, we remember that Purim is a celebration unlike any other in the Jewish calendar.

Sometimes described as our Jewish Mardi Gras, Purim is teeming with color and exuberance.

It is our time when the ordinary is turned upside down,

and joy reigns supreme.

We celebrate Purim with lively music, cheerful parades, vivid costumes, and, responsibly, a few drinks. And we celebrate within an atmosphere of merriment and togetherness.

But Purim also commemorates a time when the Jewish people faced grave danger in the ancient Persian Empire and, through courage and wisdom, emerged with their lives and their spirit intact.

Unlike many of our festivals, the story of Purim does not appear in the Torah. Instead, it was established by the Jewish people through the Book of Esther, a biblical story that has inspired all future Jewish generations with its themes of resilience and hope.

The Rabbis of the Talmud saw a fascinating connection between Purim and Yom Kippur,

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also known as Yom ha-Kippurim. Through the Hebrew wordplay of the two holidays, a link is made between our most joyful and most solemn holidays.

The Chazal (Sages of Blessed Memory) drew an important parallel between Esther's brave approach to the king to plead for her people and the High Priest's entry into the Holy of Holies on Yom Kippur to seek atonement for the Jewish people.

The two moments similarly highlight the strength of an individual's courage and intercession on behalf of their sacred community.

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paradox. It overflows with fun and humor, yet it also serves as a moving reminder of the vulnerability the Jewish people have faced throughout history, often in the face of hatred and adversity.

When we consider our Jewish children, we want them to be physically and spiritually safe.

We must pass on to them the sacred joys of their Jewish heritage, instilling pride in our traditions, while likewise fostering awareness and fortitude in a world that sometimes resists those who celebrate their differences.

The Book of Esther is unique among biblical texts. It never explicitly mentions God's name, which invites us to search for hidden meaning and divine presence within the biblical story.

Chazal taught that God's hand is hidden and only guides us from “behind the scenes.”

Yet, as individuals and as a people, it is ultimately up to us to step forward with courage, sustaining love, joy, and hope in our hearts.

At the same time, we remain steadfast with our responsibility to protect ourselves and our fellow Jews.

As we celebrate Purim with great joy, let us also commit to equipping our children with the knowledge, pride, and strength they need to live as Jews in the world today, safely and thoroughly.

Chag Purim Sameach and Shabbat Shalom,  
Rabbi Mitch

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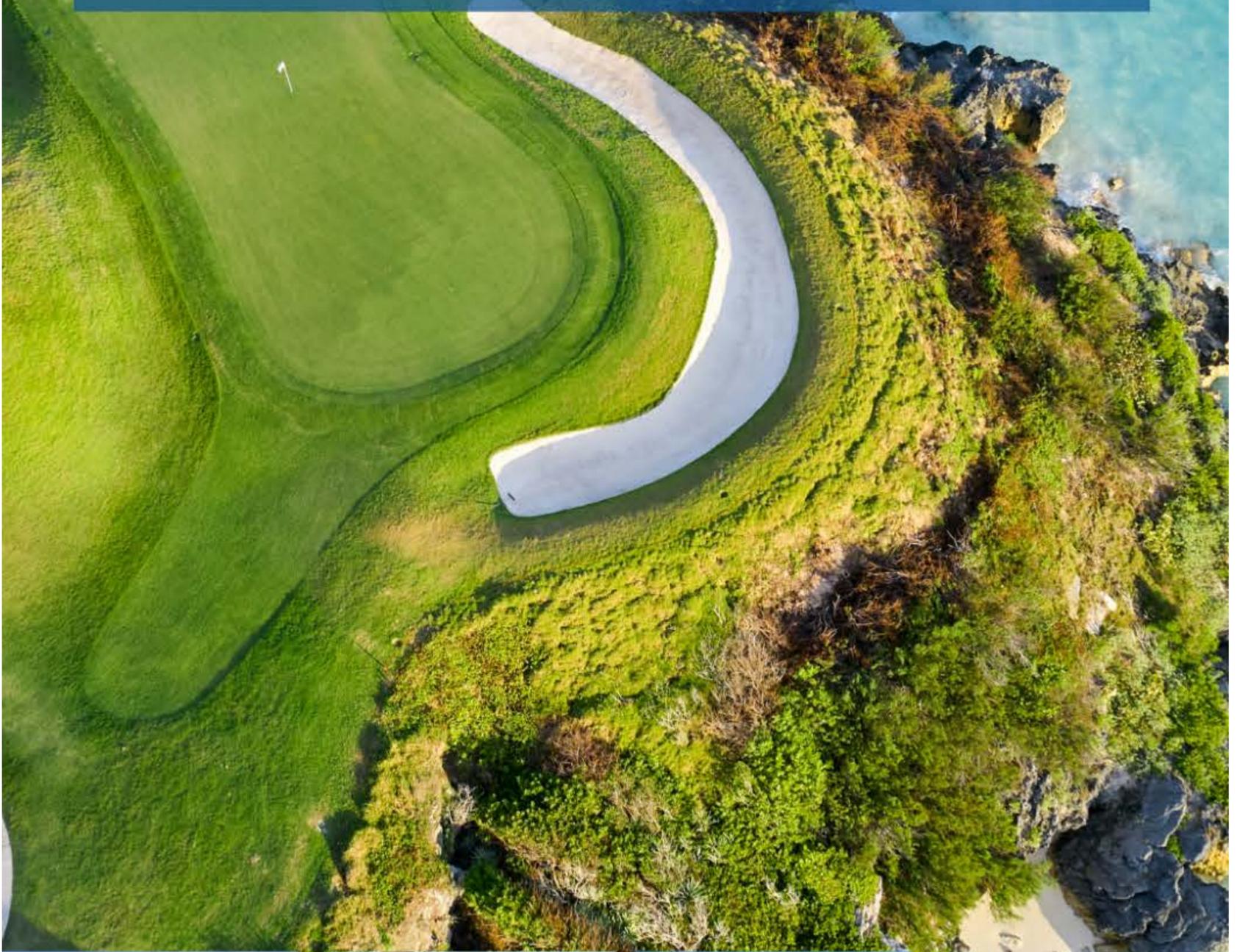
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## DOROTHY D'AMATO

Dorothy Salerno D'Amato, 90, passed away in hospice Friday, February 20, 2026, in Jacksonville Florida. She was born April 29, 1935, in Greenwich CT where she grew up. Dorothy was pre-deceased by her husband, Philip Ralph D'Amato.

In her youth, Dorothy worked at the New York Foundling Hospital. She married Phil on August 3, 1953, and held several part-time administrative positions through the years, retiring as secretary at St Roch Church in Greenwich CT. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Dorothy is survived by her son Peter (Lauren) D'Amato of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, daughter Karen (D'Amato) Lamphier of Brenham TX, and grand-children Maxwell D'Amato of Jacksonville and Francis Lamphier of Elgin TX.

A private family service will be held on May 8, 2026, at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital.



## KIM PRALL

Kim R. "Kimbo" Prall, 74, of Southbury, passed away peacefully on February 20, 2026. Born on August 14, 1951, Kim lived a life defined by kindness, generosity, laughter, and a deep love for family, friends, and the water.

Kim was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Jacqueline Prall; his brothers, Robert Prall and Luciano Prall; his sister, Pam Martine; and his nephew, Jim Prall.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Rosemary Prall; his brother-in-law, Gene Martine; his niece, Pamela Fontaine (Prall) and her husband, RJ Fontaine; his great-nephews, Nate and Josh Fontaine; and his great-niece, Jameson Fontaine. He also leaves behind many extended family members and dear friends whose lives he touched in countless ways.

Kim was the proud owner of The Boxing Cat Grille and The River Cat, where he created more than just businesses — he created community. He had a gift for bringing people together and making everyone feel welcome. No one ever stayed a stranger for long around Kim.

He had a true love for the beach and the water. Whether he was scuba diving, fishing, or simply enjoying the shoreline, that was where he felt most at peace. The ocean brought him joy, adventure, and calm — it reflected his free spirit and generous heart.

Above all, Kim was the kindest man. He would do anything for anyone and was always willing to help those in need. He had a way of making people laugh, even on the hardest days. His generosity, humor, and unwavering loyalty will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring to honor and remember Kim. In keeping with his wishes, his ashes will be spread at his favorite beach at Tod's Point in Greenwich — a place he loved deeply and where his spirit will forever be-long.

Kim's legacy is one of love, laughter, friendship, and compassion. His memory will live on in the stories shared, the smiles he inspired, and the many lives he touched.



## DAVID SEIDEL

David C. Seidel, 87, of Greenwich, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, February 19, 2026. He passed peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 18, 1938, in Norwalk, and lived his entire life in Greenwich.

His first job was delivering bottled milk in Greenwich from his family's Maple Lawn Dairy. Dave served his country in the US Army and the Army National Guard. He worked for Fishbaugh Construction as a millwright and later worked as a member of millwright Carpenters Union Local 1871. Dave's passion was farming. Along with his late wife, Beverley and four children, they built Seidel Maple Lawn Family Farm. Dave was a Greenwich Township trustee for many decades and dedicated 66 years serving Tri Community Joint Fire Dept, with the last 21 years as fire chief. He was a lifelong member of the Greenwich United Methodist Church.

Dave is survived by his wife of 18 years, Linda Seidel, and his children, Robin (Steve) Harris, St Petersburg, Florida, Lisa (Brian) Madison, Greenwich, Rob (Michele) Seidel, Greenwich, Katherine (Chad) Lortcher, Willard, and Charlie (Tressa) Seidel, Greenwich; stepdaughters, Trisha and Jen-ny of Greenwich; sister, Nancy Thomas, Charlottesville, Virginia; grandchildren, Joseph, Jacob, Andrew, Philip, Wesley, David, Grant, Ethan, Grady, Carrie, Bethany, Travis, Adeline and Colin; stepgrandchildren, Curtis, Dustin, Kallie, Jarrod and Mady; seven great-grandchildren and two on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Carrie Seidel; his wife of 42 years, Beverley Seidel; his daughter-in-law, Karen (Clemons) Seidel; and his sisters, Mildred Glasser and Jean Johnson; and brother, George Angus.

Calling hours for friends and family were Tuesday, February 24 and Wednesday, February 25, at Greenwich United Methodist Church. A celebration of Life followed at United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made on Dave's behalf to First Health Hospice, Greenwich United Methodist Church or Tri Community Fire Department.

Special thanks to Dr. Chris Brown, Dr. Elizabeth Laffay, Nurse Annie, First Health Hospice Team and the fire service family.



## DAVID ARESON

David Cristy Areson, of Riverside, CT, cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on February 18, 2026. David's life was filled with positivity, hard work, devotion to family, and an unparalleled sense of fashion.

David was born on March 23, 1949, and raised in Upper Montclair, NJ. He was the second child of Dr. Robert H. and Lois R. Areson; and brother to siblings Nancy, Peter, Paul, Sally and Susan. David graduated Cum Laude and Dean's List from St. Lawrence University in 1971, with a B.S. in Mathematics, and a member of Pi Mu Epsilon (the U.S. Honorary National Mathematics Society). He earned an

M.A. from what is now the Yale School of Management in 1973, where he graduated no. 1 in his class, with degrees in Business and Applied Mathematics. He went on to earn a J.D. from University at Buffalo Law School in 1976 and an LL.M. from Georgetown University in 1980.

While earning his Master of Laws, David worked at the Internal Revenue Service, where he helped write the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), landmark legislation that established minimum standards for retirement and health plans in the private sector. After graduation, he joined Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP as an attorney, specializing in Employee Benefits. David joined Citicorp Investment Management (now Invesco) in 1987, where he worked in financial sales for the next 15 years. During the final years of his career, David's team was the top producing sales team at Invesco and received the company's "Firemen's" award for their production. David was blessed to retire at a relatively young age in 2002.

While he achieved many professional accomplishments, David's top priority was always family. He met his future wife, Nicole, while studying abroad in France during college. They were married in France and then moved back to the U.S., eventually settling down in Riverside, CT, in 1986, where they have continued to reside in the same home. David and Nicole welcomed their first child, Christopher, in 1981, and daughter, Elisabeth, in 1983. Of all the roles he held in his life, being a present and loving father was the most important to him. David was thrilled his children pursued careers in nearby NYC (his daughter eventually moving back to Riverside), and there was no one more excited to hear grandchildren birth announcements than David.

In the winter, you could find David skiing the slopes of Bromley Mountain wearing his trademark light blue winter coat, "They don't make them like this anymore," he would say. He was right: the jacket was gifted to him when he left for college, and the manufacturer is no longer in existence. In the summer, David would travel up to Truro, MA, every weekend to see his family at the same property he frequented as a child. There were few places more special to David than Truro. As a teenager, he taught sailing at the Pamet Harbor Yacht Club and later taught his own kids to sail on an AMF Puffer in the Cape Cod Bay. David's personality as a salesman was never more on display than when he would solicit strangers on the beach to help him move the boat into the water. He never got a "no" that stuck.

When David was not sailing, you could find him surfing at Longnook Beach. Despite the Outer Cape's mellow surf patterns, David insisted on wearing a white protective helmet. David's helmet took on celebrity status in Truro, with its first sighting marking the start of summer. His loss will be felt far and wide. David is survived by his loving wife, Nicole; two children, Christopher (Colleen) and Elisabeth Bothwell (Peter); and six grandchildren, Oliver and Harper Areson, McKinley, Violet, Bo, and Lacey Bothwell.

A celebration of life will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Riverside, at 10:30am on February 26, followed by a reception at Riverside Yacht Club.

