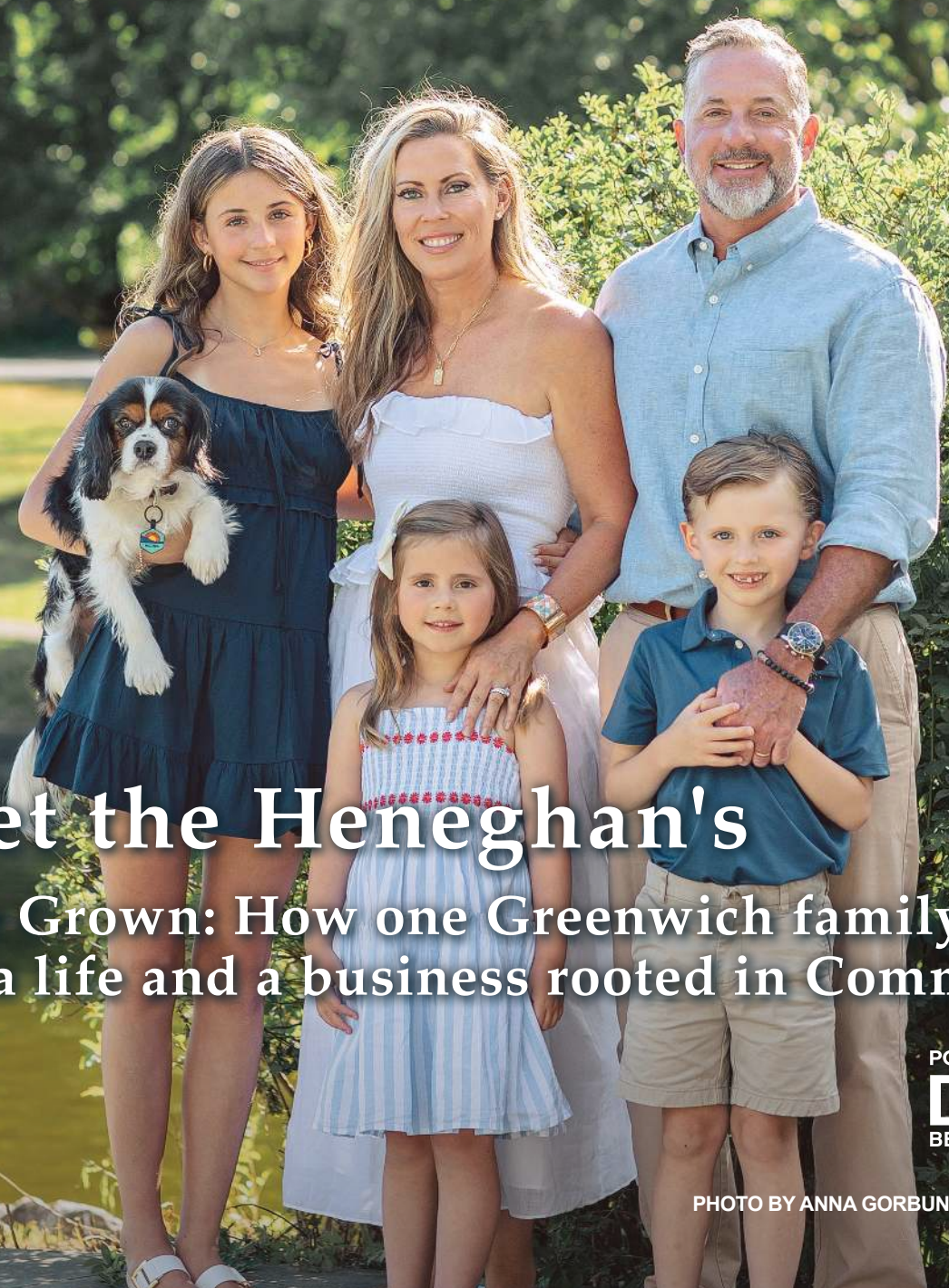


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Letter to Residents

August always arrives with that unmistakable mix of long golden evenings and the gentle reminder that summer is beginning its slow fade. But even as we savor these last warm weeks, this issue is packed with inspiration for great fall trips you can start planning now — including a charming feature on the Heneghans, whose family adventures might spark a few of your own.

