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## LOCAL NEWS

### POCD UPDATE

The Town Council moved to accept the Plan of Conservation Development's (POCD) draft report on Wednesday, completing more than a year's work seeking input on what should be in the plan. The public will have 65 days to offer comments on the plan before the Planning and Zoning Commission for a final.

The POCD is a ten-year, state-mandated, planning document to guide growth and development in New Canaan.

### POLICE AND FIRE New Canaan Police Advise Package Security

To combat package theft, the New Canaan Police Department has recommended several preventive strategies. Residents are advised to ask delivery drivers to place packages in less visible areas, utilize Amazon Hubs for secure pickup locations, and enlist trusted neighbors to collect packages when they are not home. Furthermore, maintaining operational exterior cameras can aid in investigations if theft occurs. These measures aim to enhance the security of deliveries and reduce the risk of theft.

### Officers Mero and Barlosky Graduate Academy



On July 11, 2024, Officer Mero and Officer Barlosky graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy's 381st Training Session. They will now complete at least 400 hours of field training with the New Canaan Police Department before becoming Probationary Police Officers.

### Fire Safety Tips for Batteries

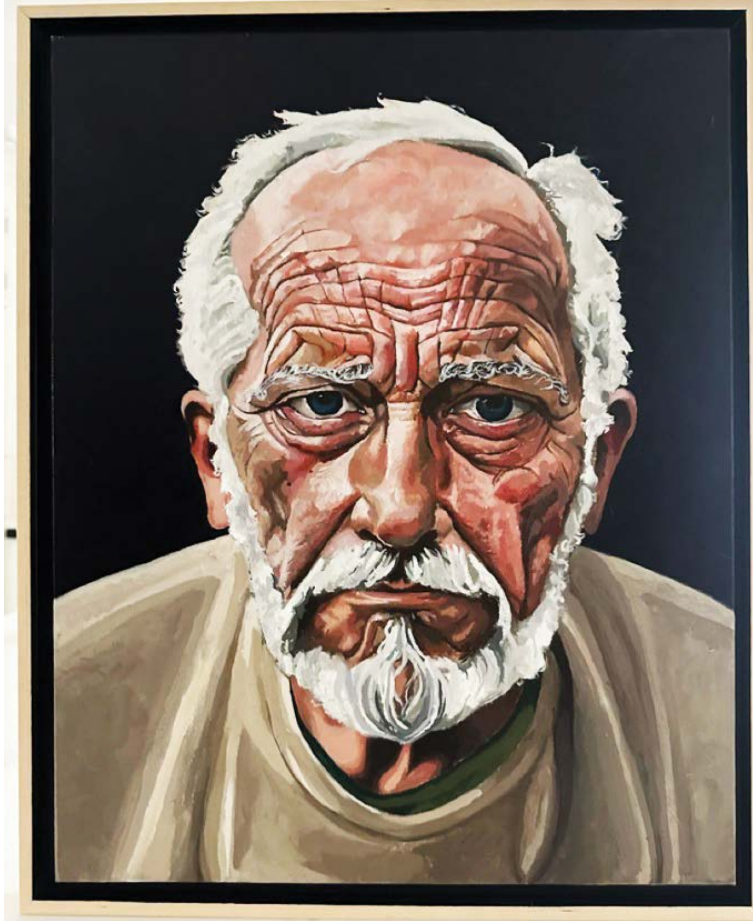
Fire Marshal Paul Payne is advising New Canaan residents on how to prevent lithium-ion battery fires, highlighting risks from mechanical, thermal, and electrical abuse. He stresses recognizing early signs of battery failure, such as excessive heat and decreased efficiency, and emphasizes the importance of proper disposal. Key tips include using the correct chargers, storing batteries safely, and keeping combustibles away from charging areas. For more information, please contact the Fire Marshal's office at 203-594-3030.

### Stamford Westhill Student Found Dead

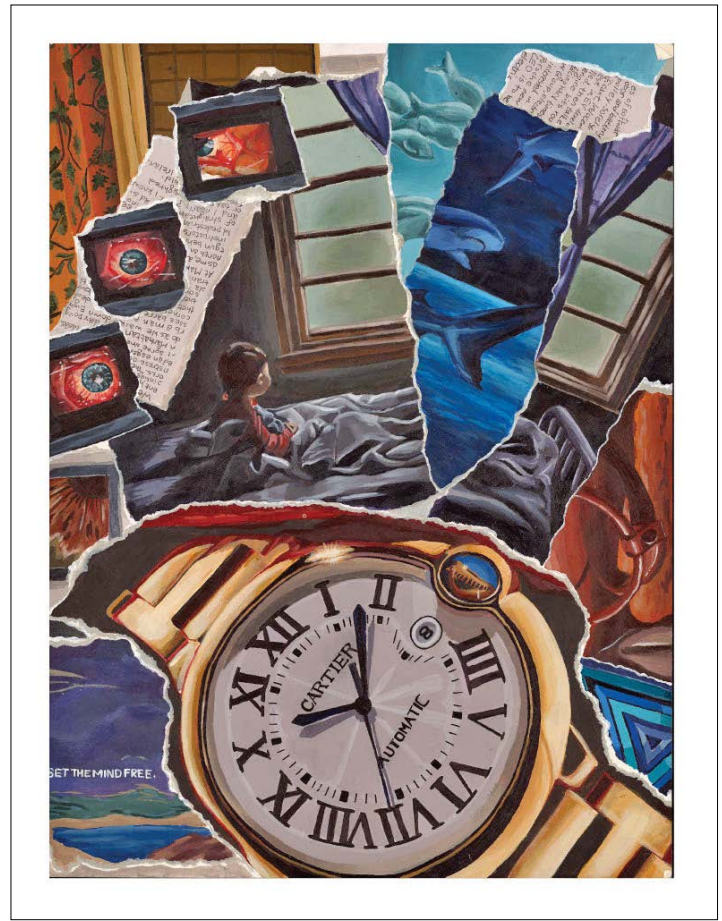
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Annie Meyer: Life Lines



Kailey Marti: Nostalgia

# Emerging Talents Shine in iCreate: A Showcase of Young Artistic Brilliance

By BETH BARHYDT

In a celebration of youthful creativity and artistic expression, the iCreate exhibition at the Bruce Museum in Greenwich has highlighted the remarkable talents of students from New Canaan.

From a pool of 850 submissions, the works of Ben Bognon, Kailey Marti, Amy Meng, and Annie Meyer stand out, each piece reflecting a profound personal narrative and exceptional skill.



Ben Bognon: A Journey Home

This year, the iCreate exhibition at the Bruce Museum features 60 artworks selected from over 850 submissions. These pieces were chosen by a panel of three distinguished judges from high schools in Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey, showcasing the exceptional talent and

creativity of the participating students.

Ben Bognon, an 11th grader from New Canaan High School, explores the theme of travel in his digital media piece, "Home Is Where the Heart Is." This artwork is part of his sustained investigation for his AP Art portfolio, where he seeks to capture the essence of exploration and its impact on his life. "By blending elements of traditional and digital media, I hope to create a dynamic and immersive visual narrative that celebrates the spirit of exploration and the profound impact that travel has had on my life," Ben explains. Using Procreate, he masterfully fused an image of his house with a human heart, illustrating the quote that inspired him. "No matter where life takes me or what I accomplish, this artwork will always remind me of my roots. The added pop of red symbolizes the warmth and acceptance of my hometown," he adds, emphasizing the piece's deep personal significance.

Kailey Marti, a senior at New Canaan High School, delves into the theme of nostalgia with her acrylic on board piece, aptly titled "Nostalgia." Created during her junior year as part of her AP Drawing portfolio, Kailey utilized a collage of images and patterns from magazines and newspapers to craft a surrealist painting. "I composed a collage of images and patterns I took from an array of magazines and newspapers, intending to create a surrealist painting that was reminiscent of sporadic flashing memories one will have



Amy Meng: School Stress

of their childhood from time to time," she explains. The result is a stunning visual that captures the fragmented, dream-like nature of memories. "This was really fun for me to work on, I took it with me on family vacations because I was so happy watching it turn out the way it did, and to this day it is one of the pieces I am most proud of," Kailey shares.

Amy Meng, another 11th grader from New Canaan High School, addresses a universal student experience in her scratchboard piece, "School Stress." Struggling to brainstorm for her AP Drawing class, Amy found inspiration in her own life. "I sat in my AP Drawing class, trying to brainstorm ideas for the

next piece in my sustained investigation about exploring emotions and experiences through distortion. It was November and on top of many looming deadlines, I still didn't have a sketch to present to my art teacher," she recalls. Her depiction of a student distorted by stress, with a chaotic left side and an organized right side, resonates with many. "The crumpled paper, with its unpredictable folds and creases, represents the stress and frustration of high school," Amy explains, highlighting the piece's thematic depth and her technical growth.

Annie Meyer, a 10th grader from St. Luke's School, captivates with her portraiture in "Life Lines." Her acrylic on canvas piece focuses on the human face as a window into one's soul. "I think there is something particularly captivating about the human face; a person's expressions reveal much about their internal emotions and experiences," Annie says. Her use of bold colors and shadows brings out the subject's character, with wrinkles and expressions telling a story of wisdom and life lived. "The title of this piece, 'Life Lines,' refers to both the wrinkles on the man's face and the man himself, a lifeline who carries wisdom and perspective through old age," she explains, showcasing her profound understanding of her subject.

These young artists have demonstrated their technical prowess as well as a deep introspection and narrative ability that speaks volumes about their potential.

### COLUMN

## The Rejection Coin



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

We are hard-wired to dislike rejection. We experience rejection in one of two ways: abandonment or criticism, two sides of the same coin. This rejection coin is what virtually every argument is about. We typically partner with someone triggered by the opposite side of the coin. Which side of the rejection coin triggers you more? Ask your spouse (or teen) the same question.

We sometimes experience abandonment as being "not heard, unimportant, not seen, not cared about, or invisible" and criticism as being "judged, belittled, and never good enough." People look at each other differently when they understand that no one likes the rejection coin. This is not pathology. It is our basic human desire to avoid abandonment and criticism.

Nicole chased Caleb into his home office when he avoided their difficult conversations. Nicole thought that Caleb was uncaring and insensitive. Caleb perceived Nicole as aggressive and demanding. When they realized that Caleb hated criticism and Nicole feared abandonment, Nicole learned to say things more gently and Caleb learned to stay present in the room. Seeing each other's sensitivities as opposite sides of the same coin enabled them to understand each other better in moments of stress.

Excerpted from Jill Woolworth's book, *The Waterwheel*, available at Diane's Books, Dogwood Bookstore, Amazon, and barnesandnoble.com. Jill is a therapist at the Center for Hope & Renewal.

### COLUMN by Julie O'Brien Deasy

## The Thimble Islands

**Question: Can you suggest some local attractions that would be good to visit this summer?**

Answer: We are continuing to highlight some fun local attractions to visit this summer, and this week's featured spot is the Thimble Islands in Branford.

The Thimble Islands are an archipelago off the coast of Connecticut in Long Island Sound, consisting of over 100 islands, 23 of which are inhabited.

First discovered in 1614 by Adrien Block, the islands were used for everything from farming to quarrying granite, from bootlegging to hiding Captain Kidd's treasure in 1665.

Now is a great time to make a day trip to explore the islands, as many of them are only open during the summer months. There are a few ways to visit this area.

Thimble Island Cruises has been running guided tours of the area for over 60 years. Their current 44' boat, *The Sea Mist*, has two observation decks for guests (one outside and one inside). Tours are usually 45 minutes and the Captains will share stories and information about many of the islands. The boat departs from the Stony Creek Dock in Branford.

For schedules and to purchase advance tickets (recommended

in the summer), visit [www.thimbleislandcruise.com](http://www.thimbleislandcruise.com).

If you prefer a more active way to see the islands, plan to visit Outer Island, the outermost of the Thimble Islands, and part of the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge. Outer Island includes granite outcropping, boulder and cobble beaches in the intertidal zone and two small salt marshes. The island hosts numerous bird species and other wildlife throughout the year. The refuge operates in partnership with Connecticut State University's Central and Southern campus faculty who coordinate educational and research activities.

The island is open for visitors daily from May 30 through September 25 each year. Individuals and families can visit during normal operational hours, 8:00 am to sunset, without a reservation.

There are several ways to get to Outer Island. Water taxis run from the main Branford dock for about \$15 per person (cash only). Visitors may also arrive by kayak or other motorless craft and beach their vessel in front of the education lab building.

For more information and details on visiting, see [www.outerisland.org](http://www.outerisland.org).

If you would like to have lunch or dinner in the area after your island visit, there are some good options right in Branford.

The Stony Creek Market is known for their gourmet breakfast and lunch sandwiches, salads, soups, and pizzas, both to-go and to stay.

Stony Creek Brewery offers lunch and dinner items like wood-fired pizzas, burgers, salads, and quesadillas plus a large variety of house-brewed beers and a dessert truck with rotating flavors of ice cream.

Lenny's has been serving house made chowders, lobsters, broiled and fried fish options, shellfish, and other seafood for over 50 years. Outdoor and indoor seating is offered.

Future columns will feature additional places to visit in our area. Let us know if you have a specific interest and we can make suggestions of places to visit this summer!

What do you want to know about living in New Canaan? Is there a resource you are looking for or something you need in our area? We want to hear from you! Send in your ideas or queries to [Julie@NewCanaanSentinel.com](mailto:Julie@NewCanaanSentinel.com) and your question may be featured in a future column.

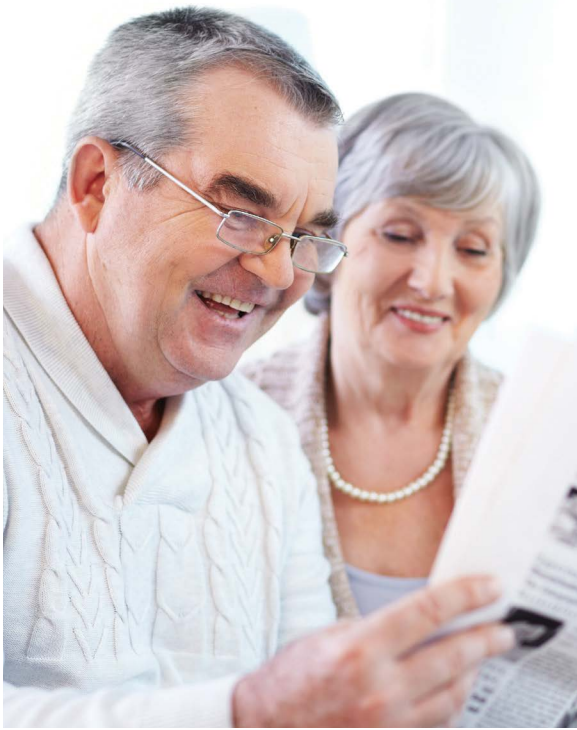


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# Connecticut's Stone Walls - An Archaeological Treasure

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

Those stone walls found about our town are a most distinctive feature, and they have a distinctive history, in fact layers of history tracing back to the last ice age! Here to tell that tale last Sunday was ecologist and climate change Professor Dr. Mitch Wagener of Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. "The ice ages are important for humans and also important for the story of the stone walls because we are the children of the ice ages."

Wagener is a captivating speaker, often referring to his academic years in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has spoken at the Bruce Museum once before which sponsors the Fred Elser Sunday Science lecture series held at the seaside center of Innis Arden Cottage at Greenwich Point.

"Now 16,000 years ago, Connecticut in general would've looked something like this." He shows a photo of Greenland - "We would be about a mile thick layer of ice... at the glacial maximum before the global climate changed and the ice began to melt in place... And when the glaciers began to melt, anything they carried or pushed stayed put. That's where the stones got here."

So that melting ice contained "a lot of pulverized rock called glacial flour because it's kind of the consistency of flour like you make bread from," he says. What might look muddy is "ground up rock." And then he shows a telling panorama titled "Primary Succession" that spells out how that bare rock-to-become stones eventually becomes buried underground. "And you see the beginning of a forest coming up through it."

"And if it's Connecticut, it's a forest, it's called Primary Succession," he tells. "But it takes hundreds of years for primary succession. Pine trees are actually mid succession here because pines seedlings need lots of sunlight to get started. And so gradually the pines are replaced by hardwood trees that can tolerate some shade and eventually get oak and hickory."

"So, as of 10,000 years ago the first Native Americans arrived...They moved around from location to location with the seasons and where the food resources were. And so therefore their houses were not permanent structures - they were able to move around

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to corn growing season, to fishing season, to whatever season it was."

"They did not have domestic animals. They didn't need to build obstructions to keep those animals out," he said. But "When the Europeans came, they were bringing their farm animals, their horses and goats and chickens and ducks and geese and sheep and cows. They also brought a culture that suggests expressing ownership of a

over the fence."

But "Later on, they realized that goats and sheep were pretty good at climbing stone fences, and so they had to come up with some new thing to discourage them." Wire rails were placed on the stone walls (barbed wire was yet to be invented). But then with time those small farmers realized, "They couldn't make much of a living on their small holding farms - they wanted to do other things."

of the farms were abandoned - and what happens is Secondary Succession and the trees come back."

"So that is where the stone walls came from," he concludes. "They were part of agricultural history early on and then became an impediment that was too hard to deal with. And so, the farmers went elsewhere to do other things."

Wagener had earlier shared a high-altitude photographic study of how many walls there are in Connecticut - "and it was 20,347 miles of stone walls which is about 33 feet per acre for the whole state." A U.S. Department of Agriculture estimate from a hundred years ago, he found to have "about



What Connecticut would have looked like after the glacier melted. Contributed photo.

property was to improve it in some fashion, and to improve that area meant building walls around it, so you know which part is yours and which parts are the next guy's over there."

So, there were a lot of tree felling to build those walls, and those houses. All fine for those British colonists "because the wood and the wood lots were owned only by the people of wealth back in Britain...So by 1776 during the American Revolution, the farmers found that they were running out of wood for warming their houses." But interestingly, continues Wagener, "after every spring frost, after the snows clear, they would find a field full of round stones as if Satan himself had deposited them to test the hearts of the righteous."

And so, "one of the jobs first thing in the spring was to go and pick up those stones and take them to the edge of the field. And so, the first stone walls, many of them were shaped like the wooden fences they replaced. They'd have like a snake rail stone fence only because you don't want to carry that stone any farther than you have to - you throw it



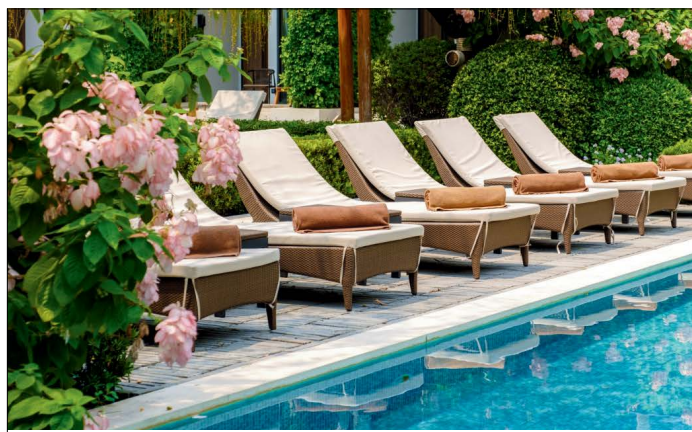
The early settlers utilizing found stones to mark off their farmland. Contributed photo.