## CHRISTINA MASKALERIS

Christina P. Maskaleris, 96, long-time resident of Greenwich, and most recently of Park Ridge, IL, passed away on February 15, 2026, after a long battle with dementia.

Born in Patras, Greece, Christina grew up in Brooklyn, NY, with her parents, John and Panayiota Poulos, and four siblings. After graduating from Queens College with a degree in education, she taught elementary school on Long Island. Christina met Milton Maskaleris at Penn State University and after marrying in 1959, they settled in Greenwich, where they later raised their son, Elias (Eli). Christina joyfully taught elementary school for decades, in both Stamford and Greenwich. She and Milton celebrated 43 years of marriage until his passing in 2003.

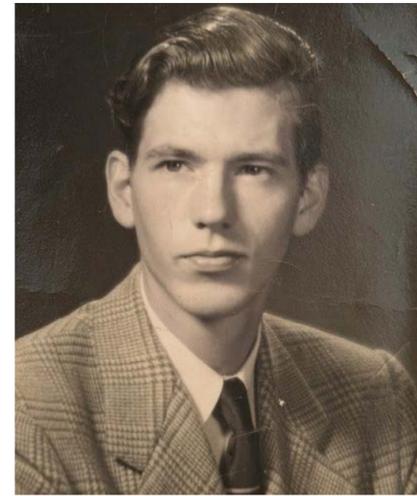
Christina lived life to the fullest. During her young adult years, she travelled to Cuba, Greece, and other European countries. Always in the mood for a party, she loved cooking for large family gatherings and was an expert baker of pies and Greek pastries. Later in life, Christina enjoyed travelling and taking day trips, visiting the beach, and being an adoring Yia Yia to her granddaughter.

Christina is survived by her son, Eli (Ann); grand-daughter, Alyssa; sister,

Jeanette McManus; brother-in-law, James Plackis; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; husband; sister, Ann Plackis; and brothers, Harry and Ernie Poulos.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, 2900 Summer St., Stamford, followed by a funeral service at 10:00 a.m. at The Greek Orthodox Church of the Archangels, 1527 Bedford St., Stamford. Burial will follow at Putnam Cemetery, Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Greek Orthodox Church of the Archangels in Stamford, the Perrot Memorial Library (for children's books and resources) in Greenwich, or a children's charity of choice.



## WILLIAM HAMPTON

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of William Hately Hampton, Jr., M.D., on February 15, 2026. Bill was born in Buffalo, NY on September 29, 1925, to Esther and William Hately Hampton, Sr. He was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, friend, golf partner, and a much-loved doctor to the Greenwich community for over 50 years. Bill had uncommon warmth, constant humor, irresistible cheer and endless generosity which bettered the lives of all who knew him.

After graduating from high school at Utica Free Academy, Bill volunteered for the US Army which he ultimately joined in 1943 after being told to come back when he turned 18. He served in Europe with honors and distinction both as a combat medic and infantryman, including at the Battle of the Bulge. Upon completing his military service, he returned to Hamilton College where he was President of the Chi Psi fraternity and earned a letter in La-crosse while completing his pre-med curriculum. He graduated from Syracuse University College of Medicine in 1954, and completed Residency at New York Hospital. "Doc" became an attending physician at Greenwich Hospital and started his local private practice in Psychiatry in 1960. Bill served as Chairman of the Hospital's Department of Psychiatry and Director of its Psychiatric Clinic for many years. He published several books and articles on Psychiatric disorders and was a member of numerous medical societies and organizations. Doc was a trusted medical resource and confidant to so many in every part of Greenwich society well into his 90s.

While at Hamilton, he met Carol Anthony, a scholarship student at Syracuse University in both music and science, beginning a 65-year love affair. They married in 1952 as he continued his medical education and training, ultimately coming to Greenwich to raise their three daughters Lisa, Grace and Alice. He was one of the earliest members of both Burn-ing Tree Country Club and the Bay Hill Club, and a longstanding member of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich.

Bill was also a true Renaissance Man, with passions and true expertise ranging widely from antiques, fine art, first edition books, jazz and swing music, ballroom dancing with Carol, Syracuse sports, and club golf. A fierce competitor on the course, his golf trophies include every club in Greenwich as he was never out of a hole or a match. Along with his many golf friends he played great courses all over the world, and his Pine Valley golf story has become spoken legend.

Bill was predeceased by Carol and his brother Geoffrey A. Hampton, Esq., and is survived by daughters Lisa Hampton, Grace Hillman and Alice Rusk, M.D. (Rob), grandchildren Elizabeth Slate, Walker Nadeau, Edward Nadeau, Janice Hillman, Richard Hillman, Will Rusk (Mandy), Scott Rusk, Robby Rusk, and great granddaughter Mobius Rutledge.

Bill's family hosted friends on Monday, February 23, at the Fred D. Knapp/Coxe and Graziano Funeral Home, in Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests

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that dona-tions be made in his name to the Annual Fund at Greenwich Hospital at <https://giving.greenhosp.org/ways-to-give/donate/> or by mail to the Greenwich Hospital Office of Development, 35 River Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807.

## JUDITH DZIAK

Judith A. Dziak, age 81, of Greenwich, died on Sat-urday, February 14, 2026, at the Laurels of New London. Born August 3, 1944, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Marty Mae (Elhert) Deitreich.

Family was always the most important thing in Ju-dy's life. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and eventually great-grandmother who cherished the time spent with those she loved most and will be fondly remembered by all that knew and loved her.

Survivors include her daughter, Tracy Swafford; daughter-in-law, Stephanie Dziak; seven grand-children, Gabrielle Swafford, Jacob Swafford, Ethan Swafford, Cody Dziak, Lindsay Dziak, Dallas Tol-liver, and Jayla Tolliver; and two great-grandchildren, Lennon Swafford, and Waylon Tol-liver.

In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Dziak; son, Robert Dziak; daughter, Jennifer Dziak; brother, Robert Deitreich; and sister, Joy Carter.

In accordance with Judy's wishes, there will be no services at this time.



## STEPHEN ZAMMIT

Stephen James Zammit, Sr., of Milton, MA, former-ly of Greenwich, CT, passed away peacefully on February 14, 2026, after a brave battle with inter-stitial lung disease. Steve was the son of the late Philip and Beulah (Schexnayder) Zammit of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Steve earned his undergraduate degree and Ph.D. at Florida State University. It was there that he met the love of his life, Vitoria Nascimento, of Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Steve and Vitoria shared 48 beautiful years of marriage and had one son, Ste-phen Zammit, Jr., of Wellesley, Mass.

Steve's intellectual curiosity led him to several ful-filling careers. He began as a math teacher in Florida before moving to Massachusetts, where he worked in corporate training at Digital Equipment Corporation for eighteen years. He later transi-tioned into management consulting before finding a passion for real estate sales in Greenwich, CT.

While Steve found professional success across di-verse fields, his greatest joy came from being a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He treasured his four grandchildren and delighted in sharing his love of learning and play with them. He spent many hours teaching them chess, hearts, and Monopoly. He loved attending Catherine's theater performances, listening to Sean play guitar, and watching Luke and Finn build their latest Lego crea-tions.

Beyond his devotion to family, Steve nurtured a lifelong love for cooking, gardening and reading. His Thanksgiving dinners were legendary. Christ-mas was his favorite season, and he was blessed to spend one final cherished holiday with his brother, Phil, niece, Lynn, and the rest of his family.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Vitoria; his lov-ing son, Stephen, and daughter-in-law, Jennifer; beloved grandchildren, Sean, Catherine, Luke and Finn; loving brother, Philip

(Judith) Zammit; sis-ters-in-law, Cirlene Resende and Irlene Nascimen-to; and extended family whom he adored.

A private service will be held for the family.

In lieu of flowers, the Zammit family kindly re-quests that memorial gifts be made in Steve's name to the ILD Clinical and Translational Research Fund 227400 at Massachusetts General Hospital, to support its ongoing work in interstitial lung disease. Gifts may be made online at [giving.massgeneral.org](https://giving.massgeneral.org) or by checks made pay-able to Mass General Hospital that can be mailed to: Massachusetts General Hospital Development Office, Attention: Connor Burns/Steve Zammit Family, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114, office phone: 857-260-4873.



## JOAN DEROSA

Joan Ruth DeRosa passed peacefully away on Feb-ruary 14, 2026, at the Ted & Diane Brandley House Hospice in Summerfield, FL, also known as Hospice of Marion County.

Born November 5, 1939 to her loving parents Jo-seph and Ruth Gaudet of New Jersey, she was the eldest of six children that included Frances, Linda, Marie, Joseph and Michael Gaudet.

Joan was happily married to Gabriel DeRosa for 67 years, and they resided in The Villages for the past 24 years. Prior to that, she was a long-time resi-dent of Greenwich, CT where she worked and raised a family. In addition to her husband, Gabri-el, Joan is also survived by her two sons and their spouses, Andrew DeRosa (Karen) of Stamford, CT, and Jeffrey DeRosa (Jeanne) of Norwalk, CT.

Joan was predeceased by her much loved daugh-ter, Lisa Ann DeRosa in 2012.

She is also survived by four grandchildren, Kaitlin Leigh Santos (Alex), Kevin Joseph DeRosa, Jeffrey John DeRosa and Jacqueline Valerie DeRosa, all of whom she loved and adored and who were the cen-ter of her life. She is also survived by her many nieces and nephews.

Before retirement, Joan worked for Philips Medical Devices, Stamford, CT, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel as an Executive Assistant to the General Manager in Greenwich, CT.

She moved with her husband to the Greenbriar Vil-las in The Villages where she enjoyed playing golf and socializing. She especially enjoyed their mem-bership at the Italian American Club and participat-ed in many social activities including cruises to des-tinations all over the world, her favorite being Ita-ly. Joan was also a big baseball fan and an unapol-ogetic Yankee fan. She attended Spring Training games in Tampa, scouting the lineup with her fami-ly and friends. She proudly wore her #99 pinstripe jersey (her favorite player), to all games. In her later years, she enjoyed walking in the neigh-borhood daily and looked forward to saying hello to all the regular walkers and their pets in the neigh-berhood.

A Mass was held at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Belleview, FL, on Feb 25. A burial was held in pri-vate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Hospice of Marion County.



## MARY LINCOLN

Mary R. Lincoln passed away peacefully at Kendal in Hanover, NH, on Thursday morning, February 12, 2026, at 97. Her strength of spirit, devotion to others, and passion for her family, friends, favorite causes, and life were, and will remain, an inspira-tion.

Born Mary Fahnestock Richardson on October 7, 1928, in Greenwich, CT, to Charlotte Fahnestock and Thomas de Quartel Richardson III, she was raised by her mother after her parents divorced. She attended Greenwich Academy, where she was President of the Athletic Association and a field hockey star. After graduation, she elected to re-main in Greenwich to provide support for her mother and worked at Greenwich Country Day school while taking courses at Merrill Business School in Stamford and extension classes at the University of Connecticut.

At eighteen, she and three friends rode their bikes six miles from Greenwich to Rye, NY, and crashed a formal dance at the Apawamis Club in their blue jeans, which led a young Princeton undergrad named John Lincoln to cut in and ask her for a dance. Two years later, on September 9, 1949, the couple were married in Greenwich. They settled on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, where John pursued a Masters in English at Columbia University and Mary worked for TIME Magazine in the direct mail department. A year later, John joined the Eng-lish department at The Choate School in Wallingford, CT, and Mary, always brave, embraced being a dorm mother to 60 adolescent boys.

In 1952, she gave birth to her own boy, Peter McLure Lincoln, who was followed four years later by Christopher Scott Lincoln. In 1960, she and John went to Greece for a two-year appointment at Ath-ens College, where the family explored the country and traveled widely across Europe during vaca-tions. Returning to Choate in 1962, Mary gave birth to a third son, Brian Hoover Lincoln.

In the mid '60s, committed to serving underprivi-leged high school students, Mary and John spent three summers in Hanover as part of the A Better Chance (ABC) Program, sponsored by the Tucker Foundation at Dartmouth College. In 1969, when John joined the Dartmouth English department, Mary took a job in the Dartmouth College Athletic Department ticket office and soon became its man-ager. Five years later, Athletic Director Seaver Pe-ters asked her to apply to become Business Man-ager of the Athletic Department; she was hired, making her the first woman to hold that role in the Ivy League (and one, remarkably, without a col-lege degree). From 1979-1989, Mary oversaw the business side of Dartmouth's intercollegiate athletic program, which encompassed over 30 varsity sports, plus major intramural and physical educa-tion programs.

Following her retirement, she and John traveled widely and spent winters at a second home in Na-ples, Florida. When John suffered a near fatal aortic aneurysm and subsequent stroke, Mary became his full-time caregiver for 13 years until his death at 83, on the eve of their 60th anniversary. Living at The Greens in Hanover, she served on the board until 2020, when she moved to Kendal, where she joined the Residents Council and Welcoming Com-mittee and enjoyed being part of an 'HH' (Happy Hour) group. Over the years, she organized a stag-gering 33 different moves to residences at Choate, in Hanover, Norwich, Cape Cod, Maine, and Flori-da, buying, selling, renovating, and furnishing properties.

Mary loved living in northern New England and served on many volunteer boards in Connecticut and the Upper Valley, including the Dresden ABC Board, Planned Parenthood of the Upper Valley, Town of Hanover Finance Committee, and Dart-mouth Hitchcock Medical Center, which recognized her and John with the Amsden Award for Volun-teers of the Year. She was among the first women welcomed into the Hanover Rotary.

