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## HOT DEALS... MUST DO'S... FUN FACTS...

Whether you're a lifetime resident  or newbie to town, a backcountry diehard or Riverside devotee, one thing is certain—we're all lucky to live in Greenwich.

 In the spirit of keeping you plugged in to our unique coastal enclave, here are seventy-five hot tips for people in the know,  plus a nostalgic look at

Greenwich's past and fascinating town trivia that will make you the toast of your next cocktail party. 

by **RIANN SMITH**

## Insider Dish

You may be familiar with these delicious destinations, but we have the inside track on how to get the biggest bite from them.



Sometimes the best way to celebrate family night is to get the family out of the house. Morello's is offering a **SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER** (\$20 for adults, \$10 for kids) featuring spaghetti and meatballs and a Caesar or green salad, all served family-style.  **Morello Italian Bistro**, 253 Greenwich Avenue; (203) 661-3443; [morelobistro.com](http://morelobistro.com)

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A handful of upscale kitchens in town say they stay open as late as 10-ish on a weekday, but frequently disappoint. Those who don't like to hear "no" depend on Polpo's **FULL MENU 'TIL 11 P.M.** Order up the crisped-to-perfection veal milanese and call in late to work in the morning.  **Polpo Restaurant**, 554 Old Post Rd No. 3; (203) 629-1999; [polporestaurant.com](http://polporestaurant.com)

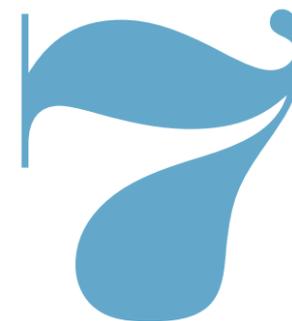
A lunch for under ten bucks that doesn't involve a wrapper? Yup. Ever since tasty Indian outpost Rasa started its **\$9.95 LUNCH SPECIAL** that includes an appetizer, entree and wine.  **Rasa**, 107-109 Greenwich Avenue; (203) 869-0700; [fineindiandining.com/rasact](http://fineindiandining.com/rasact)

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It's cold, you're tired, and in no mood to pull an Ina Garten tonight. Dirty little secret: Fake it with Villa Nuova's (formerly Villarina's) gourmet **PRE-MADE DINNERS** (the shop has everything from fresh pasta to gluten-free chicken parm). Fill up your freezer—you'll thank yourself during the next snowstorm.  **Villa Nuova**, 551 East Putnam Avenue, Cos Cob; (203) 422-0174; [villanuovact.com](http://villanuovact.com)

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Chances are you've checked out the new Italian eatery Doppio for its artisan pizza and homemade gelato. But this hotspot is taking it to the next level by hosting you and your friends for a **GELATO MAKING CLASS** on Sundays between 2 and 5 p.m. Call owners Joe and Louis Barresi for details.  **Doppio Artisan Pizza & Gelato**, 41 East Elm Street; (203) 340-9470; [eatdoppio.com](http://eatdoppio.com)



GELATO BY BOB CAZZO



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Gather your Greenwich girlfriends—and appoint a designated driver—because savvy sippers flock to Terra and Mediterraneo on Tuesdays for **HALF-PRICE VINO** on bottles under \$100.  **Terra**, 156 Greenwich Avenue; (203) 629-5222;  **Mediterraneo**, 366 Greenwich Avenue; (203) 629-4747; [zhospitalitygroup.com](http://zhospitalitygroup.com)

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Confident that you have the perfect Sauvignon Blanc to complement your lemongrass chicken or Malbec to go with that melt-in-your-mouth quiche? Toss them in your tote and head over to Meli Melo, Little Thai Kitchen, Penang Grill, or Le Pain Quotidien—they're all **BYOB**.  **Meli Melo**, 362 Greenwich Avenue; (203) 629-6153; [melimelogreenwich.com](http://melimelogreenwich.com);  **Little Thai Kitchen**, 21 St. Roch Avenue; (203) 622-2972; [littlethaikitchen.com](http://littlethaikitchen.com);  **Penang Grill**, 55 Lewis Street; (203) 861-1988;  **Le Pain Quotidien**, 382 Greenwich Avenue; (203) 404-7533; [lepainquotidien.com](http://lepainquotidien.com)

[FAST FACT]

**Until 1947 Byram was originally known as New Lebanon. Legend has it that Indians who lived in the Westchester area used to paddle across the river to "buy rum" in what is now considered Byram. »**

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## Top-Secret Style Gurus

Local mavens will deck you out from head to toe.