Stacy and Frank Heneghan and their beautiful family, who share a deep commitment to community. Frank, a Greenwich native, returned after a decade in Fairfield, inspired by lifelong friendships and a sense of belonging. Stacy, originally from San Diego, found her home in Riverside and seamlessly merged her passion for fine jewelry with family life. Married in 2018, they now run Connecticut Gutter together while raising their four children: Benjamin, Jamie, Greyson, and Samantha.

We extend a warm welcome to our new partner; Castallana Auto Body located in nearby Stamford. Their team specializes in comprehensive repairs for all makes and models, from modern sedans to classic cars. They handle every step of the process, from working with your insurance company to managing your claim. They can also assist with arranging a rental vehicle, making your experience as smooth and stress-free as possible.

Around town, Greenwich is buzzing with late-summer energy: garden gatherings, outdoor concerts, community meetups, and a few can't-miss seasonal events that make August one of the most vibrant months of the year. Mark your calendars for the Greenwich Dahlia Society's meeting on Tuesday, August 4th at the Greenwich Botanical Center. This open-to-all meeting will provide a seasonal update, including a photo share of top-performing dahlias and exciting news about the upcoming Dazzling Dahlia Show. As the month progresses, don't miss the high-energy performance by Marc Berger and Ride on Wednesday, August 12th, at 7 PM at Sherman Baldwin Park. Their blend of American roots, folk, and Western-inspired storytelling is sure to deliver a dynamic show that captivates the spirit of wide-open landscapes. For a cozy outdoor movie night, join us on Friday, August 14th, at the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center for a screening of "Goat" at 6:45 PM, with the film starting at dusk. Bring your family and friends, along with blankets or lawn chairs, to enjoy an evening under the stars, complete with light refreshments and pre-movie entertainment.

To keep the mood going, we've pulled together an end-of-summer music playlist perfect for beach days, backyard dinners, and those final sunset sails. You'll also find book picks to carry you into fall and a spotlight on one of our new advertisers (TBD), whose local presence adds something fresh to the neighborhood.

Here's to soaking up every last bit of summer while looking forward to everything ahead!

Wishing you the best of a wonderful summer and looking ahead to a fantastic fall!

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Easing Your Child's First-Day-of-School Anxiety

By Rose Alexander



There's something so special about sending your child off to elementary school for the first time. Regardless of whether they've attended daycare in the past or this is their first time away from you, making the shift to being a student is a big transition that can come with its share of anxiety. Here are some tips to help the process go as smoothly as possible.

Foster A Love Of Learning From Birth

Even years before school officially begins, you can create a household that values education and learning. Read to your children every day. Talk to them about their special interests and give them opportunities to cultivate them. Focus on educational crafts and activities, and as school draws closer, hype up how exciting it is that they'll finally get to go. When the time comes, you may find you have a harder time getting them home than getting them out the door!

Bring your child to early orientation

It will really help if the official first day of school isn't the first time your child sees their new kindergarten classroom. Many schools host orientation days for both parents and students where they introduce the classroom, show your child where they'll be sitting and where to put their backpack, and give a sneak peak at the kinds of lessons and activities they'll be doing during the year. This is also an opportunity to meet other students and maybe make a few friends, so they won't feel as alone when school starts.

Make a ritual out of buying school supplies

As a young student myself, one of my favorite things to do around the end of August was stock up on school supplies. There's just something about fresh binders and brand-new colored pencils that made me very happy. Your school will have surely sent you a list of supplies, but within that, there's plenty of room for your child to choose things for themselves. What color notebook do they want? What backpack do they like best? This gives them a sense of agency and control. You can also have them choose a new outfit and lay it out specially for that first day.

Establish a routine in advance

About a week before school begins, start off your mornings with whatever the routine will be during the school year. Make sure your child wakes up at the right time, and have them get dressed, eat breakfast and collect all their supplies. By the time they have to do it for real, you'll have hopefully worked out all the kinks. This trick works for older students as well – especially any teenagers who have gotten into the habit of sleeping late over the summer.

Ease into the transition gently

For many children, heading off to school for the first time is the first moment of real change in their entire lives. It's understandable that this can cause stress and anxiety, and it helps to minimize the amount of shocking change coming at them all at once. If work and childcare allow, you might consider only half-day kindergarten. Rather than having your child take the bus for the first time at the same time as starting school, walk or drive them there instead, at least in the beginning. The more you can ease them into it with a sense of understanding and compassion, the easier this change will be.