And fancier stone walls were now surrounding churches and homes "because they look nicer than the ones that are out in the farm fields."

Add to those influences Cyrus McCormick's invention of a mechanical reaper used for harvesting wheat and other grass crops. "Stone wall constrained rectangles were too small...So if a farmer is going to continue to farm his area, he had to either take those stones somewhere else to open the fields or bury them...Or they could go out west and in the Ohio Valley where they had larger spaces without their walls, and so a lot

the same number."

He cites those stone walls as "archaeological - they'll be there for future archaeologists to find, and so they have an out-sized presence in our psyche." He confesses to having "collected a bunch of stones" and made his own "personal stone wall" in front of his house in Bethel. "I wasn't going to steal over people's stones," he notes. But whenever he's "digging around and doing gardening and stuff in the backyard" and "hits a nice big rock" he'll "put it aside. I figure I'm going to add it to my collection."



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# Paws and Purrs: Keeping Your Pets Cool and Healthy in Hot Weather

*It is vital to recognize the symptoms of heat-related illnesses in pets. Symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke include excessive panting, drooling, lethargy, vomiting, and collapse.*

BY ANNE WHITE

Pets, like humans, are susceptible to heat-related illnesses and require special care during periods of extreme heat.

#### Understanding the Risks

Pets can suffer from heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and dehydration. According to a study published in the Journal of Veterinary Emergency and

Critical Care, heat stroke is a severe and potentially fatal condition that can affect pets, particularly dogs, during hot weather.

#### Hydration: The Cornerstone of Pet Heat Safety

Maintaining proper hydration is crucial for pets in hot weather. Ensure pets have access to fresh water at all times. A study in the Journal of the American

Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA) emphasizes the importance of adequate water intake to prevent dehydration and heat-related illnesses in pets. Providing multiple water sources around the home and using pet water fountains can encourage pets to drink more. Cold or ice water in large quantities may not be healthy for animals. Better to stick with room temperature water.

#### Providing Shade & Cool Areas

Pets need access to shaded and cool areas, both indoors and outdoors. According to the Journal of Thermal Biology, providing shaded areas and cool surfaces can help pets regulate their body temperature more effectively. Ensure that outdoor kennels and runs have adequate shade, and consider using cooling mats or pads indoors.

#### Limiting Exercise

Exercise should be limited during peak heat hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to prevent overheating. Early morning or late evening walks are preferable. Exercising pets during cooler parts of the day reduces the risk of heat stress.

#### Cooling Strategies

Various cooling strategies can help keep pets comfortable.

Use fans, provide cool, damp towels for pets to lie on, and consider giving pets cool baths. The Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine highlights the effectiveness of these methods in lowering body temperature and preventing heat-related illnesses in pets.

#### Diet and Nutrition

Feeding pets smaller, more frequent meals can aid in digestion and reduce body heat. A diet rich in water-dense foods can also help keep pets hydrated.

#### Recognizing Heat-Related Illnesses in Pets

It is vital to recognize the symptoms of heat-related illnesses in pets. Symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke include excessive panting, drooling, lethargy, vomiting, and

collapse. Immediate veterinary attention is required if heat stroke is suspected.

#### Special Considerations for Different Pets

Different pets have varying needs during hot weather. Brachycephalic breeds (e.g., Bulldogs, Pugs) are more prone to heat-related illnesses due to their short nasal passages.

Keeping pets healthy in hot weather requires a combination of proactive measures, including proper hydration, providing shade, limiting exercise, and utilizing cooling strategies. By understanding the risks and taking necessary precautions, pet owners can protect their pets from the adverse effects of extreme heat.



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COLUMN

# American Independence Changed the World

By FRANCIS AMBROGIO

This year, I spent another Independence Day away from home – this time, in Germany. Like anyone not at home, I missed family cookouts (my Army buddies from the South would go ballistic if I were to call anything that doesn't meet their stringent standards a "barbecue"), and I missed American fireworks and beer – actually, I take that back... German beer, on the whole, is superior. As someone who grew up in Greenwich, I missed the parades and the bunting, as well as the exciting Salute to Veterans that was part of our town's annual pageantry for so many years. But this longing is simply part of the life of a soldier, or really, anyone who is far from home.

That said, I spent this July 4th in a special way. The world is small, and with our modern technologies, it's even smaller. By chance, an old comrade of mine from my service in Korea was here in Germany. Mr. Yang, Sung-Sang, or "Joey," was the interpreter in our headquarters back then, and since his sister and her

family live in Germany, he visits a few times a year. Joey, who grew up in the United States for many years, served as an officer in the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, and now facilitates the day-to-day interactions between the Korean and American militaries, is a living, breathing link in the ROK-US alliance.

In my current assignment, I observe, coach, and train US, NATO, and Ukrainian troops. We create challenging, stressful, and realistic training scenarios to test them and help them improve their readiness for war. This training is the groundwork of our alliances and partnerships. The more ready our troops are, and the more seamlessly we are able to operate alongside one another, the more likely we will be able to prevent war – and if it were to break out, to win.

Given my current role, as well as the work I'd done with Joey, spending the 4th with Korean and German friends carried a unique resonance. We don't use the term "free

world" as much as we used to during the Cold War, but that idea still matters. For all of our differences, the US and the many nations it calls friends hold so, so much in common. On that foundation of values, we have built a world more free, open, and prosperous than any generation before us could possibly have imagined. I saw this in person on the 4th here in Germany, and I see it daily here, as I saw it when I was stationed in Korea.

It is easy for us – especially in the United States – to take this world and its benefits for granted. A few weeks ago, I road tripped across Lithuania with a rugby teammate from Greenwich High School. I could not help but notice, everywhere I looked, the Lithuanians' collective effort to move on from their country's past domination by Soviet Russia, and the tyranny, stagnation, and degeneration that came with it. Just walking down a street in Vilnius or Kaunas or any other city, or even driving through the countryside, the architecture

*My Independence Day this year was a direct result – on a personal level – of the world we and our allies have built.*

and the infrastructure speak to this effort – and loudly. New, shining buildings stand next to the proudly restored edifices of Lithuania's first independent period as a republic during the 1920s and 30s. Yet all around, one can see the crumbling detritus of the Soviets' shoddy construction. Roads and sidewalks are not simply fixed or maintained – they are completely ripped up and replaced, such as the Soviets' habit of making things of poor quality. Memorials to heroes who bravely fought for independence are ubiquitous, and perhaps the nation's most poignant commemoration is the almost haunting Hill of Crosses – a pilgrimage site where Lithuanians have prayed for their fallen who struggled against the



domination of Russian tsars, Nazi maniacs, and Soviet commissars. I myself have worked with Lithuanian soldiers – and they were, without question, some of the finest troopers I have ever encountered. As they put it: "We have bad neighbors." The Lithuanians, still relatively new members of the free world, certainly do not take it for granted.

My Independence Day this year was a direct result

– on a personal level – of the world we and our allies have built. Thanks to this world, an American Army officer and his old Korean comrade celebrated the United States' independence in Germany. It's worth noting that Germany was once our enemy not only in one, but two world wars – and now they are the closest of allies. No other great power in history has done what the United States has in helping defeated enemies rebuild, stand on their own two feet, and become friends. There is a reason that other countries want to be part of the free world. I was fortunate enough to celebrate our holiday here, far from home but among friends, and to reflect in real time on what we have built, and what we still stand for.

*Francis Ambrogio is a Cos Cob native who currently serves as a cavalry officer in the US Army. He graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 2015, and he is currently stationed in Bavaria, Germany. The opinions expressed are his own.*

## New Canaan's Spicy Addition

By ANNE WHITE

The Spice & Tea Exchange, a national chain known for its gourmet spices, loose-leaf teas, and custom blends, has opened a new franchise in the heart of New Canaan. Managed by local entrepreneurs John and Pam Robinson, this latest addition to the community began welcoming customers on May 10.

The journey to open The Spice & Tea Exchange in New Canaan began with a simple conversation. "We were talking, and we said, 'Why don't we open up a Spice and Tea Exchange by us?' I said, 'New Canaan.' "It had to be New Canaan," recalled John Robinson. The couple evaluated various locations but found New Canaan's community-oriented atmosphere and robust support for small businesses particularly compelling.

Pam Robinson emphasized the town's welcoming nature. "Between the people here and the town's support, it was clear that New Canaan was the perfect place. It's a community of entrepreneurs, and the town loves supporting

small businesses."

The Spice & Tea Exchange, founded in 2008 in St. Augustine, Florida, has grown to over 70 locations nationwide. The franchise offers a unique retail experience, featuring a vast selection of gourmet spices, teas, and exclusive hand-mixed blends. Each store encourages customers to explore and engage their senses with the aromatic selections.

Since its opening, the New Canaan store has quickly become a local favorite. The Robinsons hosted a private event for family and friends the night before their grand opening, ensuring everything was perfect for their first official day. The community's response has been overwhelmingly positive, with many regular customers already frequenting the shop.

Popular items at the New Canaan location include the Coastal blend, Vic's Garlic Fix, and Tuscan blend for spices. Tea enthusiasts particularly favor the Pomegranate Green, Marrakesh Mint, and the newly permanent Dragon Fruit blend. "We initially introduced the Dragon Fruit

blend as a summer special, but it became so popular that we decided to keep it year-round," Pam Robinson explained.

Demonstrating their commitment to the local business community, the Robinsons joined the New Canaan Chamber of Commerce even before opening their doors. They are eagerly preparing for the upcoming Sidewalk Sale, where they plan to offer exclusive iced teas and a refreshing matcha.

The Spice & Tea Exchange in New Canaan is not just a store but a community hub where customers can discover new flavors and enjoy personalized service. The Robinsons are considering extending their hours to better serve the community and have already seen success by staying open on holidays like the Fourth of July, attracting visitors who otherwise might not have had the chance to stop by.

As The Spice & Tea Exchange continues to thrive in New Canaan, it stands as a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit and the close-knit community

*The couple evaluated various locations but found New Canaan's community-oriented atmosphere and robust support for small businesses particularly compelling.*



The official ribbon cutting last week of the Spice and Tea Exchange. On hand were owners John and Pam Robinson, employees and First Selectman Dionna Carlson and Chamber of Commerce Director Laura Budd.

that defines this charming Connecticut town. Connecticut is home to two other locations of The Spice & Tea Exchange.

One is located in Mystic at 6 West Main Street, offering a wide selection of fine spices, handcrafted seasonings, and

teas. The other location can be found in Guilford at 80 Whitfield Street.



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# BCA Awards \$1.6 Million To Support Research

Breast Cancer Alliance, one of the most respected and influential breast cancer organizations in the United States, announced the 2024 recipients of its grants supporting innovative research, breast surgery fellowships and education and outreach, all to help improve survival rates and quality of life for those impacted by breast cancer. Since its founding, BCA has awarded nearly \$36 million in grants across the United States.

“Breast Cancer Alliance’s core mission is to improve survival rates and quality of life for those impacted by breast cancer through better prevention, early detection, treatment and cure,” said Yonni Wattenmaker, executive director, Breast Cancer Alliance. “The 2024 grant recipients have shown remarkable dedication to, and investments in, early-stage research, the training of exceptional breast surgeons, and the removal of barriers of access to education and care for underserved patients.”

BCA is driven to change the course of breast cancer through its three pronged, highly-focused mission: Provide research grants focused solely on funding pre-clinical research that drives breakthrough treatments; award fellowships for breast oncology

surgeons who improve outcomes; support the underserved in the region surrounding its headquarters with screening services, as early diagnoses make a significant and positive impact on survival rates and outcomes.

“We are so incredibly grateful to the individuals, organizations and corporations who believe in our mission and have provided us with the financial support that make these grants possible,” said Karen Colella, president, BCA Board of Directors. “As a small, private foundation, BCA holds itself to the highest standards with sourcing and distributing its funding. We are proud to have received and maintained GuideStar’s Platinum rating and Charity Navigator’s Four Star Charity rating, making us one of the highest-rated nonprofits associated with breast cancer research and treatment.”

## BCA’s 2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS:

### Young Investor Grant Recipients

This grant is meant for those at an early stage in their research career to help provide seed funding for the research required to apply for larger, longer term grants, often with the NIH.

Igor Bado, PhD, Mount Sinai, New York, NY, Deciphering

mechanisms and impact of miRNAome alterations in bone metastasis.

Steven Corsello, MD, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, Exploiting FOXA1 synthesis lethality to treat breast cancer.

Andrew Davis, MD, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, Improving outcomes with Traztuzamab Deruxtecan through innovative phase 1 trial with neratinib/biomarker analysis, Supported by Jane and Stuart Weitzman in memory of Irma Wallin

Sarah Olsen, PhD, Harvard University, Boston, MA, Mechanistic and functional characterization of DOTIL and Menin-ML chromatin complexes in estrogen receptor positive (ER+) breast cancer.

Polina Vaitsefeld, PhD, Rockefeller University, New York, NY, Immune modulation of tumor microenvironment in breast cancer by targeting CD40 with immune checkpoints/tumor antigens.

Emma Watson, PhD, University of Massachusetts Chan School of Medicine, Worcester, MA, Aneuploidy associated metabolic vulnerabilities in breast cancer, Deborah G. Black Memorial Research Grant

*Breast Cancer Alliance’s core mission is to improve survival rates and quality of life for those impacted by breast cancer through better prevention, early detection, treatment and cure.*

### Exceptional Project Grant Recipients

This award recognizes creative, unique and innovative research by clinical doctors and research scientists at institutions throughout the contiguous United States.

Pooja Advani, PhD, Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL, Targeting de novo lipogenesis to enhance immunotherapy in triple negative breast cancer.

Andrew Elia, PhD, Harvard University, Boston, MA, Targeting DNA replication defects in homologous recombination-deficient breast cancer.

Thordur Oskarsson, PhD, Moffit Cancer Center, Tampa, FL, Targeting novel mediators of chemotherapy resistance in dormant breast cancer.

### Breast Surgery Fellowship Recipients

These fellowships are awarded to Society of Surgical Oncology-accredited institutions

located in New York, New Jersey or Connecticut.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Solange Bayard, MD, MS, New York, NY, Gabelli Family Foundation Fellowship

Mt. Sinai, Erika King, MD, New York, NY, Supported by Kubtec

Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, Larissa M. Pamen, MD, New Brunswick, NJ, Rodkin Family Breast Surgery Fellowship

Yale University, Sarah K. Merkel, MD, New Haven, CT, Gary and Stacia Smith Grant

### Screening and Support Services Grant Recipients

The grants are awarded to providers that provide patient navigation or conduct screening and diagnostic breast cancer services for the underserved, including mammograms, biopsies, ultrasounds and MRIs.

Cancer Support Community of NY and CT at Gilda’s Club, White Plains, NY

Cancer Support Team, Purchase, NY

Danbury Hospital/New Milford Hospital, New Milford, CT, Paula L. Banwell Memorial Grant

Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich

Hartford Hospital, Hartford

Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain

Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center, Middletown

Norma F. Pfriem Breast Cancer Center/Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, Mitchell Family

Norwalk Hospital, Norwalk

Open Door Family Medical Center, Port Chester, NY

Stamford Hospital, Stamford

St. Vincent’s Hospital, Bridgeport

White Plains Hospital, White Plains, NY

More information about these grants and BCA’s can be found at <https://breastcanceralliance.org/what-we-fund>

# Lithium-ion Batteries Thermal Runaway

Lithium-ion batteries have provided us an alternative energy solution for 50 years. They are used to power cell phones, laptops, power tool, personal mobility (bikes, wheelchairs, scooters), uninterrupted power supplies, and electric vehicles. As long as these batteries are treated properly, they will continue to provide a convenient energy source.

The problems with the batteries occur when they fail. The battery goes into the state

of thermal runaway. Thermal runaway is an uncontrollable self-heating of the battery cells. The process creates high temperatures, releases flammable/toxic gases, and potentially causes explosions of the cells. This phenomenon can ignite nearby combustibles, ultimately causing a larger fire in one’s home or place of business.

The causes of battery failure are mechanical, thermal, or electrical abuse. Mechanical damage can occur from

dropping or puncturing the batteries. Thermal damage can occur if the battery is exposed to extreme hot or cold temperatures. Electrical abuse occurs when a non-compatible charger is used or the battery is overcharged.

Some early symptoms of battery failure are a change in the efficiency of the battery or the battery becomes very hot during charging. The device will take more time to charge, may not even get to a full charge, or will not be operating as long.

The device will be hot to the touch, especially towards the end of the charging cycle. Once the batteries are no longer viable dispose of them properly. The Town of New Canaan accepts lithium ion batteries, they should be put in the electronics section. Do not put the batteries in the trash or general recycling and do not pile them on top of each other.

### TIPS FOR TO PREVENT FIRES

- Always follow manufacturer’s

instructions for proper use

- Only use the battery and charging cord that is designed for the device you are using

- Keep combustibles away from charging or fully charged batteries. (they need to dissipate heat)

- Remove batteries from the charger when fully charged

- Store batteries in a cool, dry place. Do not allow batteries to freely roll around in the “junk

draw” where they can contact metal items and short out.

- Inspect batteries for cracks, bulging, hissing noises, or odors.

- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.

- Charge your e-bike in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids and tripping hazards. Make sure the bike is not at risk of falling over when charging



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## Commerce

As the warm days of July unfold, New Canaan prepares for one of its most cherished summer traditions: the Village Fair and Sidewalk Sale. Scheduled for Friday, July 19th, and Saturday, July 20th, this annual event promises a delightful blend of shopping, entertainment, and community spirit.

### Sidewalk Sales Kicking Off Today!

The New Canaan Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Executive Director Laura Budd, has once again orchestrated an event that highlights the vibrancy and charm of our town. Laura Budd's dedication to fostering a thriving business environment is evident in the meticulous planning and enthusiastic participation of local retailers and vendors.

This year's sidewalk sales kick off on Friday with New Canaan's local merchants showcasing their wares on the sidewalks, offering early bird shoppers a chance to snag the best deals. On Saturday, the event expands as Elm, Main, and Forest Streets transform into a bustling pedestrian mall, featuring over 100 vendors from across Fairfield County. This transformation not only provides a safe and enjoyable shopping experience but also enhances the festive atmosphere with live music, food trucks, and family-friendly entertainment.

Notable participating retailers include Elm Street Books, The Linen Shop, Vineyard Vines, Groove, J. McLaughlin, and Walter Stewart's Market. These local businesses, along with many others, contribute to the event's success by offering special discounts and exclusive items.

Highlights of the weekend include performances by the School of Rock and the Town Band, ensuring a lively backdrop as visitors explore the various stalls. The New Canaan YMCA will host a family entertainment area, adding to the fun for attendees of all ages. Even Santa Claus will make a special summer appearance, adding a whimsical touch to the festivities.