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When you need a jab of liquid youth without a jab to your checkbook, Dr. Joseph L. Conway, Ophthalmic Plastic Surgeon, offers **BOTOX AT HALF THE PRICE** of most doctors. [Greenwich Ophthalmology Associates, 4 Dearfield Drive; \(203\) 869-3082; josephconwaymd.com](#)

Women who won't tolerate anything but nail perfection head to Empy's Day Spa. True story: A special client made Empy's dreams come true by financing the opening of her store—when you get a **SIGNATURE MANI-PEDI** you'll understand why. [Empy's Day Spa, 143 West Putnam Avenue; \(203\) 661-6625](#)

# 11



Slapping a generic rubber sole on the bottom of your designer shoes is sacrilege, but slipping in the snow isn't any better. Frequented by the well-heeled of Greenwich, Occhicone will **PERFECTLY COLOR-MATCH** your Louboutins' red sole with a skid-proof solution. The shop also customizes leather pants based on the fit of your favorite pair of jeans. [Occhicone Fine Leather Goods, 42 North Main St, Port Chester, NY; \(914\) 937-6327](#)

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You may have shopped at Richards for years, but the one-of-a-kind gem you might have missed between stacks of cashmere sweaters and racks of suits is super-salesman Frank Gallagi. With nearly forty-six years of experience working at Richards, Gallagi is the go-to guy in the menswear department, so seek him out next time you're looking for that **PERFECT SHIRT AND TIE COMBINATION**. Says Frank with his unassuming charm, "I'm always humbled by the loyalty of my clients and friends." Richards of Greenwich, 369 Greenwich Avenue; (203) 622-0551; [mitchellstores.com](#) [Richards of Greenwich, 369 Greenwich Avenue; \(203\) 622-0551; mitchellstores.com](#)



Have you spotted a number of women sporting impossibly smooth, shiny hair despite winter's frizz-inducing dry air? They're probably not telling you that they're devotees of the new **ABSOLUTE FRIZZ CONTROL** treatment at Warren Tricomi. The wildly popular, protein-rich treatment takes just an hour and a half, is formaldehyde free, lasts two months, and promises to cut your styling time in half. [Warren Tricomi, 1 East Putnam Avenue; \(203\) 863-9300; warrentricomi.com](#)



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[FAST FACT]

**The first known "country club" to be formed in Greenwich was the The Fairfield County Golf Club (renamed the Greenwich Country Club in 1909), which was also the fourth country club established in America. Seasonal dues in 1896 were set at \$40 for a family membership. Today there are ten yacht clubs, ten country clubs and eleven garden clubs in Greenwich.**

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## Under the Radar Resources

Some services are so quirky you don't know you need them until you find them. Now you know...

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Before you toss another not-so-eco-friendly Duraflame on the fire, head over to Abilis for fresh bundles of **SEASONED, RECYCLED WOOD**. The nonprofit recently started a wood-recycling program in collaboration with the Boy Scouts of Greenwich that helps people with disabilities gain employment. Bonus: They will also come straight to your backyard and turn your downed trees into split firewood. [Abilis, 50 Glenville Street; \(203\) 531-1880; abilis.us](#)

Once upon a time, shopkeepers built a relationship with their customers by allowing them to **OPEN HOUSE CHARGE ACCOUNTS** settled monthly (translation: no wallet necessary). These local businesses still honor that tradition for special longtime customers.

- Colony Florist, 315 Greenwich Avenue; (203) 869-6400; [colonyflorist.org](#)
- Feinsod True Value Hardware, 268 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich; (203) 637-3641; [feinsodhardware.com](#)
- Greenwich Hardware & Home, 195 Greenwich Avenue; (203) 869-6750; [greenwichhardware.com](#)
- Greenwich Pharmacy, 116 Greenwich Avenue, (203) 661-2721
- Thomas Cleaners, 68 Lewis Street; (203) 869-9420
- UPS Greenwich, 15 East Putnam Avenue; (203) 622-1114; [theupsstorelocal.com/0822](#)

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Whether it's great-grandma's silver or a gorgeous-but-flickering light fixture you picked up on an antiquing trek, domestic divas (yes, including Martha Stewart) trust **GREENWICH METAL FINISHING** for the job. The catch: Despite the name, it's actually located in Stamford...but it's worth the extra travel time. [Greenwich Metal Finishing, 300 West Main Street, Stamford; \(203\) 541-0065; greenwichmetalfinishing.com](#)