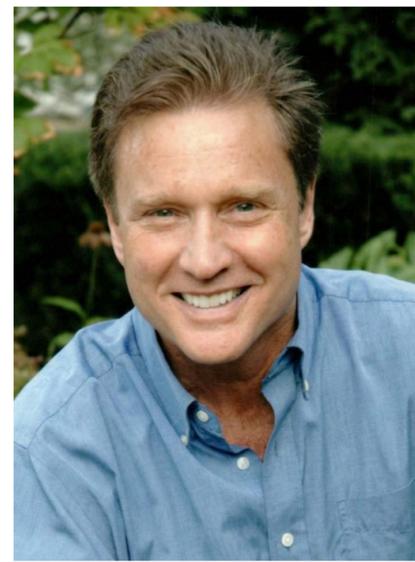
Young at heart, with a lively spirit,

Mary was ahead of her time and fiercely independent, still driving her car at age 96 to fetch favorite items at the Hanover Food Co-op. She was a gifted athlete who played tennis into her late 80's, and loved working in her gardens, a good party, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Louise Penny novels, and spend-ing time with her extended family. Her three se-crets to a long life: a rare steak, dark chocolate, and Maker's Mark bourbon (a.k.a. Mary's Mark). She may be gone, but her light shines brightly in our hearts, souls, and memories.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, John, and her older brother, Thomas de Quartel Richardson IV. She is survived by her sons Peter (Susan Kantrowitz), Chris (Cecy), and Brian (Robin); by her grandsons, Nolan (Christy) and Nick; her granddaughter, Izzy, and her step-grandsons, Billy and Ryan Colbert; and by her great grandchildren, Riley and Briggs.

The family would like to thank her longstanding physician, Adam Schwarz, for his insightful and lov-ing care over many decades, and the medical staff at Kendal for their wonderful treatment of Mary over her final weeks.

A celebration of her life will be held at Kendal on March 21 at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to your favorite chari-ty in Mary's name.



## ROBERT JANELLI

Robert Anthony Janelli, 72, of Greenwich, passed away on February 1, 2026. Born on September 9, 1953, he was the son of Mary and Guido Janelli and grew up in Margate, New Jersey, where he formed lifelong friendships and cherished memories of playing baseball and basketball and spending summer days at the beach.

Robert was a graduate of Ohio University and earned his MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management in Phoenix, Arizona. He turned his passion for travel into a successful career, spending 25 years with The Seagram Company as Manager of International Wines and Spirits Sales. Early in his career, he lived in Hong Kong and throughout his years with Seagram's he traveled extensively to meet with clients and partners around the world. He continued his career and love for wine with Highland Imports as a wine distributor prior to retirement.

Robert was known for his warmth, easygoing na-ture, and gift for conversation. He loved to laugh, share good food and wine, and had an infamous sweet tooth - never turning down a cookie. He en-joyed walks at Todd's Point and was a devoted fan of football and basketball. A lifelong learner and avid reader, he was especially interested in health and spirituality. He believed deeply in the im-portance of kindness, integrity, humor, and mean-ingful conversation, values he instilled in his chil-dren.

Travel remained one of Robert's greatest passions. In retirement, he studied Spanish in San Miguel de Allende and continued exploring the world, includ-ing South Africa, Costa Rica, Spain, Portugal, Tur-keky and Italy. While he loved experiencing new cultures and adventures, he was most proud of his family. He was present for all of his children's mile-stones, sporting events, graduations, and parents' weekends, and treasured his role as an adored grandfather. He was always ready to play, tease, and make his grandchildren laugh.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Cheryl Bullard Janelli, and his parents, Mary and Guido Janelli. He is survived by his children, Laura Janelli Craumer (Zack) and Robert Cole Janelli; his cher-ished grandchildren, Georgia, Clark, and Lucy Craumer; and his siblings, Linda Janelli and John Janelli.

A celebration of life will be held on February 26 at 11:00 a.m. at First Congregational Church of Greenwich.

His laughter, love, and friendship will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

# Worship Directory and Services

## Assemblies of God

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

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. Anchor Night for Young Adults, 3rd Fri of month. *Adult Choir Auditions: Thursday, February 26, 6pm. Great American Prayer for Revival (New Haven): Sunday, March 1.*

## Baptist

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

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

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

Worship: Sun, 11am (in person and online through Facebook & YouTube). Children Sunday School: 9:30am, ages 9-14y. Adult Bible Study: Sun, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall. Prayer Gathering: Wed, 7pm, Pastor's Office or virtual on Google Meets. *All Church PotLuck Luncheon: Sunday, March 1 (Every 1st Sunday of the month), following Service, Everyone is welcome.*

## Catholic

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

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. *Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, at Church, All are Welcome. Family Mass with Breakfast: Sunday, March 8, 9:30am.*

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

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

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm - Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine's Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine's Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church; 5:15pm - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30pm. *Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals - Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or ParishPartners@stc-sta.org. New Book Club for Moms: Wednesdays through April 1, 7:15pm, momsstcath@gmail.com. St. Catherine's Players presents "Godspell": Feb. 27, 8pm; Feb. 28, 7pm; March 1, 2pm; March 6, 8pm; March 7, 7pm & March 8, 2pm, 203-637-3661 x327, sep.ludus.com.*

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

Public Mass: Sun, 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm. *Lent: Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent, 7pm, in the Church; Via Crucis en Español - Fridays of Lent, 7pm, in the Church; Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions heard in the Chapel: Fridays, 11:30am; Saturdays, 4-5pm; in Spanish, 6-6:45pm; Monday, March 30, 6-8pm. Adoration: Fridays, 10am-3pm.*

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

Mass: Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:15pm. Sunday Masses: 8am, 9:45am, 12pm, 5:15pm. Daily Masses: Mon-Sat, 9am. *Stations of the Cross: Friday,*

*Feb. 27, 6-7pm. Second Sunday of Lent Mass: The Transfiguration: Sunday, March 1, 8am. Vigil Mass Third Sunday of Lent: Anointing of the Sick: Saturday, March 7, 5:15pm.*

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

Mass: Saturday Vigil Mass, 4pm. Sunday Mass, 11am.

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 8am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Daily, 7:30am; Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. *Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thu. of every month, 7:30pm. Fridays in Lent: Candlelit Stations of the Cross, every Friday, 5:30pm, followed by soup & bread in the Parish Center, all are welcome. Irish Soda Bread Bake Shop Sale: After Masses on March 7 & 8, if you would like to donate an item such as Irish Soda Bread, Scones, or an Irish Tea Cake, please contact Debbie Parker at 203-898-5999.*

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

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time. *Lent: Sunday Masses: Sat, 4pm Vigil; Sun, 7:30am, 10am & 12pm (in Spanish). Week-day Masses: Mon-Fri, 6pm. Confessions: Mon-Thu, 5:30-6pm; Fri, 5-5:30pm; Sat, 3-3:45pm; Sun, 11:30am-12pm. Fridays: Confessions, 5pm; Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm; Mass, 6pm; Stations of the Cross (in Spanish), 7pm. Following the Mass, all are welcome to a Lenten soup in the basement. Adoration: 1st Fri, 9am-5pm.*

## Christian Science

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

Sundays: Church and Sunday School at 10:30. Weds. 7:30pm testimonies of healing. Call # for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520. Reading Room 333 Greenwich Ave. M-F 1:00-5:00 203-869-2503. Bibles, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, children's books, and more. *Sunday Sermons: March 1: Christ Jesus. March 8: Man. March 15: Substance.*

## Community

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. *February message - Black History Month: We observe and celebrate the contributions of all God's children to United States history. We reject and lament the exclusions and celebrate all reminders of inclusions in United States history in 2026. Thanks be to God for reminders, recollections, and honesty.*

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children's Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. *Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. Round Hill Art & Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm. Youth Movie Night & Dinner for Middle and High School Students Gathering: Friday, March 6, 5:30-8:30pm, Bring your friends, Contact Leticia at 860-519-8595 or Lillian: Lillian@roundhillcommunitychurch.org.*

## Congregational

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

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

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

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

**Second Congregational Church**  
139 E Putnam Ave;  
203-869-9311

www.2cc.org

Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am. Livestream available for 10:30am service. Children's Chapel during 10:30am worship. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @2CCGreenwich. All are welcome here! *Women's Prayer Group: Thursday, February 26, 7. Teddy Bear Story Time at Coffee for Good: Saturday, February 28, 8am.*

## Episcopal

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

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

## Christ Church Greenwich

254 E. Putnam Ave;  
203-869-6600  
www.christchurchgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Friday Bible Study with Rev. Tim Hamlin: Fri, 10am. Messy Church Eucharist: Sun, 8:45am. Bagels & Bibles: Sun, 10:05am. Sacred Ground Group Discussion Series: Mondays, March 2, 16, 30; April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 6:30pm, on Zoom. Lenten Quiet Day: Saturday, Feb. 28, 8:30am-12pm. Sacred Ground Readers Book Group: "Grace Will Lead Us Home": Tuesday, March 3, 12-1pm, Dogwood Mezzanine. Caregivers Connect: Wednesday, March 4, 5:30pm, Zoom. Organ Recital with Jonathan Vaughn: Saturday, March 7, 5-6pm. Volunteer to pack DOMUS lunches: Sunday, March 8, after Messy Church. Sunday Forum: The Rev. Canon Nicholas Porter: Sunday, March 8, 11:15am. Joyful Noise with Anna Jacobson: Sunday, March 8, 5pm.*

## St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526  
www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

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

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.;  
203-637-2447  
www.stpaulsriverdale.org

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs - drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. *Bingo - pizza, fun & games: Saturday, Feb. 28, 5pm, All are welcome.*

## St. Saviour's Episcopal Church

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

Worship: Please join us every Sunday for Holy Eucharist at 10am (in person and on Zoom). Coffee Hour immediately following our worship service. Please visit our website for the Zoom link and to sign up for our Newsletter. Come and See!

## Jewish

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

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. *Soul Spa: The Five Books of Miriam: Uplifting Feminine Voices: Sat, 10am-12pm, on Zoom. Unlocking the Jewish Prayerbook-Opening the Liturgy: Sun, 5-6pm. Purim in Israel: Tuesday, March 3, 4pm.*

## Congregation Shir Ami

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

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. *Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Meet the Midrash: Saturdays, 10am, through Aug. 9, on Zoom. Shabbat Service: Friday, March 6, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich.*

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for

Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Purim at GRS: Friday, Feb. 27 & Sunday, March 1.*

## Temple Shalom

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

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Shabbat Mishpacha: Saturday, Feb. 28, 11:15am. Tango & Torte Social for Adults: Saturday, Feb. 28, 7:30pm. Together Shabbat for Young Families: Friday, March 6, 5:30pm. Sisterhood Shabbat & Luncheon: Saturday, March 7, 10:30am*

## Lutheran

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

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

## Methodist

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Nondenominational

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

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

## Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC

293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615  
www.Center4SpiritualDev.org

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Guided Meditation: Tuesdays, March 3 & 10, 9-9:45am, Free, All are welcome.*

## Trinity Church

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

All are invited to Trinity's morning Worship Service at 10am every Sunday. We meet at the Hyatt Regency, 1800 E Putnam, Old Greenwich. Kids programs are offered for up to 5th grade and Youth programs are available for middle & high schoolers. Livestream and recorded messages can be viewed at www.trinitychurch.life. Hope you can make it! *Worship Night: Thursday, Feb. 26, 7-8pm. Women's Breakfast: Saturday, March 7, 9-11am. "Feed My Starving Children" Food Packing Event: Saturday, March 7, 3-5pm.*

## Presbyterian

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Lenten Dinner: Wednesday, March 4, 5:30-7:30pm. Lenten Vespers: Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-7:30pm.*

## Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave.  
203-861-7555  
www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sundays, 10am, The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich, 4 Horseneck Ln. & 4:30pm, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Church Lunch: 1st Sunday of every month, 12-2pm, Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich. Prayer Meeting: 3rd Sunday of every month, 10-10:30am, Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich. All are welcome. *Church Lunch: Sunday, March 1, 11:15am-12:30pm.*

## Living Hope Community Church

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

Worship In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/livestream): Sundays: 10am. *Forum for Fathers: Are you a man with or who has kids or family members with ADHD? We meet Sundays at 9am at the church to pray, seek God, and encourage each other. Contact Todd.klair@gmail.com for more information. Share the Good News Seminar: Saturday, Feb. 28, 9:30am-2:30pm.*

# Hamilton Avenue Extended Day Preschool Pilot Launches with the Help of Greenwich United Way

Hamilton Avenue School launched a pilot program for extended day preschool this month, expanding access to high-quality early childhood education at no additional cost for local families. The program's curriculum was designed as an extension of Greenwich United Way's Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions (ECAGS).

Thanks to the generosity of a donor to the Greenwich United Way, families of Hamilton Avenue students now have the option of extending their preschooler's day with a later dismissal, allowing more flexibility for working parents while students benefit from additional hours in the classroom with their teachers. The new program, PreK Play, debuted earlier this month with 16 students enrolled. The program is staffed by two GPS teachers as liaisons

and three paraprofessionals provide instruction to the students.

"The PreK Play program at Hamilton Avenue is proving to be a vital success, transforming the hours after school into a launchpad for our youngest learners," said Kathryn Natale, program coordinator for preschool and out-of-district placements with Greenwich Public Schools. "By blending a safe, familiar environment with intentional play-based enrichment, we're not just supporting working families, we're ensuring every child, regardless of background, gains the confidence and social-emotional foundation essential for long-term academic success."