The New Canaan Chamber of Commerce deserves high praise for its continued efforts in organizing events that not only boost local commerce but also strengthen the community bond. Laura Budd's leadership has been instrumental in these endeavors, ensuring that New Canaan remains a vibrant and welcoming place for residents and visitors alike.

So mark your calendars, gather your family and friends, and head downtown this weekend to experience the best of New Canaan. The Village Fair and Sidewalk Sale is more than just a shopping event; it's a celebration of community, collaboration, and the unique charm that defines our town.

For more information and a complete list of participating vendors, visit the New Canaan Chamber of Commerce website. Let's come together to support our local businesses and enjoy a weekend filled with bargains, entertainment, and community spirit.

# Editorial Page

LETTER

## Our Crumbling Infrastructure & Lack Of Updates

To the Editor of the New Canaan Sentinel,

For as long as you launched your paper, you & your journalists have done a pretty decent job of covering updates on everything from who's running for town offices, to town finances & taxes, and other general topics, but very little has been written on the subject of New Canaan's infrastructure that seems to have been almost forgotten. Here are my concerns & callouts.

The roads, i.e., Elm Street, Forest & Pine Street to mention just a few are in terrible shape and are basically an eye sore - and now even Norwalk's & Stamford's roads are in better condition. Imagine that. And now that the water & gas lines have been dug up and completed, these roads have been left with numerous patches and potholes, with no hope of being smoothed over.

And just as frustrating, when it seems that all of the digging is over, here comes new trenches, uneven road surfaces and bumps on Elm Street and on Rte 123 @ Little Brook Road after some of

these roads have been resurfaced. How is it these new projects pop up all of sudden or are not scheduled with all the others before everything is smoothed over? It seems like the planning department should have a better master plan than just leaving it up to whomever needs to add something. And when is the bump on Rte 123 going to get filled in?

And finally - what's with the little square holes/ patches that are up & down South Avenue? This roadway was finally looking pretty decent and now this.

Knowing that, can you pin down the folks in Town Hall or the Highway Department or in Planning for some updates on these and let us know what's going on & when we can expect our roads to be resurfaced?

Thank you,  
Joe Berta

SUBMITTED

## Inclusive Together: Committed to Advancing Neurodiversity & Inclusive Communities

Inclusive Together, formerly known as The Rosy Road, announces its relaunch with a strengthened commitment.

Under its new name and mission, Inclusive Together will continue its efforts to raise awareness, provide support services for families navigating special education and therapy options, ensure inclusive places and spaces, and offer inclusive community opportunities.

"We are proud to reintroduce Inclusive Together, dedicated to inclusivity and acceptance," said Lauren Tarzia, Founder and President. "Our focus remains on encouraging communities to learn how to connect & embrace neurodivergent kids & adults giving them a chance to thrive."

To learn more about Inclusive Together, please visit [www.inclusive2gether.com](http://www.inclusive2gether.com).

LETTER

## CERT New Canaan Appreciation ACME Store



CERT New Canaan Board member Kevin McIntosh receives water bottles from Nancy Layman ACME Store supervisor to refresh the 22 CERT volunteers who aided the NCPD at the recent Family 4th celebration in Waveny Park. In addition to the water, ACME supplied sandwiches, chips, cookies & pickles. Acme has been a supporter of the Family 4th event for several years by providing CERT with food and refreshment at this annual event. CERT New Canaan and the New Canaan community appreciates the efforts of the entire ACME Store team.

Kevin McIntosh

## Pollinator Pathways at Edgehill



Edgehill residents Cristine Munroe, Irene Fischl and Kay Minton help release butterflies into Edgehill's chemical-free pollinator garden after a lecture at the community.

Meadowscaping, tapestry lawns, grassland—whatever the name, people everywhere are creating pollinator gardens and gaining appreciation for their vital role in our ecosystem. At Edgehill, a continuing care retirement community in Stamford, residents have been on a mission to combat the decline of vital pollinator species, such as bees and butterflies.

The Grounds Committee at Edgehill, comprised of

landscape-minded residents, spent much of last year's gardening season transforming a meadow into a pollinator haven. Inspired by an article about pollinator pathways, chairman and Edgehill resident Jean May created an opportunity to enhance the community's already impressive garden spaces.

Resident Laura Godown is a volunteer at Mill River Park. She faced off against invasive mugwort that had overrun

Edgehill's meadow. Two years ago, targeted herbicide treatment cleared the way for native grasses and wildflowers to thrive.

Now, bright orange asclepias (butterfly weed) and purple monarda (bee balm) fill the meadow, attracting bees and other pollinators. With the help of local high school students, the Grounds Committee has meticulously cleared areas by hand and planted hundreds of pollinator-friendly plants. They

even ordered a special blend of meadow grass, along with seeds for daisies, black-eyed Susans and asters, ensuring a colorful and textured landscape throughout the season.

The meadow's appearance evolves with the seasons, delighting both residents and passersby. But the true joy comes from witnessing the garden's impact on pollinators. As Godown explains, "The garden creates a chemical-free zone where native insects and bees can thrive. Seeing bees swarming the asclepias and spotting monarch butterflies brings a sense of fulfillment, knowing they are creating vital habitat for native species."

Edgehill's pollinator garden is a beautiful space—a testament to the community's dedication to preserving biodiversity and fostering a healthier environment. As residents continue on this mission, they take great pride in their accomplishment, witnessing more bees and butterflies gracing the community meadows, and looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labor continue to blossom.

## Free Summer Weekends at The Bruce for Kids

Join us at the Bruce Museum for our Summer Adventure Weekends!

From now until September 8, 2024, children under 18 are FREE on weekends. They can discover, explore, and learn through various exhibitions and fun educational activities every Saturday and Sunday.

Bring the whole family and make the most of these summer weekends at the Bruce Museum, 'Where Art Meets Science.'

Spread the word and share your weekend photos at the Bruce!



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## COLUMN

# It's a Big World Out There



By ICY FRANTZ

"It's summer!" holler the hydrangeas gazing at me from the side of our home - or at least that is what I hear when I encounter their beautiful blues, precious pinks, and wholesome whites.

This year they have arrived in abundance.

That was not the case last summer. I remember waiting patiently for their buds to transform, which happened quietly and sparingly, as if they were considering taking a season off.

And I am sure there is some scientific reason for this, or maybe I did not prune correctly or adequately reinforce the soil. I don't know.

I would like to think that hydrangeas, like us, need time off to recharge and refuel so that they can come back stronger, more vibrant, and more beautiful.

I have just returned from my own time off - a week away - and I highly recommend it.

To be honest, I am not much of a vacationer. I am a homebody, which may sound boring, but simply stated means - I like to be home.

I like my routine, my cats luxuriously lounging across the keyboard at my computer, and my dogs nudging me to throw a ball from the back porch.

I like to climb into my own bed at night

with my electric heating pad - even when it's 90 degrees and my daily conversations with Pete our postman. And I like to make my coffee exactly the way I like it, and then drink it from my favorite mug.

And if I am being completely honest, being at home feels safe. Flying makes me nervous, changing time zones is exhausting, the logistics of travel are frustrating, and packing and unpacking - and then packing and unpacking, and then packing and unpacking again - my carry-on with a week's worth of clothes... is annoying.

Is it all worth it?

Much has been said about the benefits of time off. Even the very act of planning a break can be valuable. Our mind gets uncluttered, our stress levels drop, and without attending to a long list of to-do's, we are able to be more creative and more productive.

And if you need convincing, Lin-Manuel Miranda conceived of Hamilton while on vacation.

"It's no accident that the best idea I've ever had in my life - perhaps maybe the best one I'll ever have in my life - came to me on vacation," he shared. "The moment my brain got a moment's rest, Hamilton walked into it."

And although Hamilton did not walk into my uncluttered brain while I was away, I did have moments where I was enlightened by new learning and broader thinking.

Let's start with the fanny pack that I brought with me - and, as the name

*Without rest, our lives are achy and unsustainable, and we want more than to sustain - we want to thrive.*

suggests, belongs on the fanny. What I learned on our trip is that the fanny pack is no longer worn on the fanny but rather across the chest. Fascinating.

And I was reminded that it's a big world out there and that are many ways to live a life, and that my way may not be the best way. And how different my life would be had I been born in a small fishing village in Norway or on a farm at the foot of a glacier rather than in the United States, just outside of New York City.

And that change in perspective is a gift. It makes me more humble - and even grateful - knowing I really had no part in that decision. And although looking out my window at the Long Island Sound is beyond breathtaking, so is the view from the top of a mountain or along the cobblestoned streets of an ancient civilization.

I worry when I travel that I will eat too much and come home heavier, but somehow, I always feel lighter, no matter what the scale says. Because those worries that weigh me down are lifted, as if the distance traveled has allowed me to unload and unleash.

It's strange. I do not even realize the

weight until it's gone, because I had grown so accustomed to it. All of those things that felt critically important seem to shift into proper place and no longer feel critical.

And going away pushes me out of my comfort zone, and going away with my husband makes me stare down my greatest fears.

He is an adventurer at heart. Me, not so much.

So whether it is hanging off the side of a cliff, feeling the turbulent air from the inside the cabin of a fixed blade aircraft, or breathing deeply from a sea kayak in rough waters, it reminds me that I am alive, and I am always better for having pushed through that which had been holding me back.

On vacation, the sometimes-fledgling spiritual part of me ignites. I look out at the pure beauty of a fjord created thousands and thousands of years ago by a retreating glacier and stand in awe of the perfection. Or I count the number of places of worship that are constructed everywhere, no matter how small the settlement, quaint the hamlet or how large the city. These places are lovely and divine

and they reinforce my faith and chip away at my own doubt.

It is clear to me that time away is valuable. But even time spent doing less is beneficial.

I take an exercise class in town, and a very fit instructor mentioned to me that her body is always sore. She said she creeps out of bed in the morning, muscles aching.

I asked her if she ever took a day off? Well, no.

And yet, our bodies, like our minds and souls, need time to recover.

So, whether it's airplane mode or do not disturb on your iPhone, or your company voicemail stating, "Hi you have reached... I will be out of the office until...," we need to pause and unplug.

Without rest, our lives are achy and unsustainable, and we want more than to sustain - we want to thrive.

"You're back!" shout the hydrangeas, strutting their stuff proudly in a breeze. I toss my bursting carry-on aside, tired from the travel, happy to see the cats waiting for me at the computer and the dogs eyeing me from the back porch with balls in their mouths.

And this simple moment, the return, may be my favorite part of any journey, because being away gives me the chance to miss what I have, and long for that which I have taken for granted.

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## NEWS

## From Page 1

student set to become a senior at Westhill High School, was found dead in a wooded area of New Canaan early Tuesday. Stamford Public Schools confirmed his identity and extended condolences to his family and friends. Police stated there was no indication of foul play in his death.

## TOWN HALL

## Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting

On July 9th, the New Canaan Water Pollution Control Authority convened for a special meeting at 7 PM. During the meeting, Mr. Mann and Ms. Coplit introduced Ms. Buccini from AECOM, who presented the preliminary findings of the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) Program. Ms. Buccini detailed the extensive fieldwork undertaken, including a comprehensive inventory of sanitary sewer manholes and mains, and highlighted stormwater inflow as a significant factor contributing to peak flows at the wastewater treatment facility during storms. AECOM is in the process of compiling a summary of their findings, along with recommendations and an engineer's estimate for cost-effective repairs and mitigation measures, with a full report anticipated by the end of August.

## AROUND TOWN

## \$325K Grant for New Canaan

New Canaan is set to receive \$325,680 from the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Community Connectivity Grant Program for the Lakeview Avenue Sidewalk Project. This grant is part of over \$12 million awarded to 17 communities to improve transportation accessibility and safety. Municipalities, including New Canaan, must complete their projects to enhance local infrastructure within three years.

## New Canaan Teen Competes Internationally

Luke Huang, 17, from New Canaan, will represent the U.S. at the European Physics Olympiad in Georgia, having recently graduated and been a finalist in the 2024 Regeneron Science Talent Search. This is his second year on the U.S. Physics Team, but his first time competing internationally. The competition began on July 15th and will end today, July 19th.

## Free Dance Performance at Library

New Canaan Library will host a free dance performance which will take place on the Green on July 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Organized by the Ted Thomas Dance Foundation and East Coast Contemporary Ballet, the event is part of a series to increase access to the arts. Attendees should bring their own chairs, blankets, and food, and registration is required at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-fairfield-dance-festival-76224>.

## Erickson Transitions, Stays with NCCF



The New Canaan Community Foundation announces that Lauren Erickson will transition to a new role with NCCF as she relocates out of state but will remain involved in key initiatives. Lauren has significantly enhanced the Foundation's development efforts as the Development Director. The Foundation expresses gratitude for her contributions and looks forward to continued collaboration.

## Village Fair and Sidewalk Sales



The 19th annual New Canaan Village Fair and Sidewalk Sales will be held today, July 19, and tomorrow, July 20, from 9 am to 4 pm, featuring over 50 local merchants and organizations. Elm, Main and Forest Streets will be closed to vehicles to create a pedestrian-friendly shopping area, with entertainment provided by the School of Rock, the Town Band, and family activities hosted by the New Canaan YMCA. Parking is free in legal spots on the streets and in municipal lots. For more information please visit <https://newcanaanchamber.com/2024/05/30/2023-village-fair-and-sidewalk-sale/>

## FROM HARTFORD

## Connecticut Reforms Disability Pension System

Connecticut state leaders and employee unions announced a significant reform of the state's disability pension system. This agreement, driven by a recent investigation revealing oversight issues, mandates that recipients must submit income surveys or face withheld payments. The reform aims to address fraud and ensure that funds are properly allocated to eligible recipients. Additionally, state officials are considering further measures, including increased investigations and a reevaluation of eligibility criteria, to enhance oversight and maintain the integrity of the system.

## OUR NEIGHBORS

## Aldrich Museum Set to Unveil Renovated Campus

The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield will celebrate its 60th anniversary by unveiling a renovated three-acre campus and sculpture garden, expanding accessible space by 50 percent. Funded through grants and a fundraising campaign, the

\$3.6 million project includes new pathways and an amphitheater. The museum will open the new campus with the exhibition "A Garden of Promise and Dissent" in November 2024.

## Wynne Pursues Olympic Dreams Again



Former Staples-Westport track star Henry Wynne, now 29, continues to pursue his Olympic dreams with the Brooks Beasts Track Club and will compete in the US Olympic Team Trials. Wynne uses his 2021 Olympic Trials experience as motivation, bolstered by a recent world record in the distance medley relay. He remains connected to his high school coach and athletes, offering guidance and support. Photo credit: Nicky Atkins @nicky\_atkins\_.

## Two CT Players Drafted by MLB

Two Connecticut players were selected on the final day of the 2024 MLB Draft. UConn's Braden Quinn was picked by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 14th round, and Dominic Niman, who played at Kentucky and CCSU, was picked by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 18th round. Quinn had 67 strikeouts and a 3.63 ERA this season, while Niman recorded 67 strikeouts and an 8-5 record.

## ACROSS CT

## Crackdown on Illegal Street Racing

Connecticut leaders are addressing illegal street takeovers, where large groups of vehicles illegally block streets for racing and stunts, after hundreds of vehicles, including ATVs and dirt bikes, flooded New Haven. Mayor Justin Elicker discussed using new technologies and confiscating vehicles to combat the issue. Despite failed legislation to destroy confiscated bikes, both Senate Republicans and Democrats seek stronger deterrents.

## Stop &amp; Shop Closing Locations

Stop & Shop announced it will close five Connecticut locations by November 2nd as part of a plan to shut down 32 underperforming stores across the Northeast. The company, owned by Ahold Delhaize, cited financial underperformance and increased competition as reasons for the closures. Employees at the affected stores will be offered opportunities at other locations, and 81 Stop & Shop stores will continue to operate in Connecticut.

# Tod's Point Sailing School

Tod's Point Sailing School, a cherished community asset located at Greenwich Point, is has a wide array of sailing programs still available. With a mission to make sailing accessible and enjoyable for all residents, the school has a rich history of fostering maritime skills among Greenwich's youth and adults alike.

The school operates from the historic Chimes Building, a site with a storied past in community sailing. The roots of sailing programs at Tod's Point trace back to the stewardship of The Young Mariners, Old Greenwich Yacht Club, and the Parks and Recreation Department. The current non-profit organization, Tod's Point

Sailing School (TPSS), was rejuvenated under the guidance of local sailing veterans Bill King and John Kantor, following the previous operator's withdrawal in the fall of 2020. Their efforts have ensured that the tradition of sailing education at Tod's Point continues to thrive.

## Upcoming Programs for Juniors

- Sailing One: Beginning on July 22, this foundational course runs until August 2, with another session from August 5 to August 16. It is designed for children aged 8-12, focusing on basic sailing skills and water safety.
- Sailing Two: This intermediate course, running



from July 22 to August 2 and August 5 to August 16, builds on initial skills and introduces sail trim and navigation.

• Sailing Three and Four: These advanced courses are for ages 12-16, running from July 22 to August 2 and August 5 to August 16, emphasizing competitive sailing and

complex maneuvers.

• Tera Bites: A fun-centric program for younger juniors aged 7-10, running from July 29 to August 2 and August 12 to August 16.

• Intro to Catamarans: This course for ages 12-16 introduces the basics of handling catamarans and runs

from July 29 to August 2 and August 5 to August 9.

• Paddle Explorers and Water Cats: Combining paddle sports and sailing, this course runs from August 5 to August 9 and August 12 to August 16, catering to ages 10-14.

• Racing Techniques: Focused on competitive sailing skills, this program runs from August 19 to August 23, targeting ages 12-16.

## Programs for Adults

• Basic to Advanced Sailing: These progressive courses start on July 27, with sessions running until August 4 and August 10 to August 18, catering to all skill levels.

• Introduction to Catamarans and Paddling: Running

from July 27 to July 28 and August 10 to August 11, this course provides a thorough introduction to catamaran sailing and paddle sports for adults.

Community Impact  
Tod's Point Sailing School's commitment to safety, fun, and learning reflects its dedication to the Greenwich community. By offering accessible and varied programs, TPSS continues to foster a love for sailing and water activities among all age groups, contributing to the vibrant community spirit at Greenwich Point.

For more information and to register for upcoming programs, visit [todspointsailingschool.org](http://todspointsailingschool.org).



# Worship Directory and Services

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[www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/worship-calendar-updates](http://www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/worship-calendar-updates)

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

682 South Avenue 203.966.5849  
[www.ComeUntoChrist.org](http://www.ComeUntoChrist.org)  
 Sunday Service: 12:00 PM

**Congregational Church**

23 Park Street 203.966.2651  
[office@godsacre.org](mailto:office@godsacre.org)  
[www.godsacre.org](http://www.godsacre.org)

**Sunday Services: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.** The 10:00 am service is also live streamed and recorded, the video replay will be available throughout the week. Church School is available on Sundays for children ages 3 through 7th grade each Sunday from September through mid-June.

