

Local News Brief

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Greenwich: Hospital Benefit Reaches Milestone
Greenwich Hospital held its 25th annual fundraising event, The Benefit for Greenwich Hospital, on September 26, 2025, at the Greenwich Country Club, featuring dinner, dancing, and entertainment. The event honored Barbara Netter, Dr. Murat Günel, and Dr. Zion Zibly for their contributions to medicine and neuroscience. Proceeds supported the \$125 million Arc of Care Campaign, which funds programs in Behavioral Health, Children's Health, Heart and Vascular, Neuroscience, and Oncology, with online donations accepted.

Greenwich: Community Dances to Support
The Dancing Stars of Greenwich gala, organized by Abilis with the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Greenwich, was held September 20, 2025, at Tamarack Country Club to raise funds for programs supporting individuals with disabilities, including housing, employment, and day services. Local professionals and community leaders performed with professional dancers in multiple rounds, with winners determined by judges and a People's Choice system where each dollar donated equaled one vote. The event set a fundraising goal of \$175,000 for improvements to Abilis' residential services program.

Greenwich: Volunteers Share Treat Boxes
Last week, Christ Church Greenwich volunteers assembled and distributed Treat Boxes containing baked goods and notes as part of an outreach program in the parish hall. A clergy member led a prayer for the effort, and organizers announced the next distribution will

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Green Thoughts
BY ANNE W. SEMMES

“What would be the world be, once bereft / Of wet and of wildness? Let them be left, / O let them be left, wildness and wet; / Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet.” From the poem “Inversnaid” by Gerard Manley Hopkins after a visit to Scotland, 1844-1889.

Dog Lovers Flock to Puttin’ on the Dog



Sit Means Sit dog trainers demonstrating what that means at the Puttin' on the Dog 2025 event last weekend. The event, held to celebrate dogs and help dogs find their forever homes saw 11 of the 20 dogs adopted. See page ## for the full story. Photo by Bob “Romeo” Capazzo.

Fazio’s Fast Start: \$100K Raised in 44 Days, \$250 at a Time

How Public Financing Works in Our Governor’s Race

The Citizens’ Election Program (CEP) allows qualifying candidates to receive public grants — up to \$19 million for the 2026 governor’s race — in order to communicate with voters. To qualify, a candidate must raise \$350,000 from individuals, with each contribution capped at \$250 per person. No corporate checks, no PAC money. It is retail politics in its purest form: thousands, of small-dollar conversations.

For voters, the program is designed to level the playing field. The theory is that a candidate who can inspire 1,400 residents to write a \$250 check has demonstrated something more meaningful than a candidate who can find one to under-write \$350,000.

It is not glamorous work. It is call sheets and kitchen-table fundraisers, nights at Rotary clubs, mornings at coffee shops. But for Fazio — who has built his candidacy on the idea that government should operate in the open — the process seems to make sense.

Ryan Fazio is running for governor, and he is doing it the way he has done everything else in his political career: with the unglamorous insistence that the public has a right to know.

In Connecticut — where so much happens behind closed doors — pension fund investments, billion-dollar healthcare deals, and, most recently, the anti-local legislation known as 5002 — Fazio has made transparency his guiding principle.

“All of us as electricity consumers have been paying hundreds of millions of dollars a year in public benefits charges,” he said in a recent interview, referring to the quietly levied fees tucked into electric bills. “Until last year, nobody knew about this until I passed a new law that requires those charges to be itemized on every person’s utility bill. People were already upset that their electric bills are the third highest in the country — now they can see that about 20% of those bills are



Ryan Fazio speaking at a CT Council of Small Towns event.

funding non-essential programs that have nothing to do with the electricity used in their homes and businesses.”

He sees this as the heart of the matter: sunlight, then reform.

His campaign reflects the same energy. Fazio started on August 13, when most of the state

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The Summer I....



By ICY FRANTZ

Last week I received a letter from an old friend — snail mail, on personalized stationery. Oh, how I still love that. We had gone to grade school together, and I probably hadn’t seen her since morning recess, both of us in our green-and-yellow uniforms with our hair pulled back in braids. How kind of her to reach out, and what a great reminder to connect with others not only in times of sadness, but also in times of triumph.

In her note she said something that struck me:

“It’s such a blow, and a reordering of the world — even if we know it’s coming.”

And That is where I want to begin today: the reordering of my I world.

Like many, I watched The Summer I Turned Pretty — first to steal precious time with our daughter, and then on my own because I simply had to know if Team Conrad or Team Jeremiah came out ahead. (Don’t worry, no spoilers here.) I mention it not because of the love triangle but because of the title. It reminded me of my own season:

The Summer I Turned 60.

The Summer We Dropped Off Our Youngest Child at College.

The Summer My Mother Passed Away.

Yes, it has been a colossal reordering of my world. My friend’s words were spot on.

In July, I turned 60. Of course, it didn’t happen all at once. One day on the calendar didn’t mark the shift. It unfolded slowly — as I resisted (kicking and screaming) and then, eventually, accepted that I had entered a new decade.

It felt as if I was standing over my carry-on suitcase — the fancy one with wheels — and forced to decide what to bring on this adventure and what to leave behind.

Out went the “just in case”

Because as corny as it may sound, love is the one thing that belongs in every bag – the carry-on, the old dusty suitcase, and the new one now resting on my shoulder.

items: the dress I hoped would one day fit, the shoes that looked good but pinched. In went the elastic waist banded pants for comfort and the sensible shoes that would let me walk without blisters towards what’s next.

When the suitcase clicked shut, it felt lighter. Not filled so much with material things, but with what matters most: connection, family, laughter, love. Health, both physical and mental. A sharper sense of priorities, and a desire to slow down and enjoy.

It’s not that those things weren’t always there — but they were often buried beneath the miniskirts and sequined tops. (no longer needed)

When we dropped our daughter at college, I learned quickly that the process is very different for daughters than sons. With the boys, it was a few duffels and a quick goodbye. With our daughter, it was an all-day affair: building shelves, hanging lights, arranging pillows, and lining drawers in a quirky triple with very little storage. Backbreaking work in an un-air-conditioned dorm room, yes — but I loved every minute.

In that time, I began to consider the enormity of the moment. In the weeks that followed, people asked how I was doing. And though she was actually physically closer than she had been during her gap year, the start of college still signified something — a reordering of my world.

It felt as if I was unpacking

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the war, both her father and her brother were called to duty and fortunately returned home safely.

Smith College was Barbara's destiny, as it had been for her grandmother and her mother. Marriage at the age of twenty-four to an Irish Catholic lawyer, Arthur Mulhern, in the rectory of St. Patrick's Cathedral, was the start of a new and joyous life. She reveled in her large family of six children. When I asked about some of her favorite memories and adventures as a mother, Barbara had her answer in a heartbeat. "I have driven across the USA five times." She went on to explain that she and Art, with all six children (and no nanny) in tow, had driven across the country one summer in an RV. After time exploring the far western U.S., when it was time to drive back east, Art was needed back at his law practice, and it fell, and it fell to Barbara to make the 3000-mile journey as the solo driver. The experience must have been both psychically and physically rewarding, as she chose to repeat it again and again, including three times alone. After her children were out of the house and out of college, she became a licensed ski instructor, at the age of seventy, and carried on in that role into her late 80's.

In 1986, she returned to her childhood hometown of Cooperstown and threw herself into supporting the Glimmerglass Opera (now Glimmerglass Festival.) When a fire destroyed the organization's records, her monumental brain became an invaluable asset, as she re-assembled from memory the organization's donor base data.

When I asked Barbara to capsule her life, she said simply, "I feel blessed. I am an optimist. All my children are alive and well." Did she have a secret to her longevity? "No. I don't know why I've lived so long." There was a pause and she said, "I did drink a lot of martinis and I still drink wine." Was she on medications? "Not one." What has sustained her through her long and active life? "The values I learned in childhood: a passion for reading, good manners, a love of learning and an intellectual curiosity." She has lost none of those cardinal virtues as she reaches the one hundred year mark. What does she think of the world today? "It is tragic to see the world in such turmoil."



By PATRICIA CHADWICK

It's not unusual these days to celebrate the birthdays of friends and relatives who are entering the decade of octogenarians. In point of fact, a baby born in this country today is fully expected to reach the age of eighty, and while it is definitely a pleasing milestone birthday, it is less of an "achievement" than it was half or even a quarter of a century ago. While the same cannot be said of nonagenarians—YET—there over two million Americans today who are in their nineties and their numbers are increasing. Each of my parents died just a few months shy of their ninetieth birthdays, and I felt they were robbed of a celebration they had nearly earned. And then there are those on the top rung of the ladder—the centenarians. Until last year, the closest I had come to engaging with a centenarian was some thirty-one years ago, when I was tickled pink to take a picture of my six-month-old daughter in the arms of Mrs. Swain, a family friend's mother who was celebrating her 101st birthday.

That changed a little over a year ago, at a picnic on the grounds of the Glimmerglass Festival campus in Cooperstown, New York, when I found myself sitting next to a fellow opera lover and picnicker. "Hello," she said, as she held a glass of white wine in one hand and a toast point spread with foie gras in the other, "I'm Barbara Mulhern." A little bird had let me in on the secret that my dinner companion was ninety-nine years old, and I had been prepared to meet a fragile woman of small stature, with a dowager's hump and a cane, or maybe a walker. Nothing could have been further from the truth. Barbara was the picture of robust health and could have

passed easily for twenty-five years younger. In short order, I learned that she drove her own car to the grocery store, was partial to a Scotch—her favorite being "Isle of Jura"—and enjoyed throwing dinner parties that she cooked herself.

When a month later, I received a thank you note from her for some books I'd sent her way, I was astonished at the beauty of her penmanship—her small print was straight and strong, and her grammar and punctuation perfect. The logo above her name was an artistic rendering of the golf cart she tools around in when hopping from one cocktail party to another over the rolling hills of Cooperstown. The six degrees of separation emerged when Barbara, after reading one of my books, sent me an email to let me know that the doctor who had been so influential in my achieving pregnancy at the age of 45 had grown up in the house next to hers in New Jersey and was her son's childhood playmate.

Barbara was gracious enough to allow me to interview her a few months ago, and what struck me most was her humility and honesty. She found nothing extraordinary about her life or her achievement of genuine longevity. Born in New York City while her father was a resident at Bellevue Hospital, she recalled, with her prodigious memory, when the family moved to Cooperstown—she was not more than four years old at the time—and her father began his medical practice at Bassett Hospital. The Lindbergh baby kidnapping in 1932, when Barbara was just seven years old, is seared in her memory. Inspired by the Episcopal nuns who taught her in elementary school, Barbara became an avid reader and as she entered her teenage years in the mid to late 1930s, she devoured the Weekly Reader, a publication that allowed school-age children to learn world affairs—she followed the rise of Hitler and the social upheaval in Europe with great concern. When the U.S. entered



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By Emily Gum

Fred was a fairly typical kid. He grew up in Connecticut and, much to his family's pride, found himself at Yale. He thought he would be pre-med and studied accordingly. As with many young people, when he was finished with college he moved home to try to figure out what was next. He picked up teaching at an independent school and found that he was incredible at connecting with young people. A new passion was formed, and a new calling. Fred was a commanding and jovial presence, loved sports, and often spent time in the woods that surrounded the school, hiking or fishing. He incorporated these things into his teaching, prioritizing character development, experiential learning, love of place and nature, civic responsibility, and competition. Students adored him.

Five years into teaching, Fred was committed to the work, but was starting to find himself at odds with the social and political culture of the parents of his students. He was principled almost to the point of being stubborn, and he was committed to maintaining his moral sense of self. This misalignment with parents, however, cost him his job, and Fred found himself on the road, eventually settling at a school in Pennsylvania that was more aligned to his vision of teaching and learning.

His heart, however, was in Connecticut, as was the woman he was trying to marry. It took several years, but Fred's approach was eventually more widely shared, and he was able to come home and resume his calling alongside his now wife, Abby. Together, they built a school based on a series of beliefs: that public character and active citizenship are the purpose of education; that a sense of rootedness and place not only grounds kids, but helps them to build a sense of obligation and responsibility to the natural world and their neighbors; and that there is wisdom and goodness in an intentionally broadly representative school community focused on cultivating independent, critical thinkers. Fred and Abby also operated their school with an understanding that kids are going to make mistakes, and that is precisely where trust between

students and their teachers can have the most meaningful and direct impact on the ability of the young, especially teenagers, to take risks and innovate. The year was 1850 (and his school is today known as The Frederick Gunn School).

Frederick Gunn (Fred to his friends) was an educator his entire life, and there is only one speech that remains to capture his vision, which he delivered to a room of fellow educators in 1871. At that point, 30 years into his craft, he began with the following words: I have in mind an ideal of a school. It is a disarmingly relevant vision in 2025.

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Human scale design. In every decision made, the question needs to be about what the actual students that we have need to thrive. If schools do not begin with a vision of a thriving student, they cannot build programs and infrastructure that will get kids to their goal. As large-scale disruptions reach our schools, with generative artificial intelligence being the latest, maintaining the value of human scale design is essential to building the schools of the future.

Teachers are mentors. You might think that in 1850, an innovative and wildly successful educator would have been focused on what we would now call the content and skills of teaching and learning. Not so for Frederick Gunn. He had an acute sensibility that the keystone variable to good schools is trust. Trust manifests itself in the interactions between teachers and students as mentorship, where faculty set impossibly high standards for their students to reach and then walk them towards growth. Mentorship is always about setting students up to be ambitious for success.

Greatest possible growth. High standards, high support —when a mentor holds these two things, we watch students take risks and hit

gears they (and their parents) didn't know they had. Students leave high school with a sense of self and a sense of purpose, the combination of which opens up an ambitious future (and college list). Students are set up with a vision of learning that extends through and beyond the formal structures of degrees.

AI is going to disrupt education. The verdict is in, and social media and cell phones are already dramatically transforming the experience of our children in schools. As educators, we are being asked to act and lead before the outcomes of these transformations are known to us. This increased pressure on schools is putting a strain on the relationships between parents and educators. College admissions is increasingly a moving target.

In response to these disruptions, it can be tempting to do one of two things: throw out all that we know about what kids need most and embrace a digital revolution, or put our heads down and hope the revolution will pass by before our jobs are at stake. There is a third option, however, and it is to lean into our best instincts as educators, ensuring that our kids are not facing the complexities of the future without the wisdom of the past. This was Fred and Abby's approach in the face of a civil war, political polarization around abolition, industrialization, and increased technologies for global connectivity. While much has changed, these deep resources exist to help us navigate our own time.

Abigail and Frederick Gunn's school was located in Washington, Connecticut, and it is still here today. It was known endearingly for a great part of its history as The Gunnery — an honorific nod to the affection that students had for Fred and Abby. Many schools do not have a relatable founder. Either that person was lost to history or there are substantive disagreements between their founding ideals and those of the school presently. We are lucky as a school to have as our founders not one but two moral exemplars. Pushing with hope and determination towards the future of education is deep in our DNA.

Emily Raudenbush Gum is the 12th Head of School at The Frederick Gunn School in Washington, CT, celebrating its 175th year.

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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 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.

Dunnellen Hall

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 28-room 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 17th century marble pavilion imported from Italy,

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 known as the former president of IBM, taking over for his father Thomas Watson Sr. in 1952, Watson lived in the home for several decades.

William A. Husted House

The stately 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 Brick House, where Andrew Carnegie once resided. In 1903 the grounds of the Greenwich Stokes estate were designed by the renowned landscape architectural firm, the Olmsted Brothers. The

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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/annual-meeting-and-landmarks-recognition-program/>** **About Greenwich Historical Society** Greenwich Historical Society was founded in 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 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 of this globally influential community through exhibitions, lectures, programs, and events. It receives no town funding and relies on donations and grants to continue its work in education and preservation. Learn more at greenwichhistory.org.



Above: Dunnellen Hall Below: Nathan R. Allen House

Edmund Burke once praised “the unbought grace of life.” Dogs, in their tireless devotion, are precisely that. They are the unearned graces that remind Greenwich what it means to be a town, not merely a collection of houses. To celebrate them, to bless them, and to provide for them is, in fact, to bless ourselves.

Bio: I am a mom of four great kids; two GPS graduates and two younger ones still enrolled in the district. I've lived in Greenwich for over 20 years. In addition to serving on the Board of Education and the Central Middle School Building Committee, I am the liaison to PTA Counsel and a member of the Distinguished Teacher Awards Committee, which acknowledges outstanding educators across the district. Prior to serving on the BOE, I was elected to two terms on the RTM, our local legislative body and unanimously elected to serve on North Street School PTA Board. In my television career, I have worked as a producer at CNBC, CNN & MSNBC as well as a local TV anchor at RNNTV.

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Andrew Bella - From Byram Boy to High School Principal

By MARY A. JACOBSON

There aren't too many residents of Greenwich who can trace their ties to the Greenwich Public Schools from their earliest childhood years at New Lebanon School to their retirement after a career spanning forty years. Such a man was Andrew Bella for whom Bella House at Greenwich High School is proudly named.

Andrew Bella was interviewed for the Oral History Project in the 1970s by Margaret F. French and Brooks Lushington. Born in 1907, Bella's memories of his early life in Byram are vivid in his mind. "Byram was more or less a self-contained community... called East Port Chester in those days because without cars people did their shopping in Port Chester." He was born into the German Lutheran Church - a "P.K." or "Preacher's Kid" - as he said. Most of his dad's parishioners were immigrants who worked at Abendroth's, the foundry in Port Chester. "... as kids we could look in there, and you could watch the red-hot molten metal being poured." His dad would advise his immigrant newcomers, "Go to church, get your citizenship papers, and buy a home." According to Bella, "Many of the homes on Mead Avenue in Byram ... are still owned by the sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters of those people who came here at the turn of the century."

Bella's description of his early school days at New Lebanon were far different from those experienced today. "We had a crowded school even when I was here, and we had to use the church on William Street for some of the classes." Bella's favorite game of baseball was played on a field where the ashes from the school furnace were disposed. "The playground actually was just the open field with stones for bases and ashes in the outfield... We passed the hat and made enough to buy the balls and bats and the equipment we needed. So that was the Recreation and Parks Department!" As Bella recounted, "No one had a car. My dad didn't have a car till I was sixteen (in 1923). Cars and airplanes were a novelty. If you'd see a plane, everybody would look up."

From New Lebanon School, Bella went to Greenwich High School, which was located on Havemeyer Place. However, for Bella, there was "no gym, no yard, no nothing." For physical education, the students would do calisthenics in the third-floor hallway. "Weather permitting, we would run around the block."



Andrew Bella. Courtesy of the Oral History Project.



