## 2023 QUARTERLY REPORT (2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER)

APRIL, MAY, JUNE

4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN JIM HIMES AND CONNECTICUT SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, BOTH DEMOCRATS AND GREENWICH RESIDENTS, SAY THE INDICTMENT OF FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP ON CHARGES OF HUSH MONEY PAID TO A PORN STAR IS NOT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, BECAUSE TRUMP WAS INDICTED BY A JURY OF HIS OWN PEERS (INTERVIEWS APRIL 3 AND 4, MORNING NEWS CENTER)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION APPROVED A BUDGET TO SEND ON TO THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING FOR FINAL APPROVAL. (MORNING NEWS CENTER APRIL 5)

THE STOP AND SHOP IN GLENVILLE WILL BE CLOSING IN JUNE. GREENWICH FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO SAYS HE'D LIKE TO SEE ANOTHER GROCERY STORE TAKE OVER THAT SPACE (ASK THE FIRST SELECTMAN SHOW, APRIL 5 0900-0930)

GREENWICH UNITED WAY, GREENWICH HOSPITAL, AND THE GREENWICH SCHOOL SYSTEM ARE PARTNERING ON A FACILITY FOR YOUTH FACING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES (UNITED WAY CEO DAVID RABIN, INTERVIEW, APRIL 6 0820-0830)

THE GREENWICH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HAS APPROVED AN 8-30G AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN AT 177 HAMILTON AVENUE. DIRECTOR OF P AND Z PAT LA ROW (MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW, APRIL 7 0730-0740)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION IS DOING A "DEEP DIVE" INTO THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN-OWNED NATHANIEL WITHERELL NURSING HOME, AMID REPORTS OF A 10 MILLION DOLLAR SHORT FALL IN RECEIVABLES. B-E-T CHAIRMAN DAN OZIZMIR(MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW APRIL 12 0730-0740)

GREENWICH'S NEW ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JUSTIN MCCARTHY WAS SWORN IN. FIRE CHIEF JOSEPH MCHUGH (INTERVIEW APRIL 12)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF SELECTMAN GAVE THE GO-AHEAD TO THE OLD GREENWICH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE TO REQUEST MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT STATUS FOR RENOVATION OF THE 120-YEAR OLD SCHOOL (MEETING COVERAGE APRIL 13)

4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN JIM HIMES OF GREENWICH, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, SAYS IT'S MIND-BOGGLING THAT A 21 YEAR OLD MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARDSMAN COULD HAVE SECURITY CLEARANCE TO LEAK CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS. (MORNING NEWS CENTER INTERVIEW APRIL 14 0720-0730)

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS UNHAPPY ABOUT THE SUSPENSION OF A DRIVER BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT STAGED A WALKOUT ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AFTER SPRING BREAK (APRIL 17 MORNING NEWS CENTER)

THE GREENWICH REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING APPROVED 545-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FIX FLOOD DAMAGE AT HAVEMEYER BUILDING CAUSED BY A FAULTY PIPE. (RTM MEETING COVERAGE APRIL 18)

THE GREENWICH ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS REPORTED A SHARP INCREASE IN THE MEDIAN SALE PRICE FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH. THE MARKET IS ALSO RETURNING TO A PREPANDEMIC NORMAL. (REAL ESTATE REPORT APRIL 20 0820-0830)

THE UNION REPRESENTING GREENWICH SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS HELD A RALLY AT THE BOARD OF EDUCAITON MEETING TO PROTEST THE SUSPENSION OF A DRIVER FOR ALLEGEDLY DRIVING RECKLESSLY. SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN JOE KELLY TOLD WGCH NEWS THEY WANT TO TREAT THE DRIVER FAIRLY, BUT A ONE DAY WALKOUT BY DRIVERS WAS IRRESPONSIBLE (MORNING NEWS CENTER APRIL 21 (0830-0840)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED THE PROMOTION OF POLICE CAPTAIN MARK ZUCARELLA TO DEPUTY CHIEF. ZUCARELLA REPLACES ROBERT BERRY, WHO LEFT TO BECOME POLICE CHIEF FOR WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY IN DANBURY (BOARD OF SELECTMEN COVERAGE APRIL 27)

