



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

35

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

36

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](#)

37

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](#)

38

39

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](#)



40

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...

42



41

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](#)

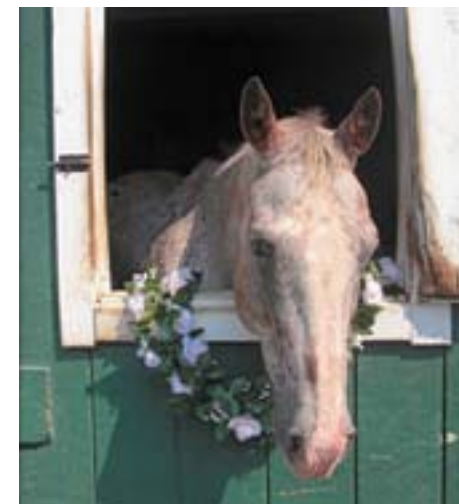
43

[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.

44

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](#)



46

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](#)

45

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](#)



47

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 »

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