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Meet the Heneghan's

Home Grown: How one Greenwich family built a life and a business rooted in Community

By Jennifer Ruchin | Photos by Anna Gorbunova Photography

Meet the Heneghan family: Stacy (47), Frank (49), and their four children, Benjamin (21), Jamie (13), Greyson (6), and Samantha (5). "Family is at the center of everything we do," Stacy says, "and spending time together is what we value most." It's a sentiment that, once you hear their story, turns out to be the thread connecting all of it: two very different upbringings, two very different career paths, and a business built side by side that neither of them saw coming.

There's a particular kind of homecoming that only makes sense in hindsight. For Frank, it came after a decade away, a thriving business in Fairfield, and a young family of his own, and it arrived in the unmistakable form of Greenwich, pulling him back. "After college, I thought I was leaving Greenwich behind for good," Frank admits. He moved to Fairfield, built a life there, and spent about a decade happily growing his business and raising his family. But, as he puts it, "life has a funny way of bringing you back to where you belong."

About 10 years ago, Frank decided to move back to Greenwich. Looking back, Frank says it was unquestionably the right call. "My closest friends are here, much of my family is here, and many of the clients and relationships that have shaped

my career are here as well," he says. "There's a strong sense of community and connection in Greenwich that's hard to replicate anywhere else." Being able to raise his own children in the same town that shaped him, he says, has been one of the most meaningful parts of coming home.

Roots That Run Deep

Frank is the oldest of three siblings, and all of them built lasting friendships and deep ties throughout town as they grew up. Family, he says, has always been central to who he is, and few people embody that more than his mother, known to most of Greenwich simply as Dorothy but always called 'Nana' by their family.

Dorothy has owned and operated Pat-A-Cake Playschool in Byram for more than 20 years, and her reputation precedes her wherever she goes. "You can't go anywhere in town with my mom without someone stopping to say hello, share a story, or tell her how much she meant to their family," Frank says. It's the kind of multigenerational presence that turns a town into a hometown, and it's a thread that runs straight through Frank's own story.

"(STACY) IS MY SOUNDING BOARD, MY CORNER PERSON, MY TRUSTED ADVISOR, AND, WHEN NECESSARY, MY FIERCEST DEFENDER," FRANK SAYS. "SHE COMPLEMENTS MY WEAKNESSES, AMPLIFIES MY STRENGTHS, AND HAS BEEN AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF EVERY SUCCESS WE'VE ACHIEVED."

– FRANK HENEGHAN

That thread first took shape when Frank's family moved to Greenwich when he was nine years old. The years that followed, he says, were some of the most carefree and memorable of his life. "We were incredibly active kids, involved in sports and seemingly endless extracurricular activities all over town," he recalls. "It felt like there wasn't a corner of Greenwich we didn't explore."

He and his siblings spent countless hours at the parks and ball fields, rode bikes up and down the streets and alleys around Greenwich Avenue, and practically lived at Tod's Point every summer. On weekends, they wandered the woods of the Ernest Thompson Seton Reservation in Glenville, the same trails where Frank would go on to earn his Eagle Scout rank.

"Looking back, it feels like no stone was left unturned," he says. "Those years gave me a deep connection to the community and the outdoors." For Frank, that sense of freedom, adventure, and belonging is still at the heart of what "home" means, and it's part of why returning to Greenwich felt less like a relocation and more like a homecoming.

From San Diego to Riverside

Unlike Frank's local upbringing, Stacy's journey to Greenwich followed a much different trajectory. She grew up in San Diego, and her move east happened in stages; first at 18, then again at 26, when she landed in Rye. That was a decade ago. Now 47, she laughs that Riverside has become home in a way she never expected: "I love being able to walk to everything," she says of the neighborhood she and Frank have settled into with their family.

Before the business, before Frank, Stacy built a career in fine jewelry, and it's a world she still loves enough to keep one foot in. Every Tuesday, she works part-time at Woodrow Jewelers, a

shop she describes with real affection. "It's a big family there," she says. "Two brothers own it, and they know everyone. The owners have deep connections in Rye, and one of those brothers got married at Wainwright House in Rye". What keeps her coming back, she says, is the people. "My favorite part is the customers, it's such a family, neighborhood-oriented place." Over the years, she's gotten to know the designers that fill the cases: Buccellati, Roberto Coin, Marco Bicego, Breitling, Tiffany & Co., Baume & Mercier, Shinola, Swiss Army. It's a craft built on precision, relationships, and trust, qualities that, as it turns out, translate directly into the business she'd eventually help run.