Havemeyer School, on Havemeyer Place, eight years after its opening in 1892. Site of the first Greenwich High School graduation in 1895. Courtesy of Greenwich Library.

"I go to about three reunions a year and you get this pouring out of affection for the school."

There was also no auditorium. For assemblies, Mr. Folsom, the principal affectionately known as "Pop," would climb on a platform in the corridor "and we would stand around him, and we'd have our assemblies there." The year Bella graduated in 1925 however construction began on the new high school on Field Point Road (now Town Hall).

Despite the lack of facilities, "we managed, and I think we had an excellent faculty." Bella extolled the science department. "We did have an excellent science department." Bella excelled in physics and chemistry and enrolled at Yale, graduating as a physicist. However, "By then the Depression had struck, and no one knew what a physicist was, let alone hire one." His luck changed through a chance meeting with Pop Folsom. "I came home one vacation from graduate work at Yale, and I met Pop Folsom who said 'We have an opening in the physics department. Would you be interested?'" So that's the way I came back to Greenwich High School (in 1929 at age 22), by meeting Pop Folsom on the street one day."

By 1940, with a master's degree in educational administration from Columbia, Bella was named principal of Greenwich High School. During his tenure, until his retirement in 1969, the high school experienced much



Greenwich High School on Field Point Road in 1960. Opened in 1925. Now serves as Greenwich Town Hall. Courtesy of Greenwich Library.

growth and development. "The athletic program evolved from football, baseball, and basketball into the complete spectrum of sports we have today (1977 at the time of interview), including lacrosse, tennis, and soccer... We developed ice hockey when the rink was built in Playland.... We were the only out-of-state school that skated in Playland. Many times, we were champs of the Westchester County Hockey League."

Bella also supported increasing school services for students who had learning difficulties or were academically challenged. "The whole guidance movement developed during my tenure at the high school." Bella was also particularly proud of a program developed in the aftermath of World War II. "Boys who had not finished their high school education were allowed to come

back as veterans... they were the best students; they knew what they wanted to do."

As the post-World War II baby-boom generation moved through the school, its facilities became cramped with some classes held in the auditorium and gymnasium. "Toward the end of my career at Field Point (now Town Hall), our proms were so large that we had to have two orchestras. We had one inside the girls' gym and we had a tent on the front lawn, so there was continuous music inside and outside." "Afterglows" (post-prom gatherings) were held at The Clam Box in Cos Cob so the students would have a place to go after the prom.

Bella fondly recalled an incident in which he was summoned to the second floor because there was a car in the hallway. "A crowd of maybe a hundred students followed

me up and, sure enough, there in the corridor was this Volkswagen completely assembled... What they had done is, during the night, under blankets with flashlights, taken this car apart, and hoisted it up to the second floor... no ... no scratches... They did it and they were fine students."

Bella had definitive views about the value of discipline. "I think that discipline, if it's fair ... is something that students want... If they don't have it, they're going to look for it, and they're going to look for it by doing something that demands discipline... Youngsters want to know what the lines are."

Bella's tenure extended from the World War II era to that of the Vietnam War and the turmoil of the sixties. Through those years, he led with a steady hand. The present high school on Hillside Avenue opened in

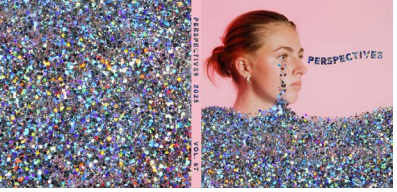
1970, the year after he retired. Bella had championed for a new school to accommodate the swelling student population. A clandestine petition, signed by hundreds of students, requested that one of the houses in the new school be named Bella House after him, a recognition in which he took great pride. "I go to about three reunions a year and you get this outpouring of affection for the school... And that's where you begin to feel the real quality and value of what went on at that time."

The interview entitled "From Byram Boy to High School Principal" may be read in its entirety or checked out at the main library. It is also available for purchase at the Oral History Project office. The OHP is sponsored by Friends of Greenwich Library. Visit the website at [glohistory.org](#). Mary Jacobson serves as blog editor.

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take place on Friday, December 6. The program is part of the church's hospitality ministry, aimed at supporting community members in seasonal need.

Greenwich: Student Magazine Wins Gold



Sacred Heart Greenwich's student art and literary magazine, Perspectives, received a Gold Medalist ranking from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for its 2024-25 issue, In the Water. This is the publication's eighth consecutive gold medal. It also earned All-Columbian Honors in Essential, Verbal, and Visual categories, with perfect scores in Essential and Visual. Photo Credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich

Greenwich: Nine GHS Seniors Earn National Recognition



Nine Greenwich High School seniors have been named semifinalists in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship

Program. They are among less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors recognized for top scores on the PSAT/NMSQT. These students will compete for nearly \$26 million in scholarships to be awarded next spring. Photo credit: Greenwich Public Schools

Greenwich: Cameras Installed to Improve Safety



Greenwich is installing automated speed enforcement cameras near schools. The cameras are intended to monitor vehicle speeds and enforce traffic laws. The initiative is part of the town's traffic safety program. Photo credit: Greenwich Department of Public Works

Greenwich: Gallery Opens With Celebration

Greenwich Art + Design, a new two-level gallery and retail space at 7 East Putnam Avenue in Greenwich, will hold its grand opening on Thursday, September 25, from 6 to 9pm. The event will debut a solo exhibition by artist David Dunlop and showcase a curated selection of fine art, home décor, jewelry, and design pieces sourced internationally. The store is founded and led by Suzanne

Bellehumeur, a scenic muralist and decorative painter.

Greenwich: Officers Complete Probation Successfully



Master Police Officers Jesionka and P. O'Connor completed six-month probationary periods following their promotions. The rank of Master Police Officer authorizes them to lead shifts in the absence of supervisors, train recruits, and set operational standards. Their successful probation confirms they met performance and leadership expectations across varied assignments. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

Greenwich: Police Officers Earn Promotions



Sergeant Ruszkowski has been promoted to lieutenant, and Master Police Officer M. O'Connor Jr. has been promoted to sergeant. Both will take on supervisory roles within the Patrol Division. Their responsibilities will include overseeing operations, guiding officers, and supporting community safety. Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

Greenwich: Gardens Sustain Birds Winter

Leaving seed heads and stems in place through winter provides birds with food, shelter, and cover. Plants such as coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, sunflowers, Joe-Pye weed, goldenrod, asters, switchgrass, little bluestem, sedum, and native shrubs supply seeds or berries. Skipping fall clean-up allows these plants to support bird populations during the cold months.

Greenwich: Residents Help Keep Forests Safe

Connecticut's fall wildfire season runs from October until the first widespread snowfall, when dry weather, leaves, and wind raise fire risk. Nearly all wildfires are human-caused and preventable, making it critical to follow burn restrictions,

monitor fire danger levels, and use caution with sparks and combustible materials. Residents and visitors should prepare homes, stay alert, and report fires immediately by calling 911 or contacting DEEP's 24-hour Dispatch Center at 860-424-3333

Greenwich: Town Celebrates



Greenwich Town Hall held its eighth annual Mexican Independence Day ceremony on Tuesday, marking the anniversary of Miguel Hidalgo's 1810 "Cry of Dolores" that began Mexico's independence movement. The event included a flag-raising and a reception in the Town Hall garden. The celebration recognizes the cultural diversity present in the town. Photo credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

Greenwich: Town Radio Veteran



On September 12, the Town of Greenwich recognized Bob Small for

Democrat Laura Kostin: Petitioning for a Place, Pushing for Progress

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Laura Kostin is back on the ballot, and she got there the hard way — by collecting 568 signatures, five percent of registered Democrats in Greenwich, after the Democratic Town Committee declined to endorse her for a second term on the Board of Education. The process was affirming. “I feel like I was nominated by our community of Democrats, not a committee who thinks they have a right to decide who can run and who can’t,” she said. “Anyone qualified, with the time and skills to donate should be able to run for office without some committee telling them, ‘No’ or ‘Go wait your turn.’”

“I was surprised they did not endorse me,” she said in an interview, her voice calm but firm. “But I will tell you in complete and total honesty, the way that I vote is really with the students in mind — never

Her campaign theme is “delivering results,” which she says reflects her work over the past three years.

my party in mind. And if that is a source of frustration for my party, I don’t apologize.”

The experience of petitioning, she said, gave her a chance to connect with voters across town and hear what is on their minds. “People were very aware of what has been happening with the Board of Education this year,” she said. “Parents were much more aware this time, maybe more than any other year that I can recall.” She heard concerns about the operating budget, school start times, and transportation costs. “We



always get a lot of email around budget time,” she said, “but this year, because of the start time changes, there was sort of a collective reaction about childcare and how to manage the change for working parents. That was really top of mind.”

Her campaign theme is “delivering results,” which she says reflects her work over the past three years. One of her key accomplishments was helping refine and ultimately support

the district’s five-year Strategic Plan in early 2023. The plan set academic goals for English, math, and science and gave Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones and the administration a clear framework. “It was the right approach and exactly the right time,” she said. Results show test scores are up across the board. “We’re Top 5 in the state now,” she said. “I’d like to be Top 3. I want to be number one.” She expects a very detailed set of data to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Kostin also highlighted her work on capital projects. She voted to support the secure entryway at Greenwich High School, the renovation and expansion of Old Greenwich School, and the phased renovation of Julian Curtiss. She supported the Education Specifications for Riverside School and joined the Central Middle School Building Committee after that school

was closed for safety reasons. “Once [the specifications] were approved, I joined the CMS Building Committee to help guide the construction of the new school,” she said. “We’re on track to deliver a new school in budget and on time for students to start school in the new building for the beginning of the 2026–2027 school year.”

Beyond capital improvements, she said she has focused on improving special education services and making sure the district adheres to PCG recommendations for those programs. “The theme of my campaign is delivering results, and that’s what I have been doing during my first term,” she said. “Getting Central Middle School off the ground, improving special education, making progress on education for all of our students — that’s what I will keep doing for our district.”

Kostin said she has been

encouraged by the response from voters while petitioning to get on the ballot. “It forced me to do a lot of outreach out of the gate,” she said. “People don’t take kindly to the kind of undemocratic behavior by the Greenwich Democratic Town Committee. No one should never try to decide an election for voters, hard stop. Voters deserve choices. I’m happy with how I was nominated.

This year’s Board of Education race will include three Democrats and four Republicans, with all candidates confirmed for the League of Women Voters debate. Kostin said she looks forward to continuing the conversation with voters. “Whether you are a school parent or not,” she said, “you know that everyone in our town has a vested interest in public schools that are strong, vibrant places to learn and grow.”



The FlyHouse team after winning the 2025 East Coast Open title. Left to right: David Stirling Jr., Ezequiel Martinez Ferrario, Andrew Gundlach and Nicolas Diaz Alberdi. (Photo courtesy of Johnny Pensiero/Penmax Communications Inc.)

FlyHouse: This Year’s East Coast Open Champions

By LIZ LEAMY

Several weeks ago, great drama ensued as athletes, both equine and human, pulled out all the stops with FlyHouse, the formidable high-goal team based out of the New York-metro area, triumphing over Audi, the esteemed contingent also based out of the same region, to clinch the 2025 East Coast Open title, 15-14.

This high-octane showdown, held at Barton Farms in Standardville, New York (near Poughkeepsie), featured all the stuff of a world-class sports final, as these two renowned contingents battled it out against one another in

heated fashion with FlyHouse ultimately winding up at top of the leaderboard in the final tally.

This famous tournament, regarded as one of the most celebrated and critical of the summer U.S. high-goal polo season, featured five total entries, FlyHouse, Audi, La Fe, Bayville Ford and Stradavarius, with the first two teams achieving the final level due to accruing the most number of points and wins during this three week-long tournament, with most of the games having been conducted at the Greenwich Polo Club starting in late August.

“This tournament goes above and beyond,” said Christophe Landon, the resolute one goaler and Stradavarius patron who is owner of Christophe Landon Rare Violins Inc. in New York City. “It’s the best polo in the summer in the U.S.”

For the players, it was a thrilling event to be part of in all regards.

“It was great to be out there today,” said David Stirling Jr. of Uruguay, the number-three FlyHouse member who is one of the polo’s highest-ranked players with a nine (out of a

10-maximum) goal rating, when he spoke with members of the press after his team had won a first-round match against La Fe during this tournament.

Other players echoed similar sentiments.

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The FlyHouse roster, meanwhile, consisted of

Andrew and Max Gundlach, David Stirling Jr., Ezequiel Martinez Ferrario and Nicolas Diaz Alberdi with the Audi team featuring Mariano Aguerre, Victorino Ruiz Jorba, Kris Kampsen and Alejandro Velez Suarez.

Two weeks ago, the 2025 Greenwich Polo Club season wrapped up with the Greenwich Cup on September 14th with the pending 2026 season looking to commence next June.

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

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'Puttin' on the Dog' Draws Hundreds of Dog Lovers

By Liz Leamy

Last Sunday marked another golden moment for the town and its surrounding areas as thousands of people descended upon Roger Sherman Baldwin Park to partake in the Adopt-A-Dog Inc.'s 37th annual 'Puttin' on the Dog,' an action-packed annual fundraiser event dedicated to rescuing and rehoming dogs, with 11 of the approximately 24-member Adopt-a-Dog canine contingent having found new forever homes and three others having been taken into foster living to designate this as a triumphant endeavor on all counts.

This lively event, which also featured dog demonstrations and competitions, more than a dozen pet-friendly vendors and live music by the Greenwich band, Mojo, among other things, was a winner in all regards for the furry Adopt-A-Dog residents, dogs accompanied by their human counterparts and all other visitors and individuals there who were appeared to be very much enjoying themselves as they spent time at this famous waterside park on the Long Island Sound to help support this all-important

cause. "I want to congratulate Adopt-A-Dog on one of its most successful 'Puttin' on the Dog' events ever, with at least 11 dogs adopted out and at three more fostered," said First Selectman Fred Camillo, who was on hand at this event as a judge for several of its fun competitions, something he has been doing for several years. "As always, I had a blast judging and meeting new four-legged friends that make animal welfare volunteerism so enjoyable."

For the dedicated contingent of figureheads, staff members and volunteers of Adopt-a-Dog Inc., the renowned Armonk, New York-based local non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing and finding forever and foster homes for its canine and cat residents, it was an affair to remember.

"This has been an incredible day. We've had so many adoptions and dogs have also found foster homes today," said Peyton Kasak, a member of the Adopt-A-Dog Inc. Board of Directors who spent a significant amount of the afternoon walking around with a number of its interim residents, including two lovely dogs who are currently up for adoption as

a pair, Gemma and Gunnar. "I think we've also recruited a lot of new volunteers and have brought a greater awareness in regard to the amazing things that Adopt-A-Dog does in the community."

"It could not have been a more perfect day," said Kasak, with the Adopt-A-Dog event having been so successful that its website had crashed the morning after the event due to hits from so many hundreds of people. (The situation was fixed, however, by later that afternoon.) "The community of people, the weather and the space here on the water with this view is just amazing, with the dogs at the center of it all enjoying themselves. Everyone here, the guests and dog guests, as well as the vendors, volunteers, staff, are all here to celebrate dogs."

At center stage was the bustling Adopt-A-Dog tent with its open fence area where many of its members, both human and canine, interacted with visitors all day long.

Situated behind the Adopt-A-Dog tent and area was the organization's big red, white and black bus, a reimagined school vehicle that provides transportation for its dogs, staff and volunteers that always grabs

attention of people with its big signature paws.

This extensive contingent of vendors featured such pet-related retail items and services as pet food and snacks, accessories, beds, veterinary care, grooming, portraits, training and other things, as well as freebies that included pet snacks, pouches, pup cups and tennis balls.

"This is such a great event and we absolutely love coming here to help support the Adopt-A-Dog organization," said Lorena Schaich of Stamford who was there with her husband, Andrew Schaich, and lovely dog, Penny, who was getting her caricature drawn by Caricature Artist Bill Hernandez of Partycartoons.com, with the couple celebrating their first wedding anniversary together that same day as well. "The dogs get pampered here and you can see they're all having so much fun like everyone else. It's such a great time."

Others shared similar sentiments.

"This event has been outstanding and it is our favorite event to do every year," said Jamie Cohen, co-owner of Sit Means Sit Dog Training of Westchester and Fairfield (Counties) based

in Valhalla, New York, who was there her husband, Neil Cohen, fellow co-owner of the company that provides professional dog and puppy obedience training. "The people running the event do a phenomenal job. It's so well set up and well organized. Everyone is so helpful and nice and we can't wait to come back next year."

The Cohens also elaborated on how great it was for Sit Means Sit Dog Training of Southern Westchester and Fairfield to have a dog demonstration set up at their vendor area.

"We were honored when we had started doing demos here and we've gotten so much support from Adopt-A-Dog," said Neil Cohen, whose company has been part of the 'Puttin' on the Dog' event for more than seven years running. "The amount of love I see people giving the dogs and the reaction from the dogs is amazing. There are going to be so many dogs going home to wonderful families today and we're so grateful to be part of it all."

"We believe in this cause and we're here to do whatever we can to help further the role and work of Adopt-A-Dog. It is an awesome organization and the dogs are

even more awesome and there is no better forum than this one to demonstrate our commitment to them," said Anand Rajaraman of Furry Land Mobile Pet Grooming Fairfield County (@furrylandfairfieldcounty), who was also there with Kiran Anand, the company's owner, with this being their first time participating in this event. "This has been one of the best events we have been part of and we are looking forward to doing it again in the future."

By all means, Adopt-A-Dog knocked the proverbial ball out of the park in terms of its goal of finding forever homes for so many of its furry residents with the organization's dedication and commitment to this cause having clearly had such a powerful impact upon those in attendance, something that ought to bode well for all of its furry friends in looking ahead, that is for sure.

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A Sense of Unity and Belonging

By Rabbi Mitch

I was nine years old when I spent my first summer at Camp Arazim, a Northern California Jewish overnight camp.

My first memory there was standing in a large circle with fellow campers to celebrate Havdalah, the ceremony marking Shabbat's conclusion. Some campers had their arms around their neighbors, others did not. But as we sang, we also gently swayed.

The camp Havdalah ceremony created a profound feeling that remains vivid in my memory, despite not recalling the first song or most campers' names. It was a profound moment that instilled in me a sense of unity and belonging, a feeling that we were all part of something larger than us.

I cannot say with certainty that our circle of singing and prayer pierced the Heavens. However - decades later - this experience remains vivid, a testament to the enduring impact of Jewish values and community, grounding us in our faith.

We Americans balance individualism and collectivism, and Judaism performs this same balancing act. Nations and peoples differ from one another, each finding different pathways to God and godly living. But can one nation or individual claim a "preferred" pathway toward divine connection?