**Recurring Events:**

**Tuesdays at 9:30 AM:** Women's Bible Study

**Wednesdays at 9:30 AM:** Bible Study

**Fourth Thursday from 12-2:30 PM:** Meet at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk to serve a meal.

**Saturdays at 9:45 AM:** From now until September 1st, the church offer a simple refreshment of lemonade and a sweet treat, which can be enjoyed on the lawn after worship. For more information please contact laurel@[godsacre.org](mailto:godsacre.org).

**Sundays at 9:45 AM:** Summer Fellowship time will take place after the 9:00am service and will include lemonade and a light snack provided by the host.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

49 Park Street 203.966.0293

[christiansciencet.org/newcanaan](http://christiansciencet.org/newcanaan)

**Sunday 10:30 AM,** in person only. Sunday School is available during Sunday Service and is open to children and young people up to the age of 20. There is also childcare available for children too young for Sunday School.

**Wednesday Testimony Meeting:** 1st Wednesday of each month, join by zoom or by phone 646 558 8656. Reading Room Hours: Open Mondays 11-2, Call to confirm hours 203-966-0293. All are welcome to the Sunday and Wednesday services, Sunday School, and the reading room.

**First Presbyterian Church**

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002  
[fpcnc.org](http://fpcnc.org)

**Sunday Service: 10am** in person or via LocalLive. All are welcome. Coffee Hour after the service is also available in person or via Zoom. Dedicated childcare is available for all children via Wee Care Nanny Agency from 8:45-11:30am in the Nursery School. Transcripts of previous sermons are also available via the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan's website. Recurring Events: Every Saturday 9:15am (closed) and 10:30am (open): Alcoholics Anonymous. Every Tuesday 8pm: Men's A.A.

**Upcoming Events:**

**August 18th at 11:30 AM:** Classic summer cookout with burgers, hot dogs, and potluck dishes provided by the congregation. Come for food, drink, and lawn games.

**Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church**

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020

[www.starcc.com](http://www.starcc.com)

Service Schedule:

**Saturday:** Vigil for Sunday 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass is live-streamed, recorded.

**Monday-Friday:** 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

**Saturday:** 7:00 am

**Recurring Events:**

**Last Monday of every month 7pm:** Women's Praise & Worship Holy Hour

**Wednesdays 8:30-9:15am:** Rosary Walkers, informal group gathering together to walk in town and pray the Rosary. Contact [youth@starcc.com](mailto:youth@starcc.com) or [maryann@themanks.com](mailto:maryann@themanks.com) with any questions.

**Fridays 7:30am-6pm:** Eucharistic Adoration (September-June)

**Saturday 8:30am:** St. A's Healing Rosary Prayer Group

**Upcoming Events:**

**July 23rd from 7-8:30 PM:** Join Summer Faith & Friends. An opportunity for teens in the community to gather while enjoying dinner. For more information and to register visit <https://starcc.com/series/summer-faith-friends-guys-girls-groups/>.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515

[churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org)

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

**Sunday Services: 8:00am:** Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite I; **9:00am:** Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II; **10am:** Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite II (Live Stream also available on the St. Mark's website). Coffee Hour follows the 10am service.

Church School during the 10am service: Godly Play for children in kindergarten through second grade; Holy Moly for third and fourth grades; Meet in the Middle for fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Professional childcare is offered for children ages four and under. Families with children who are not yet ready to separate for childcare are invited to use the rocking chairs at the rear of the chapel.

**Weekday Services: Monday-Friday, 8:30am:** Morning Prayer/Rite II by Zoom. **Wednesday at 12:05pm:** Noonday Eucharist in the chapel.

**Recurring Events:**

**Mondays & Tuesdays at 12pm:** Alcoholics Anonymous **First Wednesday at 1pm:** Laundry Love volunteering opportunity to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry.

**First & Third Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm:** Youth Group

Wednesday 10am: Women's Alcoholics Anonymous

**St. Michael's Lutheran Church**

5 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.3913

[office@stmichaelslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmichaelslutheran.org)

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

**Sunday Service at 10:00 am.** Following the service there is coffee, cookies and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

**Recurring Events:**

**Thursday 12 PM:** Alcoholics Anonymous

**Trinity Church**

**New Canaan / Darien**

468 South Avenue 203.618.0808

[info@trinitychurch.life](mailto:info@trinitychurch.life)

[www.trinitychurch.life](http://www.trinitychurch.life)

Join us **Sundays at 11:00 am** in the Saxe Middle School auditorium for lively worship, thoughtful and applicable teaching, weekly Communion, and an opportunity to make friends and grow in community. Trinity Kids (infants through fifth grade) and Trinity Youth (middle and high schoolers) take place during the service, and coffee and refreshments are served following worship. Trinity also holds services in-person in Greenwich and Larchmont, and on livestream via YouTube on Sundays at 9:45 a.m.; learn more at [www.trinitychurch.life](http://www.trinitychurch.life).

**Recurring Events:**

**Sundays at 10:30 AM:** Pre-service prayer in Saxe Auditorium. Spend time in listening prayer, pray for those teaching, and seek the Lord prior to our worship service.

**Third Saturday from 8-10 AM:** Join for a homemade breakfast held at the Ministry Center, 5 River Road in Greenwich. For more information visit <https://trinitychurchlife.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2168146>

**Upcoming Events:**

**July 27th from 9-10:30 AM:** Westchester Men's Breakfast Group at 2111 Boston Post Road, Larchmont, NY. This group will be geared towards reflecting on the most recent passage, strengthening relationships in each other's lives, and deepening community. To RSVP visit <https://trinitychurchlife.churchcenter.com/groups/groups/men-s-breakfast-group-westchester>

**August 24th from 12-3 PM:** Bring your family or friends and join us each month to build or renovate the homes of our neighbors in need. This project can help fulfill community service hours. Please email [matthew.carrion@trinitychurch.life](mailto:matthew.carrion@trinitychurch.life) for more information.

**United Methodist Church**

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666

[office@umcofnewcanaan.org](mailto:office@umcofnewcanaan.org)

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

**Sunday Service is at 10:00 am** followed by coffee and conversation during Fellowship Time. Sunday School is available during Sunday Service. All are welcome.

**Upcoming Events:**

**August 10th at 12 PM:** Join at a private residence for a covered dish party with Bill's famous "Puerto Rican hamburgers. Don't forget to bring your bathing suit. RSVP to [laurenhunt1956@gmail.com](mailto:laurenhunt1956@gmail.com) by August 5th.

**Community Baptist Church**

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711

[cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com](mailto:cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI30\\_Syp\\_XOKDg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI30_Syp_XOKDg)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>

Sunday School at 10:00am

Worship Service at 11:00am

Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

**Upcoming Events:**

**July 20th from 12-4 PM:** Annual Community "Fun, Food & Fellowship". For more information please call or email the CBC.

**Grace Community Church**

365 Lukes Wood Rd 203.966.7600

[info@gracecommunity.info](mailto:info@gracecommunity.info)

[www.gracecommunity.info](http://www.gracecommunity.info)

**Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:30am** We invite you and your family to join us in the Sanctuary at Grace Farms for our contemporary worship service with a culturally relevant message from Senior Pastor Cliffe Knechtle. Nursery care and Sunday school/teen programming is available for babies through 12th grade. Stay afterward to catch up with friends and enjoy coffee and bagels in the Commons.

**Wednesday Evening Service & High School Club at 6:00 pm:** Join us for a weekly gathering on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. All are invited to meet in the West Barn Hall with Assistant Pastor Stuart Knechtle leading discussions on the Christian life including how to grapple with tough questions about faith, emotional well-being and spiritual discipleship. Concurrently, Youth Pastor Rob will meet with high school students in the Court for midweek club to hang out with friends and talk about navigating the waves of everyday life.

**Saturdays at 10am:** Men's Bible Study

**Upcoming Events:**

**July 24th from 6:30-8:30 PM:** Men's Night Out & Trivia at Dry Dock Bar & Grille, Norwalk. To RSVP please email [bo@gracecommunity.info](mailto:bo@gracecommunity.info)

**July 28th at 10:45 AM:** Bridgeport Rescue Mission Backpack Stuffing. For more information and to RSVP please email [catherine@gracecommunity.info](mailto:catherine@gracecommunity.info)

**Talmadge Hill Community Church**

870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT

203.966.2314

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

[talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com](mailto:talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com)

Ministers: Rev. Carter Via and Rev. Cheryl Bundy **Sunday worship service at 10:00am** in person. All are welcome! We encourage everyone to stay for coffee hour after the service. Sunday School is every Sunday during the service and uses the Godly Play curriculum. Please reach out with any questions utilizing information listed above!

**Recurring Events:**

**Thursdays at 9:30am:** Bible Study

**First Saturday at 8am:** Men's Group

**Second Saturday at 10am:** Women's Circle

**Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center**

137 Putnam Rd

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

[info@chabadnewcanaan.org](mailto:info@chabadnewcanaan.org)

The Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center is dedicated to strengthening and building the New Canaan Jewish Community by offering local Jewish resources that bring more positivity, Jewish education, charitable activity, good deeds and blessing to our lovely town.

We are about Judaism, not affiliation. Regardless of your background, and however you choose to define your level of Jewish observance or identity, the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center can add spirituality, joy, study, community and connection for you and your family. The programs of the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center are held in various locations, all located in New Canaan.

**Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)**

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903

203.322.1649

[www.templestain Stamford.org](http://www.templestain Stamford.org)

Service Schedule:

1st, 3rd & 5th Friday - 6pm in person and via zoom

2nd & 4th - 7:30pm

**Recurring Events:**

**Fridays at 12 PM:** Torah Study

**Second Saturday at 10:30 AM:** Mussar

**First and Third Fridays at 5:30 PM:** Shabbat Service for Families with Young Children

**First Saturday at 8 AM:** Avodat Halev Discussion Group

**Upcoming Events:**

**July 19th from 5:30-6:30 PM:** Bring your own Shabbat dinner to enjoy in our backyard.

**Temple Shalom**

300 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830

203-869-7191

[www.templeshalom.com](http://www.templeshalom.com)

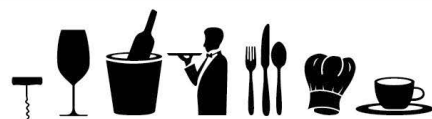
Services: In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am.

**Recurring Events:**

**Saturdays at 9 AM:** Shabbat Study via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcXU0EzZU M2VENEZmgyUT09#success>

**Upcoming Events:**

**August 2nd at 5:30 PM:** Shabbat in the Meadow at St. Paul's Church in Riverside. Come celebrate Shabbat together, reconnect with friends and welcome newcomers to our vibrant community. Contact gina.cristino@templeshalom.com to register.



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# To the Ends of the Earth



BY DREW WILLIAMS

## PART I

The Barna Group conducted some research that concluded that most Americans think it would be difficult to have a natural and normal conversation with people in minority groups who are different from them. This included atheists, Christians, Muslims, and so on. Curiously, the largest group that has this difficulty is American Christians. In fact, not only do American Christians have the hardest time having normal natural conversations with people in minority groups, 28% of Christians say they have a hard time having a normal conversation with other Christians.

What might these findings have to do with Jesus' words, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8)? Not a lot, if we look at these words as a set of sequential operating instructions in which we reach out with the love of God to those closest to us first and then (once we have had a bit of practice) to those within the same cultural group and then (if we are really bold) to those who live cross-culturally. The problem with this analysis is that it ignores the simple fact that the disciples were not from Jerusalem and were not even Judeans. They were Galileans (Acts 1:11, 2:7). Therefore, they were already reaching out cross-culturally right from day one. If Jesus had wanted

them to start with their family members, He would not have told them to stay in Jerusalem (Acts 1:4). Bottom line, what Jesus would have us understand by His exhortation is that the love of God is for the whole world. Who might Jesus put you in front of today in order that they experience His love through you?

## PART 2

When Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8) He would have us understand that the love of God is for the whole world. This is not a new idea. Speaking of the people of God, the Lord, through the prophet Isaiah, said, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that My salvation shall reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6b). Indeed, Jesus said, "Go make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19a). So, what gets in the way of that? The answer is that invariably, we do.

Jesus' exhortation has much less to do with geography and sequencing and has much more to do with the kind of people who figuratively live in our own "Jerusalem," "Judea," "Samaria" and the back of beyond. This has much more to do with making us face up to the objections and prejudices that we are inclined to hold onto in justifying why we don't need to show the love of Jesus to "those kinds" of people.

So, figuratively speaking, what is our problem with the people in our own backyard? Let's call that our "Jerusalem." While Jerusalem was not the disciples' hometown, Jerusalem could be described as Christianity's first

"hometown." This is where the first Christians worshipped together. This is where the first Christians welcomed in their neighbor into the family of God. Jesus is saying to us, in witnessing to the world, do not neglect your Jerusalem. So, who is our "Jerusalem"? It is absolutely our own family and absolutely includes our church family. But Jerusalem is not merely "our people" at our place of our greatest comfort.

## PART 3

The American author Anne Rice was a committed atheist until she became a follower of Jesus. In the course of her faith journey, she made this unilateral declaration: "Today I quit being a Christian. I'm out. I remain committed to Christ as always but not to 'being Christian' or being part of Christianity. It's simply impossible for me to 'belong' to this quarrelsome, hostile, disputatious, and deservedly infamous group. ... My faith in Christ is central to my life. My conversion from a pessimistic atheist lost in a world I didn't understand, to an optimistic believer in a universe created and sustained by a loving God is crucial to me. ... Christ is infinitely more important than Christianity..."

In some ways, her words are appealing. Who could possibly argue with her desire to socially drop a bunch of quarrelsome, hostile, and disputatious religious people? But is raising the drawbridge and the declaration of splendid isolation a legitimate

choice? St. Cyprian wrote, "One cannot have God as his father who does not have the Church as his mother." The Bible knows nothing of Christians who relate to God as isolated individuals or who see the local church as optional in their faith. Part of the faith experience is learning to love difficult people at close quarters. This includes actively moving toward people we don't naturally like or enjoy.

## PART 4

Before I left for Seminary buoyant with optimism, my Rector wisely told me: "Drew, when you get to Seminary you are going to find people who really irritate you! These are some of God's greatest gifts to you because in their company God will knock off your rough edges. Like a rough pebble in a rock polishing machine, you will be smoothed out!" And he was so right.

God has this magnificent way of working through our differences to bring out the best in each of us. Rick Warren wrote, "The local church is the classroom for learning how to get along in God's family. It is a lab for practicing unselfish, sympathetic love. As a participating member, you learn to care about others and share the experiences of others ... Only in regular contact with ordinary, imperfect believers can we learn real fellowship and experience the New Testament truths of being connected and dependent on each other."

## PART 5

Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

I want to pause upon Jesus' express mention of Samaria. What is Jesus getting at by the inclusion of Samaria? A little history might help us. In a nutshell, after the separation of Judah and Israel in the ninth century B.C., King Omri of the Northern Kingdom bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer [1 Kings 16:24]. There he built the city of Samaria which became his capital. In 722 B.C. the city fell to the Assyrians. While many of the inhabitants of the city and the surrounding area of Samaria were led off into captivity, some farmers and others were left behind. They intermarried with new settlers from Mesopotamia and Syria. When Cyrus, king of Persia, permitted the Jewish people to return from the Babylonian exile, the Samaritans were ready to welcome them back. The Jewish exiles, however, despised the Samaritans as renegades. When the Samaritans wanted to join in rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem, their assistance was rejected. You will find this in the Book of Ezra, chapter four. The Samaritans then returned fire by attempting to undermine the restoration works.

The fact that there was such dislike and hostility between Jews and Samaritans is what gives the use of the

Samaritan in the Parable of the Good Samaritan [Luke 10:29-37] such a kick! The Samaritan is the one who is able to rise above the bigotry and prejudices of centuries and show mercy and compassion for the injured Jewish man. By Jesus specifically mentioning Samaria, He is impliedly asking us if we might do the same. This is why Samaria makes it in His list! Tim Keller wrote: "Tolerance isn't about not having beliefs. It is about how your beliefs lead you to treat people who disagree with you."

In His great love, Bishop Andrew Williams received his theology degree from Trinity College Bristol and was ordained in the Diocese of Exeter. He served as curate at St. Andrew's Whitchurch and from 2003 to 2009 was associate vicar at St. Andrew's Chorleywood in the Diocese of St. Alban's. Between 2003 and 2009, St. Andrew's tripled in size. In 2008, while speaking at a conference, Williams was connected to Trinity Church (Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan) and subsequently became its pastor. Williams wrote weekly at that time for the Sentinel Newspaper. On November 17, 2018, Williams was elected bishop of ADNE.

Learn more at <https://www.idachurch.com/bishopandrew>

## Obituaries



## MARGARET BYRNE

Margaret (Peggy) Byrne (nee Welsh) passed on July 13, the way she entered September 22, 1933, surrounded by the love of family.

Born to Josephine and John Welsh in Hoboken, NJ, she grew up in a close-knit Catholic family, taking to heart the principles of compassion, kindness, and unwavering faith in God that guided her throughout her life.

A College of Saint Elizabeth graduate, Peggy worked at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ, for a few years before marrying Thomas E. Byrne, Jr. Their 60-year union included establishing homes in New Jersey, Pittsford, NY, and New Canaan, CT. They were blessed with children: Thomas (Arden), Edward, John, and Maureen.

She was an active homemaker, sewing clothes, costumes, and home furnishings, knitting afghans, hats and mittens; creating signature culinary delights: "Big Pot" soup, homemade applesauce, and what became affectionately known as Mimi's mac and cheese by her grandchildren. She delved into being a Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader, softball coach, BASH coordinator, as well as a volunteer in parish activities at St. Louis (Pittsford), McQuaid Jesuit High School, (Rochester, NY) St. Thomas More (Darien, CT) and St. Aloysius (New Canaan, CT). Her interest in Catholicism and faith deepened with her roles in the Mass as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and lector, additionally instructing and leading the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Peggy enjoyed bridge, travel, hosting family gatherings,

gardening/landscaping (Oh those rocks in the Connecticut soil!), and golfing (especially when she could best her children).

She delighted in her role as Mimi, grandmother to Ella, Brigit, Corinne, Patrick, and Liam, by sharing her interests with them and being a supporter of their education and activities.

Peggy is survived by her sister, Maureen Welsh SHCJ, her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, all of whom she cared for deeply.

With gratitude, Peggy acknowledged the blessings of faithful friends, family, and experiences that enriched her life over the decades. She was at peace and left a legacy of faith, hope, and love. We will miss her.

A Memorial Mass will be at St. Aloysius Church in New Canaan, CT, at 10 a.m. Friday, July 19. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Society of the Holy Child, 1341 Montgomery Ave., Rosemont, PA 19010 or Thomas More Center, 27781 Leaf Rd., Webster, WI 54893.



## GEORGE PERKINS

George Armstead Perkins, 88, of New Canaan, CT, and Harpswell, Maine, passed away peacefully at home on July 11. George was the loving husband of Jane Dragonas Perkins.