An Unlikely Partnership, Built to Last

Stacy and Frank met in 2015 and married in 2018. Not long after, in January 2017, Stacy started working alongside her new husband at his company, Connecticut Gutter. It was a decision that surprised even her. "When he first asked me, I loved being in the jewelry store," she admits. "But I knew this was my for-



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ever person." Family business, family life, soon the two became inseparable.

Frank had launched Connecticut Gutter back in 2003. "If I'm being honest, I've had my foot on the gas ever since," he says with a laugh. What started as one man's ambition has since grown into something far bigger, and much of that growth, Frank is quick to point out, has Stacy's fingerprints all over it. "Early on, Stacy recognized my passion, ambition, and relentless drive," he says. "She brought an elegance, balance, and level-headed perspective that rounded out many of my rough edges." Together, the two shared a vision of what was possible and committed themselves fully to building it.

It's a partnership made all the more interesting by the differences in their professional starting points. Stacy spent years in fine jewelry, while Frank cut his teeth in exterior home improvement and drainage solutions, two worlds that, on paper, have almost nothing in common. "We work side by side

running a business together now," the couple shares, "which was never something either of us imagined when we first met." Yet those different backgrounds turned out to be exactly what the business needed: an eye for detail and relationships paired with relentless drive."

What began two decades ago as Connecticut Gutter LLC has since grown into a family of companies under Heneghan Home Services Corporation, which includes Connecticut Gutter, Connecticut Stormwater Authority, Greenwich Mason and Greenwich Roofs, serving a long list of loyal clients throughout Greenwich and beyond. "We have a following and a ton of reviews," Stacy says proudly. Connecticut Gutter provides expert gutter installation, repair, cleaning, and maintenance services designed to protect homes from water damage. The expansion into stormwater management came directly out of necessity on the job. "You put up a gutter, and then you realize you have no idea what's happening with the drainage," she explains. This need to fill the gap became Connecticut Stormwater Authority, which specializes in stormwater management solutions, drainage systems, erosion control, and water mitigation services to help property owners effectively manage runoff and preserve their investments—a woman-owned endeavor, as Stacy notes. "I learned this all hands-on, and it opened the door for me." Frank runs the drainage side of the business, while Stacy, who took over as estimator two years ago after the company parted ways with its previous estimator, also helps coordinate the field team. Additionally, Greenwich Mason is a full-service masonry division working heavily in patios, walls and driveways. And Greenwich Roofs offer professional roofing services, including roof replacements, repairs, inspections, maintenance, and exterior restoration to ensure long-lasting protection and curb appeal. At Heneghan Home Services, our mission is simple: to deliver trusted solutions that safeguard our clients' homes and businesses through quality workmanship, innovative practices, and a dedication to long-term relationships.

Through it all, Frank is careful to note that none of it happened in a vacuum. "No one builds something meaningful alone. It truly takes a village," he says. Their team, he explains, is made up of hand-selected people who are exceptional in their own right, but Stacy, in his words, has always been the glue that holds it all together. "She's my sounding board, my corner person, my trusted advisor, and, when necessary, my fiercest defender," Frank says. "She complements my weaknesses, amplifies my strengths, and has been an indispensable part of every success we've achieved."

Looking back on the decision to build a business and a life together, Frank doesn't hesitate. "We saw an opportunity, seized it, and never looked back," he says. It was one of the best decisions we ever made."

A Full House

Between them, Frank and Stacy are raising four children, each at a different stage of life. Benjamin, 21, is Stacy's oldest and a student at Elon, with one year left before he graduates early. Jamie, 13, is Frank's daughter and keeps a packed schedule of sports and after-school activities, including lacrosse and field hockey. Stacy says, "Sports have always been an important part of our family." Frank played Division 1 rugby while attending UConn and continued competing for rugby clubs into his early 30s. He has maintained a lifelong passion for athletics and fitness. Today, he shares that love of sports with our younger children, who will participate in rugby programs this fall. We believe sports help teach teamwork, confidence, discipline, and perseverance."





The youngest two, Greyson, 6, and Samantha, 5, are also athletic, mom notes. "Greyson and Samantha both play tennis at the Old Greenwich Racquet Club and are members of the swim team at Greenwich Water Club." The two are just starting their own school journeys this year, with Greyson entering first grade and Samantha starting kindergarten.