Working from its ECAGS expertise, Greenwich United Way collaborated with Greenwich Public Schools to develop the timing and structure of the PreK Play program. Greenwich United Way's

preschool instructional coach (PSIC) serves as an advisor with the goal of PreK Play mirroring the school day curriculum.

"Hamilton Avenue School's extended preschool day reflects the type of evidence-based, partnership-driven solutions we aim to advance through our Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions program as we work to narrow the achievement gap in Greenwich," said David Rabin, CEO of Greenwich United Way. "High-quality early childhood experiences are among the strongest predictors of long-term academic success. By removing cost barriers and expanding access, we help ensure more Greenwich children enter kindergarten ready to thrive. The program will be evaluated throughout the school year to assess outcomes and explore opportunities for expansion to additional schools."

## Excellence, Every Shift

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

At The Nathaniel Witherell, exceptional care isn't a goal - it's a daily promise. And it's one the organization continues to deliver on by going above and beyond what's required, every single day.

Long before staffing levels at long-term care facilities became a national conversation, The Nathaniel Witherell made a deliberate choice: exceed state and federal staffing thresholds - not because it had to, but because seniors and veterans at The Nathaniel Witherell deserve nothing less than top-rated care. That commitment shows up where it matters most: in time spent, needs anticipated, and care delivered with dignity and compassion.

A point of pride for both the organization and the Town of Greenwich, The Nathaniel Witherell proudly holds a five-star staffing rating - a distinction that reflects deep investment in people, planning, and quality. Behind that rating is a powerful reality: an RN in the building 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ensuring expert clinical care is always immediately available. Day or night, aging adults and families can feel confident knowing

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skilled nursing leadership is always close at hand.

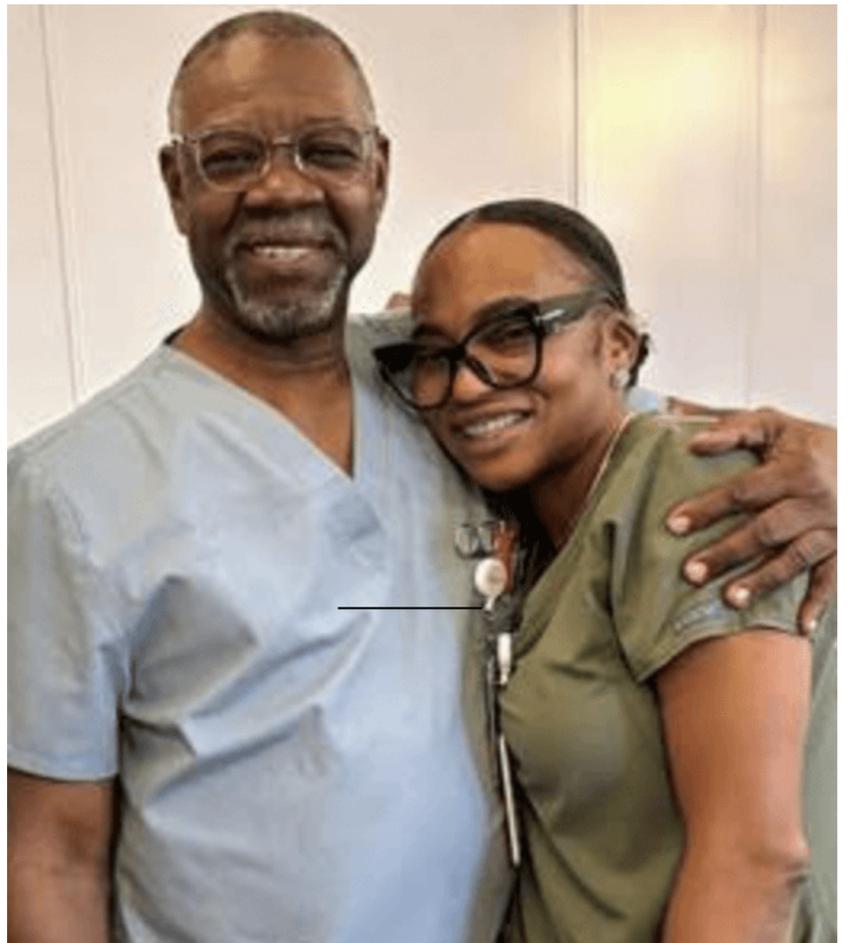
But, The Nathaniel Witherell isn't standing still. With eyes firmly on the future, the organization continues to invest in education, training, and upskilling its nursing staff, ensuring care teams are prepared to meet increasingly complex medical needs. This forward-thinking approach will position The Nathaniel Witherell to care for individuals with more serious and complicated conditions right here in the community, providing vital support to families who want high-quality care close to home.

In an era when many facilities struggle to meet minimum requirements, The Nathaniel Witherell continues to raise the bar - voluntarily, thoughtfully, and proudly. It's care delivered with intention. It's staffing done right. And it's a powerful reflection of a community that believes its seniors and families deserve the very best.

Above and beyond isn't a slogan at The Nathaniel Witherell - it's the standard.

Through the dedicated support of Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, this commitment to excellence continues. Your donation directly strengthens the quality of care provided to the seniors and veterans who call The Nathaniel Witherell home. To make a meaningful difference, please contact Friends of Nathaniel Witherell at [friendsofnathanielwitherell.org](https://www.friendsofnathanielwitherell.org). For the latest updates, stories, and ways to support, follow Friends of Nathaniel Witherell on Instagram @friendsofnathanielwitherell.

To learn more about The Nathaniel Witherell visit <https://www.thenathanielwitherell.org>.



Nursing staff at The Nathaniel Witherell

## YMCA Expands Camp Programming To Meet Growing Needs

The YMCA of Greenwich will expand its summer camp programming in 2026 through a new collaboration with Scouting America Greenwich, allowing YMCA programs to operate at Camp Seton beginning this summer, the organization announced Tuesday.

The expansion is designed to address growing demand for affordable, full-day summer childcare, limited outdoor programming for older youth and teens, and the temporary absence of traditional Scouting America summer camps at Camp Seton this year.

"This collaboration between two great youth-serving organizations, Greenwich Council, Scouting America and the YMCA of Greenwich, reflects a shared commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for local children and families," said Ray Garrison, Chief Executive Officer of Scouting America, Greenwich Council. "While we are taking this summer off from our traditional program, we will continue to offer year-round experiences at Camp Seton and look forward to welcoming campers back next summer. Together, this collaboration helps ensure that kids in our community continue to have access to high-quality, enriching summer camp experiences."

Camp Seton, a longstanding local site for outdoor youth programming, will host YMCA summer camp operations while Scouting America Greenwich pauses its traditional summer camp schedule for 2026.

Matthew Skaarup, Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Greenwich, said the expansion aligns with the organization's mission to respond to community needs.

"At the YMCA, our mission calls us to continually respond to the evolving needs of our community, especially when it comes to supporting children and families," Skaarup said. "Expanding our summer camp opportunities allows us to create more spaces where young people can learn, grow, and thrive. We are deeply grateful to the leadership of Scouting

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America, Greenwich Council, for their partnership."

YMCA officials said demand for summer childcare has increased annually, outpacing the capacity of the organization's downtown facility on East Putnam Avenue. By adding Camp Seton, the YMCA expects to serve more families and broaden its outdoor programming without requiring families to seek private or out-of-town alternatives.

The organization also announced an expansion of its financial assistance commitment. Approximately 50 percent of camp capacity will be reserved for families receiving financial assistance, including working families who may not qualify for traditional aid.

In partnership with the Greenwich Department of Human Services, the YMCA participates in the town's Campership Program, which enables children ages 5 to 14 from low-income families to attend summer camp. This year, the YMCA increased its campership commitment from 65 weeks to 100 weeks, a 54 percent increase over last summer.

"At the Y, access matters," Skaarup said. "Increasing our campership commitment in partnership with the Department of Human Services is a reflection of our promise to show up for families and remove barriers so every child can benefit from summer camp, regardless of their family's financial circumstances."

Water safety will remain central to YMCA programming. Most YMCA summer camps incorporate swim instruction or water-based activities, designed to build foundational water

safety skills and comfort in aquatic environments.

Youth development, one of the YMCA's three pillars, will also shape the expanded offerings. The organization has broadened programming for older youth through its Leader in Training program for students in sixth and seventh grades and its Counselor in Training program for students in eighth through 10th grades.

According to the YMCA, participants in those programs receive structured leadership development that includes instruction in communication skills, conflict resolution, teamwork, camper supervision and workplace expectations. Counselor in Training participants assume increasing responsibility supporting counselors and younger campers under staff mentorship.

The YMCA's 2026 summer lineup will serve children from 6 months through 10th grade. In addition to traditional day camps, the organization will offer one-week specialty camps for teens and teens at both Camp Seton and the downtown YMCA campus.

At Camp Seton, specialty programs will emphasize outdoor activities such as archery, climbing, hiking, outdoor survival skills and environmental exploration. At the YMCA's downtown campus, aquatics-based specialty camps will focus on strengthening swim skills and water confidence.

The YMCA has also expanded project-based specialty camps through partnerships including Code Ninjas, offering programming in entrepreneurship, coding, video and content creation, animation and 3D printing.

Summer camp registration opened in early January and has recorded the highest demand in recent years, according to the YMCA. Families can learn more or apply for financial assistance at [greenwichymca.org](https://www.greenwichymca.org).

The YMCA of Greenwich, founded in 1916, provides programs focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

# REAL ESTATE DASHBOARD

## NEW LISTINGS

TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964

Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
11 River Road 119	\$875,000	\$793	1,104	0.1	2	2	Cos Cob
11 Rex Street	\$875,000	\$822	1,064	0.11	3	2	Pemberwick
33 Chapel Street	\$995,000	\$767	1,297	0.12	3	2	Pemberwick
55 Byram Terrace Drive B	\$1,275,000	\$490	2,601	0.18	2	2	South Parkway
98 Hillcrest Park Road	\$2,150,000	\$652	3,298	0.33	4	3	Cos Cob
341 Sound Beach Avenue	\$2,800,000	\$886	3,160	0.42	4	2	Old Greenwich
47 Owenoke Way	\$3,995,000	\$883	4,524	0.42	5	3	Riverside
14 Pinecroft Road	\$5,795,000	\$1,346	4,304	2.14	4	3	South Parkway
26 Glen Avon Drive	\$5,995,000	\$1,112	5,389	0.84	6	5	Riverside
30 Meadowbank Road	\$6,250,000	\$1,389	4,500	0.25	4	5	Old Greenwich
247 Riverside Avenue	\$8,295,000	\$875	9,485	0.45	6	8	Riverside
212 Bedford Road	\$8,895,000	\$756	11,765	2.82	8	8	North Parkway
161 Peckslan Road	\$8,995,000	\$833	10,800	2	6	6	South Parkway
8 Fox Run Lane	\$21,000,000	\$1,492	14,071	5.42	8	9	South Parkway
44 & 40 Mayo Avenue	\$24,900,000	\$1,367	18,217	2.74	7	6	South of Post

## FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

Data Compiled by Rob Pulitano (203) 561-8092

Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
16 Summit Road	Riverside	\$3,999,995	Sat 1-4 PM	Compass
11 Rex Street	Greenwich	\$875,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
55 Byram Terrace Dr. #B	Greenwich	\$1,275,000	Sat 10-12 PM	Sotheby's

## NEW SALES

TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
1465 E Putnam Ave	\$540,000	\$540,000	\$560,000	9	1	1	0	912
453 E Putnam Ave	\$849,500	\$849,500	\$850,000	29	2	2	0	1,464
25 Hoover Road	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$900,000	26	3	1	0.21	1,155
84 Havemeyer Lane	\$899,900	\$899,900	\$1,050,000	19	3	2	0.29	1,388
75 Ritch Avenue A	\$998,000	\$998,000	\$1,008,000	87	4	2	0	2,380
37 Miltiades Avenue	\$2,125,000	\$1,999,000	\$1,999,000	158	4	2	0.32	2,540
24 Valley Road	\$2,478,000	\$2,198,000	\$2,400,000	56	4	4	0.13	3,221
28 North Ridge Road	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	16	4	4	0.24	3,814
63 Wesskum Wood	\$4,190,000	\$4,190,000	\$5,148,000	9	5	5	0.46	4,730
8 Park Avenue	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,900,000	64	6	6	0.53	4,246
3 Roger Drive	\$6,270,000	\$6,270,000	\$6,270,000	0	5	5	2.32	7,161

# 'Modernism, Inc.'



BY JOHN ENGEL

I just met a man from Nebraska in the lobby who said, "What is the Glass House?" After my brief explanation he asked, "So, why is this important?"

I've written about some of New Canaan's midcentury modern houses in this column, the Leuthold and Round Houses, and architects Laszlo Papp and Landis Gores. But the man from Nebraska is right: It's time to start at the beginning and answer the fundamental question, "What is Modernism, and why should we care?"

And why now? Because the New Canaan Playhouse is about to premiere *Modernism, Inc., The Eliot Noyes Design Story* on Sunday, March 1, and the Eliot Noyes Center is about to open. This is a big week for Modernism in New Canaan.

### So, what is Modernism?

For most of human history, architecture meant one simple thing: walls holding up a roof.

Mud brick in Mesopotamia. Timber framing in Medieval Europe. Colonial saltboxes in New England. The walls were thick because they had to be. They carried the weight. Windows were small because cutting too much out of a wall weakened the structure.

Even when steel arrived in the late 19th century and skyscrapers began to rise, most houses were still built the old way. The walls did the work.