GROCERY STORE LEGEND STEW LEONARD PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. HE STARTED STEW LEONARD'S IN NORWALK IN 1969, AND THE CHAIN HAS SINCE EXPANDED TO DANBURY, YONKERS AND SEVERAL OTHER LOCATIONS (MORNING NEWS CENTER APRIL 28)

## MAY 2023

GREENWICH FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS RUNNING FOR THIRD TERM IN OFFICE (INTERVIEW MAY 1)

FORMER GREENWICH SELECTMAN PETER CRUMBINE DIED AT THE AGE OF 84. CRUMBINE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR 10 YEARS AND ALSO SERVED ON THE RTM AND B-E-T. FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO SAYS CRUMBINE WAS A MENTOR TO HIM (INTERVIEW MAY 1)

GREENWICH SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. TONI JONES SAYS THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER WHO WAS DE-CERTIFIED WILL NOT BE COMING BACK TO DRIVE IN GREENWICH. AN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORTED THE DRIVER CROSSED THE YELLOW LINE A DOZEN TIMES WHILE DRIVING AN EMPTY BUS. (FOCUS ON EDUCATION MAY 2 0830-0900)

THE REPLACEMENT OF THE 98-YEAR OLD SOUND BEACH AVENUE BRIDGE IN OLD GREENWICH WAS COMPLETED AT A COST OF 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS (MORNING NEWS CENTER MAY 4)

ON A VOTE OF 197-7, THE GREENWICH REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING APPROVED A 482 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET. (MEETING COVERAGE/RTM MODERATOR ALEXIS VOULGARIS INTERVIEW MAY 8 0730-0740)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION SET THE MILL RATE AT 11.28, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 1 PERCENT. THE B-E-T IS ALSO CONDUCTING AN AUDIT OF NATHANIEL WITHERELL NURSING HOME AFTER A 10 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL IN RECEIVABLES. (BET CHAIRMAN DAN OZIZMIR, MAY 16 0730-0740)

THE GREENWICH REAL ESTATE MARKET SAW FIGURES IN APRIL MORE IN LINE WITH PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS; 41 CLOSINGS, AS OPPOSED TO 62 IN APRIL 2022. GREENWICH ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT STACEY LOH SAYS THAT NUMBER IS MORE LIKE 2019. (REAL ESTATE REPORT, MAY 18, 0820-0830)

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THERE WILL BE A PARADE IN ADVANCE OF THE GREENWICH TOWN PARTY, SLATED FOR MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>. POLICE CHIEF JAMES HEAVEY COMMENTED (MAY 22 INTERVIEW)

GOVERNOR LAMONT WAS IN HIS HOMETOWN OF GREENWICH TO ANNOUNCE A 270-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT FOR 50 TRAILS AROUND THE STATE, INCLUDING A TRAIL IN GREENWICH TO LINK BINNEY PARK IN OLD GREENWICH TO BOCCUZZI PARK IN STAMFORD. FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO (INTERVIEW MAY 22)

THE GREENWICH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPROVED MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE GREENWICH ARTS COUNCIL ON GREENWICH AVENUE, AND A HALF DOZEN APPLICATIONS FOR OUTDOOR DINING (P AND Z DIRECTOR PAT LA ROW, MAY 24 0730-0740)

GREENWICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AN "AGE FRIENDLY" COMMUNITY, AND IS THE FIRST IN THE STATE TO BE DESIGNATED AGE AND DEMENTIA FRIENDLY. COMMISSION ON AGING DIRECTOR LORI CONTADINO (INTERVIEW MAY 25)

## **JUNE 2023**

RETIRED BUSINESS EXECUTIVE JIM FINN BECAME THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER TO GREENWICH FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO (MORNING NEWS CENTER JUNE 1)

NEW YORK ISLANDERS CO-OWNER AND GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE JON LEDECKY WILL THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AT GHS GRADUATION ON JUNE 15 (MORNING NEWS CENTER JUNE 6)

