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### **Local News Brief**

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### **EMS Student Grabbed by** Stranger

On the morning of Thursday, September 11, a student walking to Eastern Middle School (on Lockwood Road) was grabbed from behind by an unknown adult. The student was not harmed. Police are investigating.

### FROM TOWN HALL

### **Air Force Anniversary Honored Publicly**

On September 18, a ceremony was held at Town Hall to mark the anniversary of the United States Air Force. The Air Force flag was raised at 9 a.m. outside the building. The event was open to the public.

### **Greenwich Celebrates Mexican Independence** Day

Greenwich held its annual Mexican Independence Day celebration at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 16, beginning at 10 a.m. The event included a flag raising, music, and a reception in the garden area behind Town Hall. Organized by residents Ann Blumensaadt and Robert Genna for the eighth year, the program also featured a recorded message from the Mexican Consul General.

### Partial Leaf Blower Ban Lifted

Greenwich's seasonal ban on gas-powered leaf blowers was lifted at the start of September, allowing their limited use through spring. Residents are reminded to follow the town's regulations on permitted hours and noise **Continued on Page 10** 

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### **Green Thoughts**

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

"Research has documented that air temperatures in Alaska are rising twice as fast as in other parts of the United States." Daniel Ksepka, "A Visit to Alaska Inspires a Climate Change Exhibit in Connecticut," "The New York Times," April 25, 2025.

## **Greenwich Polo Club Closes Season**



A player connects with the ball during the Greenwich Cup at Greenwich Polo Club's Conyers Farm field, as thousands of spectators cheered the endof-season matches and celebrated Barbados Day with the Consulate General of Barbados in attendance. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

### Introducing the New and Inspiring Force for the Bruce Museum - Mary-Kate O'Hare

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

Mary-Kate O'Hare is the 54-years young and enthusiastic new executive director and CEO of the Bruce Museum. Her aspirations would resonate with Bruce's founders for "a natural history, historical, and art museum." With both science and art featured under her roof she sees the Bruce as "distinctive to be able to find ways to truly integrate the arts and the sciences." With our "complicated" world, she savs. we "humans are trying to understand it as well as scientists and artists. The artists might use imagination and analysis as part of their tool, but scientists also use those tools, and they experiment."

So, one of O'Hare's initiatives is to launch a program to bring together contemporary art, science, and technology featuring artists "who are really working at that intersection. You have artists who are going to CERN in Geneva and working with nuclear physicists and studying in these scientific research facilities...The opportunity is there for scientists to interact with the artists. So, I want to develop that because the Bruce brings that together."

But O'Hare is art educated, having had 25 years of curatorial experience, both with Citi Private Bank Art Advisory, "advising clients on art acquisitions and sales, museum loans and gifts..." and serving as curator of American art at the Newark Museum. As a youngster living in London, she was spellbound encountering her first docent at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. "Docents are so important for unlocking the mysteries of the art." Living later in Alexandria, VA she was able to visit all those Washington D.C. "museums on the mall and the National Gallery." Her art interest would cause her that have been attacking the ash to "skip school" one high school trees. So, he takes the trees down day to see a Gauguin exhibit. In himself and prepares the ash. It's college, majoring in art history, a very complex process. He makes her dissertation would be on John Singer Sargent.

have arrived in an "incredible inserts his own vision." community of art collectors" including the now late William exhibit inspired by her Curator of "Bill" Richter, donor of the Science, Dr. Daniel Ksepka, with new Bruce art wing as well as notable art works. "He visited the museum about three weeks before Ksepka was struck by a "drunken he passed," she tells. "Bill was a forest" of trees tilting due to the model for philanthropic support. warmer temperatures having



Bruce Museum new executive director/CEO Mary-Kate O'Hare beside "Grote Bloemen" pastel by Greenwich Academy 10th grader Abby Iles in iCreate 2025 Juried exhibit. Photo by Anne W. Semmes

he was to the art and what joy it gave him."

O'Hare shares that Richter had visited the current "Jeremy Frey: Woven" baskets exhibition in those last days. "He loved it, and you could see he was so passionate about art."

She leads the way to that "Jeremy Frey: Woven" exhibit. "It has been extremely popular," she tells and is now extended to October 24. She cites indigenous basket weaver Frey, as located in Maine, having "re-energized the tradition of basket making, which is a native art. He learned it from his mom, and you have to get up close." The baskets are made from the black ash tree - "becoming extinct because of the beetles these incredible exacting baskets pulling from the tradition of Native O'Hare is impressed to American basketry, but he also

She next introduces an its spotlight on climate change. On a trip to Alaska with his family, He so believed in the Bruce and thawed the permafrost in the soil

our mission...It's rare you find beneath the trees. Before us is somebody as deeply connected as a model of that 'drunken forest' created by the Bruce's exhibition artist, Sean Murtha. "That's what captured Daniel's fascination," tells O'Hare, "with what is happening to the Earth in essence and really got him thinking how what happens in Alaska definitely impacts us in Connecticut."

The conversation returns to this new director's vision for the Bruce. "We really are looking at the whole range of programming from the littlest ones to the adults." She takes pride having observed children so engaged in the Bruce Beginnings program in the science galleries with their docent, Nancy Duffy introducing them to fossils. "It was this great moment where you see community - the moms and the caretakers there and they had community with each other, and it was keeping the kids engaged and they were excited... So, that's part of the vision. I want our galleries to be filled constantly with people enjoying and appreciating. And I want them to feel like this is their museum. This is for you. This is for everyone. Not just little kids. It's also for the serious art collector... and a great place for a first date. There are all these great things that you can do here at the Bruce."

"Historically," she continues, "we've thought of museums as a

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## **Donating Platelets Helps Children with Cancer**



By Stephanie Dunn Ashley

Loyal readers of this column will know that I am a lifelong blood donor, and proud of it. But people may not know why I choose to

When I was a child, I had a younger brother. For five years, I watched him battle against childhood leukemia before he passed away. The impact that other peoples' blood had on my brother's life, those moments of joy with him and our family that I will always treasure - no matter how faint those memories may now be - is something that will stick with me for the rest of my life.

One of the challenges with undergoing chemotherapy is that bone marrow function is suppressed, which impacts the body's creation of platelets. This makes it harder for blood to clot, increasing the risk of prolonged bleeding and spontaneous internal bleeding. Receiving a transfusion of platelets is one of the quickest, most effective way to restore platelet counts to safe levels.

September marks Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which is a time for us to honor the courage of young patients battling donate platelets, something you against cancer and to support their fight. Thousands of children are diagnosed with cancer each year, and they may need blood products on a regular basis during chemotherapy, surgery or treatment for complications.

The difficulties of experiencing childhood cancer are hard for me to think about. Every time I look at my two beautiful, healthy daughters - I am so grateful that we never had to go through such an ordeal with them. But I think most of us know someone who has had cancer, whether in childhood or as an adult, and I cannot understate how cathartic it can be to donate blood or platelets in their honor.

Here in Greenwich, at the Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor

### It has never been easier to donate platelets

we donate blood by making a platelet donation. These vital parts of our blood play a critical role in the treatment of people fighting cancer and other chronic diseases, but they must be used within five days of donation. However, you can safely donate platelets every seven days, up to 24 times per year, which is more frequent than the 56 days you need to wait between whole blood donations. The need for blood is constant, but it is especially so when it comes to platelets.

I have donated platelets myself, and I will admit it was a little intimidating at first. While a whole blood donation is pretty straightforward, a platelet donation is a little more complicated. It takes more time, as your platelets are separated from the rest of your blood and the remaining blood components are returned back into your body. But at our state-of-the-art facility, the whole experience is really pretty comfortable - there are even televisions at each donor chair, and you can load up your favorite show or movie to watch while you are helping save lives.

It has never been easier to can now do six days a week right here in our own community with early morning and weekend hours available to best fit your schedule. Appointments can be made through the Red Cross Blood Donor app, at RedCrossBlood. org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS. You can even schedule an appointment using Amazon Alexa if that's what you want to do - just ask Alexa to find a blood drive!

So this September, roll up your sleeves - both of them - and make a platelet donation. I can tell you firsthand, the time sitting in that chair flies by as you think about what your donation means to people who are fighting cancer with every last ounce of energy they have. Greenwich has always been a town of compassion and Center, we are lucky to have the care, so let's come together to ability to go an extra mile when support our youngest fighters.



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## **Alexandra McConaghy and Joe Kelly**

Alexandra McConaghy Kellyand Joseph Kelly Jr. celebrated their marriage this year in a way that felt as big as the world and as close as home. They first exchanged vows on a remote island in the Maldives, then gathered friends and family under a tent at the Kelly home in Greenwich's Mead Point.

### A Story That Spanned **Continents**

Alexandra grew up in Singapore, where she attended Singapore American School. Kelly was raised in Greenwich, where his family has lived for decades. The couple was introduced through a mutual friend who split time between Singapore and Mead Point. "That single connection sparked everything," she said.

Their courtship unfolded across Asia. The couple hiked Komodo's cliffs and coastal trails, went island-hopping in Ao Nang, dove in the turquoise waters off Malé, and explored Sydney's vibrant food scene. Dhoni. The couple exchanged

Alexandra McConaghy-now decided to make their home in by McConaghy's father, Dan Greenwich, they were welcomed quickly into the community. "As we began to immerse ourselves in the community, a strong support system quickly took shape," Alexandra said.

### A Proposal on Mead Point

In December 2024, Kelly proposed on the private dock at Mead Point, a spot that holds deep meaning for his family. With the engagement toppling trees around Mead set, the couple began planning a wedding that reflected both their love of travel and their local roots.

### Two Weddings, Two Worlds

The first celebration took place in June on Fari Island in the Maldives, with just their parents and siblings present. The six-day event included a welcome dinner carved into the sand, a family paddle tournament-"Joe and I won fair and square!" Alexandra said-floating breakfasts in villa A New Chapter in Greenwich pools, and a rehearsal party

McConaghy. Three months later, on September 6, the festivities continued in Greenwich with more than 220 guests at the Kelly family home. The reception was held under a sweeping Abbey tent that stood its ground even as a mini-tornado swept through just an hour before the event, Point. "Miraculously, our tent held strong, and we carried on without missing a beat," Joe

Guests from around the globe, including friends from Singapore, Australia, and across the U.S., joined local Greenwich residents for the celebration. Despite the soaked ground, the dancing went late into the night. "It was wild, joyful, and exactly the kind of party we had always imagined," Alexandra said.

Now settled in Greenwich, aboard a traditional Maldivian the couple looks forward to continuing to build their life in "Each trip reflected our vows on June 12 in a beachfront the community. "We're thrilled shared spirit of adventure and ceremony that was both legally to be part of Greenwich and to curiosity," McConaghy said. officiated by Joseph Kelly Sr. raise our future family here,"





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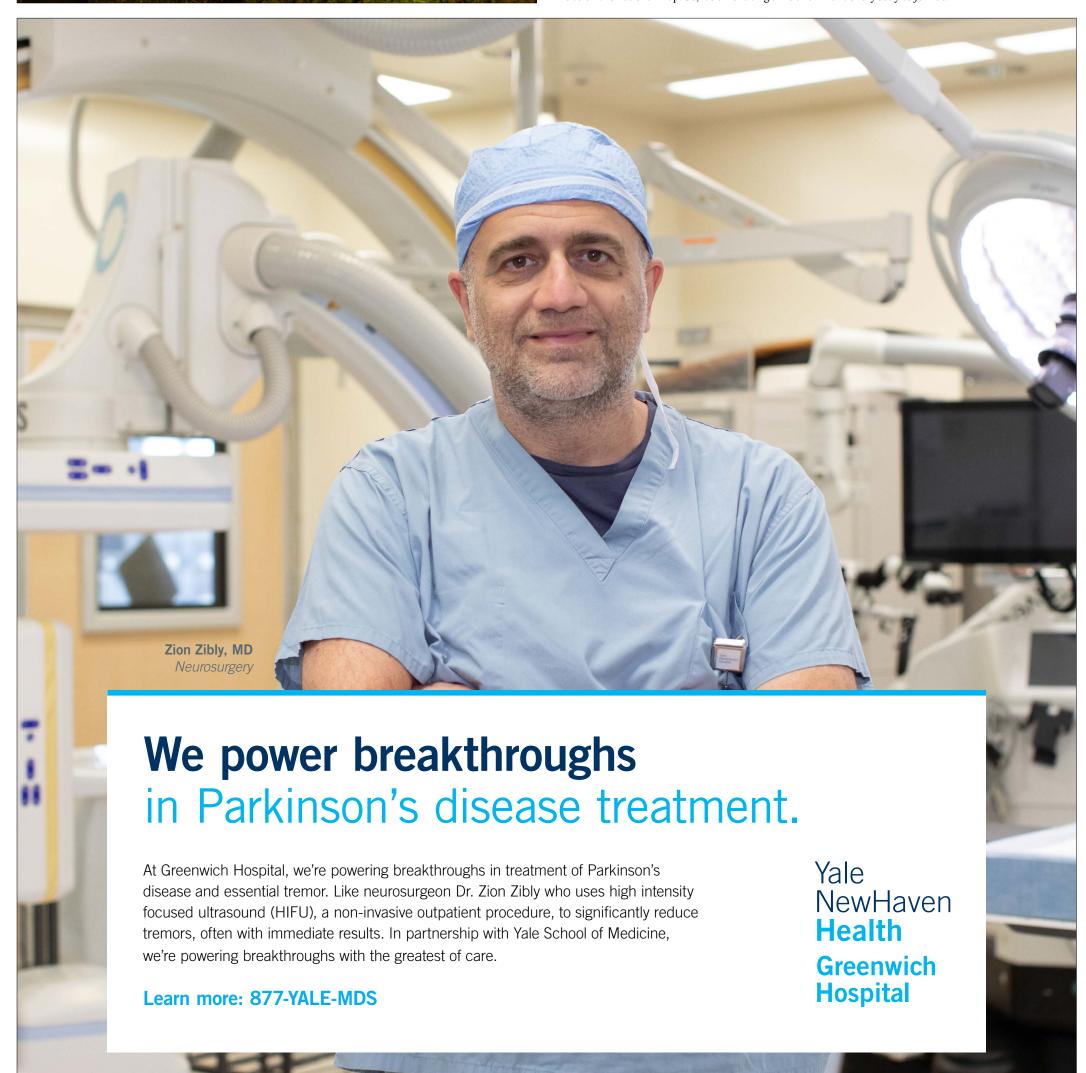
Bruce Museum new executive director/CEO Mary-Kate O'Hare beside "Ghost Bear" basket in "Jeremy Frey: Woven" exhibit. Photo by Anne W. Semmes



Bruce Museum new executive director/CEO Mary-Kate O'Hare beside Polar bear in "On Thin Ice: Alaska's Warming Wilderness" exhibit. Photo by Anne W. Semmes

place to safely keep objects, but that whole concept of the museum has evolved over the years. It's perhaps more fitting to think about a museum as a town center, or sometimes it's described as the village green. It's a place where the community can come together, they can see fantastic art, but they can also engage in some new ideas with a speaker. They can get a snack. They are happy, they feel comfortable and welcome. And it's a place where they can meet each other."

All in all, O'Hare is "excited to be here to help launch the Bruce in its next chapter - a very exciting chapter." She has "high aspirations for it, with great art and science together, bringing our science programming well into the 21st century. We are going to be doing incredible things. We're going to put the Bruce on the national map. So, it's an exciting time and I want everybody to join us."



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## Open Space: Why Must We Protect It?

By Janet McMahon

Marnus Greyling
Conductor

 $Rapid\ development-often$ all the time. Terms like "open space" or "green space" are heard frequently. But what do they really mean, and why are they so vital?

Open or green space broadly refers to undeveloped land or water that remains free from may include natural habitats, urban heat island effect through public parks, or privately owned be preserved for many purposes: tree can create a cooling effect biodiversity, offering recreational opportunities, or supporting day? agriculture.

to the 2022 Town of Greenwich Open Space Plan, the town has just 3,981 acres of dedicated open Babcock Preserve. Beyond their communities. beauty, these spaces improve public health by encouraging exercise, reducing stress, supporting mental well-being, fostering community connections, and enhancing the character of our town.

Can you imagine Greenwich without these iconic gems?

Why Open Space Matters

Open spaces are central to Greenwich's identity. They attract new residents, inspire homeowners to stay, and preserve the unique are open to the public, including character of our community. But Converse Brook, Byram River, their value extends far beyond

tools in the fight against climate about all of GLT's preserves. change. As storms, droughts and heat waves intensify-and

overdevelopment—is everywhere meadows, and wetlands act as carbon sinks, absorbing CO from the atmosphere. According to the USDA, a single large tree absorbs about 5-6 kilograms of significant building. These areas natural vegetation also reduce the shade and transpiration. Did you parcels left undeveloped. They can know that a single healthy, mature support. protecting ecosystems, preserving equivalent to ten room-sized air conditioners running 20 hours a

Wetlands and forests also Here in Greenwich, our open absorb stormwater, mitigate GLT's mission is by attending our spaces provide a welcome refuge for flooding, and replenish both people and wildlife. According groundwater supplies. At the same time, open spaces safeguard biodiversity by providing habitats for countless species. They space—out of a total of 30,592 acres. strengthen ecosystems, ensure Well-known examples include cleaner air and water, and create Tod's Point, Mianus River Park, and healthier, more sustainable

### **Greenwich Land Trust's Role**

Greenwich Land Trust (GLT) is proud to permanently protect and a rock climbing wall, pony rides, steward more than 1,000 acres of open space across 82 preserves that span every corner of town. From tidal marshes along Long Island Sound to meadows, orchards, and backcountry woodlands, GLT properties represent the full ecological diversity of Greenwich.

Several of our preserves Mueller, and Westfall. We invite you www.gltrust.org and be part of the to explore these town treasures—or movement to protect Greenwich's Open spaces are powerful visit www.gltrust.org to learn more open spaces—ensuring they remain

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communities-natural landscapes of Greenwich and receives no provide resilience. Forests, town funding. For 49 years, we have been Greenwich's oldest and most trusted local land conservation organization, earning national accreditation status in 2012. Acquiring, protecting and CO each year, while a mature oak stewarding open space forever can produce roughly 274 liters of is no small task and requires oxygen per day. Tree cover and dedicated professional staff, a committed Board of Directors, strong community and government partnerships, and ongoing financial

> By supporting GLT, you are helping to conserve the very landscapes that define Greenwich! Join Us at Go Wild!

One way you can support largest annual fundraiser and most beloved family event: Go Wild! Family Field Day. Now in its 26th year, Go Wild! will take place on Sunday, October 19, from 2:00-5:30 P.M. at the Greenwich Polo Club.

This much-anticipated celebration will feature live music by Sasco Dead and Jumpin' Jams, and activities for all ages such as GAGA courts, Soccer with Aldwin, a petting zoo, hands-on crafts, the jumbo truck experience, food and beverage trucks, and of coursethe iconic Ferris wheel offering breathtaking bird's-eye views of all of Greenwich's open spaces!

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Montefiore Einstein



Teams go head-to-head against one another at the Greenwich Polo Club\'s final event, the Greenwich Cup last Sunday. (Photo courtesy of Claudia Suica)

## Greenwich Cup closes out Polo season in fine style

BY LIZ LEAMY

Last Sunday was another one for the books as the Greenwich Polo Club wrapped up its 2025 season in highoctane style with the celebrated Greenwich Cup tournament, an annual event featuring three consecutive four-chukker matches involving six total teams who faced off against one another in fierce fashion.

This memorable event drew thousands of spectators who cheered and applauded for the players, both human and equine, all throughout the afternoon as they charged up and down the famous Conyers Farm field with tremendous power, speed, skill and energy, designating this as a golden experience for all of those there on all accounts, including Ambassador Lorenzo Harewood, the Consulate General of Barbados, who was there to enjoy the polo and celebrate Barbados Day on behalf of the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc., a dedicated and longtime sponsor of the Greenwich Polo Club.

"It's been positively

eventful," said Consul General Harewood, who presented awards to the players and teams at the conclusion of this event. "This is an event for everyone. The polo was exceptional and the whole environment here is fantastic. It also speaks on behalf of the Caribbean to let people know about Barbados, which has brought its culture to the

Consul General Harewood also expressed what it meant for him to be at this event.

"It means a lot to be here representing Barbados," said Consul General Harewood. "It means a lot to come here, not only to speak about Barbados, but to give people a taste of Barbados in terms of our culinary experiences with wine, rum and food, especially being the country that has the oldest rum in the world." (According to a Google search, the oldest known bottle of rum is a 1780 vintage from the Harewood estate in Barbados, with the world's oldest rum distillery being Mount Gay in Barbados, with a deed from 1703 citing its rum-making

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operations at that time.)

Meanwhile, players spoke about what a meaningful day it had been for them as well.

"Today's a very special day because it's the end of the season. We've been playing against each other all year and here at the Greenwich Polo Club this season and this is a celebration as much as a game," said Leandro Infantino of Ronin Capital/Over Under and Insigneo, whose gorgeous charge was awarded the Best Playing Pony citation. "When you're out on the field it's hard to think about anything else other than playing but when you see and hear the crowd, it's

all very exciting."

By all accounts, excitement was the name of the game at this event as people could be seen taking photos, lining up to purchase snacks, lunch and refreshments at one of the food trucks, visiting the retail vendor spots (including the Greenwich Polo Shop), listening to live music and walking around just taking in the whole experience of being at the Greenwich Polo Club while also enjoying the

"We're so glad to be here today for the season's closing event," said Katrina Vlamis who had traveled from Boston with her friends to attend

the match. "I love the whole atmosphere here. It's exciting, fun and a place where you can watch such an exciting sport and be all dressed up."

Others echoed similar sentiments.

