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Newsletter of the Greenwich Riding & Trails Association

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Spring 2016

## Save the Dates!

### Trail Clean-up

Sunday, May 1st

Nichols Preserve

9:30 AM



### Dogwood Ride, Catered Lunch & Petting Zoo

Saturday, May 7th

Sabine Farm, Greenwich

Riders Up 8:30 AM



### Annual Greenwich Horse Show

### & Elegant Tented Luncheon

Sunday, June 12th

Milliken Property,

Pierson Drive



Pre-registration required for all events.

Printable entry forms and payment

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[www.thegrta.org](http://www.thegrta.org)

Yes, it's true—a 100 years ago, trails were cleared for fox hunting, ways to get to the meets, and then simply, for trail riding. So it's understandable that the "Riding & Trails" part of our name may make you think that we are only about horses.

Times have changed, however, and the GRTA has evolved into much, much more! We are an organization dedicated to preserving, protecting, and promoting open space. And, we've found it's a wonderful way of bringing the community together. I guess word has gotten around, as the majority of our supporters and friends are non-riders.

All of which leads me to invite you to visit our spectacular 96-acre Nichols Preserve, which was given to us by



The Nature Conservancy (TNC) many years ago. There are meadows, ponds, forest areas, birds, wildlife, walking and riding trails – a most beautiful preserve. All are most welcome!

Also, please save the date, **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, for the highlight of our spring season -- our fabulous, and most elegant, tented luncheon at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Greenwich Horse Show. Not only is there gorgeous food, some unusual silent auction items in a really fun environment, but you can comfortably see the horses compete from your table, ringside to the show. Invitations to follow, but for more information, please visit us at [www.thegrta.org](http://www.thegrta.org). Hope to see you there!

*Happy spring!!*

*Anita Keefe, President*

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promote the tradition of horseback  
riding for future generations.*



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TRAILS REPORT

The Winter weather has basically been kind. Diego left his snow shoes home this time.

Since early November, Diego as cleared all the trails west of Paddock Drive, in the Babcock Preserve, and on the Triebeck property between Burying Hill and Close roads. He had a very tough time with the excessively deep, rotted woodchips on our trail off Burying Hill Rd. He worked on a new trail between Milliken and Dwight Lane, but it is not yet complete. He cleared the trails around the Round Hill Club and the cemetery. There were troubles near Nordholm and in Sussman, Round Hill Road and Sterling Drive. The Molly Cook trails, center of our system, were cleaned. He removed many years of growth of saplings in one of the Harris fields off Farms Road. He policed before, and is now perfecting, the whole Dogwood Ride course both sides of Round Hill Road near Sabine Farm. He fixed some tree issues at the Nichols Preserve. He also found a few downed trees on the Pace course area after the mini wind storm a few weeks ago. Diego fully policed and removed trees in the Stallion Trails area between North Street and Taconic, and he did the same in the area north of South Stanwich Rd. A trail across from Kelsey Farm needed work and there was tree trouble in Conyers. The Mooreland Road area trails needed work. He resurrected a trail and installed a short bridge near Tod Lane off Howard Road.

The system overall is in good shape. No hurricanes please. If you see anything, please let me know.

Thanks, Rusty Parker

Volunteers Needed!!

Saturday, June 11th, to set up for the Greenwich Horse Show, which will be held on June 12th.

Volunteers are needed at the Milliken Property, 39 Pierson Drive, on Saturday, June 11th from 8:30AM - 5:30 and anytime on Sunday during the show. All types of jobs are available — setting up tables and decorating for the luncheon; and setting up fences, putting silk flowers in the flower boxes, etc. for the show.

Also, Horse Show Committee Members needed, please contact Lisa at lisabaileycassidy@gmail.com or call her at 203-661-2134.

Many thanks for your help!



Calendar of Events 2016

TRAIL CLEAN-UP  
Sunday, May 1st  
9:30 AM  
Nichols Preserve

DOGWOOD RIDE & PETTING ZOO  
Saturday, May 7th  
Sabine Farm, Greenwich  
Riders up,@ 8:30 AM.  
Catered lunch @ 12:00 – 2:00PM  
Vicky Skouras: 203/661-8951 or  
VVGS27@aol.com

95<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GREENWICH HORSE  
SHOW &  
ELEGANT TENTED LUNCHEON  
Sunday, June 12th  
Milliken Property,  
Pierson Drive, Greenwich  
Lisa Bailey Cassidy  
203-337-6477 or  
lisabaileycassidy@gmail.com

DAY IN THE COUNTRY  
HORSE SHOW  
Sunday, September 25th  
Milliken Property

STESONS & STILETTOS PARTY  
Saturday, October 1st  
Private Residence  
Kate Stoupas kstoupas@msn

HUNTER PACE  
Sunday, October 9th

ANNUAL DINNER  
Thursday, January 13, 2017  
Location TBD

Riding restrictions  
Seton Reservation (Boy Scouts)

July 1 — August 31  
Riding on weekends only!  
Closed weekdays — Camp in session.

September 1 — June 30  
Riding weekdays only & Sunday after 12 noon.

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Bits & Pieces —

Fly Spray Application - Using a nylon mesh bath puff with a long handle to apply fly spray can rub it in nicely after applying it on the horse with the bottle. You can also spray the puff directly to apply to ears, cheeks and other hard-to-reach places. It is soft to the touch, easy to clean and doesn't soak up the fly spray like cloth does.

Shedding Aid -An effective shedding tool is to run your hands down your horse's legs with yellow kitchen gloved hands. The anti-slip surface on the gloves works to pull off lots of shedding hair, and the nimbleness of your fingers can allow you to shed out all of the small areas where a brush can't reach.

Drying Sponges - To keep mold from setting in on damp tack or other sponges, place them in a net bag from the drug store and hang them up to dry.

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