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**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING** 

#### PEOPLE IN TOWN **Thorsheim Completes Fundraising Bike Ride**

Mark Thorsheim of New Canaan completed a 4,000mile cross-country bike ride, raising over \$100,000 for Career Resources Incorporated.

**SCHOOLS South School Welcomes Therapy Dog** 



South School has introduced Demi, a therapy dog with over three years of experience at Scotts Ridge Middle School. Demi is now providing support to students. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

#### **Our Merit Scholars**

Several New Canaan students have been named semifinalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students include seniors from both New Canaan High School and St. Luke's School.

From New Canaan High School:

> Eric Huang William M. Merritt Thomas N. Pisant Tedrah G. Smedley Daniel J. Yoo Alexander Yuan

From St. Luke's School: Laurel Aronian Lena Olbrys Rydan Olson

The semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, and their selection is based on the highest scores in each state.

# **Myles Places Third**

Jaylen Myles, a student at Saint Luke's School, participated in the New England Cubing Championship in Providence. He placed first in the one-handed event's initial round and third in the finals.

**Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirts** 



Limited-edition New Canaan Fire Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirts are on sale through the end of October, with all proceeds

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By Anne White

\*Project Pink\* will once again transform downtown New Canaan into a vivid reminder of the importance of breast cancer awareness, as pink ribbons and lights adorn more than 100 lampposts. Now in its second year, the initiative was launched by Julie Stein, a local resident and breast cancer survivor, in partnership with the Breast Cancer Alliance (BCA). The project's goal is to raise funds for breast cancer research, screenings, and support services while fostering community spirit and solidarity.

Last year, Stein's vision brought the town together for the first time in a sea of pink throughout the month of October. Stein, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2018, drew upon her experience and passion to inspire the town to embrace the cause. "This is about raising awareness and making sure no one misses a mammogram," Stein said at the time.

For a \$100 donation, individuals can dedicate a lamppost to a loved one affected by breast cancer. These donations directly benefit the Breast Cancer Alliance, an organization dedicated to improving survival rates

by funding cutting-edge research, providing education, and supporting underserved populations with access to early detection and care.

According to the BCA's website, all funds raised through the initiative go toward breast cancer research, breast surgery fellowships, and outreach programs that provide mammograms and care for lowincome and uninsured women.

Local merchants have also embraced the campaign enthusiasm. Shops along Elm Street and Pine Street are featuring pink displays, with a portion of their sales going toward the cause

Canaan Parks and Recreation Department and local volunteers, symbolizes hope and resilience.

'This isn't just about fundraising. It's about making sure that as a community, we support each other and raise awareness about this disease. Early detection saves lives, and events like Project Pink help spread that message," Stein emphasized.

The deadline is 9/26. For more information about how to contribute https://interland3. the donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink. aspx?name=bca&id=96

# **Conversation with Maria Trozzi**

New Canaan is holding a special facilitate a conversation tailored gathering this Sunday, September to meet attendees wherever they 22, at 11:15 a.m. in the Meeting House find themselves in their grieving at 23 Park Street. Maria Trozzi, a process. recognized leader in community trauma and crisis response, will be

lead the discussion. Maria Trozzi, described by Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapin Garner as a trusted colleague and friend, brings extensive experience in helping communities navigate grief and

The Congregational Church of trauma. She will offer insights and

This event is open to everyone and attendees are encouraged to share this opportunity with anyone who may benefit. All are welcome to

For more information, please contact the Congregational Church of New Canaan.

# Potential Aquarion Sale Raises Local Concerns

The potential sale of Aquarion Water Company, currently owned by Eversource, to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (RWA) has sparked significant debate and concern in the communities it serves, including New Canaan. Aquarion, one of the largest private water companies in the state, has been regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), ensuring a steady control over water rates and service standards. RWA, on the other hand, operates as a quasi-governmental agency, primarily serving the Greater New Haven area. The concern arises from RWA's history of higher rate increases and other issues regarding the deal's financing and the way in which this opportunity for the sale to RWA came about, quickly and quietly moving through what normally would have been a lengthy and public process.

Additionally, the proposed acquisition has financial implications for the municipalities currently served by Aquarion. As a private company, Aquarion contributes significant property taxes to towns like New Canaan.

Local officials, including New Canaan's First Selectman Dionna Carlson and state Senator Ryan Fazio, have voiced concerns.

Carlson, during a discussion with the New Canaan Sentinel, voiced significant concerns about the potential acquisition of Aquarion Water Company by the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (RWA). With the potential for far-reaching implications on both water rates and town revenue, Carlson made clear that the sale could spell serious challenges for New Canaan residents and the town's long-term finances.

Carlson first addressed the key issue of rate increases. Aquarion, which has been privately owned by Eversource and regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), has imposed only an 8.5% rate increase over the past decade. In stark contrast, RWA, a quasigovernmental agency responsible for water service in the Greater New Haven area, has raised its rates by over 40% during the same period. "RWA's claim that it would hold rates steady after the acquisition is difficult to believe given their track record," Carlson stated. She expressed concern that RWA's internal financial structure, which lacks oversight from PURA, would inevitably lead to higher costs for consumers. "Once they are no longer regulated by PURA, RWA would have free rein to impose rate hikes without the same level of accountability."

Carlson went further, questioning the feasibility of RWA's pledge not to impose further increases. "They've promised no new rate hikes, but I don't see how that's sustainable," she said. "The reality is, if a quasi-government agency like RWA takes over, they will likely need to recoup the costs of the acquisition, and that money will have to come from the customers."

out of nowhere," Fazio said, pointing to the lack of in this process. public debate before RWA was allowed to enter the policy shift that happened without any substantial public hearings or input from the communities that will be directly impacted."

financial impact on households. "RWA's rates 203-401-2515.

are significantly higher than Aquarion's. If they take over, residents in New Canaan and other towns could see their water bills skyrocket," he explained. "The lack of oversight from PURA is a huge red flag. We could be looking at rates 40% higher or more in the near future."

Carlson also focused on the financial impact on New Canaan beyond rate increases, specifically regarding the loss of property tax revenue. Currently, Aquarion pays more than \$300,000 annually in property taxes to the town. However, if RWA takes over, as a quasi-governmental agency, it would be exempt from property taxes and would instead make Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). Carlson expressed doubts about the reliability of PILOT payments, pointing out that RWA has stated it would not increase payments even if they make improvements to their infrastructure. This is a serious issue for New Canaan. Without those property taxes, the town could lose a critical source of revenue that we depend on for essential services," Carlson explained. "PILOT payments are not a reliable replacement. They're static, which means they won't keep pace with inflation or improvements. Over time, we'd be essentially receiving less and less money."

Carlson also emphasized the potential loss of influence for New Canaan on RWA's board of directors. Under the proposed governance structure, board seats would be allocated based on the number of water customers and the amount of land owned by the water utility in each municipality. Larger cities like Stamford, Norwalk, and Bridgeport would have a disproportionate amount of representation compared to smaller towns like New Canaan. "Our town would essentially be sidelined when it comes to decisionmaking," Carlson warned. "New Canaan's representation would be minimal compared to these larger cities, and we would have little say in how decisions affecting our water service are

Fazio highlighted this as a major concern, suggesting that New Canaan and other smaller towns could find themselves at the mercy of larger municipalities when it comes to critical decisions about water rates and infrastructure investments. This governance structure is set up to favor the bigger cities," he said. "New Canaan would be left with a diminished voice, and that's not something we can afford when it comes to essential services

Both Carlson and Fazio called for greater transparency and more robust public discussion about the potential sale. "This sale could have long-lasting effects on our town's finances and water service." Carlson said. "We need to make sure that residents are fully informed about what's at stake and that we, as a community, are involved in the process."

Fazio echoed this sentiment, urging residents to engage in the discussion and push for more State Senator Ryan Fazio echoed her concerns, oversight. "This is a critical issue, and it's not just particularly regarding the transparency of about rates," he said. "It's about how decisions the legislative process leading to the potential affecting our town are made and who gets to make aquisition. "This was a major change that appeared them. The residents of New Canaan deserve a say

As the discussion continues, Carlson and Fazio bidding process. "This was a multi-billion dollar stressed the need for residents to stay engaged and submit their questions and concerns.

Residents can stay informed by visiting RWA's website or submitting questions via Fazio was particularly concerned about the email to jslubowski@rwater.com or by calling

# E.G.O. = Easily **Gets Offended**



Our E.G.O., which Easily Gets Offended, can get us into a lot of relationship trouble. Our pride builds armor around us that we hope is impenetrable, but it isn't. People are inevitably going to do things that offend us. We offend others, too. Taking offense is related to the Greek word skandalon, the trigger of a trap on which bait is placed for an animal. Though more closely related to our modern word scandal, skandalon is also translated as "a stumbling block or a snare."

When we take offense, we get our leg caught in a trap. An analogous image is biting down on a fish hook. The trapper and the fisherman may not even know that we've been caught! Research shows that we are most often unaware when we offend others. The degree to which we are not easily offended may be a barometer of our psychological and spiritual health.

Lydia was often the target of her mother's rampages. She couldn't escape. When these moments occurred, she imagined she was holding a bullfighter's red cape out to her side for her mother's rage to tear through. In this way, her ego didn't get gored, though sometimes Lydia did get nicked.

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.

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**SUDUKO** 

**PUZZLES,** HOROSCOPES, CALVIN, JIM KNOX

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# Go See Empire Waist This at The Playhouse Weekend!



"Empire Waist" is a film that wears its heart unapologetically on its sleeve, a tender exploration of body image, friendship, and the quiet revolution of inclusive fashion. Directed by newcomer Claire Ayoub, a writer, director, and copywriter who runs the production company Try Anyway Productions. Her first feature film is a dramedy called EMPIRE WAIST, which captured the heart of Tom Butterworth who was effusive in his praise of the film. Ayoub has spent years fine-

tuning this project, the film **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7** 





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Douglas Elliman

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benefiting Paint The Town Pink and the Bennett Cancer Center. The shirts are available at the New Canaan Fire Station from 9 am to 5 pm or at the Farmers Market on October 12th and 26th. Photo credit: New Canaan Fire Co

#### **TOWN HALL**

#### **Forest Street Closure**

Eversource Electric will upgrade the electrical grid on Forest Street, between East Avenue and Locust Avenue. The road will be closed nightly from 10 pm to 10 am, Sunday through Thursday. The work began September 18th and will continue for two weeks.

#### **Silvermine Road Closure**

Aquarion Water is installing a 36-inch water main on Silvermine Road (Route 106) between Carter Street/Canoe Hill Road and Valley Road. The road will be closed Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm until November 15. Motorists should use the Ferris Hill Road detour.

# **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### **EMTs Trained on UTV Operations**



This weekend, EMTs were trained to operate the department's UTV, enhancing response capabilities. The vehicle will be used in areas that are difficult to access.



Your child's eye health and vision quality play an essential role in physical, cognitive, and social development. A Back-to-School Eye Exam is more than just a routine exercise; it's a proactive step that supports your child's overall well-being.



Robert J. Fucigna, M.D. 1445 East Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich Photo credit: New Canaan EMS.

#### **New Canaan Launches Parking Survey**

New Canaan has launched a survey to collect feedback on downtown parking from residents, businesses, and visitors. Open until October 11th, the survey aims to inform future parking decisions in the town. It is available online at https://newcanaanchamber.com/2024/09/16/downtownparking-survey/

#### **Final Hearing Set for POCD**

The New Canaan Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a final public hearing and vote on the 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development on October 10. The public comment period ends today and a draft of the plan is available online for public viewing at <a href="https://cms3">https://cms3</a>. revize.com/revize/canaan/Departments/Land%20Use/ New%20Canaan%20POCD%20DRAFT 20240715.pdf

#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### **Project Pink New Canaan**

Julie Stein founded Project Pink New Canaan in 2023 to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. The initiative will place pink ribbons and lights on over 100 lampposts downtown, with dedication tags available for purchase through September 26th. All proceeds will support the Breast Cancer Alliance's efforts in research and grants. For more information and to purchase a dedication tag please visit <a href="https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/">https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/</a> weblink.aspx?name=bca&id=96.

#### 9/11 Remembrance Service

New Canaan held a remembrance service this week for the 23rd anniversary of 9/11. The ceremony took place on Wednesday at 9:59 am on the front lawn of Town Hall, followed by a wreath-laying. Photo credit: New Canaan EMS.

#### **New Leadership at the Library**

Ellen Sullivan Crovatto has been named CEO of New Canaan Library, and Cheryl Capitani is now the library director. Their appointments follow the resignation of former Executive Director Kimberly McNally in May. The library's board expressed confidence in their leadership moving forward.

#### **Rotary Club Lobsterfest**

The Rotary Club of New Canaan will host its annual Lobsterfest at Waveny Park's Steve Benko Pool, offering lobster, salmon, and chicken for dine-in, curbside pick-up, or delivery for large orders. The event is scheduled for September 27th and 28th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. More information is available at https://www. newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.org/?fbclid=IwY2xjawE VOTRleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHVTfw5T\_4Zbp0j4uPrPaAscOghWVPBNc\_yECZfGjHiJO5OR-ME-D6DJuA\_aem\_ BhHfD-bs6Kbm6On9lwx4OA

# LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

**Chamber Honoring Local Businesses** 

The New Canaan Chamber of Commerce will host the 2024 Chamber Awards on September 25th, from 6 to 7:30 pm at the New Canaan Library. The ceremony will honor Planet New Canaan, Pennyweights, and Adirondack Store & Gallery for their meaningful contributions to the local community. Attendees will enjoy lite bites and appetizers, with wine provided by Craftbottlz. Tickets are \$35 and available at https://newcanaanchamber. om/2024/08/26/2024-chamber-awards/.

# **Gerber Advocates Mental Health Accountability**

Dr. Andrew J. Gerber, President of Silver Hill Hospital, participated in the Mental Health Summit at the State Capitol on September 9th. Serving on Comptroller Sean Scanlon's Mental Health Subcommittee, Gerber proposed enhancing payer accountability by improving access to the state's All Payer Claims Database. His recommendations received support from Comptroller Scanlon and other state officials.