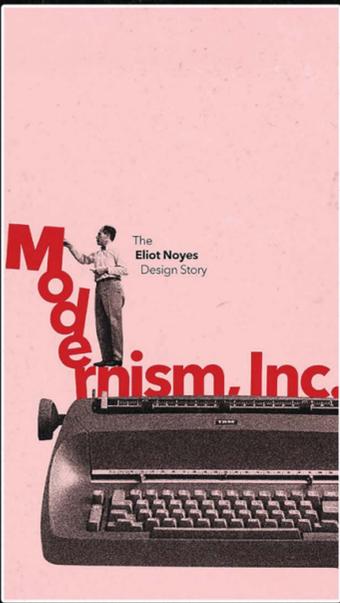
### Modernism changed that.

Once steel and reinforced concrete columns could carry the structural load, the walls were relieved of duty. They could thin out. They could open up. And finally, they could disappear.

That structural shift — the freedom from load-bearing walls and the move to a skeletal frame — coincided with other key developments. Newly available materials like glass and concrete, changes in labor building skills, and, importantly, a major shift in social organization all came together in this town. That makes New Canaan a special place for understanding the evolution in architectural thinking that marked the beginning of modern architecture.

In 1926, Le Corbusier gave the movement a vocabulary, outlining what he called the Five Points of Modern Architecture. The essence was simple: Lift the structure off the ground on columns, free the interior from load-bearing walls, free the façade from structural limits, stretch windows horizontally to bring in light, and reclaim the roof as usable space.

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Modernism Inc:  
The Eliot Noyes  
Design Story  
With a special Q&A  
featuring Fred Noyes  
Architect, Son of  
Eliot Noyes

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And you can see it in the Glass House. Steel columns carry the weight. The walls are glass. The plan is open. The roof is flat. Nothing is pretending to be something it isn't.

That leads us to New Canaan in 1946. Philip Johnson had served as curator of architecture and design at the Museum of Modern Art from 1932 to 1936, introducing America to the new European style. In 1946, he returned to MoMA as the Director of Architecture and Design, and that year, he bought the land on Ponus Ridge in New Canaan that would become the site of his famous Glass House.

Johnson's greatest contribution to the Midcentury Modern movement might not be as an architect but as a promoter and catalyst of the movement. In New York, he curated major exhibitions: *Modern Architecture: International Exhibition* (1932); *Machine Art* (1934); *Mies Van der Rohe* (1947); *From Le Corbusier to Niemeyer* (1949); and *Painting and Sculpture in Architecture* (1949). In addition, to exhibitions educating the public to this new, European style of architecture, he designed MoMA's East Wing (1951), Sculpture Garden (1953), Garden Wing (1964), and the East Wing Addition.

As for New Canaan, Eliot Noyes

was the first to arrive and became the catalyst for modern building here. He started his search in Westport and rented there briefly before settling in New Canaan, persuading his friends and colleagues Philip Johnson and Marcel Breuer to join him.

Marcel Breuer is significant because he and Walter Gropius were rather famous Bauhaus architects who had fled Germany before the war. Gropius was personally recruited by the Harvard dean to head the architecture school there and replace the Beaux Arts style with modernism. In 1937, they began teaching a generation of students — Philip Johnson, Eliot Noyes, John Johansen, and Landis Gores among them. All eventually move to New Canaan, who, along with Breuer, became known as the Harvard Five.

Breuer moved to New York in 1946 and New Canaan in 1947 because he found it difficult to raise his young son in New York City and because he wanted to be close to his student, Eliot Noyes, who had recently built a house in town. Johnson purchased five acres on Ponus for his own house in 1946, and by 1947, Breuer had done the same on Sunset Hill.

Landis Gores co-designed The Glass House with Johnson, drafting 27 different versions while they worked side by side from 1945-1951. Noyes supervised Breuer's house construction while Breuer was working in South America. Johansen was the rebel of the group, designing the Bridge House (1957) and the Upside Down House (1950).

Those houses were not isolated experiments. The ideas tested here would echo in office towers, corporate campuses, and homes across the country.

But the influence of these architects and their ideas spread way beyond houses and skyscrapers, and I suspect that is the main point of the film.

For Eliot Noyes, influence in architecture was not enough. Industrial design became a secondary focus for him. Even further, he worked with top management to help reorganize the structure of businesses themselves. His work for Mobil Oil and IBM transformed how companies thought about design.

Every gas station in America with a modern canopy over the pumps traces back to Noyes's designs for Mobil Oil — an early example was implemented here in New Canaan. Typewriters, once complicated mechanical tools, became simpler and more elegant in Noyes's IBM Selectric of 1961, now on display at the New Canaan Museum and

Historical Society.

As Noyes said, "Good design is good business," a phrase picked up by Thomas Watson Jr., IBM's CEO.

It wasn't a slogan. It reflected a shift in thinking: Design was not decoration added at the end. It was fundamental to the product, the building, even the process. Every visible element contributed to a unified whole.

That principle — that form and function are inseparable — is now so normal we barely notice it. Apple didn't invent it. IBM didn't invent it. The roots run straight through Noyes, through MoMA, through the Bauhaus, and through New Canaan.

So, when someone asks, "Why is the Glass House important?" the answer isn't because it's made of glass.

It's important because it represents a moment when architecture stopped pretending. Structure became visible. Space became flexible. Light became intentional. The house became a frame for living instead of a decorated box.

And that thinking didn't stop in 1951.

Look at Grace Farms. The River Building — that long, quiet ribbon of glass and steel designed by SANAA — floats over the landscape in a way that would have made Philip Johnson smile. Structure is minimal. Walls dissolve. The building bends with the land instead of dominating it — '50s ideas that have moved forward into the 21st century.

Grace Farms is a wonderful example of how Modernism isn't a style frozen in time. It's an ongoing conversation about light, structure, landscape, and restraint. The fact that one of the most significant contemporary buildings in America sits here, in the same town as the Glass House, is not an accident. It's continuity.

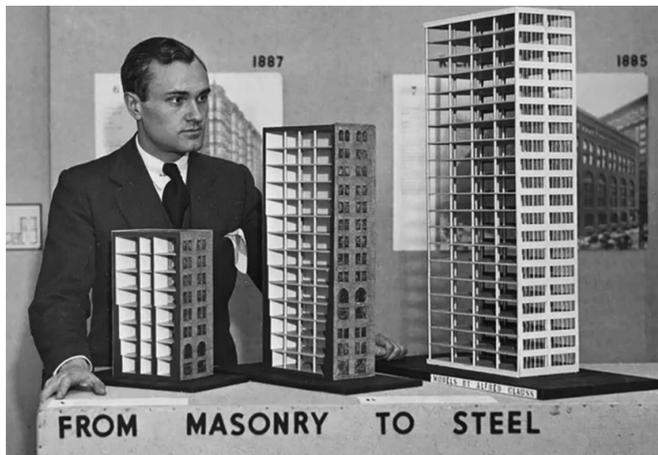
That's why this week matters. A film about Eliot Noyes. A design center opening. A renewed look at what happened here, starting in 1946.

Before we dismiss a flat roof or a glass wall as "just midcentury," it's worth remembering its origins: A group of architects came to a small Connecticut town and experimented with a new way of building. The ideas they tested didn't stay here. They spread — into offices, into products, into campuses, into the open floor plans buyers now expect.

That's why this week feels significant: not because we're celebrating old houses, but because we're being reminded that something real began here.

Note that as of this writing, the 6 p.m. show is sold out, and they've added a 6:30 show. Tickets are available at the playhouse website: [playhouse.cinemalab.com/home](http://playhouse.cinemalab.com/home).

John Engel is a broker with The Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, and his interest in modern design is not academic. His grandfather, Eugene Casey, learned industrial design working for Walter Dorwin Teague and Raymond Loewy in Manhattan before moving his firm, King-Casey, to Pine Street in New Canaan. There, he designed the green American Express card and the Merrill Lynch bull. John grew up around conversations about branding, structure, and strategic design. On Sunday, he will be in the audience when Fred Noyes introduces the film about his father. He understands what that moment feels like.



Philip Johnson at MoMA, c. 1932.



Eliot Noyes designed for Mobil and IBM, and his house in New Canaan, now the Eliot Noyes Center.

# Community Calendar

## FRIDAY, FEB. 27

### 10 a.m.

Vegetable Gardening Series - How to Start A Kitchen Garden For Beginners. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$10/ GCG or GBC Member, \$20/Non-Member. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

### 12, 1:30 & 3 p.m.

Behind the Scenes Archival Collections: Ephemera. Greenwich Historical Society. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

### 1 p.m.

Webinar: Secret of the Apps: Safeguarding Children in a Screen Driven World. Online. Free. Register. form.jotform.com/catalystct/secret-of-the-apps

### 3 p.m.

FeederWatch Fridays. Greenwich Audubon Center. All Ages. Free. Register. audubon.org/events?view\_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

### 4 p.m.

Escape Room: Escape the Lock-in at Dinosaur State Park (Ages 8-13). Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

### 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Teen Take Over Night - For Middle Schoolers. YMCA of Greenwich. Free. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

### 6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Alliance for Education's annual Trivia Challenge. Tamarack Club, 55 Locust Rd #2522, Greenwich. greenwichalliance.org/trivia-challenge-2026

### 7:30 p.m.

"12 Angry Men." Greenwich High School - Blackbox Theater, 10 Hillside Rd. \$10. ghs.greenwichschools.org/student-life/theater-productions.

### 8 p.m.

St. Catherine's Players: "Godspell." St. Catherine Church, 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside. 203-637-3661 x327. scp.ludus.com

## SATURDAY, FEB. 28

### 8 a.m.

Second Congregational Church: Teddy Bear Story Time. Coffee For Good, 48 Maple Avenue. 2cc.org

### 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Haiti Project - Haitian Art & Handcraft Sale. Second Congregational Church, 139 East Putnam Ave. Free entry. thehaitiproject.org/art-sales/greenwich-art-sale-2026

### 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Maple Sugar Day. Greenwich Land Trust, 370 Round Hill Road. \$10. Rain or shine. Register. gltrust.org/upcoming-events

### 2 - 3:15 p.m.

Service and Celebration: On Black Foodways, Hospitality, and Boarding House Culture. Greenwich Historical Society. Register. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

### 5:30 p.m.

Abilis 7th Annual Together We Shine. First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, 1 West Putnam Ave. abilis.us/event/save-the-date-together-we-shine

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 1

The 2026 Town of Greenwich Skating Competition. Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink, Sue Merz Way. 203-531-8560. greenwichct.gov

### 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Haiti Project - Haitian Art & Handcraft Sale. Second Congregational Church. Free entry. thehaitiproject.org/art-sales/greenwich-art-sale-2026

### 2 p.m.

Fred Elser First Sunday Science: Ecosystem Interactions: Sharing the Shore. Floren Family Environmental Center at Innis Arden Cottage, Tod's Point. Free. No park pass required. brucemuseum.org

### 2 p.m.

St. Catherine's Players: "Godspell." St. Catherine Church, 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside. 203-637-3661 x327. scp.ludus.com

### 2 p.m.

Gen Impact X Fundraiser. Soul-Cycle, 266 Mason St. eventbrite.com/e/1983204108876

### 3 p.m.

Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony concert. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. Adults, \$35; Students, \$5. chamberplayersofthegso.org

### 3 p.m.

Screening of "Fantastic Fungi Film." Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

### 3 p.m.

India Cultural Center - ICC's Children's Holi Party. Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich, 4 Horseneck Ln. \$25, children; \$35, adults. iccgreenwich.org

### 4 p.m.

Lenten Concert: A Musical Journey To The Cross. Stanwich Church, 202 Taconic Road. Free. eventbrite.com/e/1983388362985

## MONDAY, MARCH 2

### 9 a.m.

Greenwich Together presents "Why the Adolescent Brain Matters: Join Our Conversation on Substance Use" with Dr. Amy Swift. Greenwich Town Hall. 203-622-6556. GreenwichTogether@kidsin crisis.org

### 9 a.m.

Friends of Mianus River Park: 'Pliking'/ Hiking event. Meet at the bridge on Merri brooke Lane, Stamford. (Bring gloves and a small trash bag). 203-918-2548. friendsof mianusriverpark.org

### 1 p.m.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Historic Evergreens of the Montgomery Pinetum. Dress for the weather & wear suitable footwear. Registration is required. greenwichtreeconservancy.org/upcoming-events

### 1 p.m.

Greenwich Decorative Arts Society Lecture: "Santi Jewels: Pairing Museum-Worthy Gems with Contemporary Settings." On Zoom. greenwichdecorativearts.org

### 6 p.m.

Dad's Den - Dads Support Group with Greenwich Connects. YMCA of Greenwich. Free. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

### 7 p.m.

Book Discussion: "The Ministry for the Future": Part One. Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Register. 203-637-1066. adultprogramming@perrotlibrary.com. perrotlibrary.org

### 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony concert. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Adults, \$35; Students, \$5. chamberplayersofthegso.org

### 7 p.m.

City Art Tours - Info Session with Greenwich Art Society. On Zoom. luma.com/4d5y22bi

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3

### 9:30 a.m.

Perrot Memorial Library: Tod's Point. Meet at the second concession stand. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org.

perrotlibrary.org

### 10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Stacked Cardboard Sculptures (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, March 4. brucemuseum.org

### 1 p.m.

Open Knitting Drop-In Program. Perrot Memorial Library. Free. 203-637-1066. adultprogramming@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

### 1 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): The Power of the 4P's; Mastering your Marketing Mix. Online. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