"It's great to be here with everyone," said Melissa Tomlin of 914 Pop Ups, a Westchesterbased Entrepreneur who is the Shop Organizer for retail vendors at the Greenwich Polo Club. "There are so many vendors and it's been busier than ever. This is such an amazing club with such a dynamic community of people and the atmosphere is incredible. Everyone is having

Before & After

By all accounts, this day, being a celebratory way to wrap up the Greenwich Polo Club 2025 season, also helped create good and lasting memories for everyone there going into the fall and winter months.

"It's been such an exciting and busy season and it's always amazing to be here," said Tatyana Banaryk, Captain for The Cup Bearer, a full-service cocktail company based in Fairfield County that is a big hotspot at the Greenwich Polo Club every season. "It's always great to see and connect with everyone here. It's such a wonderful place."

Going forward, meanwhile, the Greenwich Polo Club will be hosting one more public event, the fourth annual CSI Greenwich event, a CSI5\* international show jumping contest, that will be held on Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th.

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





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## The Screens **Between Us**

Greenwich is a town of proximity. Neighbors meet at the library, in the pews of churches and synagogues, on the sidelines of youth soccer, and in the lines of the Avenue's coffee shops. In these places, people speak, listen, andmost importantly-recognize one another. This recognition is the foundation of civic life.

Increasingly, however, such recognition is obscured by the glow of screens. Social media, designed ostensibly to connect, too often serves instead to corrode. It promises conversation but delivers performance. It suggests community but cultivates mobs. The algorithms reward not reflection but reaction, not patience but fury. In this way, it has become less a public square than a coliseum, where shouting replaces dialogue and the most manipulative voice prevails.

The consequences are visible. Nationally, studies now show what intuition long suggested: repeated exposure to violent imagery, outrage, and partisan labeling wears down the body's stress response. People sleep less, worry more, and view neighbors with suspicion. Locally, one sees it in the small estrangements of daily life—the eyes lowered to phones instead of lifted in greeting, the conversations cut short by notifications, the reflexive certainty borrowed from the internet rather than shaped by thoughtful exchange.

Past editorials in these pages have warned of this drift. Greenwich, a town of global significance, is not immune to the forces shaping the wider world. But it is also uniquely placed to resist them. The habits of community here—philanthropy, civic service, neighborliness—are the antidotes to the toxins of online life. They remind us that a town is not an abstraction. It is a network of faces and voices, of stories shared in kitchens, at sporting events, at public meetings.

To speak in person is to be reminded of another's humanity. To listen face-to-face is to encounter nuance, tone, and gesture-all the things flattened by a tweet. This is why civic life has always required physical presence. The town meeting, the school forum, the local newspaper—they are practices built to sustain democracy in the small, where it is lived.

Social media and other online media have become a marketplace of division; community, faceto-face, remains the marketplace of real human life. Greenwich does not need to be governed by the fury of online mobs. It can be governed by the difficult but rewarding work of neighbors speaking honestly, listening respectfully, and finding the common ground that algorithms cannot supply.

The late George Eliot posed the question: "What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to each other?" That is the old wisdom Greenwich must preserve. By engaging stubbornly, repeatedly, and insistently in turning away from screens as a normal course of our daily lives, and by turning again toward each other, our town can model a civility the world sorely needs.

## Editorial Pa

**LETTER** 

## Remembering Charlie Kirk

Charles James Kirk lived an extraordinary life. At just 31, he embodied the American Dream. Self-educated and driven, he dedicated himself to engaging college-aged youth in conservative dialogue through Turning Point USA. His influence reached the White House, captivated Generation Z, and commanded global attention.

Kirk fearlessly debated prominent figures like California Governor Gavin Newsom and Bill Maher and participated in an Oxford and Cambridge Union Debate, engaging dissenting viewpoints with civility and conviction. His organization also played election, orchestrating an impressive Get Out the Vote campaign—a remarkable feat for a group founded only a decade ago.

for other assassinations and observed a restrictions.

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disturbing national trend: individuals once champions of free speech now demand the vilification of others for expressing their views, echoing the violence that claimed Kirk's life. This is a tragedy to itself and an insult to Charlie's life mission.

As Chairman of the Greenwich a pivotal role in the recent presidential Republican Town Committee, I've seen divisive rhetoric infiltrate our community, most recently during a recent bruising primary campaign. We must reject this Tragically, Kirk's murder is a stark path. Civil discourse is the bedrock of our reminder of the dangers of toxic discourse. democracy, and Kirk's legacy should inspire In its aftermath, I've seen more calls the free exchange of ideas, not further

In Greenwich, we are neighbors, friends, and family first-political adversaries second. The national model of hostility has no place here. If we allow it to persist, we risk outcomes like the tragedy we witnessed last week. Let us honor Charlie Kirk by fostering unity and respectful dialogue in our community and beyond, both within our respected parties, toward our opposition party and beyond to the public.

Michael E. Hahn, Chairman, Greenwich Republican Town Committee

"When people stop talking, really bad stuff starts...when civilizations stop talking, civil war ensues. When you stop having a a human connection, with someone you disagree with, it becomes a lot easier to commit violence...what we as a culture have to get back to is being able to have reasonable disagreement"

Charles James Kirk October 14, 1993 - September 10, 2025

### **LETTER**

## Thank you, Greenwich Republicans

Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) candidates, endorsed and supported by First Selectman

The Greenwich Republican and volunteers: thank you That conviction guided our this effort. ours, your dedication reflects the many Republicans in ended, our gratitude remains. Fred Camillo, on their primary Greenwich who value fiscal We are honored by the trust you

candidates congratulate the six for your commitment. While campaign, and we are proud to the election result was not have stood for those principles. Though our campaign has

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BET Republican Primary Candidates: David Alfano, Nisha Arora, Lucia D. Jansen, Alessandra Brus, Phil Dodson,

### **LETTER**

## **Our Resolve Must Remain Strong**

darkest days in our nation's etched in our national memory. history. Twenty-four years ago,

This year, our reflection calls us to act. America was attacked not for carries an added weight.

what we had done, but for who Young Americans are grieving grieve, but we also reaffirm. belief in the promise of this we are-a nation defined by the loss of Charlie Kirk-a America must remain proud of nation. freedom, resilience and hope. bold, intelligent, conservative what it stands for. Our enemies We honor the thousands of voice who inspired countless once sought to break our spirit, and the families who carry an is a reminder that the fight for remain strong. We honor the are printing it this week.

Today, September 11, we unending burden of loss. Their our values is carried by each heroes of 9/11 and the leaders pause to remember one of the sacrifice and strength remain generation, and his legacy calls of our own time not only by us to do more than mourn: it remembering but by carrying forward their courage, their On this solemn day, we clarity and their unwavering

### Beth MacGillivray

Editors Note: This letter was innocent lives taken, the first patriots to stand firm in their and today cynicism and division submitted on Sept. 11 after we had responders who ran into danger, convictions. His assassination test it still. Yet our resolve must gone to press, which is why we

### **LETTER**

### Laura Kostin for the Board of Education

This November, the election being on the ballot for a party with which I have never aligned with politically, has my full incumbent Democrat running for her second 4-year term.

I met Laura many years the North Street School Parent Teacher Association Executive Board together. Laura is a of Greenwich Public Schools and two who are still enrolled.

While the Board of for the Board of Education will Education is made up of be filled with many names of four Democrats and four people I have gotten to know Republicans, Laura has always personally over my lifetime been hyper-focused on the I can say I have seen firsthand be filling the halls of the new Republican and don't typically students, administrators, stomp for Democrats. One and parents. She has always dates) with complete honesty.

She was not a Democrat and support and vote: Laura Kostin, I was not a Republican during those conversations: we were just two moms hoping to see the formative years.

### Laura is no-nonsense, tell-it-like-it-is, honest and dedicated.

me for the last 4 years.

I was Central Middle School formed. Laura volunteered to serve on the Committee, and she still does today. For those who followed the meetings during the regulatory approval phase, best options come to life for our they were tense, contentious ago when she and I served on children at the schools where and acrimonious. Many on the they spend so much of their Committee seemed to think of students as widgets rather than This week, after hearing so our children. Laura was always mother of four, two of whom much about the need to listen the first to bring the focus back have gone through the entirety to other viewpoints with more to where it should have always Laura for the Board of Education respect and less vitriol after the remained: needs of the students on Election Day, November 4th. assassination of Charlie Kirk, and administrators who would

living in town. I am a registered needs of GPS as a whole: its Laura has done exactly this with building starting in September

Laura is no-nonsense, tell-itperson in particular, despite answered questions I had (often PTA President when the CMS like-it-is, honest and dedicated. during swim lessons or play Building Committee was She doesn't sugar-coat nor does she step away from a fight worth fighting if it will benefit the students of GPS. It is easy to forget this is a volunteer role and she has devoted countless hours of her personal time over the years to this role because she cares about the students, teachers and administrators of Greenwich Public Schools.

Please join me in voting for

Dina Urso

## More Than Just a Nursing Home: Protecting Our Community's Heart

Stamford may be my I always felt like a Greenwich kid. My childhood summers were spent at Island Beach, our family went to church at St. Mary's, and I played on the playgrounds at Bruce Park and Greenwich Common. These places are woven into the fabric of my life, but perhaps no place is more deeply connected to my family's story than The Nathaniel Witherell.

My roots with this institution go back further than most. My great-grandmother, who owned a salon on Elm Street, volunteered at the Witherell's salon before she eventually became a resident herself. She spent her final years there, and I was just nine days old when I made my first visit, perhaps the youngest person on the grounds that day, to see my greatgrandmother, Nellie Johann.

Decades later, at age 25, my hometown, but in many ways, connection to the Witherell became deeply personal. My father suffered a stroke and became a permanent resident. My younger siblings and I were thrust into the complexities of nursing home life while still figuring out our own. It was new, frightening territory. But the staff at The Nathaniel Witherell walked us through every process, answered our endless questions, and comforted us when we were

> been more than just caregivers; they've been an extension of our family. They call with updates, encourage my dad to take his medication, and have sweet interactions between been with us for every holiday the younger volunteers and and milestone. Their jobs aren't residents. easy-my dad certainly keeps

The residents of The Nathaniel Witherell were once us.

tired or stressed. The care they provide is a constant source of comfort and reassurance. I sleep better at night knowing he is in the best place he can be.

Witherell is a vital part of Greenwich's culture and community. When they hold events for residents and their families, I am always in awe For the past 10 years, they've of the dedication of the staff and volunteers. They create seemingly small but meaningful moments of normalcy, bridging generational gaps with

them on their toes-but they are Nathaniel Witherell were once Greenwich. always smiling, stopping to say us. They walked the streets

hello, never showing if they are of Greenwich, owned local businesses, paid taxes, and raised their children here. Just because they can no longer contribute in the same ways they once did doesn't mean we I truly believe The Nathaniel should deny them the quality of care that a well-funded public institution can provide. We should celebrate that we have the means to care for our senior residents in this capacity.

The Nathaniel Witherell is more than a nursing home; it's a living part of our history and a beacon of compassion. We must protect it. Its mission is a reflection of our community's values, and ensuring its future is a promise to the past, the The residents of The present, and the future of

Christianne Rozsa

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## **Recognizing a Champion for Mental Health**

BY PETER TESEI

Pathways, Inc. is proud to announce that Shari Shapiro, Executive Director of Kids in Crisis, has been named the 2025 Mental Health Champion. For more than four decades, Shari has been a tireless advocate for children's mental health, building programs and services that ensure no child in our community faces crisis alone.

At Pathways, we believe a Mental Health Champion can be anyone — a caregiver, clinician, policymaker, or neighbor who raises awareness, breaks stigma, and brings hope through compassion, courage, and action. Shari embodies all of these qualities and more. Her ability to stay nimble and innovative has allowed children here in Greenwich and surrounding towns to receive the best possible mental health care at their most vulnerable moments.

A Shared History of Caring Both Kids in Crisis and Pathways were founded in Greenwich in the 1980s – born out of a recognition that our community's children needed safe homes and compassionate support. In those early years, both organizations faced challenges acquiring housing for vulnerable populations, often encountering "Not In My Backyard" opposition. Yet, with persistence and local support, both agencies created havens of safety that continue today.

A common phrase in mental know, what you don't know."

health evolves, so must our they need to recover and thrive. approaches. Shari has modeled this adaptability – from crisis nurseries and school-based care when they need it most.

The Power of Community

Research affirms what we see every day: community itself offers protection. A 2023 study showed that individuals with a strong sense of community had significantly lower odds Champion Award will be stress, whereas those who felt isolated were three to five times on Saturday, November 8 at symptoms.

health is not only about services honorees Tom and Kim Athan, - it is about belonging.

Why Early Care Matters

The evidence is also clear: childhood trauma is strongly linked to serious mental illness in adulthood. Children Kids In Crisis has grown into exposed to multiple forms of a comprehensive safety net for maltreatment have over three children and teens. From the times the odds of developing SafeHaven emergency shelter a mental disorder later in life. to school-based TeenTalk and Shari's lifelong mission to KidTalk counselors, from intervene early and provide safe, Lighthouse peer groups to supportive care for children ClubTalk after-school support, has ripple effects that extend thousands of young people each across a lifetime. Pathways year find care and connection continues that continuum of through these programs. And care by supporting adults who for anyone in need, the Kids In live with serious mental illness, Crisis 24/7 Helpline (203-661many of whom first experienced 1911) is always open, making trauma in childhood. Together sure that children, teens, and we help ensure that every challenges alone. health circles is "You don't individual – child or adult – has

As the understanding of mental night, and access to the support

Celebrating Positive

Shari's accomplishments counselors to affirming spaces are nothing short of heroic and for LGBTQ youth and new celebrating her is a way to spark elementary-level interventions a contagion of positive influence ensuring that children receive in our community. When we recognize those who dedicate their lives to helping others, we inspire more people to act. And when nonprofits support one another, the entire community grows stronger.

The 2025 Mental Health of depression, anxiety, or presented to Shari Shapiro at the Pathways' Annual Gala more likely to report serious L'Escale, Delamar Greenwich Harbor. We hope you'll join us This matters because mental as we honor Shari, celebrate our and stand together in support of mental health.

Kids In Crisis: Always There for Kids and Families

Under Shari's leadership, with partners like Kids in Crisis, parents never have to face

a safe place to live and sleep at Adults, Strengthening individuals build skills, find Director of Pathways Inc. and



Peter Tesei & Shari Shapiro at Pathways Club House in Cos Cob

Community

Pathways has empowered services and a day program pways.org or call 203-869-5656. Pathways: Empowering at "The Club," Pathways helps

dedicated case managers and

Peter J. Tesei is the Executive

community, and live with previously served as Greenwich's For more than 40 years, dignity and purpose. Our First Selectman for 12 years (2007-2019). His public service adults living with serious mental residential staff walk alongside spans 38 years as a former RTM illness through providing safe clients every step of the way District 9 Chairman and Board of housing and compassionate — ensuring that no one faces Estimate & Taxation Chairman. care. From our supportive mental illness alone. To learn He has served on several nonhousing, community social more or get involved, visit www. profit Boards and community organizations and has been leading Pathways since November

## The Awakening Opens at Les Beaux Arts Gallery

taught, disabled artist. Her newest Jesus called "The Prince of Peace." exhibition, "The Awakening," will run through Friday, November 7, 2025.

at the age of 40 after spending most with pastels, graphite, watercolors, of her life in multiple surgeries to acrylics, and oils. Her work has been Thursday, October 2, and Monday, correct a rare genetic disorder she shown in many galleries and online. October 13. For more information, was born with. She started drawing She has received 370 awards. very detailed images, creating a

Les Beaux Arts Gallery is located Curator, at 203.869.1091.

Les Beaux Arts Gallery is proud photorealistic style. Her inspiration in the Round Hill Community to showcase the work of Carina was child prodigy artist Akiane Church, 395 Round Hill Road, Imbrogno, an award-winning, self- Kramarik, who painted an image of Greenwich. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. Imbrogno enjoys depicting to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to wildlife, pets, children, nature, noon, and closed on Saturdays. The Imbrogno began her art journey and flowers. She loves to work Gallery will also be closed Monday - Wednesday, September 22-24, contact Mirella Hajjar, Gallery



## Why I Am Running

Listen to our residents in formulating budgets. It's wasteful and misguided to try to cram projects down the throats of unhappy residents. And it's equally wrong not to listen when the community tells the BET it wants a program or budget funded.

To the Editor

I am Stephen Selbst, and I am running for election to my third term on the Board of Estimate and Taxation. I currently serve on the Law and Audit committees. I also serve as one of the BET liaison members to The Nathaniel Witherell, and to the committee that negotiates the Town's collective bargaining agreements with its unionized workers. In addition, I am a member of the Old Greenwich School Building Committee.

My wife and I have lived in Old Greenwich since 1993. We moved here when our children were young, drawn by the quality of life and the excellence of Greenwich public schools, which our three children attended and graduated from. I am also the past co-chair of the Old Greenwich Riverside Community Center and a past Commodore of the Rocky Point Club.

I practice law at Herrick, Feinstein LLP in New York, where I specialize in business bankruptcy and finance litigation. My experience in complex litigation and in negotiating budgets and settlements

prepared me well for service on the BET. While I strongly support the full platform adopted by the Democratic of the costs.

candidates for the BET, I want to emphasize my key goals for the upcoming term:

• Develop a long-range capital plan that reflects the needs of the Town and its residents and that avoids sharp increases in property taxes. Greenwich formerly had bi-partisan agreement on the Town's capital priorities. But for the last four years, the Republican BET won't

even meet to discuss a long-term plan. • Develop a climate resiliency plan for Greenwich. We need to assess our exposure and develop a strategy for addressing coming changes. Other towns and cities in Connecticut have developed such plans; we there are State of Connecticut grants available to underwrite a portion while keeping taxes low.

• Listen to our residents in formulating budgets. It's wasteful and misguided to try to cram projects down the throats of unhappy residents. And it's equally wrong not to listen when the community tells the BET it wants a program or budget funded.

There is much to love and admire about our community. I can say that as someone who chose to move here and make this my lifetime home. But we can never slip into complacency; there are areas where we can and must do better.

Please vote for all six Democrats for the BET. Let's start establishing can look to them as starting points. And we do not have to do this alone: sensible budgets that meet the needs and wishes of Town residents

Stephen Selbst

**LETTER** 

## Why I Do Not Attend Public Observances on September 11th

As September 11, 2021, comes and goes, I find myself reflecting on why I do not attend the public observances that mark one of the worst days in American history. Twenty-four years ago, I was one of the thousands who witnessed the events of that day firsthand in New York City. I've written about what I saw many times over the years, but the memories remain vivid, inescapable, even when I try to push them out of my head. I saw the worst of humanity and the best of humanity that day and in the days that followed. It's a day that must never be forgotten, just as my parents' generation insisted, we never forget Pearl Harbor. Ironically, I was born on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th, fifteen years after that attack, and forty-five years later, I was there to witness the World Trade Center attacks. If Pearl Harbor was my alpha, I vowed that September 11th would not be my omega.

That day started like any other. I was a lowly associate at a law firm on the 57th floor of the Chase Building, having just earned my law degree the year before. I was late to the legal profession but thrilled to have landed a job in the city. It was a beautiful fall day-blue skies, fresh air—and I was scheming to leave work early for a delayed dinner to celebrate my parents' anniversary. I took the train to Grand Central, then the number 4 subway to Wall Street. The subway was slower than usual, and I didn't reach Wall Street until 8:46 AM, one minute after the first plane hit the North Tower. Unaware of what had happened, I emerged from the subway to find black smoke pouring down onto the street. Papers-memos, files, even a plane ticket-rained down around me, which puzzled me. I thought the building above the station was on fire and rushed across the street. Looking up, I saw an angry black hole in the North Tower. The streets were filled with people, and a fireman held back the crowd to let a fire truck pass. I still remember the faces of those men hanging off the truck as they raced toward the towers. That ahead of the plume of dust and debris. I didn't look back. truck was later found in the debris.

Twenty-four years ago, I was one of the thousands who witnessed the events of that day firsthand in New York City. I saw the worst of humanity and the best of humanity that day and in the days that followed. It's a day that must never be forgotten...

worked-one of the few that did-and I brought her to my office to make the call. From the 57th floor, we could see the towers. At 9:02 AM, as she spoke to her husband, I saw a large, grey plane fly down the river, bank left, and aim directly for the South Tower. I heard it throttle down before it slammed into the building, its nose smashing through the other side. I could see the silhouettes of people in their seats just before the impact.

My brain still struggles to process what I witnessed. I started yelling to my colleagues that we needed to get out. Grabbing my briefcase, I chose the stairs over the elevator, fearing another plane might hit our building. Walking down 57 stories was no small feat, but the pandemonium outside was worse. No one knew what was happening. I called my parents, and my mom relayed real-time updates from the television. I decided to leave the area, starting the long walk to Grand Central Station. That choice likely saved my life. As I reached the City Hall area, the South Tower collapsed, and I ran as fast as I could

Silence followed me as I walked toward Grand Central, only to find We all thought it was an accident at first. I helped a woman from it closed due to bomb threats. I kept going, eventually flagging down an silence of my own heart, where the echoes of September 11th still linger. Deutsche Bank who was desperate to reach her husband. My cell phone express bus to the Bronx. I called my parents to let them know I was

safe. I made it home that day, physically unscathed but mentally bruised. In the days, months, and years that followed, I suffered from posttraumatic stress disorder. I didn't speak of that day and cried myself to sleep for months. Returning to work three days later, in what felt like a war zone, was unnerving. I avoided my usual Wall Street subway stop, taking the Fulton Street route to steer clear of the smoldering pile of rubble. The soldiers with semi-automatic weapons, the lingering smells, the closed shades in my office to block out the view of where the towers once stood-it was all too much.