#### John Rogers Studio Restoration Unveiled



The New Canaan Museum & Historical Society held a ribbon-cutting for the restored John Rogers Studio, built in 1878. John Rogers was a prominent American sculptor. The restoration was funded by a state grant and local donors.

Among those present were First Selectman Dionna Carlson, Selectmen Amy Murphy Carroll and Steve Karl, and state legislature delegates state Rep. Lucy Dathan (D-142nd), state Sen. Ryan Fazio (R-36th), and state Rep. Tom O'Dea (R-125th). Originally located on Oenoke Ridge, the studio, designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1966, was highlighted by Executive Director Nancy Geary as an example of Victorian architecture and historical significance.

The event detailed the restoration, noting the Greenwich Historical Society's gift of 63 Rogers groups, expanding the museum's collection to the largest of its kind. Key contributors, including Todd Levine of the State Historic Preservation Office, Karp Associates, designer Gina Federico, and the New Canaan Community Foundation, were acknowledged for their roles in the project and the ongoing "Campus Reimagined Campaign."

#### **SPORTS**

#### **Victory Against Maloney**

On Friday, the 13th, New Canaan played Maloney in a Connecticut High School Football Alliance game, where New Canaan secured a dominant 42-13 win. Quarterback Luke Robinson and wide receiver Andrew Esposito Jr. led the charge, connecting for five touchdowns. Esposito's performance, with 271 receiving yards, tied him for second in the state's record books for most touchdown receptions in a single game.

#### ACROSS CT **USPS Unveils Holiday Stamps**



The U.S. Postal Service introduced the 2024 Christmas Madonna and Child and Holiday Joy stamps at the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum. The designs feature Italian and Mexican folk art and are available as Forever

# **OUR NEIGHBORS**

# **Lewisboro Hosts Car Seat Check**

The Lewisboro Police Department is offering a car seat safety check on September 21. The event will take place from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Lewisboro Library Fair in South Salem, NY.

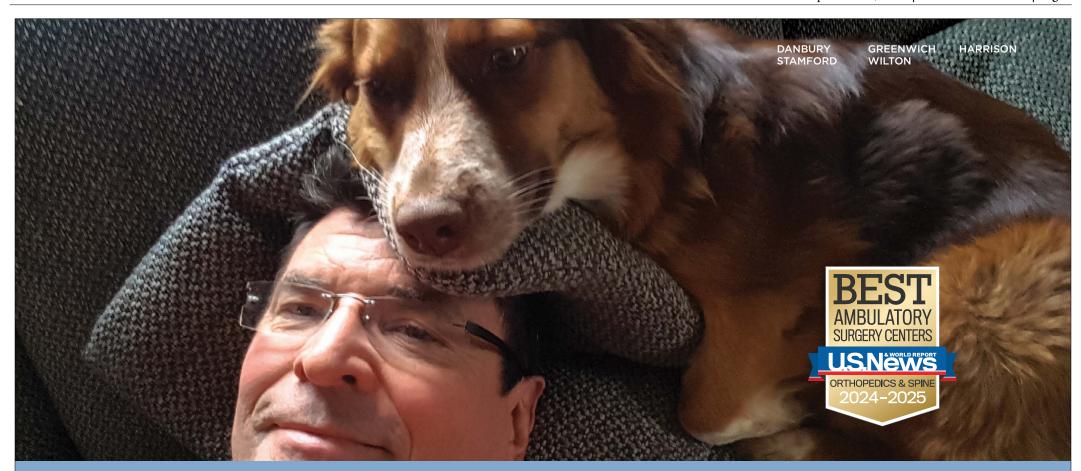
# **Ridgefield Gofer Ice Cream Closes**

Gofer Ice Cream in Ridgefield will close on September 29th due to underwhelming sales. Other Gofer locations will continue operating, with only the Ridgefield store closing.









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# **Jaylen Myles, Cubing Champion**

BY ANNE WHITE

Cubing, a competitive sport centered around solving the iconic Rubik's Cube and its many variations, has grown into a global phenomenon since the cube's invention in 1974. At its core, cubing requires not just problem-solving skills but also dexterity, speed, and efficiency. Solvers use algorithms to unscramble the colors of the cube, aiming to complete it in the shortest time possible.

One-handed cubing, as the name suggests, takes this challenge to the next level. Competitors solve the cube using only one hand, adding a layer of difficulty that requires not just speed but also

precise finger movements and advanced complexities of one-handed cubing.

School, recently made waves in the onehanded cubing world. Competing in the Saint John's Showdown in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, Jaylen earned second place with an average solve time of 11.88 seconds, an incredible feat given the precision required. He also set a personal best of 10.21 seconds for a single solve, cementing his reputation as a rising star in the cubing community.

Jaylen's accomplishment particularly impressive given

techniques. This category has attracted The event requires solvers to be highly skilled cubers who relish the additional strategic with every move, as they manipulate the cube using only a limited Jaylen Myles, a student at St. Luke's range of finger motions. It's not just about speed; one-handed cubers must master techniques that reduce the number of moves while maintaining control. For Jaylen, hitting a sub-12-second average is a testament to his dedication and skill, marking him as a formidable competitor in both national and regional events.

Cubing enthusiasts like Jaylen inspire the next generation of solvers, proving that even with one hand, the possibilities for solving are endless.



# Navigator Alzheimer's Expands

Waveny LifeCare Network announces greatly needed." that the Navigator Alzheimer's at Home in eligibility to include individuals and/ Home for New Canaan program (ADAH).

"We are pleased to expand the program

The Navigator program has been New Canaan Program, housed on Waveny's meticulously tailored to deliver a 3 Farm Road campus, is expanding its concierge-level service, entirely free to the New Canaan community, to address or their loved ones with any dementia the evolving and unforeseen needs that diagnosis living in New Canaan. Going arise when caring for a loved one with forward the program will be referred to as Alzheimer's or dementia. The Navigator the Navigator Alzheimer's and Dementia at team are specialists in Alzheimer's, dementia, care options and long-term planning, providing 24/7/365 assistance to include more families struggling with including medical support, community any type of dementia in New Canaan," said resources, activities, long term care Executive Director of Navigation, Kathleen planning, emotional support and many Benevento. "We are confident this change other needs. Members of the Navigator will provide more family caregivers with ADAH Program also receive priority access access to vital support services that are so to the entire Waveny LifeCare Network

healthcare continuum. If Waveny is not able to assist with your request, referrals are made to a trusted Waveny partner.

The program has two staff members, Executive Director of Navigation Kathleen Benevento and Navigator Chris DiElsi, LMSW. If you would like to connect with a Navigator for support services, please contact Chris DiElsi at cdielsi@waveny. org, navigator@waveny.org, or (203) 594-5495 (direct) or via the Navigator cell phone at (203) 594-5289, answered 24/7/365.

Navigator Alzheimer's and Dementia at Home for New Canaan is made possible by funding from The New Canaan Community Foundation and local philanthropists Jim and Dede Bartlett.

# **Local Leaders Join Foundation**

announce the appointment of two new members to its Board of both those organizations in the past. Directors. In making the announcement, Chris Le Bris, President of the Board of Directors of the Foundation said, "We are fortunate indeed to have enlisted the services of two outstanding community leaders to further the work of the Foundation. Their addition to the Board, will allow the Foundation to expand its coverage of the many deserving charitable institutions in Fairfield County."

Jim Murray brings 35 years as an investment banker, and corporate executive in the financial services industry to the Board. He is currently a Managing Director at Bryant Park Capital, LLC, an investment banking firm headquartered in Conshohocken, PA. Besides having served as an advisor to the Foundation in matters of governance and financial markets in the past, he has extensive experience of not-for-profit volunteer work. He is currently the President of the Board of Directors of Help for Kids of Stamford, CT, which is an organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, and Old Faithful Antique Fire Engine Co. Goerge is communities. Exchange Club of New Canaan, a social service organization, and currently on the Board of Directors of the Exchange Club and past

Jim is a graduate of DePaul University in Chicago, and he has an MBA from UCLA. He and his wife, Karen Lynn, both originally from Chicago, have been residents of New Canaan since 1990. They have two adult daughters.

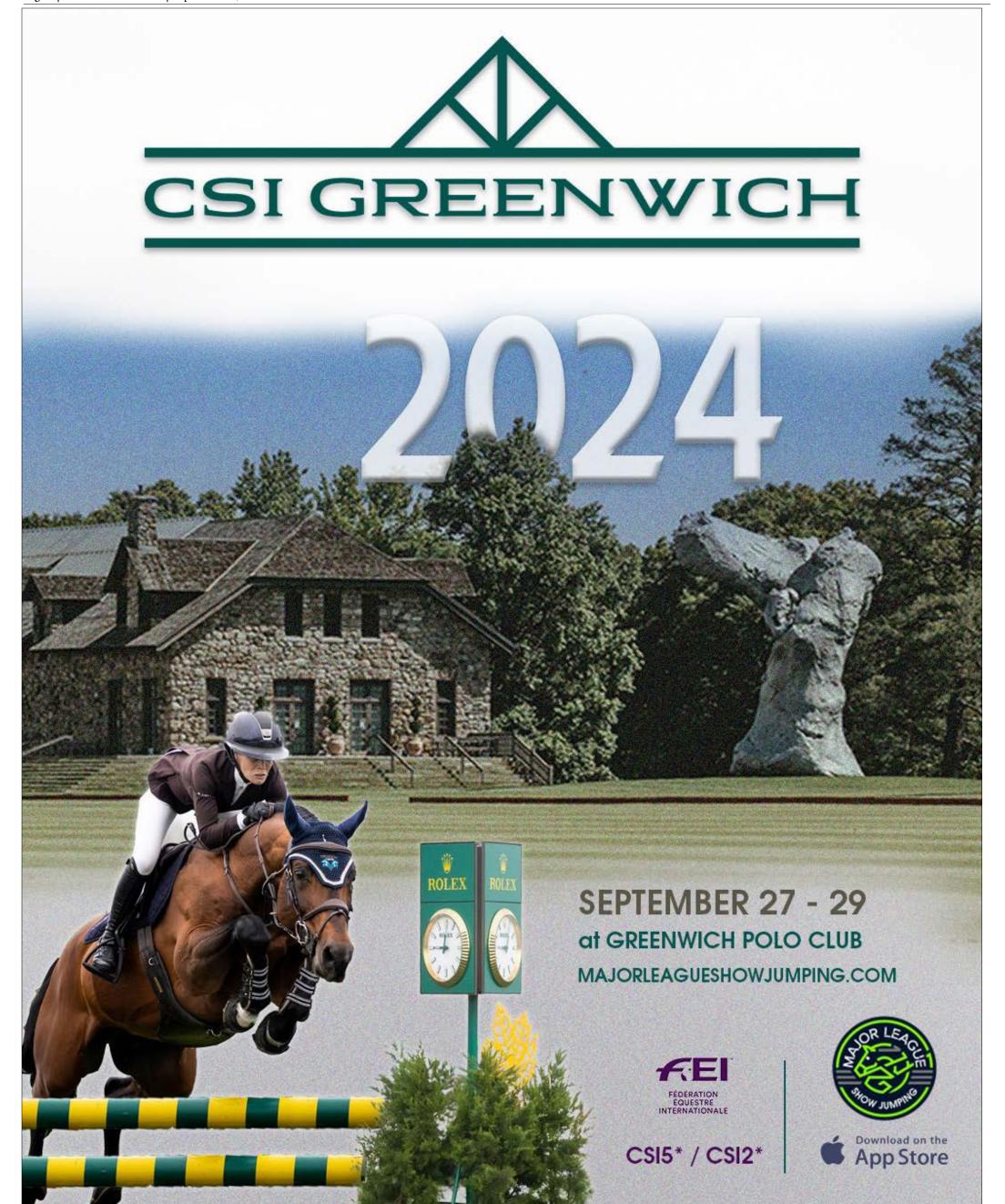
Jim will assume the duties of Treasurer from Chris Le Bris, who was named President of the Board earlier in the year, succeeding Marty McLaughlin who stepped aside after serving as President for seven years. Mr. McLaughlin remains a Director of the Foundation.

variety of not-for-profits for a number of years. He is currently the Chair of the Town's Parks & Recreation Commission. In the past, George has served as President of the Exchange Club of New

The John and Ethel Kashulon Foundation is pleased to its related charitable foundation, and has served as President of a Board member of the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, Indian Mountain School, Lakeville, Connecticut, an independent coeducational boarding and day school for children grades pre-K through 9, and the New Canaan Outback Youth Center.

> Professionally, George has been in the paper and packaging industry for over 30 years, serving in a variety of sales and marketing roles. He presently works for Sweden based Billerud AB. George is a graduate of Lake Forest College in Illinois. A third generation New Canaanite, George lives with his wife Paticia and has two adult sons.

The John and Ethel Kashulon Foundation is dedicated to Goerge Benington has long been involved in community enhancing the quality of life of the most vulnerable members in affairs, where he has served the Town of New Canaan and a our society by investing in children and families. Programs that promote excellence in education, protect children and families, and provide cultural opportunities that enrich the community are the primary goals of the Foundation. The Foundation's Canaan, and its related charitable foundation, New Canaan Fire work is centered in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and surrounding



# New Canaan Boys Varsity Shines at Wilton Invitational

By Christopher DeMuth

The 35th Annual Wilton at Allen's Meadow on September 14th brought together high school cross country teams into the heart of the cross from across Connecticut country season. Head Coach and neighboring states for a Bill Martin praised the boys' competitive meet on a sunny, cool Saturday.

was New Canaan, finishing 3rd overall in a field of over 20 schools. The Rams displayed throughout the grueling 5,000-meter course, edging out teams like Southington and Glastonbury with a final score of 100 points, just one point shy of Staples (99) and trailing only E.O. Smith (45), who took the

Leading the charge for New Canaan was senior Ryan Boulanger, who crossed the finish line in 16:39.06, earning talented field of nearly 200 runners. Boulanger was followed closely by teammates Spencer Paine (17:07.57) and John Disturco (17:08.56), both seniors who finished in the top 25, showcasing the strength of New Canaan's upperclassmen. Sophomore Charles Cavanagh promising underclassmen.