Here lies the limitation of human understanding: we cannot know with certainty which pathway God prefers. And, it's reasonable to believe God offers many equally valid routes up the holy mountain.

Each of us - shaped by birth, upbringing, education, and experience - must find the path that feels most authentic to us for divine connection. Our experiences, from simcha (sacred joy) to tzuris (sorrow), provide the only certainty we possess. We alone can listen with our hearts to the unfolding echoes of these resonant feelings. And our Judaism speaks first to the heart, and then to the mind.

The rabbis often dismiss the notion of hierarchy among Jewish teachings. The great 12th-century philosopher Moses Maimonides wrote:

The obligation is to believe that the Torah was given to us from God. Every single word and letter of the Five Books of Moses comes from God, and each possesses equal value.

Maimonides further asserted that denying the divine authority of any letter, syllable, word, or sentence of the Torah constitutes heresy.

The traditional standard dogmatic teaching from Maimonides offers practical wisdom. Since we humans cannot know which of God's teachings are more or less critical, we should strive to follow all divine instructions to the best of our abilities.

Yet the Chazal (Talmudic Sages of Blessed Memory) still asked:

What is the most important verse in the Torah?

Why would Chazal risk heresy with such a question? The answer lies in their understanding that we must discern core Jewish values to build our lives on a stable, ethical, monotheistic foundation;

a foundation necessary for cultivating positive Jewish feelings and experiences.

At morning and evening worship, we always proclaim our faith:

Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad.

(Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.)

Our ritually-mandated liturgical Torahitic declaration of faith establishes that absolute moral authority comes from God, who is One. And we remind ourselves that we must not reach for competing false gods offering false teachings.

Like Truth itself, God is the beginning, middle, and end; complete and without reduction.

Our Creator taught us the absolute distinction between right and wrong, with no competing authority. After proclaiming the Shema and accepting God's moral authority, we share additional Torah verses reminding us to "love God with all our heart, soul, and might," to reflect constantly on God's laws, and to teach them diligently to our children. Our Torah study, sacred living, and diligently teaching God's laws to our children ensure moral continuity throughout the generations.

Another key Torah verse commands us to "love your neighbor as yourself." Rabbi Akiva taught that this is the essence of God's moral teaching, built upon the absolute belief that each human being is created equally in God's image.

"One God" and "love of neighbor" represent fundamental Jewish values. However, another Torah verse (perhaps less

immediately compelling) provides the necessary vessel for containing and maintaining God's presence in our lives effectively.

God commanded our ancestors to provide a Korban Tamid ("continual offering") brought daily, symbolizing our continuous connection and devotion: "One lamb should be brought in the morning and the other at dusk."

Embracing God as our divine source of morality and living out God's moral instructions with everyone we encounter remains crucial. But human beings also require means to express gratitude for shared blessings. Thanking God disciplines our continual acknowledgment of what God does as Creator and Absolute Moral Authority.

But we need a ritual framework through which to express gratitude, ensuring awareness of that for which we're grateful. Daily "ritual thanks" keeps us constantly mindful of God's sovereignty over our lives.

After Jerusalem's Great Temple was destroyed, we replaced ancestral sacrifices with prayers. According to the Chazal, prayers surpass sacrifices because they discipline the duties required of our hearts, minds, and souls.

Our liturgical prayer model follows the timing of ancestral "continual offerings," cultivating individual relationships with God while connecting individuals with community.

The community's sum exceeds its individual parts, which is why a quorum of 10 is required for traditional worship services and public Torah reading.

When shared with the community, our prayers connect us with God and each other, lending greater strength. The Midrash teaches: "Individual hand strength can break a single twig. However, a bundle of twigs will always withstand the same hand strength without breaking."

During the High Holy Days, we gather in our most enormous numbers, understanding the power of the Jewish collective. Our synagogue becomes a place for individual prayer, thought, and reflection, yet we unite in song, always expressing prayers as "we," not "I."

While any modern rabbi would welcome more regular weekly attendance, we must note the miracle of gathering in such large numbers, even if only a few times yearly. Whatever spiritual magic God bestows during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur sustains our Jewish community annually. When we build modern synagogues, we design them with the High Holy Days in mind, a testament to our faith and community strength.

Daily individual consistency in embracing God's moral authority and living with love and kindness enables spiritual self-nurturing. Communal ritual observance ensures continuity of our Sacred Living Civilization, now 3,800 years strong. Our core Jewish values exist within the framework of God, Torah, and the Jewish People. Each point of this triangle requires our daily gratitude and commitment.

This week, when we gathered for the High Holy Days, our individual conversations with God

were augmented by communal prayers capable of piercing the Heavens and interrupting our current civil divisions.

With our New Jewish Year, we must cultivate the good feelings our liturgical worship creates, prompting meaningful spiritual growth and awareness that maintains the healthy balance between individual and community.

The familiar secular song, "We Are the World," bridges to our coming individual and communal Rosh Hashanah experience:

...Let us realize that a change can only come

When we stand together as one

We are the world, we are the children

We are the ones who make a brighter day

So let's start giving

There's a choice we're making

We're saying our own lives

It's true we'll make a better day

Just you and me...

L'Shanah Tova and Shabbat

Shalom.

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

Worship Services

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Harvest Time Church
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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. *B3 Market Share Expo! Sunday, September 28, 12:30pm.*

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

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10 Indian Rock Ln; 203-869-2807
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Worship: Sun, 11am (in person and online through Facebook & YouTube). Children Sunday School: 9:30am, ages 9-14y. Adult Bible Study: Sun, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall. Prayer Gathering: Wed, 7pm, Pastor's Office or virtual on Google Meets.

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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. Blessing of Animals: Sunday, October 5, following the 11:30am Mass, in the Church parking lot.*

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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. Parish Partners Bereavement Fall program: beginning October 15 and ending on December 17 (except for Nov. 26). Signup is required, see Brochures at the doors.*

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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 Readers: Saturday, September 27, 9:30-11:30am. Diocese confers St. Augustine Medal: Saturday, September 27, 1-2pm.*

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

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

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 8am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Daily, 7:30am; Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. *Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thu. of every month, 7:30pm. Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting: Friday, September 26, 9am, in the Parish Center. St. Paul's Adult Faith Enrichment Study Program will offer a video presentation on Catholic Christian Prayer by Fr. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. on Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10 & 17 from 7-8:30pm, in St. Paul's Parish Center – All are invited.*

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

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

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

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

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Friday Bible Study with Rev. Tim Hamlin: Friday, Sept. 26, 9am. Men's Ministry Breakfast & Book Discussion: Saturday, Sept. 27, 8:30am. Messy Church Eucharist: Sunday, Sept. 28, 8:45am. Bagels And Bibles: Sunday, Sept. 28, 10:05am. Sunday Forum: "Politics, Theology and God": Sunday, Sept. 28, 11:15am. Joyful Noise Casual Worship Service with Rob Mathes: Sunday, Sept. 28, 5pm. Dogwood Book Discussion: The Soul of America: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 10am. Men's Bible Study with Rev. Terry Elsberry: Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7pm. Courage & Faith: "Witness To Belief": Saturday, Oct. 4, 6pm. Jungle Jerry brings his Live Animals: Sunday, Oct. 5, 10am.*

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 10AM (in person and livestreamed). Our exciting

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

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

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

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

Jewish
Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich
75 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. Unlocking the Jewish Prayerbook-Opening the Liturgy: Sunday, Sept. 28, 5pm. Kol Nidre Service: Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6:15pm, Round Hill Community Church. Yom Kippur Service: Thursday, Oct. 2, 10am-1:30pm, 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. *Tashlich Meditative Walk in neighboring Pomerance Park, followed by a community Shabbat dinner at Greenwich Reform: Saturday, Sept. 26, 4:30-7 pm, RSVP, 203-629-0018 or admin@GRS.org.*

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. Lunch 'n Learn: Tuesday, September 30, 12pm. Family Sukkah Decorating: Sunday, October 5, 3pm.*

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

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpccc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Virtual Workshop Tarot for Self Care with Angela Pizzarello: Wednesday, October 1, 7-8:45pm, \$40, Register at CSDPastor@gmail.com.*

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

All are invited to Trinity's morning Worship Service at 10am every Sunday. We meet at the Hyatt Regency, 1800 E Putnam, Old Greenwich. Kids programs are offered for up to 5th grade and Youth programs are available for middle & high schoolers. Livestream and recorded messages can be viewed at www.trinitychurch.life. Hope you can make it!

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.LivingHopeoct.org

Worship In-person & online (Living-Hopeoct.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. UNITY in Marriage Retreat: Friday, October 3 to Saturday, October 4, 7-8:30pm, \$150, 203-637-3669, jen@livinghopeoct.org.*

Icy Frantz Column

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an old suitcase, dusty and worn, but long forgotten beneath my bed.

For years, I had packed: muddy cleats, football pads, racquets, eye protection, mouthguards molded just so, science projects, permission slips, teacher appreciation notes, and textbooks.

But now, in the reordering, I was looking into my own suitcase. The one with aspirations long postponed. Courses I had wanted to take. Lectures that interested me. Skills to master. A dance class. A spontaneous late night out on a “school night.” Time to prioritize my own connections, my own purpose.

The empty nest, I am learning, isn’t about absence. It’s about rediscovery. About unpacking what I once put away for later. And—it’s later.

But the deepest reordering came with my mother’s passing. Nothing prepared me for it. Nothing has impacted me quite the same.

I feel like I’ve been promoted to “the grown-up,” and I’m not

NEW BRIEFS

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36 years of service at WGCH radio. Small has produced programs, booked guests, operated equipment, and kept the station running during major storms. A proclamation was issued declaring the date “Bob Small Day” in his honor. Photo credit: First Selectman Camillo’s Community Connections

Greenwich: Nine Students Earn National Recognition
Nine Brunswick School students have been recognized as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Neel Behringer, Miles Gillott, Jake Greene, Chase Hurst, Nathaniel Lee, Alek Modi, Vikram Sarkar, Benjamin Taylor, and Samuel Veiner. The honor reflects their strong performance on the PSAT/NMSQT exam.

Greenwich: Six Seniors Earn National Merit
Six seniors at Greenwich Country Day School were named National Merit Scholarship Commended Students. The recognition places themamong the top three to five percent of PSAT/NMSQT test-takers nationwide. The students honored are Cate Auerswald, Katherine Chandra, Nico Della Pietra, Irhan Iftikar, Theodore Meyers, and Asher Rosen.



Caitlin D., a junior at Sacred Heart Greenwich, placed third in the ILCA 6 Girls division at the 2025 NESSA Singlehanded Championship (Healy Trophy). The two-day regatta was held at the New Bedford Yacht Club. The event featured a competitive field of sailors from across the region. Photo credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich



Sacred Heart Greenwich students Arianna Chin ’26, Clare Junius ’26, and Nidhi Ray ’26 have been named 2026 Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Program. They areamong about 34,000 students nationwide recognized for placing in the top 50,000 of the 2026 competition. Eligibility was based on performance in the October 2024 PSAT/NMSQT. Photo credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich



Greenwich High defeated Norwalk, 27–18, on Sept. 20, 2025, to improve to 2–0 on the season. Senior running back Hector Lopez rushed for 230 yards, scored once on the ground, and added a 32-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Phil Tarantino. Greenwich committed 13 penalties for 120 yards and converted just 1 of 10 third downs, while Norwalk quarterback Easton Pace produced 361 total yards and three touchdowns in the loss. Photo credit: David Fierro

Greenwich: Cardinals Continue Winning Streak



Greenwich High School’s varsity girls volleyball team is undefeated at 7-0, with six of those wins coming in straight sets. The Cardinals, led by standout performances from senior co-captain Kayah Armstrong, junior setter Victoria Sullivan, and junior Heidi Zieme, most recently defeated Wilton 3-0. Despite losing key players to graduation, the team has quickly built momentum and is focusing on steady progress in the highly competitive FCIAC. Photo credit: David Fierro

Greenwich: Cardinals Extend Winning Streak



Greenwich High School's varsity field hockey team has opened its season with a 6-2 record, including a four-game winning streak. The Cardinals’ most recent victory was an 8-0 shutout of St. Joseph on Sept. 18, part of a stretch in which they have outscored opponents 28-2. Led by senior captains Clara Ojea, Julia Lattuada, Carlota Lopez and Emilia Arroyo, the team looks to build on its strong start as it enters the second half of the season. Photo credit: David Fierro

Greenwich: Sacred Heart Stays Perfect



Sacred Heart Greenwich's varsity field hockey team defeated Taft School, 4-1, on Sept. 17, led by two goals from Joanna Eken and tallies from Kingsley Ely and Lauren Clark. The Tigers, coached by Alex Gheorghe and Sarah Hill, have started the 2025 season 5-0, outscoring opponents 31-1. Strong passing, balanced scoring, and defensive play have positioned SHG as an early contender for FAA and NEPSAC titles. Photo credit: David Fierro

Greenwich: Community Walks Against Violence

On October 5, YWCA Greenwich will hold its annual Walk the Walk & 5K Run Against Domestic Violence at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event includes a one-mile walk, a timed 5K run, and family- and pet-friendly activities. Funds raised support YWCA Greenwich’s free domestic and sexual violence services, including counseling, shelter, advocacy, and a 24/7 hotline.

Greenwich: Historic Remains

On September 18, workers at a construction site in northern Greenwich uncovered what appeared to be human remains while using excavation equipment. Greenwich Police, with assistance from Connecticut State Police, collected the remains, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner took custody. Authorities said the bones appear to be old, and further examination will be conducted.

sure I like it. I want to pick up the phone and call her, but I can’t. I wonder if I said all I needed to say, and I know I didn’t. Very simply put, I miss her.

And yet, this is the reordering my friend spoke of. It doesn’t feel like repacking a carry-on or unpacking an old suitcase. It feels like I’ve been handed a new bag altogether, and it will take a while to maneuver it and figure out what’s inside. It’s unfamiliar. Would I even recognize it at the baggage claim?

But I know I will grow accustomed to it — this new bag, stretched by grief but lined with love. I will hear her voice in it and in me when I say, “We’re going to be late,” or “It’s okay to ask for help,” or when I bring the pearly onions to the Thanksgiving dinner.

There will be moments of humor, I am sure. I’ll smile at the snacks she packed for me — her beloved Fresca, her not-so-beloved mashed potatoes. Or I will grab a lipstick from my purse and apply it just so, like she did every time she left home, even in her final months.

(As an aside my mom was a collector- green glass, Majolica earthenware and wouldn’t you know- BAGS.)

One day, I may even be grateful for this new bag. Because

Greenwich: Gala Honors Service

At Home in Greenwich held its annual gala on September 12 at the Delamar Hotel, recognizing the Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich and Diane Garrett of Diane’s Books for their service. The RMA, active for over 70 years, hosts a weekly speakers program at Christ Church Parish Hall and contributes more than 17,000 volunteer hours each year. Garrett was honored for her longstanding role as a local bookstore owner.

Greenwich: Community Day Showcases Renovations

The Friends of the Wallace Center hosted Community Day at 299 Greenwich Avenue to showcase proposed renovations and raise funds for future improvements. The historic Beaux-Arts building, once the seat of town government, now houses the Wallace Center and several nonprofit organizations. The event included music, fitness activities, and refreshments, with architectural renderings of the planned renovations on display.

Greenwich: Planning Board Approves Housing

After years of proposals, litigation, and revisions, the Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission approved a three-story, 37,259-square-foot residential building with 12 four-bedroom units at 240 Greenwich Avenue. The project includes a two-level garage with 49 spaces, rooftop restrictions, and 2,500 square feet of new office space in the existing Bank ofamerica building. As part of the approval, the property was rezoned under a Historic Overlay, ensuring preservation of the building’s architectural features.

Greenwich: Bruce Museum Hosts

The Bruce Museum held its first Wellness Day on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 10am to 4pm, with a sensory-friendly hour from 9 to 10am The program included yoga, music therapy tours, therapeutic coloring, and Healing Touch sessions, all free with regular admission; visitors under 18 entered at no cost. Advance registration was recommended for Healing Touch and yoga classes.

Greenwich: Arch In Bloom

In July, Arch in Bloom in Greenwich began constructing its annual Halloween displays, including the “Halloween Town” haunted house with themed rooms such as Frankenstein’s lab, a troll cave, and a pirate treasure scene. The retail shop features seasonal products like pumpkins, perennials, sage bundles, tarot decks, and mushroom field guides, alongside new additions such as a taxidermy hammerhead shark. On October 4, the business will host its “Pumpkins & Pints” event with local beer, food, children’s activities, and haunted house tours.

Greenwich: National Ranking

Travel + Leisure ranked Greenwich, Connecticut, seventh on its list of the ten best places to live on the East Coast. The list places Charleston, South Carolina, first, followed by Alexandria, Virginia, and Gloucester, Massachusetts. Other towns named include Newport, Southampton, Bethesda, Kennebunkport, Harrison, and Silver Spring.

Greenwich: Atlas Holdings Acquires ODP

The ODP Corporation, parent of OfficeMax and Office Depot, agreed to be acquired by Atlas Holdings for \$28 per share in cash, valuing the company at about \$1 billion. The deal, unanimously approved by ODP’s board, is expected to close by the end of 2025 pending shareholder and regulatory approvals, after which ODP will become a private company and its stock will be delisted from NASDAQ. ODP, which merged OfficeMax and Office Depot in 2013, has steadily closed retail stores and ended the second quarter of 2025 with 834 locations.

Greenwich: Halloween Haunt Returns Safely

Greenwich Emergency Medical Service will hold its Halloween Haunt on October 17, 18, 24, and 25 from 4 to 8pm The event includes a decoratedambulance and staff handing out candy in neighborhoods. Registration costs \$15 per child, with proceeds funding emergency medical equipment.

Greenwich: Three Historic Homes Honored

On September 17, the Greenwich Historical Society recognized three homes with Landmarks Recognition plaques. The properties honored were Dunnellen Hall (1916, Jacobean style), the Nathan R. Allen House (1938, Colonial Revival), and the William A. Husted House (1867, Second Empire). The program has recognized more than 300 properties since its start in 1987.

Greenwich: Smoke Shop Rules Advanced

Greenwich is proposing zoning changes to define smoke shops and regulate their locations. A smoke shop would be any business with 20% or more of its space dedicated to tobacco, nicotine products, or related items. The draft would bar new shops within 1,000 feet of each other and 3,000 feet of schools, religious institutions, or hospitals, while existing shops could stay but must follow new rules if they move or expand.

Cos Cob: Live Music

Caren’s Cos Cobber at 31 East Putnam Avenue in Cos Cob hosted live music during its 4–6pm happy hour from September 24–26. Performers included Nick Fesko on Wednesday, Michael Cranmer on Thursday, and Michael Bram on Friday. The restaurant offered the shows as part of a rotating early-evening lineup.