### 4:15 p.m.

Debate Club (Ages 9-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

### 7 p.m.

Bestselling Authors Grant Ginder and Jenny Jackson. Athena Books, 228 Sound Beach Ave. eventbrite.com/e/1981891354392

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

### 9 a.m.

Coffee with a Curator. Bruce Museum. brucemuseum.org

### 10 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings Junior: Sculptures Big and Small (ages: 12 Months-30 Months). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. First come, first served. brucemuseum.org

### 11 a.m.

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Trevor Crow, LMFT, MBA "Bridging Generations: Parenting Adult Children and Grandchildren in a Changing Cultural Climate." Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

### 12 p.m.

Guided Exhibition Tours. Greenwich Historical Society. Free admission for all on the first Wednesday of every month. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

### 7 p.m.

Perrot Memorial Library: Zoom Book Discussion: "Brave the Wild River," with Author Melissa Sevigny. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

### 7 - 9 p.m.

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

## THURSDAY, MARCH 5

### 4 p.m.

"12 Angry Men." Greenwich High School - Blackbox Theater, 10 Hillside Rd. \$10. ghs.greenwichschools.org/student-life/theater-productions

### 6:30 p.m.

Vegetable Garden Planning: Techniques for a Successful Season. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$25/Member, \$35/ Non-Member. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

## FRIDAY, MARCH 6

### 10 a.m.

Foodshed Forum: Meet the Makers: Greenwich's Artisanal Food Community, a panel discussion. Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses, 437 North St. Free. 203-585-3431. thefoodshednetwork.org/foodshed-forum-2026

### 1:30 p.m.

Concert & Cake Series: Randall Atcheson, piano. Christ Church Greenwich. Free. RSVP. concertandcake.org

### 3 p.m.

FeederWatch Fridays. Greenwich Audubon

Center. All Ages. Free. Register. audubon.org/events?view\_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

### 4 p.m.

Bite Club: DIY Ice Cream (Ages 7-13). Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

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"12 Angry Men." Greenwich High School - Blackbox Theater, 10 Hillside Rd. \$10. ghs.greenwichschools.org/student-life/theater-productions

### 8 p.m.

St. Catherine's Players: "Godspell." St. Catherine Church, 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside. 203-637-3661 x327. scp.ludus.com

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7

### 10 a.m.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy: Wag & Woods Walk. Mianus River Park, Cognewaugh Road Entrance. Free. Register. greenwichtreeconservancy.org

### 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Greenwich Community Garden Plot Sign-up Days for Armstrong Court Community Garden or the Bible Street Community Garden. Cos Cob Firehouse, 2nd floor, at 200 East Putnam Ave. greenwichcommunitygardens.org

### 11 a.m.

"Tea Party with Brielle" Storytelling Session with Author Jacqueline Regano. Petite Maison Kids, 71 Greenwich Ave. 203-769-1116.

### 1 p.m.

Art Adventures: Ants! (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, March 8. brucemuseum.org

### 5 & 8 p.m.

"12 Angry Men." Greenwich High School - Blackbox Theater, 10 Hillside Rd. \$10. ghs.greenwichschools.org/student-life/theater-productions

### 7 p.m.

St. Catherine's Players: "Godspell." St. Catherine Church, 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside. 203-637-3661 x327. scp.ludus.com

### 7 p.m.

Greenwich St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance - Installation of Parade Grand Marshal. Knights of Columbus Hall, 37 West Putnam Ave. greenwichhibernians.org

### 7:30 p.m.

Greenwich Symphony Orchestra concert featuring Stewart Goodyear, Piano. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School. 203-869-2664. greenwichsymphony.org

## SUNDAY, MARCH 8

### 10 a.m.

iNat with a Naturalist. Greenwich Audubon Center. Free. Register. audubon.org/events?view\_type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

### 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Junior League of Greenwich Women's Conference. Townhouse. greenwich.jl.org

### 12 p.m.

Spring in Bloom! Paper Flowers & the Art of Floral Arranging. Greenwich Historical Society. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

### 12:30 p.m.

French-Language Tour of Georges Braque: Tactile Space. Bruce Museum. Free with admission. Reservations required. brucemuseum.org

### 1 p.m.

Greenwich Art Society: Drawing & Painting Skills for the Serious Young Artist - Ages 9-12 (4 Sundays). In Studio, 299 Greenwich Ave. Register. greenwichartsociety.org

### 1 - 4 p.m.

Greenwich Community Garden Plot Sign-

# Community Calendar continued

up Days for Armstrong Court Community Garden or the Bible Street Community Garden. Cos Cob Firehouse, 2nd floor, at 200 East Putnam Ave. greenwichcommunitygardens.org

## 2 p.m.

St. Catherine's Players: "Godspell." St. Catherine Church, 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside. 203-637-3661 x327. scp.ludus.com

## 2 p.m.

Cinema at the Bruce: Focus on French Film presents: The Cost of Heaven. Bruce Museum. Registration required. brucemuseum.org

## 3 p.m.

Greenwich Symphony Orchestra concert featuring Stewart Goodyear, Piano. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School. 203-869-2664. greenwichsymphony.org

## THROUGH THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

"Rhythm and Colors" art exhibition. Les Beaux Arts Gallery, at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm; Sun, 11am-12pm; closed Sat. 203-869-1091.

## THROUGH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

"Bird Song" by Susan McHale Art Exhibit. Gertrude G. White Gallery – YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. 203-869-6501. ywcagreenwich.org/events/january-and-february-artist-in-residence-2

## THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 1

'My Story, Our Future' Exhibition – South Asian American Youth Voices of Connecticut. Greenwich Historical Society Lobby. iccgreenwich.org/events

## THROUGH TUESDAY, MARCH 3

"Performative Stories." Flinn Gallery – Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Avenue, 2nd Floor. 203-622-7947. flinn-gallery.org

## SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 12

### 8 - 11 a.m.

Friends of Greenwich Point: Safe Roads Sundays program at Tod's Point kicks off. Traffic will be restricted to the main parking lots to allow for walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters & all outdoor enthusiasts. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

## THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 25

"POP Goes The World!" The Art of Bergamo & Vinci. Greenwich Art + Design, 7 East Putnam Ave. GreenwichArtAndDesign.com

## SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 2

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

Sam Bridge Winter Farmers' Market. Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses, 437 North Street. sambridge.com/farmers-market

## MONDAYS

### 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Acting Technique with Sachi Parker MacLaine (Recommende for Ages 18+). Arch Street 2.0, 255 Field Point Rd. 203-629-5744. info@archstreet.org

## 2nd TUESDAY of the Month

### 6:30 p.m.

Byram Veterans Association Bingo Nights. Association Hall, 300 Delavan Ave. Must be 18 years and older to play. Hot dogs & Chips for sale, cash bar & free dessert. 203-531-9846.

## WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS

### 12 - 4 p.m.

Greenwich Historical Society Guided Exhibition Tours – docents will be lead-

ing visitors through the Permanent Collections Gallery and Special Exhibitions Gallery. 47 Strickland Rd. 203-869-6899. greenwichhistory.org/event/guided-exhibition-tours-4

## FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

### 12, 1:30 & 3 p.m.

Behind the Scenes Archival Collections – Docent-led Tour. Greenwich Historical Society. Adults, \$15; Seniors/Students, \$10; Ages 6-18, \$10; Members/children under 5 & Active military/Blue Star, Free. 203-869-6899. greenwichhistory.org/book-a-tour

## MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

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

## TUESDAYS:

### 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:

### 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

### 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

## THURSDAYS:

### 8 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experience-taichi.org

### 5 - 7 p.m.

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

## EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

### 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

## GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org

### Friday, Feb. 27

#### 10 a.m.

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

#### 11:15 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/16014782

#### 3:30 p.m.

Introduction to Mahjong: 5-Week Series. Marx Family Black Box Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/15320639

#### 3:45 p.m.

World Music with Anitra. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

#### 7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "Hamilton." Berkley

Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

### Saturday, Feb. 28

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

AARP Tax Help 2nd Floor Meeting Room. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/15107765

#### 10 a.m.

Family Gaming. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

#### 10:30 a.m.

Self-Care Techniques with Roberta Brown. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

#### 11 a.m.

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

#### 1 p.m.

PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

#### 3 p.m.

Ashforth Family Concert: Toomai String Quintet Berkley Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

### Sunday, March 1

#### 2 p.m.

Artist Talk: Performative Stories. Flinn Gallery. 203-622-7947.

### Monday, March 2

#### 10 a.m.

Little Learners (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

#### 11 a.m.

All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

#### 11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

#### 12 p.m.

Byram Lunch Bunch Book Club: "We All Live Here" by Jo Jo Moyes. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

#### 3:15 p.m.

Nutmeg Book Club with Ms. Flynn: The Carrefour Curse by Dianne Salerni. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

#### 6:30 p.m.

The Cos Cob Evening Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

### Tuesday, March 3

#### 10 a.m.

Spanish Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

#### 10 a.m.

La Leche League of Greenwich/Stamford/Rye. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

#### 1:15 p.m.

Baby Lapsit. Children's Constellation Room.

#### 3 & 6 p.m.

Greenwich Townscape Collage Session. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

#### 4 p.m.

Legos @ the Library with Deirdre. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

#### 6 p.m.

From Door to Destination: A Discussion of Community Transportation Options. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

#### 6:30 p.m.

Broadway on a Budget Learning Lab. Online.

### Wednesday, March 4

#### 10 a.m.

Early Walkers. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

#### 10 a.m.

Movers & Shakers (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

#### 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

#### 11 a.m.

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

#### 11 a.m.

The Nurse is in: Free Blood Pressure Screening. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

#### 1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

#### 3 p.m.

41st Annual English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition. Berkley Theater.

#### 4 p.m.

Wild Wacky Wednesday Yoga for Kids with Kristin (Ages 4 & Up). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

### 4:30 p.m.

ARTscape: Yayoi Kusama. Children's Constellation Room.

### Thursday, March 5

#### 10:30 a.m.

Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

#### 10 a.m.

PLAYdate! Marx Family Black Box Theater.

#### 11 a.m.

Sensory Storytime ( Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

#### 11 a.m.

Tech Help. Learning Lab.

#### 6 p.m.

Gmail Makeover: Clear the Clutter, Take Control. Learning Lab.

#### 7 p.m.

Lecture: "How the French Enlightenment inspired the American Revolution and Democracy" presented by Dan Silkman. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

### Friday, March 6

#### 10 a.m.

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

#### 11:15 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/16413191

#### 3:30 p.m.

Introduction to Mahjong: 5-Week Series. Marx Family Black Box Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/15320639

#### 7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "Wild Nights With Emily." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

### Saturday, March 7

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

AARP Tax Help 2nd Floor Meeting Room. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/15107765

#### 10 a.m.

Family Gaming. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

#### 10:30 a.m.

Hatha Yoga for Adults with Inger. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

#### 11 a.m.

Friends Children's Series: Science, Engineering & Art, A Juggler's Perspective. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

#### 11 a.m.

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

#### 1 p.m.

3D Printing Certification. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

#### 2 p.m.

Chess for All with Ian. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

## GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwichhospital.org/events

### 888-305-9253

#### Friday, Feb. 27

##### 6 p.m.

CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Volunteer Ln. \$70. For discount information call 888-305-9253.

#### Saturday, Feb. 28

##### 9 a.m.

CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Volunteer Ln. \$70. For discount information call 888-305-9253.

#### Wednesday, March 4

##### 5:30 p.m.

Cost and Time Saving Recipes to Support Colon Health - Webinar.

#### Saturday, March 7

##### 9 a.m.

CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Volunteer Ln. \$70. For discount information call 888-305-9253.

## NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org

### Everyday, all day

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

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

### Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Catherine of Siena's parking area across the street from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave.

# Community Calendar continued

(Non-perishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or store bought).

**Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Food Drive at St. Paul's Episcopal Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:**  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

**Friday, Feb. 27**

**11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

UCONN, One University Place, Stamford.

**11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza Lawton Street, New Rochelle, NY.

**Saturday, Feb. 28**

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

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

**Sunday, March 1**

**7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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

**Monday, March 2**

**11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

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

**Tuesday, March 3**

**11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

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

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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

**8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Scarsdale High School, 1057 Post Rd., Scarsdale, NY.

**1 - 6:30 p.m.**

Saint Mark's Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan.

**Wednesday, March 4**

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

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

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

King School, 1450 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

**11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

West Harrison Senior Center, 251 Underhill Ave., West Harrison, NY.

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

Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford.

**Thursday, March 5**

**7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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

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

Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Road, Greenwich.

**12 - 5 p.m.**

Convent of Sacred Heart, 1177 King Street, Greenwich.

**12 - 5 p.m.**

American Legion Hall, 40 Bell Rd., Scarsdale, NY.

**Saturday, March 7**

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

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

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

United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.

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

American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Road, Upper Level 3, Haw-

thorne, NY.

**Sunday, March 8**

**7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Jewish Community Center, 1035 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

**Monday, March 9**

**11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

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

**11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Westchester Medical Center - Taylor Pavilion South, 100 Woods Rd., Valhalla, NY.

**TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar**

**Thursday, Feb. 26**

**9 a.m.**

BET Budget Meeting Day 6. Town Hall Meeting Room.

**10:30 a.m.**

Board of Selectmen Meeting. Town Hall Cone Room.

**12 p.m.**

Nathaniel Witherell Finance Committee Meeting.

**Friday, Feb. 27**

**9 a.m.**

BET Budget Meeting Day 7 (if needed due to snow). Town Hall Meeting Room.

**Monday, March 2**

**1 p.m.**

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, March 3**

**9 a.m.**

BET Budget Decision Day 1. Town Hall Meeting Room.

