

2023 QUARTERLY REPORT 3RD QUARTER (JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER)

JULY

GREENWICH FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO HAS WRITTEN U-S TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN'S APPLICATION FOR A "SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL" GRANT (ASK THE FIRST SELECTMAN JULY 2 0900-0930)

GREENWICH LIBRARY SURVEYED ITS PATRONS, AND DIRECTOR JOE WILLIAMS SAYS THERE WERE REALLY NO BIG SURPRISES. PATRONS WERE ESPECIALLY ABOUT LIBRARY STAFF, HE SAID, (MORNING NEWS CENTER JULY 5)

A HEAT WAVE HIT GREENWICH THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY, WITH FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO OPENING COOLING CENTERS (MORNING NEWS CENTER JULY 6)

THE GREENWICH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HAS APPROVED PLANS FOR THE REMEDIATION OF SOIL AT WESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC FIELDS. DIRECTOR OF P AND Z PAT LA ROW (MORNING NEWS CENTER JULY 6 0730-0740)

GOVERNOR LAMONT AND FORMER U-S SENATOR CHRISTOPHER DODD DELIVERED THE EUGLOGIES AT THE FUNERAL OF FORMER GREENWICH FIRST SELECTMAN, SENATOR AND GOVERNOR WEICKER IN GREENWICH. WEICKER PASSED AWAY IN JULY AT THE AGE OF 92. (MORNING NEWS CENTER JULY 11)

GREENWICH LIBRARY ANNOUNCED THAT "SOLITO" BY JAVIER ZAMORA IS THE "GREENWICH READS TOGETHER" BOOK. ZAMORA WILL SPEAK AT GREENWICH LIBRARY'S BERKLEY THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 14TH (MORNING NEWS CENTER, JULY 13)

GREENWICH SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. TONI JONES SAYS SHE'S DISAPPOINTED SHE DIDN'T RECEIVE A LONG CONTRACT EXTENSION, BUT SAYS SHE'S FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE. THE SCHOOL BOARD GAVE HER A ONE YEAR, RATHER THAN 2 YEAR EXTENSION) MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW "FOCUS ON EDUCATION) JULY 12 0830-0900)

SIDEWALK SALE DAYS IN GREENWICH FEATURED, AS USUAL, HOT DAYS AND HOT SALES. GREENWICH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT AND CEO MARCIA O'KANE SAYS IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, DESPITE THE HEAT (INTERVIEW JULY 17 0900-0930)

FORMER GREENWICH POLICE CAPTAIN MARK KORDICK, WHO WAS FIRED AFTER PUTTING UP SIGNS FALSELY LINKING THE 2019 ELECTION CAMPAIGN OF FRED CAMILLO TO THEN-PRESIDENT TRUMP, HAS OFFERED TO SETTLE HIS LAWSUIT AGAINST THE TOWN FOR 675-THOUSAND DOLLARS.(MORNING NEWS CENTER JULY 19)

THE GREENWICH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HEARD A PRE-APPLICATION FOR THE NEW CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL. P AND Z DIRECTOR PAT LA ROW SAYS IT WILL COME BACK AS AN APPLICATION AT A FUTURE MEETING (MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW JULY 19 0730-0740)

THE GREENWICH REAL ESTATE MARKET POSTED ITS HIGHEST NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL CLOSINGS ALL YEAR – 77. GREENWICH ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STACEY LOH (MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW JULY 20 0820-0830)

THE GREENWICH DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE OFFICIALLY ENDORSED B-E-T MEMBER AND FORMER SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR LAURA ERICKSON FOR FIRST SELECTMAN. SELECTPERSON JANET STONE MCGUIGAN WILL RUN FOR A SECOND TERM (MORNING NEWS CENTER JULY 24)

BELOVED STAMFORD PASTOR TOMMIE JACKSON HAS DIED AFTER BEING STRUCK BY A STAMFORD POLICE VEHICLE THAT WAS RUSHING TO A CALL. REVERAND JACKSON WAS 69. (MORNING NEWS CENTER JULY 26)