I was lucky to have a patient family who helped me emerge from that darkness. I left the law firm and embarked on a journey of public service, first as an elected volunteer on the Representative Town Meeting and now on the Board of Estimate and Taxation. I've done countless hours of pro bono legal work for the mentally ill and those facing conservatorships, driven by a vow to make a difference. But every September 11th, I watch the ceremony at the former World Trade Center site on television, listening to the names of those who perished. I've done this for 19 years, and this year will be no different. I feel a duty to remember them, to honor the lives I witnessed being taken. They are a part of me, even though I didn't know them personally.

Yet, I can't bring myself to attend public ceremonies. The memories are still too raw, even after twenty-four years. The sights, sounds, and smells—the faces of those firefighters, the silhouettes in that plane, the dust cloud chasing me-are still too vivid. Public events, with their crowds and formalities, feel overwhelming, like they might strip away the private space I need to carry this weight. I grieve quietly, alone, where I can process the enormity of that day without an audience. I will never forget those who perished, and I carry them with me every day. But for now, even though you may not see me at the September 11th ceremonies in Greenwich, I will still honor them in my own way, in the

Karen Fassuliotis

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## **God Save America**

Sunday, September 14, 2025, the Fourteenth Sunday after the Epiphany, at Christ Church *Greenwich, Connecticut, by* Associate Rector the Reverend Terence L. Elsberry

Let us pray.

Lord, we come to You this morning heavy with sadness. many young men of our Lord. We pray for the departed for the victims of 9/11, for Charlie Kirk, and for all the innocent Americans whose lives have been taken by Lord, that You would stem to worship God as they Lord to move in and show us sees light. this awful tide. Please turn choose—to save civilization. our nation around. Make it Jesus name—AMEN

Enough. Enough. How much anger and discord and how many unexpected outbreaks of horrific violence do we have to endure?

country? This is not America. This is not the city on a hill, a light to enlighten the nations. This is not the country so many of our brave soldiers through all the years have given their lives to save.

We're commemorating the

A Sermon preached on President Franklin Roosevelt Americans. I keep coming decisions we need to make-followers. sons," Roosevelt said, "pride fall." of this nation, this day have our civilization."

country and our allies giving

And now this. It shouldn't safe again we beg of you. In matter what his politics knees. We need a national young wife and tiny children, happening across our his killing by another country, have got to stop. American, is unconscionable.

> without fear of being killed. Freedom of speech implies the Lord will make it happen. safety of speech. We need

told the nation in a radio talk back to Abraham Lincoln's -as Americans and as His the night before Day D: "Our "United we stand; divided we people to save our country.

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them. Then we need to pray

Last Sunday Marek

And we need to pray. As George Washington. I see said: "If my people, who set upon a mighty endeavor, Christians, as the people of the father of our country are called by my name, will a struggle to preserve our God, we find our strength, standing on the front porch humble themselves and Republic, our religion, and our understanding, our of Mount Vernon above our pray . . . I will hear from guidance in prayer—our nation's capital. He's seeing heaven and will forgive their And so they did, all too communication with the further. He's looking beyond sin and heal their land." (II the capital city, out across our Chronicles 7:14-150 Never have we as country as it is today. He sees their lives for that purpose: Americans needed His the anger, the animosity, the responsibility as Christians to preserve democracy, guidance more. If we are to cruelty. Seeing this, he bows to pray and shine the light of and ensure for their and move out of this quagmire of his head and weeps. Then he Christ on a better way—a way succeeding generations animosity and anger, leading dries his tears. He sees more free of rage and violence. other Americans. We pray, freedom, including freedom now to violence, we need the than the darkness. He also

We need to fall to our the Apostle Paul, wrote to the The majority of people are new Christians in Philippi: good. Look around you here were. This assassination of a call to prayer. This violence, "Do all things without this morning. 31-year-old man leaving his these killings that keep grumbling or disputing; that you may prove yourselves to that God will ultimately bring be blameless and innocent, our country through to a Think of our children. children of God without better place, that good will As Americans we all Think of our grandchildren. reproach in the midst of prevail. But we can't give up. What's happened to ou have a right to express our We need to imagine the kind a crooked and perverse. We need to turn to the Lord beliefs—in private or public of America we want to give generation, among whom you and pray—intercede—that He appear as lights in the world." (Philippians 2:12-15)

to move above and beyond preached on the importance of darkness in those ancient help we can do it. The joy of politics and beyond individual of hope. As Christians, Roman territories. But the the Lord is our strength. political beliefs and opinions our hope is based on our Lord brought His people (which we naturally all have); knowledge that God has the to show the world a better seated, please sing together 80-year anniversary of the we need to move beyond answer, that He knows the way-a way lit with the Sing Hymn 719 end of the Second World Way. to rediscover our unity as way we need to walk, the love of God in Jesus and His

To support his words, Paul could go back to Old I have this picture of Testament times when God

Now it's our turn, it's our

There are so many good Americans, so many fine, A father of the Church, caring, upstanding people.

I believe with all my heart will save our country. We won't give up. We're going There was a whole lot to keep praying. With God's

Together remaining

America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,

For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties

Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea! O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,

Who more than self their

country loved And mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine! O beautiful for patriot

dream *That sees beyond the years* Thine alabaster cities gleam

Undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea! Amen

## Rosh Hashanah: "The Day of the Sounding"



Ву Кавы Мітсн

In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations. You shall observe it as a day when the horn is sounded. (Numbers

Rosh Hashanah is our celebration of the New Jewish year, and the beginning of our "Ten than savoring the experience by in our lives and concentrate on valuable and challenging to obtain, are the beginning of knowing how one of the prominent religious Days of Awe," which culminates with Yom Kippur.

Rosh Hashanah is also called Yom Teruah, the "Day of the Sounding." And a central mitzvah is for us to "listen" to the piercing sounds of the shofar.

A bracha (blessing) is usually said ahead of a sacred action.

The blessing for the shofar does not mention how the person will sound the shofar - only that

others will hear the shofar blasts. Rosh Hashanah prioritizes the need to hear and truly listen.

Within our 21st-century world, we are inundated with countless distractions. Multitasking is normative for most of us, and proper focus is greatly endangered.

How often do we gather with loved ones and not authentically focus on them? Or, are we more being fully present?

Vision is very common, yet meaning.

hearing is much rarer. We look at our phones, watch our screens, and divide our attention. Perpetual distractions confront us, and we struggle to and energy to achieve greater prioritize the important over the unimportant.

The shofar blasts are the

must hear.

The shofar cries out to us with an ancient spiritual urgency: "Shema Yisrael - Listen Israel!"

When we recite Shema, we are witnessing God's presence and priorities for us. By custom, when we recite the Shema, we close our eyes; we try to shut out what distracts us so we can completely concentrate on what God is instructing us.

Similarly, the shofar blasts interested in taking pictures and serve the same purpose. Set what most brings us purpose and a "listening heart."

> Stop and listen, pause and pay real attention!

> What are our life's priorities? How are we allocating our time success with our priorities? What do we need to change to do better?

The answers will only come spiritual alarm sounding that we to us if we learn to listen to God's

"Still Small Voice."

about need from us?

How often do we gather with loved ones and not authentically focus on them? Or,

are we more interested in taking pictures and posting on social media, rather than savoring the experience by being fully present?

> The answer can only come if we stop and listen as the cry of another serves no helpful prompt if someone cannot hear it.

The Bible describes how once God appeared in a dream to King

God told Solomon he could have anything he requested: wealth, power, a long life, etc. But Solomon told God that

tradition to be the "Wisest of the listening.

when we acquire the "listening heart," and then we are capable of obtaining real understanding. The "listening heart" helps us focus on what our soul cries out to us to can pursue our sacred priorities.

Hope teaches us that every event of life - good or bad - is grist for our mill. We may face something horrible, difficult or painful, but if we grind it in our mill, and we will be amazed at what it produces.

The "listening heart" lets us What do the people we care hear what our family, friends, and community most need.

> The mitzvah is to "listen to the shofar," to hear its call to us and respond to the spiritual alarm: "Wake Up," the time has come to make your life matter.

God whispers the Divine call for love, mercy, justice, and Tovah!

We need to listen better to hear the whispering.

Rosh Hashanah and the posting on social media, rather aside the mundane distractions he wanted that which is most mitzvah of listening to the shofar preacher, and is recognized as to create sacred space and sacred Solomon is considered by time. We "stop working" and start beyond. A frequent guest speaker

> As we approach our New Wisdom is only possible Year, let's succeed in hearing the shofar's ancient call.

Let's hear the spiritual alarm and wake up from the mundane distractions of our lives so that we His teachings can be found in

Let's put down the phone and local and national publications.

shut off our screens.

Let's awaken and listen to the Divine call.

Let's listen with all our hearts, minds, and might.

Let's hear and respond with our wisdom and love.

Shabbat Shalom and L'Shanah

Temple Sholom's Senior Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz is a scholar, teacher, community activist and leaders in the Greenwich area and at synagogues and churches, study groups, community institutions and universities, he is a charismatic personality who engages individuals and stimulates hearts and minds.

Greenwich Sentinel and in other

## Finding Hope and Sharing It with Others



By Marek Zabriskie

We humans love to feel selfsufficient, but in reality we are not always strong and resilient. When we are weak and vulnerable, and we need the help of the God who has been "our help in ages past, our hope for years to come."

God was here long before our country was founded and God will be here long after all of us are gone. It is we who briefly appear upon the stage of life. and then exit, but the God of hope remains forever.

Hope teaches us that every event of life - good or bad - is grist for our mill. We may face something horrible, difficult or painful, but if we grind it in our mill, and we will be amazed at what it produces.

Sometimes, it takes tragedy, loss, or failure to press out the best within us and allow it to become a gift to others. The people that I know who have the

substance are often those who have suffered the most. The poet Emily Dickenson expressed this in four simple short lines:

Essential oils are wrung:

The attar from the rose Is not expressed by suns

It is the gift of screws.

The next time that you are find yourself at the end of your rope, when you are ready to give up hope, just remember that sometimes God has to press the best out of you. Never ever give up hope.

When we bottom out in life, it's hard to know what to do and where to go in order to rediscover hope. When counseling folks in such moments, I always quote Deuteronomy 30:19, where God tells Moses, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you - life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life..."

When we are in difficult

lose hope.

struggling, don't waste your time with regrets or envying others. Just play the hand of cards that God has dealt you to the best of your ability. Play your best cards, rather than lament over the cards you don't have to play. Keep choosing life, not death. Choose blessings, not curses, and in time you will

rediscover hope in your life. The psalmist reminds us that God knows us better than we will know ourselves. "Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You... are acquainted with all my ways." (Ps. 139:1-2) God is always in your corner. So let God help you rediscover hope.

suffering can inadvertently \$12 a month railroad rental bad choices and as a result we graduated from PS 121 in So, if you are really Swarthmore College and Columbia University, where he earned his MBA, which led to a very successful business career.

In 1981, Lang was invited back to give the commencement address to the sixth grade students who were graduating. He had a few flash cards on the podium, and he struggled for what to say.

Lang spoke about their future, and he told them that this was their first graduation, which would be followed by Lang. graduating from high school and college. But as he looked out at a sea of Black and Hispanic faces, he saw lots of blank stares. These children didn't believe that they had a future. They didn't feel any hope.

Based on history, only

greatest character and deepest situations, it's easy to make Eugene Lang grew up in East graduate from high school and bad choices. People who are Harlem. His family lived in a virtually none of them would go on to college. So on the spot choose death over life and apartment. His father was Lang changed his speech. He curses over blessings. We make a Hungarian refugee. Lang later said, "It dawned on me that the commencement banalities 1933. He eventually attended I planned were completely irrelevant."

> So, he told them that he was in Washington, D.C. when Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I have a Dream" speech. It changed his life. Then he promised to give each of these students \$2,000 a year to attend

> After the graduation, the principal said, "Don't worry. It won't cost you much money. Only one or two of them will attend college." That depressed

So, he adopted the entire class. Lang treated them to trips and restaurant meals, counseled them through crisis after crisis, and provided year-round academic support and cultural and recreational outings.

Let me offer an example. 25% of these students would 52 students who graduated

from the sixth grade went on to graduate from high school and 40 attended college. He later established an "I have a Dream Foundation," which has underwritten college for 16,000 students.

During his lifetime, Lang flew coach class. He also traveled on subways and buses to save, and he gave away \$150 million to charities and institutions. But most of all, he gave hope, and hope is what the world desperately needs.

Jesus is hope incarnate. May he inspire you to never give up, but instead to live each day with hope and share that invaluable gift with others.

The Rev. Marek P. Zabriskie is the Rector of Christ Church Greenwich. He is a student of hope, working to find sources of hope and to share them with others. Christ Church is a With his help, 48 out of community of hope for our entire

## **Breaking Free from Burnout Culture**



Picture this: you're at a dinner party, and someone asks the classic "So how's it going?" What follows is a competition disguised as conversation. "Oh me, busy!" the first person responds. "Well, I'm drowning in emails," comes the next reply. "I tried to get away last weekend but came back to 14,000 messages Monday morning." The final contestant delivers the knockout: "That's cute. I haven't slept since June!"

disguised as a complaint. We've it. These high achievers didn't somehow turned exhaustion into ask for a break or hint they were social currency!

Here's a sobering statistic: 66% of American workers are experiencing clinical burnout in 2025, according to a Forbes article from earlier this year. The other 34% were probably too tired to answer the survey. This isn't just stress after a demanding week. This is a state of physical, emotional, and mental exhaustion caused by prolonged exposure to emotionally demanding situations.

For many of us in a place like Greenwich, this isn't just a statistic. It's our daily reality.

### The Rest We Think We Want

We tell ourselves that rest means the perfect vacation, a cleared schedule, or finally catching up on everything. We quiet retreat, crowds saw them "urgent," meetings that suddenly felt overwhelmed. Throughout live this way? Start with daily fantasize about having no emails, leaving and literally ran around the become "critical," projects "due his ministry, he built regular, withdrawal: create brief "grounding no deadlines, no demands on our shoreline to intercept them. By the time. But here's the problem: those conditions never actually arrive.

I think about a story from the Gospel of Mark that reveals something profound about human nature. A group of Jesus' disciples had just completed an intense period of meaningful work. They were exhausted but energized, riding the high of achievement. Jesus looked at them and said something counterintuitive: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

Notice three things about this Nothing quite like a boast invitation. First, Jesus initiated overwhelmed. They were still in the adrenaline phase, but their leader saw what they couldn't see: that sustainable success requires sustainable rhythms.

> Second, the invitation wasn't just to stop doing something, but to come somewhere specific, with someone specific. Rest wasn't merely the absence of activity but the presence of meaningful connection.

> Third, this wasn't weakness but wisdom. Jesus didn't wait for complete collapse or a total breakdown. He intervened before they hit the wall.

### Why Rest Keeps Escaping Us

time they arrived at their "solitary place," it was anything but solitary.

This reveals why rest feels so impossible in our culture. We're living with an operating system that makes rest nearly impossible.

Think about it this way: our culture runs on what I call the "Egypt model" of human value. In ancient Egypt where the Israelites had once lived in captivity, your worth was determined by your output. Keep people so busy they can't think clearly. Keep them so exhausted they can't imagine alternatives. Keep them so overwhelmed they'll accept whatever reality you give them.

Sound familiar? Apps are designed to be addictive. Work cultures reward those who sacrifice the most for the company. Even our school systems pile on homework and activities, creating stressed children who don't know how to simply be.

But there's an alternative operating system, one that recognizes human beings as more than their productivity. Call it the "Sabbath model." This ancient wisdom suggests that in a world obsessed with endless growth and constant competition, we need rhythms of enough.

Three things consistently sabotage our attempts at real But here's where the story gets rest. First, the tyranny of urgent

never have time for what's actually was happening around him. important.

"Jesus offers rest not because we've done enough, but because he has done enough."

needs. There are always people performance. Jesus could withdraw who could benefit from our time, energy, and attention. This creates identity wasn't based on what he "compassion fatigue guilt" where we feel selfish for wanting rest when we could be helping someone.

Third, the drive to remain relevant. Deep down, we want to matter, to be missed if we're absent. something revolutionary. In We unconsciously buy into the lie Matthew 11:28, he says, "Come to that life can't go on without our me, all you who are weary and constant involvement.

### The Rest We Actually Need

Here's what's brilliant about how Jesus responded to the interruption of his retreat. He didn't react from resentment or depletion. He responded from genuine compassion and spiritual strength. Why? Because even though his external rest was interrupted, his internal connection to his Father remained intact.

This reveals that true rest is fundamentally relational, not circumstantial. We don't need perfect conditions to experience soul rest. We need connection to what grounds us, centers us, gives our lives meaning beyond our achievements.

It's also rhythmic, not sporadic. Living it Out interesting. As they headed to their demands. Phone calls marked Jesus didn't just rest when he

yesterday." These demands are intentional patterns of withdrawal usually legitimate, but if we say and renewal into his days, yes to every urgent thing, we regardless of how he felt or what

Most importantly, this kind Second, the guilt of unmet of rest flows from security, not from the crowds because his accomplished that day. His sense of worth wasn't tied to staying busy or being needed or keeping everyone

burdened, and I will give you rest." Notice he doesn't say "come when you've earned it" or "come when you've caught up on everything." He invites us to come as we are, exhausted and overwhelmed.

Here's the profound truth: Jesus offers rest not because we've done enough, but because he has done enough. When he said "It is finished" on the cross, he wasn't just talking about salvation from sin. He was declaring the end of all human striving to prove our worth. The performance is over. You can rest not because you've accomplished everything on your list, but because Christ accomplished everything that ultimately matters.

moments" in ordinary time. Five minutes of reflection before walking into the office. A phone-free walk around the block. Beginning your day with something meaningful before scrolling the news. Might I recommend a Psalm?

Protect weekly rhythms. Set aside time each week to rest from regular work and responsibilities. This isn't about rigid rules but lifegiving patterns.

Create wise boundaries. Learn This is where Jesus offers  $\;$  to say no to good things so you can say yes to better things. Remember: every yes is a no to something else.

Choose being over doing. This isn't anti-achievement. It's about locating our work within a larger story where our worth isn't determined by our output.

The culture tells us to measure our value by our productivity. But what if there's a better way? What if the most successful life isn't the busiest one, but the most grounded

The rest you're craving isn't waiting for perfect circumstances. It's available right now through connection to what matters most. And it starts with the revolutionary idea that you are valuable not because of what you accomplish, but simply because you're alive and God gave you that life.

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## Worship Services

### **Assemblies of God**

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

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. Anchor Night! for Young Adults: Friday, September 19, 7pm. HT Discover - Sunday Session: Sunday, September 21, 9:30am.

### **Baptist**

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

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

### **Greenwich Baptist Church** 10 Indian Rock Ln; 203-869-2807 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

### 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. Youth Ministry meeting: Saturday, September 20, 5:30pm. Youth Mass: Sunday, September 21, 11:30am - The Rosary will be recited by our Youth Group before Mass.

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

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

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm - Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine's Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine's Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church; 5:15pm - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals - Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners.

To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or ParishPartners@stc-sta.org.

### 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. Religious Education registration for 2025-2026 is open through Monday, October 6 - classes begin the week of October 13. Join Father Michael K. Jones as Saint Mary Parish celebrates its 125th Anniversary of the Church on a Silver Sea Mediterranean Cruise from Oct. 31 to Nov. 7, followed by a 3-night pilgrimage option to Rome for the Jubilee Year. Visit stmarygreenwich.org to view itinerary and pricing.

### St. Michael the Archangel 469 North St.; 203-869-5421

www.stmichaelgreenwich.com Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. Morning Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, September 20, 9:30-11:30am. Jubilee Picnic w/ Bishop Caggiano & GCS: Sunday, September 21, 1-3pm.

### <u>St. Timothy Chapel</u> 1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

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

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 8am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Daily, 7:30am; Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thu. of every month, 7:30pm. Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting: Friday, September 26, 9am, in the Parish Center.

### 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. 25th Ordination Anniversary Mass & Celebration for Father Peter Lenox: Saturday, Sept. 27, 5pm, Milbrook Club in Greenwich, \$125, RSVP by Sept. 19.

### **Christian Science**

### First Church of Christ, Scientist 11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555

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

### **Community** First Church of Round Hill

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org 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. Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, September 28, 10-11am, all are welcome.

### 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 per-

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

Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am. Children's Chapel during 10:30am worship. Mom's Prayer Group & Bible Study: Thursdays, 7pm. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @2CCGreenwich. Teddy Bear Story Hour & Fair: Saturday, September 27, 8am. Vacation Bible School: October 2 & November 4. All are welcome here!

### Episcopal

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

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

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 -Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Pet Food And Toy Drive: Sunday, Sept. 21 to Sunday, Oct. 5. Sunday Forum: "By Land and Sea: Paul's Travels in Acts": Sept. 21, 11:15am. Fall BBQ at Pacific House: Wednesday, Sept. 24, 4:30pm. Men's Ministry Breakfast & Book Discussion: Saturday, Sept. 27, 8:30am. Joyful Noise Casual Worship Service with Rob Mathes: Sunday, Sept. 28, 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.stpaulsriverside.org

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

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

### <u>Iewish</u>

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

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

### **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. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service: Monday, Sept. 22, 6:30-8:30pm, Round Hill Community Church.

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

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

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

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. High Holiday Food Drive: through October 1 - Participate in Temple Sholom's annual food collection to support Neighbor to Neighbor. Collection bins will be located in the Temple lobby.