It may be up to parents to teach their children manners, but when it comes to kids of the four-legged variety, you're better off calling **PROFESSIONAL DOG GURU** Michelle Smith. The certified dog trainer and owner of Canine Country Day of Greenwich provides dog training, walking and cat-sitting services. One client who swears by CCD said that in a matter of minutes Michelle trained her Bernese mountain dog puppy to respond to emergency commands and get over his fear of walking down stairs. [Canine Country Day of Greenwich, \(203\) 629-1504; k9countryday.com](#)



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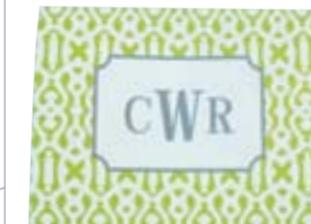
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Imagine not having to deal with irksome waiting room delays, overbooked docs and straight-to-voicemail responses when your child is sick. Parents who don't want the hassle of red tape have been buzzing about Next Generation Pediatrics, a **CONCIERGE-STYLE PEDIATRIC PRACTICE** in Greenwich. It's run like a traditional fee-for-service practice that does not participate with insurance, and promises a smaller patient pool, 24-7 access to doctors (and their cell phones!) and even house calls. [Next Generation Pediatrics, 57 Old Post Road No. 2; \(203\) 661-2401; ngped.com](#)

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Pop into the Junior League of Greenwich on Tuesday through Friday between 10 a.m. and noon. They'll prep you out with **MONOGRAMMED STATIONERY**, cocktail napkins and children's thank you notes. Not only are their products high quality, your payment is going to charitable causes the League supports. [Letter Perfect Stationery, 231 East Putnam Avenue; \(203\) 869-4337; jlgreenwich.org](#) »

## Surprising Backyard Bets

If you want to switch up your usual gym routine, here are some great spots to help you get fit outdoors (a few will have to wait until the mercury rises a tad).

### 21

Looking for a killer view? Visit Laddin's Rock, a great granite dome with a **SHEER 60-FOOT DROP** on one side. Legend has it that Dutchman Cornelius Labden (later anglicized to Laddin) escaped an Indian raiding party by leaping off the cliff on his horse—successfully. For the more faint of heart, there are beautiful vistas and hiking trails that lead to Binney Park via an easement on Brownhouse Road. **Laddin's Rock Sanctuary is located on the north side of Highmeadow Road off Laddin's Rock Road, Old Greenwich**

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[FAST FACT]

**In the early 1900s, Greenwich Avenue, originally called The Road to Piping Point, was paved with soft yellow stones and was dubbed the "Yellow Brick Road."**

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If you're jonesing to get in a good run but don't want to get clipped by Lake Avenue Range Rovers, jog over to the well-maintained and never crowded 440-yard **CINDER RUNNING TRACK** behind Town Hall, open dawn to dusk. **Havemeyer Field behind Town Hall, 121 Field Point Road**



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It's a rare opportunity to be taught by the top-notch instructors of a private club without being a member, but at the Greenwich Water Club you can do just that. Enjoy up to four **ROWING LESSONS** sans membership on the Mianus River. Lessons are \$100 per person per session; \$75 per person if it is a two-person crew. **Greenwich Water Club, 49 River Road, Cos Cob; (203) 661-4033; greenwichwaterclub.com**

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If you're a nautical type but can't help believing that a boat is a hole in the water that you throw money into, **RENT A LASER SAILBOAT** for just \$28 plus a \$5 daily fee from Greenwich Community Sailing at the Old Greenwich Yacht Club. **Greenwich Community Sailing, Greenwich Point Park, Old Greenwich; (203) 698-0599; greenwichsailing.com**

Aspen or Stratton may not be in the cards this year, but that's no reason to hang your head—or hang up your skis. The Babcock Preserve boasts nearly 300 miles of trails for **CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**. Bonus: Cross-country skiing burns roughly 510 to 760 calories per hour, so you're justified in hitting the Ginger Man afterward. **The Babcock Preserve is located on North Street and Stanwich Road; (203) 622-7814**

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## Haute Party Hints

Some hosts have all the luck...or just the right names in their address book. For your next fete, don't forget to put these vendors and venues on speed-dial.