GREENWICH REPUBLICANS OFFICIALLY ENDORSED FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO AND SELECTPERSON LAUREN RABIN FOR A SECOND TERM (MORNING NEWS CENTER JULY 27)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION'S CLAIMS COMMITTEE REJECTED POLICE CAPTAIN MARK KORDICK'S OFFER OF 675-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HIM TO DROP HIS LAWSUIT AGAINST THE TOWN AFTER HE WAS FIRED FOR PLACING FALSE POLITICAL SIGNS AROUND TOWN (MORNING NEWS CENTER JULY 31)

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AUGUST

THE GREENWICH SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE IS GATHERING INPUT FROM RESIDENTS THROUGH A CLIMATE SURVEY. IT'S AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN WEBSITE THROUGH SEPTEMBER (INTERVIEW AUGUST 1 0900-0930)

THE GREENWICH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TOOK UP THE ISSUES OF SIGNS AND LIGHTING. P AND Z DIRECTOR PAT LA ROW SAYS THE GROUP 'LIGHTS OUT GREENWICH' IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF NIGHT LIGHT AND ITS IMPACT ON WILDLIFE. (MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW AUGUST 2 0730-0740)

GREENWICH SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. TONI JONES SAYS THE TRADITION OF HOLDING "CONVOCATION" TO WELCOME TEACHERS BACK TO SCHOOL HAS COME TO AN END. IT STOPPED DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND DR. JONES SAYS TEACHERS LIKED TO GET TOGETHER, BUT FELT THEIR TIME WAS BETTER SPENT GETTING READY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR (FOCUS ON EDUCATION, AUGUST 14 0830-0900)

GREENWICH FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO HOSTED A COMMUNITY FORUM IN GLENVILLE. TOPICS INCLUDED A PROPOSED DOG PARK (WHICH MAY NOT HAPPEN), FLOODING IN PEMBERWICK, AND REPLACING THE STOP AND SHOP SUPERMARKET AT 11 GLEN RIDGE ROAD. (ASK THE FIRST SELECTMAN SHOW AUGUST 15 0900-0930)

THE GREENWICH HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTED THE FIRST WEST NILE-INFECTED MOSQUITOS, WHICH WERE TRAPPED IN OLD GREENWICH. (MORNING NEWS CENTER AUGUST 17)

AFTER A STRONG JUNE, THE GREENWICH HOUSING MARKET SLOWED IN JULY. (GREENWICH REAL ESTATE REPORT AUGUST 17 0820-0830)

AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATORY HIRING PRACTICES IN THE GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS CONCLUDED IT IS NOT A SYSTEMATIC PROBLEM. JEREMY BOLAND WAS FIRED AS COS COB SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AFTER HE WAS CAUGHT ON VIDEOTAPE SAYING HE WOULD NEVER HIRE A CATHOLIC, CONSERVATIVE, OR ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 30 (MORNING NEWS CENTER AUGUST 23)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAS APPROVED ANOTHER FIVE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE TAX RELIEF ORDINANCE FOR SENIOR AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS. COMMENTS FROM KIP BURWEGER FROM THE COMMISSION ON AGING, AND COMMISSION HEAD LORI CONTADINO (COVERAGE AUGUST 27)

AS SCHOOLS IN GREENWICH GET SET TO OPEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. TONI JONES SAYS THEY'RE HIGHLIGHTING SAFETY AND SECURITY. PROJECTS INCLUDE THE ENTRANCEWAY AT GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTRANCE SECURITY AND AN ELEVATOR AT OLD GREENWICH SCHOOL (MORNING NEWS CENTER AUGUST 29 0830-0900)

SEPTEMBER

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS METRO NY NORTH CHAPTER, HEADQUARTERED IN GREENWICH, HAS COMPLETED THEIR 2 MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION PROJECT. FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO ATTENDED THE CELEBRATION (ASK THE FIRST SELECTMAN SEPTEMBER 6 0900-0930)

IN AN INTERVIEW ON WGCH, CONNECTICUT ATTORNEY GENERAL AND STAMFORD RESIDENT WILLIAM TONG REFUTED A REPORT THAT CLAIMED POOR ACCOUNTING PRACTICES IN THE AG'S OFFICE OVER THE YEARS CAUSED A LOSS OF 10 MILLION DOLLARS (MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 7 0830-0840)