### 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**

### **Dingletown Community Church** 376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

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

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

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

### Center for Spiritual Development.

### 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). An Afternoon of Spiritual Connections: Sunday, Sept. 21, 1-3pm, \$45, to purchase a ticket, go to Center4Spiritualdev. org. Mediumship practice sessions with guided meditation: Mondays - Sept. 22, 7-9pm \$20/session register at CSDPas-

### **Trinity Church** 3 River Rd. (Office); 203-618-0808 www.trinitychurch.life

All are invited to a 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 for middle and high schoolers. Livestream and recorded messages are available at www.trinitychurch. life. Hope you can make it!

### **Presbyterian**

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am.

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

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

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

Worship In-person & online (Living-Hopect.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.

## Candlelight Vigil Held in Greenwich Following Death of Charlie Kirk



Photo Courtesy of Joe Solari

people with different points of view expression. who was murdered on September 10 on a college campus in Utah.

outside group not affiliated with addressed the broader response any political party, drew about to Kirk's death, noting concerns 200 community members who about commentary that attempted stood in silence holding candles. to justify the killing. "If you think The vigil lasted just under an hour it is okay to post and insinuate and to affirm a commitment to and included remarks, prayers, that the murder of a 31-year-old

on the steps of Greenwich Town Organizers emphasized that the Hall on Thursday, September gathering was not a partisan event 11, following the death of Charlie but a chance to mourn Kirk's Kirk, the 31-year-old conservative death, to acknowledge the shock activist, commentator, and strong felt across the country, and to advocate for dialogue among reject violence as a form of political

First Selectman Fred Camillo attended the vigil but did not The gathering, organized by an address the crowd. He later

A candlelight vigil was held and moments of quiet reflection. was an act of karma ... you need to reevaluate your life and what brought you to such a dark place," Camillo said. "May God bless Charlie Kirk, and may He bless his young family. People of all beliefs and backgrounds can agree that senseless violence is never an answer, nor should be tolerated."

> Attendees described the event as an opportunity to stand together as a community in the face of tragedy, to honor Kirk's memory, civility in public life.

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restrictions. The Department of Public Works notes that the seasonal limits are intended to balance landscaping needs with community concerns about noise and air quality.

### **AROUND TOWN**

### **Greenwich Adds Signs Promoting Safety**

The Town of Greenwich has obtained two free speed display signs through the Connecticut T2 Center program. These devices show drivers their speed in real time to encourage compliance with limits and reduce crashes. Speeding accounts for nearly one-third of roadway fatalities in Connecticut, and studies show the signs are effective at lowering speeds in key locations.

### **Fall Festival Brings Community Together**

The Fall Festival will take place on September 27 at the new Cohen Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. Organized by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the event will run from 12 to 2 p.m. and include games, crafts, live music, bounce houses, and refreshments. Local businesses such as Upper Crust Bagel Company and Cups n' Cones will provide food and drinks.

### **Greenwich Considers Longer Dog Season**

At Monday's RTM meeting, a proposal was introduced to extend the season when dogs are allowed on Greenwich beaches. The current season runs from December 1 to March 31, and the proposal suggested moving the start date to November 15 instead of October 1 as originally planned. The RTM did not take a vote, and the item will be considered again at the next meeting.

### Greenwich Plans Safe Boiler Removal

A crane will be used on Oct. 11 to remove a 45,000-pound boiler house from 55 Holly Hill Lane in Greenwich, requiring the full closure of Muskrat Pond Drive for about eight hours. The crane's width matches the roadway, leaving no space for traffic while it operates. The Board of Selectmen will vote on the closure on Sept. 25.

### OCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

### **Undies Project Celebrates Ten Years**

The Undies Project, a nonprofit based in Greenwich, Connecticut, is marking its 10th anniversary by donating over 600,000 new underwear items to men, women, and children through 55 partner agencies. The organization will hold a fundraising event, An Evening of Magic, on November 1, 2025, in Stamford, featuring a magician, food, drinks, and a silent auction. Since its founding in 2015, the group has focused on providing a basic but under-donated clothing need while educating communities about the importance of underwear donations.

### **Greenwich Lions Collecting Glasses, Hearing Aids**



A collection box is available in the Greenwich Town Hall lobby for donating used eyeglasses and hearing aids to the Lions Club. These items will be refurbished and given to people in need. Additional donation boxes are located at local civic centers, libraries, and Greenwich Ophthalmology, with more information available on the Lions Club website. Photo credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

### Hill House Expands With Greenwich Store

Hill House Home, founded in 2016 by Nell Diamond, is opening a new store this year at 117 Greenwich Avenue. Hill House currently operates stores in New York City, Nantucket, Dallas, and Charleston, with additional locations planned.

### **Greenwich Joins Global Coastal Cleanup**

On September 20, from 8 a.m. to noon, Greenwich Green & Clean will host the International Coastal Cleanup at Greenwich Point Park. Volunteers will collect and record trash, with the data sent through Save the Sound to the Ocean Conservancy to support global tracking of marine pollution. Gloves and buckets are provided, check-in is at the concession stand lot, and community service credit is available.

### **Bone Marrow Drive Saves Lives**

The Lenschow family of Greenwich will host a bone marrow donor drive on September 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chelsea Piers in Stamford. The drive, held during Childhood Cancer

Awareness Month, aims to add new donors to the DKMS registry, which connects patients worldwide with potential matches. Eligible participants are individuals ages 18 to 55 in good health, and registration requires only a cheek swab.

### **Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt Visits Greenwich**

Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt will speak at Christ Church Greenwich's Dogwood Books & Gifts on Tuesday, November 4. at 7 p.m. The event. Motherhood Collective: Community. Connection, and Finding Your Inner Calm, includes her parenting talk, a wine-and-cheese reception, and a copy of her new children's book, Kat & Brandy. Tickets cost \$25, and all Dogwood profits support local charities.

### **Zero Waste Dinner Promotes Sustainability**

Waste Free Greenwich will hold its first Zero Waste Dinner on October 16 at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside, featuring a multi-course meal prepared by local chefs using surplus and repurposed ingredients. The event includes a cooking competition, presentations on sustainable practices, and recognition of community waste-reduction efforts. Proceeds will support Waste Free Greenwich and Food Rescue US, Fairfield County.

### **Greenwich Conservancy Honors Treasured Trees**

The Greenwich Tree Conservancy will hold its Treasured Trees Celebration on Thursday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouse, 437 North Street, Greenwich. The event will recognize this year's Treasured Trees and the owners of Connecticut's Champion Notable Trees. Proceeds support the Conservancy's work to preserve and expand Greenwich's tree canopy.

### **Greenwich YMCA Expands Running Start**

The YMCA of Greenwich's Running Start program provided 125 children with \$150 Kohl's gift cards, school supplies, and transportation for back-to-school shopping. The program has expanded each year since 2022, serving children from local schools and social service referrals. Funding comes from the YMCA's Back-to-School Campaign, which also supports scholarships and enrichment programs.

Constantino's Restaurant Group, owners of Pasta Bowls of Greenwich and Love You A Latte, has opened Constantino's Pizza & Ice Cream on Hamilton Avenue. The restaurant will expand its offerings to include fresh daily donuts under the Glazed N' Confused brand, along with cupcakes. Owners Michael and Robyn Bordes continue to oversee the group's growing lineup of establishments.

### **Bailiwick Club Begins Major Renovation**



The Bailiwick Club has begun the largest renovation project in its 50-year history, marked by a groundbreaking ceremony. The work includes construction of a 25-meter, sixlane swimming pool and a new dining area to support the club's swim team and membership. Founded as Fairfield County's first non-restrictive club, Bailiwick has maintained its commitment to accessibility and community use. Photo credit: Katie Tuzmen

### **PEOPLE IN TOWN**

### Justin Bernstein Wins Davidson Fellowship

Justin Bernstein, a 2025 GHS graduate, was named a 2025 Davidson Fellow and awarded a \$50,000 scholarship for his project on using bioengineered Arctic bacteria to increase ice reflectivity and slow glacier melt. His research modified cryobacteria to absorb silica and form internal glass structures, enhancing the albedo of Arctic ice. The Davidson Institute supports intellectually gifted students under 18 through programs that develop their academic and social skills.

### **SCHOOLS**

### New Lebanon School Celebrates Farm-To-School

In March, New Lebanon School was accepted into Vermont FEED's Northeast Farm to School Institute 2025 cohort, a yearlong professional learning program. Over the summer, school and district administrators attended a three-day session at Shelburne Farms in Vermont, where they developed a Farm to School Action Plan. On October 6, the school will launch its Harvest of the Season program featuring carrots grown in the school garden.

### **Greenwich Freshmen Earn National Recognition**

Two Greenwich High School freshmen, Clara Cahill and

Rajsi Choudhary, were named among the top 300 students nationwide in the Junior Innovators Challenge, which drew nearly 2,000 applicants from across the U.S. and its territories. Fellow student Ellie Mao also competed in the program, which recognizes original research projects. Cahill and Choudhary remain eligible for selection as finalists, who will advance to Washington, D.C., in October to compete for major national STEM awards.

### **SPORTS**

### **Greenwich Dominates Season Opening Victory**



Greenwich High School opened its 2025 football season with a 31-14 win over Fairfield Prep, led by sophomore quarterback Phil Tarantino's 171 passing yards and three touchdowns. Senior running back Hector Lopez added 131 rushing yards, while the Cardinals' defense produced key stops and an interception. The victory showcased strong contributions from first-year starters and returning leaders, continuing momentum from last season's Class LL state championship run. Photo credit: 06878 Photography by Antonio Monteiro

### **Sacred Heart Starts Season Strong**

Sacred Heart Greenwich opened its field hockey season with two dominant shutout wins, defeating School of the Holy Child 7-0 on Sept. 9 and Kent School 8-0 on Sept. 13. Whitney Rousseau and Lindsay Schwind led the attack in the opener, combining for multiple goals and assists, while Rousseau added four goals in the Kent game. Goalkeeper Liv Starr made one save in each contest as the Tigers improved to 2-0.

### **Greenwich Soccer Continues Winning Streak**



Greenwich High School's varsity boys soccer team had a standout 2024 season, finishing 18-1-3, winning the FCIAC Tournament and West Division titles, and reaching the CIAC Class LL semifinals. The Cardinals have opened the 2025 campaign strong at 4-0, outscoring opponents 18-1 with key contributions from seniors Alexander Amato, Henry Davis, Francisco Luzuriaga, and junior Diego Cordero. With veteran coach Kurt Putnam guiding a mix of returning leaders and new players, the team is showing strong chemistry, defensive discipline, and high-scoring potential early in the season.

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### **LOCAL POLITICS**

### **Greenwich Primary Concludes, November Awaits**

The Republican primary for the Board of Estimate and Taxation concluded this week, with ballots cast during early voting and on Tuesday. Election officials and poll workers ensured the process ran smoothly. With candidates now confirmed for November's municipal election, eligible residents are encouraged to register or verify their voter registration before Election Day.

### ACROSS CT

### **American Legion Hosts Veterans Townhall**

The American Legion will host a town hall for local veterans on September 22, 2025, from 6-8 p.m. at Post 127 in Orange, Conn., as part of its System Worth Saving program. The event allows veterans to share their health care experiences with representatives from the VA and the Legion. Findings from these visits are compiled into reports shared with VA officials, Congress, and the public.

### **OUR NEIGHBORS**

### Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Ridgefield

Ridgefield will hold its 13th Annual Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off on September 28 at Ballard Park. Prizes are awarded in categories like squash, marrow, and tomato, in addition to the giant pumpkin contest (last year's winner was over 2,000 lbs).

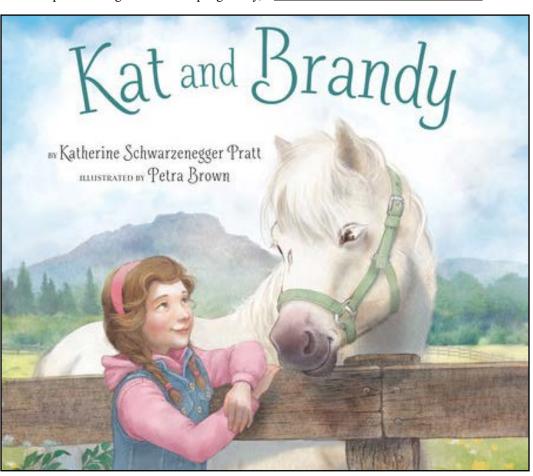
## Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt Coming to Dogwood Books & Gifts



Dogwood Books & Gifts will host fertility, and the realities of parenting. bestselling author and parenting advocate Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt for an Schwarzenegger Pratt's new children's book, evening talk, book signing, and reception on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m. The event, titled Motherhood Collective: Community, Connection, and Finding Your Inner Calm, will offer attendees practical advice and inspiration for navigating the challenges of motherhood.

Schwarzenegger Pratt, a New York Times bestselling author, is known for her work exploring parenting, faith, and personal growth. She is the host and founder of the Link for tickets: https://www.eventbrite. popular "BDA Baby" Instagram Live series com/e/kat-and-brandy-katherineand podcast, which features conversations schwarzenegger-pratt-book-talk-ticketswith experts and guests about pregnancy, 1544763572429?aff=oddtdtcreator

Tickets are \$25 and include a copy of Kat & Brandy, along with a discussion and a wine-and-cheese reception. The book, her third for children, is inspired by her own childhood and tells the story of her pony, Brandy. It includes a letter to readers about the bonds people share with animals and how those relationships can help them build confidence and overcome fears. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite:



## Paul's Journeys Come Alive at Christ Church Greenwich



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### Sunday, Sept. 21

11:15 am Forum with breakfast

"By Land and Sea: Paul's Travels in Acts"

6 pm "In His Name: The Disputed Letters"

+ Wine & Cheese Reception

Monday, Sept. 22

6 pm "Paul and Women"

+ Wine & Cheese Reception

Tuesday, Sept. 23

6 pm "Paul's Theology in the East and West"

+ Greek Dinner with Rev. Dr. Robertson

This September, Christ Church Greenwich and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church will invite the community on an epic journey-across ancient roads, over stormy seas, and into the heart of the early Christian movement. The Courage & Faith Speaker Series will present "By Land and Sea: Paul's Travels in Acts", a free four-part lecture series led by the Rev. Dr. Chuck Robertson, Canon and Senior Advisor to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

The series runs Sunday, Sept. 21 through Tuesday, Sept. 23 at Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Each talk will explore a different dimension of the Apostle Paul's life and writings, blending history, theology, and insight into how Paul's words still shape faith and culture today. Registration is requested at christchurchgreenwich. org and attendees are welcome to join one or all sessions.

### Reintroducing Paul for a Modern Audience

Paul of Tarsus is among history's most polarizing figures-first a persecutor of Christians, later the faith's most fervent missionary. His letters still provoke debate two millennia later, raising questions about gender roles, authority, and the very nature of salvation. According to organizers, this series is designed to present Paul's life with intellectual rigor and spiritual depth.

Dr. Robertson, who holds a Ph.D. from Durham University and is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, will use maps, photographs, and narrative storytelling to transport participants to the firstcentury Mediterranean world. "Paul's journeys were not only geographic but spiritual," said Robertson in the announcement. "By retracing his steps, we can rediscover what drives us to live with purpose today."

### **A Multi-Day Exploration**

The series opens Sunday, Sept. 21 at 11:15 a.m. with an introductory lecture mapping Paul's travels from Antioch to Rome. That evening at 6 p.m., Robertson will tackle the "disputed letters" attributed to Paul, exploring what questions of authorship reveal about the early church's

On Monday evening, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m., the focus turns to Paul's complex relationship with women in the early church-one of the most hotly debated subjects in Biblical scholarship. Was Paul a patriarchal figure or an advocate for female leadership? Robertson will examine these questions with fresh insight.

The final session, Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m., explores how Christians in the East and West read Paul differently and how those interpretations shape the understanding of sin, salvation, and grace. A celebratory Greek dinner in the Parish Hall will follow at 7 p.m., offering a chance for informal conversation and community connection.

### **Courage & Faith: Creating Space for Big Questions**

The Courage & Faith series, led by the Rev. Marek Zabriskie of Christ Church and the Rev. Justin Crisp of St. Barnabas, aims to create space for meaningful dialogue about faith in today's fractured world. Past events have included lectures, art, and music that invite participants to engage deeply with spiritual questions.

"This is about more than lectures," said organizers. "It's about rediscovering how faith can guide us through a rapidly changing world-how we can follow Jesus with authenticity and boldness."

Admission is free, and seating is expected to fill quickly for this rare opportunity to learn from a scholar of Robertson's caliber.

### **DIMITRI TRIPODI**

Dimitri John Tripodi, 86, of Sarasota, Fla. died on Thursday, September 12, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Born to the late Mary Katharine (Finnochio) and Joseph Tripodi, he attended Greenwich schools and then graduated from Iona College in 1960. As he started his career he also served in the US Army Reserves from 1960 to 1967. He then spent 50 years working in the fields of medical devices, pharmaceuticals and chemicals which required a great deal of international travel. During these years he lived in Norwalk, CT, New York City, Ridgefield, CT, Roswell, GA and Milan, Italy.

He is survived by his children, Dana-marie Tripodi of Sarasota, FL; John Tripodi (Amy Deluca) of Newtown, CT; Cheryl Egan of Bridgeport, CT; Rachel Montgomery (Greg) of Carmel, IN and Rebecca Tripodi of Indianapolis, IN, and 6 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Paul Tripodi of Greenwich, CT; his sister, Jo-Ann Loparco of Venice, FL and his brother, Richard Tripodi of Little Rock, AR and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, October 17 at 9:30 a.m. at Incarnation Catholic Church, located at 2929 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota. Friends and family are invited to gather prior to the Mass, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Knights of Columbus, Incarnation Council No. 15332, 2929 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34239.



It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Stamford resident Phyllis Golinko McDonald, on September 8, after living with School and graduated from Parkinson's Disease for many years. She was 82.

Phyllis was born in New York City on February 3, 1943 to Minna and Joseph Golinko. She grew up in West Orange, NJ where she attended West Orange High School. Upon graduation she attended Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where during her first week she met Jim McDonald, her

husband of 57 years. She and Jim began their marriage in New York City in 1968 but moved to San Francisco in 1970 when Jim was transferred with his firm Price Waterhouse. There, Phyllis and Jim relished their many adventures, racing sailboats on the San Francisco Bay, tasting "California Cuisine" and making lifelong friends. Phyllis even performed in a few local theater productions. She considered life in the Bay Area wonderful.

For several years, Phyllis worked first in advertising and then as a medical copy editor at San Francisco General Hospital. But when daughter Sarah was born in 1977, Phyllis became a full-time mom, a role that brought her great joy, purpose and community involvement, especially with the Marin Horizon School which Sarah attended for 9 years.

Phyllis had a special talent for trivia and remembering "arcane facts". She won every game of Trivial Pursuit she ever played, and she competed twice on the game show Jeopardy!, once in 1973 in New York and again in 1986 in Los Angeles, when she won on two consecutive days.

In 1988 Phyllis, Jim and Sarah were transferred back to New York by Price Waterhouse. They settled in Greenwich, CT and Phyllis jumped right in to their new community, easing Sarah's transition to a new school, meeting more lifelong friends and becoming an active member and volunteer with the Greenwich High School PTA and the

Greenwich Reform Synagogue, where she served on the Board and produced the newsletter for many years. Later, when Sarah was off to college, she took on full time responsibilities at Jewish Family Services of Greenwich where she led the longest-running program at JFS - Supermarketing for Seniors.

Phyllis and Jim enjoyed many years traveling the world and enjoying the theater, the opera and other riches of New York City. Phyllis was a voracious reader her whole life, she loved to dance, and she never met a new pair of shoes or handbag that she didn't want to bring home. Above all, Phyllis loved becoming a grandmother. Even as Parkinson's Disease began to limit her physical abilities, she delighted in sitting on the couch and reading to her grandchildren when they were younger and having them tell her about their active lives.

In addition to Jim and Sarah, Phyllis is survived by her grandchildren Conor, Molly and Cormac Egan of Pelham, NY: her sister Margo Golinko of Dixon, CA; her sister-in-law Eileen Martin of Newton, MA; her cousin Erica Baird of New York City; and a long list of muchloved in-laws, nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her son-inlaw, Patrick Egan and her brother, Fred

Phyllis treasured her many friends, including from Marin County and the New York area, and her wonderful aides, who took care of her for many years. In lieu of flowers, please direct any contributions to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or Jewish Family Services of Greenwich.



### **ROSWELL CURTIS**

Roswell M. (Ros) Curtis, Jr. of Greenwich, CT passed away peacefully on September 6. The son of Roswell M. Curtis, Sr. and Vera R. Curtis, he was born in Lennox, MA on March 6, 1924 and moved with his parents to Greenwich in 1934.

He attended Greenwich High The Brunswick School in 1941. Shortly after matriculating to Yale University, where he received a degree in Industrial Engineering, he left college to enlist in the US Army Air Corps.

During World War II, Ros served with the 529th Fighter Squadron, known as the Flying Tigers. Flying P-40 and P-51 Mustang fighters, his squadron took part in the China-Burma-India theater. They operated from bases such as Tingkawk Sakan in Burma and later from Pungchacheng and detachments near Hsian in China. Missions included bomber escort, groundattack operations, and interdiction raids that disrupted Japanese supply lines and protected B-29 Superfortress operations. The 529th's contributions were vital in weakening Japanese control in central China and supporting Allied efforts in Asia.

After recuperating from tuberculosis contracted in China, he re-enrolled in Yale and graduated as a member of the Class of 1945W. Ros worked for the American Felt & Filter Company in Glenville for 42 years. He remained with the company for his entire professional career, from 1946 until the Glenville mill closed in 1978. He continued consulting for felt and filter manufacturing companies into the 1980s.