While Stacy admits being an older mom to her younger two comes with its own learning curve, she's thoughtful about screen time and gaming in a way she might not have been a decade earlier and she wouldn't trade the perspective it's given her. She also deeply values being part of a blended family. "My kids adore him," she says of watching Benjamin and his younger siblings together, a houseful of ages and stages that somehow always finds its way back to the dinner table, usually over hamburgers. She happily states, "Each of our children has qualities that make me incredibly proud. Benjamin is creative, driven, and committed to his future. Jamie is determined, compassionate, and excels both academically and athletically. Greyson is remarkably intelligent, kind, and thoughtful beyond his years. Samantha has the sweetest heart and always thinks of the people she loves. Watching each of them grow into their own unique person has been one of the greatest joys of my life."

A Family Story, Still Being Written

What emerges from the Heneghans' story isn't just a tale of entrepreneurial success, but a portrait of a family whose roots in Greenwich, Riverside, and even San Diego have grown together into something distinctly their own. From Dorothy's



decades at Pat-A-Cake Playschool to Frank's own childhood adventures around town, the company they've built together from a single gutter business into Heneghan Home Services and its suite of business brands, it's a family whose work and home life have grown up around each other.

Their professional success is closely tied to their personal devotion, as their business is the main way they support and nurture their family's growth.

"My family is my greatest motivation," Stacy reveals, "Everything I do is driven by my desire to provide opportunities for them, support their dreams, and create a strong foundation for their future. Seeing my children grow, learn, and pursue their goals inspires me every day and reminds me why hard work and dedication are so important."

This drive to build a foundation for their family ultimately creates a broader legacy that extends into the community they call home. It's a reminder that the things that make a place feel like home rarely change. The parks, the friendships, the sense that someone always knows your name. What changes is who's carrying that legacy forward, and how many more names get added to the table along the way. For the Heneghans, that legacy is very much alive; in business, in their four kids, and in a community that continues to feel like family. We are proud to call them our Neighbors.

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Fall Into the Season

Three perfect autumn escapes – close enough for a long weekend, far enough to feel like a world away

By Jennifer Ruchin

Yes, it's August, and while we are enjoying our last month of summer, with all the beautiful beach days it has to offer, fall may seem a long way off. It's never too early to book a memorable Fall Weekend away to shake off those end-of-summer blues. Before we know it, we are experiencing that brilliant window each autumn when the light turns golden, the air carries the first real chill of the year, and the urge to simply go somewhere becomes irresistible. We did some research, asking people about their experiences, and we arrived at three destinations, each within a few hours of home, that deliver peak-season color, exceptional food, and the kind of unhurried days that remind you what weekends are supposed to feel like.

The Berkshires, Massachusetts

Stay at: **Blantyre**, a grand Gilded Age manor in Lenox that feels like a country estate transplanted from the English countryside. Set on 110 acres of manicured grounds ablaze with fall color, it is one of New England's finest small luxury hotels.

Your day: Rise early and drive the Mohawk Trail, one of America's oldest scenic byways, where the hairpin turns reveal sweeping panoramas of the valley below, best seen before 9 a.m., before the crowds arrive. By mid-morning, make your way to Stockbridge to walk the village green and browse the **Norman Rockwell Museum**, whose grounds rival the galleries in autumn beauty. Lunch at Once Upon a Table in Stockbridge a cozy bistro tucked into a Mews alley before spending the afternoon at the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, where the meadow trail behind the building offers one of the most quietly spectacular fall walks in the region. End the evening at **Nudel** in Lenox, a farm-to-table gem where the menu is dictated entirely by what is at the market that morning.



Woodstock, Vermont

Stay at: **The Woodstock Inn & Resort**, anchoring the village green of what may be New England's most photogenic town. With its wide porches, fireplaces in every common room, and a spa that feels purpose-built for October, it is the quintessential fall base camp.

Your day: Start with apple cider donuts and a warm cup at the **Woodstock Farmer's Market** before heading to **Billings Farm & Museum**, a working 19th-century dairy farm where you can watch cider pressing and wander fields lined with sugar maples at peak color. After lunch at **The Prince and the Pauper**, where an order the rack of lamb is a must, then

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lace up and hike the Suicide Six trail for ridge-line views of the Ottauquechee River Valley. Back in the village by late afternoon, browse the independent shops along Elm Street, then settle in for the evening at the inn's Richardson's Tavern, where a Vermont cheese board and a local draft beside the fire is an entirely sufficient plan for the rest of the night.