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Calling all lobster lovers: You can **RENT A CLAMBAKE AREA** at Byram Park and Greenwich Point from April through October for \$125. Hint: Call Fjord Fisheries to cater the event and don't miss its homemade chips and boursin dip—a favorite among insiders. **Clambake area reservations can be made through the Department of Parks and Recreation on the 2nd floor at Town Hall, 101 Field Point Road; (203) 622-7824; greenwichct.org; Fjord Catering, 432 Fairfield Avenue, Stamford; (203) 622-7824; fjordcatering.com**



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Hosts looking to throw a fun curveball to the party mix **RENT OLD-SCHOOL GAMES** through Aardvark Amusements. Go frat fabulous with classics like arcade skeeball, foosball and air hockey. Or make it a Bond girl evening of blackjack, craps and a roulette wheel, all with an operator included in the rental. For the exhibitionist in the group, there's even a mechanical bull. **Aardvark Amusements has locations in NY and NJ but serves the tristate area; (800) 303-7433; aardvarkamusements.com**



Take a two-hour "**CRUISE TO NOWHERE**" for \$10 on Wednesdays and weekends during summer from the Arch Street Ferry. Tip: Tickets are sold the day-of at 10 a.m. and sell out fast, so hop in line by 9 a.m. **Cruise to Nowhere is located at the Arch Street Ferry Dock; (203) 618-7672; greenwichct.org**

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Want your closest friends to wax poetic about you this summer? Invite them aboard *Pegasus*, a **42-FOOT PARTY BOAT** holding court in front of the Delamar Hotel during the summer months that can be privately chartered for up to twelve guests (have it catered or BYO). **Pegasus, (201) 918-1590; heritageyachtcharters.com**

WINE BOTTLES BY BOB CAPAZZO

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[FAST FACT]

**Obama in backcountry? Believe it or not, backcountry Greenwich was a potential site for the United Nations in 1946. The proposition was heartily fought down by protesting residents. Imagine if things had gone differently. Conyers Farms might not exist and Cary Grant would have filmed his iconic U.N. scene in North by Northwest just off North Street.**



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Does your brain turn to mushy risotto when it's time to pair food and wine for your dinner party? Using AOC's online tool, you can take a cue from their dozens of crowd-pleaser recipes and **CUSTOMIZED PAIRINGS** from the shop's shelves, categorized by course and season. If you don't have time to pick them up, AOC will deliver your wines free by dinnertime on weeknights, provided you call them by noon on the day of (Saturday is pickup only). **AOC Fine Wines, 195 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich; (203) 637-4541; aocfinewines.com/pairing**

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Whether it's a weekend brigade of guests or an impress-the-in-laws brunch, every host who wants to wow their guests orders a **QUICHE** from Aux Delices. The ham and leek with Gruyère is the hands-down winner—just give them three days notice (the leeks are a special order). **Aux Delices, 3 West Elm Street; (203) 622-6644; auxdelicesfoods.com**

Barcelona always offers a good time, but the Latin beat can sometimes make it difficult to hear your fellow diners. If you're looking to turn down the volume, request to be seated in the back room on weekends. Better yet, **BOOK THE BACK ROOM FOR A PRIVATE PARTY**. They'll put together a grand double-wide table for a crew of thirty or arrange banquettes in a cavelike area for a more intimate group of eight to eleven guests. **Barcelona Greenwich, 18 West Putnam Avenue; (203) 983-6400; barcelonawinebar.com** »



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Some places never hang a closed sign on their door. Here are a few key all-access areas.

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**E LIGHT ON?** The Mobil Station on the Merritt Parkway is open 24 hours. [Mobil, 2728 Merritt Parkway Northbound, Greenwich; \(203\) 531-9378](#)

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If you're desperate for breakfast or a **JUICY BURGER AT 4 A.M.**, the Glory Days Diner is open 24 hours on weekends. [Glory Days Diner, 69 East Putnam Avenue; \(203\) 661-9067; glorydaysdiner.com](#)

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When you need an **RX AT ANY HOUR**, Riverside's Walgreens and CVS never close their stores—or their pharmacies. [Walgreens, 1333 East Putnam Avenue, Riverside; \(203\) 637-1029; walgreens.com](#); [CVS, 1239 East Putnam Avenue, Riverside; 203-698-4006; cvs.com](#)

