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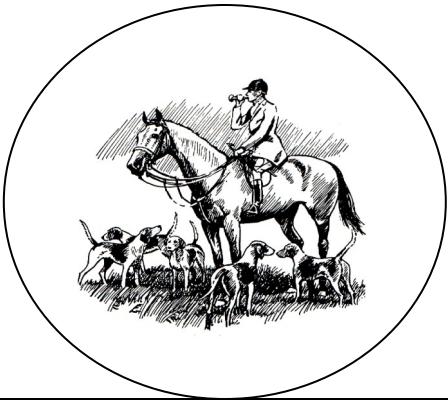
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Our mission is to preserve, protect and promote open space, historic trails and the tradition of horseback riding for future generations.



Newsletter of the Greenwich Riding & Trails Association

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Spring 2017

Save the Dates!

**TRAIL CLEAN-UP
& PICNIC
Saturday, April 29, 2017**

Clean-up starts at 9:30 AM at the
Nichols Preserve



**DOGWOOD RIDE &
CATERED LUNCHEON
Saturday, May 13th**

Sabine Farm, Greenwich
Riders Up 8:30 AM



**BARN TOUR
Monday, May 22nd**

Sand Swept Farm 9:00 AM



**ANNUAL GREENWICH
HORSE SHOW & ELEGANT
TENTED LUNCHEON
Sunday, June 11th**

Milliken Property, Pierson Drive



**SILVER HORSE BALL
October 7th**

Pre-registration required for all events.
Printable entry forms and payment
options also available on
www.thegrta.org.

Bee Happy ...

...Not only is it spring (so says the calendar, anyway), but we are taking delivery of 2 “packages” of bees at our Nichols Preserve in April. That’s one queen and 3,000 workers per “package”. Alas, all of our bees died last year – one from Colony Collapse Disorder, and the others from human or animal tampering.



We narrow our hive openings in winter, so that it’s less cold and rodents can’t get in. And, we leave them with substantial honey for food. Even so, it’s difficult for the bees to survive in this strange weather. They need to get out and forage in good weather, but it’s single file through the reduced opening, and they often die of hypothermia if they can’t get back in time. Or, if enough of them can’t get back to create sufficient heat for the rest to survive. Lucinda Harriss and Jenni Freedman are monitoring our progress, but we need a few more “Bee Angels” to help fund this effort. If you’d like to help, please send us a contribution, marked “Nichols Bees” — which is, of course, tax deductible.

Happy Spring!! *Anita Keefe*, President

TRAILS REPORT (before last snow storm)

With only two serious snow storms this winter, Diego has been able to do more good work on the trails in a sometimes bad season. He spent many days clearing trails north of Farms Road, one of the lesser used and more beautiful parts of our trail system, including the Blake Coleman Preserve behind Shulman's going close to Lion share Farm. Plus, he cleared the trails east and north of Barnhill Road off East Middle Patent Road and spent a few days cutting up trees and clearing at Nichols Preserve.

There was a few days of work with fallen trees and other issues on, and near, the Pace course as well as near the Keefe's and in Conyers Farm.

Easy Kelsey Merrow continues to do a great job creating new trails in the middle of our trail system - this time between Lake Avenue and Round Hill Road. More on them next time.

With the nice weather, Diego has done all the heavy lifting on the Dogwood Ride course and trails nearby. This includes Sabine Woods, Boys and Girls Club property, Round Hill Club trails, and the Boys Scouts property. All these contiguous areas are amazing, and the only ones south of the Parkway. We are looking forward to a lovely Dogwood Ride and luncheon on May 13th.

Diego has also taken many earned vacation days and attended to truck and machinery maintenance.

Thanks, *Rusty Parker*

Volunteers Needed!!

Saturday, June 10th, to set up for the Greenwich Horse Show, which will be held on June 11th.

Volunteers are needed at the Milliken Property, 39 Pierson Drive, on Saturday, June 10th from 8:30AM - 5:30 and anytime on Sunday during the show. All types of jobs are available — setting up for the luncheon; and for the show, setting up fences to putting silk flowers in the flower boxes, etc.

Also, Horse Show Committee Members needed, please contact Rosary@Murphybrothers.com or call her at 914-490-4758.

Many thanks for your help—we really need you!

Calendar of Events 2017

TRAIL CLEAN-UP & PICNIC

Saturday, April 29th

9:30 AM

Nichols Preserve

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DOGWOOD RIDE

Saturday, May 13th

Sabine Farm, Greenwich

Riders up, @ 8:30 AM.

Catered lunch @ 12:00 – 2:00PM

Contact Shelly Rose Lawrence

Shelly.rose@brmslic.com

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96th ANNUAL GREENWICH HORSE SHOW &

ELEGANT TENTED LUNCHEON

Sunday, June 11th

Milliken Property,

Pierson Drive, Greenwich

Lisa Bailey Cassidy

203-337-6477 or

lisabaileycassidy@gmail.com

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DAY IN THE COUNTRY HORSE SHOW

Sunday, September 24th

Milliken Property

Kelsey Merrow

Kelsey@kelseyJillette.com

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PATRON PARTY

Thursday, September 14th

Location TBD

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SILVER HORSE BALL

Friday, October 7th

Vvg.skouras@gmail.com

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HUNTER PACE

Sunday, October 8th

June Hill, Greenwich

Claire Reed clreed@yahoo.com

Entry forms at www.theGRTA.org

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Information at www.thegrta.org

Luncheon Tickets

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Join the GRTA for the
Greenwich Horse Show,
Hunter Derby &
Elegant Country Luncheon

Sunday June 11, 2017

The Milliken Estate
39 Pierson Drive, Greenwich, CT