Despite narrowly missing Cross Country Invitational held 2nd place, New Canaan's performance proved their competitiveness heading effort, stating, "It was a great team performance today. Every Among the standout teams runner pushed hard, and we're excited to build on this as the season progresses."

The event, known for their depth and determination its challenging terrain and deep competition, also saw impressive individual performances from across the region. Newtown's Soheib Dissa captured 1st place with a blazing time of 15:26.29, setting the tone for the fast-paced race. Loomis Chaffee's Alex Fisher (15:36.62) and John Jay's Andy Condon (15:49.32) followed to round out the top three.

For New Canaan, this strong him 11th place overall in a finish will provide motivation as they prepare for upcoming meets, with their eyes set on continued improvement and a competitive showing at states. After the event, junior runner Ryan Monohan commented, "New Canaan overall did really good, the top 7 was really strong that meet and we ended (17:30.26) and freshman Faizal up winning the large school Zakir Hussain (17:44.38) division which is great. Each

"New Canaan overall did really good, the top 7 was really strong that meet and we ended up winning the large school division which is great. Each of the members of the team regardless of the race they competed in showed up, and gave it their all regardless of the hot weather. Performing this well at a meet of such caliber shows nothing but great promise for the future of the team and I'm honestly really excited to see what we can accomplish in the post season."



Spencer Paine mid-race, Photo credited to Sarah Wrede

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The Rams' next challenge championships, where they rounded out the scoring of the members of the team the hot weather. Performing team and I'm honestly really will come in the Fairfield hope to carry this momentum pack, highlighting the team's regardless of the race they this well at a meet of such excited to see what we can County Interscholastic forward.

Athletic Conference (FCIAC)

**Submit your events at:** newcanaansentinel.com/submit-anevent/

#### **TOWN MEETINGS**

### Tuesday, September 24

Planning & Zoning Commission

7-9 p.m., Town Meeting Room

#### Wednesday, September 25

Planning & Zoning - POCD Sub-Committee **Special Meeting** 

7-9 p.m., Town Meeting Room & via Zoom

#### Thursday, September 26

Police Department Building Committee 8-10 a.m., Town Hall Board Room

<u>Audit Committee</u> 8:30-10:30 a.m., Town Meeting Room & via Zoom

**Historic District Commission** 4-5 p.m., Town Hall Board Room

#### Friday, September 20

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

#### **Fridays Movies at Noon**

12 PM at the Lapham Center

Come join the Lapham Center to watch The Long Game. 1h 52m. In 1957, five young Mexican-American caddies are determined

to learn to play golf and create their own golf course in the South Texas desert. Call for more information: 203-594-3620

#### Saturday, September 21 **Beginning Mahjongg with Aggie**

10 AM-12 PM at the Lapham Center

This class covers the rules, tile identification and basic strategies, followed by hands-on practice to reinforce learning. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

#### **Town Farmers Market**

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

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

#### **Cider Saturday**

10 AM - 2 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center Enjoy an early autumn afternoon of family fun with cider press demonstrations, apple slingshots, a pumpkin scavenger hunt, seasonal harvest crafts for kids, baked apples, and stories around the campfire. The Annual Apple Olympics featuring bowling for apples and apple hoops will be held on the green. \$15/ person. For more information and to purchase tickets visit https://www.classy.org/event/cidersaturday-2024/e611631

# **Adaptive Circus Program**

3-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

Join Circus Moves for a special adaptive program for children with special needs and their families. Come build fine and gross motor ability and gain body-awareness and cooperation skills in a high energy, inclusive environment. Circus Moves activities are adapted to meet each participant at their developmental level. Best for families with children in grades K-6th. Free event. Register at https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/copyadaptive-circus-program-94305

# Monday, September 23

**Gentle Yoga** 

10-11 AM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

A tranquil, foundation-building class designed to introduce new students to yoga, as well as offer regular practitioners a gentle class to complement their yoga practice. Participants must bring their own yoga mat. Register at https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/gentleyoga-59018

# Tuesday, September 24

**Naval Narratives with Art: Liberty Ships** 10-11 AM at the Lapham Center

Liberty ships represent the industrial might of the United States at the height of its wartime mobilization. Intended to be cheap and expendable, shipyards around the country launched these massproduced vessels, many remained in service decades past their designed five-year life expectancy. Free event. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

### **Open Tech**

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Karl Family Study Room (#219)

If you need help with email, smartphones/tablets, social media, or accessing the digital library, stop by for one-on-one support from a tech librarian. All technology-related questions are welcome. Tech assistance is limited to 20 minutes per session and is provided on a first-come, firstserved basis. More information available at https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/opentech-95022

#### 7 Ways to Support Your Student's Studying & Executive Functions Without Losing Your Mind

7-8 PM hosted Online

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In this engaging seminar, parents will learn practical tools to support their children's study practices and executive functions, to ensure their success in school. Attendees will learn why executive functions are essential to your student's success, how to keep your student on track and on task, and much more. Register at https://da0000000kzsjmas.my.salesforce-sites. com/enroll/NewCanaan

#### **Preventing Running Injuries**

6:30-7:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

Whether you're an elite runner or just starting out, this program is designed to help you achieve peak performance. Join as Dr. Megan Gleason, Orthopedic Surgeon, shares insights on common running injuries and how to prevent them. Free event. For more information and to register please visit https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/ event/carpal-tunnelother-doctors-talk-92300

#### Wednesday, September 25

**AARP Safe Driving Course** 

9:30 AM- 1:30 PM at the Lapham Center Refresh your driving skills with The AARP Smart Driver<sup>™</sup> course. Learn more about driver safety strategies, accident avoidance, and defensive driving. Completion of the course may help you save on your auto insurance! Only 15 spots. Pre-registration can be made online at aarp.org/drive (which allows credit card payment). Or, you may register by calling 203-594-3620 and pay the day of by cash or check made payable to AARP. \$20/AARP members and \$25/nonmembers.

#### The Poetry of Autumn with Ned

12 PM at the Lapham Center

Ned Monaghan, Lapham's favorite orator and raconteur, will return to delight us with a reading and recitation of some of Europe and America's finest verse. A selection of poetry and anecdotes that celebrate the best of the human condition. This is a free event and lunch will be provided. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

#### **Passport Center**

4-7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room

The library partnered with the Ferguson Library's US passport center to host passport clinics. At this event, the US Passport team can help registered attendees process US passport applications, guide those that are processing renewals for adults, take passport photo, provide all forms, and make copies of all documents. For more information visit https:// www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/passportcenter-83836. To schedule an appointment visit https://www.fergusonlibrary.org/services/ passports.

# **2024 Chamber Awards**

6-7:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Anderson

Please join the Chamber of Commerce as they honor three New Canaan businesses who have made a significant contribution to our Community. Lite bites and appetizers will be served. Wine will be provided by Craftbottlz and Walter Stewarts Market. \$35/ person. Register at https://newcanaanchamber. com/2024/08/26/2024-chamber-awards/

# Thursday, September 26

Building a Health Partnership with a **Primary Care Physician** 

10 AM at the Lapham Center

Dr. Krishnan Narasimhan will address various questions as he speaks about family medicine and primary care. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served. Free event. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

#### **Internet Safety with Paul Koorse User Awareness and Best Practices**

4:30 PM at the Lapham Center

Paul Koorse, Director of Information Technology for the town of Monroe, will discuss and identify the various cyber threats that exist and the steps you can take to mitigate risks. Be prepared to avoid phishing, malware and more. Free event For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

#### An Evening with Artist Jan Dilenschneider 5:30-7:30 PM at Waveny LifeCare Network

Enjoy art, champagne, light fare and meet the artist. Jan Dilenschneider finds much of her inspiration in the wondrous variegation of nature with influences from Impressionism and Expressionism echo in her rich palette, loose brush strokes, and luminous misty vistas. Please rsvp to events@waveny.org by September 20th.

# The Green Gala

7-9 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Third Annual Fundraiser for Planet New Canaan, a non-profit organization. Enjoy live music from Kwame Henry Jones, drinks served by guest bartenders from New Canaan's Board of Selectmen, delicious food catered by Rosie Restaurant and meet the winners of our Sustainability Award. More information and tickets available at https://www. planetnewcanaan.org/events/

#### Friday, September 27 **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

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

**Fridays Movies at Noon** 

12 PM at the Lapham Center

Come join the Lapham Center to watch Arthur the King. 1h 47m. An adventure racer adopts a stray dog named Arthur to join him in an epic endurance race. Call for more information: 203-

#### **Rotary Club Lobsterfest Day One**

4-8 PM at the Steve Benko Pool Pavilion

Lobsters, lobster rolls, grilled salmon and fried chicken for curbside pick up or dine in at the Steve Benko pool at Waveny Park. Proceeds go to support local non-profits. \$50/person.For more information and tickets visit https://shorturl.at/

### SAVE THE DATE

#### September 28

**Town Farmers Market** 

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

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

#### **World Cultures Fair**

2:30- 4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

The World Cultures Fair is a celebration of diversity and heritage where you will learn about unique traditions, foods, music, and art from various countries that will be presented by members of our community. Tables will be hosted by children in grades 1-12. Register at https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/ attendee-registration-world-cultures-fair-95708

### **Rotary Club Lobsterfest Day Two**

4-8 PM at the Steve Benko Pool Pavilion Lobsters, lobster rolls, grilled salmon and fried chicken for curbside pick up or dine in at the Steve Benko pool at Waveny Park. Proceeds go to support local non-profits. \$50/person. For more information and tickets visit https://shorturl.at/

#### Voices of Culture featuring Sheléa

7:30-9 PM at Grace Farms

Step into the Sanctuary for a masterful performance from singer and songwriter Sheléa. Deemed one of the greatest artists of her generation by Quincy Jones, Sheléa is a powerhouse and versatile vocalist known for her sought after performances at high-profile tributes, celebrations, and various events. Tickets are \$40/adult and available at https://tickets. gracefarms.org/events/019012e7-26f8-fe5b-ce65-058291b0a089

#### September 29 **Cut the Cord to Cable**

3-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Community

If you're considering cutting the cord with cable, then this class will give you the latest information on possible options and alternatives. Librarian James Ludy will also give an overview of Kanopy and teach you how to use a New Canaan Library card to stream free films, series, 7-10 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center and documentaries every month. Register at https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/cutcord-cable-99504.

#### "Origins & Originals" Concert with Russell **Fisher**

4-5:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center Fisher will perform a mix of acoustic and electroacoustic works for marimba, vibraphone and steelpan. Featuring music that contributes to the construction of one's identity from both the past and present. An active member of the booming steel pan scene, Fisher has performed in Panorama competitions with both Crossfire Steel Orchestra and CASYM Steel Orchestra. \$25/adult. For more information and to purchase tickets visit https://carriagebarn.org/event/ russell-fisher-percussionist/

# October 1

#### Naval Narratives with Art: Raid on St **Nazaire**

10-11 AM at the Lapham Center

Remembered by historians as "The Greatest Raid of All." Code-named "Operation Chariot" this daring 1942 British raid on German Occupied France destroyed the heavily defended Normandie dry dock at St. Nazaire, denying the German Navy their only big ship repair yard with direct access to the Atlantic. Free event. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

# **Open Tech**

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room

If you have questions about social media, email, smart phones, or accessing the digital library, stop in to get one-on-one assistance with a tech librarian. All technology questions, queries and interests are welcome. Drop in tech help is limited to 20 minutes. Tech help will be given on a first-come-first-serve basis. More information available at https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/ event/open-tech-95023

# October 2

# **Experience New Canaan High School's New**

**Planetarium - The Dome** 6:30-7:30 PM at New Canaan High School

Join for a "field trip" to The Dome. NCHS Science teacher Jeffrey Brentson gives an overview of the new space and talks about upcoming astronomical events, including the next eclipse. Astronomy Club students will also share how they plan to use The Dome. Register at https://

www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-domenchs-92490

#### October 4

Wine Tasting with Carl Franco

6-8 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical

Kick off October4design with wine tasting sponsored by Carl Franco of Francos Wine Merchants and Kobrand Fine Wine and Spirits. Enjoy French, Italian and American wines and champagnes, including selections from Cakebread Cellars and Champagne Taittinger, along with passed hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25/members and \$40/non-members. For more information and to register please visit https:// nchistory.org/wine-tasting-with-carl-franco/.

#### October 5

#### Donate a Bike, Impact a Life: New Canaan **Bike Donation Day**

11 AM- 3 PM at the New Canaan Library, Front entrance on Maple Street

Donate your gently used bicycles and positively impact someone's life in Fairfield County. Northeast Community Cycles collects the donated bikes, refurbishes them and gives them to underprivileged children and adults in Fairfield County - with a free helmet. The bikes can have flat tires, no brakes or need gear adjustments. Please do not donate bicycles that are rusty. Your donation is tax deductible and forms will be available for your records. For more information please contact hcimino@ newcanaanlibrary.org or visit https://www. newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-bike-donationday-100073.

#### Adaptive Halloween Dry Ice Workshop with **Mad Science**

2:30-3:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Arlene H. Grushkin Children's Program Room

Join Mad Science for a special adaptive program for children with special needs and their families. Students will watch bubbling potions change color and even taste the misty fog as it streams into the air. Everyone will touch some dry ice bubbles, see a conjuring gassy ghoul, and make ghosts disappear in a flash of light. Ideal for school-aged children and their caregivers. Free event. Register at https://www. newcanaanlibrary.org/event/mad-sciencespecial-needs-99702.