Cos Cob: Historical Society Concert Success

The Greenwich Historical Society ended its 2025 outdoor concert season on September 4 at the Bush-Holley House with a performance by Sun Kings, a Beatles tribute band. The concert series ran biweekly from May 22 through September 4, with free admission for members and children and a \$10 fee for non-members, supported by local sponsors. The society will continue cultural programming indoors during the fall and winter, with plans for the 2026 summer concert series not yet announced.

Riverside: Musicians Rock 101

School of Rock Greenwich recently recognized students who completed its Rock 101 program at the Riverside studio, presenting them with certificates. The course introduces beginners to band dynamics, instrument techniques, and structured rehearsals, preparing them for advanced performance ensembles. Completion of the session coincides with enrollment for upcoming lessons and shows.

Riverside: Chefs Highlight Zero Waste



Tickets are available for Waste Free Greenwich’s first Zero Waste Dinner on October 16 at St. Catherine of Siena Church’s Lucey Parish Hall in Riverside. The event will feature local chefs preparing dishes from surplus and repurposed ingredients in a competition designed to highlight food waste reduction. The program will also include education on waste-free practices, live music, and the

presentation of a Lifetime Waste Warrior Award to Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board chair Sally Davies. Photo credit: First Selectman Fred Camillo’s Community Connections

Old Greenwich: Charity Tennis Event Empowers

A Greenwich resident and former tennis player hosted a charity tournament at the Greenwich Country Club on September 13, featuring local business leaders and athletes. Sponsored by companies including Mercedes-Benz of Greenwich and Criqueet, the event raised funds to provide equipment and financial support to young tennis players in underserved regions, with a focus on Central Asia and Eastern Europe. The organizer, who grew up in Central Asia with limited access to proper tennis gear, plans to make the fundraiser an annual event.

Old Greenwich: Abilis Hosts 20th Walk/Run

Abilis will hold its 20th annual Walk/Run on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at the Clambake area of Tod’s Point in Old Greenwich. The event includes a 5K run at 9:00am and a one-mile walk at 11:00am, along with children’s activities, entertainment, and on-site registration starting at 7:30am Proceeds support Abilis’ day program, which provides life-skills training, job coaching, and individualized services for more than 800 people with disabilities in Fairfield County.

Stamford: Health Center

Family Centers is opening a School-Based Health Center at Turn of River Middle School in Stamford, funded by a \$1 million federal grant secured in 2022 to expand services there and at Stamford High School. The clinic, built in a repurposed locker room, is scheduled to open in spring 2025 and will provide medical, dental, and behavioral health care during the school day at no cost to students. It will join a network of eight existing school-based clinics in Stamford and Greenwich.

Stamford: Senior Support

Greenwich Hospital’s Center for Healthy Aging offers assessments, care coordination, referrals, and caregiver support groups. It is located at 2015 West Main Street, Suite 302, Stamford, CT 06902 and can be reached at 203-357-9392. The hospital’s main directory also lists the Center’s contact as 203-863-4373.

Bridgeport: Beardsley Zoo Reopens

On September 28, a citywide power outage forced the Connecticut Beardsley Zoo to close temporarily. Power was restored a few hours later, and the zoo reopened the same day. Officials emphasized that the safety of visitors, staff, and animals remained the top priority throughout the outage.

Hartford: Offshore Wind Project

The Revolution Wind offshore wind farm was more than 80 percent complete when the Interior Department ordered construction to stop on August 29, despite 65 foundations and 45 turbines already installed. On Monday, a federal judge granted an injunction allowing work on the \$6.2 billion project to resume. Located in federal waters near Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Martha’s Vineyard, the project is expected to begin delivering power in 2026 to supply 350,000 homes.

Hartford: College Access

Connecticut has launched the Connecticut Automatic Admission Program (CAAP), which guarantees admission to ten participating public and private colleges for high school seniors who meet GPA requirements. Students with a 3.0 weighted or 2.75 unweighted GPA can apply once through Common App without essays, recommendation letters, or fees. Applications for the 2026–2027 academic year are open until May 1, 2026.

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The Magic of Hawk Migration & Audubon’s Hawk Watch Festival



Brian Bradley of Skyhunters in Flight with a Spectacled Owl, one of the several live raptors attendees will see at Hawk Watch Fest. Photo: Josey Gardner

By RYAN MACLEAN

When anyone thinks of where they can view the most magical spectacles in the animal kingdom, minds instantly wander to far off environs like the African plains or the shores of Antarctica. But we just so happen to have one of the most magical marvels of animal life over our heads in Greenwich every autumn: the migration of hawks, eagles & falcons. While some of our birds of prey stay with us all year, certain species must stage an annual journey of thousands of miles twice a year from the boreal forests of Canada to the rainforests of Brazil. The Broad-Winged Hawk, whose diet is mainly insects, reptiles and amphibians, makes this journey in large groups together. On the first chilly days of mid-September, one can look to the skies to see not one, but hundreds of these birds circling together at a time.

The best places to view this spectacle are Hawk Watch sites, of which there are over 200 across the continent. Greenwich residents don’t have to travel far however, as Greenwich Audubon Center’s Quaker Ridge Hawk Watch is an easily accessible public site where all are welcome to come view hawk migration. Now in its 40th year of being staffed by an official Hawk Counter who is present Monday through Friday with volunteers on weekends, the hawk watch is conducted daily from August 20th to November 30th. Hawk Watchers are on hand to spot and count the dozens of species that migrate through our region including Bald Eagles, Osprey, Sharp-Shinned Hawks and Peregrine Falcons.

In September however it is the Broad-Winged Hawks that take center stage. When winds blow from the Northwest, hawk watchers gather with the hopes of witnessing groups of hundreds of these hawks soaring in unison as they use thermals to gain altitude. We call these swirling formations of hawks ‘kettles’ as they are like boiling water in a kettle reaching the thermal’s boiling point. While in some years these birds take different routes when wind directions blow them elsewhere, when we do have Northwest winds we easily can count thousands of these birds in a single day. In 2023, nearly 30,000 Broad-Winged Hawks were counted over the span of three days and in both 1986 and 1995 over 30,000 were counted here in a single day!

Not only is everyone welcome to join in watching these birds, but anyone can play a crucial role in helping spot them. Community Science projects such as hawk watches are the

easiest and most effective way for anyone of all walks of life and backgrounds to make an active difference in conservation. As hawks are at the top of the food chain, noted problems in their populations signal far deeper problems in our entire ecosystem. By counting these birds, scientists can assess long term population trends. The decline of Bald Eagles and Peregrine Falcons sounded the alarm of the effects of DDT that ultimately led to its ban in the 1970s. While thankfully these birds are success stories in their recovery, we now look at declines in other species such as Northern Harriers and American

Kestrels as indicators of new threats such as Neonicotinoids, habitat loss and climate change.

Visiting a hawk watch is the perfect opportunity not only to make an active difference but to celebrate these birds. Each year, Greenwich Audubon Center hosts our annual Hawk Watch Festival, which will be held this year on Saturday September 27th. What started as a weekend to welcome the public to come view hawk migration has turned into a highly anticipated yearly event for the Greenwich Community to gather and enjoy the gifts that birds give us. In addition to being able to visit our hawk watch, attractions include Live Birds of Prey shows where attendees can view these birds up close. Raptor Rehabilitator and Falconer groups Christine’s Critters and Skyhunters in Flight will be presenting shows at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. featuring live hawks, falcons and owls. Activities for families will include a special Hawk Mini-Golf Course, the Great Migration Game, Owl Pellet Dissecting and food provided by Happiness Is Catering. Birders looking for a new pair of binoculars can try out and buy optics by Zeiss and Vortex in a special Optics Alley.

As a special guest this year, we’ll be welcoming Nashville musician and birder Bonner Black, who has gained 50,000 followers on Instagram through her engaging birding-related content. She will be co-leading a bird walk at 7 a.m. and performing a set of live music at 1 p.m.. This event symbolically ends each year with the release of a rehabilitated injured hawk back to the wild by Weston’s Wildlife In Crisis.

To join the celebration tickets for Hawk Watch Fest and other events can be purchased at audubon.org/greenwich/events

Ryan MacLean is the Sr. Coordinator of Education at the Greenwich Audubon Center. He has a background in naturalist education and ornithology.

But we just so happen to have one of the most magical marvels of animal life over our heads in Greenwich every autumn: the migration of hawks, eagles & falcons.



Musician & Birder Bonner Black will be appearing at Greenwich Audubon’s Hawk Watch Fest. Photo: Bonner Black

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was at the beach. Forty-four days later, his campaign has raised around \$100,000 from small donors — almost a third of the way to qualifying — outpacing other candidates on a per-day basis. “If we’re above \$100,000 by filing day, we’ll be ahead of where the others were per day at the start of their fundraising,” he said. It is not the cash alone that is notable, but the campaign’s momentum from endorsements: from both the State Senate and State House Republican leaders and the most endorsements of any candidate from Eastern Connecticut—which has both the most Republican officials and is the farthest part of the state from Fazio’s senate district.

The candidate from Greenwich, sometimes criticized for being “too Fairfield County,” is drawing some of his strongest support from the other side of the state.

The timing of his message could hardly be sharper. The governor’s veto of House Bill 5002 — the most significant housing bill of his tenure — came after days of private consultations and a string of revealing text messages, now public through FOI requests. The messages showed legislators voting “no” for political reasons while privately urging the governor to sign the bill. “It totally exposes for everyone to see the whole ‘vote no but hope it passes’ strategy,” Fazio said. “You can’t make it up.”

For Fazio, this is the point. “People ask questions about how state government is operating,” he said. “They deserve answers.” In his telling, the public’s trust is not just eroded by bad decisions, but by the secrecy that precedes them.

He hears the same thing in every corner of the state — Southington, Old Lyme, Glastonbury — people who bring up 5002 and the question of local control without prompting. “Local control is important to people all across the state, more so than you would think,” he said. “The issues we emphasized in our Senate campaigns are the issues most

important to people statewide.”

Governor Lamont’s office has promised a special session to revisit the bill. Fazio remains skeptical. “Nobody knows what’s going to happen — it’s very much between the administration and the majority leaders,” he said. “Everything keeps being done behind closed doors.”

This is where he draws his contrast. With such a vast majority, legislators vote NO understanding the bill will pass anyway. Then they quietly text the governor from the floor urging him to sign the bill they just voted against so that their constituents won’t know.

Fazio says one of the jobs of a governor is to “open the windows.” He sees the public benefits charge as a case study.

“Transparency was vital to providing the public with an understanding of what was going on and why their electric bills are so high,” he said. “It’s also vital to actually passing legislation to cut those charges and make electricity more affordable — which is a top priority of mine.”

His critics call it inside baseball, the talk of policy wonks. But Fazio insists it is connecting. “I wasn’t sure one way or the other,” he admitted. “But it turns out people across Connecticut really care about these issues — and local control is a priority for them.”

What Fazio is learning is that the fight over 5002 is more than a fight over parking minimums or density unit counts. It is a referendum on how Connecticut governs itself — who listens, who explains, who decides.

Lamont’s veto, whatever its prudence, left members of his own party saying it will be hard to trust him in the next negotiation. Voters are watching — and Fazio is speaking to them in a language that sounds like the opposite of a backroom.

The official filing is not for another four days. But if his campaign continues at its current pace, and if the theme of sunlight continues to animate his travels — from Greenwich to Windham, from Ridgefield to Norwich — Fazio may find that his call for transparency and local decision making—transforms his fast start into a long haul.

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the shot was fired, whether the firearm was aimed deliberately or discharged by accident, and whether the theft was opportunistic or planned in advance.

Greenwich Police Chief Jim Heavey emphasized how the suspects had arrived. “The vehicle that the suspects used to go onto Quarry Knoll to steal another car was a car that had been stolen from Greenwich weeks before,” he explained, noting how often stolen vehicles are reused in subsequent crimes.

“At this time, the incident appears to be an isolated case of vehicle theft,” the department said in a press release later that day, adding that there was no indication of a broader threat to the community. Still, the brazen nature of the crime has unsettled residents. Auto thefts have become a point of concern in towns across Fairfield County in recent years, with incidents sometimes escalating into confrontations. While Greenwich remains statistically safer than many surrounding communities, the theft on September 23 was a reminder that even the most careful households are not immune.

Chief Heavey offered a blunt reminder, “It’s another harsh reminder

that everyone should lock their cars every place, every time. Whether you’re warming your car up in the morning or you’re stopping for coffee, if you leave the key or the fob in it, you are exposing yourself to the potential theft of your vehicle.”

Greenwich has offered this advice many times before: lock vehicles, remove keys and fobs, and do not confront individuals engaged in a crime.

As of now, many critical details remain unclear. Police have not disclosed the suspect’s identity or whether charges have been filed; however, the Greenwich Police Department has promised additional updates as the investigation develops. For now, they emphasize that there is no ongoing threat and that this theft appears to be an isolated incident rather than part of a larger criminal operation.

Chief Heavey also stressed that residents must resist the impulse to intervene. “I’d also remind the public that they should not try to engage someone who is attempting to steal their vehicle or other property, but should contact 911 immediately,” he said. “And as always, if you see something, say something. No one will ever criticize you for reporting suspicious activity, even if it ends up checking out.”



Obituaries

FRANCES JUDICE

1937 - 2025

Frances Versace Judice, a lifelong resident of Greenwich, CT, passed away on September 20, 2025, at the age of 88.

Born and raised in Greenwich, Frances was the daughter of Ermengildo and Angelina Versace. She graduated from Greenwich High School and went on to become the proud owner of Color Tech TV & Appliance in Cos Cob, where she built lasting connections within the community she cherished.

Frances was a devoted parishioner and volunteer at St. Catherine of Siena Church and an active member of the St. Lawrence Society. She also dedicated herself to helping others through her volunteer work with Call-A-Ride. Frances found joy in bowling, working on puzzles, and nurturing her garden.

Frances was predeceased by her husband, Samuel Judice. Frances is survived by her children, Diane Savitsky (Larry), Michael Judice (Anke), and Shirley Muller (Austin). She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren: Adam, Steven, Megan, Hayley, Dylan, Sophia, and Samuel, and her treasured great-grandchildren, Ariana, Avery, and Stella. Frances is additionally survived by her sister, Emma Pangia. She was predeceased by her siblings, Dominic, Andrew, Salvator, and Mary.

Frances will be remembered for her generosity, faith, and devotion to her family and community.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, September 24 at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, Greenwich. A Funeral Mass took place on Thursday, September 25 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Riverside.



JANET STAPLEFIELD

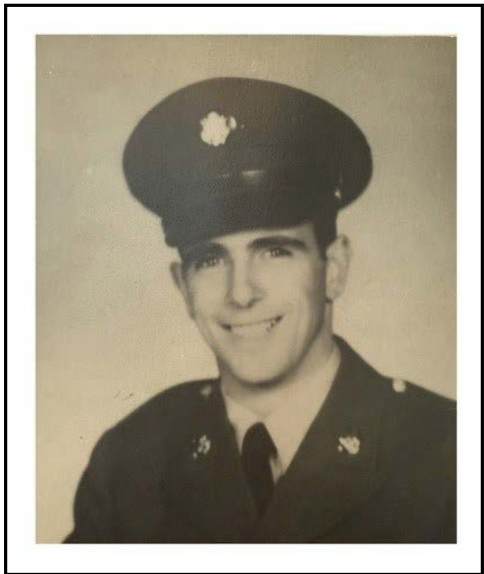
Janet B. Staplefield, 94, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2025, in her childhood home, after a brief illness, with family by her side. Born on December 3, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Alice Bozak.

A graduate of Greenwich High School, Janet worked for the Town of Greenwich, Public Health Nursing, until her retirement. A long-time resident of Byram, she and her friends, the Byram Beach Ladies, enjoyed spending summers at Byram Beach, making cherished memories and lifelong friendships.

Janet was predeceased by her husband, Charles F. Staplefield, and her brother, Charles J. Bozak. She is survived by her daughter, Ronnie Staplefield (Jack) and Sue Staplefield Breen (John). Affectionally known as Nany, she is also survived by her grandchildren, Becky Poomchonghko (Burin), Ricky Breen (Katie), Tommy Breen (Sarah) and Tori Puglia (Zach), and her eight great grandchildren, who were her pride and joy. From school plays, to sporting events, to graduations and weddings, Nany was always there.

Visitation was held Wednesday, September 24 at Leo P. Gallagher Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at Sacred Heart Church, Byram. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Abandoned Angels Cocker Spaniel Rescue, P.O. Box 545426, Flushing, NY 11354 or www.nyabandonedangels.com.



SALVATORE VIZZO

Salvatore Joseph Vizzo, a proud son of Chickahominy and a lifelong resident of Cos Cob, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2025, at the age of 84, surrounded by the family he loved so deeply.

Born on July 26, 1941, to the late Salvatore and Lena Vizzo, Sal was one of nine siblings who grew up in a close-knit Italian-American household. A proud patriot, Sal enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 18, serving in Germany with honor. Upon returning home, he married the love of his life, Carmella Ann (née Capalbo) Vizzo, beginning a lifelong partnership rooted in love, loyalty, and family.

Sal was a dedicated small business owner in his beloved Greenwich community, always believing in hard work and giving back. He was an active member of the Lion's Club and the Knights of Columbus, and even dabbled in local politics, proudly serving on the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) of Greenwich.

Sal was the heart and soul of a large and loving family. He is survived by his devoted wife, Carmella; his children, Bill Vizzo and partner, Jill Ricker, Steven Vizzo and wife, Tiffany, and Caren St. Phillip and husband, Peter; and his cherished grandchildren: Chantal Ducas and her sons, Colton and Chason, Brittany Kavanaugh and her husband, Michael, with sons, Michael Jr. and Charlie, Billy Jr. and partner, Danielle Mignone, with daughter, Livia, Cailin Biagetti and her husband, Cole, Adeline and Jack St. Philip, and Luke and Braden Vizzo. He is also survived by his siblings: Marie Capalbo, Barbara Longo, Millicent Gangi, Valerie Mutturro, John Vizzo, Thomas Vizzo, Richard Vizzo, and Joseph Vizzo. He was predeceased by his parents and other loved ones who now welcome him home.

Sal was immensely proud of his Italian heritage, a lifelong Frank Sinatra fan who truly lived life "his way." Whether on family vacations to Lake George, Disney World, or a special trip to Hawaii, Sal's joy was found in time spent with those he loved. He never missed a game or a milestone-his presence was loud, proud, and full of heart.

Known for his one-liners, spirited debates, and unwavering generosity, Sal was the first to show up when someone needed help-and often the last to leave. He leaves behind a legacy of strength, laughter, loyalty, and unconditional love.