Hudson Valley, New York

Stay at: **Mirbeau Inn & Spa** in Skaneateles, or closer to home, the **Beekman Arms** in Rhinebeck America's oldest continuously operating inn, dating to 1766, with low ceilings, wide-plank floors, and a fireplace in the tap room that has been burning since before the Revolution.

Your day: Begin at **Greig Farm** in Red Hook, a 300-acre working farm with an outstanding apple orchard and a mar-

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The Heirloom Kitchen:

Crafting Your Family Cookbook

By Erin Roelke

Whether it's that secret sauce or a comforting dessert, every family has that one special dish. Often, these recipes aren't found in a book but live in the memories of our relatives as a "pinch of this" or a "dash of that." Taking the time to document these treasures and turn them into a formal family cookbook is a rewarding project that ensures your history stays on the menu for generations to come.

The first step in creating your cookbook is a recording session. Ask your relative to cook the dish while you write notes or record on video. When they reach for a handful of flour or a splash of vinegar, ask them to pause so you can measure the amount in a standard cup or spoon.

If you or your relatives have old, handwritten cards from previous generations, bring them along to compare how the notes differ from how the recipe is made today. This is a great way to start a conversation and tell stories.

Create Your Family Keepsake

Once you have the technical details down, it's time to assemble the book. You could design and decorate your own pages or simply find a pre-made cookbook template online to print.

If you prefer a hands-on or custom approach, try these creative methods:

- **Handwritten & Scanned:** Have family members write recipes on matching cardstock for a personal touch. Scan them to compile digitally, or keep the physical originals.
- **The Scrapbook Method:** Use a blank binder or album. Paste printed recipes onto patterned paper and accent them with photos, stickers, or original handwritten notes from previous generations.
- **A Binder with Sheet Protectors:** Type and print your pages on standard paper, then slide them into plastic protectors inside a three-ring binder. This keeps the design simple while protecting pages from kitchen spills!

Add Photographs: Include photos of the completed dishes or, better yet, add pictures of your relatives in the kitchen. Photos are a wonderful way to look back on special moments shared with loved ones.

Include Personal Prompts: Much like a gratitude journal, you can add notes next to recipes, such as "I am thankful I get to make this because..." to guide the reader through the family's emotional connection to the food.

Share the Love: Once finished, gift copies to other family members. Making your own books of appreciation is a fun way to spread kindness and touch the hearts of others.

Taking time to reflect on these traditions can inspire us to stay connected with our roots throughout the year. By writing it down today, you ensure that the flavors of the past remain a vibrant part of your family's future.





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August

Saturdays in August, 9:30 am–1 pm

Greenwich Farmers Market (Weekly Farmers Market)

2 Horseneck Lane, Greenwich, CT

Greenwich's longtime outdoor market brings Two Guys Making Pizza on the last Saturday of each month, including August 29, alongside its regular roster of local produce and food vendors. Located at the Arch Street/Horseneck Lane commuter lot.

Saturday, August 1, 2–3:30 pm

Experiences at the Bruce: Fragments: The Musical Milieu of Georges Braque

1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT

A collaborative performance with Divaria Productions marking the conclusion of the exhibition Georges Braque: Tactile Space. This curated program explores the intersection of Braque's artistry and music, featuring works that influenced the artist, compositions he inspired, and pieces dedicated to his legacy. The event showcases acclaimed international opera performers, including baritone Daniel Sutin and soprano Ashley Galvani Bell, with accompaniment by pianist Steven Eldredge and guest artist Karl Kessler, violist.

Cost: Tickets are \$16 for members and \$20 for non-members. Registration is required.

Sunday, August 2, 1:00–2:00pm

Fred Elser First Sunday Science

Floren Family Environmental Center, Innis Arden Cottage, Greenwich Point Park, Old Greenwich, CT

A free, family-friendly science talk hosted by the Bruce Museum at its Seaside Center is held on the first Sunday of every month. No museum or beach pass required if attending just this program.

Tuesday, August 4th, 5:30-6:30pm

Greenwich Dahlia Society Meeting, Offered in Partnership with Greenwich Dahlia Society, Horticulture Building, Greenwich Botanical Center

130 Bible Street, Cos Cob, CT

A Greenwich Dahlia Society-partnered program at the Botanical Center, part of its ongoing monthly series leading up to the fall Dazzling Dahlia Show.