#### Mau | A Documentary

6:30-8 PM at Grace Farms

Join Grace Farms and the Architecture & Design Film Festival for a screening of Mau, the first feature-length documentary about design visionary Bruce Mau. This documentary explores the designer's creative journey and optimistic push to tackle the world's biggest problems with design. 1 hr 17 m. Tickets are \$10/person and available at https://tickets. gracefarms.org/events/01909374-76d4-b0el-8e6c-09aa6e9d1bf3

# **Harvest Festival**

The 11th Annual Harvest Festival featuring Axe Throwing. An adult only evening featuring live music and local microbreweries and wine. It is also a successful fundraiser for the Nature Center. Ticket prices start at \$85/person. More information and tickets are available at https:// newcanaannature.org/harvest-festival/

# October 8

Open Tech

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room

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# October 9

#### Textured Design: Creating an Exquisite, **Eclectic Space**

6:30 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society

Join for a lecture given by Andrew Gillick, the principal designer at Concordia Design. Andrew approaches design with a collaborative spirit, strong technical skill, and an eye for exquisite detail. Tickets are free to members and \$10/ non-members. Register at https://nchistory.org/ textured-design-creating-an-exquisite-eclectic-

# October 10

# Conversation and Coffee with a Cop

1 PM at the Lapham Center

Nicole Vartuli, Community Impact Officer, will present a topic of interest to our community. Free event. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

# October 11

54th Annual Fall Fair - Day One

5-9 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center Enjoy fun carnival rides at the Fall Fair. Individual tickets and wristbands will be available. Individual tickets will be sold at the event. Wristbands will be sold at the event or can be purchased in advance online. More information will be available at https:// newcanaannature.org/fall-fair/

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### **GLORIA MAJOR-BROWN**

Gloria Major-Brown was born to Esther and Frank Hamilton Boyd in Cleveland, Ohio on March 30, 1924. Her mother was a Christian Scientist and Gloria remembers her mother rocking her while saying, "God loves you" and "God is Love", over and over again. This became a guiding force in Gloria's life and inspired her to always look for ways to serve others.

Gloria lived in New Canaan, beginning in 1958, when she moved there from New Jersey with her first husband, Bruce Allen MacDougall and her two young daughters.

Gloria served on the first board that built the local YMCA She also served for 9 years on the board of Family and Children's Service in Stamford, CT. She was active in the Stamford Jr. League and the Housing Committee of New Canaan. She received a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding volunteer service from Family Centers Inc. in 1995 and from Southwestern Fairfield County in New Canaan in 1999.

Gloria was very committed to St Mark's Episcopalian Church, where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, started a chapter of Girls Friendly for 3rd and 4th grade girls and served on the vestry. Later on, she started a widows group as she recognized that so many women needing support after their husbands died.

At the age of 48, Gloria was mentored to become a real estate broker by Mabel Lamb, a highly successful female entrepreneur who founded her own brokerage firm in New Canaan. Subsequent to the sale of Mabel Lamb Realty to Coldwell Banker, Gloria continued her successful career well into her 80s.

Gloria was married twice more during her years in New Canaan to Ralph Major in 1965 and then Robert Gillespie Brown in 1981. She enjoyed her expanded family which included three stepchildren from Ralph and four more from "Brownie".

Gloria was always interested in the development of senior communities. In 1998. Gloria became a member of the board of Meadow Ridge, a new continuing care community that was being built in Redding, CT, where she considered residing. After 3 years of participation on the board, she decided she wasn't ready to leave her friends in New Canaan. Instead, she joined a group that was planning a different kind of retirement community called Staying Put in New Canaan". This non-profit foundation is part of the "Village" network that has developed across the country and Staying Put in New Canaan has served as an original model for many other towns.

In December of 2015, at the age of 91, Gloria moved to Santa Barbara, CA to be near her younger daughter, Caroline, where she lived independently in the Samarkand Senior Community. She stayed active by practicing pilates online with her elder daughter, Lorn, and riding a stationary bicycle competitively until 2 weeks before her death.

She leaves behind her daughter, Lorn MacDougall and husband, Alain Le Razer from Austin, TX and her daughter, Caroline MacDougall, and husband, Jerry Isenberg, two grandsons, Elliott MacDougall-Weymouth and Galen MacDougall, his wife, Cecily Stewart MacDougall, and great-grandson, Huxley Boyd MacDougall, all from Santa Barbara, CA.

An interment service will be held at St. Mark's Church on Tuesday, September 17, at 2 p.m. in the columbarium. Her daughters would be delighted to meet any friends of Gloria's who are able to attend.



### **THOMAS** COUGHLIN

Thomas Joseph Coughlin (Tom) passed away peacefully at Stamford Hospital, surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. He was 81 years old.

Tom was born March 22, 1943, in Somerville, MA to the late William and Johanna Coughlin. He was raised in Somerville and graduated Matignon High School, Cambridge, MA in 1960. He attended Boston College where he met his wife, Dorothy Smith Coughlin (Brownie), graduating in 1964. Tom got his MBA in Finance from Fordham University and completed his coursework for a PhD in Finance from Pace University. Tom lived most of his life as a resident of Greenwich and New Canaan.

in Fox Chapel, PA in 1965 and relocated from Norwood, MA soon afterward to the New York and

Connecticut suburbs as he pursued a career in finance. Starting out at the small investment banking company, AG Becker, Tom rose through the ranks and became a Managing their Global Power and Project and Structured Finance groups. The capstone of his career was working with Mario Draghi and a syndicate of utility Enel in the 1990's.

A lifelong car guy, Tom's second career began in 1995 when he and his son Sean purchased a Volvo dealership in Mt. Kisco, NY. That business soon became The Premier Collection and currently represents eight franchises and employs 360 of the greatest people in the auto industry.

Tom was a skilled and avid golfer, who delighted in playing with friends and "cleaning their clocks" as he liked to say. The day would continue into a gin rummy game in the card room where his uncanny memory of what cards had been played and which cards were likely to come up next allowed him to do quite well on his weekends at the golf course. He was a proud member of both Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, NY and Burning Tree Country Club in Greenwich, CT.

Tom was a member of the Board of Directors for Greater NY Auto Dealers Association for 12 years, and he was a member of the Board of Directors for the Inner-City Foundation for Charity and Education. He supported many other charities through both his personal and professional giving. Tom has been a dedicated parishioner at St. Aloysius in New Canaan for the last 12 years.

More than anything, Tom loved his family. He is survived by his wife of 59 years. Brownie, his son Sean and his wife Karen of Greenwich, his daughter Susan Bradbury of Darien, and his son Brian and his wife Paola of New Canaan. He leaves his seven cherished grandchildren, Michaela, Lauren, and Jack Coughlin, Trip and Lily Bradbury, Thomas and Fiona Coughlin. He was predeceased by his loving daughter Patricia Coughlin (Patty) in 2024.

Burial services will be private. The family will host calling hours on September 13, from 4-7, at Hoyt Funeral Home, 199 Main St. in New Canaan, CT and there will be a memorial mass held at St. Aloysius Church at 40 Maple St. in New Canaan, on September 14 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla. https://give.wmchealth.org/



# PATRICIA **LEFAVOUR**

Patricia (Pat) LeFavour (1938-2024), daughter of Margurite Saaf, passed away August 20 listening to jazz at the home of friends in Boise, Idaho.

Raised to be gentle and lady-like by her industrious mother, Peg, Pat none-the-less became a terror on the streets of New Canan, CT. With her brother Mike and friend Terry Cody she sought mischief, borrowing cars and boats, running from her father, and using her BB gun in all the ways we teach children not to.

Pat grew tall, her black hair long. Photographed with her mother, she was a child model for Family Circle magazine. A member of New Canaan's Police Auxiliary League gun club, she won trophies for her skill with a gun.

By the time she arrived in Aspen, Colorado in the early 1960s, Pat had completed two years of junior college and several semesters of art school in Boston, and had worked in New York City doing layout for magazines. In Aspen, Pat managed a ski hill lunch spot. Over her lifetime, she owned three restaurants. The first she opened with her husband, the chef Bruce LeFavour; The Paragon was renowned for its French cuisine, wild boar feasts, and curtained private dining rooms.

For fifteen years, Pat lived in Woody Creek, outside Aspen, where she trained horses, competed in trail rides, painted, made wood sculpture, and volunteered at the local public TV Station. She partied with silk screen artists, teachers, physicists, photographers, bar owners, writers, wood workers, and wanna be coroners, and claimed to have schooled her friend. Hunter S. Thompson in wearing a white bucket

In the 1970s Pat and Bruce moved with their two children to Robinson Bar Ranch at the edge of the White Cloud mountains, outside Stanley, Idaho. There they operated a restaurant and inn. Pat earned an outfitters license while, in her unfiltered and sometimes outrageous way, she worked the front dining room beside her daughter Cree. For this more modern French restaurant, Bruce grew vegetables and made butter and Pat, the two kids, and ranch hands raised birds and livestock for meat.

Pat raised a raven from a chick, Edgar, who could speak in Pat's voice Tom and Brownie were married and lived to terrorize ranch guests. One of the greatest losses of Pat's life was the loss of her raven who, while Pat was traveling, flew away and never returned.

After her divorce from Bruce, Pat opened her final restaurant, the Tunnel Rock Cafe outside Challis, with her partner Polly Read. From 1982 to 1985, their cafe served fine Director at Merrill Lynch heading eclectic food to ranchers, miners, Idaho Governors, artists, gay friends, and locals from the Challis, Stanley and Ketchum area. While Pat and Polly didn't fly a rainbow flag (a banks to privatize the Italian power rainbow wind sock shaped like a fish was as close as they came) Pat, got along well and was appreciated by locals in the area.

Driving her red truck down Custer County's dirt roads Pat could be found chukar hunting with the stereo blasting and a beer in her hand. A card carrying member of Ducks Unlimited, Pat also belonged to the NRA when it focused on gun safety, hunting, and one-to-one self defense.

In the 1990s Pat settled in Eureka, California with Sharon Chamberlain her bookish and patient partner of thirty-five years. There she continued to work in wood, bet on ponies, walk the waterfront with her dog, and frequent Earnie's, Dave's or another bar where she had friends.

Pat collected and walked the world wearing all manner of hats. She could sail and scuba dive, navigate horse tack and wild mushrooms, train hunting dogs, pack a mule, and manage a horse and buggy. She traveled on boats from the Oueen Elizabeth II to a freighter in the South Pacific, the Toporo II.

Jazz music was Pat's comfort and companion in her later years when she lived in downtown Boise, in an apartment with her art, her books, and daily New York Times. Cole LeFavour said, the wild compositions and solos of jazz fly just as Pat did in life, flipping the bird, making art, skinny dipping or jumping in clotheson, letting rip an ear-splitting twofingered whistle, or seeking good food and good whisky on eighth street. Pat wore proudly a disregard for convention, for predictability, for conformity—and that itself is jazz.

Pat is preceded in death by her mother Marguerite Saaf, her brother Mike, her longtime partner Sharon Chamberlain and former husband Bruce LeFavour. She is survived by her two children, former Idaho State Senator Cole Nicole LeFavour and spouse Carol Growhoski, and by her daughter the writer Cree LeFavour, spouse Dwight Garner and their two children Penn and Harriet Garner-LeFavour; her former partner Polly Read King and husband Don King; by stepsons including Andrew Chamberlain and his spouse Tony Sasso; also by nieces and nephews Shelly Saaf Talk, Jennie Hudson, and Jason Saaf.



# **MILTON** CAMPBELL, JR.

Milton Clyde Campbell, Jr., 86, passed away suddenly on August 16, at his home in Madison, CT.

He was born March 24, 1938 Maxine Brawley and Milton Clyde Campbell in Newton, NC. He is survived by his wife, Jane, sons "Buck" Campbell (Meshaan) and Reid Campbell (Sue), daughter Courtney Muller (Roger), grandchildren Ashley Birnbaum (John), Christopher Campbell (Amy), Caroline Muller, Morgan Campbell and Michael Campbell (Kendall) and great

grandsons John and Grant Birnbaum. He graduated from the University of North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1960. While at UNC, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the Order of Gimghoul. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps where he honorably served as an officer attaining the rank of Captain. After the Marine Corps, he embarked on what would become a 26 year career with IBM where he held various sales and corporate positions throughout the country. His last assignment in the northeast brought him and his family to New Canaan, CT where he could be seen jogging daily throughout town. He was always there for his children, enjoying their friends and activities and instilling in them the virtues of

honesty, integrity and hard work. In later years, Clyde moved to Madison, CT where he enjoyed sunrises at the wharf, walks with his dogs and friends, crossword puzzles, UNC sports and meticulously maintaining his property. His last few years were spent at home with his sweet dog Lucy and with the help of his beloved caregiver Dianne Greene. With his wry sense of humor and southern charm, he had an easy, friendly interest in everyone. Clyde's great love and pride were in his family, all of his Golden Retrievers, his country and the Marine Corps...

Semper Fi. À celebration of life will be held at the Madison Beach Hotel on Saturday, September 28 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Donations in his memory can be made to the ASCPA or the Wounded Warrior Project.

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#### MICHAEL GRISE

Michael (Mike) John Grisé Sr., 58, of New Canaan, passed away peacefully at home on September 10, surrounded by family and loved ones after a courageous nearly three-year battle with cancer.

Born in Greenfield, Mass., Mike was the dedicated son of Theresa F. Grise and John P. Grise, both of whom survive him. He is also survived by his cherished children, Michael Jr., Griffin, and Riley; his devoted partner, Meghan Hessel; his three loving sisters and their husbands, Patricia Lloyd (Alex), Collette Grise Devaney (Jeff), and Jennifer Ferentzy (Steve): his sister and brother-in-law. Joanna and Bob Williams; his nieces and nephews, Meredith Infurchia, Bronwyn and Michael Lloyd, and Robert Williams; and his yellow lab BB, all of whom he held dear. Mike's love also extended to his incredible circle of friends.

Mike grew up in Fairfield, CT, where he excelled in sports and thrived as a member of the lacrosse team at Fairfield College Preparatory High School, graduating in 1984. He earned his bachelor's degree from Syracuse University in 1988.

Mike had a larger-than-life presence: hardworking, intelligent, thoughtful, and charismatic. His successful finance career included positions at Chemical Bank, Goldman Sachs, and JP Morgan. After retiring in 2018 to focus on his family, he continued to invest in several companies and played a key role in CGS Health's medical stop-loss underwriting team.