Born in Shelbyville, Kentucky on December 8, 1935, George was the son of the late Edward and Stella Delphine (Stone) Perkins, and grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida. George graduated from St. Petersburg High School in 1954, where he excelled in track and graduated from the University of Tampa in 1959. George, after military

service, worked as an executive in retail and merchandising and finished his career in the leadership, development and implementation of point of sales systems. George was a certified election monitor in New Canaan, where he assisted in many local and national elections. He treasured his involvement in the New Canaan Men's Club, where he formerly served as President, the New Canaan Wetlands Commission, and in local poetry, theater and creative writing groups. George was an active parishioner at the Church of the Archangels, where he chaired the Election Committee, was part of the adult bible study group and Men's Fellowship. George cherished the time spent with family and friends in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Harpswell, Maine.

George is survived by his brother, Thomas Perkins, of Sarasota, Florida; his children, Matthew Perkins and his wife, Amy, of Hanover, Massachusetts, and Christina Cannell, and her husband, Jon, of Asheville, North Carolina; and his grandchildren, John Perkins, of Belfast, Maine, Samuel, Mary Kate, and Thomas Perkins, of Hanover, Massachusetts, and William Cannell, Asheville, North Carolina. George was predeceased by his sister, Doris Stone Perkins Eliot and his sister-in-law, Dr. Phylis Dragonas.

A visiting hour will be held on Friday, July 19, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at The Church of the Archangels, 1527 Bedford Street, Stamford, CT, followed immediately by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, kindly send donations to The Church of the Archangels.

To leave online messages of condolence, please visit [cognetta.com](http://cognetta.com)



## LEE BOUTON

Lee Hallam Cantrell Bouton passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 10, with her loving husband, Robert, by her side.

Lee was born in Norwalk, CT in 1946 and graduated from New Canaan High School in 1964. She began working at the New Canaan Savings Bank before relocating to Ft. Benning, GA, while her husband served for the U.S. Army. After returning to New Canaan in 1973, Lee began enriching the many lives of children and families as a teacher at the United Methodist Church in New Canaan. In addition to her career teaching, Lee was an active member and volunteer with St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where her husband, Robert, continues his involvement with the Church's Gospel Garden.

Lee was predeceased by her parents, retired New Canaan Police Lieutenant, Kelvin F. Cantrell and Esther Raymond Cantrell of New Canaan, and her sister, Carol C. Naylor of Trumbull. Lee is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Robert, daughter, Carrie and her husband Marc, and her adoring grandson, Nicholas.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to the Gospel Garden in care of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan. For online condolences, please visit [foytfuneralhome.com](http://foytfuneralhome.com)



## TERESE CANNON

A beloved grandmother, mother,

wife, sister, daughter and friend, Terese Mazzocco Cannon passed peacefully on July 7, at the age of 71.

Terese was born in New York City to Terry and Ralph Mazzocco, their second child and only daughter. As a child Terese spent time at the ballet with her mother and always indulged in a sweet treat at home with her late father.

Later in life, while working in New York City, she met her husband, Ed. After several moves from New York to Westchester, they eventually settled in Connecticut, where they raised a family mirroring Terese's own: two boys, Preston and Brandon, with Alexandra, a girl, in the middle. Terese and Ed's 42-year marriage exemplified love, companionship, and unwavering support, which was evident in the way they raised their family.

Terese was an extraordinary mother with a remarkable talent for recognizing the individuality in each of her children and guiding them accordingly. She loved unconditionally, always giving so much of herself to support others. She was an outstanding host and the most thoughtful gift giver, putting together magical holidays and experiences for her children and later her grandchildren.

She was honored to be the grandmother of seven, affectionately known to them as Mia. She continued to inspire the next generation with her boundless love.

Terese is survived by her mother Terry, brother Raymond, husband Ed, three children and seven grandchildren, who will all carry on her legacy of love.

The gathering of family and friends took place Friday, July 12 at Cognetta Funeral Home, 104 Myrtle Ave, Stamford. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Saturday, July 13 at St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan.

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9am - 4pm

## SATURDAY JULY 20 HIGHLIGHTS

- Elm, Main and Forest Streets will be closed to vehicles
- Family friendly pedestrian shopping/dining area
- Over 90 Vendors and organizations
- New Canaan YMCA Family Entertainment Zone
- Local Musicians playing all day
- Scavenger Hunt Hosted by Rock Paper Scissors Custom Events

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# REAL ESTATE DASHBOARD

## NEW LISTINGS

Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
85 Heritage Hill Road #85	\$675,000	1,120	\$602.68		2	2
57 Salem Road	\$1,499,000	3,124	\$479.83	2.07	5	3
171 Proprietors Crossing	\$2,395,000	3,832	\$625.00	4.41	5	3
105 Clearview Lane	\$3,250,000	5,482	\$592.85	3.03	4	4
264 Laurel Road	\$3,495,000	4,805	\$727.37	3.98	5	4
25 Hillcrest Road	\$3,829,000	7,800	\$490.90	1	6	7
583 Silvermine Road	\$4,595,000	7,367	\$623.73	2.38	5	6
794 Oenoke Ridge	\$5,495,000	7,916	\$694.16	2.69	5	7

## NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
428 Laurel Road	\$2,195,000	\$2,195,000	\$2,235,000	13	4	4	3.41
266 Weed Street	\$2,495,000	\$2,495,000	\$2,850,000	21	5	5	2.99
100 Valley Road	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000	\$2,450,000	109	6	6	2.17
57 Gower Road	\$2,995,000	\$2,995,000	\$2,985,000	12	4	4	0.32
311 Mill Road	\$3,150,000	\$3,150,000	\$3,500,000	4	5	4	0.99

## FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

Get Your Open Houses Into the MLS by Wednesday at Noon for a Listing Here

Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker
118 Benedict Hill Rd	\$1,479,000	SAT	2:00PM-4:00PM	William Raveis
191 Main Street #C	\$2,270,000	SUN	1:00PM-3:00PM	William Raveis
116 Juniper Road	\$3,195,000	SUN	2:00PM-4:00PM	William Pitt
105 Clearview Lane	\$3,250,000	SUN	2:00PM-4:00PM	Douglas Elliman
1343 Smith Ridge Rd	\$3,650,000	SUN	2:30PM-4:30PM	William Raveis
49 Cross Ridge Road	\$4,495,000	SUN	2:00PM-4:00PM	Douglas Elliman
26 Pequot Lane	\$5,890,000	SUN	1:00PM-3:00PM	Coldwell Banker

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# Summer Thoughts



One exciting new development in pools is the shipping-container pool. Costs depend on the pool size and features. Half the expense of most pools is in the stonework, patios and fence.



BY JOHN ENGEL

Pool construction is down 49% since peaking during the pandemic, 2021. And searches in Google for "swimming pool cost" is also down 40% since 2020, now at their lowest levels in a decade. Pool Corp estimates that the cost of a new pool nationally has risen 72% in the last 5 years (2019-2024) to \$74,000. They say demand has decreased 23% in the past year and anticipate another 15-20% drop in 2024. While homeowners were willing to tap into home equity to finance a pool in a low-interest rate environment, fewer are now.

The reasons are both behavioral and economic: Now that we can travel, many of us get our pool fix while on vacation or at the local club or town pool. With rising inflation and interest rates consumers seem to be increasingly sensitive to the rapidly rising cost of building and maintaining a pool. A third reason that does not get talked about very much is regulatory. While many say it's high priority and worth the cost, for some the complicated approval process is a bridge too far. My \$5 million sale last year was held up until the survey was completed, the pool designed, and the permit approved by 4 building departments, a process that took 3 months. I am working with two buyers now for whom a pool is at the top of their priority list. Estimates for \$180,000 - \$240,000 to put in a pool are common in our area and many buyers budget for that. But, when local and state regulations regarding wetlands, setbacks, and coverage complicate the picture, or the pool conflicts with a required "code-complying reserve septic area" then costs go up. I know of one New Canaan family that sold their house in 2022 when they got pool estimates approaching \$500,000. That sounds like a lot until you budget for navigating challenging topography and require engineering genius on the team. Beautiful stonework can easily reach 6 figures, not to mention potential wetlands restoration. The \$500,000 pool is a thing.

It was not long ago that pools added little or no value. Some of my neighbors filled in their pools. One reason for growth of the pool market is the excitement and ease of use over advanced technology. This isn't your grandmother's pool. Today's pools have better filtration, are safer, with fewer chemicals, automated chemistry testing, monitoring and operation, often with robotic cleaners, retractable covers, variable speed pumps and LED lighting. (and why not add an outdoor wide-screen TV and sound system?) WillyGoat.com offers a 42-foot waterslide for \$37,900 plus installation but check with your insurance company first. Only 10%-20% of insurers will cover a diving board or slide. One of the challenges of owning a pool is maintenance. In my own experience the \$15,000 retractable cover was a major part of the solution. It meant a warmer, cleaner pool, a longer pool season, fewer maintenance visits, less chlorine, and knowledge that the pool would be leaf-free on Saturday.

One exciting new development in pools is the



One Container "Modpool" in New Canaan that the owner absolutely loves was installed in a weekend.

shipping-container pool. Costs depend on the pool size and features. I priced the most expensive, a 40' x 12' in-ground container pool on Modpools.com and it came out to \$74,000. I know of one Modpool in New Canaan and the owner absolutely loves it, installed it in a weekend with a forklift for half that much. Half the expense of most pools is in the stonework, patios and fence.

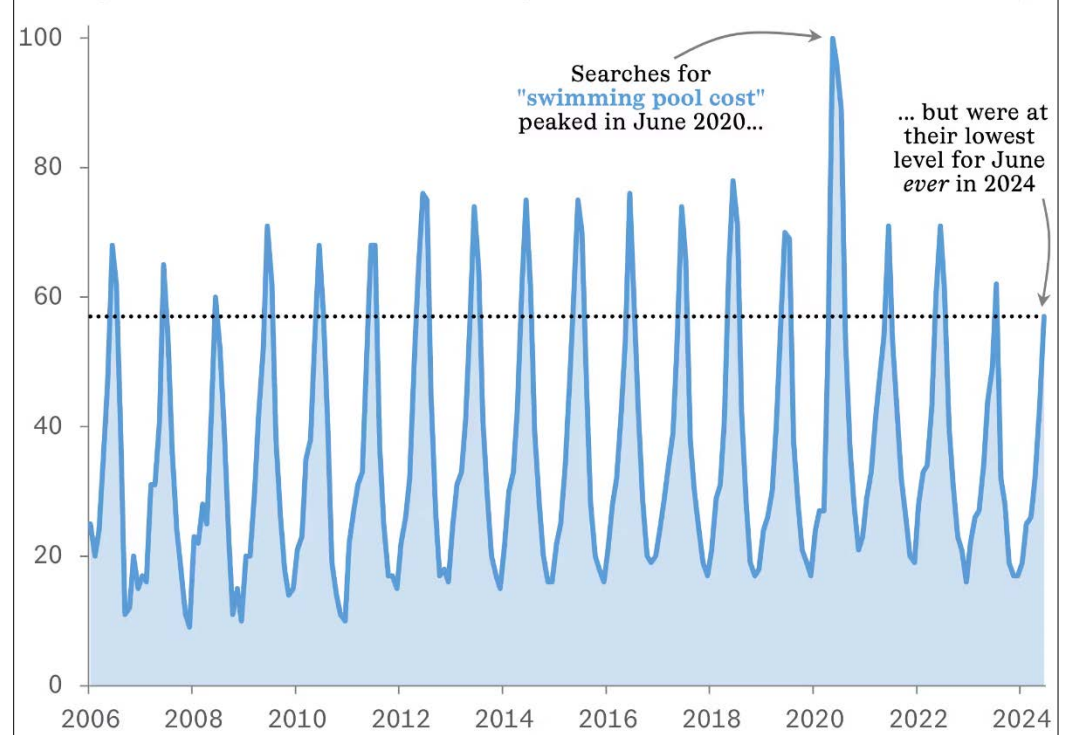
Vacation? What vacation? The new normal is a 365-day market during times of high demand and low inventory. Consider that we only have 89 houses and condos on the market, in the last 30 days we've see 18 properties go under contract, 12 more accepted offers but are not yet signed, and 40 properties closed. 4 listings were cancelled, 2 were withdrawn and 2 expired. There were only 15 new listings in the first half of July. That is a busy market. Increasingly, it seems the obstacle getting in the way of new listing activity, the friction, is the inability to find somewhere to go, not interest rates, not the lock-in effect of sweet mortgages, not the stock market, not the jobs report. That being said the Consumer Price Index (CPI) went down .1% this month (and .3% annually to 3.0%, the jobs report was revised downward, and consumer sentiment "remains stubbornly subdued". Long run inflation expectations came in at 2.9% "remarkably stable over the last three years," according to the University of Michigan's Survey of Consumers.

**Notes from the Monday meeting:** I just got a call from a New Yorker who wants to buy a Midcentury Modern House (don't we all?) and we had the conversation about buyer-brokerage. I told him he could continue to call listing agents, unrepresented, but he wants my help he must sign a buyer-brokerage agreement up-front. This is not a new law, it's an old law with new teeth. Buyer-broker commission is spelled out in the agreement and if it's not paid by the seller then it is the responsibility of the buyer. The buyer will know this BEFORE making an offer, so the buyer can adjust his offer accordingly. The economics should be the same. What's changed is the MLS will no longer publish buyer-broker compensation as of August 15, requiring agents and buyers to communicate that information some other way. In the next few weeks I'll be interviewing Michael Barbaro, the President of SmartMLS on my Boroughs & Burbs podcast (Thursdays at 3pm) so we can explore this further. The public and agents are invited to weigh-in.

Radon and mold continue to get in the way of house sales causing one agent to remark, "We are

## SLIDE AWAY Interest In Getting A Pool Has Sunk

Google Search Volume for "swimming pool cost" [Indexed so 100 = max, US]

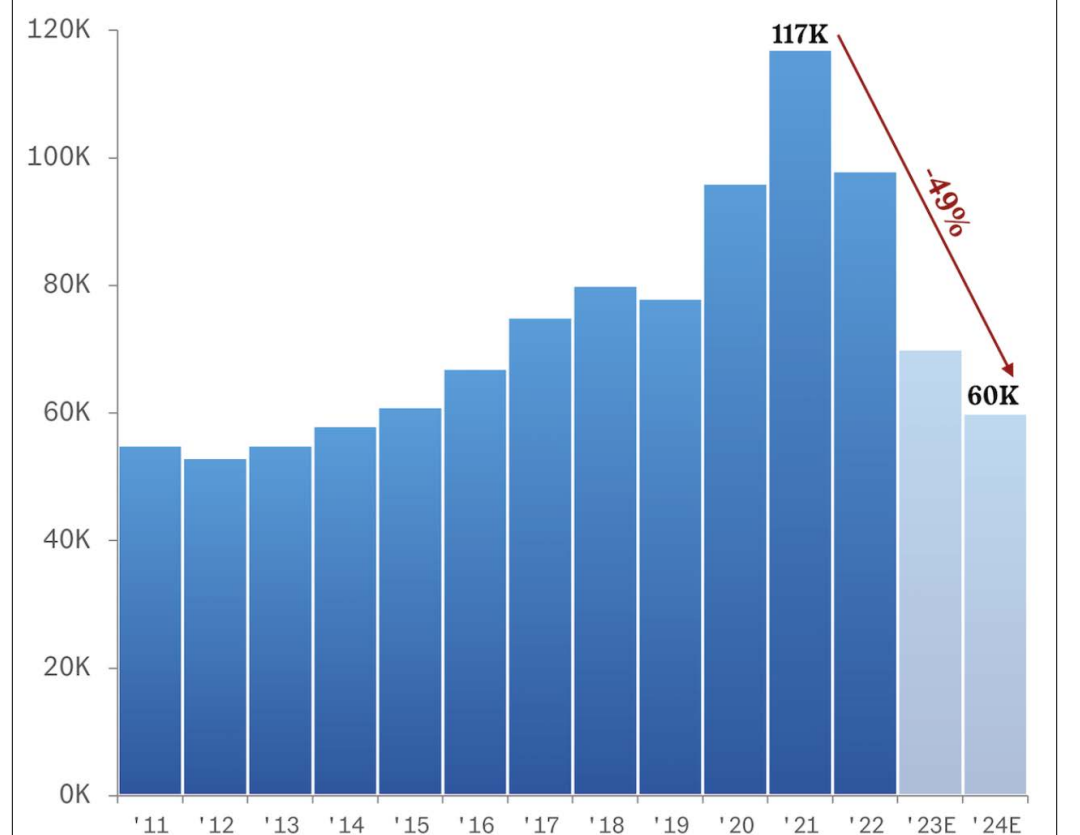


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Source: Google Search Trends

## Pool Constructions Are Plunging Lower

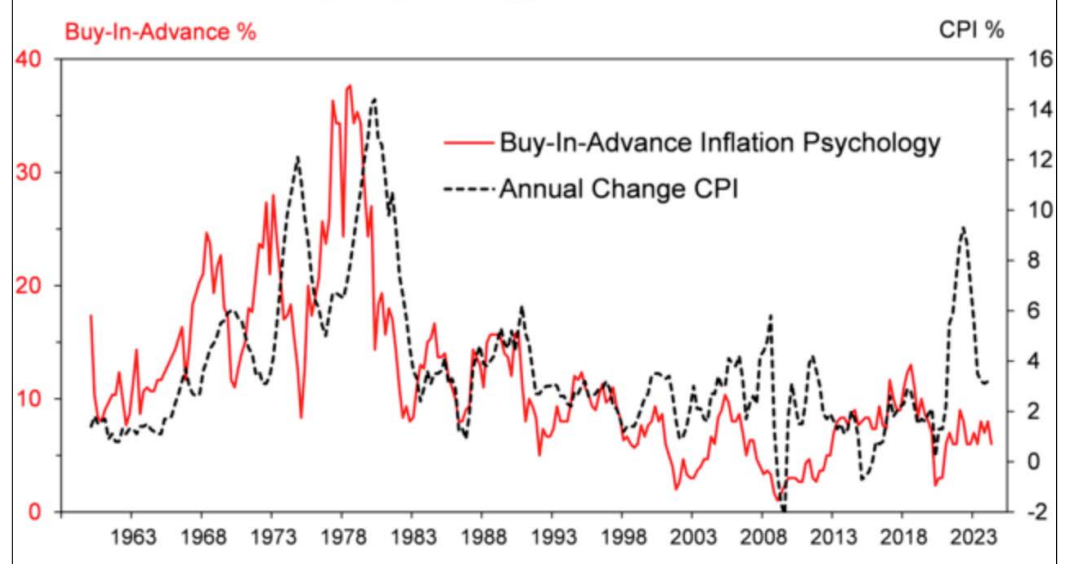
New In-ground Residential Pool Installations [US, Thousands]



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Source: PK Data via Latham Group & WSJ  
2023 is estimate by Latham Group, 2024 is estimate by PK Data

## Despite Persistent Concerns over High Prices, Inflationary Psychology Remains Muted in 2024



the only society that eats flaming hot Cheetos and worries about radon" Yes, we do. Another agent reported open houses every weekend, saying, "Most of the realtors are on vacation. It's an ideal time, a self-serve market."