Family received relatives and friends on Tuesday, September 23 at Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, Stamford, CT. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, September 24 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Riverside, CT. Entombment followed at St. Mary/Putnam Cemetery, in Greenwich, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sal's memory to a local veteran's organization or community charity of your choice.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome



JOHN PEDWANO, JR.

John P. Pedwano Jr., lovingly known as "Johnny Ped," passed away peacefully at the age of 75 on September 17, 2025. A lifelong resident of Cos Cob, John was deeply proud to call it home-a close-knit community where Italian families like his own had settled and built their lives. Born on February 6, 1950, in Greenwich, CT, John was the son of the late John Pedwano Sr. and Theresa Colacicco Pedwano.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara McGinty Pedwano, and his children: John Pedwano III (Suzanne), Stacy Desilets (Michael), Jena Valle (Carl), and David Valle (Lorraine). He was a proud grandfather to five grandchildren: John, Christopher, Ella, Trevor, and Kyle. John is also survived by his siblings: Rosaria Venneri (Robert), Joann Bruno (Kenneth), Frank Pedwano (Mary), Theresa Pedwano, and Linda Pedwano, along with many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister Valerie Gaetani (John) and brother Joseph Pedwano (Margaret).

John retired from O&G Industries and was a proud 45-year member of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE). A true mechanic at heart-just like his father-John found joy in working with his hands. His passion for cars was unmistakable, reflected in his love for tinkering, drag racing, and traveling on his motorcycles.

Beyond the garage, John cherished time in his garden, moments by the water, and meals shared around the family table. He especially loved playing with his grandchildren and nurturing the traditions that kept his family close. Family was always at the center of his life, and he will be remembered for the warmth, strength, and love he gave so freely.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich. Relatives and friends paid their respects on Thursday, September 25, at Castiglione Funeral Home, Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Alzheimer's Foundation in John's memory.



JOHN USOWSKI

John Anthony Usowski, age 87, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 7, 2025. He was a man of quiet strength, deep faith, and steadfast service, and his absence leaves a gentle but undeniable space in the hearts of many.

Born on November 22, 1937, in Greenwich, CT, John was the son of Anthony and Aniela "Nellie" Usowski, and brother to Helen and Ted. He grew up in Old Greenwich and later served his country with pride in the National Guard of New York.

John's life was marked by generosity and

a quiet dedication to others. He volunteered with Midnight Run, T.A.G. (Transportation Association of Greenwich), and brought the Eucharist to those in hospitals and hospice. His actions, more than words, reflected his deep commitment to service.

He found joy in reading, tennis, skiing, running, and golf, and most of all in his devotion to his children. He often said, "See God in Everything," and tried to live those words with patience and kindness.

John is survived by his children: Mimi, Mary Beth, Frank, Michael, and Kevin.

A private family burial took place on September 23 at St. Mary's Cemetery, with a public memorial service to be announced.



SWAN GRANT

Swan McLean Grant of Greenwich, CT passed away peacefully in her home on September 4, 2025. Born in 1922 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, she was the only child of William Swan McLean, Jr. and Frances Leigh Ricketts McLean. As the daughter of a Brigadier General of the Pennsylvania National Guard and President Judge of the 17th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, she grew up in the aftermath of WWI, the Depression, and the United Mine Workers strike, in which her father had a role in the settlement. Summers were spent at her mother's family's property on North Mountain, much of the original land now known as Ricketts Glen State Park.

She attended the Ethel Walker School and Smith College and met her future husband, John Barrett Grant, at a Yale versus Smith field hockey game when she was seventeen. During World War II, she worked for Sperry Gyroscope on the LORAN project, which was kept secret at that time. She married Barrett Grant on December 7, 1946, and they lived in the carriage house at his family's home, the Tomes-Higgins House, until they moved to back country Greenwich.

The drafting she learned at Smith, as a "war minor," led to a certificate in Landscape Design from the New York Botanical Garden but that was sidelined by serving the Town of Greenwich on Planning and Zoning as a citizen member for nineteen years. Following that, she served on the Representative Town Meeting. She held positions on the boards of the Greenwich Historical Society as a trustee and the Greenwich Land Trust as a director. As a long-standing member and president of the Green Fingers Garden Club, she was involved in beautification efforts in Greenwich.

After North Mountain was sold, part of every summer was spent in Wauwinet, Nantucket Island. She also enjoyed travel with friends and family.

Pre-deceased by her husband, Barrett, her son, John Barrett Grant, Jr., his wife, Julia Grant, and Leigh Grant's husband, John Antony Doumlele, Jr., she is survived by two daughters, Leigh Grant of Norwalk, CT and Elizabeth Grant of Greenwich (and her husband, Mark Pruner); four grandchildren: John B. Grant III, Ann Grant (married to Paul Novick), Nicholas Doumlele, and Kyra Doumlele (married to Ashton Todd); and five great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 11th at 11 am at the Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road, Greenwich, CT 06831.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Round Hill Community Church or Doctors Without Borders.

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Friends of Nathaniel Witherell volunteer efforts may look small on the surface, but the effect is profound - reminding residents they are deeply valued.

Friends of Nathaniel Witherell volunteers, Deb and Steve Wortman

opens doors to memories, stories, and smiles. Thanks to Friends, residents enjoy that daily connection to nature, right at home.

And that's where volunteers like Deb and Steve Wortman step in. With a love for gardening that spills over from their own lush backyard, they now care for the plants inside The Witherell, filling the halls with life and color. Every leaf they water and every bloom they nurture is more than a task - it's a gift to residents and staff alike. Their work is a shining example of how Friends volunteers transform community passion into meaningful impact.

This spirit of volunteerism is at the heart of Friends. From assisting residents with fun activities like bingo and card games, to helping with art & craft projects, volunteers bring creativity, companionship, and a sense of belonging. Their efforts may look small on the surface, but the effect is profound - reminding residents they are deeply valued.

With Friends leading the way, The Nathaniel Witherell is more

At The Nathaniel Witherell, care is more than medical treatment - it's about creating moments of joy, connection, and dignity for every resident. That's where Friends of Nathaniel Witherell ("Friends") comes in. Friends is a charitable corporation, dedicated to raising funds and rallying community support to enrich life at The Witherell, a skilled nursing facility and rehabilitation center in Greenwich.

The mission is simple yet powerful: to make sure that those with disabilities, those recovering from surgery or illness, those facing memory challenges, and those in end-of-life care experience a full, vibrant life every single day. Through contributions, Friends fuels music and art programs, cultural celebrations, spiritual gatherings, family barbecues, ice cream socials, and so much more. Even larger projects - like improving social spaces and landscaping - grow out of Friends' commitment to turning The Nathaniel Witherell into a place where life doesn't just continue, it thrives.

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Vital Insights for You and Your Loved Ones



Dr. Matthew McConnell gave a broad overview of dementia and its multiple distinct types, covering the latest developments in diagnosis and treatment, and lifestyles linked with lower dementia risk.

By FRED WU

At the September 17 meeting of the Retired Men’s Association Steve Boies introduced the speaker, Dr. Matthew McConnell, a neurologist from the Neurology and Headache Center of Greenwich. Dr. McConnell offered an expansive view on dementia, guiding attendees through its complexities, from early indicators to emerging treatments and crucial prevention strategies. Dr. McConnell, whose extensive background includes studies at Duke University, Wake Forest University, and the University of Virginia, followed by an epilepsy fellowship, recently moved to Greenwich after 12 years of practice in Charlotte, North Carolina. His experience illuminated the common concerns surrounding brain health, making his insights particularly relevant for groups such as the RMA.

Dr. McConnell initiated his discussion by meticulously differentiating between the expected cognitive shifts of normal aging and the “red flag” symptoms that necessitate a specialist’s evaluation. While occasional forgetfulness or slower word recall are typical, persistent issues like becoming lost in familiar locales, repeated questioning, significant financial misjudgments, or new, persistent language difficulties that hinder conversation are concerning. Other warning signs include abrupt personality changes, hallucinations, paranoia thoughts, and REM sleep behavior disorder (acting out dreams). He underscored that loss of independence in daily tasks or a consistently worsening pattern observed by family and friends warrants a neurological assessment.

The diagnostic process, Dr. McConnell explained, is comprehensive. It involves detailed history-taking from the patient and, crucially, from multiple family members or even colleagues, whose varying perspectives offer a fuller picture. A neurological exam, including a cognitive screen like the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA), is standard, with further neuropsychological testing performed by a PhD specialist if concerns remain. Importantly, Dr. McConnell emphasized ruling out reversible causes of memory problems such as thyroid dysfunction, vitamin deficiencies, metabolic issues, Lyme disease, depression, anxiety, sleep disorders, certain medications, alcohol use, and infections. An MRI is also used to identify vascular issues like strokes, differentiating them from other dementia types. Recent advancements in blood-based biomarkers were highlighted, with Lumipulse noted as the first FDA-cleared blood test to diagnose Alzheimer’s by detecting phosphorylated tau, a key protein. Genetic testing for APOE can indicate Alzheimer’s risk and potential drug side effects, but Dr. McConnell advised against routine testing due to the anxiety it can cause without a corresponding cure.

Dementia, he clarified, serves as an umbrella term for memory and thinking skill loss severe enough to impact independence, rather than a specific diagnosis itself. He outlined

Regular aerobic exercise (30+ minutes, five days a week), robust social interaction (as exemplified by groups like the Retired Men’s Association), continuous learning, and engaging in hobbies and puzzles are all critical for building cognitive reserve. Addressing hearing and vision impairments is vital, as they are independent risk factors for dementia. A Mediterranean-style diet and alcohol abstinence are also recommended.

the most prevalent types:

- **Alzheimer’s Disease:** The most common, characterized by amyloid plaques and tau tangles that lead to brain cell death and shrinkage, particularly in memory areas like the hippocampus. Early signs often include short-term memory loss and repetition, progressing to difficulties with complex tasks, organization, navigation, and language. Patients frequently have reduced insight into their condition.
- **Vascular Cognitive Impairment/Dementia:** The second most common, often preventable by aggressively managing risk factors like high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, and high cholesterol.
- **Lewy Body Dementia:** Distinguished by abnormal protein deposits called Lewy bodies, leading to early visual hallucinations, fluctuating alertness, and Parkinsonism (slowness, stiffness, balance issues, and a “pill-rolling” tremor at rest).
- **Frontotemporal Dementia:** Typically earlier onset (45-65), presenting either as behavioral changes (loss of empathy, disinhibition) or severe language difficulties.

Dr. McConnell offered a reassuring note: dementia is not an inevitable outcome of aging, with less than 45% of individuals reaching 100 years old actually developing it. For decades, Alzheimer’s treatment involved symptom-directed therapies like cholinesterase inhibitors and memantine, providing modest benefits without altering disease progression. The recent approval of Rexulti for Alzheimer’s-related agitation marked a step forward. However, the landscape has significantly evolved with disease-modifying agents such as Legembi (Lecanemab) and Donanemab, which aim to slow cognitive decline by clearing amyloid proteins from the brain via intravenous infusions. These drugs have shown about a 30% slower decline, although this initially translated to a modest half-point difference on an 18-point clinical scale over 18 months for Legembi. Newer data, however, indicates a more substantial nearly two-point difference after four years, with some early-treated patients showing little to no decline. Donanemab demonstrated a slightly greater slowing but with higher rates of ARIA (Amyloid Related Imaging Abnormality), which involves brain swelling and microbleeds, especially in individuals with the APOE E4 gene. The high annual cost (around \$30,000) and extensive MRI monitoring present barriers. The recent approval of a subcutaneous form of Legembi is a promising

development for accessibility.

Beyond medication, Dr. McConnell strongly advocated for lifestyle interventions. Regular aerobic exercise (30+ minutes, five days a week), robust social interaction (as exemplified by groups like the Retired Men’s Association), continuous learning, and engaging in hobbies and puzzles are all critical for building cognitive reserve. Addressing hearing and vision impairments is vital, as they are independent risk factors for dementia. A Mediterranean-style diet and alcohol abstinence (even moderate intake is now linked to harm) are also recommended. The only supplement with scientific backing for memory, he noted, is a daily multivitamin, contrasting with unproven “nootropics.”

For caregivers, Dr. McConnell advised a calm, reassuring approach, focusing on redirection rather than confrontation when neuropsychiatric symptoms arise. Keeping detailed logs of symptoms and triggers can aid physicians. Objective driving evaluations can help navigate difficult conversations about driving safety. He also highlighted the invaluable support offered by organizations like CaringKind in New York City and the Alzheimer’s Association, which provide resources and support groups. Finally, Dr. McConnell stressed the importance of proactive family discussions regarding advanced directives, living wills, and designating power of attorney to prepare for future needs.

The RMA’s next presentation, “Economic Growth and Opportunity in Connecticut” by Nick Simmons, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. RMA presentations are held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Nick Simmons, candidate for Connecticut State Senate representing the 36th District, will speak on “Economic Growth and Opportunity in Connecticut,” reflecting on the progress the state has made since 2019. Drawing on his service in Governor Ned Lamont’s administration, Nick will share lessons from his experience shaping and implementing significant economic and workforce initiatives, and what lies ahead to strengthen growth, opportunity, and competitiveness.

From 2019 to 2024, Nick served as a key advisor to Governor Lamont, most recently as Deputy Chief of Staff. In that role Nick led policy formation and directed major state investments across economic development, workforce development, education, transportation, university innovation

and clean energy. He led the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, a collection of the state’s workforce development and education leaders. Nick also led public-private partnerships with major telecommunication companies to close the K-12 digital divide, providing laptops and internet to over 100,000 students. He helped guide millions of dollars in state investments into initiatives spurring economic development such as downtown urban development, upgrading transportation infrastructure, transforming old industrial sites, and redeveloping transit hubs such as the Stamford and New Haven train stations. He also partnered with universities to spur research and innovation, and helped launch the Connecticut Wind Collaborative to position the state as a leader in offshore wind and clean energy.

In 2021, Nick was tapped by the Biden Administration to serve as a Senior Advisor to U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, where he helped reopen schools during the pandemic and supported the investment of \$160 billion in federal education recovery funds. In 2024 Nick ran for the Connecticut State Senate to represent the 36th District which includes all of Greenwich and parts of Stamford and New Canaan.

He is currently CEO of Pursuit, a nationally recognized workforce development organization that trains individuals for high-quality jobs in the AI economy. He holds a B.A. from Yale University and an M.B.A. and Master of Public Policy from Harvard.

To stream the presentation by Nick Simmons at 11 AM on Wednesday, October 1, click on <https://bit.ly/301Bj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum channel 79.

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Dazzling Dahlia Show Did Not Disappoint!



“Largest Bloom,” an A.C. Ben variety, won by Jesse Peterson. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



Hundreds of dahlias on display at the 2025 Dazzling Dahlia Show at the Greenwich Botanical Center. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

By Anne W. Semmes

Last Saturday the Greenwich Botanical Center (GBC) was bursting with colorful dahlias in a year described by some as “not the best dahlia season.” But there was no lack of color and dazzle in this 2025 Dazzling Dahlia Show. Count 450 enthusiastic attendees reports Phoebe Lindsay, GBC executive director. They found that award table a groaning board of knockout prize winners.

Also dazzling were the ten beautiful baskets of flower arrangements for sale donated by five different garden clubs, plus seven more by floral designers, all for auction, raising \$12,197 for both the GBC and the Greenwich Dahlia Society, tells Lindsay.

But back to that award table with 20 exhibitors competing in the competition. Long time winner Jesse Peterson had the “Largest Bloom” dahlia, A.C. Ben variety; Fran and Elliot Miller claimed, “Best Basket in Show, and the

“There was no lack of color and dazzle in this 2025 Dazzling Dahlia Show.”

“Best Single,” an Ainsley variety. The “Best Grand Slam Basket” was won by Holly Ferris.

Following on GBC lists the “Best” winning varieties and growers: The Best AA & A was Belle of Barmera - Kelly Riordan; The Best B, BB, Mini was Wynn’s Mauve Mist - Jayne Howard; The Best Ball was Mini Ball, The Best Pom was Cornell - Julie DiRaimondo; The Best Stellar, Waterlily, Novelty was Bridezilla - Sarah Kaplan; The Best Novelty Open was Verona’s Obsidian - Lori Morante.

Add those Novice Award winners: Lori Morante – for the best seedling; Christine Corbino - for the best 3BBFD -RM Berry Kiss, and Jayne Howard for the Best 3 stellar- Sandia Ruthie.



A basket of dahlias arranged by the Hortulus Garden Club on sale for the Dazzling Dahlia Show. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

Twask Once Again American Legion Post 29 Barbecue Time



American Legion Post 29 Commander Peter Lebeau with Legion flag at the fundraiser. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

By Anne W. Semmes

On the last summer Saturday afternoon of the year some 60 supporters of Greenwich’s American Legion Post 29 were welcomed by Post Commander Peter Lebeau for the Post’s annual Barbecue Fundraiser behind the Tomes Higgins House next door to Christ Church. Along with Town officials, supporters were seen feasting around the tables, celebrating the Post, a leading veteran and patriotic organization in town conducting many events throughout the year.

The Legion supports veterans, their families, and the communities they serve by advocating

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for their needs, providing financial and disaster assistance, offering peer-to-peer resources and mental health support to combat veteran suicide, and supporting youth programs like Legion Baseball and scholarships.