Above all, Mike was a devoted father who never missed a game, match, or equestrian event, always beaming with pride and cheering his kids on with enthusiastic shouts of "Skate!" or "Go Rolls!". He embraced life fully, enjoying travel, golfing, skiing, fishing, boating, and riding his motorcycle. His favorite destinations included the Waterville and Hogs Head golf courses in Ireland and the beaches of Nantucket. He always eagerly anticipated his next trip and returned with shared stories of joy.

Mike's positive and optimistic spirit will continue to inspire those who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed and forever in our

Calling hours were held on Thursday, September 19 at Hoyt Funeral Home, New Canaan. His funeral mass will take place on Friday, September 20, at 11 a.m. at St. Aloysius Church

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michael John Grise.



# ANGELINA CARPI

Angelina Carpi (née Storino) died peacefully in her home on September 10 surrounded by her family. She would have many jobs over her 91 years, but those she treasured most were as mom and grandma - and in those she was a master craftsperson. She carefully saved every note of "I love you" around her home, no matter how small or trivial; her candy dish was always full, no matter how many times it was raided as an after-school snack; and she often had a favorite sweater or sweatshirt folded neatly and waiting by the door because a grandchild had commented on how much they liked it. She loved playing games with her eight grandchildren: Isabella, Julia, John, Lucas, Carina, Adriano, Daniela, and Aidan. She argued that "Jo" (coffee) and "Za" (pizza) were acceptable words in bananagrams, and she would let them put up her hair in any outlandish style that they chose. She was a consummate mom - stocking pantries, making sure you had a warm jacket, and filling pockets with cough drops or tissues as needed.

Angie, as her friends would call her, was born on February 20, 1933 in the Bronx to Italian immigrants. She grew up in a small household filled with love, delicious food, and a bit of adventure. She loved to tell stories about her mom roasting peppers on the open gas range or her dad prepping the backyard fig tree to survive the winter. She married John Rosario Carpi on February 28, 1954 and her time as a wife, mother, and grandmother began. With John, she relocated to Hartford and then West Hartford, Connecticut and she helped him found a successful small business. She raised her three sons riding bikes around the neighborhood, and cooking meatballs, roast beef, or eggplant parmigiana for Sunday dinners. She broke her coccyx once chasing her sons down a sledding hill, and washed off muddy boots and feet after they went exploring in the local

In her later years, she enjoyed Thursday night dance practice, and the celebrations afterwards, with the Sophisticated Ladies, a troop of West Hartford moms who exercised and socialized together. When her sons

set up residence in New York City, she moved to Somers, NY with John to be closer to them. And she eventually moved to New Canaan, CT, again to be near her sons, after John died. She is predeceased by her husband of 60 years, and survived by her three sons - John Carpi of New Canaan, Anthony Carpi of New Canaan, and Valerio Carpi of Westport, CT - and her daughters-in-law: Isabel, Cathy, and Amy.

The family greeted guests on Friday, September 13 at Magner Funeral Home, Norwalk. A blessing was held on Saturday, September 14 at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable donation in memory of Angelina Carpi to The Sierra Club.



### **REGINA SANTELLA**

Regina Maria Santella, 89, a lifelong resident of New Canaan, peacefully passed away on September 6. Regina was born on November 25, 1934, to the late Emma and Liberato Luciano. She was predeceased by her doting husband, Peter Santella, and her beautiful daughter, Cynthia Ann Mahonev.

Regina attended Center School. Saxe Junior High School, and graduated from New Canaan High School in 1952 where she excelled as a cheerleader and softball player. On April 7, 1956, Regina married the love of her life, Peter M. Santella. They enjoyed nearly 65 years of marriage before Peter's passing. Together they were devout parishioners of St. Alyosius church where they were married and remained active members throughout their lives.

Regina's family was her top priority. She was deeply involved in her children's school activities attending many soccer, field hockey, football, and baseball games. She loved hosting the end of the year pool parties at their home. Regina was the Vice President of the PTA, Chairman of the School Library Volunteers, and Coordinator of Volunteers at Saxe Jr. High School. Stratton Mountain was a beloved family retreat where Regina enjoyed preparing for the weekly ski trips. She loved cooking her famous chicken tetrazzini and old-fashioned lasagna for dinners after long days on the slopes. Evenings often included a fun, but competitive game of penny

Regina enjoyed tennis yearround and was a competitive player with friends at Mead Park, Country Club of Darien and various indoor venues. She also learned to play golf to spend more time with Peter. In addition, Regina was a member of the New Canaan Woman's Club where she was recognized for her 45 years of her continuous, dedicated service.

In 1976 Regina became a licensed Realtor in New Canaan where she enjoyed a long and successful career. She offered a high quality of service that was punctuated by her integrity, dependability, and in-depth knowledge of the area. Her contributions to the profession included being a member of the New Canaan Board of Realtors, Connecticut Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors Womens Council. She served on the William Raveis Advisory Board and won awards for Top Selling Broker and Excellence in Customer Service. She earned the respect of the community and the nickname "Real Estate Reg"!!!!

Along with Peter, the owner of Santella Electric, they became an influential and positive force in New Canaan. Their commitment to family and faith was a guiding principle in their lives and they instilled these values in their children. Regina's legacy is one of love, dedication and unwavering commitment to her family and community. She will be deeply missed by all.

Regina is survived by her son, Peter Santella, Jr., and her daughter, Sharon Browne and their spouses Marisa and Jeremy. Additionally, Regina is survived by her four grandchildren, Kristin Hvlaka, Katelyn Roske, Mike Santella, and John McVey, and her five greatgrandchildren, Wesley, Charlie, Ava, Magnus, and Jones.

The Santella Family received friends at Hoyt Funeral Home in New Canaan on Sunday, September 15. The funeral mass was at St. Aloysius Church in New Canaan on Monday, September 16. The burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery.

A celebration of life followed the burial at the Roger Sherman Inn. In lieu of flowers, please consider

a donation in Regina's memory to the Waveny Lifecare Network Alzeimer's



#### ELAINE MAROTTA

February 13, 1956 - August 27, 2024

Elaine Marotta, the Bronx born, writer and editor who brought style, wit and attention to detail, to a wide range of Newsstand and bespoke magazines, died on Tuesday, August 27, at her home in Norwalk. She was

Ms. Marotta was Managing Editor, Executive Editor and Editorin-Chief, during her career and oversaw the publication of many well-known titles, for Condé Nast, Hachette-Fillipachi and Times Mirror, Lamaze, iVillage, Panache and CW Publications.

Not for her the glitz and glamor of the red carpet, her work was long nights of edits, rewrites, layouts and deadlines. She brought life back into dry articles, penned crisp cover lines and turned newsstand browsers into purchasers.

The youngest child of Rose, (née Mastrototaro) fom Worcester, Mass and Dino Marotta (from Bisceglie,

Puglia, Italy). Elaine was born on Valentine's eve, February 1956.

A graduate of Fordham University and Mount St Ursula's Academy, she was a true, born and bred, New Yorker, forged in The Bronx. She was accepted to Fordham

University at Rose Hill in 1974, where she graduated with a BA in English with Communications and a minor in French and Philosophy. She started her career, as

associate editor, at The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. magazine, IEEE, in December Condé Nast hired her into the

editorial department of Mademoiselle magazine, under Amy Levin, in 1982. She quickly rose to be Managing Editor, where long nights and longer days became the reality of publishing, as she wrangled late submissions to meet short deadlines and print schedules.

Condé Nast was well known for shake ups at the top of the masthead, yet, Elaine was a constant throughout the changes and continued for 10

But it was a start-up, political publication, founded by John F. Kennedy Junior that tempted her away from Condé Nast. This was the birth of George. Exciting, flashy, incisive, Elaine brought her glossy newsstand style and glamor to the staid and frumpy world of political

After 12 months and too many e nights she needed a break and le for a long awaited and much needed vacation, a few weeks of respite from New York's cacophony of taxi horns and construction dust to the peace and calm of the Pacific paradise Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii.

On her first morning, at a presentation for island activities, she talked with a brash Cockney transplant from San Francisco. She had met "Her Robbie". A month later she returned to Manhattan and started a long-distance relationship that spanned the globe.

She was engaged to be married at Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI, February 15th 1999.

Elaine married Robert Murphy, a computer nerd from Silicon Valley, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, on Park Avenue, in January 2000.

She worked for a time at Skiing Trade News in New York and later as Executive Editor at Lamaze Publications, in Darien, CT. She moved to her 'Littlehouse' in Silvermine; where the towns of New Canaan, Norwalk, and Wilton meet by the Perry Avenue bridge across the Silvermine River.

It is now that she saw the decline of printed newsstand magazines. iVillage, a dot com startup, acquired Lamaze publications. NBCUniviersal acquired iVillage and closed the printed magazines.

Technology improvements brought content to tablets and then phones. Print advertising revenue dropped, paper mills went out of business, the heyday of the glossy newsstand publication was in retreat.

Elaine moved to custom publications. Glimpses into the lifestyles of the rich and fabulous, Panache, was produced in Westchester, NY. New Canaan Matters, distributed to commuters at New Canaan Rail-Road station. A beauty supplement for CVS stores.

She returned to Manhattan with CW Publications as Editor-in-Chief. Here she produced custom magazines for corporations, medical associations and event organizers, distributing their health guides to doctors' offices, high value property reviews in airline lounges and by mail to various professional association members. You and Your Family, Your Health Matters. Golf supplements for the latest tournament, Gary Player's guide to the open. BET Awards annual supplement.

Elaine is survived by her Robbie, her stepdaughter, Kalista Murphy and her brother. Dean Marotta.

The funeral was held on September 18 at St Aloysius Church New Canaan.

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#### **Health Talks with Shannon** and Ellen

11 AM- 12 PM at the Lapham

Meet up with Shannon and Ellen from the Health Department for coffee, conversation and snacks. Topics will be announced in the Lapham Center eblasts. Free event. For more information please contact 203-594-3620.

### October 12 54th Annual Fall Fair - Day

10 AM- 6 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center

Enjoy carnival rides, crazy maze, zip line, apple slingshots, Spooky Stroll, and so much more. Individual tickets only. More information will be available at https:// newcanaannature.org/fall-fair/

#### October 13 54th Annual Fall Fair - Day **Three**

12-5 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center

Enjoy fun carnival rides at the Fall Fair. Individual tickets will be available. More information will be available at https:// newcanaannature.org/fall-fair/

#### October 15 **Superfoods for Brain Health**

12 PM at the Lapham Center Join Chef Gary Seri for a fun, interactive presentation to explore how certain foods can fuel your brain and enhance cognitive function. Free event. For more information please contact 203-594-3620.

#### October 19 **Shred Day**

8 AM-1 PM at 394 Main Street The town of New Canaan's shred day is free and open to all residents. No clips, plastic covers, or binders. Paper only.

#### Mahjongg for 2 with Aggie 10 AM- 12 PM at the Lapham Center

Learn the variations and adaptations of traditional Mahjongg rules to suit a two-player format. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

#### Festivals & Traditions of the World - Deepavali

1:30- 4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett

Deepavali, or Diwali, is the Indian Festival of Lights and celebrates the power of knowledge over ignorance. Join members of our community to celebrate and learn about Diwali with hands-on crafts, book readings, an introduction to yoga, and some tasty treats. Register at https://www. newcanaanlibrary.org/event/ nc-winter-chess-tournamentuscf-rated-quads-78555.

#### October 21 **Grace Farms' Anniversary**

6 PM at Grace Farms

Surrounded by picturesque autumnal foliage in the glass-enclosed Sanctuary, a 31-musician chamber ensemble of musicians from the Orchestra, conducted by LPO 2023/24 Fellow Conductor Luis Castillo-Briceño, will present a moving program

Architecture Moves Us and illuminates the purpose of our Foundation. Following the performance, join for a cocktail reception and toast to nine incredible years of culture, collaboration, and new outcomes at Grace Farms. Ticket prices begin at \$200/ members and \$250/nonmembers. To purchase tickets visit https://www.classy.org/ event/grace-farms-2024annual-benefit/e569022

# October 24

Sip and Paint

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center Join the Lapham Center for a fun evening of painting, appetizers and wine. Free event. Space limited, reserve early by contacting 203-594-3620.

#### October 26

Halloween Spooktacular 5:30 PM at the New Canaan

Nature Center Get into the Halloween spirit by joining this spooktacular celebration. Learn about and meet some fiendish friends who remind us of All Hallows Eve, enjoy making some creepy crafts, and roast a marshmallow while sharing spooky stories around a campfire. Top off the evening with our one-of-a-kind jack-olantern walk. This event will be held from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm and 7:30pm- 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$15/person and will be available

#### October 30 **Halloween Murder Mystery Party**

at https://newcanaannature.

org/halloween-spooktacular/.

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center Whether you are a detective, murderer, or the unfortunate victim, you're guaranteed a memorable evening. Wear a costume and come prepared to play your role in the evening's events. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

# October 31

Halloween Bingo

12-2 PM at the Lapham Center The combination of lunch, BINGO, and prizes for the best costume is sure to be a hit. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

#### November 15 Waveny's Golden Gala

5:30-10 PM at the Country Club

of New Canaan Celebrate Waveny's halfcentury of care, compassion and community. Join this grand event featuring cocktails, dinner, auctions, paddle raise and entertainment by FakeID, with all proceeds benefitting Waveny LifeCare Network. Ticket prices begin at \$300 and are available at https:// interland3.donorperfect. net/weblink/weblink. aspx?name=E344664&id=11.