## Kids 411

*There's never a shortage of activities to engage your mini-me's, but how do you determine the fantastic finds from the far-from-fun? Here are top picks passed along by savvy Greenwich parents.*



With the school year ramping up after winter break, stress levels can run high (and we're not even talking about you, mom and dad). Mia Perovetz, founder of **JOY YOGA FOR KIDS**, teaches yoga to tots through tweens—parents call her “amazing.” Book her for private instruction, birthday parties and catch her classes at select Greenwich sites. [Joy Yoga for Kids, \(203\) 252-7758; joyyogakids.com](#)

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Every parent experiences “pool panic,” worrying that their little one will fall in and not know what to do. Ed Durkin, dubbed the baby-whisperer of swimming by plugged-in Greenwich moms, teaches tots as young as 18 months how to **SWIM SAFELY** in seven days (he has done so with over 82,000 children). “Mr. Ed” is located in Florida but will travel to Greenwich, schedule permitting, if a volunteer hosts a weeklong session at their pool with at least twenty participants. [bestswimexperience.com](#)



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Your idea of maritime bliss may be the malpeques at Elm Street Oyster House, but your kids will be far more impressed with the Bruce Museum's Seaside Center at the Innis Arden Cottage at Tod's Point. Stroll over from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday (available only in summer) for a **LIVE ANIMAL MARINE TOUCH TANK** experience, plus squid dissections, arts and crafts and guided nature walks. [Bruce Museum Seaside Center is located at Innis Arden Cottage in Greenwich Point Park, Old Greenwich; \(203\) 413-6742; brucemuseum.org](#)

[FAST FACT]

**Legend has it that in the early 1900s, Long Island Sound completely froze over and residents were able to drive their cars out to the lighthouse at Great Captain's Island. And you think this winter's rough...**

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If your kids think the library is just for checking out books, send them to the **BYRAM SHUBERT LIBRARY** for a fun reality check. Though sometimes overlooked even by moms who live in Byram, here kids can read books to their favorite neighborhood dogs, make self-portraits with clay, play chess, hold a 7-foot snake (yes, you read that right), take lessons in hip-hop dance and more. [Byram Schubert Library, 21 Mead Avenue; \(203\) 531-0426; greenwichlibrary.org](#)

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[FAST FACT]

**Round Hill has an elevation of more than 550 feet, and at its peak offers up a coveted view of the Manhattan skyline. Over two centuries ago, it was still prized for its vistas, but for an entirely different reason: Round Hill was a lookout point for the Continental Army during the American Revolution.**

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Tell your child they can **OWN A HORSE FOR A DAY** and you might edge out the iPhone5 and Justin Bieber in the coolest-ever category. Hoof it over to Mead Farm, located in Stamford near the Greenwich border. Winter is the perfect time for a trot through fresh powder—and level four riders can take on the Greenwich trails too. [Mead Farm, 107 June Road, Stamford; \(203\) 322-4984; meadfarm.com](#)



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The dilemma: You want your kid to experience being in a garage band but would prefer that band not happen at home...or in your garage. Enter Charlie Mangold at Action Arts Studio, whose experience ranges from writing and performing with Sheryl Crow to collaborating with bigwigs (think: Bob Dylan's producer) to producing tracks for an *American Idol* contestant. Your budding star will **LEARN THE BASICS OF SONGWRITING AND PRODUCING**, be provided with a drum kit and keyboard, and at the end of the session, he or she will bring home a CD of their group track. No experience necessary. [Music Creation Lab at Action Arts Studio, 242 Sound Beach Avenue; \(203\) 344-9277; greenwich1on1.com](#)



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When you're out and about with your little one, lunchtime can slow you down. At the popular art studio Green Moon, meals are part of the program with the new **LUNCHBOX ART SERIES** for kids ages three to five, with a built-in lunch (provided by you) followed by an hour of painting. [Green Moon, 219 East Putnam Avenue, Cos Cob; \(203\) 810-4001; greenmoonct.com](#)



BOY BY NINA POMEROY; GIRL BY RICK ZIMMERMAN/ACTION ARTS; SIGN BY BOB CAPAZZO



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## The Avenue by the Numbers

398 number of parking meters on Greenwich Avenue

2 number of police officers directing traffic during every 60-minute shift on the Avenue

76,871 number of parking tickets issued on the Avenue last year

.7 number of miles the Avenue covers

6,030,552 number of quarters collected last year from meters (that's over \$1.5 million, not including Smart Cards)

2007 year the parking meters on Greenwich Avenue started accepting Smart Cards

31 number of years the famous Herbie Salaman directed traffic at the intersection by the old Post Office

2 number of ways that traffic flowed on the Avenue until 1970 »

## Freebies & Cheapies

Everybody loves a bargain. Take advantage of these easy-on-your-wallet offerings.