John Engel is a Broker with the Engel Team at

Douglas Elliman and he has a wedding coming up Labor Day Weekend at St. Aloysius and Waveny. Francos is providing the wine. Rosie's is baking. The band has a horn section. To make it an all-New Canaan affair John may sneak over to New England Academy of Dance to get some dance lessons.

Submit questions and comments to [John.Engel@Elliman.com](mailto:John.Engel@Elliman.com)





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**SOLD \$2,275,000**



**115 GREENLEY ROAD | NEW CANAAN**  
**SOLD \$1,600,000**



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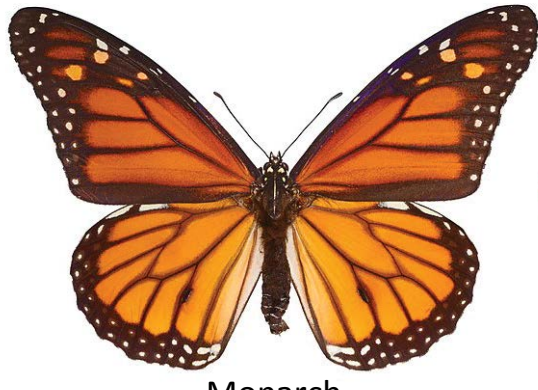
# COMMON BUTTERFLIES IN CONNECTICUT



Red Admiral



Painted Lady



Monarch



Clouded Sulphur



Spring Azure



Buckeye



American Lady



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail



Cabbage White



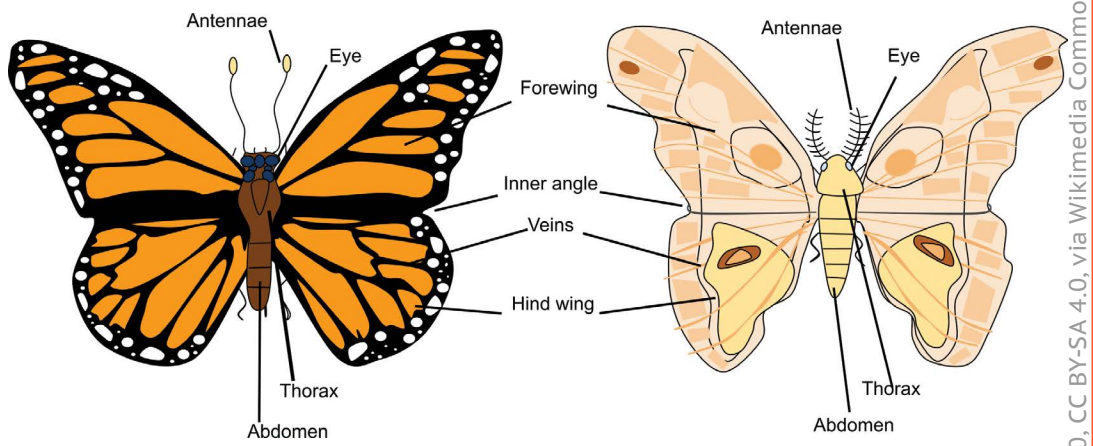
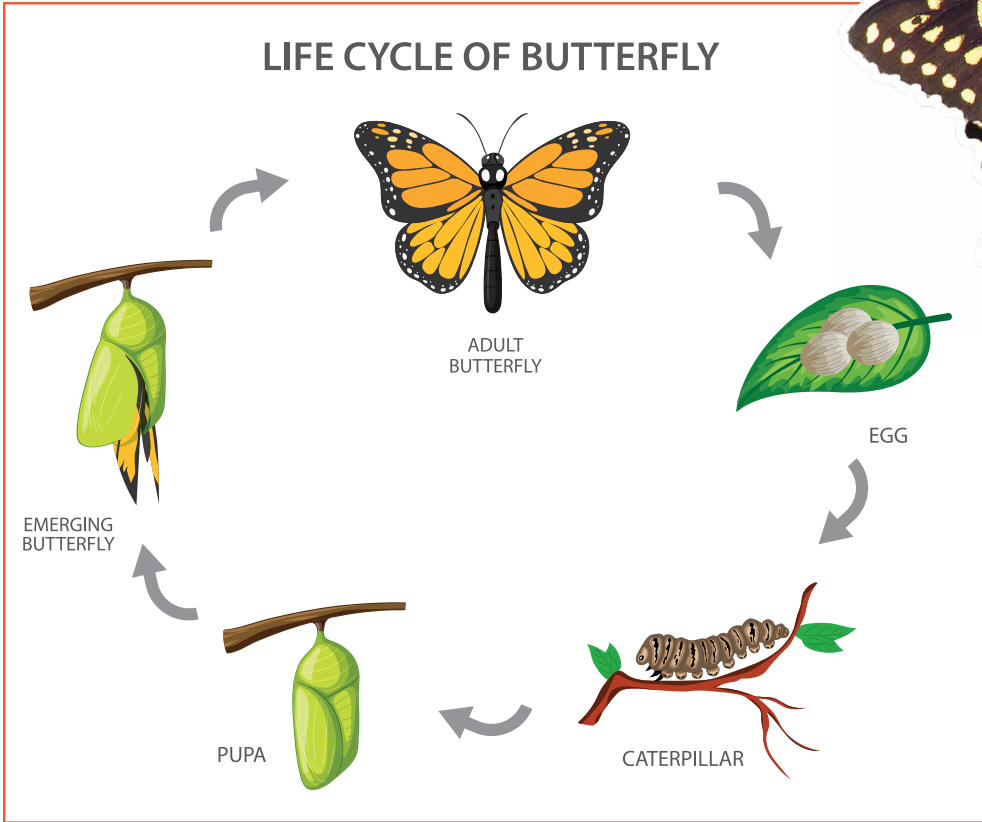
Checkered White



Black Swallowtail



Common Wood Nymph



## BUTTERFLY

- Active in the daytime
- Slim antennae with bulb at end
- Slimmer body
- Rests with wings out straight
- Changes from caterpillar to butterfly in a hanging chrysalis

## MOTH

- Active at night
- Feathery antennae
- Thick, fuzzy body
- Rests with wings folded over back
- Changes from larva to moth in a cocoon under or on the ground

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## FIND THE CORRECT SHADOW



*The butterfly counts not months but moments, And has time enough.*  
**RABINDRANATH TAGORE 1861-1941**

## Find 2 same pictures



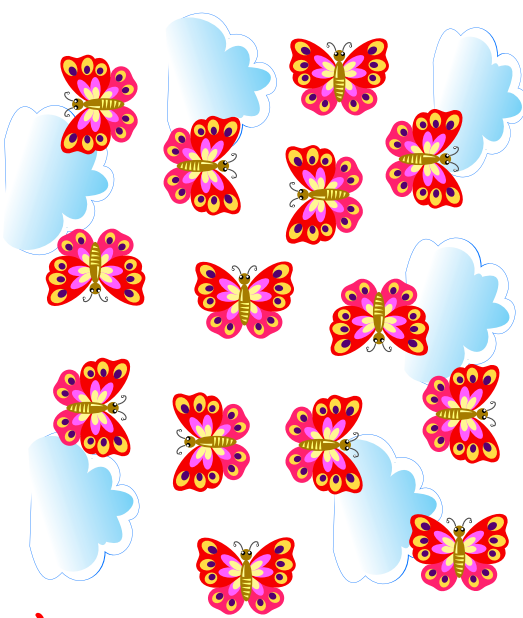
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$2 + 4 = 6$   
 $3 + 3 + 7 = 13$   
 $4 + 2 + 4 = 10$   
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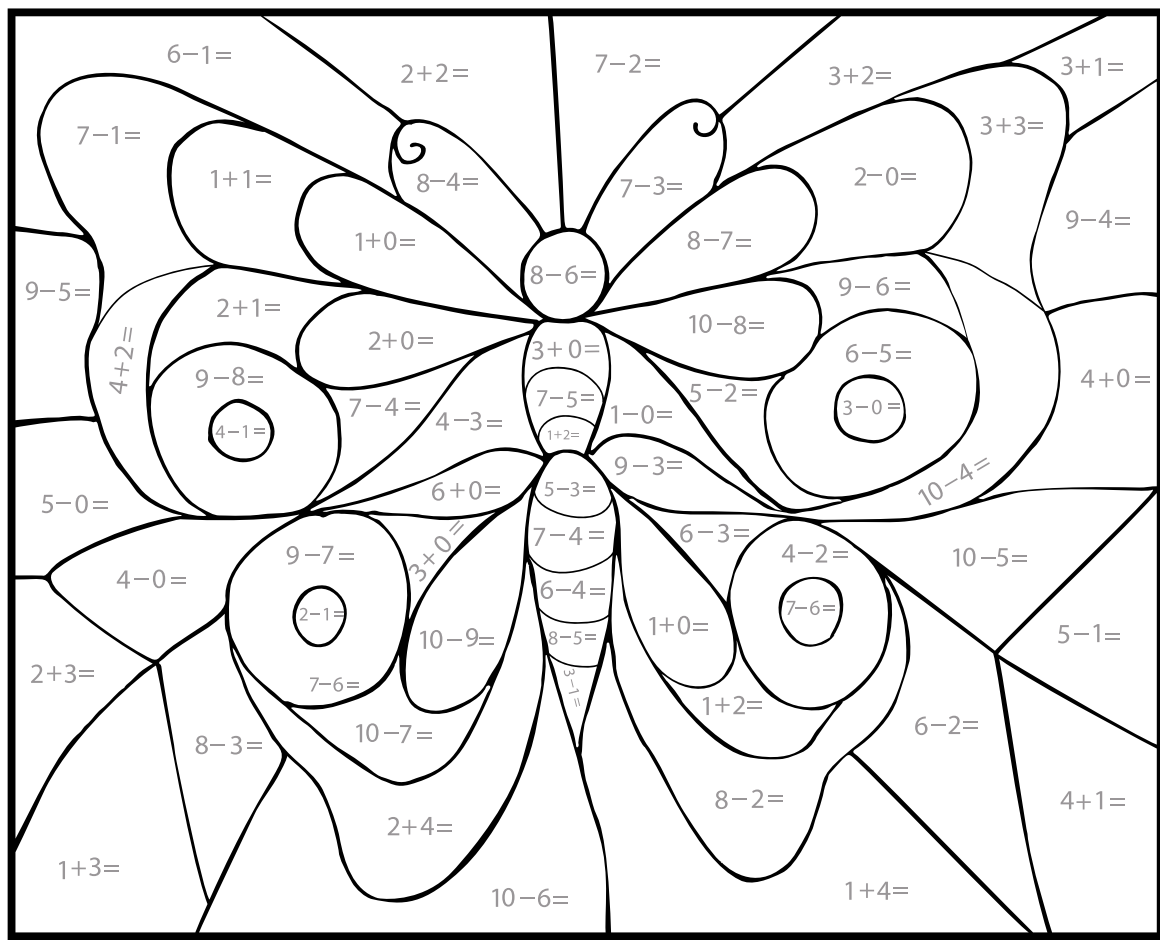
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# COLOR BY ADDITION & SUBTRACTION

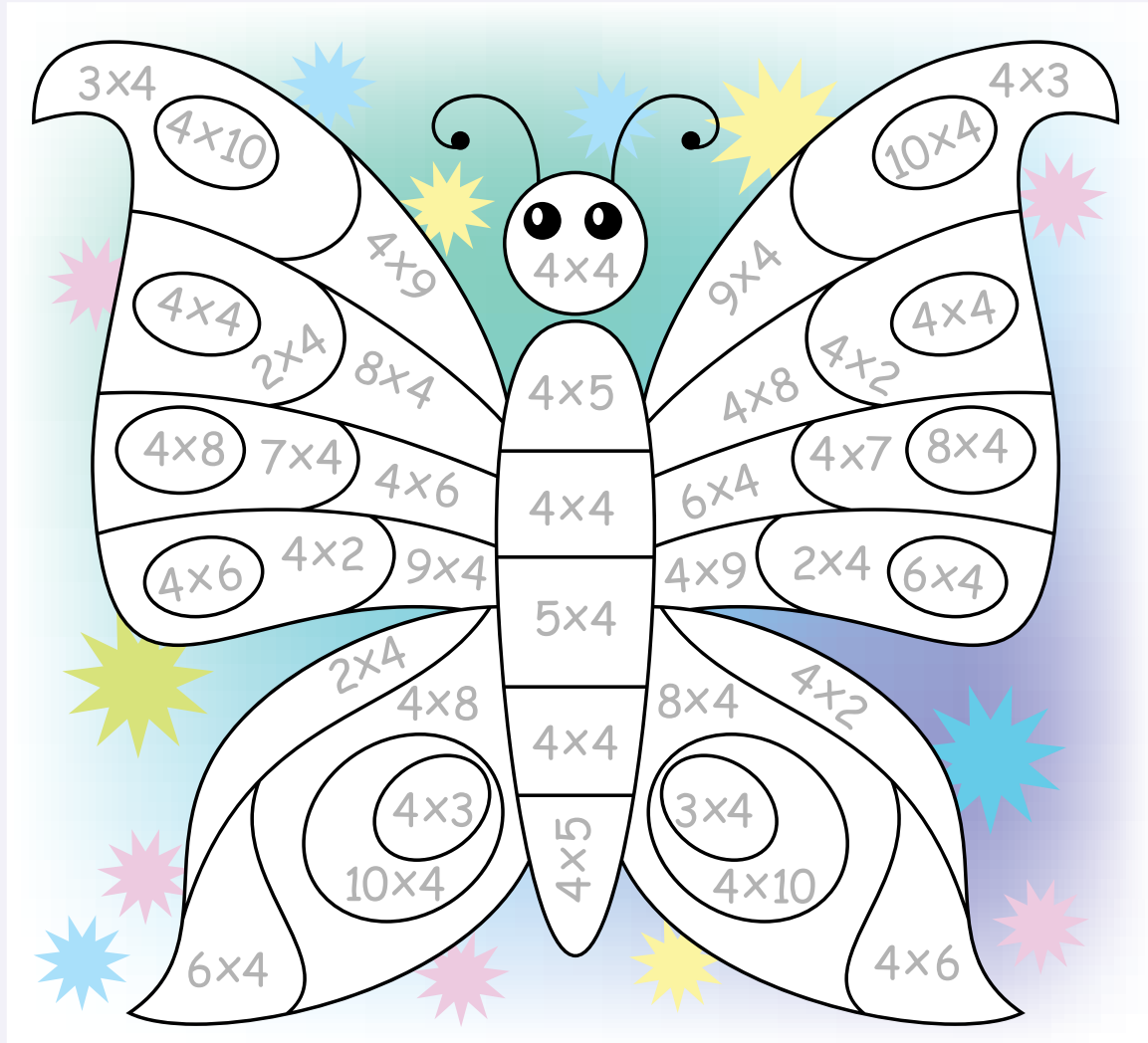


- YELLOW** (1)
- ORANGE** (2)
- PINK** (3)
- TURQUOISE** (4)
- LIGHT BLUE** (5)
- BLACK** (6)



# COLOR BY MULTIPLICATION

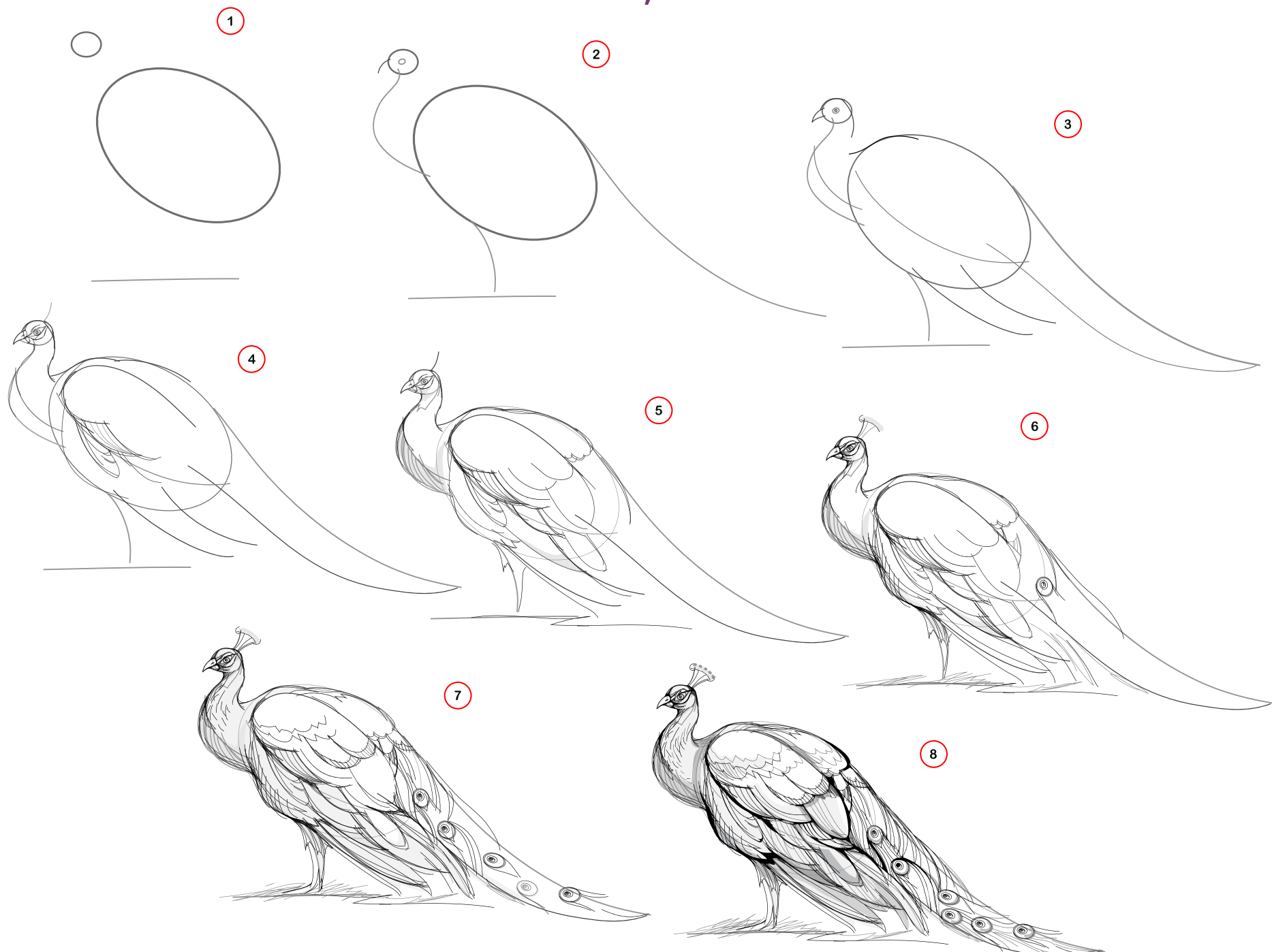
- $4 \times 2 = 8$
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- $4 \times 4 = 16$
- $4 \times 5 = 20$
- $4 \times 6 = 24$
- $4 \times 7 = 28$
- $4 \times 8 = 32$
- $4 \times 9 = 36$
- $4 \times 10 = 40$