#### November 23 **Holiday Market**

10 AM-5 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center

The New Canaan Nature Center will kick off the holiday season by hosting their Holiday Market. There will be unique gifts items including jewelry, clothing, candles, and much more. School of Rock will also be playing some holiday cheer. More information will be available at https:// newcanaannature.org/holiday-

market-2023/

# **BLOOD DRIVES** in lower Fairfield **County** and surrounding counties

### Friday, September 20

United Church of Rowayton 210 Rowayton Ave Norwalk, CT 06853 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

465 Riverside Avenue Westport, CT 06880 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

# Saturday, Sept 21

Union Baptist Church Newfield Stamford, CT 06905 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

# Monday, Sept 23

American Legion 60 County Road Norwalk, CT 06851 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Greenwich Blood **Donation Center** 99 Indian Field Road Greenwich, CT 06830 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday, Sept 24 Merritt 7

501 Main Avenue Norwalk, CT 06856 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Hilton Stamford Hotel & **Executive Meeting Center** 

First Stamford Place Stamford, CT 06902 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Greenwich Blood **Donation Center** 99 Indian Field Road Greenwich, CT 06830 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

#### Thursday, Sept 26 Stamford Church of Christ

1264 High Ridge Road Stamford, CT 06903 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Norwalk Hospital 34 Maple Street Norwalk, CT 06856 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

# **Support Services** & Meetings

#### September 20 **Suicide Prevention Training:** Question, Persuade

Refer

11 AM- 1 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting

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. This training will certify you as a QPR gatekeeper. According to the Surgeon General's National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (2001), a gatekeeper is someone in a position to recognize a crisis and the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide. Free event. Register at https:// www.newcanaanlibrary.org/ event/suicide-preventiontraining-question-persuadeand-refer-82867.

# September 25

**Alzheimer's Support Group** 2-3 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate 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. This event will be facilitated by Chris DiElsi, a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and an Alzheimer's Navigator at Waveny LifeCare Network. Attendees can find guidance, offer support, and ask questions in a safe environment. Register at https://www. newcanaanlibrary.org/event/ hold-dementia-supportgroup-93000.

#### October 9 **Protecting Your Skin with** Elle De Moll, M.D.

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center Dr. De Moll will discuss skin cancer prevention, detection and treatment options. Learn how to spot skin cancer and how to keep your skin healthy. Lunch sponsored by Staying Put. Free event. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

#### **Every Friday**

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

#### **Every Saturday 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

#### **Every Monday** 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

# **Every Tuesday**

**Adult Child Alanon Meeting** Tuesdays at 12 PM St. Mark's Parish House, Conf. 111 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New

#### **Every Wednesday AA Step Meeting**

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

Newcomer's Mtg. Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Al-Anon Parent's & Silver Hill, Jorgenson House 208 Valley Rd., New Canaan

#### 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

Wheelchair Access

# Our Neighbors

AA Big Book Meeting,

#### September 20 **Blossom Hill Farm to Fork Annual Dinner**

6-9 PM at the Country Club of Darien

The panelists will discuss the impact of protracted wars on children and Blossom Hill's programs that have changed the lives of over 130,000 beneficiaries. Celebrate the Fellows' remarkable achievements and the power of your support in nurturing education for peace in communities affected by conflict. Tickets are \$400/ person and available at https:// www.flipcause.com/secure/ cause pdetails/MjA5NjE0.

#### September 21 **American Legion BBQ**

2 - 5 PM at the Tomes-Higgins House at Christ Church, Greenwich

Show your support for local veterans and help the work that Post 29 does in the community. A variety of foods will be available including burgers, chicken, baked beans, and ice cream. There will be live music from That's What She Said performing classic rock from the 1960's to the 1980's. Tickets are \$40/adults and \$25/veteran. All proceeds net of expenses will go to financial support from Post 29 to local youth programs like the Boy and Girl Scouts, American Legion baseball and Boys and Girls State. RSVP by calling 203-531-0109 or 646-236-7657.

#### September 26 **GLOW Wild Lantern Festival**

5:30-9:30 PM at the Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Journey through a wonderland of illuminated larger-than-life lanterns inspired by our wild

Displays of flora and fauna will light up the night sky, dazzling guests of all ages! Ticket prices are: \$22/adults and \$20/ children aged 3-11. Tickets available at https://www. beardsleyzoo.org/glow-wild.

#### October 19 **Beardsley Gala**

6 PM at the Inn at Longshore 260 Compo Rd S, Westport The Zoo Gala is a wildly elegant evening out that benefits conservation efforts and education. All funds raised will go towards the care of our endangered species, expansion of our exhibits, and educational programming. The evening will include entertainment, cocktails, dinner, an exciting silent and live auction, & animal encounters! Purchase tickets online at https://e.givesmart. com/events/AWA/

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navigates the well-trodden path of high school insecurities with a fresh, empathetic approach. Its protagonist, a plussized teen fashion designer, offers a perspective rarely seen on the big screen-one where brilliance and talent push through the shadows of self-doubt and harsh societal scrutiny.

The premise is simple but potent. As Tom Butterworth noted during a post-screening discussion, "There's a high school student who's a brilliant fashion designer, but she's plus size and very self-conscious about her weight." The film follows her emotional journey as she learns to value herself, not just for her creative genius but for who she is beyond the labels. The story hinges on the delicate balance between her creative aspirations and the haunting fear that her body will overshadow her work.

The heart of "Empire Waist" lies in the friendships the protagonist forges, each with its own complexity and humor. As Butterworth highlighted, "One of her best friends is this hilarious girl who's all confidence and sass. She brings so much levity to the story." These friendships-diverse and inclusive in a way that feels both organic and necessarycreate the support system that allows the protagonist to reclaim her narrative. The friends themselves span a

wide spectrum: a girl in a wheelchair, a tall and awkward classmate, and another who is on the autism spectrum. They are not tokens of diversity but fully realized characters like us all who are grappling with their own insecurities, reflecting the multiplicity of human experience.

Perhaps what makes "Empire Waist" so memorable is its willingness to confront the uncomfortable truths about body image head-on. The protagonist's mother, though loving, is caught in the all-too-common trap of seeing her daughter's weight as an insurmountable obstacle, worrying that "no one will look at the fashion; they'll only look at her body," as Butterworth recounted. The film, however, rejects that notion with a quiet but firm resolve. The underlying message is clear: the world doesn't need to change the individual to fit in, but rather the individual needs to change the way they see themselves to shine.

It's about universal struggles-of finding your voice in a cacophony of societal expectations and ever-present negativity and judgment, of realizing that worth is not dictated by size, color, or ability. The film's cast brings these themes to life with authenticity. Butterworth's insights from the creators about the casting process—a search for a size 24 actress that involved national casting calls due to Hollywood's lack of representation—underscores how rare and necessary films like this are.

Ayoub also uses fashion as a metaphor for liberation. The

payoff, a student fashion show designed by the protagonist, is not only a showcase of talent but a rebellion against a world that forces conformity. Each model, dressed in custom designs, embodies a different kind of beauty: "one's in a wheelchair, one's super tall and thin, another is on the spectrum," Butterworth noted. The scene is cathartic, a moment where the characters' insecurities dissolve under the lights, replaced by self-acceptance and joy.

"Empire Waist" doesn't try to dazzle with Hollywood gloss or high-octane drama. Instead, it operates in a more intimate space, letting its moments of humor and heartbreak breathe. It's a film that feels intensely personal, not only because it is rooted in issues many of us face, but because Ayoub gives her characters the space to be vulnerable. The dialogue is crisp, the humor often cutting, but at its core, this is a movie about love—love for oneself, love for one's craft, and love that comes from finding people who lift you up rather than tear you down.

As Butterworth aptly put it, "If I had to put a subtitle on the movie, it would be 'I love you the way you are." And by the film's end, that message has fully blossomed. "Empire Waist" may not be the typical box office juggernaut-it's no "Transformers 21" as Butterworth quipped—but it is the kind of film that sticks with you long after the credits roll. It's a love letter to everyone who has ever felt less than enough, reminding them that their worth is not measured by the labels other people place on them.

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# Time to Act

New Canaan residents, like many across Connecticut, are experiencing a sharp rise in their electric bills. With the state's energy costs ranked as the third-highest in the country—behind only Hawaii and California—this burden is felt acutely, especially as winter approaches. The increase isn't just about rising energy prices. A significant factor contributing to this spike is the "public benefit" charges, which can account for up to 29% of a household's bill. These charges, often hidden in plain sight, demand immediate legislative attention, yet the state legislature remains in recess while families face mounting costs.

A special legislative session is still needed to confront these rising costs before the colder months set in. Connecticut's legislators must return to work and find solutions now, rather than allowing ratepayers to endure another winter of financial strain.

Electric bills are made up of multiple components, and one of the most significant and often overlooked is the "public benefit" charge. This charge funds state programs such as energy efficiency initiatives and subsidizes unpaid utility bills. While these programs serve important roles, they act as a hidden tax on ratepayers, implemented without sufficient transparency or scrutiny.

Additionally, public benefit charges are used to subsidize infrastructure such as electric vehicle newly renovated Playhouse Theatre chargers, which benefits a small portion of the population while imposing costs on everyone. These subsidies represent another layer of hidden taxes that most residents shouldn't have to bear, **OPINION** especially as many are already struggling with their own energy bills. It is time to reevaluate how these charges are applied.

Immediate steps can be taken to relieve residents from these unnecessary costs. One of the most crucial reforms is to cap new state energy purchases. The state is currently preparing to sign contracts for energy at rates that could be four times the current market price, locking in exorbitant costs for 20 to 30 years. Capping these purchases before they are finalized could save millions for ratepayers over time.

Another key proposal involves using the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover unpaid utility bills that accumulated during the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are dwindling, making it vital to allocate them wisely before they run out. By covering these unpaid bills, the legislature can relieve some families of a burden College, a women's liberal arts they shouldn't have to carry.

Furthermore, eliminating subsidies for private infrastructure-such as electric vehicle chargersfrom electric bills is necessary. Residents should not be paying for services they do not use, especially when those services benefit only a few. Drivers should pay for their own fuel.

With winter approaching, the urgency of addressing these issues grows stronger. Waiting until the regular legislative session in January will leave households to face even higher energy bills, with no relief in sight. Connecticut families cannot afford such delays.

For a special session to be called, at least 50% of both the House and Senate must agree to reconvene. So far, over 65 legislators have signed on, including state Senator Ryan Fazio and state Representative Tom O'Dea. Without more legislators agreeing to go back into session, this vital work may never happen.

It is time for all our local representatives to take responsibility and agree. Their action is essential to bring the legislature back to Hartford and begin addressing these urgent issues. The longer they delay, the worse the situation will become for families throughout the state. These are not abstract policy issues—this is about helping real people across Connecticut.

This is not a partisan issue; it's about getting back to work and finding solutions to a problem that impacts every household.

# <u>Editorial Pa</u>



# You Must See Empire Waist

# How many movies are fun, feel-good and deeply meaningful all at once?

By Tom Butterworth

How many movies are fun, feelgood and deeply meaningful all at once? That rare trifecta comes to the in "Empire Waist" on September 27, running through September 30. New Canaan's Clare Ayoub wrote and directed the film, which follows

a group of teens who learn to love their bodies through friendship and inclusive fashion design. We're told that attendance next week can influence how widely the film is distributed nationally. This is incredibly important because all teens (and their families and people of all ages!) who struggle with body image need to see this inspiring

Thanks to Cinema Lab who hosted the advance screening of "Empire Waist" including an insightful live interview of Ms. Ayoub by Sheri West. The Playhouse seems to be delivering on its promise to be a true communitybased theatre, not just a place to watch

# Celebrating Colleges in 2025

The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse 2025 Best Colleges in the U.S. ranking offers a comprehensive look at the institutions that excel in providing an exceptional educational environment. This year's list of the top 500 universities reflects a shift in how we evaluate higher education, focusing not just on academic performance but also on the overall student experience, which includes factors like campus facilities, community, social life, and diversity. Developed in collaboration with College Pulse and Statista, the ranking highlights schools that are meeting the evolving needs of students across the country.

Leading the list this year is Scripps institution in Claremont, California. exceptionally Scripps scored high in student experience, with picturesque campus, strong community ties, and robust social life setting it apart. The college's commitment to creating a supportive and engaging environment is a model for others to follow. Close behind are Harvey Mudd College and Florida International University, both of which excel in providing diverse and dynamic campus experiences,

not the only factors that define a toptier institution.

institutional wealth, the WSJ/College Pulse ranking considers the lived experiences of students. Questions around campus safety, mental health support, and social integration are now key metrics, acknowledging that a college's value extends beyond the classroom. This broader evaluation provides a more accurate reflection of what students can expect during their time on campus.

The ranking also brings attention to lesser-known schools that excel in areas critical to student success. For instance, California Baptist University, ranked fifth, is recognized for its welcoming environment and community engagement. Meanwhile, Oral Roberts University and Hobart and William Smith Colleges shine for their strong social scenes and supportive campus cultures, demonstrating that institutions across the country are finding innovative ways to enhance student life.

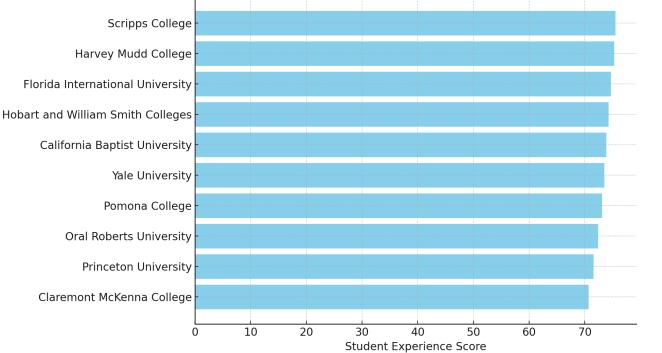
In a competitive educational landscape, the schools that made the

illustrating that size and prestige are top 10 are not just meeting academic standards—they are thriving in areas that truly matter to students today. What sets this ranking apart Whether it's the interconnected is its comprehensive approach. campuses of the Claremont Colleges, Unlike traditional lists that focus the community focus of Florida solely on academic achievements or International University, or the elite resources of Yale and Princeton, these institutions are setting a high bar for what higher education can and should be.

> As prospective students and their families navigate the complex decision of choosing a college, rankings like this offer valuable insights into where they might find the best fit. While academic excellence remains crucial, this list reminds us that the best colleges are those that invest in the whole student experience, making campus life as enriching as the education itself.

> For more information on the rankings and to explore the full list of top 500 colleges, visit the Wall Street Journal's full report and methodology [here](https://www.wsj. com/rankings/college-rankings/bestcolleges-2025). This comprehensive guide provides further insights into what makes these institutions stand out and the criteria used to assess their overall performance.