TWO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION – ADELE CAROLL AND RICH NIEMYNSKI – HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE RACE, MEANING INCUMBENT KAREN KOWALSKI AND NEWCOMER WENDY WALSH WILL RUN UNOPPOSED. (MORNING NEWS CENTER SEPTEMBER 7)

WITH COVID NUMBERS ON THE RISE, CONNECTICUT SENATOR AND GREENWICH RESIDENT RICHARD BLUMENTHAL WANTS INSURANCE COMPANIES TO ONCE AGAIN COVER THE COSTS OF AT HOME TESTS (INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 7)

THE GREENWICH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PRESENTED A PLAN TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO MAKE BRUCE PARK A "LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTY". P AND Z DIRECTOR PAT LA ROW SAYS SUCH A DESIGNATION MIGHT HAVE STOPPED OR ALTERED THE EVERSOURCE ENERGY PROJECT THAT RESULTED IN A LARGE, UNPOPULAR WALKING BRIDGE THROUGH THE PARK. (MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 8 0730-0740)

GREENWICH HELD ITS ANNUAL SEPTEMBER 11TH CEREMONY AT COS COB PARK TO REMEMBER THE MORE THAN 30 VICTIMS WITH GREENWICH TIES WHO DIED IN THE TERRORIST ATTACK. (LIVE COVERAGE SEPTEMBER 11 0845-0930)

FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL RON DESANTIS WAS IN GREENWICH SEPTEMBER 12 FOR A FUNDRAISER AT THE HOME OF FORMER STATE SENATOR SCOTT FRANTZ (MORNING NEWS CENTER SEPTEMBER 13)

GREENWICH SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. TONI JONES SAYS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAS INCREASED, ESPECIALLY AT THE KINDERGARTEN LEVEL (FOCUS ON EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 12 0830-0900)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF SELECTMAN AND BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION HAS AGREED TO SETTLE A LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST THE TOWN BY FORMER POLICE CAPTAIN MARK KORDICK, WHO WAS FIRED AFTER PLACING FALSE CAMPAIGN SIGNS IN TOWN IN 2019. THE TOWN WILL PAY KORDICK 650-THOUSAND DOLLARS, JUST LESS THAN THE 675-THOUSAND DOLLAR SETTLEMENT HIS LAWYERS HAD OFFERED IN AUGUST (MORNING NEWS CENTER SEPTEMBER 14)

4TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN JIM HIMES OF GREENWICH HAILED THE RELEASE OF ONE OF HIS CONSTITUENTS – MORAD TAHBAZ – WHO HAD BEEN HELD IN AN IRANIAN PRISON SINCE 2018. (MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 15 0720-0730)

THE GREENWICH REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING HELD ITS FIRST MEETING SINCE JUNE, AND THERE WAS CONTROVERSY OVER APPOINTMENTS TO THE NATHANIEL WITHERELL NURSING HOME BOARD OF

DIRECTORS. STANCES ON PRIVATIZING THE NURSING HOME AND OPPOSING VACCINES TORPEDOED ONE CANDIDATE, WITH ANOTHER BARELY BEING CONFIRMED.(MEETING COVERAGE SEPTEMBER 19)

THE SLOWDOWN OF THE GREENWICH REAL ESTATE MARKET CONTINUED IN AUGUST, WITH RESIDENTIAL CLOSINGS DOWN 14% COMPARED TO AUGUST 2022. BRYAN TUNNEY WITH THE GREENWICH ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS BLAMED THE SLOWDOWN ON LOW INVENTORY CAUSED IN PART BY HIGH MORTGAGE RATES (REAL ESTATE REPORT AUGUST 21 0820-0830)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED 6-1-1 TO APPROVE 42 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE NEW CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL. BOARD CHAIRMAN JOE KELLY COMMENTED (MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 22 0830-0840)

GREENWICH POLICE CHIEF JAMES HEAVEY SAYS 8 CARS WERE STOLEN DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE YEAR TO 59. (INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 25 0900-0930)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF SELECTMEN VOTED 2-1 TO APPROVE A FLAG RAISING POLICY FOR TOWN HALL. THERE WAS CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER FLAGS ALREADY APPROVED NEEDED TO BE APPROVED EACH YEAR (MEETING COVERAGE SEPTEMBER 29)