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Sure, you can pay for the latest blockbuster, but why would you if you can load up on a better **SELECTION OF DVDS** at the Greenwich Library for free? Be sure to check out the "staff picks" in the online archive. [Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Avenue; \(203\) 622-7900; greenwichlibrary.org](#)



Free love may no longer exist, but **FREE YOGA** does. Hop into Lululemon on Sundays for a class on the house. With the cash you'll save on a gym membership, you can splurge on yoga pants that magically make your tush look better (they custom hem them for free, too). [Lululemon, 151 Greenwich Avenue; \(203\) 622-5046; lululemon.com/greenwich](#)

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If you've been doing more **STARGAZING** at local hotspots than at the actual sky, set your sights on Bowman Observatory, run by the Astronomical Society of Greenwich. On the second and fourth Tuesday of every month as well as for special celestial events (weather permitting), admission is free. [Bowman Observatory is located at the Julian Curtiss Elementary School on Milbank Avenue and East Elm Street; \(203\) 413-6762; seocom.com/asg](#)

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When another Friday night parked on the couch just won't cut it, head to the Cole Auditorium at Greenwich Library at 8 p.m. for their **FRIENDS FRIDAY FILMS SERIES**—you'll see little-known films by Woody Allen and Martin Scorsese. Oscar-winning greats and foreign flicks that you won't mind "reading." [Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Avenue; \(203\) 622-7900; greenwichlibrary.org](#)

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While the term "Splash after-hours" might conjure up a post-college trip to Ibiza, it's actually a deal being offered at the eponymous **CAR WASH**, which will charge you only \$5 for an exterior wash between 6 and 8 p.m. [Splash, 625 West Putnam Avenue; \(203\) 531-4497; splashcarwashes.com](#)



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We know you love your accountant like a brother, but if you're in the mood to toss your cash elsewhere, like, say, Barbados, you can get **FREE TAX HELP** during tax season (starting in February on Mondays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.) at the Greenwich Library instead. Side note: The Library also offers free career counseling with a career coach who provides training on an Internet-and-workstation outfitted bus on the second Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–3 p.m. outside the West Putnam Avenue entrance. [Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Avenue; \(203\) 622-7900; greenwichlibrary.org](#)

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[FAST FACT]

**Move Over, Hamptons! Back in the day, Greenwich was a hopping resort community where New Yorkers summured at places like the Shorehame Club, Ye Old Greenwich Inn and Homestead Hall (now the Homestead Inn). The Edgewood Inn boasted a nine-hole golf course, barbershop, tennis courts, bowling alley and a clubhouse called the "casino" that was a hot spot on the nightlife scene.**

## Town Trivia

Think you know this area like the back of your hand? Test your Greenwich I.Q. (Answers on page 76.)

### 56

Which of these streets is the longest?  
a. Round Hill Road  
b. Lake Avenue  
c. North Street

### 57

Greenwich is the \_\_\_\_\_ oldest town in Connecticut.  
a. 2nd  
b. 8th  
c. 10th

### 58

How many nationally registered landmarks does Greenwich have?  
a. 42  
b. 28  
c. 16

### 59

How many square miles is Greenwich?  
a. 50.6  
b. 60.6  
c. 70.6

### 60

Which American president and Yale graduate attended the Greenwich Country Day School?  
a. George H.W. Bush  
b. William Howard Taft  
c. Gerald Ford

### 61

How much did a holiday turkey cost in Greenwich in 1930?  
a. \$.80 cents/lb  
b. \$.37 cents/lb  
c. \$.25 cents/lb



[FAST FACT]

**Did you know that Greenwich Academy, the oldest girls' school in Connecticut, used to be coed when it was founded back in 1826 on Putnam Avenue? It later became all-girls like the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Rosemary Hall (which moved back to its original location in Wallingford to merge with Choate) and Misses Ely's School on North Street (which burned down and was never rebuilt).**

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Which of the following driving speeds could get you pulled over by a sheriff on Putnam Avenue in 1905?  
a. 18 mph  
b. 35 mph  
c. 23 mph