On February 7, 1953, Ros married Angela Mongillo in New Haven, CT. Ros was devoted to Angela for 67 years until her passing in 2020.

He had a long history of community service in the Town of Greenwich. Mr. Curtis served for 18 years as a member of the Representative Town Meeting. He

was involved with the Boy Scouts of America for over 35 years as Troop Master and Unit Commissioner. For many years, he was involved with

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the Greenwich Jaycees supporting the local high school students involved in the Junior Achievement program, the Salvation Army, and the AARP/IRS program which offers tax preparation help and advice to seniors.

Mr. Curtis served as member of the board of directors of the Mews of Greenwich which provides affordable housing and community support for seniors, for thirty years and served as president of the board for twenty of those years. His service to the Mews was recognized in 2015 when the "Red House" building was re-named in his honor.

In 2007, he was named the Greenwich Times Community Leader of the Year in recognition of his outstanding service to the Greenwich community.

He entered the Junior Sailing program at Indian Harbor Yacht Club at age 10 and developed a love of sailing and the water. He joined the Club in 1948, actively raced in several of the Club's one-design fleets and enjoyed crewing for his friends on distance races. Mr. Curtis served as a Director of the Club for many years, chairing the Junior Sailing, Marine and Regatta Committees and as a Flag Officer before becoming Commodore in 1986.

Mr. Curtis was predeceased by his wife Angela, and a sister, Vera Curtis Nagle. He is survived by his sons, Ros III (Chantal), of Gulf Stream, FL; Mark (Laurie) and Paul (Donna) of Greenwich, CT; and 5 grandchildren.

Services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Mews of Greenwich.



### ANNE FIRMENDER

Anne Marie (Czukowski) Firmender passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at The Nathaniel Witherell in Greenwich, Connecticut where she resided for the last six years of her life. She was 79.

Anne was born on September 23, 1945, in Manchester, England, to Joseph Czukowski and Nora (Bond) Navarro. She was raised in Stratford, Connecticut and attended Stratford High, where she was known for her flair on stage as President of the Thespians and as a talented dancer. Soon after graduation she married and raised four children.

Anne's life was enriched by her deep love of music, dance, theater, reading and learning new things. She shared her talents as a dance instructor, retail buyer and counselor at a Men's and Women's Shelter. Later in life she attended Norwalk Community College and became a CNA at Jewish Family Services she was very proud of this accomplishment.

Anne drew strength from her spiritual communities. A longtime friend of Bill W., she found deep solace in her fellowship and believed very strongly in passing it on right up to the last weeks of her life. Her faith and friendships grounded her through all seasons of life.

Anne loved her life at The Nathaniel Witherell thanks to the Supportive Staff, Greenwich Chaplaincy Services, Recreation Department, Volunteers, The Gals at the Salon, and especially her Nurses, and Aids. TNW was her home and everyone there her family.

Creativity remained her enduring passion and sustained her through the last years of her life. Two years ago, she began taking watercolor classes. In August 2025, she was honored as Nathaniel Witherell's Artist of the Month. She founded the first "Nathaniel Witherell Women's Club", started the "Women's Choir" and became "President of the Resident Council".

her piece I Wonder earned third place in the Greenwich Tree Conservatory's competition, echoing her conviction that, like trees, people grow more beautiful when bent by life's challenges.

Anne leaves behind not only her family and friends but also the countless lives she touched, a profound legacy: the belief that pain, like joy, becomes lighter when shared. Through her own experiences, she taught that love is needed most when it feels least deserved, and she made certain people felt her love at those very moments.

She is survived by her daughters Michele Andronowitz (Ron), Janet Firmender, and Anne Firmender (Terry); her daughter-in-law, Rose Firmender; her grandchildren, Joseph Andronowitz (Angel), Daniel Andronowitz (Katie), Matthew Firmender, and Rory Firmender; her great-grandchild, Mackenna Andronowitz; and her nephew, Ocean Ramos. She was predeceased by her beloved son, Matthew Firmender; her sister, Kathy Ramos; her parents and her former husband and friend of many years, Michael Firmender.

A celebration of Anne's life will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 1 PM, at the Chapel of Nathaniel Witherell, 70 Parsonage Road, Greenwich, Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Anne's memory to:

The Friends of Nathaniel Witherell for the Resident Life Fund, 70 Parsonage Rd. Greenwich, CT 06830.



### ALLAN GULLIVER

Allan David Gulliver, Jr., 71, passed away on August 30, after a lengthy

He was born and raised in Greenwich/Riverside, CT, the muchloved first son of Allan Gulliver and Porter Jeanne (Hogan) Gulliver. He attended Greenwich schools, graduating from Brunswick School before attending Tufts University. He graduated with a degree in economics, then received his MBA from Babson College, and enjoyed a successful career in finance/leasing.

Allan would like to be remembered as a family man and loyal friend. His greatest joy was raising his two children, Mairin Gulliver (Dave Cote) and Christopher Gulliver, with his former wife and enduring friend, Jenny Gulliver. He felt enormously blessed to have known his two grandchildren,

Elise and Henry Gulliver. Allan leaves behind his sisters, Lynne Gulliver Erkkinen (John), Susan Gulliver Carlson of Riverside (Pete), Pamela Maffei McCarthy (Joe), Mary Frances Maffei, and Susan Maffei Plowden (John), as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He was predeceased by his brother, David, his parents, and his stepmother, Mary Frances Blynn.

In life, Allan cared deeply about food insecurity in his town and volunteered for many years at the Acton Food Pantry. Anyone who wishes to remember him may donate to www. actonfoodpantry.com . Per his wishes, burial will be private.



KRISTEN RINZIVILLO

Bowling Rinzivillo, beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 26, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was born on February 3, 1974,

Her poetry was recognized as well: in Greenwich, CT, to Andrew and Judith Vrtiak.

Kris is survived by her devoted husband, Rocco Rinzivillo; and her daughter, Riley Bowling, the light of her life. She is also survived by her mother, Judith; siblings, Marina Pennella (Richard), Matthew Vrtiak (Portia), and Dina Wallace (Bradley); father-in-law, Giuseppe Rinzivillo; sister-in-law, Enza Strouse (John); brother-in-law, Angelo Venuto; and sixteen nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father, Andrew; and sister-in-law, Gisela

Kris graduated from Berkeley College and worked in the fashion industry, holding positions at Talbots and Nine West, before becoming Senior Operations Manager at HH Brown, where she made a lasting impact.

After her diagnosis in 2019, Kris showed incredible strength and resilience. Her humor and warmth continued to shine, even in the most difficult times.

The family is deeply grateful to Dr. Franklin Loria, Dr. Sung Lee, and the staff at the Benheim Center Oncology Clinic, especially Marie Vanderhorn, for their compassionate

In harmony with Kris' wishes, the family will hold a private celebration of her life.

She will be deeply missed and remembered always.



### ROBERT GEARY, SR.

Robert Francis Geary Sr. ("Bob"), age 82, of Old Greenwich, CT, passed away peacefully on August 24, 2025, surrounded by his wife and children.

Born on May 21, 1943 in Washington Heights, New York, Bob lived a life marked by devotion, laughter, and love. He was a proud and long-time member and former President of the New York Athletic Club. There he forged lifelong friendships and often reminisced about his glory days playing handball-a sport that reflected his competitive spirit and enduring energy. Bob had a deep love of animals, found joy in golf, cheering on his favorite football and baseball teams, and celebrating Christmas with unmatched enthusiasm. Bob was passionate about his almost 50 years in the finance industry and spoke highly of his 34 years working for Chase Manhattan Bank. Here his career took him across the globe including moving his family to both Hong Kong and Sydney, Australia -experiences he treasured and spoke of often.

Above all, Bob cherished his family. He was a devoted husband to Maryann, a proud and loving father and father-in-law to Robert Francis Geary Jr. (Stacey), Kimberly Geary Bryant (Raymond) and Samantha Geary Sanchez (Michael). His greatest joy came from being "Bob Bob" to his nine grandchildren: Max and Callie Bryant, Quinn, Maeve, Aiden, and Madelyn Geary, William and Josephine Sanchez and his granddog, Lilly. Bob's legacy is one of warmth, leadership, and unwavering love. His stories, jokes, laughter, and presence will be deeply missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

A funeral Mass will be held Kristen "Kris" Elena Vrtiak by the family at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Riverside, CT on September 20 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ASPCA or the American Cancer Society in Bob's honor.



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### By Debra McLaughlin

When longtime friends Karen Feeny and Nancy Sparren decided to volunteer together at Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich, they knew it would be meaningful - but neither realized just how enriching and impactful their experience would become. Now, every week, they share laughter, stories and the joy of giving back, all while driving one of the 11 vital routes that keep Greenwich residents nourished and connected.

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2,986 served meals in August 2025 went to home-delivery clients.

Around 265 weekend meals to preschool children - all costs for children's meals are fully covered by Meals-on-Wheels, ensuring every child gets fed regardless of their circumstances.

### Affordable, customizable meals for all residents

Deliveries happen Monday through Friday with weekend meals dropped off on Fridays. Clients can choose one or two meals per day - priced at day with a friendly smile and a

## Meals-on-Wheels volunteers don't just bring meals - they deliver companionship.

Meals, Wheels & Friendship



Nancy Sparren and Karen Feeny

with flexible, no-commitment As Meals-on-Wheels of children in need - preschoolers scheduling and a wide array of Greenwich emphasizes, receiving weekend meals dietary options such as diabetic- volunteers don't just bring meals friendly, low-lactose, and puree. - they deliver companionship.

### From Friends to **Co-Conspirators in Kindness**

Karen and Nancy share this mission - yet also the simple joy of doing something deeply meaningful together. Recently they needed to make one extra delivery off their route and it was for a client with a big birthday. They came in singing Happy Birthday and the client was so moved she called the office to say thank you. Along their route, they not only deliver meals but brighten someone's

### Why You Should Join Karen

Flexible & easy commitment: Just one or two hours a week, with clear routes  $\,$  a meal - are what truly nourish and supportive coordination.

\*Caring for your neighbors: For some clients, the volunteer driver is the only daily visitor - a blend of nourishment and social

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\*Extend your reach: Help not welcome you.

\$6 (1 meal) or \$8 (2 meals) - moment of human connection. only homebound adults but also thanks to your efforts.

Karen and Nancy's journey proves what many volunteers have said before: sometimes the simplest things - delivering a smile, a moment of connection, our community. If you're thinking about giving back and making a real difference, why not give Meals-on-Wheels a call? Your route awaits!

i s \*Inclusive and impactful: mealsonwheelsofgreenwich. (203) 869-1312 to get started. Your community is ready to

## From Songs to Smiles: The Power of Friends at Witherell

By Debra McLaughlin



Tèa Licon

Life at The Nathaniel Witherell is brighter thanks to Friends of Nathaniel Witherell. The Nathaniel

## You never know, you might discover something you love while brightening someone's day.

connections that turn so rewarding." ordinary days into something special.

Witherell is a caring Academy junior Tèa Licon, and talents and reminding and vibrant community for example. With the residents how deeply they where seniors receive coordination of Friends, are valued. art, games, and meaningful connecting with them. It feels "Volunteer."

Take rising Greenwich of all ages sharing their time someone's day.

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compassionate support, she brings her guitar and Want to be part of it? ehabilitation, and daily voice to residents - sharing Join Friends of Nathaniel opportunities to connect, everything from Elvis ballads Witherell and discover create, and thrive. Through to her own original songs. Tea how giving your time, charitable support and has performed at Carnegie talent, or support can make volunteer services, Friends Hall, but she says playing a difference. Visit www. makes it possible for for Witherell residents is thenathanielwitherell. residents to enjoy music, always a highlight: "I love org/friends and click on

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## RMA Annual Picnic



RMA Dignitaries Being Photo-bombed

## Many members brought their wives, and enjoyed games including horseshoes, giant toppling timbers, Bean Bag Bucketz, corn hole toss and ladder toss.

BY BOB GIAQUINTO

The successful 2025 RMA picnic took place on Friday, September 12, at Greenwich Point. The annual event took place in the clambake area of this phenomenally beautiful park with its aquatic views. Upon arriving, guests were greeted with coffee and donuts. RMA members and guests were challenged with an array of games. Picnic Chairman Michael LaGamma, assisted by a large team of helpers, did an outstanding job putting together the gathering. The picnic was scheduled for Wednesday, but because of weather, was postponed until Friday.

Many members brought their wives, and enjoyed games including horseshoes, giant toppling timbers, Bean Bag Bucketz, corn hole toss and ladder toss, as well as participating in a raffle with five lucky attendees winning \$100 each.

Upper Crust Bagel Company of Old Greenwich and featured a variety of tasty sandwiches and wraps plus potato, macaroni, fruit and greens salads. A delicious selection of ten Along with the stewardship of the the restoration and reopening of and community service opportunities desserts came from the Neri Bakery in Port Chester. Throughout the picnic, liquid refreshments including red

and white wine, sangria, a choice of Audubon serves as a "natural" holds a master's degree in Ecology, many beers, soda, and water were educational resource for people of

Approximately 150 attended. The picnic has been an annual RMA with community groups to educate by Rochelle Thomas at 11 AM on tradition since the earliest days of the organization, in the 1950s.

"The Story of Audubon in Greenwich" by Rochelle Thomas, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, September 24, Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT

community? How can I learn more about what it offers me and my family? RMA invites you to learn about this long time Greenwich organization and what it has offered us for close to 82 years. Rochelle Thomas, the Director at Columbia University and was of Greenwich Audubon, will speak President of the Linnaean Society of Lunch was supplied by the about the many facets of Audubon New York. In 2012, she joined Wild

> The Greenwich Audubon Center's wildlife rehabilitation center. main facility is located on Riversville Road, and offers seven miles of trails. in 2023, Rochelle has overseen main 285-acre property, Audubon the Center's 1746 Mead House, the which the RMA offers to its members. also manages seven local sanctuaries restoration of the Oneida Saltmarsh For further information, go to https:// with a total of 400 acres. Not just for Sanctuary and the installation of the greenwichrma.org/, or contact info@ birders and bird watching, Greenwich Siwanoy Demonstration Forest. She greenwichrma.org.

all ages. It provides information about natural habitats, coordinates the public on conservation issues and provides programs for people The RMA's next presentation, to better appreciate the outdoors. A good example is the upcoming Annual Hawk Watch to be held on September 27. Participants will see wild raptors 2025. RMA presentations are held at up close and observe, along with experienced birders, the fall migration of birds in our area.

Rochelle Thomas is the current Just what does Audubon do in our Director of the Greenwich Audubon Center, a program and office of the previously served as Director of Strategy, Planning and Operations in the Digital Futures Institute Bird Fund, New York City's only

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Evolution and Environmental Biology from Columbia University.

To stream the presentation Wednesday, September 24, click on https://bit.ly/30IBj21. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 1310.

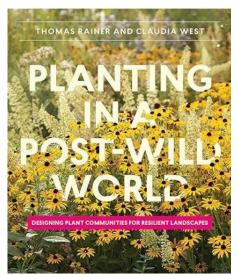
Note: The views expressed in these presentations are those of the speakers. They are not intended to represent the views of the RMA or its

RMA speaker presentations are National Audubon Society. She presented as a community service at no cost to in-person or Zoom attendees, regardless of gender. Any member of the public who would like to receive a weekly email announcement of future speakers should send a request to members@greenwichrma.org. The RMA urges all eligible individuals to consider becoming a member of our great organization, and thereby enjoy all the available fellowship, volunteer,



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### Thomas Rainer Lecture at Greenwich Land Trust



Greenwich Land Trust will host noted landscape architect, professor, and author Thomas Rainer for a lecture on Tuesday, September 30 at 1:00

are available now at www.gltrust.org.

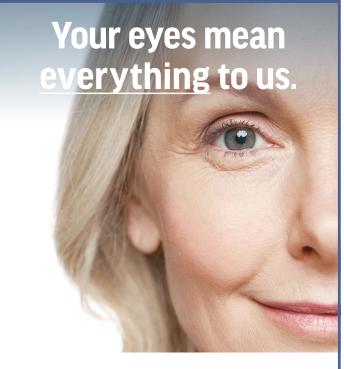
A leading voice in ecologically functional the Year. landscape design, Rainer has worked on projects such as the U.S. Capitol grounds, the share compelling alternatives to traditional Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and the New horticulture and demonstrate how designed York Botanical Garden, as well as more than 100 plantings can function like natural plant gardens spanning from Maine to Florida. His communities. Attendees will learn how to create work and ideas have been featured in The New thriving plant systems that combine the beauty York Times, The Washington Post, Landscape and resilience of nature with the sophistication Architecture Magazine, The Chicago Tribune, of designed landscapes. and Architectural Digest.

an Adjunct Professor at George Washington Planting in a Post-Wild World, is also available University. His acclaimed book, Planting in for pre-purchase and must be picked up at p.m. at 370 Round Hill Road, Greenwich. Tickets a Post-Wild World, was named one of the Greenwich Land Trust; shipping is not available.

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In this visionary talk, Rainer will

Tickets must be purchased in advance Rainer has also taught planting design as online at www.gltrust.org. Rainer's book,



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Dr. Daniel Ksepka stands before a diorama of a crowd of emperor penguins painted by Sean Murtha for the Bruce Museum's 2023 exhibition, "Penguins, Past and Present." Photo by Kirsten Reinhardt.

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

Perhaps, in the old days paleontologists would just tell their boss they're heading out to the field, the desert, the Arctic, with donkeys and supplies, and return in a few months with their fossil discoveries. But Dr. Daniel Ksepka, Curator of Science at the Bruce Museum, has his hands full with building natural history collections and creating intriguing exhibitions. Yet he is still managing by long distance to participate in bird Island of New Zealand some 60 million years ago.

fossil discoveries. He's now reached in his 18year career the total of 73 "peer-reviewed" fossil discoveries, and today it is a penguin again, with its skull dating back three million years, found crushed in rocks at the foot of a cliff on the southwest coast of New Zealand's North Island.

It's not the largest penguin like that five-foot plus Kumimanu that Ksepka helped identify a couple of years ago, it having lived on the South

So, from the looks of this newly found skull the penguin's height was "probably 39 inches" says Ksepka, and "probably belongs to the species Aptenodytes ridgeni," so named for 11-year-old Alan Ridgen who happened upon some leg bones on the South Island that appear a likely fit with the found skull Ksepka notes. But "Until we find a more complete skeleton with both the head and feet intact, we can't be 100 percent certain, hence our decision not to assign the new fossil to a species."

What intrigues Kspeka about this discovery is its location. "It's much closer to the equator... at a time when the temperatures where this animal was living may have been 18-36 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than [larger] king and emperors prefer today." Also cool adds Ksepka, "This animal is large. It has this long beak. It had wide feet. So, it probably laid a single egg and balanced on its feet. So, why aren't they in places like New Zealand anymore?" Ksepka and his peer review team are proposing, "They were wiped out by these large avian predators, these big hawks and eagles."

As of "a little over two million years ago," Ksepka explains, "the ancestors of the enormous Haarst's eagle (wingspan over 8 feet) and the smaller but still impressive Forbes harrier arrived in New Zealand." They proceeded to decimate the penguins busy "brooding their eggs on the open beach making their chicks and even adults easy targets." Today's penguins that survive in New Zealand "like the yellow-eyed penguin and little interpretation." blue penguin, were less vulnerable because they either come ashore after dark or nest in clumps or vegetation or burrows (or both) which would help them avoid these predators."

And now to know how inclusive that long distance discovery was made. Ksepka has long worked with New Zealand fellow curator Alan Tennyson at the National Museum of New Zealand (Te Papa Tongarewa its Maori name) located in the country's capital of Wellington. Count also the Museum's Dr. Felix Marx, a whale paleontologist., "interested in using isotope data to see what animals eat and figure out their ages," tells Ksepka. And add penguin researcher Dr. happy to have found over the years, "No one hates Daniel Thomas of the University of Auckland.

"Until we find a more complete skeleton with both the head and feet intact, we can't be 100 percent certain, hence our decision not to assign the new fossil to a species."

Ksepka cites Tennyson and Thomas having brought the discovered skull fossil in 2018 to the Museum. They would then reach out to Ksepka early last year on the skull discovery. "I was thrilled to be invited," tells Ksepka, "to collaborate on studying this remarkable specimen." He then spells out their study modus operandi. "Daniel has a laser scanner that looks like an iron, and it shoots like eight lasers at the fossil... and it makes a 3D model of it." That 3D model is then sent to Ksepka. "I can look at it in any direction as if it was on my desk, even though I'm 14,000 miles

The three fossil sleuths "argue about it - we get on zoom and come up with ideas and we exchange things... What's the most important part of the story? Is it about eggs or predators or climate...Usually there's one person in charge of the project. So, you come to a consensus... you go where the facts lead you...then there's

"We're not naming it," Ksepka notes, though "some people will go and name it right away and then let someone else sort it out. We're a little bit conservative in that regard. We don't want to be proven wrong later." But Ksepka is betting on that skull belonging to that species Aptenodytes ridgeni named for that 11-year-old boy's discovery of the leg bones. "What we need to do is find the foot of this or the skull of that, and then we'll know if they're the same species."

Until then, stay tuned for further findings from Bruce Museum paleontologist Dr. Daniel Ksepka on his ongoing bird fossil research. He's penguins. It's nice to study them."



Penguin skull fossil photos. (1) new fossil Aptenodytes skull, (2) a 3D model of skull as it would have looked before it was crushed (with dark grey outlines of the missing parts), (3) a king penguin skull, and (4) an emperor penguin skull. Contributed photo.