Guests gathered at the American Legion Post 29 Barbecue fundraiser behind the Tomes Higgins House. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



L to R John McCormick and Dean Gamanos serving up the spirits at the American Legion Post 29 Barbecue Fundraiser. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

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9 River Road 408	\$650,000	\$608	1,069	0	1	1	Cos Cob
1465 E Putnam Avenue 326	\$795,000	\$592	1,344	0	2	1	Old Greenwich
55 Locust Street B	\$849,000	\$473	1,796	0	3	3	South of Post Road
25 Hoover Road	\$850,000	\$736	1,155	0.21	3	1	Riverside
51 Forest Avenue 67	\$1,200,000	\$944	1,271	0	2	2	Old Greenwich
8 Reynolds Place	\$1,235,000	\$679	1,819	0.22	5	2	Pemberwick
25 Henry Street B	\$1,885,000	\$534	3,530	0.26	4	3	Byram
7 Pleasant View Place	\$2,150,000	\$586	3,670	0.68	4	3	Old Greenwich
24 Sawmill Lane	\$2,325,000	\$685	3,394	1.06	4	3	South Parkway
44 Northfield Street	\$2,395,000	\$1,048	2,285	0.27	4	3	South Parkway
100 Orchard Street	\$2,800,000	\$586	4,782	0.42	5	5	Cos Cob
49 Sumner Road	\$3,495,000	\$748	4,670	4	5	4	North Parkway
4 Sound Shore Drive 24	\$3,500,000	\$1,263	2,772	0	2	3	South of Post Road
17 Rustic View Road	\$3,690,000	\$613	6,017	1.18	5	6	South Parkway
68 Orchard Drive	\$3,850,000	\$781	4,930	0.57	5	4	South Parkway
11 Bobolink Lane	\$5,900,000	\$1,084	5,441	1.79	5	5	South Parkway
411 Stanwich Road	\$13,750,000	\$1,496	9,189	5.99	6	6	South Parkway
16 Windrose Way	\$15,000,000	\$1,475	10,171	2	8	10	South of Post Road
508 Round Hill Road	\$6,395,000	\$1,382	4,629	4.01	6	4	North Parkway
21 & 17 Keofferam Road	\$6,850,000	\$2,038	3,361	0.72	4	3	Old Greenwich
36 Alden Road	\$7,150,000	\$1,228	5,823	1.68	7	7	South Parkway
50 Hidden Brook Road	\$8,490,000	\$1,218	6,972	0.5	7	8	Riverside
546 Lake Avenue	\$10,500,000	\$1,544	6,800	2.83	6	6	South Parkway
30 Meadowcroft Lane	\$15,945,000	\$1,397	11,411	2.31	6	7	South Parkway
90 Oneida Drive	\$16,750,000	\$1,028	16,300	1.32	8	9	South of Post
65 Upper Cross Road	\$24,995,000	\$1,253	19,950	21.9	6	7	North Parkway

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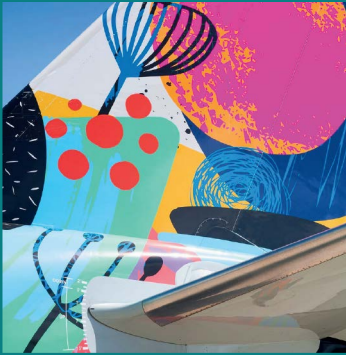
Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
2 Homestead Lane 410	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$427,000	132	1	1	0	644
58 Riverdale Avenue	\$695,000	\$695,000	\$695,000	74	2	1	0.04	1,123
51 Forest Avenue 31	\$825,000	\$825,000	\$870,000	47	1	2	0	1,160
333 Palmer Hill Rd 2B	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$940,000	17	2	2	0	1,976
51 Forest Avenue 125	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,635,000	6	3	2	0	1,821
47 Grey Rock Drive	\$2,149,500	\$2,149,500	\$2,245,950	26	4	3	0.33	2,531
190 Lake Avenue	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$3,500,000	436	7	6	1	7,148
1 Brookside Park	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,800,000	39	5	6	1.23	5,071
44 W Brother Drive	\$7,995,000	\$7,995,000	\$7,875,000	197	7	7	0.61	7,862
170 John Street	\$8,750,000	\$8,750,000	\$8,500,000	41	5	5	8.96	8,744
142 Cedar Cliff Road	\$11,250,000	\$10,950,000	\$10,250,000	181	6	7	1.16	9,258

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Greenwich Rental Market 2025 is Busier than 2024



By Mark Pruner

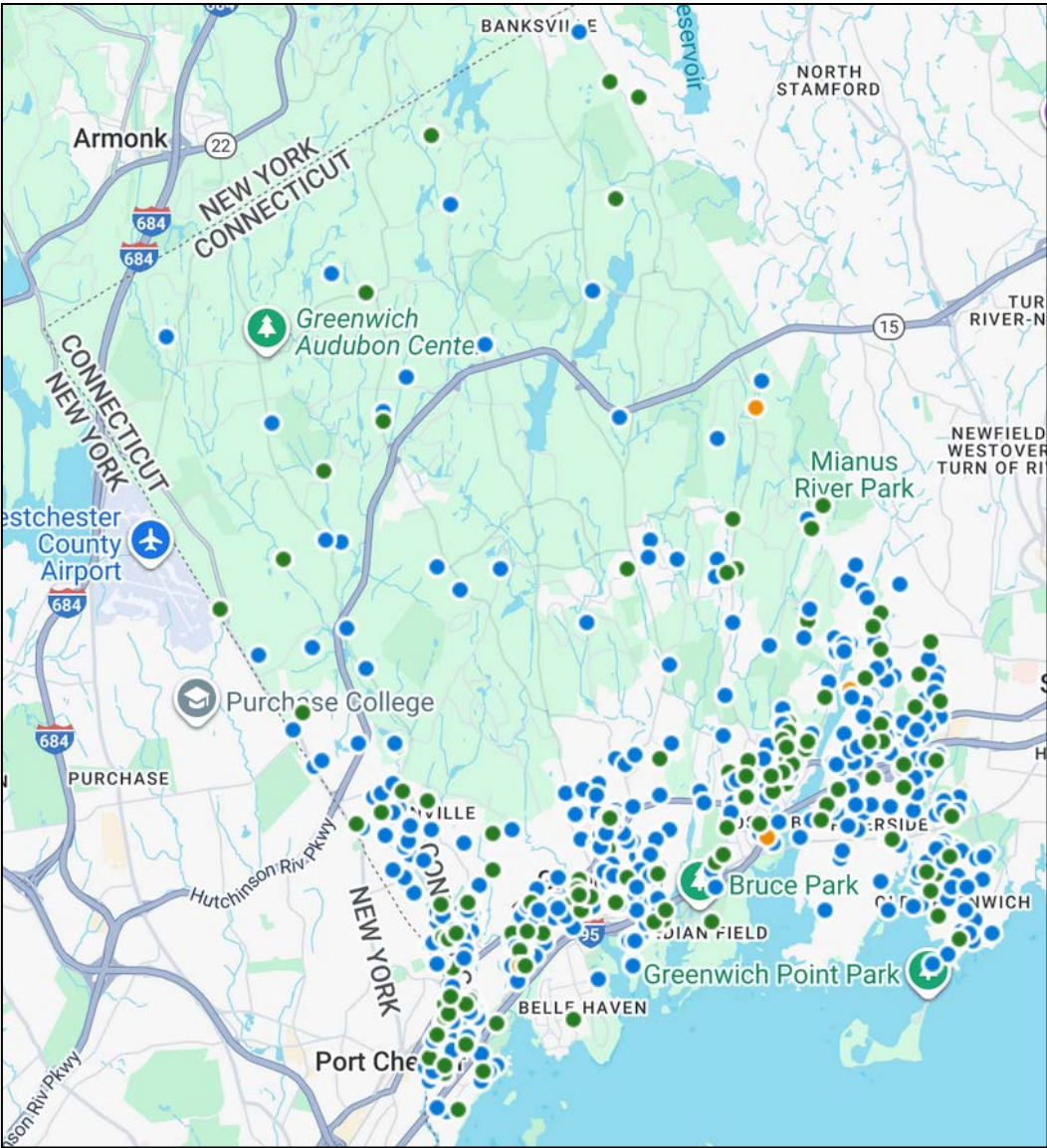
The Greenwich rental market doesn't get talked about much, but it actually has more transactions than our single-family home market has. That is in boom times and, particularly in bad times. This year the market is opening up and we are seeing more inventory, which is leading to more rentals to meet the demand that is out there.

WHERE: When you look at where our rentals are, they are in every area of town. Most of our apartments, condos and townhouses are concentrated within a half mile of the Post Road and on the west side of town in Byram, Pemberwick and Glenville. So far this year, we have 561 rentals closed and we only have 159 listings for rent. In the larger zones, one acre and above, most rentals are house rentals with the occasional garage apartment

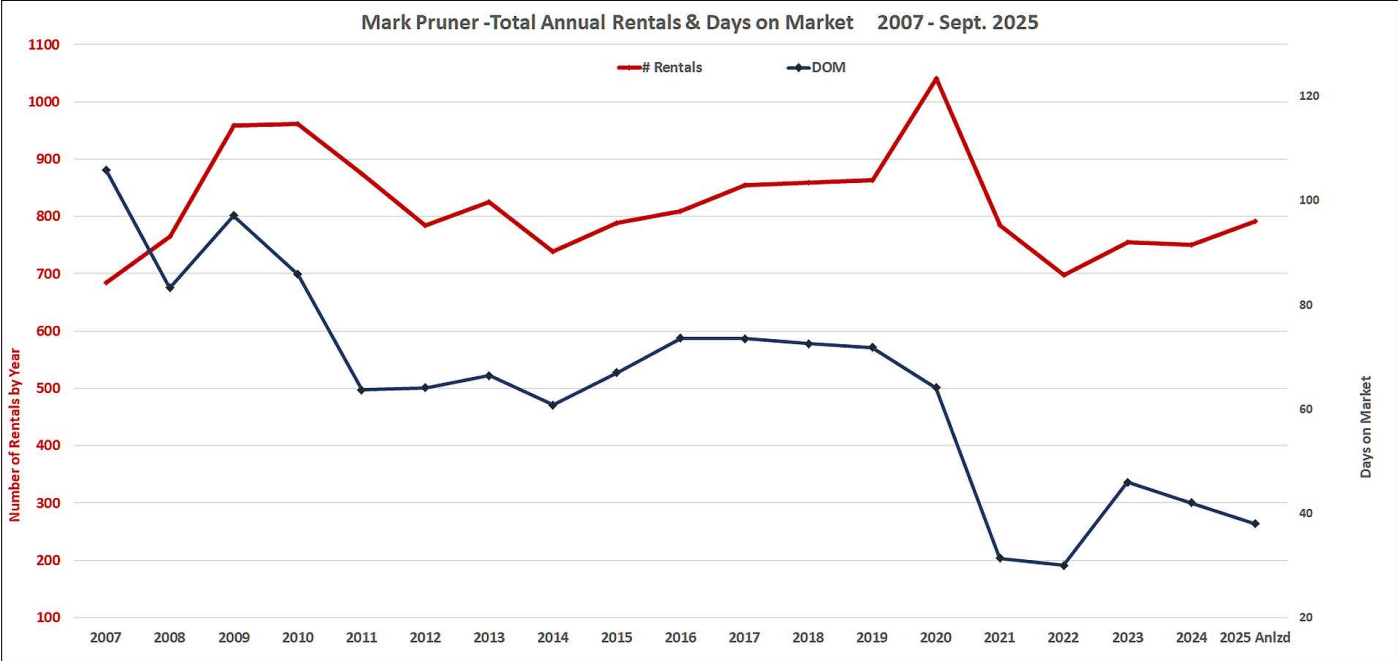
and carriage house. If trends continue, we will have the most rentals since our all-time high rentals of 1,041 in the Covid-year of 2020. The economy is doing well and our days on market are down from last year. Our ratio of list price to rented price is also higher than last year at 98.1%. The average rental price is at an all-time high of \$8,715 and our price/sf is up 6.7% from last year. It's a busier market than the last couple of years. Graphically, it's easy to see our market has gotten busier the last three years. Sales have risen and days on market have dropped to very low numbers. We are seeing some more people put their properties up for rent, but we are still not back to our 18-year average of 820 rentals per year. This may explain why our DOM this year is our third lowest ever. Rentals are up, because inventory is up. We have plenty of demand to meet the increased inventory. Last year at this time we had only 122 properties for rent, and we are up to 159 listings this September or an increase of

30%. This is not a sign of the market slowing, as while we have more inventory our prices are up and our days on market down Cos Cob has seen the biggest jump with 28 rental listings compared to 13 listings last year. Old Greenwich and South of the Post Road are also both up, but only by the single digits. South of the Parkway i.e. mid-country is the only area where rental inventory is down noticeably from last year. The nice thing is that we have more rental listings available at our lower end than we had last year. Unfortunately, you couldn't really call most of them affordable as 64 of the rentals are between \$4,000 and \$8,000. We have no listings on the GMLS under \$2,000, but it's been that way for several years. At the high-end, we are down from 21 listings over \$18,000 per month to only 14 this year. Our high-end sales have also done very well this year, if you read my August report last week. The stock market is up, and people are buying and renting some very nice houses.

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4000-5999	27	22	5
6000-7999	37	16	21
8000-9999	15	12	3
10000-11999	10	6	4
12000-13999	10	11	-1
14000-15999	10	8	2
16000-17999	4	2	2
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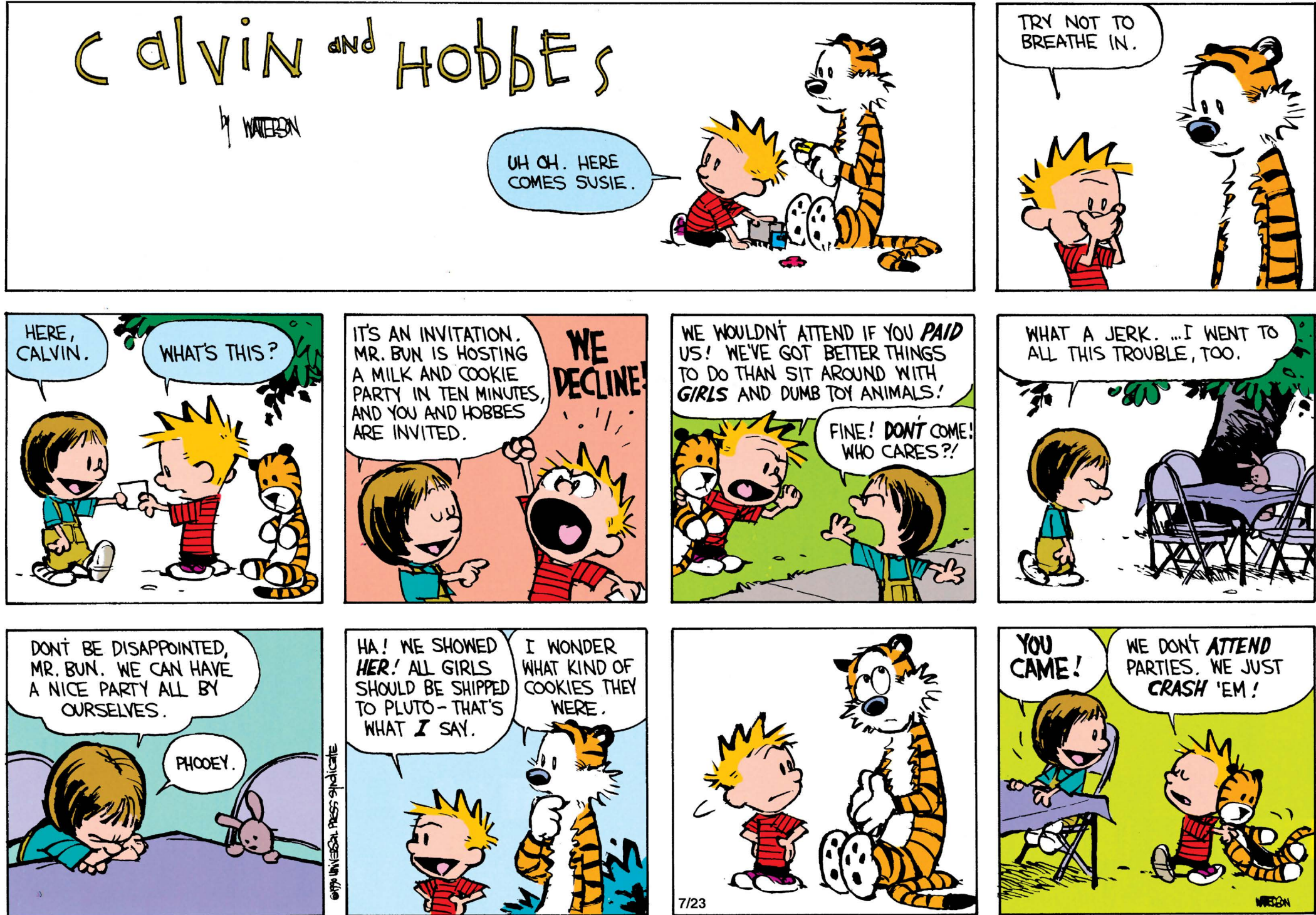
fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center followed by a breast surgical oncology fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard’s teaching hospital.

Dr. McEvoy has served on national committees and written national guidelines on ways to decrease lymphedema through smarter axillary surgery. She has presented her work on breast cancer nationally and has received awards at national conferences.



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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: RED PANDA

The Cutest Little "Beast"



By JIM KNOX

Equal parts fierce and cute... the Red Panda gains both our respect and our caring. Perhaps in the panda, we see a bit of ourselves.

Nature has a habit of presenting us with conundrums. From flightless birds to duck-billed mammals, to sprinting tortoises (yes, they exist!), we are constantly astounded and rewarded when Mother Nature reveals her rule-breaking handiwork. As humans, we crave order. We want a nice, logical place for everything and everything in its place. Thank goodness nature embraces originality and innovation because it's through these rule-breaking creatures and the, can't-quite-put-a-name-to-a-face beasts, that we learn so much.

Leading the ranks of these species is *Ailurus fulgens* or the Red Panda. This medium-sized mammal is widely known by all, yet simultaneously, well understood by few. Commonly called cat-bear, Firefox and Lesser Panda (they're particularly sensitive about this one), the Red Panda is related to many, more familiar beasts. Distantly related to Giant Pandas, and closer kin to raccoons, Red Pandas are the only living member of their taxonomic family, the Ailuridae. Not surprisingly, the Red Panda

possesses familiar and highly advantageous traits from their distant cousins. From its stocky, bear-shaped body, to its foxlike ears, and ringed, raccoon-like tail, this modest beast is superbly adapted to an arboreal life among the cool mountainous forests of the Himalayan region.

Originally classified as a carnivore, the Red Panda possesses stout jaws and sharp teeth yet these omnivores prefer to eat tender bamboo shoots and leaves over meat, 98% of the time. Rounding out their diet with the occasional fruit, insect, bird egg, bird or small mammal, Red Pandas adapt well to seasonal scarcity and abundance, exploiting available food sources. Reaching 3.5 feet in length and tipping the scales at 7-14 pounds, the panda is the size of a fox. Like its distant cousin the Red Fox, this beast also sports a flaming red coat with occasional gold highlights. Rounding out its appearance, the panda possesses a pointy snout, white patches of facial fur, black fur extending to its legs and bear-like paws, and a long ringed bushy

tail, tipped with black or white. This coloration actually aids them as camouflage among the reddish-brown mosses and white lichens in the Fir canopy of their native forests.