- LILAC
  - DARK BLUE
  - BLACK
  - ORANGE
  - LIGHT BLUE
  - PURPLE
  - GREEN
  - RED
  - YELLOW
- 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40**

# Grab Your Sketchbook

## DRAW A PEACOCK, STEP BY STEP





# Universal Crossword

Edited by Adrian Johnson

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pole worker?
  - 4 Marsupial's pocket
  - 9 Geological period
  - 14 \_\_\_ Lingus (Irish carrier)
  - 15 "Bald" bird
  - 16 Debate
  - 17 Watch a kids' show on PBS? (hint: think "Bea")
  - 19 "Yes and no"
  - 20 Does some booty-shaking
  - 21 Word before "shower" or "shampoo"
  - 23 Snaky fish
  - 24 Makes less difficult
  - 25 Dalai \_\_\_
  - 27 Meg of movies
  - 28 One who handles a crested bird clumsily?
  - 34 SoCal surfing site
  - 36 Horse sound
  - 37 Mind reader's "gift," briefly
  - 39 Not widely known
  - 42 "Many years ..."
  - 43 Colossal corn containers
  - 45 Waxy stick
  - 47 Maker of ropes and fences for lines?
  - 50 Sale involving two items, informally
  - 53 Mallorca o Menorca, por ejemplo
- DOWN**
- 1 Spring holiday
  - 2 Wiggle room
  - 3 Nosh for a Costco shopper
  - 4 Execs' benefits
  - 5 Granola ingredients
  - 6 "What a drag!"
  - 7 Certain black playing card
  - 8 Harbinger
  - 9 Quick buck
  - 10 \_\_\_ bono
  - 11 Big brute
  - 12 Totes adorbs
  - 13 Recover from injury
  - 18 Huge concert venue
  - 22 Intimate concert venue
- 26 King Kong, for one
  - 28 "I like the cut of your \_\_\_"
  - 29 Situp muscles
  - 30 Desert shrub
  - 31 Professional with a grand plan?
  - 32 Object painted to record a clown's unique makeup
  - 33 Greek P
  - 35 Suffers embarrassment
  - 37 Lawyer's title: Abbr.
  - 38 Char \_\_\_ (Cantonese food)
  - 40 Coffee vessel with a spigot
  - 41 Chinese zodiac rodent
  - 44 French affirmative
- 46 Appointer of Sotomayor
  - 48 Oslo Accords party, briefly
  - 49 Tags in tees
  - 51 Swiss city where the World Health Organization is headquartered
  - 52 "Time is money" or "haste makes waste"
  - 54 Judge's assistant
  - 55 Squabble
  - 56 Maze solution
  - 57 Poker pot starter
  - 59 Graceful bird
  - 60 Actor Baldwin
  - 62 \_\_\_ sum (Cantonese food)
  - 64 Greek H

**PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER**

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## Next, Please! by Alex Eaton-Salners

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## Astrology for Next Week

- LEO**  
24 July-23 Aug A major new phase in your life is about to begin. What went before is of no importance. The Sun in your sign from tomorrow marks the start of a new solar year, so don't even think about what is over and done but what you are going to do from now on.
- VIRGO**  
24 Aug-23 Sept Don't be surprised, or alarmed, if your motivation nosedives. The Sun in Leo means you'll spend a lot of time thinking but not much time acting. However, today's dynamic Full Moon is a sign that the more you think now the more decisive your actions will be later on.
- LIBRA**  
24 Sept-23 Oct No matter how ambitious you may be there are only 24 hours in a day and if you want to bring more things into your life you're going to have to get rid of something that's already there. If a dream is worth pursuing, it is worth making sacrifices for.
- SCORPIO**  
24 Oct-22 Nov The Sun's transit of the midheaven angle of your chart makes this the ideal time for career plans – and this time around they'll succeed. The higher you aim the more likely it is you'll attain the rewards you yearn for. Think big and you will be big.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
23 Nov-21 Dec Do something positive with your time and energy, something that makes you glad to be alive. The Sun's change of signs will raise your spirits and make you believe all things are possible – and they are. An exciting new adventure is about to begin.
- CAPRICORN**  
22 Dec-20 Jan You can be a bit ruthless at times and today's Capricorn Full Moon, followed by the Sun's change of signs, will incline you to take what you want regardless of how it might affect other people. Do what you must and try not to lose too much sleep over it.
- AQUARIUS**  
21 Jan-19 Feb The Sun's move into your opposite sign means you must take other people's opinions into account more than you have done of late. You don't have to subdue your ego completely but you do need to recognise that others have egos that need looking after too.
- PISCES**  
20 Feb-20 March You have been remarkably energetic of late and should be feeling pleased with yourself for getting so much done. As from tomorrow, though, you are advised to ease up, for the sake of not just your own health but other people's too. They just can't keep up!
- TAURUS**  
21 April-21 May You have put off doing something so many times that no one believes you any longer when you tell them it will get done. Today's Full Moon will spur you to give it another try, but is your heart really in it? If not, maybe you should just let it go.
- GEMINI**  
22 May-21 June Your attitude will be a lot more positive and your luck will take a turn for the better too. A Full Moon and the Sun's change urges you to get out into the world. The more people you come into contact with the easier it will be to get what you desire.
- CANCER**  
22 June-23 July The Sun is moving out of your birth sign to focus on your finances and it's time for you to move on as well. You have come up with a lot of good ideas but if you want to be successful you'll have to narrow them down a bit. Make that your priority this week.

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## Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parke

- ACROSS**
- 1. (K) Bottle tops
  - 5. (K) Burst of strong wind
  - 9. Slowly move back, as a tide
  - 12. Make agitated
  - 13. Soprano's opera solo
  - 14. (K) Be untruthful
  - 15. Repetitive and persistent
  - 17. Genetic letters
  - 18. (K) Snoopy is one
  - 19. Greatest possible, as a degree
  - 21. (K) "\_\_\_ do you do that?"
  - 22. (K) Emulate a kite
  - 23. (K) Broom companion
  - 27. Address a massive crowd
  - 30. (K) Bonfire remnant
  - 31. (K) Positive answer
- DOWN**
- 1. (K) Baby's resting place
  - 2. Best rating (2 words)
  - 3. (K) Site of a leaning tower
  - 4. Minor insult
  - 5. Entrance or portal
  - 6. (K) Suffix with "press" or "fail"
  - 7. Air-filled skull cavity
  - 8. (K) Needle-worker's painful art
  - 9. Old Cadillac or land of gold
  - 10. (K) Coal containers
  - 11. (K) Defeat the drummer?
  - 16. Fare for a pig
  - 20. Make less than perfect
  - 23. (K) Father
  - 24. (K) Old Glory flies there
  - 25. (K) USPS receives it
- 26. (K) Table tennis prop**
- 28. (K) \_\_\_-tac-toe**
- 29. (K) "I just saw a mouse!"**
- 32. Discontinue for now**
- 35. \_\_\_ & Perrins (sauce brand)**
- 36. (K) Like an egg yolk**
- 38. (K) Rotated over and over**
- 39. (K) Beach shoe**
- 41. Irritation**
- 43. (K) Convert from wild to mild**
- 44. (K) An answer found in geometry**
- 46. Survey findings**
- 47. (K) Mineral found in meat or spinach**
- 48. (K) Write with a keyboard**
- 51. (K) Hair salon goo**

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?

Ram from the rear?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

**PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER**

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Previous riddle answer:  
When trying to save money?  
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## 7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

- CLUES**
- 1 used your car's horn (6)
  - 2 Donatello or Rodin (8)
  - 3 breaking off in bits (8)
  - 4 sounded like a hen (7)
  - 5 made money (6)
  - 6 focus in OOTD post (6)
  - 7 impromptu, like a hoops game (6)
- SOLUTIONS**
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Previous Answers: CHIPPER 2. FINGER 3. STORYTELLER 4. SCUFFED 5. CRUMMY 6. SECONDHAND 7. BALL 7/26

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# Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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## TOWN MEETINGS

### Tuesday, July 23

#### Board of Selectmen

8:30-10 a.m., Town Hall Meeting Room

#### Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee (TEDAC)

7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication please call 203-594-3070

### Thursday, July 25

#### Police Department Building Committee

8-10 a.m., Town Hall Board Room

#### Historic District Commission

4-5 p.m., Town Hall Board Room

### Friday, July 19

#### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center Dining Room. Join the New Canaan Sentinel Team for coffee and conversation.

### Saturday, July 20

#### New Canaan Village Fair & Sidewalk Sale

9 AM- 4 PM on Elm, Main, and Forest Streets

The fair offers local residents and regional visitors an action-packed, bargain-filled, entertaining, and delicious way to spend a summer day. For more information please visit <https://newcanaanchamber.com/village-fair-sidewalk-sale/>

### Town Farmers Market

10 AM - 2 PM at Lumber Yard Lot, 224 Elm Street

There are many vendors with various local items available including specialty food, fresh meat, produce, soap, eggs, and honey!

### Games on the Green During Sidewalk Sale

11 AM- 2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Merrill Event Lawn

In between shopping, stop by to play games, relax and refresh with some lemonade during New Canaan's annual Sidewalk Sale. We've got corn hole, badminton, spike ball, ring toss, tic tac toe, hula hoops, frisbees, and more.

### Half-Hour Portraits

11 AM- 3:30 PM at the Little Plucky  
Have your portrait painted by local Artist Jessica Miller. Each 7 x 5 inch expressionist portrait will capture the subject's likeness and mood, painted in one half-hour sitting. All are welcome to sit for a portrait. \$250/person. Tickets available at <https://www.thelittleplucky.com/event-details-registration/half-hour-portraits-by-jessica-miller-2024-07-20-11-00>

### Summer Concert | Bluegrass Guitarist Rick Snell

4:30- 6 PM at Grace Farms

Rick Snell is the virtuosic guitarist behind New York City's thriving bluegrass scene. Join Grace Farms for a lively summer concert the entire family can enjoy. This family-friendly seasonal music series is curated by our Music Director, Marcus G. Miller. The concert will take place indoors. \$8/members, \$10/nonmembers. Tickets available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/rick-snell>

### Monday, July 22

#### Summer Camp: More Than A Box Begins

9:30 AM- 12 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

The potential is endless at camp when it comes to creating with an array of cardboard boxes, an array of art supplies, and a dash of imagination. Camp will begin on July 22nd and will run through July 26th. Ages 6-10. \$255/members and \$280/non-member. For more information visit <https://carriagebarn.org/event/summer-camp-more-than-a-box/>

### Balance & Posture for Fall Prevention with Ellen

10 AM at the Lapham Center

This program is designed to decrease the risk of falling and improve upper and lower body strength. Posture exercises will strengthen the muscles that support the spine and contribute to overall balance and alignment. You must be able to stand on one foot with the support of a chair. Strength training with light weights included. \$90/person. Call 203-594-3620 to reserve your spot.

### New Canaan Football Golf Tournament and Touchdown Dinner

10:30 AM at the Country Club of New Canaan

All funds subsidize NCHS football programs including camps, off season 7v7's, coach salaries and clinics, technology, tutoring, transportation, special equipment needs, field improvements, scholarships. All family, friends, fans are invited. There will be a putting contest, silent auction, and much more. Ticket prices vary. Prices and more information are available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Cu0/>

### Tuesday, July 23

#### Walking for Wellness at Waveny

11 AM at the Lapham Center

Take a leisurely lap around the park with friends and enjoy the beauty of the season. Meet at Lapham, circle the new outdoor fitness area, and return to Lapham. Smell the flowers and experience some of New Canaan's charm. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

#### Patio and Lawn Games

12 PM at the Lapham Center

Bring along a friend or two and enjoy an impromptu game of Jenga, toss-across, cornhole or bocce, for some summer fun. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

#### Sip and Stitch with Aggie

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center

Aggie will be there to help with your stitch, bring along your needlepoint, knitting or crocheting. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

### Wednesday, July 24

#### Movies on Wednesdays

2 PM at the Lapham Center

Come watch a showing of The Boys in the Boat. During the Great Depression, members of the University of Washington rowing team compete for gold at the 1936 Olympics. IMDb 6.9/10. 2h 4m. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

#### Billiards with Mike Bacon

2 PM at the Lapham Center

Whether you want to learn to play pool, or just play a game, stop by for a game with Mike. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

#### Dinner on the Patio

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center

Bring your own dinner before heading over to the concert at Waveny. Drinks will be provided. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

#### Waveny Concert Series

7:30-9:30 PM at the Waveny House Lawn

Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music by Finster- 70's to Today's Hits. Free event.

### Thursday, July 25

#### The Rise and Fall of the British Empire

9:15 AM at the Lapham Center

This course explores the extensive and robust history of the largest empire in the world. Discussion led by Ned Monaghan. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

#### Cardboard Regatta Boat Race

11 AM -2 PM at Kiwanis Park

Working solo or with friends/siblings build a seaworthy boat. Those who register will get 5 rolls of duct tape and a choice of cardboard as materials to start there build. Pick up for the supplies will start July 15th. More information available at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/Cardboard%20Regatta%20Rules%202024.pdf>. To register please visit <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/summer-cardboard-regatta-boat-registration-76766>

## SAVE THE DATE

### July 26

#### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center Dining Room. Join the New Canaan Sentinel Team for coffee and conversation.

### Mary Poppins, JR

3:30 PM at 11 Farm Road

An hour long version of Mary Poppins performed by the Summer Theatre's middle school Junior Company with full sets and costumes. An opportunity to bring younger children to experience the magic of Mary Poppins. Ticket prices begin at \$17. Tickets available at <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36199/performance/11483948>. Email [boxoffice@stonc.org](mailto:boxoffice@stonc.org) or call (203) 966-4634 with questions.

### July 27

#### Town Farmers Market

10 AM - 2 PM at Lumber Yard Lot, 224 Elm Street

There are many vendors with various local items available including specialty food, fresh meat, produce, soap, eggs, and honey!

#### Supervised Mahjongg

10 AM - 12 PM at the Lapham Center

Join Aggie for some Saturday Mahjongg fun. Registrants must know how to play. If possible, players will be placed with others of the same skill level. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

### July 29

#### Summer Camp: Birdhouses, Butterflies, and Fairy House Fun Begins

9:30 AM- 12 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Repurpose various materials such as wooden boxes, cans, and jars to craft and embellish charming birdhouses and butterfly shelters. Camp will begin on July 29th and will run through August 2nd. Ages 6-10. \$255/members and \$280/non-member. For more information visit <https://carriagebarn.org/event/summer-camp-birdhouses-butterflies-and-fairy-house-fun/>

#### Balance & Posture for Fall Prevention with Ellen

10 AM at the Lapham Center

This program is designed to decrease the risk of falling and improve upper and lower body strength. Posture exercises will strengthen the muscles that support the spine and contribute to overall balance and alignment. You must be able to stand on one foot with the support of a chair. Strength training with light weights included. \$90/person. Call 203-594-3620 to reserve your spot.

### July 30

#### Walking for Wellness at Waveny

11 AM at the Lapham Center

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#### Patio and Lawn Games

12 PM at the Lapham Center

Bring along a friend or two and enjoy an impromptu game of Jenga, toss-across, cornhole or bocce, for some summer fun. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

#### Science of Suds with Connecticut Science Center

3:30- 4:15 PM at the New Canaan Library, Bartlett Auditorium and Community Room

Have some fun exploring the captivating, colorful science of soap and water. Uncover the mysteries of bubbles' shape, see what happens when you make bubbles with different gases, and push the limits of what suds can do. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/science-suds-connecticut-science-center-59818>

#### Fairfield County Dance Festival on the Green

6:30- 8:30 PM at the Merrill Event Lawn

The Ted Thomas Dance Foundation and East Coast Contemporary Ballet are proud to present a free outdoor dance performance. Please bring your own chairs, blankets and food. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-fairfield-dance-festival-76224>. For more information email [eccballet@gmail.com](mailto:eccballet@gmail.com) or call 718-637-3491.

### July 31

#### Get Creative With Canva

1-2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room

You will learn how to open a free Canva account, how to create a design using templates and stock photos/elements, and how to upload your own images. The many functions of Canva will be covered, including how to find and save projects and how to print or download your finished product. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/get-creative-canva-88643>

#### Billiards with Mike Bacon

2 PM at the Lapham Center

Whether you want to learn to play pool, or just play a game, stop by for a game with Mike. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

### Movies on Wednesdays

2 PM at the Lapham Center

Come watch a showing of The Beautiful Game. As an English football squad heads to Rome for the Homeless World Cup, their talented new player must let go of his past to be part of the team. IMDb 6.3/10. 2h 4m Call 203-594-3620 to register.

#### Dinner on the Patio

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center

Bring your own dinner before heading over to the concert at Waveny. Drinks will be provided. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

#### Waveny Concert Series

7:30-9:30 PM at the Waveny House Lawn

Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music by The Bookends- 60's and 70's songs. Free event.

### August 1

#### The Rise and Fall of the British Empire

9:15 AM at the Lapham Center

This course explores the extensive and robust history of the largest empire in the world. Discussion led by Ned Monaghan. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

#### Woodcarving

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center

Join Dennis Taylor to explore this time-honored craft. Dennis will carve actual projects, explain basic wood cuts and tools, and offer safety tips. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

#### Exhibit MAKERS

2-3:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Anderson MakerLab

This workshop will combine research and digital literacy with computer design skills to create files for the laser cutter and 3D printer. Students will choose a space-related topic and research, design and create their exhibit for display in our MakerLab exhibit space for the summer. For students in grades 3-4 in Fall of 2024. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/exhibit-makers-grades-3-4-80499>

#### Broadway Cabaret with Gil Harel & the Naugatuck Valley Troupe

7-8 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium and Community Room

The students of CT State Naugatuck Valley will be bringing the thrill of Broadway with them as they share songs and scenes from various beloved musicals. Under the direction of Professor Gil Harel, this theater troupe has performed all over the northeast. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/gil-harel-summer-troupe-71366>

### August 2

#### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center Dining Room. Join the New Canaan Sentinel Team for coffee and conversation.

#### DIY Space Lander

3:30-4:15 PM at the New Canaan Library, Arlene H. Grushkin Children's Program Room

Children entering grades 3 and 4 will put their engineering abilities to the test when they design and build their own space lander. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/diy-space-lander-grades-3-4-75715>

### August 3

#### Town Farmers Market

10 AM - 2 PM at Lumber Yard Lot, 224 Elm Street

There are many vendors with various local items available including specialty food, fresh meat, produce, soap, eggs, and honey!