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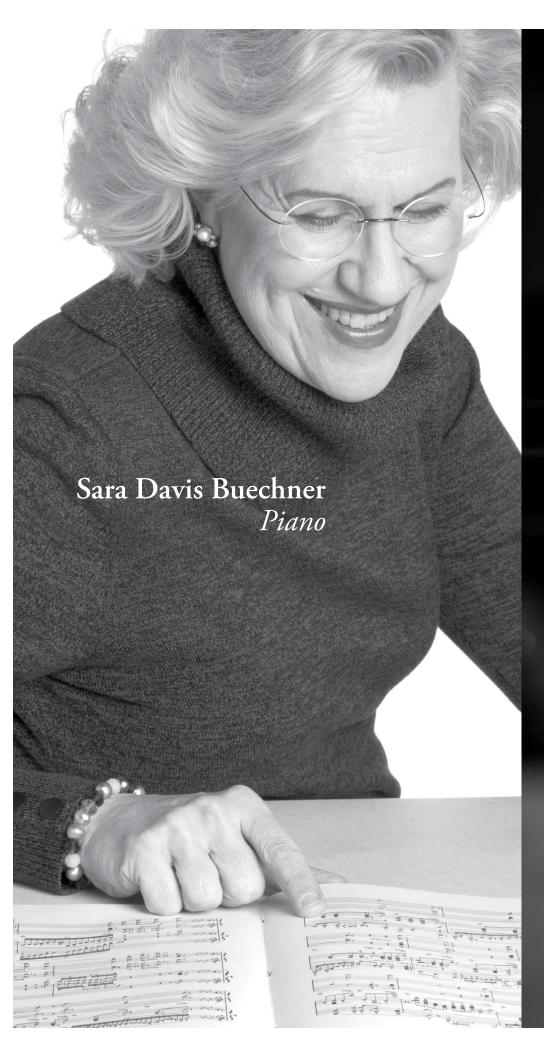
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## What if You're a Young Family?



BY MARK PRUNER

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

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

### Young families

### **Buying a house**

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

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

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

Personally, I think \$195K is a lot of money, but it's not nearly what it was 20 years ago. Nowadays, that's the starting salary for a Tuck MBA grad at Dartmouth (my alma mater:). If our couple met at grad school with two of these salaries, they can look for a house all the way up to \$2 million dollars. Here they have a lot more choices with 93 of our 362 sales so far this year being under \$2 million.

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

### **Buying a condo**

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

less stressful.

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

### Renting

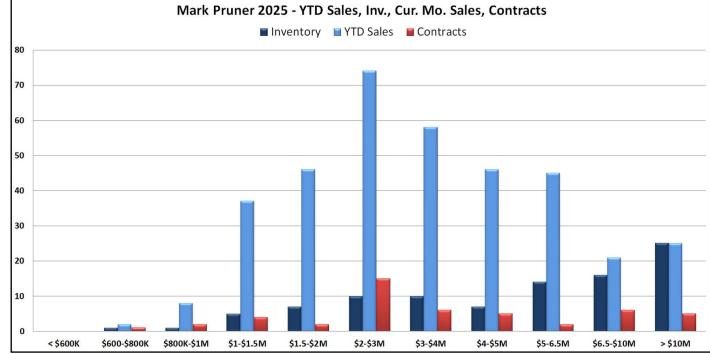
If you want to live in Greenwich, you don't have to rush if you rent. While there is one listing available under \$1 million on the GMLS you have 59 listings under \$6,000. With the small number of houses available biding your time in a rental and then moving quickly, when the right house comes along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

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

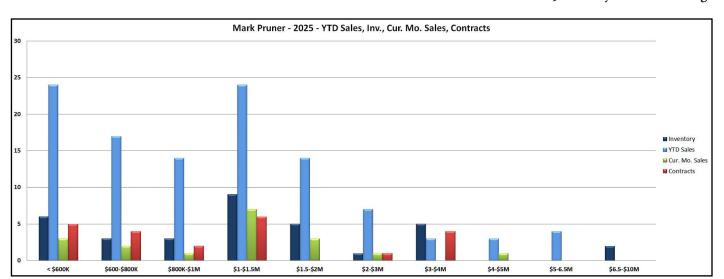
### Kids who grew up in Greenwich

Much of what I wrote above young families applies to kids who grew up in Greenwich. The one principal difference is that many kids who grew up in Greenwich would like to move back when they are still single. Generally, moving back in with your parents is not a great option. You've been away from home for 4 - 8 years and meeting someone and asking them back to your place to meet your father and mother is not a great pick-up line. Also, if you watch your parents' faces when you talk about moving back home, you'll see that while they won't say it, they'd like you to find your own place.

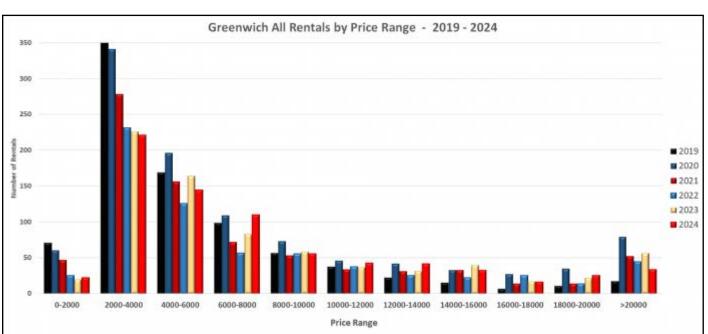
That sentiment can work in your favor. If you are just starting out, the place you can afford is probably rented by word of mouth. We have 4 listings available on the GMLS for under \$2,500 so it's a good time to find a roommate or two. We have 47 options on the GMLS under \$5,000. So, check the classifieds and Craigslist, but motivate your parents, by letting them know if they can't find a place for you to rent, you'll have to become a boomerang child and move back in with them. The next thing you know your mom and all of her friends are looking



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



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



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

for a place for you and so is killer is the downpayment. out. Downpayment assistance are dealing with a corporate everyone at the club.

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

your dad and his friends and Often young families have been makes for a hell of a wedding executor or estranged siblings. devoting their extra income to paying down their college and grad school and haven't had time to create a nest egg for a downpayment.

Look at your options for 90% and even higher loan to value mortgages. (If you are a veteran, you may even qualify for 100% financing.) Mom and Dad can also help

gift. If the downpayment assistance comes as loan, with or without interest, make sure everyone signs a formal loan agreement. You never know what happens if the kids or the parents get divorced or someone passes away. The time to agree on that is when everyone is in a good mood, not when the knives are out or you

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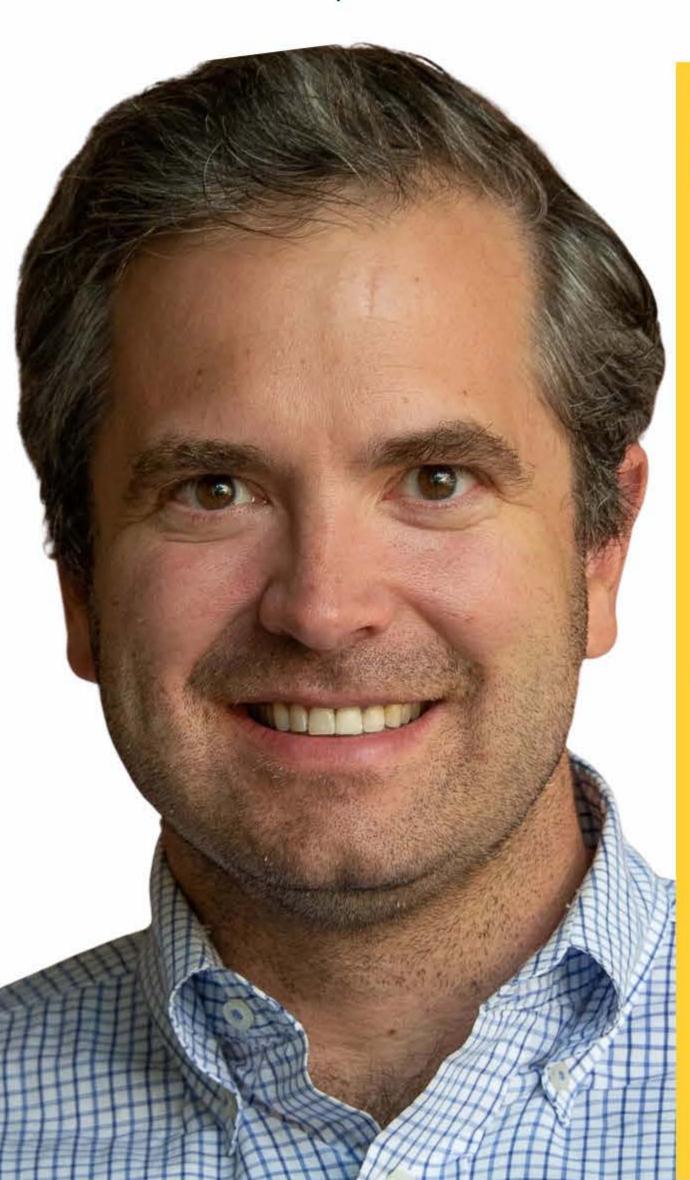
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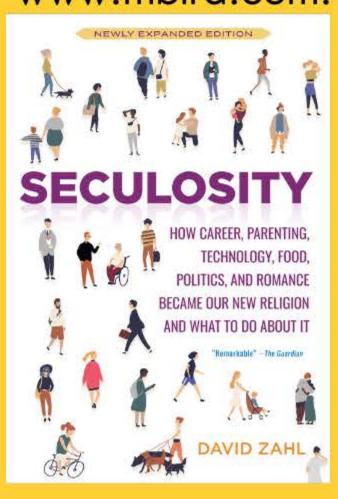
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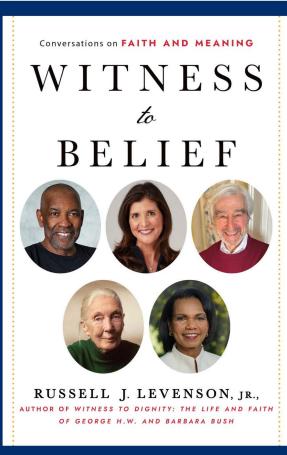


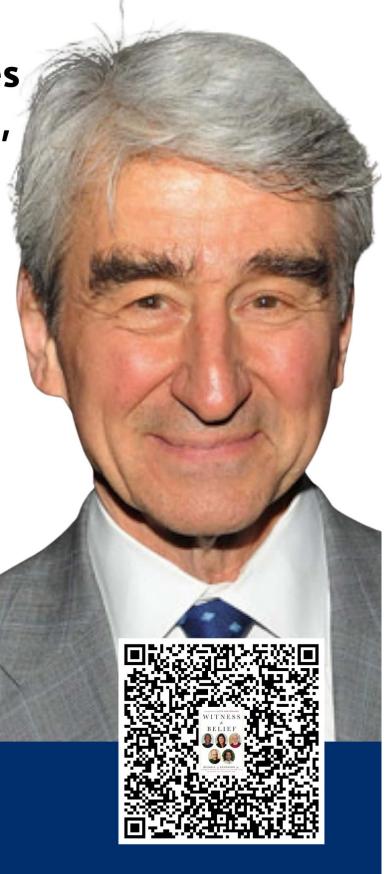




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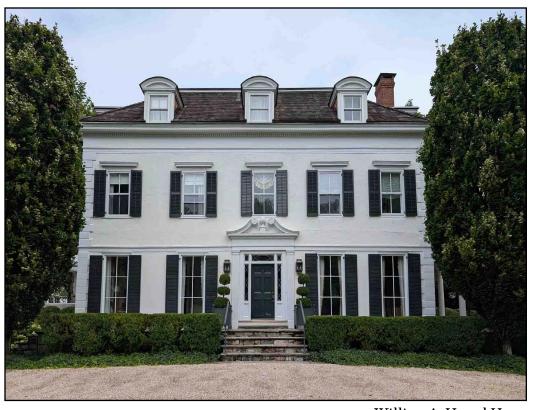


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## Homes serve as a tangible link to the past, ensuring a legacy for the future



William A. Husted House

By Laura McCormick

Three homes emblematic of the glorious architectural heritage of Greenwich received Landmarks Recognition plaques at the Historical Society's annual meeting at Belle Haven Club on September 17. Ranging in style from ornate Jacobian to French-inspired Second Empire and Colonial Revival, each irreplaceable structure has a storied past that connects to Greenwich's cultural identity.

Landmarks Recognition celebrates the Dunnellen Hall historical and architectural significance of buildings in Greenwich, reinforcing their vital role in shaping the town's history and the need to preserve them for future generations. Over 300 plaques have been presented since the program was established in 1987.

"The Landmarks Recognition program helps raise awareness of the architectural and historical treasures that are sometimes right next door," says Christopher Shields, Greenwich Historical Society's Director of Library and Archives. "The opportunity to document and publicize this history is part of our mission. I believe that sharing these stories encourages the preservation of these important structures."

A panel of distinguished jurors with backgrounds in architecture and design conducted meticulous research in identifying the properties. They include Alison Levasseur, interiors and garden director for Architectural Digest Magazine, Kathryn Herman, leader of an award-winning New Canaan-based landscape design studio and Mark Jackson, architect with Hamady Architects of Greenwich and Cape Cod.

Situated high on a hill with sweeping views of the Long Island Sound, Dunnellen is perhaps the greatest symbol of 20th century opulence in Greenwich and one of the town's last remaining historic estates. The magnificent Jacobian-style mansion was built in 1916 by William B. Tubby for Daniel Grey Reid, the president of the American Tin Plate Company as a wedding gift for his daughter at the extravagant cost of one million dollars, equivalent to \$21.4 million today. The 28room mansion originally on 40 acres that also functioned as a working farm, was increased to 208 acres complete with stocked lakes for fishing, an eight-car garage, stables, a greenhouse and a

set within beautifully manicured formal gardens.

The palatial interior boasts a 47-ft. entry hall with travertine marble floors that sets the stage for the grandeur throughout.

Dunellen was sold for the first time in 1950 and has since changed hands more than 10 times, each owner, including real estate magnates Harry and Leona Helmsley, adding their own chapter to the storied history of the remarkable home, owing to the architectural brilliance of William B. Tubby, who also designed the Greenwich Library.

### Nathan R. Allen House

Built in 1938 for Nathan and Elizabeth Allen, the brick Colonial Revival home designed by the architect Hunter McDonnell typifies the fashionable suburban country house of the 1930s and early 1940s.

Its symmetrical façade pierced by dormers and flanked by projecting two-story gabled forms, provides ample windows for views across the slopping lawn to a bucolic lake below. The

9,200 sq. ft. home features a quiet modern elegance common in the more sophisticated architecture of the 1930s. Interior details, including casings, cornices, fireplaces and millwork, are in keeping with the home's character and scale.

After the Allens moved to purchase French Farm, the estate later became the home of Thomas Watson Jr., dubbed "the greatest capitalist in history" by Fortune Magazine. Perhaps best over for his father Thomas Watson Sr. in 1952, Watson lived in the home for several decades.

### William A. Husted House

built in 1867, stands as a beautifully preserved piece of architectural history adjacent to the entrance of the prestigious Khakum Wood neighborhood. Originally a sprawling 180-acre farm, it was acquired by Newton Phelps Stokes, an acclaimed architect and son of Anson Phelps Stokes who was known for his impressive estate developments in Lenox, Mass. and the top of Long Neck Point in Darien, where he and Newton designed what came to be known as the storied of this globally influential community through Brick House, where Andrew Carnegie once exhibitions, lectures, programs, and events. It resided.

estate were designed by the renowned landscape preservation. Learn more at greenwichhistory. 17th century marble pavilion imported from Italy, architectural firm, the Olmsted Brothers. The org.

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estate has since passed through four different owners, yet it is remarkably well preserved, with updates that maintain its historic charm.

Built in the Second Empire style, notable original architectural features remain intact, including the overdoor pediment, stair trim, and intricately detailed spindles. A particularly unique element is the "mortgage button" mounted to the stairwell newel post, symbolizing that the home was once free of debt and liens—a rare and interesting historical touch.

For more information: https:// greenwichhistory.org/event/annualmeeting-and-landmarks-recognitionprogram/

### **About Greenwich Historical Society**

Greenwich Historical Society was founded in known as the former president of IBM, taking 1931 to preserve and interpret Greenwich history to strengthen the community's connection to our past, to each other and to our future. The circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House witnessed slavery and the American The stately William A. Husted House, Revolution and became the site of Connecticut's first American Impressionist art colony from 1890 to 1920. Its landscape and gardens are restored based on documentation from the site's Impressionist era. The campus also includes a nationally accredited museum, library and archives, a museum store, café, and a community education center. Greenwich Historical Society educates thousands of school children annually and connects visitors to the history receives no town funding and relies on donations In 1903 the grounds of the Greenwich Stokes and grants to continue its work in education and









# with Rob Mathes & band Sunday, Sept. 28, 5 pm

This casual, uplifting Eucharist worship service series called "Joyful Noise." The liturgy is led by our clergy and the music is contemporary, led by famed Christian musician and producer, Rob Mathes, once a month or Soloist/Violinist, Anna Jacobson, on alternate dates.

### All are welcome!

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Sundays

October 12 (The Loft)
November 23

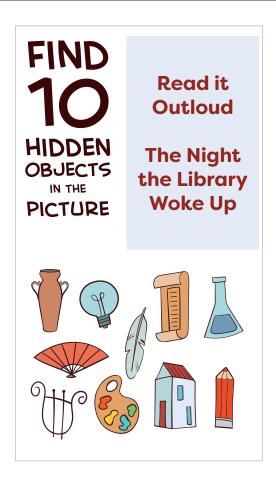
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**Sundays** 

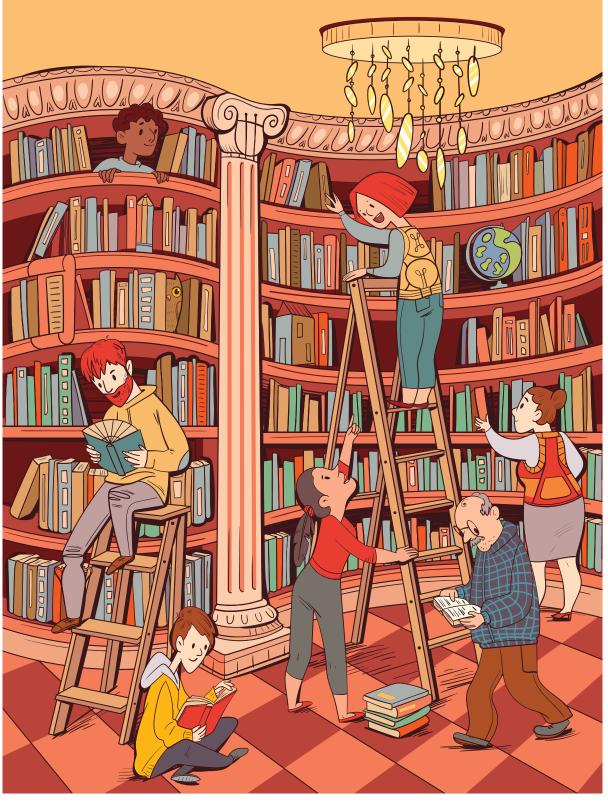
September 28
October 26
November 9

5:00 - 6:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

254 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT christchurchgreenwich.org







On the corner of Quill Lane and Lantern Avenue stood a library unlike any other. It didn't just hold books—it held adventures.

Every night after closing, the shelves stretched, the ladders rolled into place, and the chandelier jingled like it had a secret.

There was Page Turner, the fastest reader in town, who could scale a shelf like a rock climber. Dewey, the redheaded organizer, always knew exactly which book went where—even the imaginary ones. And Professor Beaker (yes, that was his nickname) spent his nights mixing glow-in-the-dark "experiments" from the science section.

Their mascot? The Owl. No one knew if he was real or carved from wood, but he always showed up when something mysterious was about to happen.

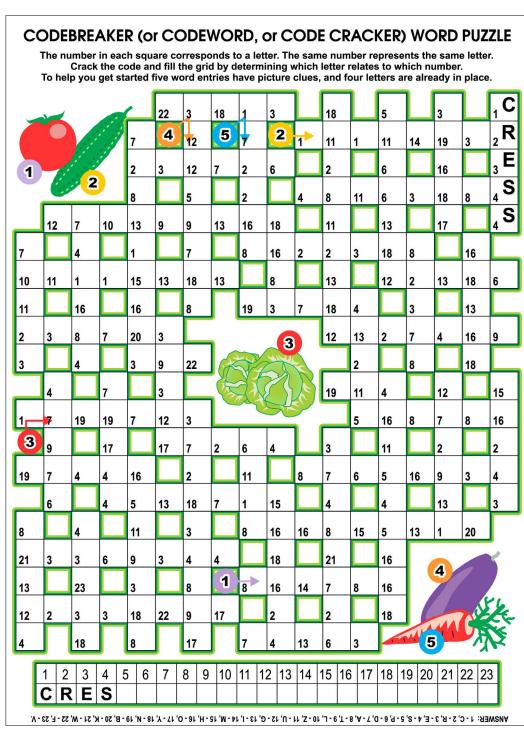
One windy Tuesday, the Owl called a meeting: "Ten magical objects have escaped into the library. Find them before sunrise or they'll vanish forever!"

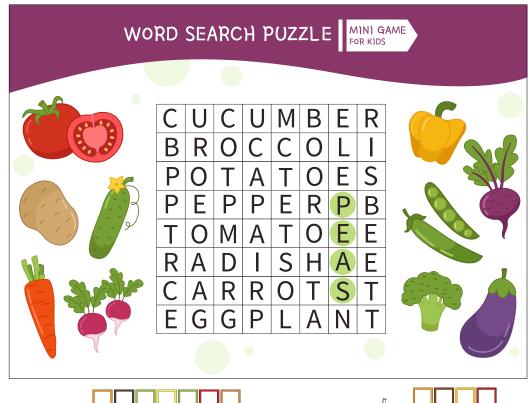
The hunt began.