A closer look reveals a creature boasting specialized skills. The panda's reddish-brown "tear marks" extend from its eyes to the corners of its mouth and serve to keep the sun's glare out of its eyes. The raccoon-like tail aids in providing both exceptional balance high above the forest floor, and in warming the panda's face and body when draped over to conserve warmth. Semi-retractable claws provide excellent gripping capability when climbing and the panda's extraordinarily flexible ankles enable this beast to climb headfirst down tree trunks. Like Giant Pandas, they possess a modified wrist bone known as a pseudo-thumb which enables them to grasp and manipulate bamboo and other foods, with deft, nearly hand-like ability. Though crepuscular, or active at dawn and dusk periods, Red Pandas modify their schedules and



activity to conserve energy. Colder temperatures prompt temporary dormancy, yet under such conditions, the panda remarkably raises its metabolic rate every few hours to search for food.

My work confers the privilege of working with animals such as the Red Panda. They are part of a program known as an S.S.P. or Species Survival Plan, a highly-coordinated worldwide effort — administered regionally at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo — to breed endangered creatures, educate guests and restore species populations to the wild. Over the years, I've found that when guests can relate to an animal or species, they are far more likely to protect them. It's natural to want to protect what we have grown to understand and love... or at least care about.

The Red Panda is considered one of the world's few "Peter Pan" animals who never outgrows it's youthful appearance... and it is

precisely this fact that aids this animal who needs all the help it can muster. With a habitat under increasing threat from climate shift, illegal logging and other environmental degradation, the Red Panda needs a superpower. Enter cuteness. In nature, cute doesn't exactly yield dividends, yet in the human world, cute can engender caring, rally support, and generate conservation action. As a species, when we protect cute, we extend that protection to all of the plants and animals who live in the same habitat. For every Red Panda or Sugar Glider, there is an Atlantic Hagfish or Marabou Stork benefitting from their more photogenic neighbors.

In the panda, we see a creature who is not quite what it seems on the surface. We encounter a beast with one set of obvious characteristics and another, more discrete compliment of on-demand traits which it employs with great effect. Perhaps not the boldest

creature, but highly capable when necessary. Familiar to most but truly understood by few. It is a rule-breaking innovator when the situation calls for it and a creature whose appeal belies its capability. Equal parts fierce and cute... the Red Panda gains both our respect and our caring. Perhaps in the panda, we see a bit of ourselves. If you haven't become acquainted with these humble creatures, I encourage you to take some time out of your busy week to visit them, read about them, check out a "Panda Cam" <https://www.beardsleyzoo.org/indoor-red-panda.html> or otherwise get to know the little beast behind that adorable face.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo and as a Science Adviser for The Bruce Museum. A member of The Explorers Club, Jim enjoys sharing his passion for wildlife conservation with audiences throughout Connecticut and beyond.



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Friends of Greenwich Point Summer Concerts: First Sunday Bird Walk. Please bring binoculars & meet near the main (southern) concession stand by the beach. All ages welcome. Free. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

2 p.m.

Fred Elser First Sunday Science: Food Matters: Impacts and Solutions in Greenwich. Innis Arden Cottage, Tod's Point. Free & open to all. brucemuseum.org

2 p.m.

Bruce Experiences: Flowering Art: Floral Design inspired by Henry Bill Selden. Bruce Museum. Non Member, \$20; Member, Free. brucemuseum.org

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

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

THROUGH MONDAY, NOV. 3

Veterans Day Donation Drive hosted by the G.R.E.A.T.S. – Support CT Veterans by donating new essentials for appreciation bags during the Wallace Center's Donation Drive. 203-862-6721. greenwichct.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=17041&month=10&year=2025&day=4&calType=0

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. greenwichfarmers-marketct.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

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

12 - 2 p.m.

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

12:15 p.m.

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

6 - 7:30 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

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

2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

THURSDAYS:

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.

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

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tional Church. experiencetaichi.org

5 - 7 p.m.

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

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, Sept. 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

5 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

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.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

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

2 p.m.

Flinn Gallery Walkthrough – Vietnam: Tradition Upended. Flinn Gallery. 203- 622-7947. flinngallery.org

Monday, Sept. 29

10 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

1 p.m.

Fiction Addiction: Lunchtime Edition: Wild Dark Shore. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

2 p.m.

PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab.

3 p.m.

Peterson Business Lab: A Drop-In Session. Learning Lab.

3:15 p.m.

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

4:30 p.m.

Book Wizards Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

6:30 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: Lorena Garay. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

11 a.m.

Petite Concert. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

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

1:15 p.m.

Baby Lapsit (Storytime Lottery). Children's Constellation Room.

3:45 p.m.

Pen to Paper. Cos Cob Library Turret.

4 p.m.

Book Explorers Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

5 p.m.

Meditation & Breathing with Gail. On Zoom.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

10 a.m.

Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

10 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

Early Walkers. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

Thursday, Oct. 2

10 a.m.

Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

10 a.m.

PLAYdate! Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

Tech Help. Learning Lab.

Friday, Oct. 3

10 a.m.

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

11:15 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/15370325

5 p.m.

Library Closing at 5PM for Opening Night Benefit.

Saturday, Oct. 4

10 a.m.

Satur-yay! Storytime. Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

Innovator-in-Residence: Innovative Crochet – Glow-in-the-dark Mobius. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

1 p.m.

Common Threads Hand Crafts Meetup. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

2 p.m.

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

2 & 7 p.m.

Friends Performing Arts Presents: MUSIC FROM THE SOLE. Berkley Theater.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwichhospital.org/events
888-305-9253

Monday, Sept. 29

6 p.m.

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

Saturday, Oct. 4

9 a.m.

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

9, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, 10, 10:15, 10:30, 10:45, 11, 11:15, 11:30 & 11:45 a.m.

Free Hernia Screening Event. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. Register.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

5 p.m.

Talk: “DSME” Diabetes Self Management Education. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. Free.

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.org

org

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.

Monday, Sept. 29

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

11:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Masonic Lodge DARIEN, 354 Post Road, Darien.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Wednesday, Oct. 1

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

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

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

West Harrison Senior Center, 251 Underhill Ave., West Harrison, NY.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Holy Spirit Church, 403 Scofieldtown Rd., Stamford.

Thursday, Oct. 2

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Belle Haven Club, 100 Harbor Drive, Greenwich.

Saturday, Oct. 4

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

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

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tully Health Center, 32 Strawberry Hill Court, Stamford.

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.

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

New Canaan Community YMCA, 564 South Ave., New Canaan.

Sunday, Oct. 5

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. 29

1 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

5:30 p.m.

Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors Meeting.

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

Thursday, Oct. 16

6 p.m.

Waste Free Greenwich's first 'Zero Waste Dinner'. St. Catherine of Siena Church, Riverside. \$110. eventbrite.com/e/1606933694939

Saturday, Oct. 18

5 p.m.

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

6 p.m.

The Special Education Legal Fund's (S.E.L.F.) 'Homecoming 2025' fundraising gala. Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich. bit.ly/SELFHomecoming2025

Sunday, Oct. 19

2 p.m.

Greenwich Land Trust's 26th Annual Go Wild! Family Field Day. Greenwich Polo Club. gltrust.org/special-event/go-wild-family-field-day

4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, Oct. 26

8:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 29

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/the-fall-party

7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 4

7 p.m.

Parenting Author Talk, Book Signing & Reception Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt. Dogwood Books and Gifts @ Christ Church Greenwich. eventbrite.com/e/1544763572429

Saturday, Nov. 8

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

Saturday, Nov. 15

6 p.m.

Make-A-Wish Connecticut's Wish Night. Greenwich Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/IZ4/

Thursday, Nov. 20

5 p.m.

Greenwich Old Timers Athletic Association Annual Dinner - National and Local Honorees. Hilton Stamford. greenwicholdtimers.org

Wednesday, Dec. 3

5 p.m.

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.

Greenwich Sentinel Award Cocktail Reception. Christ Church Greenwich. greenwicksentinel.com

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

7:30 p.m.

Curtain Call: "Come From Away." The Kveskin 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

3 p.m.

Fiscal Fitness For All. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

6 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

2 p.m.

Crisol Acuarela & Grupo Quetzal Celebration, a Hispanic Heritage Month Program. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

2 p.m.

"Petticoats and Pinstripes: Women and Finance in Victorian America" with historian Sheri Caplan. The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, 295 West Ave, Norwalk. \$15, members; \$20, non-members. lockwoodmathewsmansion.com

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

9:30 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m.

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

5 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

An Evening with Booker Prize winner Kiran Desai, Author of The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

6:30 p.m.

Red Sox vs. Yankees: The Greatest Rivalry in

Sports. Ferguson Library - Weed Memorial & Hollander, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

1 p.m.

Age Well: A Community Resource Center for Seniors from SilverSource. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

'GLOW Wild' Lantern Festival. Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. (Thu-Sun - through Dec. 14). beardsleyzoo.org

Teddy Bear Story Time is Back!

Teddy Bear Story Time & Fair!

Saturday, September 27

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Coffee For Good

48 Maple Avenue in Greenwich

Following Story Time, we will have our very first "Bear Fair" outside on the Mead Lawn. This special event will allow for the opportunity to engage with members of our wonderful neighborhood and community helpers.



Roll out of bed, grab your bear and hope to see you there!



















The Glenville Volunteer Fire Co.

presents the 11th Annual

DAVID N. THEIS AWARD

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

honoring

SUE MORETTI BODSON

THURSDAY, OCT. 9, 2025

TAMARACK COUNTRY CLUB 55 LOCUST ROAD, GREENWICH, CONN.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION 6-9 PM CEREMONY 7 PM SILENT AUCTION

Visit glenvillefire.org/events for tickets & more information.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Glenville Volunteer Fire Co.

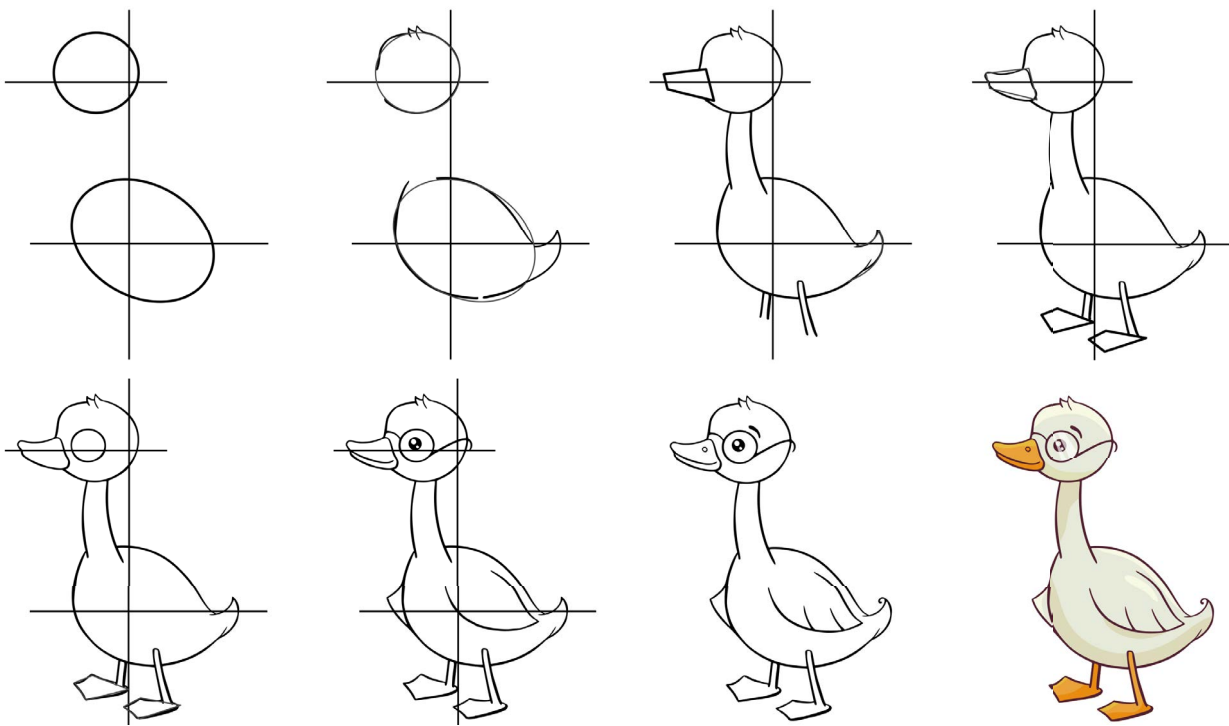
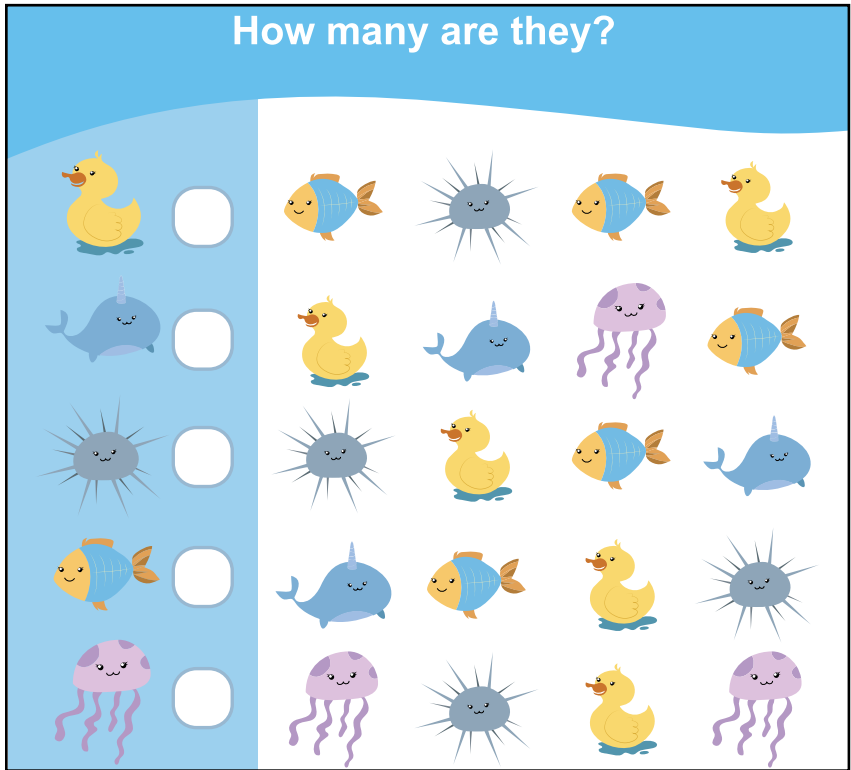
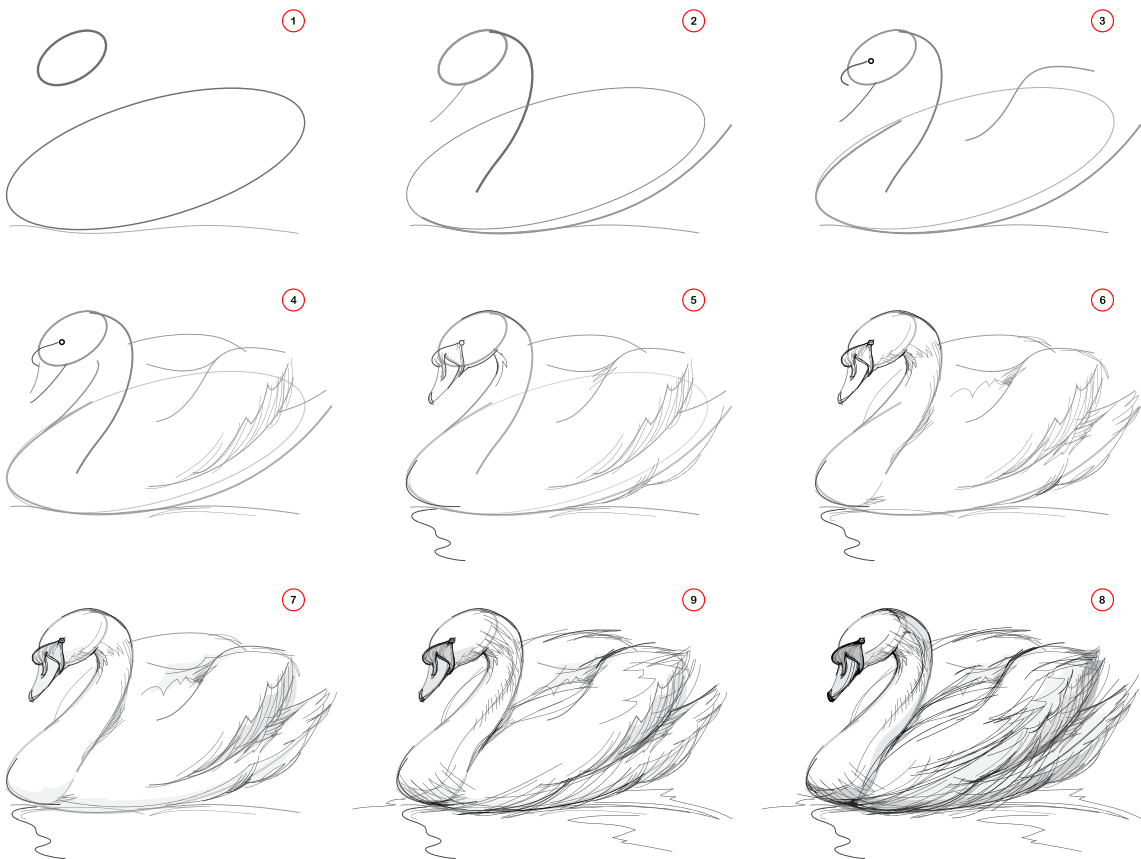
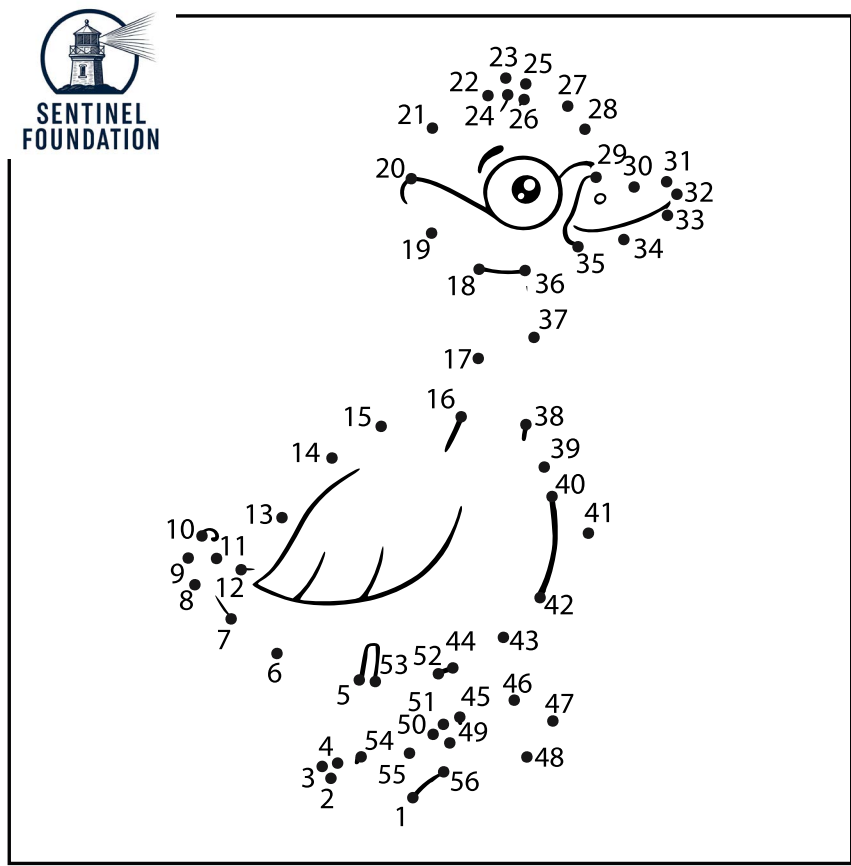




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Sudoku for Kids

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4			1

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SUDOKU

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

Easy								
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Sudoku answers

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 “Tom ____” (Jay-Z song named after a designer)
5 Supply for a growing business?
9 Cancels at the last minute
14 Attracted
15 The lowdown
16 Black-and-white swimmers
17 Elba or Capri
18 “Frozen” queen
19 NAACP ____ Awards
20 Guaranteed strategy for getting excluded from the in-crowd?
23 Turkish currency
24 Gives temporarily
26 Like an actor who got the worst role?
31 Baja vacation spot
32 Aries animals
33 ____ Friday’s
34 Prayer conclusion
35 Con jobs
37 Only African country with a one-syllable name
38 LeBron James’ team, on scoreboards
39 Out of control
40 Fabled race loser

- 41 Silver linings of awkward situations?
46 Buck ____, MLB’s first Black coach
47 Drinks in some six-packs
48 Butt-dial culprit?
54 Indigenous New Zealander
56 Scrubbed, as a mission
57 “All right already!”
58 Bay, e.g.
59 Group aboard a spacecraft
60 Soul singer
61 Trick-or-treater’s treat
62 Helps
63 Tons of
DOWN
1 Bank acct. guarantor
2 Approx-imately
3 Move, in realty lingo
4 Obsesses over
5 Word before “Nevada” or “Madre”
6 Checked out, as a library book
7 “In that case ...”
8 Large item in a bread basket
9 Home heating sources
10 Italian fashion giant

- 11 “It’ll be easy!”
12 Delay
13 NNW’s opposite
21 Middle of a date?
22 Fruits eaten from the icebox, in a William Carlos Williams poem
25 Fructose and glucose
26 Chevy muscle car
27 “O Captain! My Captain!” prez
28 “Nice for What” rapper
29 Relatives, slangily
30 Entree go-with
31 Subj. in which students learn integral skills?
35 What you do after a workout?