Get a quick seasonal update from the Greenwich Dahlia Society, including a photo share of top-performing dahlias and news on the upcoming Dazzling Dahlia Show. This informal, open-to-all meeting offers friendly knowledge-sharing, and registrations support GDS operations.

Cost: Free for GDS members • \$25 for GBC members • \$40 for non-members

Monday, August 10th 5:00–8:30 PM

Running Start Volunteer Night

YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT

Spend one evening making a meaningful impact on a local child's life. Volunteers are paired one-on-one with a child to shop for back-to-school clothing and supplies—no special experience needed. The evening includes a pizza party, a group bus ride to Kohl's, and guided shopping together. All logistics are handled by YMCA staff; volunteers participate as a group from start to finish. Volunteers may sign up for one or multiple nights throughout the summer.

Wednesday August 12th, 7pm

Marc Berger and Ride - American Roots Music

Sherman Baldwin Park

Marc Berger & Ride brings a high-energy blend of American roots, folk, and Western-inspired storytelling to the stage. Their performances are known for vivid, cinematic songs that capture the spirit of wide-open landscapes and rugged Americana. Expect a dynamic, soulful show that feels both timeless and refreshingly original.

Friday, August 14, 6:45pm (movie starts at dusk)

Goat

Outdoors at the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center "Goat" is a special outdoor movie screening taking place at the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center on Friday, August 14, 2026, at 6:45 PM, with the film starting at dusk. Attendees are encouraged to bring family, friends, blankets, or lawn chairs to enjoy the evening. The event will feature light refreshments, pre-movie entertainment including music and lawn games, and the option to move indoors if the weather doesn't cooperate. It's a perfect way to enjoy a community gathering under the stars! Bring family, friends, a blanket or lawn chairs

Light refreshments provided

Pre-movie entertainment: music and lawn games

Weather depending, the movie may be moved indoors.

Sunday, August 30th, 1:00–5:00pm

ACG CT & ACG NY Summer Polo Match — "Summer Wind Down"

Greenwich Polo Club, 1 Hurlingham Drive, Greenwich, CT

A private/business networking event hosted by the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) at Greenwich Polo Club, combining a field-side cabana experience with live championship-level polo to close out the summer season.

Sunday, August 20th Gates 1:00pm, match 3:00–5:00pm

Greenwich Polo Club Sunday Public Matches

1 Hurlingham Drive, Greenwich, CT

Greenwich's storied polo club continues its public Sunday matches through the summer at the exclusive Conyers Farm grounds, with food trucks, a "shopping village," and general admission tickets available to the public.

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Summer Book Recommendations

Provided by Alison Relyea

The Watershed Literary Festival, a weekend-long event held every two years in Rye, brings together readers and writers to explore ideas and spark imagination. This festival was started by a group of local women, and between festivals, we read, network, and meet with writers across a variety of genres.

Thank you to Greenwich Neighbors for inviting us, the founders of the Watershed, to offer book recommendations. For the month of July, we are featuring a mix of fiction and nonfiction. Whether you enjoy history, romance, memoir, or contemporary fiction, we have a summer read for you.

Since the festival in September 2025, a few Watershed authors have published new books and are receiving praise and recognition from critics and readers alike.

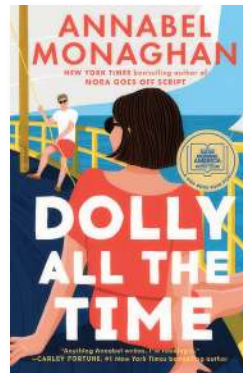
Dolly All the Time

Annabel Monaghan

Fiction, Romance

Dolly Brick has never met a problem she couldn't solve. Not when her mom left when she was twelve, and not at thirty-nine when she moves with her son back to Whitfield, Rhode Island, for the summer to keep her dad and brother from losing the family home.

So when she comes across Stewart Whitfield—annoyingly handsome scion of the Whitfield family—with a flat tire and at the wrong end of a very public, very humiliating breakup, it's in her nature to help. But Stewart's proposed arrangement ends up being more than either of them bargained for, because as public dinners and high-society benefits turn into sunset boat rides and kisses that hit her bloodstream like a ghost pepper, Dolly starts to feel something more than helpful. She's never relied on anyone besides herself—can she really start now?