When all ten objects were placed on the front desk, the chandelier blazed like a crown. The shelves rumbled, and a secret panel behind the poetry section swung open.

Inside? A hidden staircase spiraling downward into the unknown.

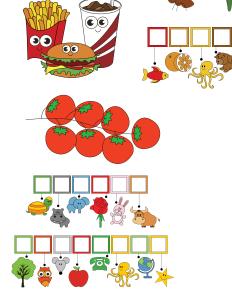
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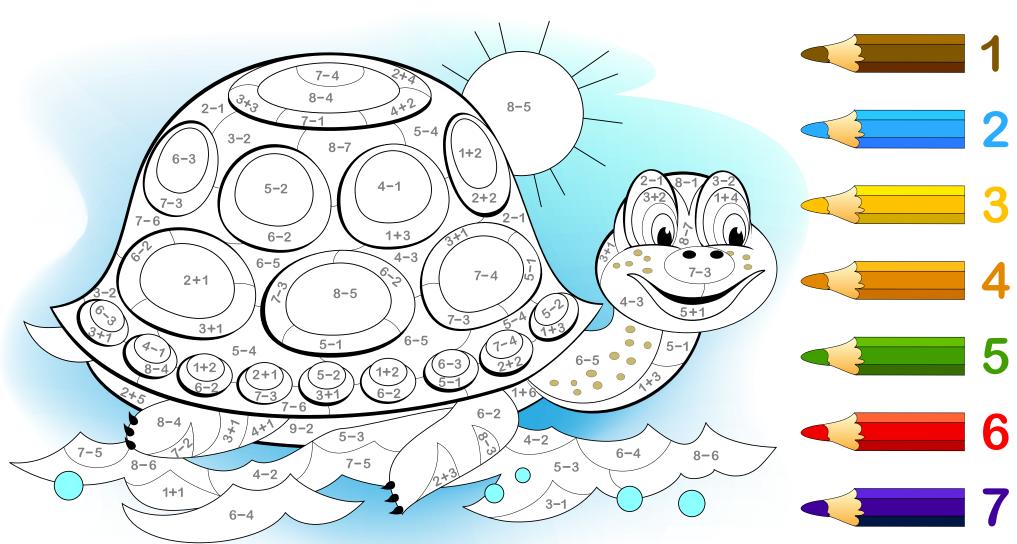






Write in the first letter of each image in the attached square to solve the puzzle.





## Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

### 10:30 a.m.

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

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

### 11 a.m.

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

### 4 p.m.

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

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

### 4:30 p.m.

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

### 6 p.m.

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

### 6:30 p.m.

Family Outdoor Movie Night. YMCA of Greenwich. Free & open to the community. RSVP. Rain date: Sept. 20. greenwichymca.org/

### 7:30 p.m.

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

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

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

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

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

### 8 or 10:10 a.m.

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

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

Greenwich's Lenschow family holds bone marrow drive benefiting DKMS. Chelsea Piers, 1 Blachley Rd., Stamford. dkms.org

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

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

### 9:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wallace Center Community Day - a family-friendly day to bring awareness to the Center, its programs, mission, and upcoming renovations. 299 Greenwich Ave. 203-862-6700.

### greenwichct.gov/199/The-Wallace-Center 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

### 11 a.m.

Museum Movers: Yoga for Kids (Ages 3-6). Bruce Museum. Free with admission. brucemu-

### 11 a.m.

Local Author Showcase: Browse and Buy. Perrot Memorial Library. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. Register. perrotlibrary.org 12 - 2 p.m.

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

### 1 p.m.

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

### 2 p.m.

Artist Talk with Antonius-Tin Bui and Vu Kim Thu. The Flinn Gallery, 101 West Putnam Ave. 203-622-7947. flinngallery.org

### 2 - 5 p.m.

The 17th Annual 2025 Dazzling Dahlia Show. Greenwich Botanical Center. \$10, suggested donation. 203-869-9242. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org/dahlia-society

Abilis Dancing Stars of Greenwich. Tamarack Country Club, 55 Locust Street, Greenwich. abilis.us

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

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

'Puttin' on the Dog'. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, Greenwich. adopt-a-dog.org/puttin-on-

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

### 5 p.m.

BackCountry Jazz: 4th annual Greenwich Jazz Festival – A Night of Brazilian Samba Jazz. Great Lawn location provided with ticket confirmation). Free. RSVP. classy.org/event/greenwich-jazz-festival-2025-september-21/e723772 **TUESDAY, SEPT. 23** 

### 9:30 a.m.

Perrot Memorial Library: Perrot Walks at Tod's Point. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

Bruce Beginnings: Textured Prints (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, Sept. 24 & Thursday, Sept. 25. brucemuseum.org

### 7 p.m.

Sound Healing: A Sound Bath Experience. YMCA of Greenwich. Members: \$10, Non-Members: \$20. Register. greenwichymca. org/events

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24**

### 10 a.m.

Outreach Volunteer Kick-off & Welcome Breakfast. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. RSVP. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org/ upcoming-events

### 11 a.m.

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Rochelle Thomas, Director, Greenwich Audubon, "The Story of Audubon in Greenwich." Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

## Women's Business Development Council

(WBDC): Accessing Capital for Your Business. Online. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

### Give Back Night at Western Middle School - WMS PTA's fundraising event. Garden Catering, 177 Hamilton Ave. Mention code "WMSP-TA25" at the time of ordering for 25% of your total to be donated back to our school.

Arch Street 2.0 – Arch Street Teen Center Community Open House new location for High School Exclusive and Community & Alumni Programs. 255 Field Point Road. arch-

Fall Planters. Greenwich Botanical Center. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org/upcom-

### ing-events

The First Bank of Greenwich hosts artist Jodi DeCrenza. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr.

### Free. RSVP. penright@greenwichfirst.com THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

### 9:30 a.m.

Seaside Centering - Gentle Yoga & Stretching. Floren Family Environmental Center at Innis Arden Cottage, Tod's Point. \$20, Members; \$25, Non-Members. brucemuseum.org

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

### 11:30 a.m.

Center for HOPE Luncheon. Wee Burn Beach Club, Rowayton. familycenters.org/product/

### 12 p.m.

Preventing Falls & Improving Balance with Greenwich Hospital. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

### 1 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): How to Pay Yourself as a Small Business Owner. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc. org/class-listings

### 2 p.m.

Lifetime of Looking: Interiors – a public program for adults experiencing cognitive decline, such as Alzheimer's Disease, and their family members and caregivers. Bruce Museum. RSVP. 203-413-6743. srice@brucemuseum.org

The Riverside Garden Club and the Garden Club of Old Greenwich present 'C'est Paris' Flower Show. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 200 Riverside Ave. Free & open to the public. riversidectgardenclub.org

### 6 p.m.

Dahlia Floral Design with Toolbox Florals by Dijana. Greenwich Botanical Center. Members, \$145; Non Members, \$160. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org/upcoming-events

'Ys Got Talent' Open Mic Night. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/

### 6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Land Trust: Apple Picking and Cidering. Converse Brook Preserve. Register. gltrust.org/events 6:30 p.m.

### The Questions Every Family Should Ask Before

na Books, 228 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 914-273-3280. logicprep.com/events FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

Starting the College Admissions Process. Athe-

### 8:30 a.m.

YMCA of Greenwich Welcoming Month: International Breakfast. 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. If you

plan to bring a dish, contact marketing@ gwymca.org (Bringing a dish is not required). greenwichymca.org/events

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

10 a.m. Fall Planters. Greenwich Botanical Center. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org/upcoming-events

### 10:30 a.m.

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

### 11 a.m.

Interactive Lecture - Reverse Aging Through Movement. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the community. RSVP. greenwichymca.org/events

### 4 p.m.

7-13). Perrot Memorial Library. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

Creative Ventures: Beaded Safety Pins (Ages

### 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hawk Watch Fest 2025 (All Ages). Greenwich Audubon Center. \$30, Adults; \$15, Kids (12 & under). RSVP. audubon.org/events?view type=row&location=Greenwich%20Audubon%20Center

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

### 8 or 10:10 a.m.

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

### 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fishing Derby. Seton Scout Reservation, 363 Riversville Rd. mycouncil.ghvscouting.org/ Event/9229

\$35. eventbrite.com/e/1553402762479

### Snapology: Space Wars Robotics (Ages 6-10). The J House Greenwich, 1114 East Putnam Ave.

11 a.m.

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

Byram Neighborhood Association: Byram Day (BNA Member Appreciation Day). Byram Park Gazebo (Clambake Area). RSVP required by Sept. 22. byramday2025.eventbrite.com

### **SUNDAY, SEPT. 28**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. India Cultural Center - ICC: India Express: Learning to Love Indian Music (Ages 4-8). 90 Harding Rd, Old Greenwich. \$40. iccgreenwich.

### org 12 - 2 p.m.

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

### **THROUGH TUESDAY, SEPT. 30**

Perrot Library's Hunger Action Month Food Drive, in partnering with Neighbor to Neighbor. Collection containers will be located near the Circulation Desk in the Main Building and near the Youth Services Desk in the Radcliffe Building. 203-637-1066 x20. lisat@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

### WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCT. 29

### 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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

### farmersmarket.org **SATURDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 22**

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

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

### **MONDAY - FRIDAY**

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

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

### **TUESDAYS:** 10 a.m.

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

### 5 - 7 p.m. Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis:

LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis. org/get-help/lighthouse **WEDNESDAYS:** 

### 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

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

### 12:15 p.m.

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

### 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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

### 6:30 p.m.

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

### 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

### THURSDAYS:

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

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

Book Exchange – choose from a huge selection

of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or,

### **EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4everyone.org

GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org

### Friday, Sept. 19 10 a.m.

Community Room. 203-622-6883. Alpaca Storytime with Clover Brooke Farm.

Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@

Cos Cob Library Storytime. Cos Cob Library

### Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883. Innovation Lab for Kids: Make a Solar Racecar.

### greenwichlibrary.org. 7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "The Fire Inside." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org. Saturday, Sept. 20

### 10:30 a.m. Crafts with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org. Friends of CCL Open House & Re-Opening

### Celebration. Cos Cob Library Community

Room. 203-622-6883. 1 p.m. Innovator-in-Residence: Math Art. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwich-

### 1:30 p.m.

library.org.

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

Jerry's Movies: Laura (1944) directed by Otto

### Preminger. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

Monday, Sept. 22

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

### All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box

Theater. 11:30 a.m.

### Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room

11 a.m.

2 p.m. PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab. 3:15 p.m. Battle of the Books Book Club with Ms. Flynn:

### The Misfits - A Royal Conundrum. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room. Tuesday, Sept. 23

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

Storytime with Patty (Birth - Pre-K). Byram

### 1:15 p.m. Baby Lapsit (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

### Legos @ the Library with Deirdre. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 7 p.m.

Investing: Navigating Higher Interest Rates.

### Wednesday, Sept. 24

Community Room.

Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community

### Room.

Movers & Shakers (Storytime Lottery). Chil-

### dren's Constellation Room.

11 a.m. Early Walkers. Cos Cob Library Community

## Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

Room.

1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

4 p.m.

Page Turners Book Club. Teen Commons.

4 p.m.

Wild Wacky Wednesday Yoga for Kids with Kristin. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

6 p.m.

Financial Foundations Series: Session 2: Investing Basics. Online

Thursday, Sept. 25

10 a.m.

Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

10 a.m.

PLAYdate! Marx Family Black Box Theater.

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

11 a.m.

Tech Help. Learning Lab.

11:15 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online.

4 p.m.

Clean Up Your iPhone. Learning Lab. 4 p.m.

Tai Chi for Adults with Ken Dolan. Byram

Shubert Library Community Room.

Mamma Mia! Sing Along. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Friday, Sept. 26

10 a.m.

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

2 p.m.

Laser Engraved Bracelets. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org. 4 p.m.

Teen War Game with Aztec and Maya Warriors. Teen Commons. 203-625-6549. teens@greenwichlibrary.org

Flinn Gallery Art Lounge. Flinn Gallery. 203-622-7947. flinngallery.org

Friends Friday Films: "The Scent of Green Papaya." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

Saturday, Sept. 27

10 a.m.

Blooming Beginnings!: Art, Movement & Mindfulness (ages 3-5). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.

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

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

1 p.m.

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

library.org.

2 p.m. Flinn Gallery Walkthrough - Vietnam: Tradition Upended. Flinn Gallery. 203- 622-7947.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwichhospital.org/events

888-305-9253

Saturday, Sept. 20

flinngallery.org

9 a.m.

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

9 a.m.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 24 6 p.m.

Talk: Bone Health. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. Free.

Thursday, Sept. 25

12 p.m.

Every Second Counts: Preventing and Responding to Stroke. Greenwich Hospital, 5

Perryridge Rd. Free. Monday, Sept. 29

6 p.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. (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.

Saturday, Sept. 20

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

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

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

Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

Sunday, Sept. 21

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Monday, Sept. 22 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.

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Westchester Medical Center - Taylor Pavilion

South, 100 Woods Rd., Valhalla, NY. Tuesday, Sept. 23

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Jill and John Coyle Blood Donor Center, 99

Indian Field Rd., Greenwich. 1 - 6 p.m.

Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT.

1 - 5 p.m. American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Road,

Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY. Wednesday, Sept. 24

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 25

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Iona University, 715 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY.

12 - 5 p.m.

American Legion Hall, 40 Bell Rd. Scarsdale,

Saturday, Sept. 27

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 28

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, Sept. 22

7 p.m.

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

7 p.m. Fair Rent Commission Meeting. Zoom Webi-

Wednesday, Sept. 24

6:30 p.m.

Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting. TBD. 7 p.m.

PZBA Meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 25

10 a.m.

Board of Selectmen Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom. 12 p.m.

Nathaniel Witherell Finance Committee Meeting.

Nathaniel Witherell Legal Affairs & Governance

Committee Meeting. Monday, Sept. 29

1 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing. Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors Meet-

6:30 p.m.

Board of Health Regular Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

4 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

**SAVE THE DATE:** 

Monday, Sept. 29

9:30 a.m.

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

kicgolf2025.givesmart.com 10:30 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m.

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

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Open House

& Ribbon Cutting Celebration. 4 Horse-

Tuesday, Sept. 30

12 p.m.

neck Ln. Open to the public. eventbrite. com/e/1447548940849 Friday, Oct. 3 7 p.m.

Greenwich Library's bi-annual Opening Night Celebration. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.

org/support/opening-night

Saturday, Oct. 4 9 a.m. 8th Annual DART to the Finish Charity Walk.

Tod's Point. danasangels.org

6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 5

8 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 6

12:30 p.m. Greenwich United Way's 9th Annual Golf Tournament. Burning Tree Country Club.

Thursday, Oct. 9

e.givesmart.com/events/JHs

6 p.m. The Norwalk Art Space: Arts Bash '25 - Goin'

All Out. 455 West Ave., Norwalk. thenorwalkartspace.org Sunday, Oct. 12

The 20th Annual Walk/Run for Abilis. Tod's Point. abilis.us/walkrun

Saturday, Oct. 18

7 a.m.

5 p.m. Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo's Gala. The Inn at Longshore, Westport. beardsleyzoo.org/gala

The Special Education Legal Fund's (S.E.L.F.) "Homecoming 2025" fundraising gala. Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich. bit.ly/SELFHome-

coming2025

Sunday, Oct. 19 Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants' (CIRI) Soirée. Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport. cirict.org

Walk to End Alzheimer's - Fairfield County. Sherwood Island State Park, Westport. alz.org/

Sunday, Oct. 26

Wednesday, Oct. 29

8:30 a.m.

6 p.m. Greenwich Historical Society History in the Making Awards Dinner. Belle Haven Club.

greenwichhistory.org/history-in-the-making

Saturday, Nov. 1

• YWCA Greenwich's 'The Fall Party'. Belle Haven Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/thefall-party

The Undies Project's 'The Magic of Giving'. CoCreate, Stamford. theundiesproject.org/

Saturday, Nov. 8

7 p.m.

10 a.m. The 6th Annual Silver Shield Foundation Greenwich Walk. Tod's Point. silvershieldfoundation.org/greenwich-walk

6 p.m. Pathways Gala. Delamar Hotel Greenwich.

pways.org

Thursday, Nov. 20 5 p.m. Greenwich Old Timers Athletic Association Annual Dinner - National and Local Honorees.

Hilton Stamford. greenwicholdtimers.org

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Abilis Holiday Sip & Shop at Abilis Gardens & Gifts. abilis.us

Friday, Jan. 23, 2026

5 p.m.

Night at the Museum benefit. Bruce Museum.

brucemuseum.org Thursday, June 25, 2026

5:30 p.m.

tinel.com

Greenwich Sentinel Award Cocktail Reception. Christ Church Greenwich. greenwichsen-

**Our Neighboring Towns** 

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs: Stand Down 2025 event. UConn Stamford Campus, 1 University Place. portal.ct.gov/dva/ pages/veterans-stand-down?language=en\_US

Curtain Call: "Come From Away." The Kweskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (Sept. 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, Oct. 2, 3 & 4). curtaincallinc.com

Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Stepping Stones Museum for Children - Mathews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk. All Hispanic Heritage Month experiences are free with museum admission. Also held Sunday, Sept. 21. stepping-

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friends Book Shop Sidewalk Sale. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. fergusonlibrary.org

2 p.m. A Celebration of Latin Jazz, a Hispanic Heritage Month Program. Ferguson Main Library, Stam-

Stars! Mill River Park. Free. millriverpark.org/

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

event

12 p.m.

Beau Geste with Robert Harris and Janet Maslin. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

org

5 p.m. De-Stress Fest for Teens: Unwind and Connect. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24** 7 p.m. Always There, Always Gone: A Daughter's Search for Truth with Marty Ross-Dolen. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY.

914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

Stepping Stones Museum for Children's 22nd annual 'Swing Into It!' Golf Tournament. Stanwich Club, Greenwich. steppingstonesmuseum.

'GLOW Wild' Lantern Festival. Connecticut's

Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport.

(Thu-Sun - Sept. 25 - Dec. 14). beardsleyzoo.

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. "Character: Life Lessons in Courage, Integrity, and Leadership" - book signing and Q&A with Robert L. Dilenschneider. The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, 295 West Ave, Norwalk. Free. RSVP. lockwoodmathewsmansion.com

attorney. Ferguson Main Library, 2nd Floor Study Room 1. Book an appointment: 203-351-8221. fergusonlibrary.org FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

Curtain Call: "Come From Away." The Kweskin

Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (Sept.

26, 27, 28, Oct. 2, 3 & 4). curtaincallinc.com SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

7:30 p.m.

Filling in the Blanks 6th Annual 'Plates with Purpose'. Serafresca, Stamford. Plates 2025. givesmart.com

7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

stonesmuseum.org

Harry Bennett Local Author Series: Raditia Lasry. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

ford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org 6 p.m. Fall Movies in the Park: Encanto Under the

A Celebration of Dance, a Hispanic Heritage Month Program. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

12 p.m. Robotics Club: Ozobots. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.

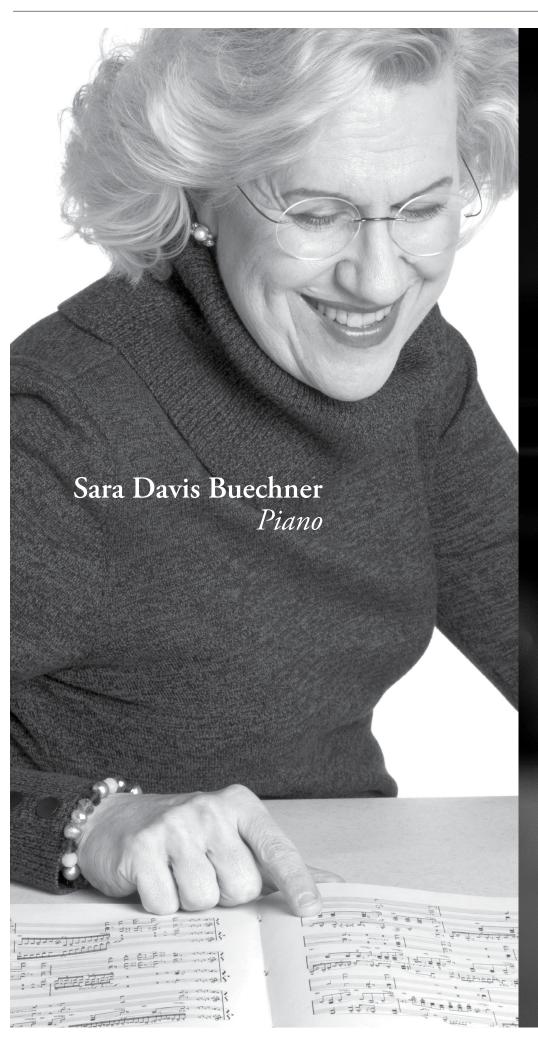
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org

6 - 8 p.m. Lawyers in Libraries: meet with a volunteer

6 p.m.