- 36 Corn discard
37 Shirley ____, first Black woman in Congress
39 Asset for a ballerina or running back
42 Got closer
43 Pestered
44 Macaroni shapes
45 Application expense
49 Indigenous Peruvian
50 Sushi wrapper
51 Swedish superstore
52 When two clock hands are up
53 Big Apple fashion initials
54 Podcaster’s need
55 “Love, Victor” actress Ortiz

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

A	S	T	O		W	E	R	E		T	S	A	R
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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) ____-fi (film type)
4. Strikes knuckles against wood
8. (K) Coating inside a chimney
12. (K) “It’s ____ warm for multiple layers today”
13. Send out, as energy
14. (K) Fish between two pieces of bread
15. (K) Six-legged creature
16. Stadium section
17. Boric or amino
18. “Get out!” to Michael Jackson? (2 words)
20. (K) Crazy ____ (game)
22. (K) “Hi” relative
23. (K) “____ you going to eat the rest of that asparagus?”
24. A miscellaneous mixture
27. Indication of another name
28. (K) Wooden hat-holder

31. Like perfect trades (3 words)
35. (K) A U.S. crime-fighting org.
36. (K) Was just about to be the first to cross the finish line
37. (K) Like a tire that needs help
38. (K) Shady tree type
39. Dude
41. Super late-night flight
44. (K) Art stands
48. (K) Above
49. Polio vaccine developer
51. (K) Feel yucky
52. (K) Like a wee anything
53. (K) Island by another name
54. (K) Ocean relative
55. (K) “Who ____ likes mustard on their Brussels sprouts?”
56. (K) Building for a leaf blower
57. (K) Thing that can get a dirty ring

DOWN

1. (K) Stick with a toothpick
2. (K) Ice cream holder
3. Very small amount
4. (K) Fix a loose shoelace
5. “Jaws” town
6. (K) Pecan or cherry dessert
7. Hair-y highlights
8. (K) Place for acting work
9. (K) “Oh, that’s some pain right there!”
10. (K) Two words after “get,” “step” or “depend”
11. (K) Young boys
19. (K) Marvel Comics superhero with a hammer
21. Certain Arab country
24. (K) Not having to work today
25. Chem class setting
26. “Three,” in a Rocky film title

27. (K) Do sum basic math
28. (K) Buddy
29. Important period of history
30. (K) Acquire
32. (K) Any country supporting our country
33. Mortal enemy
34. (K) Spacecraft from who knows where
38. Creepy
39. (K) “Beauty and the Beast” character
40. (K) Did a fall chore
41. (K) City in Italy
42. (K) As far away from good as you can get
43. (K) Places lions lie
45. (K) Direction of the sunrise
46. In ____ of (instead of)
47. Thick piece of marble
50. (K) Remains from a fire

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

Large tool box?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

B	A	N	D		O	F	F		S	A	N	D
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Previous riddle answer:

Ground ocean liner?
8-A) SAND

1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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Temperature Conversion by Michael Lieberman

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Horoscopes

The week of September 26 to October 2 invites clarity, review, and relational balance. The eclipse season is settling into its effects, and the Sun in Libra shifts focus toward fairness, partnerships, and diplomacy. Retrogrades advise patience, reflection, and ensuring that actions align with deeper values.

Aries (March 21 - April 19):

You may feel drawn to reevaluate your social connections or group affiliations. Hidden tensions could surface, especially with the residual eclipse energies still active. Use this week to establish clearer boundaries and to choose involvement that aligns with your values. Diplomacy goes a long way.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20):

Financial and material matters are likely to demand your attention. Unexpected expenses or revelations may prompt revisions to your budget or long-term financial plans. Lean into your practicality and don’t rush decisions. Seek clarity before investing.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20):

Communication and partnerships are under scrutiny. Conversations may bring up deeper issues that require openness and honesty. The Sun in Libra emphasizes fairness—listen well and aim for mutual understanding rather than a win.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22):

Home and domestic life could feel like a place of change. Whether through remodeling, family dynamics, or emotional shifts, this week asks you to nurture stability. Retreating inward to rest and recharge will serve you well.

Leo (July 23 - August 22):

Creative energies surge, but so do needs for structure. With ongoing retrogrades in outer planets, you may revisit earlier projects or past choices. Use this week to refine ideas rather than launching new ones. Let inspiration be grounded.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22):

As the solar eclipse of September 21 filters into your day-to-day, you’ll feel a strong urge to set new routines and intentions that support wellness and efficiency. Relationships may test

your ability to balance service with self-care. Be gentle with yourself.

Libra (September 23 - October 22):

Your season continues with the Sun in your sign bringing focus to identity, relationships, and what balance looks like for you. Surprises may emerge, nudging you to act with authenticity rather than behaving just to please others. Speak your needs calmly and clearly.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):

Introspection and transformation mark this week. You may need to let go of patterns or attachments that no longer serve your emotional or spiritual growth. Moments of clarity may surprise you—journal or meditate to catch them.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):

Professional life and public responsibilities are emphasized. You may feel pressure to deliver or to clarify your reputation. Watch out for burnout. Use diplomacy in leadership roles. Others are watching, so let your integrity show.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19):

Travel, learning, or expanding your horizons could be part of your path this week. If not via physical journeys, then through internal ones—study, philosophy, or spiritual reflection. Be mindful of details; retrogrades may bring miscommunication.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18):

Shared resources, intimacy, or financial alliances may come under review. This week may bring truth-talks around trust and transparency. Don’t avoid difficult conversations. Strength and growth often come through confrontation with what’s hidden.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20):

With Saturn retrograde in your sign, many of your emotional and spiritual lessons are active now. You may feel inner pressure to align with higher truth or purpose. This is a good time for healing, letting go, and reinforcing boundaries. Self-compassion will be your anchor.

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- 1 boring drone (8)
2 pillowy s’mores ingredient (11)
3 1970s TV cop Barney (6)
4 muddle (10)
5 hard at work (8)
6 measurement for leg length (6)
7 Lions, Tigers and Bears (8)

SOLUTIONS

- _____

INS	RSH	MON	MIL	NE
MA	BOR	MAL	COMP	LA
LOW	EAM	LIC	OTO	LET
ATH	ES	ING	ATE	LER

Previous Answers: 1. AVOCADO 2. POWERHOUSE 3. POOLS
4. GAMES 5. HOVERS 6. GEORGIA 7. SPENDING

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

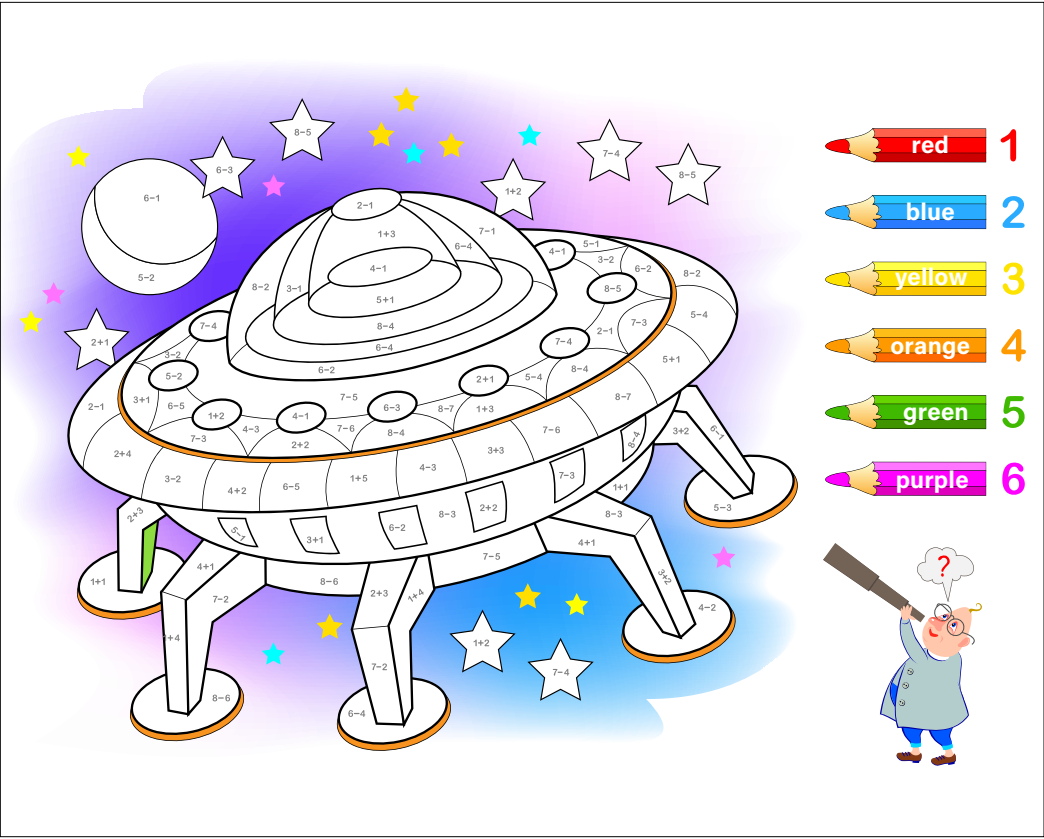
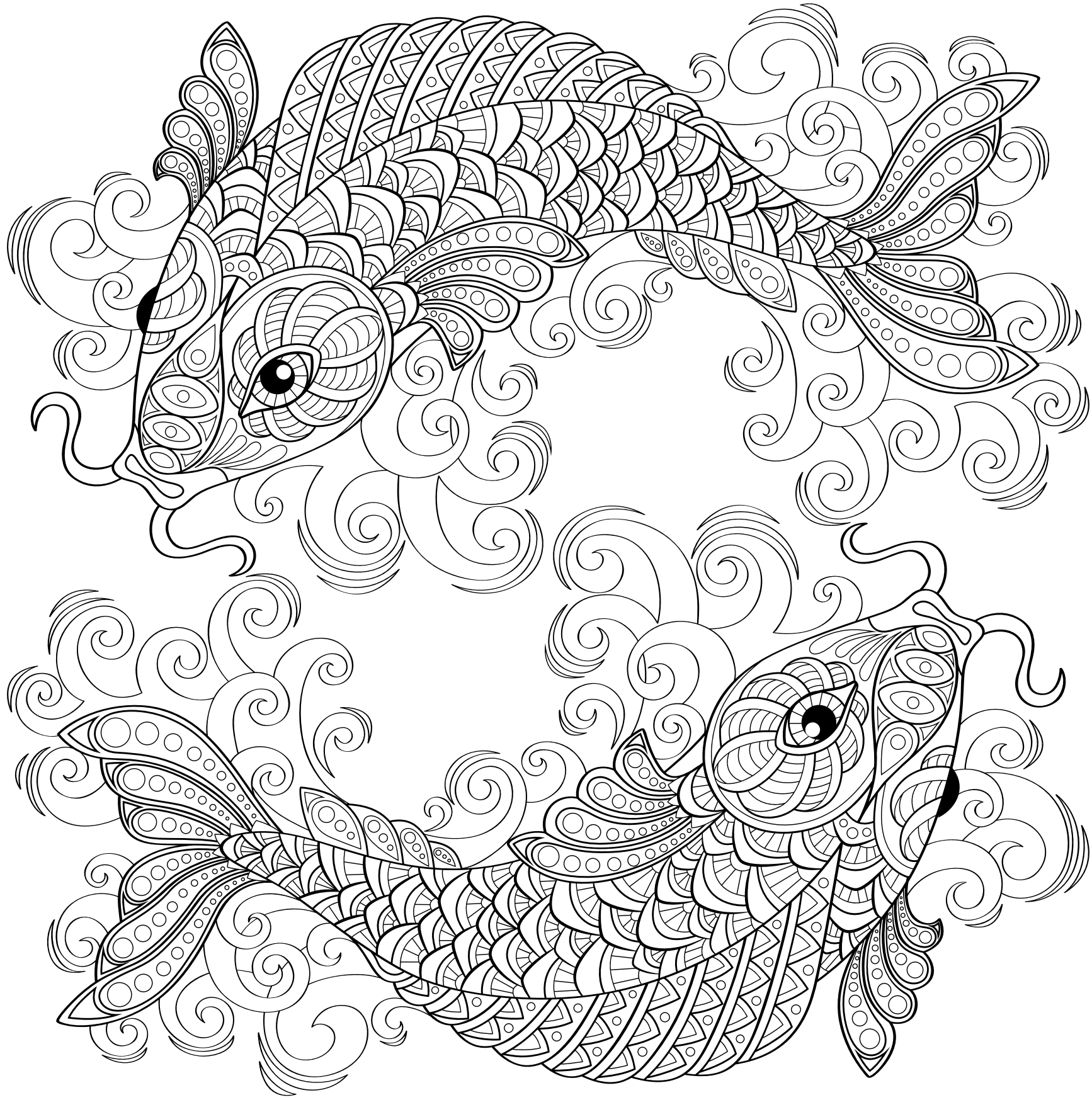
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MANDALA

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Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions from the box

on in near between under

The cat is sitting _____ the chair.
The books are _____ the table.
The shoes are _____ the table.
The clock is _____ the table.
The dog is sitting _____ the box.
The table is _____ the chair and the box.
The chair is _____ the table.

How many ?

left ☐ right ☐

$$+ = 8$$
$$+ + = 10$$
$$+ + = 5$$
$$+ - - = \square ?$$

$$= 2$$
$$= 8 -$$
$$= + 3$$
$$- + = \square ?$$

$$= 8$$
$$= - 3$$
$$= 4 +$$
$$- + = \square ?$$

$$= 9$$
$$= - 5$$
$$= 2 +$$
$$- + = \square ?$$

PUZZLES

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Read it Outloud
The Basset Hound Bed
Builders of Snooze Street

On Snooze Street, in a house full of pillows and drool spots, lived a pack of basset hounds with one mission: build the tallest, floppiest, squishiest dog bed tower in history.

It started one lazy afternoon when Bartholomew (the self-appointed foreman) climbed onto a single pillow and declared, “Needs more fluff!” Soon, Penny dragged over a quilt. Winston added a striped cushion. Daisy contributed a squeaky toy (for structural support, obviously).

They stacked and stacked — polka-dot pillows, patchwork blankets, even a bone-shaped dog treat (for luck). The tower reached almost as high as the ceiling, but in their hound-sized imaginations it soared into the clouds.

“Careful!” Bartholomew barked, “This is precision engineering!”

But precision is hard when your ears keep getting tangled in the blankets. Penny tripped, Winston snored through a critical moment, and Daisy kept getting distracted by a floating feather. Soon, the whole construction crew was piled together in one glorious, snuggly heap.

From the floor, the view was spectacular — a tower to the sky! They were sure they could see birds circling at the top and maybe even a passing airplane.

Then came the test: Bartholomew, wearing a pink bow tie to mark the occasion, climbed to the very top. He howled proudly, which woke Winston,



who sneezed, which knocked the bottom pillow loose.

CRASH.

Pillows flew. Blankets tumbled. The squeaky toy bounced once, twice, and rolled under the sofa.

The hounds blinked, looked at one another, and wagged their tails.

“Best. Tower. Ever.” Penny barked.

And so they started over. And over. And over. Every afternoon became construction day — and nap time — all

rolled into one.

If you pass by Snooze Street and see a mountain of pillows wobbling in the window, don’t worry. It’s just the Basset Hound Bed Builders, reaching for the sky again, one floppy ear at a time.

CODEBREAKER (or CODEWORD, or CODE CRACKER) PUZZLE

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

ANSWER: 1-F, 2-A, 3-L, 4-B, 5-T, 6-S, 7-S, 8-D, 9-O, 10-N, 11-R, 12-M, 13-V, 14-G, 15-Y, 16-H, 17-C, 18-P, 19-E, 20-U, 21-W.

Word Search Puzzle

Cute Birds

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

1 = 2 = 3 = 4 = 5 = 6 = 7 = 8 =

1 = 2 = 3 = 4 = 5 = 6 = 7 = 8 =



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