SMOKE FROM CANADIAN WILDFIRES CAUSED POOR AIR QUALITY IN GREENWICH. STEPHANIE PAULMENO WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS IT COULD BE TIME TO MASK UP AGAIN AND STAY INSIDE IF YOU HAVE RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS. (INTERVIEW JUNE 7)

GREENWICH OFFICIALS CONDEMNED THE PLACEMENT OF FLAGS THAT SAID "GROOMERS" NEAR THE PRIDE FLAG AT TOWN HALL. (INTERVIEW, FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO JUNE 8)

CONNECTICUT SENATOR AND GREENWICH RESIDENT RICHARD BLUMENTHAL HAS SPONSORED A BILL REQUIRING CARS TO CARRY AM RADIOS (MORNING NEWS CENTER JUNE 8)

A SECOND DEMOCRAT HAS JOINED THE RACE FOR GREENWICH FIRST SELECTMAN. FORMER SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR AND CURRENT B-E-T MEMBER LAURA ERICKSON MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT, ALONG WITH SELECTPERSON JANET STONE MCGUIGAN, WHO IS SEEKING A SECOND TERM IN OFFICE. (INTERVIEW MORNING NEWS CENTER JUNE 12 0730-0740)

GREENWICH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STACEY SCHIETINGER SAYS THEY SAW A 20-PERCENT INCREASE IN CALLS RELATED TO LAST WEEK'S SMOKY CONDITIONS. (INTERVIEW, JUNE 12 0900-0930)

IN ITS FINAL MEETING BEFORE SUMMER BREAK, THE GREENWICH RTM LET A NEW CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TEACHERS' AIDES (MEETING COVERAGE JUNE 13)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN MESKERS OF GREENWICH SAYS THE NEW STATE BUDGET WILL MEAN TAX RELIEF FOR RESIDENTS (INTERVIEW, JUNE 15 0750-0800)

THE GREENWICH DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED LAURA ERICKSON AS FIRST SELECTMAN CANDIDATE (MORNING NEWS CENTER JUNE 16)

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IN GREENWICH IS JUNE 19 – JUNETEENTH. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. TONI JONES SAYS THEY WILL HAVE LESSONS RELATED TO THE NEW HOLIDAY AT ALL GRADE LEVELS. (INTERVIEW, DR JONES JUNE 19)

GREENWICH SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN JOE KELLY SAYS HE WILL NOT RUN FOR ANOTHER TERM, AS HE NO LONGER HAS ANY CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM (INTERVIEW, JUNE 20)

THE GREENWICH BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT FOR A NEW CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL – AND SENT IT ON TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (MEETING COVERAGE JUNE 21)

THE GREENWICH SCHOOL BOARD STALEMATED ON THE LENGTH OF A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. TONI JONES. REPUBLICANS FAVORED A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO 2025, WHILE DEMOCRATS WANT A TWO YEAR EXTENSION. SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN JOE KELLY (INTERVIEW JUNE 22)

PLANS FOR A DOG PARK IN GLENVILLE ARE ON HOLD, AS FIRST SELECTMAN FRED CAMILLO SAYS THE PLAN IS TO ADDRESS A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN THAT PART OF TOWN (ASK THE FIRST SELECTMAN SHOW, JUNE 26 0900-0930)

THE REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION REJECTED 40-MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING FOR THE OLD GREENWICH SCHOOL RENOVATION. (MORNING NEWS CENTER JUNE 26)

THE GREENWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION HAS LAUNCHED A SURVEY TO GATHER INPUT FOR THE "SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN. INTERVIEW JANET STONE MCGUIGAN, REBECCA POIRER (MORNING NEWS CENTER JUNE 27, 0820-0830)

THE GREENWICH SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO GIVE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR TONI JONES AS ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION, THROUGH JUNE OF 2025. SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN JOE KELLY (INTERVIEW JUNE 27)

FORMER GOVERNOR, SENATOR AND GREENWICH FIRST SELECTMAN LOWELL WEICKER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92 (MORNING NEWS CENTER JUNE 28)