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News Briefs

**One Quick Read,
What You Need to Know**
Edited by Robert Williamson

FROM TOWN HALL

Legal Department to Determine Necessity of Online Code of Conduct

Greenwich Selectperson Janet Stone McGuigan proposed on Thursday, July 13, that appointed volunteers, including those on town boards, commissions, and committees, should be required to sign a social media code of conduct. The Selectmen disagreed on whether such a mandate was necessary for appointed officials. A decision was eventually reached that the legal department would consult with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities to gather information and provide a recommendation.

Subsidized Transportation for the Elderly

The Greenwich Commission on Aging launched the Share-the-Fare Program on July 17. The program offers subsidized transportation options for residents aged 62 and older. It collaborates with Greenwich Taxi and Uber, allowing participants to book rides and pay with either Greenwich Taxi vouchers or Uber cards. The program aims to supplement existing transportation services for older adults and requires mandatory registration with age and residency verification. Participants can purchase five \$10 Greenwich Taxi vouchers for \$30 or \$50 Uber cards for \$30, with a maximum monthly limit of \$100. Online registration and in-person registration at the Commission on Aging office are available, with more information at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/679/Share-the-Fare-Program>.

Engineers Find Havemeyer Building Without Glaring Issues

Structural engineers conducting inspections of the Havemeyer Building have not found any glaring issues that would jeopardize the safety of the facility's occupants. Pustola & Associates has created a 3D mockup of the structure to aid in future planning and design. The building, constructed in the 1890s, is being assessed to determine its suitability for the school district's central office staff. The analysis includes a comprehensive examination of the building's systems and conditions. Further inspections and a structural assessment will be completed by the end of July, while mechanical contractors will begin their inspections in early August.

AROUND TOWN

Davenport Avenue Residents Request Permit Program Entry

Residents of Davenport Avenue in Greenwich are urging the town to reconsider its exclusion from the residential parking permit program. The small, narrow dead-end street located in downtown Greenwich experiences parking difficulties due to commuters and long-term parkers occupying the limited parking spaces. Lissa Pasternak, a resident, expressed the need for the permit program, to address the issue. However, the town's Parking Services Department argued that Davenport Avenue does not meet the necessary criteria for inclusion. Further discussions will be held, according to First Selectman Fred Camillo, and the town will review the streets included in the program.

Greenwich Conservation Program Celebrates 45th Anniversary

The Greenwich Youth Conservation Program has been providing summer job opportunities for local youth aged 14 to 15, allowing them to gain valuable work experience while contributing to environmental conservation efforts. The program, which celebrated its 45th anniversary on July 11, has involved over 3,600 teens since its inception, benefiting parks and nature

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Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

"Where will we run to/When the moon's/Polluted in its turn/And the sun sits/With its wheels blocked/In the used star lot?" From poet X.J. Kennedy's poem "Where Will We Run To?" featured in Mary Ann Hoberman's 2009 book, *The Tree That Time Built*.

Carnival of Fun Lights Up Town



St. Catherine's Fair last week. The rides were provided by Stewart Amusement of Trumbull, it's longtime event partner. Photo by Bob Capazzo.

By LIZ LEAMY

Last week, the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes held its annual Carnival of Fun following a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic in celebratory fashion as hundreds of people descended upon its expansive Riverside lot to enjoy its extensive array of rides, games, music, food and raffles.

This much-anticipated event, held for the first time since 2019, was a runaway success on all counts as everyone there clearly seemed to be having an excellent time, something the church and event figureheads, workers and volunteers were thrilled about, especially in recalling the frightening pandemic period of several years ago.

"This was our first carnival since the pandemic and it was a great success," said Reverend William Platt, Pastor of the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes. "It's been wonderful to see all the happy faces, the children running around

The Parish is so dedicated to making this a top-notch event in every way and you can see that. Everyone works together.

and people enjoying themselves on the rides, eating, listening to the music and spending time together. For me, the carnival was the symbol of the presence of God."

Others felt similar sentiments.