#### The Adventures Of Robin Hood

2 PM at 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan

Two actors take the stage telling this classic tale with sporting equipment straight from the school gym - hockey sticks, jump ropes, basketballs, and more. Join for a one-of-a-kind performance that promises thrills, laughs, and plenty of surprises. The show will run for 55 minutes. Ticket prices start at \$25. Tickets available at <https://shorturl.at/ROJBS>

### August 3

#### Submission Deadline for Annual Member Show

The Carriage Barn Arts Center

All current and new members are welcome to participate in this exhibition which is the Carriage Barn's largest of the year and will





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SATURDAY, JULY 20 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

**Fly Me To The Moon - PG13**

2hrs 12 mins - Comedy  
1:00 pm | 4:15 pm | 7:30 pm

**Despicable Me**

1hr 35mins - Animated  
1:30 pm | 4:30 pm | 7:15 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 25

**Fly Me To The Moon - PG13**

2hrs 12 mins - Comedy  
2:00 pm

**Twisters - PG13**

2hrs 2 mins - Action  
12:00 pm | 3:00 pm | 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 25

**Deadpool & Wolverine - R**

2hrs 8 mins - Sci Fi  
5:00 pm | 8:00 pm | 9:00 pm

Tickets: \$16/\$12

Matinees \$12/\$10

Tuesdays: \$6

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kick-off the 2024/25 season. For more information visit <https://carriagebarn.org/2024-annual-member-show/>

**August 5****Balance & Posture for Fall Prevention with Ellen**

10 AM at the Lapham Center This program is designed to decrease the risk of falling and improve upper and lower body strength. Posture exercises will strengthen the muscles that support the spine and contribute to overall balance and alignment. You must be able to stand on one foot with the support of a chair. Strength training with light weights included. \$90/person. Call 203-594-3620 to reserve your spot.

**August 6****Walking for Wellness at Waveny**

11 AM at the Lapham Center Take a leisurely lap around the park with friends and enjoy the beauty of the season. Meet at Lapham, circle the new outdoor fitness area, and return to Lapham. Smell the flowers and experience some of New Canaan's charm. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**Patio and Lawn Games**

12 PM at the Lapham Center Bring along a friend or two and enjoy an impromptu game of Jenga, toss-across, cornhole or bocce, for some summer fun. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

**August 7****Billiards with Mike Bacon**

2 PM at the Lapham Center Whether you want to learn to play pool, or just play a game, stop by for a game with Mike. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**Movies on Wednesdays**

2 PM at the Lapham Center Come watch a showing of American Fiction. Monk is a frustrated novelist who's fed up with the establishment that profits from Black entertainment that relies on tired and offensive tropes. IMDb 7.6/10. 1h 57m. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

**Dinner on the Patio**

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center Bring your own dinner before heading over to the concert at Waveny. Drinks will be provided. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**Waveny Concert Series**

7:30-9:30 PM at the Waveny House Lawn Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music by Dreamin' who will play 50's and 60's songs. Free event.

**August 8****The Rise and Fall of the British Empire**

9:15 AM at the Lapham Center. This course explores the extensive and robust history of the largest empire in the world. Discussion led by Ned Monaghan. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**August 13****Walking for Wellness at Waveny**

11 AM at the Lapham Center Take a leisurely lap around the park with friends and enjoy the beauty of the season. Meet at Lapham, circle the new outdoor fitness area, and return to Lapham. Smell the flowers and experience some of New Canaan's charm. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**Patio and Lawn Games**

12 PM at the Lapham Center Bring along a friend or two and enjoy an impromptu game of Jenga, toss-across, cornhole or bocce, for some summer fun. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

**August 14****Billiards with Mike Bacon**

2 PM at the Lapham Center Whether you want to learn to play pool, or just play a game, stop by for a game with Mike. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**Movies on Wednesdays**

2 PM at the Lapham Center Come watch a showing of Frida. An intimate journey through the life, mind and heart of iconic artist Frida Kahlo, told through her own words, drawn from her diary, letters, essays and interviews. IMDb 7.5/10. 1h 27m. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

**Waveny Concert Series**

7:30-9:30 PM at the Waveny House Lawn Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music by the Royal Kings who will perform Doo Wop Music. Free event.

**August 15 Woodcarving**

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center. Join Dennis Taylor to explore this time-honored craft. Dennis will carve actual projects, explain basic wood cuts and tools, and offer safety tips. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**August 19****Women on the Edge Book Group**

6:30- 7:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room This month the Edge Book Group will be discussing My Husband by Maud Ventura. You can pick up copies of the book from the hold shelf at the library. Free. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/women-edge-book-group-89216>

**August 21****Billiards with Mike Bacon**

2 PM at the Lapham Center Whether you want to learn to play pool, or just play a game, stop by for a game with Mike. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**Movies on Wednesdays**

2 PM at the Lapham Center Come watch a showing of Wicked Little Letters. When Edith and fellow residents begin to receive wicked letters full of hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. However, as the town's women investigate the crime themselves, they suspect that Rose may not be the culprit after all. IMDb 7.1/10. 1h 40m. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

**Waveny Concert Series**

7:30-9:30 PM at the Waveny House Lawn Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music by Fairfield Counts Band. Free event.

**August 22****The Whodunnit Book Group**

1 PM at the Lapham Center Join Lapham Reads as they discuss this month's book "The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies" by Alison Goodman. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**Non-Fiction Book Club: Liliana's Invincible Summer**

6- 7 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room Join the Non-Fiction Book Club as they read Cristina Rivera Garza's 2023 Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir Liliana's Invincible Summer: A Sister's Search For Justice. Whether you're a long-time member or a first-time attendee, this book club welcomes all perspectives and encourages lively discussion. Free. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/non-fiction-book-discussion-92784>

**August 28****Billiards with Mike Bacon**

2 PM at the Lapham Center Whether you want to learn to play pool, or just play a game, stop by for a game with Mike. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 for more information.

**Movies on Wednesdays**

2 PM at the Lapham Center Come watch a showing of Yesterday. A musician discovers he's the only person who remember The Beatles. By performing their greatest hits, he skyrockets to fame - but at what cost? IMDb 6.8/10. 1h 56m. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

**Waveny Concert Series**

7:30-9:30 PM at the Waveny House Lawn Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music. The Tom Duffy Band will perform music from the 80's to today. Free event.

**September 4****Water for Elephants: The Broadway Musical**

11:30 AM at the Lapham Center Witness the spectacle of this new musical, right in the heart of NYC's Theater District. \$245/person. Cost includes travel, bagged lunch, and ticket. Space is limited, call 203-594-3620 to reserve your spot and for more information.

**Waveny Concert Series**

7:30-9:30 PM at the Waveny House Lawn Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music. The Short Bus Band will perform songs from the 70's songs to today's hits. Free event.

## Support Services & Meetings NEW CANAAN

**Friday, July 19**

**AA Speaker Meeting**  
Wheelchair Access  
Fridays at 7:30 AM  
Congregational Church of New Canaan  
23 Park St, New Canaan

**Suicide Prevention Training: Question, Persuade and Refer**

11 AM- 1 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room This training will certify you as a QPR gatekeeper. Those trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/suicide-prevention-training-question-persuade-and-refer-82865>

**Saturday, July 20****AA Meeting - Sober Citizens Group**

Saturdays at 9:15 AM  
First Presbyterian Church  
178 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

**AA Meeting-Laundry and Dry Cleaning Group**

Saturdays at 10:30 AM  
First Presbyterian Group  
178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan

**Lost Then Found NA Meeting**

Wheelchair Accessible  
Saturdays at 7 PM  
United Methodist Church (back entrance) 165 South Avenue, New Canaan

**Monday, July 22****AA Meeting**

Wheelchair Access  
Mondays at 7:30 AM  
Congregational Church of New Canaan  
23 Park St, New Canaan

**Adult Child Al-Anon Meeting**

Mondays at 12 PM  
St. Mark's Church, Youth Room  
111 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

**Tuesday, July 23****Adult Child Alanon Meeting**

Tuesdays at 12 PM  
St. Mark's Parish House, Conf. Room  
111 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

**Wednesday, July 24****AA Step Meeting**

Wheelchair Access  
Wednesdays at 7:30 AM  
Congregational Church of New Canaan  
23 Park St, New Canaan

**Alzheimer's Support Group with the Waveny LifeCare Network**

2-3 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room  
Family members, caregivers, and friends are invited to meet for informative and supportive group sessions to help navigate changes related to memory loss and cognitive decline. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-dementia-support-group-92998>

**Al-Anon Parent's & Newcomer's Mtg.**

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM  
Silver Hill, Jorgenson House  
208 Valley Rd., New Canaan

**Thursday, July 25****AA Big Book Meeting.**

Wheelchair Access  
Thursdays at 7:30 AM  
Congregational Church of New Canaan  
23 Park St, New Canaan

**New Canaan Parent Support Group**

7- 8:30 PM  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
New Canaan  
Email: paul@ncparentsupportgroup.org for more information

**Sunday, July 28 Wellness for Cancer at BA Skin Lab**

8 AM- 4PM at BA Skin Lab Join for a day of Beauty & Wellness dedicated to those affected by cancer. Experience complimentary facials as BA Skin Lab supports your journey - whether in the midst of battling or in remission. For more information and to reserve your spot call 203-594-9898.

## Our Neighbors

**July 23****Arbor Adventures: A Family Tree Walk**

2-3:30 PM at Montgomery Pinetum  
130 Bible Street, Cos Cob Families will learn about the park's rich history and discover its remarkable trees while exploring the Pinetum with our knowledgeable guide. Leading the way is Joe Kay, the Deputy Tree Warden and Operations Manager for the town of Greenwich, and a local expert on trees and how they grow. Free event. To register please visit <https://greenwichtreeconservancy.org/upcoming-events/>

**Fairfield County Dance Festival**

6:30-8:30 PM at Weed Beach  
155 Nearwater Lane, Darien A mobile outdoor stage traveling to different communities to present a wide variety of community-based outreach programs and performances, including master classes, lecture demonstrations and workshops. Featuring Thomas/Ortiz Dance and East Coast Contemporary Ballet, along with local artist, guest dance companies and musicians. For more information email [ecballet@gmail.com](mailto:ecballet@gmail.com) or call 718-637-3491.

**August 11****Cars and Coffee**

7-10:30 AM at Goodwives Shopping Center  
25 Old Kings Highway, Darien Featuring Chrysler and Chrysler powered Cars. all make and models are welcome but only vehicles fitting our theme will be eligible for a Theme Trophy. Any entry can win Peoples Choice Trophy. Gates open at 6:30 am. To be eligible for a trophy, your car must be on the field by 7:30 am. Judging begins at 8:00 am. Trophies will be awarded at 10:00 am. For more information visit <https://carsandcoffeedarlen.com>



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## Sudoku

Each row, column, nonet can contain each number only once. Answers below.

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### Easy

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	7		3					
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		8					2	1
					5		8	
			2			9		3
2				3	9	6		

### Hard

	8	2			3			4
		1		2				3
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	9				5			7
	2						6	
5			9				1	
				3	7		5	
	7			1		6		
2			6			7	8	

### Very Hard

			5		8	9	3	6
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3								
					4	5	2	1
				9				
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								5
						6		
2	9	4	8		7			

## COLORING CHALLENGE



### Sudoku answers

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Bottom row - Very Hard

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Bottom row - Hard

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Bottom row - Easy

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Top row - Very Hard

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Top row - Hard

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Top row - Easy



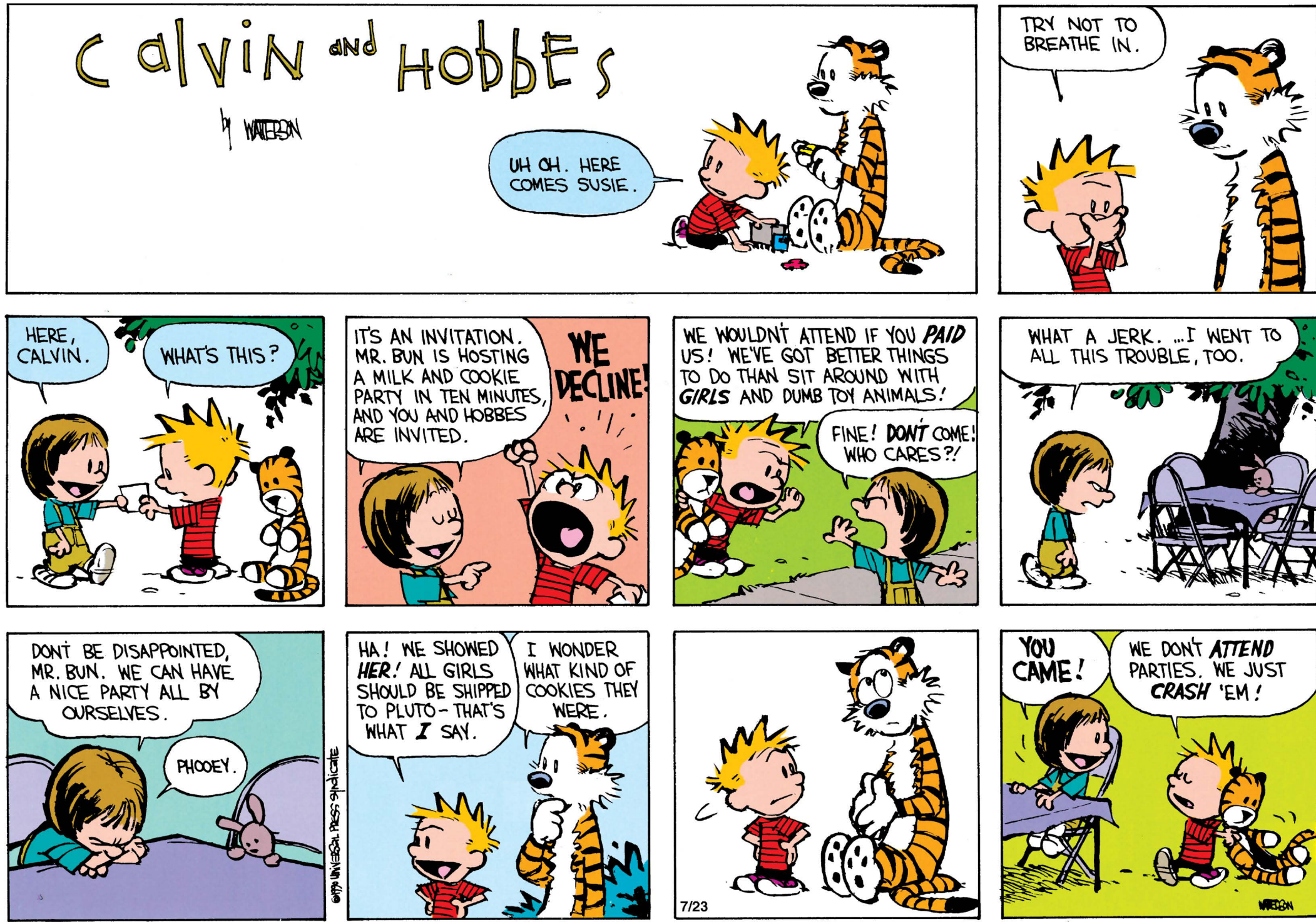






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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE HUMMINGBIRD CLEARWING MOTH

# Finding Success by Defying Convention

BY JIM KNOX

“Check out the hummingbird!” the excited siblings called out in near unison as they admired the zoo’s pollinator gardens at summer’s peak with their parents.

“Wait, that’s not a bird,” the little boy called out.

“What is that thing?” his big sister asked, scrutinizing the mesmerizing creature hovering just an arm’s length away.

What they beheld is a marvel living in our midst. The Hummingbird moth, also known as the Hummingbird Clearwing, Clearwing moth, or Clearwing Sphinx moth, *Hemaris thysbe*, is a chimeric creature that combines traits of a multitude of species. With a stout, spindle-shaped body up to 2 inches in length and a broad wingspan reaching 2 ¼ inches, the Hummingbird moth approaches the size of the species it mimics in function—the Ruby-throated hummingbird—and is hard to miss. Golden-olive dorsally and creamy-yellow ventrally with a dark burgundy abdomen, this moth boasts bright coloration, yet its namesake wings are stunning. With a blurring speed of up to 85 wing beats per second, the Clearwing moth’s four wings produce wing strokes in a shallow figure-eight motion which are literally faster than the human eye and even produce an audible hum! After several flights, such speed results in the sloughing of the moth’s wing scales—producing clear wings rimmed by deep burgundy wing borders. Among its more unusual traits is a lobster-like “tail fan” which aids the insect in remarkable maneuverability.



The Hummingbird Clearwing Moth

*This unique moth has the flight of a hummingbird, the tail of a lobster, and the daytime habits of a butterfly.*

hummingbird-like lifestyle in which it hovers above blooms, zipping from flower to flower, the Clearwing moth extracts nectar from deep-tubed flowers, unfurling its long tongue-like proboscis—twice the length of its body! Due to this feeding strategy, the moth can access flowers other insect species cannot, pollinating new plants with each feeding. Even more significantly, as a diurnal moth species, which is rare in North America, these insects can access flowers in bloom that would be closed at night. With roughly 125 Hummingbird moth species

living in North America and more than 1,500 worldwide, the family is diverse and phenomenally successful. Feeding on a wide variety of plants including cherries, and plums as caterpillars and Beebalm, Snowberry and Blueberry as adults, Clearwing moths feed on a diverse number of plant species enabling them to range from Alaska southward to Oregon in the west and from Newfoundland and Ontario southward through Florida in the east. With the flight of a hummingbird, the tail of a lobster and the daytime

habits of a butterfly, the Clearwing moth possesses diverse physical and behavioral traits which imbue it with advantages over the competition. What’s more, the Clearwing possesses modified hairs which resemble fine hummingbird-like feathers which shine in the sun and distinctly bird-like eyes. While the vast majority of moths are nocturnal, the Clearwing prefers to feed in the bright daylight. In response, its eyes have developed some unusual, “Un mothlike” features. Specifically, the center of its eye is tightly packed with

more photoreceptors cells than the edges. This enables the Clearwing to see greater detail in the objects immediately in front of it. This likely evolved to help the moth judge its distance from long-stemmed flowers, enabling it to target and access such flowers which bob and sway in the wind. Additionally, the Clearwing possesses a pseudo pupil—giving it the appearance of a bird’s eye which gives potential predators the warning that they have been spotted and are under observation. This “blows the cover” of the predator’s ambush, buying the

Clearwing time to escape. While its design enables it to pollinate a multitude of species, it also equips it with the speed and maneuverability to evade nearly all predators. Then, there is the magical. Named after Ovid’s beauty Thisbe, the Clearwing is indeed an arresting creature. In addition to evading predators, these utterly unique creatures evade convention and our perception alike. With wing speed exceeding our vision and the ability to hover motionless and reverse direction in an instant, the Clearwing moth approaches the ethereal. To witness one hovering over a flower with the morning sun sparkling off its bright fur and streaming through its crystalline wings is to behold the pinnacle of Mother Nature’s engineering and beauty in an instant.

In the Clearwing moth we have a creature worthy of emulation. How many advantages can we harness by defying convention? What lies within our grasp when we adopt the traits of those who accomplish amazing feats? What sort of mesmerizing chimeras can we become? With purpose shaping our efforts, the answers are as clear as the wings that bring us to our next bright bloom.

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