### 63

Which famous couple of the 1950s was married at a private club in Greenwich?  
a. Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball  
b. Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward  
c. Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall

### 64

How many places of worship are in Greenwich?  
a. 18  
b. 37  
c. 29

### 65

Long before J.Crew landed on the Avenue, which of these Greenwich standbys occupied its prime corner spot?  
a. Greenwich Drug Store  
b. F. W. Woolworth  
c. D. W. Rogers

### 66

Which coastal club can boast honors as being founded first?  
a. Indian Harbor Yacht Club  
b. Riverside Yacht Club  
c. Belle Haven Club

### 67

In 1640, Greenwich was purchased from the local Siwanoy tribe in exchange for 25 of what?  
a. cattle  
b. coats  
c. ships

### 68

How many languages are spoken at Greenwich High School?  
a. 35  
b. 25  
c. 16

### 69

What image does the original Greenwich town flag have on it?  
a. A ship  
b. A general  
c. A church spire

### 70

What activities have been suspended in Greenwich in past years to protect the safety of town residents?  
a. Swimming at Greenwich Point  
b. Sale of Powerball tickets  
c. Ice-skating at Binney Park

### 71

Which Greenwich institution has led numerous lives, living in both the Board of Education Building as well as Town Hall?  
a. Greenwich Library  
b. Greenwich Hospital  
c. Greenwich High School

### 72

What was the average cost of a home in Greenwich in 1978?  
a. \$100,000  
b. \$350,000  
c. \$525,000

### 73

How many weekday trains operate daily between Greenwich and New York City?  
a. 45  
b. 78  
c. 121

### 74

How did Cos Cob get its name?  
a. from a settler's mispronounced nickname  
b. from the abundance of cornfields on the land  
c. from Captain Cobb's naval victory in the war

### 75

What famously crashed through the front window of what is now the Ginger Man restaurant in 1989?  
a. a tractor  
b. a deer  
c. a set of golf clubs



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## Town Trivia Answers

### 56 b. Lake Avenue

Lake Avenue is 7.76 miles long; North Street is 7.51 miles long and Round Hill Road is 6.26 miles long.

### 57 c. 10th

Windsor is the oldest.

### 58 b. 28

### 59 a. 50.6

### 60 a. George H.W. Bush

Bush also met Barbara Pierce (later Bush) at a Christmas dance at the Round Hill Club.

### 61 b. 37 cents/lb

A twelve-pound organic turkey would set you back \$47.88 today at Whole Foods, versus \$4.44 then.

### 62 c. 23 mph

For this speed violation, citizens needed to fork over \$5.

### 63 a. Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball

Lucy and Desi tied the knot in 1940 at the Byram River Beagle Club, then known as a dining club, and prior to that a speakeasy.

### 64 b. 37

### 65 a. The Greenwich Drug Store

Longtime residents fondly remember the Greenwich Drug Store as a Norman Rockwellesque gathering place for kids and off-duty police officers alike, where ice cream sodas were made the old-fashioned way, and they had the best burgers in town.

CLOCK BY BOB CAPAZZO

### 66 b. Riverside Yacht Club

To be fair, Riverside is only one year older (f.1888) than both the Indian Harbor and Belle Haven clubs (f.1889).

### 67 b. coats

At that time, Greenwich Point ("Monakewaygo") was also secured for Elizabeth Feake, wife of Greenwich purchaser Robert Feake, and was briefly renamed Elizabeth's Neck (now Tod's Point).

### 68 a. 35

### 69 b. A general

The flag has a white and green field with a town seal, which illustrates the escape of General Israel Putnam and was designed in 1963.

### 70 All of them

A near \$300 million jackpots in 1998 and 2001 created a frenzy from New Yorkers buying tickets in Greenwich, prompting local officials to request a one-day suspension. Option C is suspended indefinitely.

### 71 c. Greenwich High School

Greenwich High School occupied the Town Hall building until 1970.

### 72 a. \$100,000

At press time, the average cost of a home in Greenwich is \$1,158,700.

### 73 c. 121

### 74 a. from a settler's mispronounced nickname

Cos Cob was originally named after English settler John Coe, who built a rocky sea wall (known as a "cob") to protect the shoreline. People would go down to "Coe's Cob." Eventually people dropped the "e" and apostrophe.

### 75 b. a deer

The restaurant was then known as Lotus East, and Bambi had not made reservations.

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