Top 10 Colleges for Student Experience (2025 WSJ/College Pulse Ranking)



Sentinel Literary Competition

The Sentinel Literary Competition has returned from the Sentinel's annual hiatus tanned, rested, and ready to fill the indoor seasons with lighthearted intellectual diversion.

Here's what's new:

#### MORE TIME TO ENTER

The Competition will now run monthly (rather than weekly) to allow ample time for our local Wordsworths to contribute. Enter as many times as you like!

#### **MORE AND BIGGER PRIZES!**

The First Prize entry now brings home a check for \$100. The Runner Up wins \$50, and two Honorable Mentions each win \$25.

Email your entry(s) to: Dawson@GreenwichSentinel.com



# The September Competition:

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#### **ENTER BY FRIDAY, SEPT. 27**

Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, Sept. 27. Winners will be announced in the Oct. 4 issue of *The* 

# Meetings This Week **Board of Selectman Meeting**

# The Police **Dept Building** Committee

The New Canaan Police Department Building Committee held its hybrid meeting on Sept. 12, providing updates on the ongoing renovation and expansion of the police station. The meeting focused on the progress of construction, budget management, and resolving site issues.

The first order of business was to approve the meeting minutes from the Aug. 22 meeting when the committee received updates from Turner Construction reported about the completion of the underground sanitary and storm systems and the initial work on the building's steel framework. Delays in starting steelwork on the addition were noted, primarily due to shoring challenges with the east  $wall. \ The \ committee \ also \ approved \ a \ change \ order \ to \ replace \\ A partments, Millport \ Phase \ 1, and Millport \ 1, a$ the light bollards in front of the building with fixtures that match the town's standard light poles, a decision with a notto-exceed cost of \$15,000.

### TRANSFORMER RELOCATION DECISION

One of the main agenda items at the Sept. 12 meeting was the relocation of a large transformer initially planned for the front of the police station. Committee members raised concerns about its visibility and impact on the repairs to walking trails at Waveny Park. building's façade due to changes in the grade around the site. After discussing alternatives, they approved relocating from August 18th. The repairs will address the transformer to a less visible location near the building's generator at an estimated cost of \$25,000. The relocation will require additional conduits and electrical work, but the committee unanimously agreed that the adjustment would improve the station's aesthetics and avoid potential issues with the public.

Landscaping plans were also discussed to further screen the transformer from view, with Arborvitae plantings being added to provide additional cover. The committee noted that this solution balances aesthetic concerns and budget constraints.

# **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

Turner Construction provided a comprehensive report on the renovation's progress. The most significant update was the completion of the structural work for the building's new addition in August. Masonry work has begun on the lower level, focusing on the area designated for holding cells. Additionally, preparatory work is underway for the installation of a new generator, with the pad now ready for placement. The generator is scheduled to arrive by the end of September, keeping this key part of the project on track.

Turner also noted that the pace of construction is expected to increase significantly in the coming months. With multiple trades now working on-site, the project will see a ramp-up in manpower, increasing from 20 to nearly 40 workers. The next major milestone is achieving watertight status for the building by late October, which will allow interior work to progress without weather-related delays.

# **BREAK-IN AT CONSTRUCTION SITE**

A major security issue was raised during the meeting. Turner Construction reported that a break-in occurred at the construction site, resulting in the theft of tools valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The thieves managed to disable security cameras and targeted high-value gang boxes containing specialized tools. The police are investigating the break-in, and additional security measures are being considered, such as repositioning cameras and reinforcing site surveillance. Despite this setback, no significant damage was done to the construction site itself.

# **BUDGET REVIEW AND FINANCIAL UPDATES**

The committee also reviewed the project's budget. Turner Construction confirmed that the project remains financially sound, with sufficient contingency funds available to address unforeseen expenses. The project's soft cost includes a budget line for "Utility Relocations" in the amount of \$25,000, which will likely cover the transformer relocation costs. Other budget adjustments were reviewed, including minor changes to flooring materials and light fixtures.

Turner Construction also noted that the relocation of the transformer may slightly delay the timeline for securing permanent power to the building, as additional coordination with Eversource will be required. However, the overall budget impact remains manageable, and the project remains on track for completion within the established financial framework.

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMAN BRIEFS POLICE HEADQUARTERS** RENOVATION

The renovation of Police Headquarters remains both on schedule and under budget, with nearly \$1.4 million still available. The projected move-in date is set for June 2025, and the facility is expected to be fully operational by summer. This progress reflects efficient project management as the work continues toward

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY APPROPRIATION

The New Canaan Housing Authority received approval for an appropriation of \$1,138,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This funding will reimburse deferred developer fees from the Mill Phase 2 construction projects. The fees were deferred at the time of construction and are now being repaid to support affordable housing initiatives in the town.

### WAVENY TRAIL REPAIR

The Parks Department received approval to enter into a \$31,000 contract with Hussey Bros Excavating for emergency The trails were damaged by storm runoff washouts on several trails to restore them for public use and upcoming events including cross-country meets.

# MELLICK FIELD NETTING

Approval was granted for a \$12,991 contract with JGB Sports to repair the side netting and a damaged pole on the thirdbase side of Mellick Field. These structures were damaged by a downed tree during the storm on August 18th. The netting is crucial for protecting the playground area

#### from Mellick Field. WAVENY FITNESS AREA

The New Canaan Parks Department received approval to enter into a contract

handle material removal and installation at the new fitness area in Waveny Park. Funds will come from the Parks Department's playground replacement account, and work is expected to be completed within the next two weeks.

#### NEW CANAAN NATURE CENTER

The Department of Public Works received approval to enter into two contracts totaling \$33,598 for the demolition of the pedestrian ramp on the west side of the greenhouse at the New Canaan Nature Center. Complete Dismantling Services will handle the demolition, while Darien Electric will disconnect electrical components connected to the ramp.

#### SCHOOLHOUSE APARTMENTS

The Department of Public Works received approval to enter into a contract with J. Antonelli Roofing for \$42,350 to replace the entrance canopy at Schoolhouse Apartments. The existing canopy is structurally unsound and being temporarily supported. The project will involve demolishing the old canopy and installing new footings, columns, and roofing.

# WAVENY PARK LAMP POSTS

The Department of Public Works received approval to purchase 40 lamp posts and fixtures for Waveny Park for a total cost of \$226,170 from F&M Electric. This is part of a two-phase project to replace aging lamp posts in the park. The new posts will match the existing ones for a uniform look and are expected to be durable and long-lasting.

Sale of Composted Leaf Mulch

The Department of Public Works received approval to sell 2,000 cubic yards of composted leaf mulch to Peter Lanni, Inc., for \$24,000. This sale, part of the town's annual bidding process, clears out space at the leaf vault site for upcoming fall leaf collection. The town retains an

with Hussey Bros Excavating for \$9,500 to additional 1,300 cubic yards of mulch for its own use and for residents.

#### FORD F-350 PURCHASE

The Department of Public Works received approval to enter into a contract with Tasca Ford for the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-350 pickup truck. This truck will be purchased for \$69,678 to replace a 2015 model and will be used for supervisory duties. It comes equipped with a snowplow and lighting.

#### **BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS**

The Department of Public Works received approval to establish blanket purchase orders for three vendors: Keith Simpson Associates for \$50,000, Gannon Fence for \$20,000, and William Kenny Associates for \$20,000. These vendors will provide services for various town projects.

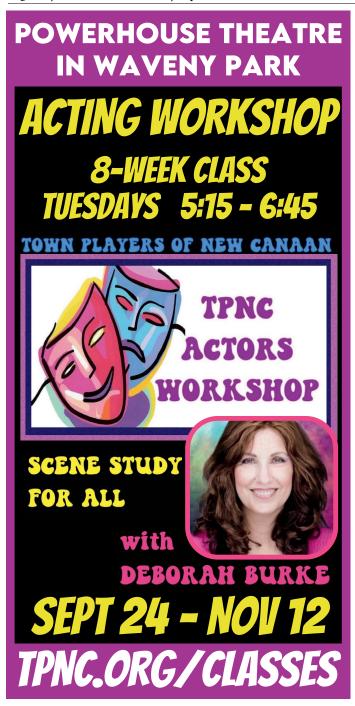
Waveny ADA Project

The Department of Public Works received approval for a change order with MKL Design Studio in the amount of \$43,560. This project will consist of architectural and engineering services related to the Waveny House ADA elevator project. The change was necessary due to a mandated 10-foot safety overrun, which required adjustments to the building's design. The project aims to bring Waveny House up to ADA compliance.

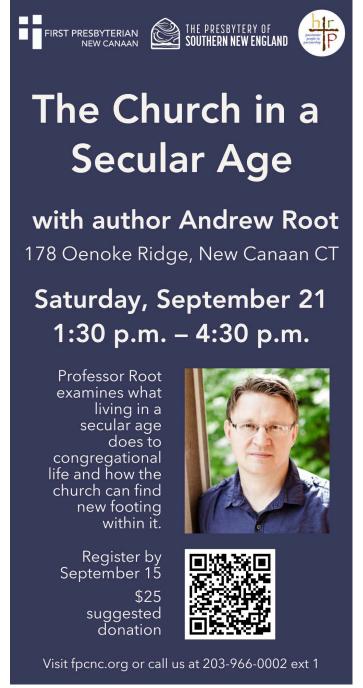
# PHASE 1 COPPO FIELD

The Department of Public Works and the New Canaan Athletic Foundation (NCAF) received approval to enter into a contract with Atlantic Sports Group for \$5,227,685. This project will start Phase 1 of the Coppo Field renovation. This includes regrading the area and installing underground infrastructure to support a new synthetic turf field, which will be used by the high school's varsity baseball team and general town use. The funds will be provided by the New Canaan Athletic Foundation and the town of New Canaan.









### WORSHIP SCHEDULE: UPDATE SERVICES AND ADD SPECIAL EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR AT

www. New Cana an Sentinel. com/worship-calendar-updates

# Church of Iesus Christ of Latter <u>Day Saints</u>

682 South Avenue 203.966.5849 www.ComeUntoChrist.org Sunday Service: 12:00 PM

#### Congregational Church

23 Park Street 203.966.2651
office@godsacre.org
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.

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.

# Upcoming Events:

September 21st at 9 AM: Join in repairing and rehabbing a Norwalk neighbor's home. HomeFront, a community-based volunteer-driven home repair program, provides free repairs to qualified homeowners, enabling them to stay in their homes with improved quality of life. No experience necessary, and lunch is included. To signup please contact marianna@godsacre.org.

September 28th from 6-9 PM: Holy Smokes Fellowship BBQ. The Garners and the Fellowship Ministry invite you to a classic Memphis BBQ with all the fixings. Enjoy a fabulous meal, seasonal brew tasting, and s'mores by the firepit as you reunite with church friends or make new ones. \$30/person. Register at https://godsacre.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/213/responses/new by 9/22.

#### First Church of Christ, Scientist 49 Park Street 203.966.0293

christiansciencect.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 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. Third Wednesday from 6-7:30 PM: Wednesdays at the Well are intergenerational opportunities to learn and grow in faith together. Dinner will be served and all ages are invited.

Upcoming Events:

September 21st from 1:30-4:30 PM: Professor Root examines what living in a secular age does to congregational life and how the church can find new footing within it. Register by 9/15 at https://psne.breezechms.com/

# Saint Alovsius

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21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020 www.starcc.com Service Schedule: Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:00

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 and 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

Fridays 7:30am-6pm: Eucharistic Adoration (September-June) Saturday 8:30am: St. A's Healing Rosary Prayer Group

#### Upcoming Events:

September 25th from 7:30-7:50am: See you at the pole. Gather with your peers around the flagpole at New Canaan High School for teen-led prayer. Wear your church t-shirt. There will be free donuts. September 28th from 9-10:45 AM: Malta House is partnering with Norwalk's Foodshare event at Ben Franklin School. Feed 100+ families in need in less than 2 hours. Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAD2CAAFB6-50913670-foodshare#/

### St. Mark's Episcopal Church

111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515 churchoffice@ stmarksnewcanaan.org

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 PrayerRite 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 www.stmichaelslutheran.org Sunday Service at 10:00 am. Following the service there is coffee, cookies and conversation' in the Fellowship Hall. Recurring Events:

Recurring Events: Thursday 12 PM: Alcoholics Anonymous

#### Trinity Church New Canaan | Darien

468 South Avenue 203.618.0808 info@trinitychurch.life 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.
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: Connecticut Men's Breakfast. Join for a homemade breakfast held at the Ministry Center, 5 River Road in Greenwich.

Upcoming Events:
October 4th through 6th: Annual fall retreat in Monterey, MA for 2nd through 5th graders. An entire weekend of friends, games, campfires, and a sleepover. \$225/child and space is limited. For more information and to register visit

https://trinitychurchlife.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2283404.

# United Methodist Church

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666 office@umcofnewcanaan.org 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: September 28th: Holy Hike. Details to be determined.

# Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711 cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com https://www.youtube.com/ channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI3O\_Syp\_ X0KDg

Facebook: https://www.facebook. com/CBCNewCanaan/ Sunday School at 10:00am Worship Service at 11:00am Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

#### **Upcoming Events:**

September 25th through September 27th at 7PM Nightly: Fall Revival. It's time to renew.

#### Grace Community Church

9:30am Service @ New Canaan High School, 11 Farm Road, New Canaan 203-966-7600

info@gracecommunity.info

www.gracecommunity.info
Welcome to Grace Church, where
we strive to build a church of
action, founded on Biblical truth,
characterized by faith, grace,
community, service, authenticity,
clear thinking, and cultural
relevance. Grace Community
Church is an exercise in knowing
God, knowing truth, and building
community that extends to our
full lives, not just to our Sunday
mornings.

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am or via GCC's Facebook page or YouTube page. Nursery care and Sunday school/teen programming is available for babies through 12th grade. Coffee and bagels available in the lobby after the service, all are welcome.

Upcoming Events: September 27th-29th: Mens Weekend in Westerly, Rhode Island. RSVP with bo@ gracecommunity.info.