**4 p.m.**

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

**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, March 4**

**9 a.m.**

BET Budget Decision Day 2 (if needed). Town Hall Meeting Room.

**7 p.m.**

District 11 Meeting. Greenwich Country Day School.

**7:30 p.m.**

District 4 Meeting. Byram Fire-house.

**7:30 p.m.**

District 8 Meeting. Cos Cob School Media Center.

**Thursday, March 5**

**11 a.m.**

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

**3 p.m.**

BET Law Committee. Mazza Room.

**7 p.m.**

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting. Zoom Meeting.

**7 p.m.**

District 10 Meeting. Round Hill Church.

**7 p.m.**

District 12 Meeting. North Mianus School Library.

**7 p.m.**

District 3 Meeting. Hamilton Avenue School.

**7:30 p.m.**

District 2 Meeting. Cone Room.

**7:30 p.m.**

District 5 Meeting. Riverside School Library.

**7:30 p.m.**

District 6 Meeting. Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center.

**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, Feb. 27**

**6:30 p.m.**

"Journey into the Jungle," a Kids in Crisis Gala. The Loading Dock, Stamford. [e.givesmart.com/events/LAz/](http://e.givesmart.com/events/LAz/)

**Wednesday, March 4**

**5:30 p.m.**

YWCA Greenwich's Women Who Inspire Awards. Greenwich Country Club. [ywcagreenwich.org](http://ywcagreenwich.org)

**Saturday, March 7**

**7 p.m.**

Greenwich St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance - Installation of Parade Grand Marshal. Knights of Columbus Hall. [greenwichhibernians.org](http://greenwichhibernians.org)

**Thursday, March 19**

**6:30 p.m.**

Stepping Stones Museum for Children's "Game On!" Beer, Wine and Food Tasting Party. [steppingstonesmuseum.org](http://steppingstonesmuseum.org)

**Sunday, March 22**

**2 p.m.**

Greenwich St. Patrick's Day Parade. Greenwich Avenue. [greenwichhibernians.org](http://greenwichhibernians.org)

**Thursday, March 26**

**5 p.m.**

Friends of the Byram Shubert Library: Spring Social. \$45/person. [byramshubertlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:byramshubertlibraryfriends@gmail.com)

**Friday, March 27**

**6:30 p.m.**

"Rockin' The Ruby" Greenwich EMS 40th annual fundraiser. Greenwich Country Club. [greenwichems.org/events/rockin40](http://greenwichems.org/events/rockin40)

**Saturday, March 28**

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Junior League of Greenwich Women's Conference. Town-

house. [greenwich.jl.org](http://greenwich.jl.org)

**6 p.m.**

Person to Person (P2P) Rising Together Benefit. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. [p2pHelps.org](http://p2pHelps.org)

**Thursday, April 9**

**6:30 p.m.**

Greenwich Library's annual Peterson Business Award Dinner. Greenwich Hyatt Regency Hotel. [greenwichlibrary.org/peterson](http://greenwichlibrary.org/peterson)

**Saturday, April 11**

**6 p.m.**

Habitat for Humanity CFC Annual Gala: House of Fashion. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. [habitatcfc.org/news-events/event-calendar/gala.html](http://habitatcfc.org/news-events/event-calendar/gala.html)

**Sunday, April 12**

**5 p.m.**

Generation Impact: The Big Give 2026. [generationimpact.org](http://generationimpact.org)

**Thursday, April 16**

**11:30 a.m.**

Neighbor to Neighbor Spring Luncheon. Greenwich Country Club. [ntngreenwich.org](http://ntngreenwich.org)

**Wednesday, April 22**

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Youth of the Year Celebration. Rebecca S. Breed Clubhouse, 4 Horseneck Ln. [bgcg.org/events-news/events.html/title/youth-of-the-year-celebration](http://bgcg.org/events-news/events.html/title/youth-of-the-year-celebration)

**Friday, April 24**

**12 p.m.**

Stand Against Racism. Greenwich Town Hall. [ywcagreenwich.org/events/stand-against-racism-3](http://ywcagreenwich.org/events/stand-against-racism-3)

**6 p.m.**

Horizons at NCCS - "The Sky's The Limit!" Horizons Benefit. Abigail Kirsch at The Loading Dock, Stamford. [one.bidpal.net/horizonsbenefit2026/welcome](http://one.bidpal.net/horizonsbenefit2026/welcome)

**Saturday, April 25**

**7 p.m.**

Abilis Diamond 75th Anniversary Gala. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. [e.givesmart.com/events/MDd](http://e.givesmart.com/events/MDd)

**Tuesday, April 28**

Greenwich United Way's Sole Sisters Annual Luncheon. [greenwichunitedway.org/event/sole-sisters-luncheon](http://greenwichunitedway.org/event/sole-sisters-luncheon)

**Friday, May 1**

**6:30 p.m.**

Alzheimer's Association Celebrating Hope Gala. Delamar Greenwich Harbor. [e.givesmart.com/events/L5N](http://e.givesmart.com/events/L5N)

**Saturday, May 2**

Bruce Museum Gala. Riverside Yacht Club. [brucemuseum.org](http://brucemuseum.org)

**Thursday, May 7**

**11 a.m.**

YWCA Greenwich's Old Bags Luncheon. Belle Haven Club. [ywcagreenwich.org](http://ywcagreenwich.org)

• Art to the Avenue. [greenwichartscouncil.org/art-to-the-avenue](http://greenwichartscouncil.org/art-to-the-avenue)

**Friday, May 8**

**7 a.m.**

B1C Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. [B1C.org/benefitbreakfast](http://B1C.org/benefitbreakfast)

**Thursday, May 21**

Greenwich Academy Commencement.

**Thursday, May 28**

**9 a.m.**

Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County (CLC) 10th Annual Golf Outing. Stanwich Club. [bit.ly/CLCGolf2026](http://bit.ly/CLCGolf2026)

**Thursday, June 4**

**6 - 9 p.m.**

**Greenwich Sentinel Award Cocktail Reception.** [greenwichsentinel.com](http://greenwichsentinel.com)

**Saturday, June 20**

Swim Across America - Fairfield County: "Make Waves to Fight Cancer." [swimacrossamerica.org](http://swimacrossamerica.org)

[org/fc](http://org/fc)

**Friday, Sept. 5**

**6:30 p.m.**

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich 'Heads & Tails' benefit. [e.givesmart.com/events/ILB/](http://e.givesmart.com/events/ILB/)

**Our Neighboring Towns**

**FRIDAY, FEB. 27**

**9 a.m.**

Spire Roundtable: Coordinated Care Pathways for Students with Evolving Educational and Therapeutic Needs. Spire School, 201 High Ridge Road, Stamford. RSVP. [info.spireschool.org/roundtable](http://info.spireschool.org/roundtable)

**6 p.m.**

"The Druids" in Concert. Stamford Hibernian Hall, 186 Greyrock Pl., Stamford. [eventbrite.ie/e/1468093480119](http://eventbrite.ie/e/1468093480119)

**7:30 p.m.**

Curtain Call presents "Urine-town" The Musical. The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (Jan. 25). [curtaincallinc.com](http://curtaincallinc.com)

**SATURDAY, FEB. 28**

**7:30 p.m.**

Curtain Call presents "Urine-town" The Musical. The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (Jan. 25). [curtaincallinc.com](http://curtaincallinc.com)

**7:30 p.m.**

Ephrat Asherie Dance + Arturo O'Farrill. The Performing Arts Center-Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase, NY. [artscenter.org/events](http://artscenter.org/events)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

**9:30 a.m.**

Voices Center of Resilience: Parents Helping Parents Peer Support Group - for those who have suffered the loss of a child.. VOICES office, 80 Main St., New Canaan. Free. Register. [voicescenter.org](http://voicescenter.org)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

# On Monday Morning There Were No Buses

By Emma Barhydt

After a weekend nor'easter swept through the region, schools closed Monday and Tuesday, and the town shifted into a different key. Backpacks stayed by the door. Alarm clocks were silenced. The steady weekday rhythm—drop-offs, rehearsals, the hum of hallways—paused under a bright, unbroken cover of snow.

Two days is a brief interruption. It was long enough to feel it.

The storm did not only close schools. It disrupted the mechanics that quietly sustain this newspaper. Our printer, located at the nexus of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, was hit hard by the weather. Production halted. There is no print edition this week.

That absence is practical, not symbolic. We have chosen to hold this week's arts coverage for next week's print edition, which will be especially robust. What appears in this digital edition is what is timely—news that could not wait, information that serves readers now. The rest will follow in ink and paper, when presses resume their steady work.

Snow simplifies a landscape. Lawns turn into open fields. Stone walls wear clean white lines that reveal the care with which they were first laid. Porch railings and hedges stand out in crisp relief. Familiar streets invite a second look, as though the town has been sketched anew.

Children stepped into that blankness first. By midmorning Monday, boot prints stitched their way across front yards. Sleds carved confident paths down neighborhood hills. Snow forts rose in careful tiers, block by block. Someone rolled an enormous sphere across a driveway, gathering more snow with every turn until it became the base of a lopsided snowman with a determined expression.

Adults followed with shovels and snowblowers, clearing driveways in long, steady passes. Many widened their sidewalks beyond the minimum, leaving generous paths for anyone walking through. Neighbors paused to speak across snowbanks, then crossed over to help finish a stubborn ridge at the end of a driveway. The scrape of



From Sally Bednar early this week: My outdoorsy husband took the morning commute into his own hands and opted for skiing to Stamford this blistery morning. Our dog, Diesel wanted to go along as well, but soon returned home. Picture is of Old Greenwich, Shore Road.

metal against pavement created its own cadence.

Inside, Monday and Tuesday unfolded with unexpected spaciousness. Pancakes replaced hurried breakfasts. Board games surfaced. Some students practiced instruments in the middle of the day, sunlight glinting off brass or catching the curve of a violin. Others read by the window, watching flakes drift down in soft diagonals. Time felt less segmented.

There is quiet structure in a snowfall like this. Under magnification, a snowflake reveals six-sided symmetry and branching arms, each shaped by temperature and moisture high in the atmosphere. Those

*"I wanted to explore the idea of memory, and how that affects our identity. We are our minds more than we are our bodies."*

small, precise forms gather and alter scale—intricate geometry becoming broad, luminous fields.

Snow absorbs sound. Voices lower. Footsteps grow deliberate on slick ground. Drivers leave space at intersections. The altered landscape encourages

care.

A branch bowed under accumulation can be freed with a patient shake. A walkway buried overnight can be restored with measured strokes. The lesson is visible: steady hands preserve what they touch.

By Wednesday, plows had pushed snow into banks along the roads, and school doors opened again. The hum returned—lockers, laughter, the exchange of ideas. Fresh snow fell that day, lighter but steady, refreshing rooftops and lawns as classes resumed and students moved along cleared paths. The pause was short. Its impression lingered.

The temporary absence of a print edition is another reminder of how interdependent systems are. A press hundreds of miles away falters, and a town feels it. The response is adjustment.

Those two days offered a glimpse of how a town feels when pace slows enough for people to

notice one another. A widened sidewalk. A shared shovel. A thermos carried across the street. Small courtesies layered one upon another.

Snow will melt. Grass will reappear in muted patches before turning green. Sled tracks will vanish. What remains is memory—of bright fields, cooperative effort, children turning blank space into invention, neighbors shaping the landscape together.

Stillness has texture. It sharpens outlines. It creates room for grace.

Snow fell one flake at a time and reshaped the town. Consideration accumulates in much the same way.

## ARTS & THEATER CALENDAR

### GREENWICH LIBRARIES

Friday, Feb. 27

3:45 p.m.

World Music with Anitra. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "Hamilton." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

Saturday, Feb. 28

3 p.m.

Ashforth Family Concert: Toomai String Quintet Berkley Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

Monday, March 2

7 p.m.

Book Discussion: "The Ministry for the Future": Part One. Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Register. 203-637-1066. adultprogramming@perrotlibrary.com. perrotlibrary.org

Wednesday, March 4

3 p.m.

41st Annual English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition. Berkley Theater.

4:30 p.m.

ARTscape: Yayoi Kusama. Children's Constellation Room.

7 p.m.

Perrot Memorial Library: Zoom Book Discussion: "Brave the Wild River," with Author Melissa Sevigny. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

Thursday, March 5

7 p.m.

Lecture: "How the French Enlightenment inspired the American Revolution and Democracy" presented by Dan Silkman. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Friday, March 6

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "Wild Nights With Emily." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

Saturday, March 7

11 a.m.

Friends Children's Series: Science, Engineering & Art, A Juggler's Perspective. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

FLINN GALLERY

Sunday, March 1

2 p.m.

Artist Talk: Performative Stories. 203-622-7947. flinngallery.org

BRUCE MUSEUM

Thursday, Feb. 26

2 p.m.

Lifetime of Looking: Sensory Engagement – a public program for adults experiencing cognitive decline, and their family members and caregivers. Free with admission. Registration is required. 203-413-6743. srice@brucemuseum.org

Tuesday, March 3

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Stacked Cardboard Sculptures (Ages 2 1/2-5). Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, March 4. brucemuseum.org

Wednesday, March 4

9 a.m.

Coffee with a Curator. brucemuseum.org

10 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings Junior: Sculptures Big and Small (ages: 12 Months-30 Months). Free with admission. First come, first served.

Saturday, March 7

1 p.m.

Art Adventures: Ants! (Ages 4 & up). Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, March 8. brucemuseum.org

Sunday, March 8

12:30 p.m.