Saturday, September 20, 7:30 pm Sunday, September 21, 3:00 pm

Roots of Heaven Nights in the Gardens of Spain Rapsodia sinfónica Symphony No. 4 in F minor

Malcolm Arnold Manuel de Falla Joaquín Turina Tchaikovsky

Adults \$55 Students \$20

**Performing Arts Center Greenwich High School** Hillside Road, Greenwich, CT greenwichsymphony.org

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## "Witness To Belief"

**Author Talk in-person with** Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson & Actor Sam Waterston

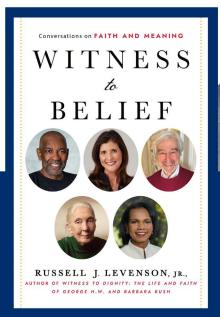
> Saturday, Oct. 4 6:00 pm

\$35 ticket includes the book, wine & cheese reception

TICKETS: CHRISTCHURCHGREENWICH.ORG

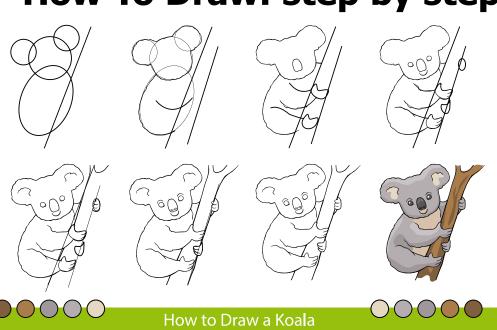


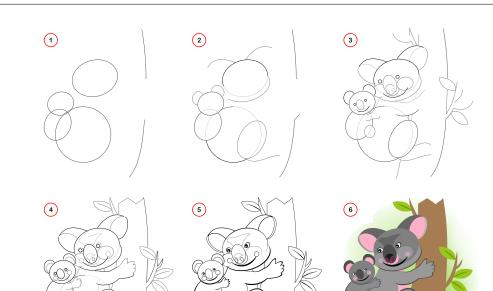




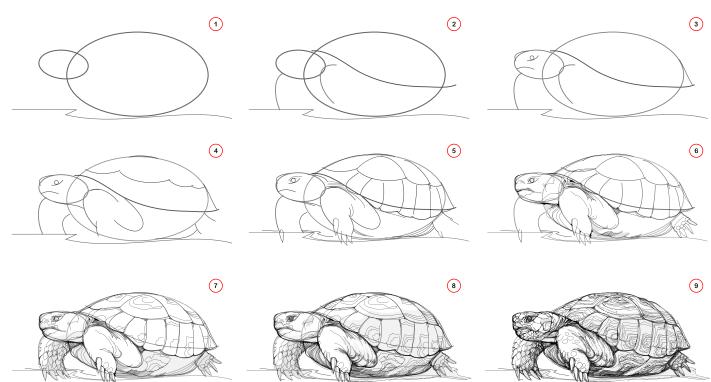


## **How To Draw: step by step**

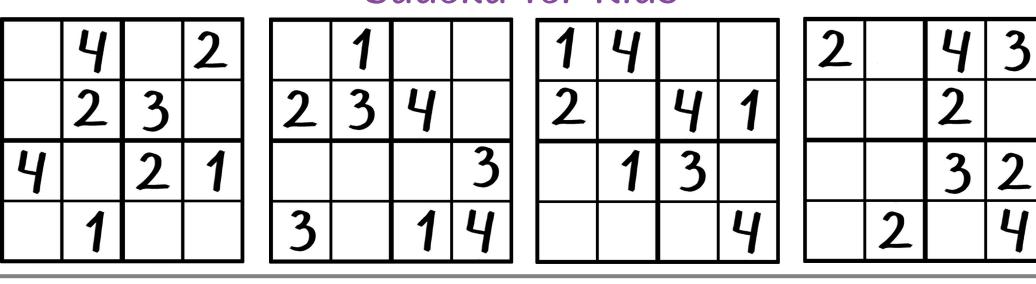




## **How To Draw: Turtle**



## Sudoku for Kids



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Sudoku answers

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### Universal Crossword

### Edited by Amanda Rafkin

### **ACROSS** Regarding 5 "On Earth Briefly Gorgeous"

- (Vuong novel) Bygone
- Russian ruler **13** False
- appearance
- Jazz pianist Jones 16 mater
- Where to find a roof? 19
- Gym count One of the Teletubbies
- Smooth transition
- Color similar to khaki
- Raunchy
- material 27 Colorful
- aquarium fish Strike down 32 Where to find soap bubbles?
- 34 Advanced H.S. math course
- Futbol cheer 37 The "A" of
- T.A. Gallbladder fluid
- 40 Untruthful person
- Lumpy stocking stuffer Jimmy Eat
- World genre Midday nap Where to
- find logs? Senegal's
- capital Soup-serving utensil
- 56 Hamilton bills

**ACROSS** 

1. (K) Stretchy

5. (K) Switch

position

12. It's the birth

of a plan

tickets

14. Shower gel

perhaps

15. Bad time on

Wall Street

birthday party

17. (K) Optimistic

feeling

20. Bowling ball

23. (K) Three-ring

24. (K) 29-Across

a pasture

for example

**Ground ocean liner?** 

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

Previous riddle answer:

Added up? 35-A) MADE SENSE

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security device

center?

25. Legume in

18. (K) Has a

shape

ingredient,

**13.** Word not found

on direct-flight

rubber thing

8. (K) A beach is

full of the stuff

- 58 Lead-in to "Pen" or "center"
- 59 Works hard 61 Machine for a Tide Pod
- **64** Philly Ivy **65** Where to find a
- sweater? 69 Abhor **70** Old Italian
- bread? 71 Cookies with a Mega Stuf variety
- 72 De-wrinkling
- appliance 73 Wyatt or Wynonna
- **74** Major employer?
- DOWN 1 Back in time
- 2 Light therapy device 3 Film with the theme song
- 'My Heart Will Go On" 4 Dept. of
- Labor agency 5 Question
- at the end of a riddle. sometimes 6 Water, in
- French **7** M.D.'s co-workers out
- (barely gets) 9 Location to be hit
- **10** Detectives **11** Units of electrical current **12** Dorm event
- short **14** Slippery fish

planners, for

- **18** "History Its Eyes on You" ("Ham-
- ilton" song) "When will you be here?"
- PreCheck org. **25** Game whose name is a Spanish
- number 26 Like most **WNBA**
- players 28 is meant to disturb. science
- reassures" **30** Cloth napkins and place-
- mats, e.g. 31 Former Giant Manning
- Floral necklaces Music staff
- symbol Radiate 41 Help
- 42 -de-sac **43** Going
- nonstop

- **44** Expand, like a house
- 46 Underground rock band?
- 48 Biting insect. informally 49 Place with

many beers

- on draft 50 Name hidden in "car insurance"
- **52** Lil Howery ("Get Out" actor)
- 53 Swaddle Lowered 57
- your seat? **60** Bottom of a shoe
- 62 "Ziwe" channel, for short **63** Queen on
- Mount Olympus **64** Greek letter
- before chi **66** By way of
- **67** Screw up One-named K-pop star

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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## MAG GROSSHORE The (K) Clues Are for Kids

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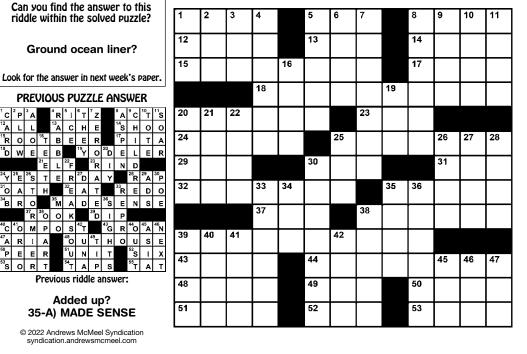
- 31. (K) Small part
- of a circle 32. Cushion for a
- capped joint
- 35. Cut off 37. (K) Touch lightly, as with
- a napkin **38.** Existing from
- birth **39.** (K) Burrowing rodent with a barking cry
- (2 words) 43. Huge oven for
- drying hops 44. An assembly conducting iudicial
- business 48. New York canal
- 49. (K) A long time follower?
- **51.** Honey of a fermented
- beverage? 52. (K) Brand-new
- 29. Jam component? 30. (K) Double off **DOWN** the left-field wall,
- 53. Escape
- 50. Easter flower
- walker

  - 1. (K) Thing to do at an auction

- 2. "Without further 3. (K) Not used?
- 4. (K) Cheerleader.
- 5. Small egg,
- in biology **6.** (K) Camp
- warmer 7. Oft-replaced 29-Across part (2 words)
- 8. (K) Massive African desert
- 9. What little things mean? (2 words)
- 10. "Guess again" 11. (K) Low passing grades
- 16. Time spent in an office?
- 19. (K) Basketball official
- 20. Potatoes container 21. (K) Make
- preparations **22.** (K) Swift, long-eared mammal larger than

a rabbit

- 25. (K) Help or assistance
- **26.** (K) Volcano output
- 27. Thing on the
- neck of a guitar 28. (K) Land
- measure 30. Natural home 33. (K) Improved a manuscript
- or novel 34. Impressive golf score
- 35. (K) I'm-betterthan-you type
- 36. Overwhelm,
- as flames
- **38.** Fool **39.** (K) Rhyming
- piece 40. (K) Extremely
- hard to find
- 41. (K) Massive continent
- 42. "Cogito, \_ sum"
- 45. Soccer shutout score
- 46. Guinness for Alec?
- 47. Caustic cleaning substance



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

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Toroscopes

September 19-26 offers a mix of revelation and new starts. With Mercury's helpful trines and the solar eclipse in Virgo, this is a week to refine, begin wisely, and trust impulses that align with your deeper values. Supercharge your life where it counts.

### Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

You'll gain clarity this week in how you communicate and connect with others. Expect sudden ideas or shifts around September 19. The eclipse on the 21st supports setting new patterns around health or daily routines. Use this time to initiate changes that support your well-being.

### **Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)**

Partnerships come into focus. Venus square Uranus may trigger unpredictable moments in close relationships. The solar eclipse pushes you to define boundaries or refresh what you expect from others. Stay open yet grounded in your true needs.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Creativity and joy are highlighted. The eclipse encourages you to begin fresh fun projects or revisit hobbies. Mercury's alignments bring unexpected inspirations. Watch for chances where spontaneity pays off-but avoid rushing major decisions.

### Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Home, family, and inner peace become central. The solar eclipse supports new beginnings related to your domestic life. Mercury's influence may bring news or realizations that help you restructure your foundation or living

### Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)

arrangements.

Work, health, and daily rhythms need attention. This week offers potential to set new routines. Some disruption may arrive via Venus/Uranus-use it as signal rather than alarm. The eclipse gives you permission (and cosmic backing) to start leaner, more efficient Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) habits.

### Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

identity, goals, or how you show up in the start with purpose.

world. Mercury's trines sharpen awareness. Be intentional about what you launch; the seed you plant now carries extra weight.

### Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Money, values, and what you share with others are under transformation. Unexpected expenses or revelations could prompt you to rethink your resources. The eclipse helps you start new financial habits or agreements that better align with your sense of fairness.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Communication, learning, and short-trips may have twists. Mercury's influence brings insights, possibly tied to siblings or learning endeavors. The eclipse supports letting go of mental clutter, and simplifying what you consume-info, media, or conversations.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Relationships might feel electric. Venus square Uranus may test flexibility with someone important. The eclipse encourages new beginnings in bonding-define what works for both sides. Clarity comes from being honest

### Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

without over-reacting.

Teamwork and community are highlighted. Surprising developments may arise in social groups or collaborative projects. Use Mercury's trines to network or communicate your ideas. The eclipse invites you to redefine what belonging means to you.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Inner work and emotional healing deepen. Mercury's aspects help you surface subconscious insights. The eclipse supports ending old emotional cycles. Rest, dream, journal-this week favors quiet transformation

over external action.

Growth and expansion show up strongly. The eclipse helps you launch something new or refine a vision. Mercury's support may offer This is a powerful week: the solar eclipse in opportunities in finances or power dynamicsyour sign gives you a chance to reset your use discernment. Big shifts are possible if you

SOLUTIONS

## 7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses  $\frac{1}{8}$ represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

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- **3** where swimmers compete (5)

2 force of nature (10)

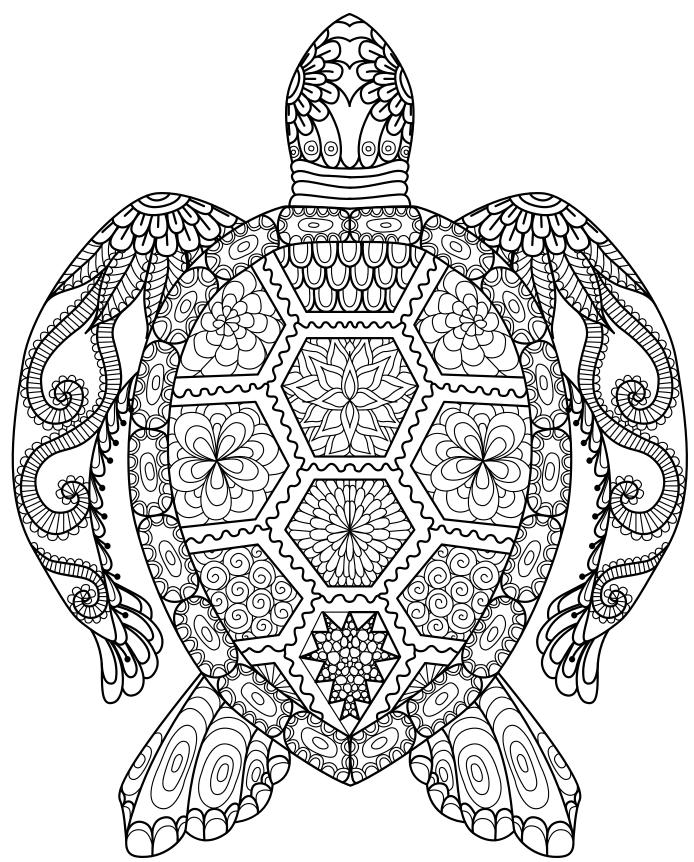
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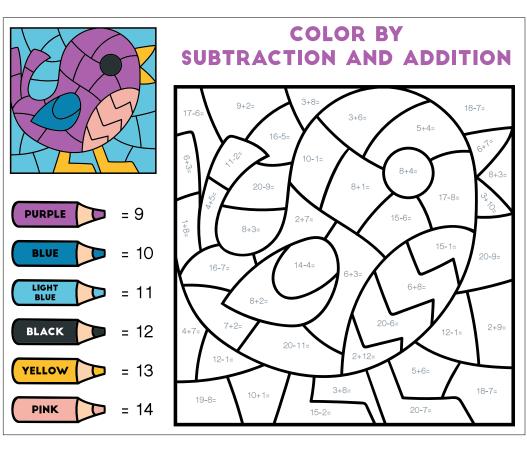
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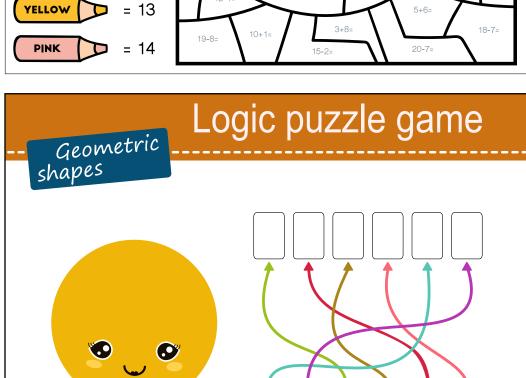
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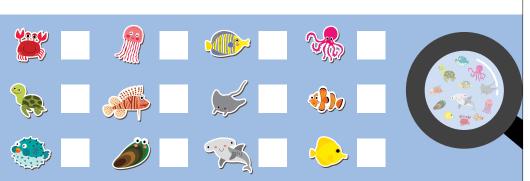


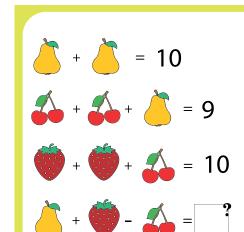




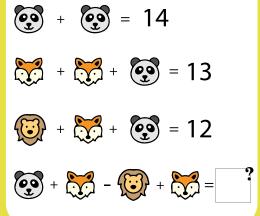








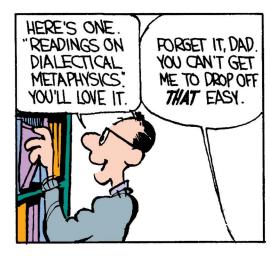


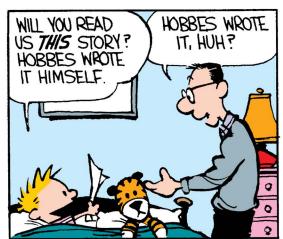


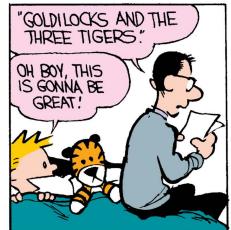


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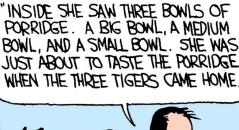




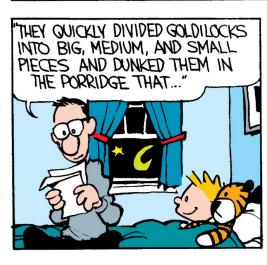


"ONCE UPON A TIME THERE LIVED A YOUNG GIRL NAMED GOLDILOCKS, SHE WENT INTO THE POREST AND SAW A COTTAGE. NO ONE WAS HOME SO SHE WENT IN.

















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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL

## This Bird Can Chomp on a Scorpion



By Jim Knox

Our Land Rover swung out wide to the left and turned down the rutted bush track. Swift movement to my right drew my eye high above. The bright South African sun caught the flash of color, reflecting it down to me. The creature zipped to a large horizontal branch forty feet up,

where I studied it minutely. The Lilac-Breasted Roller (Coracias Caudatus), is an African icon and a bird of the true bush. Also known as the Fork-Tailed Roller, Lilac-Throated Roller, and Mosilikatze's Roller, this vivid bird is unmistakable. An inhabitant of Sub-Sahara Africa, and an occasional visitor to the Arabian Peninsula, it is a bird of tree-dotted savanna and open woodlands. One of nine species of its genus, these African birds are arguably the most well-known.

Possessing a modest 23-inch wingspan, 15-inch length, and 3.5-ounce mass, these birds don't draw our attention for their size. It is the roller's other attributes that grab our fleeting human attention. With an olive crown, gold over-the-eye band, white "chin," bright lilac breast, brilliant azure and indigo wings, turquoise

to chomp down a scorpion, or swoop upon an intruding lioness, we can all take a lesson from the Lilac-**Breasted Roller.** There is beauty in appearance, and beauty in the strength of our actions.

While few of us may aspire

underside and black-tipped forked tail, the bird visually proclaims its presence wherever it lands. Earning the name roller for its acrobatic rolling courtship flights in which the birds launch upwards, before diving with wings closed, then rolling swiftly from side to side. If the courtship is successful, these aerial breeders will mate in flight! Whether by appearance or movement, the roller's beauty and grace are undisputed.

Yet, although the roller is arresting, it earns my respect for more than its eye-catching plumage and agility in flight. Its characteristic robust build and large head and stout beak convey power within that little body. Far from another "pretty avian face," the roller is a creature or strategy, strength, and execution. Filling the

the shrikes, the Lilac-Breasted Roller is pint-sized--a fascinating combination of beauty and beast. Sporting the colors of a songbird and the predatory heart of a raptor, the roller is creature not to be underestimated. Holding their ground against many intrudersincluding humans-Lilac-Breasted Rollers will aggressively protect their nests, chicks, and even their hunting territory, chasing off trespassers. As a small creature whose call has been likened to the noise of a steam train, the roller owns, and projects, a larger-thanlife reputation.

A fierce hunter to rival their larger kin, the roller succumbs to only the swiftest predators such as Peregrine falcons and Wahlberg's eagles. It is this swiftness and vigilance that serves the roller well when on the hunt. In addition to grasshoppers and other insect





role of its North American cousins,

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prey, these aerial hunters are dauntless, capturing rodents, lizards, birds—and even venomous prey such as centipedes and scorpions! Renowned for their tactics, rollers frequently take a prominent position from which to scan for prey, while motionless. In fact, it is one of the few creatures of the African bush known to front of brush fires, picking off hapless prey fleeing the flames. Once targeted, the bright birds swoop down, grab the prey with their oversized beaks and batter their victims with their wings, as well as against rocks, trees, or hardened ground. Once subdued, the rollers frequently swallow their prey whole.

Nicknamed the "Rainbow roller" for its dazzling plumage, the roller is often called Africa's most beautiful bird. How can such

bird as a creature of unmatched attributes. I'm not the only one who thinks so. Long revered by people throughout the African continent, the Lilac Breasted-Roller is the National Bird of Kenya and figures prominently in many cultures and traditions. A monogamous bird that mates for boldly dive into the advancing life, the roller earns our respect for its loyalty. Standing as a living symbol of love, marriage, and devotion, rollers share parental duties. The Afrikaans word for the roller is "troupand," which translates to wedding band. The Venda people of South Africa and Zimbabwe fashion wedding rings from the bird's manycolored feathers which have also adorned South African wedding dresses for generations. The of Education for Connecticut's Zulu culture embraces the roller as a test for a couple's readiness Adviser for The Bruce Museum. a stunning creature possess the and compatibility for marriage. A member of The Explorers Club, makeup of a relentless predator? A feather band is attached to the Jim enjoys sharing his passion for

and ferocity, that marks this little they are ready to work together through life's trials and may enter into marriage.

In the Lilac-Breasted Roller we have a creature of enviable traits. A living thing of small stature yet larger-than-life abilities and presence. A creature of simultaneous beauty and boldness, a mate of devotion and teamwork and an unrivaled package of feather and grit. In short, a creature worthy of emulation. While few of us may aspire to chomp down a scorpion, or swoop upon an intruding lioness, we can all take a lesson from the Lilac-Breasted Roller. There is beauty in appearance, and beauty in the strength of our actions.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator Beardsley Zoo and as a Science It is this medley of the visual and couple's wrists. If the couple can wildlife conservation with audiences physical-this melding of beauty keep the feathered band sealed, throughout Connecticut and beyond.

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