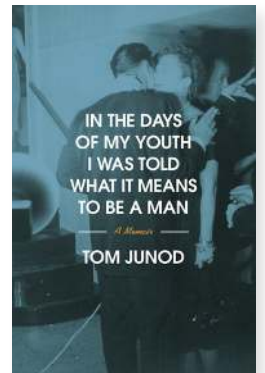
In the Days of My Youth I Was Told What It Means to Be a Man: A Memoir

Tom Junod

Nonfiction

Big Lou Junod dominated every room he entered. He worshipped the sun and the sea, his own bronzed body, Frank Sinatra, and beautiful women. He was a successful traveling handbag salesman who carried himself like a celebrity.

He'd return from the road with stories of going to nightclubs where the stars—Ava Gardner, maybe Liz Taylor—“couldn't keep their eyes off . . . your father.” He had countless affairs and didn't do much to hide them. In *In the Days of My Youth I Was Told What It Means to Be a Man* is an intensely emotional detective story powered by a series of cascading revelations. The book is a triumph of bravura writing; it is a tale of a son reckoning with the consequences of his father's life, and in the end, the story of the son's redemption.



Dreamt I Found You: A Novel

Jimin Han

Fiction

When Dahee Shin was nine years old, she made a promise to protect her favorite cousin, Channing, who has always been like a sister to her. Now, at thirty, Dahee has found herself in a Korean American community in a New England beach town, once more running to the rescue of her debt-ridden relative. Ever the idealist, Channing—who has spent her life haunted by the tragic story of Chunhyang and Mongryong, Korea's parallel Romeo & Juliet—has fallen in love with Minjae Oh, all the while fending off the advances of powerful, manipulative Kent Cho, a local politician. As Channing and Minjae's romance blossoms, and as Kent's suspicion and obsession grow, Dahee begins to realize that it may be up to her to make sure her cousin and beloved escape Chunhyang and Mongryong's doomed end.



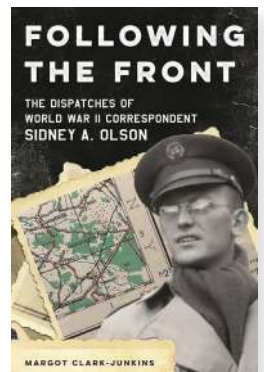
In honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States on July 4th, 2026, we have two selections that focus on untold stories of American history.

Following the Front: The Dispatches of World War II Correspondent Sidney A. Olson

By Margot Clark-Junkins

Nonfiction

Following the Front is a compilation of WWII dispatches written by Sidney A. Olson for TIME and LIFE magazines, 1944-1945. Olson, who joined Time Inc. in 1939 and served as a senior editor there, asked to be assigned overseas as a war correspondent. In mid-December, 1944, he received his accreditation from the War Department and sailed for London. Attached to the European Theater of Operations (ETO), Olson followed the Allied Forces as they pushed the Nazis back into Germany. He typed up his reports and cabled them to his editors in New York. Following the front meant being on the move constantly. In late January,



Olson made his way to Paris, flew to Brussels, then drove to the battlefield in Holland. From that time forward, he never really stopped moving. He would race ahead and circle back, hopping from one military division to the next, gradually making his way across Germany and into Austria. His dispatches illustrate--line by line, battle by battle--the extraordinary Allied effort to defeat Hitler.

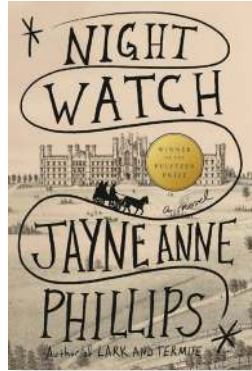
Night Watch

Jayne Anne Phillips

Historical Fiction

In 1874, in the wake of the Civil War, twelve-year-old ConaLee finds herself on a journey with her mother, Eliza, who hasn't spoken in more than a year. They arrive at the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in West Virginia, delivered to the hospital's entrance by a war veteran who has forced himself into their world.

There, far from family and the mountain home they knew, they try to reclaim their lives. The omnipresent vagaries of war and race rise to the surface as their story unfolds in the highest mountain ridges of western Virginia. The family is haunted by the disappearance of ConaLee's father, who left for the War and never returned. Meanwhile, in the asylum, they begin to find a new path. ConaLee pretends to be her mother's maid; Eliza responds slowly to treatment. They get swept up in the life of the facility--the mysterious man they call the Night Watch and the other characters who shape their life at the institution.



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