French-Language Tour of Georges Braque: Tactile Space. Free with admission. Reservations required.

2 p.m.

Cinema at the Bruce: Focus on French Film presents: The Cost of Heaven. Registration required.

Through Sunday, May 10

Leonardo Drew: Alchemy. Bruce Museum. brucemuseum.org/exhibitions

Through Sunday, May 17

Ants: Tiny Creatures, Big Lives. Bruce Museum. brucemuseum.org/exhibitions

GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, March 4

12 p.m.

Guided Exhibition Tours. Free admission for all on the first Wednesday of every month.

Sunday, March 8

12 p.m.

Spring in Bloom! Paper Flowers & the Art of Floral Arranging.

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Sundays

12 - 4 p.m.

Greenwich Historical Society Guided Exhibition Tours – docents will be leading visitors through the Permanent Collections Gallery and Special Exhibitions Gallery. 47 Strickland Rd. 203-869-6899. greenwichhistory.org/event/guided-exhibition-tours-4

Fridays

12, 1:30 & 3 p.m.

Behind the Scenes Archival Collections: Ephemera. Greenwich Historical Society. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

Through Sunday, March 8

"The Holley Boarding House: Inspiring American Impressionism" exhibition. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. 203-869-6899. greenwichhistory.org/holley-house-impressionism

GREENWICH BOTANICAL CENTER

Sunday, March 1

3 p.m.

Screening of "Fantastic Fungi Film." greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

### GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, Feb. 27 & Saturday, Feb. 28

7:30 p.m.

"12 Angry Men." Blackbox Theater, 10 Hillside Rd. \$10. ghs.greenwichschools.org/student-life/theater-productions

Thursday, March 5

4 p.m.

"12 Angry Men." Greenwich High School – Blackbox Theater.

Friday, March 6

7:30 p.m.

"12 Angry Men." Blackbox Theater.

Saturday, March 7

5 & 8 p.m.

"12 Angry Men." Greenwich High School – Blackbox Theater.

ST. CATHERINE'S PLAYERS

Friday, Feb. 27 & March 6

8 p.m.

St. Catherine's Players: "Godspell." St. Catherine Church, 4 Riverside Ave. 203-637-3661 x327. scp.ludus.com

Saturday, Feb. 28 & March 7

7 p.m.

St. Catherine's Players: "Godspell."

Sunday, March 1 & 8

2 p.m.

St. Catherine's Players: "Godspell."

CHAMBER PLAYERS OF THE GREENWICH SYMPHONY

Sunday, March 1

3 p.m.

Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony concert. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. Adults, \$35; Students, \$5. chamberplayersofthegso.org

Monday, March 2

7:30 p.m.

Chamber Players of the Greenwich Sympho-

ny concert. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd.

## **SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** **Saturday, Feb. 28**

**10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

The Haiti Project – Haitian Art & Handcraft Sale. 2CC, 139 East Putnam Ave. Free entry. [thehaitiproject.org/art-sales/greenwich-art-sale-2026](http://thehaitiproject.org/art-sales/greenwich-art-sale-2026)

**Sunday, March 1**

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The Haiti Project – Haitian Art & Handcraft Sale.

## **GREENWICH DECORATIVE ARTS SOCIETY**

**Monday, March 2**

**1 p.m.**

Greenwich Decorative Arts Society Lecture: “Santi Jewels: Pairing Museum-Worthy Gems with Contemporary Settings.” On Zoom. [greenwichdecorativearts.org](http://greenwichdecorativearts.org)

## **CONCERT & CAKE SERIES**

**Friday, March 6**

**1:30 p.m.**

Concert & Cake Series: Randall Atcheson, piano. Christ Church Greenwich. Free. RSVP. [concertandcake.org](http://concertandcake.org)

## **GREENWICH ART SOCIETY**

**Sunday, March 8**

**1 p.m.**

Greenwich Art Society: Drawing & Painting Skills for the Serious Young Artist – Ages 9-12 (4 Sundays). In Studio, 299 Greenwich Ave. Register. [greenwichartsociety.org](http://greenwichartsociety.org)

## **GREENWICH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

**Saturday, March 7**

**7:30 p.m.**

Greenwich Symphony Orchestra concert featuring Stewart Goodyear, Piano. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School. 203-869-2664. [greenwichsymphony.org](http://greenwichsymphony.org)

**Sunday, March 8**

**3 p.m.**

Greenwich Symphony Orchestra concert featuring Stewart Goodyear, Piano. Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School.

## **AVON THEATRE**

**Friday, Feb. 27**

**6:30 p.m.**

Movies that Build Community Series: The Six Triple Eight, an Avon on Tour Program. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. [fergusonlibrary.org](http://fergusonlibrary.org)

## **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE OF GREENWICH**

**Wednesday, March 4**

**5 p.m.**

French Cinématheque - lively discussions on French films. Via Zoom. [afgreenwich.org](http://afgreenwich.org)

## **ONGOING:**

### **ARCH STREET**

**Mondays**

**7 - 8:30 p.m.**

Acting Technique with Sachi Parker Maclaine (Recommend for Ages 18+). Arch Street 2.0, 255 Field Point Rd. 203-629-5744. [info@archstreet.org](mailto:info@archstreet.org)

### **LES BEAUX ARTS GALLERY**

**Through Thursday, February 26**

“Rhythm and Colors” art exhibition. Les Beaux Arts Gallery, at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm; Sun, 11am-12pm; closed Sat. 203-869-1091.

### **GERTRUDE G. WHITE GALLERY @ YWCA**

**Through Saturday, February 28**

“Bird Song” by Susan McHale Art Exhibit. Gertrude G. White Gallery – YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. 203-869-6501. [ywcagreenwich.org/events/january-and-february-artist-in-residence-2](http://ywcagreenwich.org/events/january-and-february-artist-in-residence-2)

### **FLINN GALLERY**

**Through Tuesday, March 3**

“Performative Stories.” Flinn Gallery – Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Avenue, 2nd Floor. 203-622-7947. [flinngallery.org](http://flinngallery.org)

### **GREENWICH ART + DESIGN**

**Through Saturday, April 25**

“POP Goes The World!” The Art of Bermano & Vinci. Greenwich Art + Design, 7 East Putnam Ave. [GreenwichArtAndDesign.com](http://GreenwichArtAndDesign.com)

# St. Catherine's Players Open 45th Season with 'Godspell'

For 45 years, St. Catherine's Players have gathered neighbors, families, and friends under the lights, building community one musical at a time. This weekend, the parish-based theater company opens its annual production with a fresh staging of Godspell, inviting audiences to take part in a story that has resonated across generations.

Performances begin Friday, Feb. 27 at 8 pm, followed by Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7 pm, and Sunday, March 1 at 2 pm. The production continues the following weekend: March 6 at 8 pm, March 7 at 7 pm, and March 8 at 2 pm. Tickets remain available online at [scpl.ludus.com](http://scpl.ludus.com).

Presented as Easter approaches, Godspell draws much of its structure from the Gospel of Matthew. In this reimagined staging, a small ensemble of youth and adults joins together to help tell a series of parables through games, storytelling, and spirited theatrical invention. Songs move easily between pop and vaudeville influences, carrying the audience through moments of humor, reflection, and reverence as the life of Jesus unfolds on stage, culminating in the Last Supper and Crucifixion.

What distinguishes this production each year lies in its intergenerational spirit. Students share the stage with seasoned performers. Parents rehearse alongside their children. Volunteers handle costumes, sets, ticketing, and hospitality, often returning season after season. That continuity has shaped St. Catherine's Players into a fixture within the Greenwich arts landscape, sustained by steady hands and open doors.

Co-directors Lauren Nicole Sherwood and Matthew Blank lead this year's cast, guiding both staging and choreography alongside musical director Zachary Kampler. The production is produced by Denise and Tom Casazzone, with additional leadership and support from the St. Catherine's Players Board of Directors: Amy Adorney, Lynn Carmino, Kathy DiGiovanna, Colm McDermott, John Merrill, Father Bill Platt, Cyndy Pulick, Doug Pulick, Katie Suss, and Kelly Thompson.

As a ministry of the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes, the Players operate through volunteer commitment and community generosity. Donations supporting the production are welcomed through the organization's website.

At its heart, Godspell offers a familiar score and a message centered on kindness, tolerance, and love. For longtime audience members, the show carries the comfort of tradition. For newcomers, it provides an entry point into a company that has spent nearly half a century nurturing local talent in a welcoming, inclusive environment open to all ages, faiths, and backgrounds.

In a town where historic sanctuaries and parish halls continue to serve as gathering spaces for performance, evenings such as these hold particular resonance. A stage built by volunteers, filled by neighbors, and supported by families becomes more than a backdrop; it becomes a meeting place.

As opening night arrives, St. Catherine's Players once again extend that invitation. The curtain rises Friday at 8 pm

# Greenwich Art + Design Hosts Chamber Mixer

Greenwich Art + Design hosted the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce for its Feb. 26 Chamber Mixer, welcoming members and prospective members to the newly opened two-level boutique and gallery at 7 East Putnam Avenue.

The event, held from 5:30 to 7 pm, drew local business owners, entrepreneurs, and community leaders for an evening of networking inside a space devoted to fine art and design. Admission

was set at \$25 for Chamber members and \$45 for prospective members. Food and beverages were provided by A Dash of Salt Catering, The Cookie Cart, and Continental Fine Wine & Spirits.

Founded by muralist and decorative painter Suzanne Bellehumeur, Greenwich Art + Design combines fine art, home décor, jewelry, clothing, accessories, and furniture in a single retail and gallery setting.

Bellehumeur, a Chamber member, has produced large-scale murals and custom finishes for private residences and design firms, with work featured in Vogue, HGTV, The New York Times, and Connecticut Cottages & Gardens.

The boutique occupies two levels in the heart of town. The main floor features curated collections of art and design objects, while the lower-level gallery is dedicated to rotating

exhibitions by local and international artists.

Thursday's mixer marked one of the first major public events in the space since its opening. Guests circulated through the gallery, pausing to view artwork and design pieces while making professional connections. The setting offered a backdrop that reflected the town's growing investment in creative enterprise and small business.

Greenwich Art + Design describes itself as a destination where craftsmanship and elevated living converge. Bellehumeur's approach centers on integrating fine art into everyday environments, bringing together one-of-a-kind works sourced locally and globally.

By hosting the Chamber Mixer, the gallery positioned itself within the broader business community while introducing

its concept to a cross-section of Greenwich professionals. The evening underscored the role that locally owned spaces play in shaping both the commercial and cultural character of the avenue.

Greenwich Art + Design is located at 7 East Putnam Avenue. Additional information is available at [greenwichartanddesign.com](http://greenwichartanddesign.com) and on Instagram @greenwichartanddesign.

# This Week's Horoscope

## **Horoscope: February 26 – March 2, 2026**

Pisces season deepens this week, strengthening themes of intuition, compassion, and creative reflection. With the Sun, Mercury, and Venus traveling through Pisces, emotional intelligence guides conversations and decisions. The Moon waxes toward its First Quarter phase, encouraging forward motion after recent introspection. This is a bridge week – less about dramatic change and more about quiet alignment. Practical steps taken now should reflect inner clarity rather than outside pressure.

### **Aries (March 21 – April 19)**

Your energy turns inward. You may feel the need to step

back from noise and recalibrate. Practical advice: prioritize rest and strategic thinking before launching new initiatives. A thoughtful pause now sharpens future action.

### **Taurus (April 20 – May 20)**

Friendships and shared goals benefit from honest communication. Pisces energy softens edges in group dynamics. Practical advice: clarify expectations in collaborative efforts. Gentle conversations now prevent misunderstandings later.

### **Gemini (May 21 – June 20)**

Professional matters require emotional awareness as much as logic. Practical advice: choose your words carefully in workplace discussions. Your adaptability is a strength, but

clarity is your advantage this week.

### **Cancer (June 21 – July 22)**

Your intuitive side is amplified. Travel, study, or long-range planning may appeal. Practical advice: explore new ideas, but outline realistic next steps before committing. Inspiration thrives when grounded in structure.

### **Leo (July 23 – August 22)**

Shared finances and emotional commitments are highlighted. Practical advice: review agreements and ensure transparency. Trust grows through clarity, not assumption.

### **Virgo (August 23 – September 22)**

Relationships remain central.

Pisces season activates your partnership sector, emphasizing empathy. Practical advice: listen first, respond second. Balanced communication strengthens bonds.

### **Libra (September 23 – October 22)**

Daily routines need refinement. Practical advice: adjust schedules to include wellness breaks. Efficiency improves when you allow space for mental clarity.

### **Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)**

Creative energy flows more smoothly this week. Practical advice: dedicate time to projects that bring joy without demanding perfection. Authentic expression carries more weight than polish.

### **Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)**

Home and personal life call for steadiness. Practical advice: focus on building emotional security through simple, consistent gestures. Stability supports long-term freedom.

### **Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)**

Communication gains nuance. Practical advice: address lingering conversations directly but with tact. Clear boundaries and thoughtful dialogue prevent future complications.

### **Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)**

Financial organization is favored. Practical advice: revisit budgets and refine spending priorities. Measured decisions

now strengthen confidence moving forward.

### **Pisces (February 19 – March 20)**

This is a week of quiet confidence. Your instincts are reliable. Practical advice: take initiative where it aligns with your authentic values. Small steps taken now set the tone for the months ahead.

### **Summary:**

February 26 through March 2 is a week of emotional intelligence and steady progress. With strong Pisces influence, compassion and intuition guide practical decisions. Move thoughtfully, communicate clearly, and align action with inner clarity.