"It's been wonderful to be here. I think everybody has been focused on coming together as a community and that is everything," said Kathy Kriskey of Old Greenwich, a Commodity Strategist with Invesco U.S. who was in charge of the carnival's 50/50 Raffle. "You walk in and you see kids smiling and everyone is so happy to be here. The food and music have also been spectacular."

In customary fashion, the

rides at this event were a hotspot for many, as people of all generations could be seen laughing, screaming and throwing their arms up in the air as they braved such ventures as the flying swings, Zero Gravity Tilt-A-Wheel, Rip Cord free fall and scrambler that were provided by the Stewart Amusement Company of Trumbull, Connecticut, a longtime partner of the St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes Parish in regard to this carnival.

The food vendor area, meanwhile, was also a main destination, as dozens of individuals lined up at their various tents in droves every night enjoy their menu

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COLUMN

The Power of Conversation: To Both Listen and Be Heard



By JACK CREEDEN

On most college, university and K-12 campuses right now, it is relatively quiet. Certainly there are multiple academic and athletic programs and traditional camp sessions sponsored by a variety of departments and specialized units. But the rhythm of a school community moves along at a slower pace in the middle of summer compared to the sometime frenetic scale of activities that occur during the academic year.

It seems that summer is the perfect time to reflect on our various curricula. Budget decisions and personnel hiring have, for the most part been finalized. End of the year performance evaluations are done, so the pressure to accomplish several of the most important tasks for faculty and administrative leaders is reduced.

During the summer, we can wonder about the failures and successes of the year just completed, and at least start the conversations about how to improve on what we do?

This past year I suspect every college and K-12 school wrestled with questions or challenges about the content of the curriculum. At the university level, we saw too many instances where invited speakers were shouted down or disinvented to campus because some portion of the community did not support their views or research. Some undergraduates told stories of a chilling effect on campus because their opinions did not align with what appeared to be the reflections of the faculty or a majority of their peers.

At the K-12 level, we saw repeated instances of often vitriolic School Board meetings where accusations about

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Art and Flowers Blossom Together at McArdle's Florist

A vibrant fusion of contemporary art and exquisite floral arrangements has taken root at McArdle's Florist on Arch Street. Sandra Morgan Interiors & Art Privé has unveiled their highly anticipated second Annual Summer Art Show. Collaborating with James McArdle, owner of the McArdle's, and Paul Morris, Director of Floral Sales and Design, the event promises an enchanting experience for visitors seeking both artistic inspiration and floral delights.

Titled "Summer Dreams," the show is accentuated by the radiant color palette of the season with over 20 captivating works from contemporary artists hailing from Connecticut, as well as far-flung places like Paris and Oklahoma. The exhibition is a dynamic blend of local talent and international flair.

Sandy Morgan established her design studio in Greenwich in 1988. Since then, she has been an advocate for showcasing local and regional



Paul Morris, Sandy Morgan, and Laird Morgan Tolan at McArdle's. The dreamy painting above the mantel is "Just a Little Sunshine", acrylic on canvas by Chrissy Mantzuranis.

talent through Art Privé, the gallery within her design studio. The studio's unique approach to combining art and design is further enhanced by the contributions of Laird Morgan Tolan,

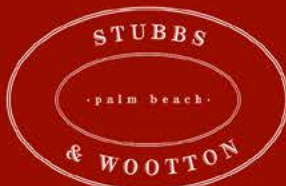
an interior designer and Sandra's daughter, who brings her own distinct perspective on interior aesthetics and art. Together, they have forged a captivating path where the realms

of art and design seamlessly merge, believing that every space is elevated by the presence of original artwork and the natural beauty of flowers and plants.

The contemporary collection of artworks on display at the Summer Art Show harmonizes with the essence of McArdle's. The pieces, carefully curated, evoke a sense of wonder that complements the floral splendor within the iconic establishment.

Beyond the aesthetic pleasures, the Summer Art Show also carries a philanthropic purpose. A portion of the sales from the exhibited artworks will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Art enthusiasts and flower lovers alike are invited to experience this enchanting exhibit, open Mon - Sat, 8am to 5:30pm, until the end of August. For additional information, please contact Sandy (203) 629-8121 or email sandra@sandramorganinteriors.com.



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