October 5th at 9 AM: Womens Day Retreat at Walnut Hill Community Church in Bethel, CT. RSVP with carla@gracecommunity.info

#### Talmadge Hill Community 870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT

203.966.2314

talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com www.talmadgehill.org 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

Recurring Events: Thursdays at 9:30am: Bible Study First Saturday at 8am: Men's Group

Play curriculum. Please reach

information listed above!

out with any questions utilizing

Second Saturday at 10am: Women's Circle

#### Chabad Iewish Center 137 Putnam Rd

info@chabadnewcanaan.org
www.newcanaanjewish.org
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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

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#### Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue) 458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT

06903 203.322.1649

www.templesinaistamford.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:

September 24th from 5:30-7:30

PM: Support Dignity Grows while packing bags and preparing sandwiches. Register at https://www.templesinaistamford.org/event/support-dignity-grows-sandwich-making-.html

# Temple Sholom

300 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830 203-869-7191

www.templesholom.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/94 358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFc xU0EzZUM2VENEZmgyUT09#

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# Sports This Week New Canaan Football Dominates Maloney in Season Opener

By Christopher DeMuth

The New Canaan Rams kicked off their 2024 season with a decisive 42-13 victory over Maloney on Friday night. The game, held at Dunning Stadium, showcased an explosive offensive performance led by senior quarterback Luke Robinson and junior wide receiver Andrew Esposito, along with a strong defensive showing that secured the win for the Rams.

From the outset, New Canaan established their dominance. The Rams marched down the field on their opening drive, capped off by a 12vard touchdown pass from Robinson to Esposito. Robinson, who completed 14 of 19 passes for 307 yards and five touchdowns, looked sharp and in control throughout the game.

One of Robinson's primary targets, Esposito, had a career night, pulling in nine receptions for a staggering 271 yards and five touchdowns. His speed and route-running ability proved too much for the Maloney defense, as he consistently found himself wide open for big gains.

The Rams' offensive line, anchored by seniors

Trey Walker and Ryan Leahy, gave Robinson ample time to find his targets and opened up holes for the running game. Junior running back Henry Stein led the ground attack, rushing 17 times for 86 yards, consistently churning out yards to keep drives alive.

While the offense shone, the Rams' defense also played a critical role in the victory. Junior linebacker Ryan Brooks was a standout, leading the team with nine tackles. He was a disruptive force throughout the game, flying to the ball and making key stops.

After the game, junior Bennett Pertusiello spoke about the depth and talent of the team, emphasizing the potential of players like Brooks.

"It would be impossible to rank us because last year our best player, Alex Benevento, was injured, and he ended up being the best in the state," said Pertusiello. "We have players they don't even know about, like Ryan Brooks, who's going to be nasty, and they have no idea."

The Rams' defense was opportunistic, forcing two interceptions, both by senior defensive back Michael Smith. Smith's playmaking ability in the and his 32 return yards on the picks put the Rams in excellent field position.

Despite the lopsided scoreline, Maloney fought hard to stay in the game. Quarterback Angel Arce managed to keep the Spartans in contention with a couple of touchdown drives, but New Canaan's defense proved too strong in critical moments.

The Rams dominated in several key statistical categories, including time of possession (26:41 to 21:19) and first downs (19 to 16). Penalties were an area of concern, as New Canaan racked up 126 penalty yards on 10 infractions, something Coach Marinelli acknowledged they need to clean up going forward.

Special teams were also a factor for New Canaan, with senior kicker Tucker Stevens converting all six of his extra point attempts, maintaining the Rams' momentum after each touchdown. Pertusiello also contributed in the kicking game, punting once for 37 yards.

Looking ahead, New Canaan is setting their sights on bigger challenges. Pertusiello made it clear that while the Rams are focused on each

secondary helped to stifle Maloney's passing game, game, their eyes are on future matchups against rivals Staples and Darien.

> "When it comes down to it, this season we only need to look out for Stapes and Darien," Pertusiello said confidently. "Those are the games that are going to define our season, and we're ready for them."

> The Rams' balanced attack, featuring a potent passing game and a physical defense, positions them well for the rest of the season. With standout performances from veterans and emerging stars, New Canaan looks poised to make a deep run in the state playoffs.

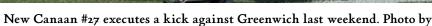
> Friday night's win was a statement to the rest of the league that New Canaan remains a powerhouse, and as they prepare for their next challenge, it's clear that they have the talent and determination to contend for another state championship.

Final score: New Canaan 42, Maloney 13.

New Canaan will take on Greenwich, next week as they look to build on their impressive opening performance.

# **Sports Photos of the Week**







St. Lukes @ Kingswood Oxford. Photo by Corey Davis

# New Canaan Eyes Win Against Warde

Girls Varsity Swimming @ Ridgefield High School

Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Wilton High School

Boys Freshman Soccer vs Brien McMahon

Boys Varsity Football vs Masuk High School

Girls JV Volleyball vs Wilton High School

Boys JV Football @ Masuk High School

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yards and a completion rate of 73.7%, picked apart the Spartans' defense, while Esposito made the most of his opportunities, racking up an astonishing 271 receiving yards and five scores. The performance has solidified New Canaan's offense as one of the most lethal in the state early in the

Friday, September 27

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Running back Henry Stein added balance to the Rams' attack, rushing for 86 yards and providing steady support on the ground. His ability to break through the line of scrimmage gave New Canaan another dimension in an offense that is already loaded with talent.

Canaan's secondary was a brick wall for much of the night. The Rams' defense managed to intercept two passes, with one being returned 32 yards for a touchdown by defensive back Michael Smith. Smith's pick-six further dampened Maloney's hopes of a comeback and showcased the Rams' defensive particularly prowess, in capitalizing on their opponents' mistakes.

Canaan New has dominated Warde in their previous meetings, winning their last five matchups, including a commanding 47-0 victory in September 2023. However, this year's rematch may present new challenges for the Rams, especially as they won't have the comfort of homefield advantage. Warde will be looking to build on their own recent victory, a 20-6 win over Harding, which snapped a three-game losing streak.

Mustangs' The performance against Harding was a muchneeded confidence boost for a team that had been struggling to find its footing. Warde's defense held firm throughout the contest, allowing just six points and keeping Harding off balance for most of the game. On offense, the Mustangs' rushing attack wore down Harding's defense, allowing Warde to control the clock and secure the win.

While Warde's victory was significant, the task of facing New Canaan is a different level of challenge. The Rams have proven to be relentless on both sides of the ball, and their offense, led by Robinson and Esposito, is firing on all cylinders. The Mustangs will need to tighten their defense and find a way to slow down Robinson's passing game if they hope to compete.

New Canaan, on the other hand, will be focused on continuing their offensive and defensive dominance. secondary, The Rams' which played a pivotal role against Maloney, will be looking to replicate their ball-hawking success, while the front seven will aim to pressure Warde's offense into making mistakes.

Friday's matchup will be a critical test for both teams. For New Canaan, it's another opportunity to affirm their No. 1 ranking in the state and extend their winning streak. For Warde, it's a chance to prove they can compete with one of the top teams in Connecticut football.

As New Canaan travels to Fairfield, fans will be watching to see if the Rams can continue their impressive run and whether Robinson and Esposito can add to their growing list of accolades. Meanwhile, Warde will look to defend their home turf and build off their recent success.

Kickoff is set for 6:00 p.m., and with both teams coming off wins, Friday night's clash is shaping up to be a compelling contest. Will New Canaan's high-flying offense prove too much for Warde, or will the Mustangs mount a strong challenge in front of their home crowd? Only time will tell, but one thing is certain-New Canaan is going in ready to win.

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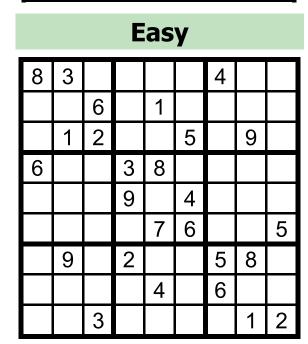
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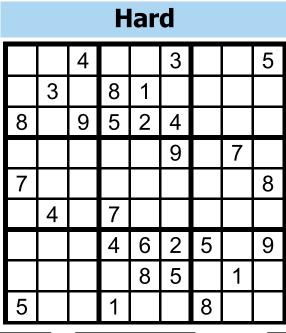
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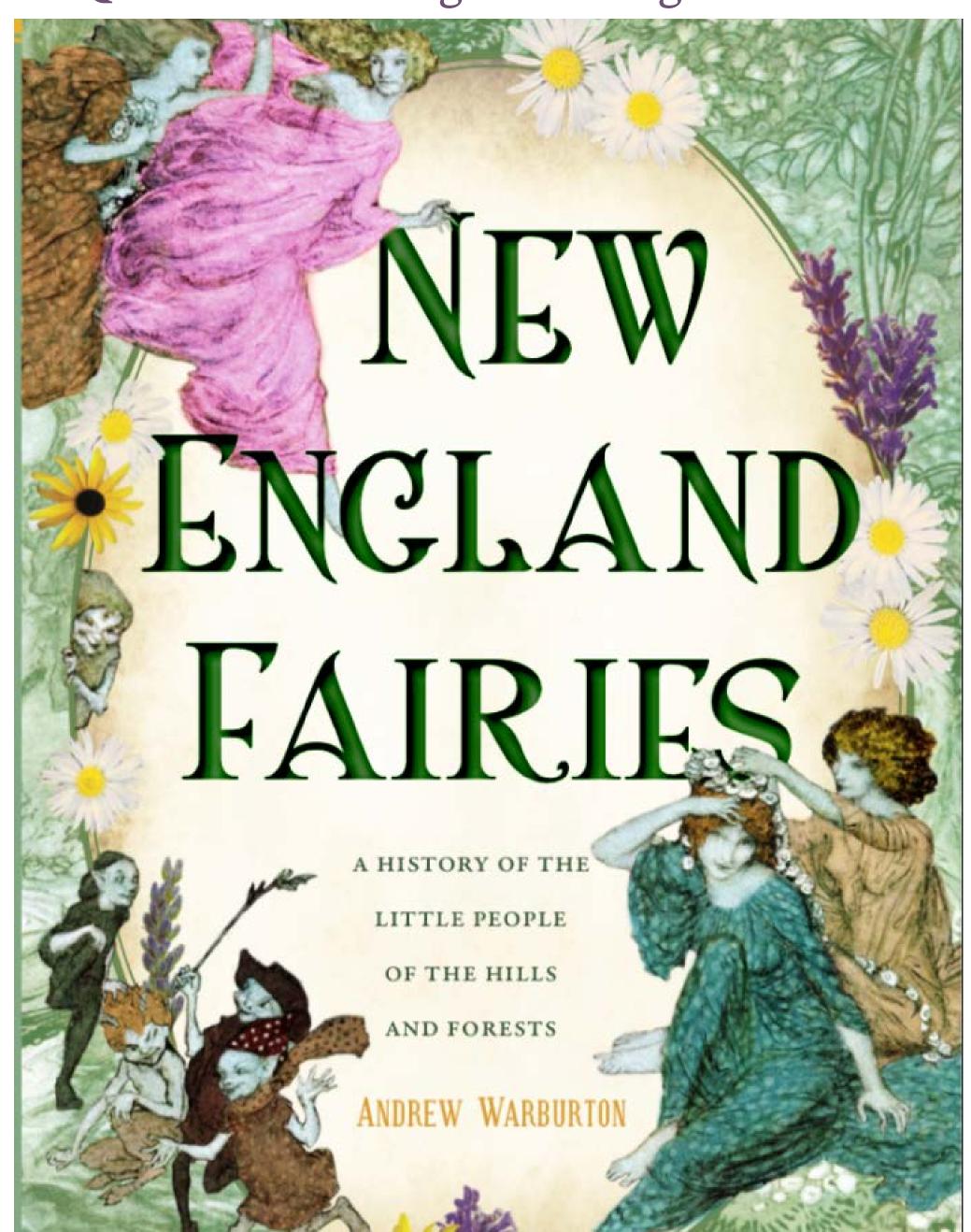
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**REVIEW** 

# Fairy Tales and Traffic Jams: One Man's Quest for New England's Magical Realm

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By Emma Barhydt

Andrew Warburton's debut book, New England Fairies: A History of the Little People of the Hills and Forests, opens a new chapter in folklore studies, exploring tales of fairies and little people that have fascinated New Englanders for centuries. In a recent interview, Warburton delved into his passion for folklore, the inspiration behind his work, and his meticulous research process, offering readers insight into the world of New England's fairy folk.

For Warburton, the journey to writing New England Fairies began long before he put pen to paper. His fascination with the fairy legends of Britain, Ireland, and Wales laid the foundation for what would become a deep interest in North American folklore. As he recalled, the moment of realization came over a decade ago when he heard a story about the Mohegan Tribe in Connecticut, who opposed a housing development because it would disturb the "little people" believed to live under Mohegan

then I guess it took 12 years to

start writing it." drive across New England, a said proudly. journey that brought to life both region's landscapes.

Abenaki stories from there about to live." He was enchanted by the waterfalls, pools, and the overall beauty of the place, making it one of his favorite spots during his

extended beyond the landscape. "fairies" might be more European, "That was the first time I ever His favorite story in the book there are numerous indigenous really even considered fairies in is that of Perry Boney, a lesser- legends of little people that needed

"But that planted the seed, and Sherman, Connecticut, rumored to have spoken with fairies. "No one really knows where the The blend of ancient rumors came from," Warburton indigenous stories and European shared, adding that the earliest legends intrigued Warburton, written reference to Perry Boney who spent a year intensively dates back to 1938. "I think I researching and traveling to the was the first kind of writer or sites featured in his book. His journalist or whatever to uncover research took him on a 40-hour the facts about him," Warburton

For Warburton, folklore the beauty and the mystery of the is more than just paranormal stories-it's a window into Among his many stops, history, culture, and immigration Warburton found the White patterns. "You can learn a lot Mountains in New Hampshire about the immigrants who came particularly magical. "There to America, to New England are quite a lot of stories from especially, through the stories that those White Mountains. There's they told," he said. His goal with the book was not only to entertain the water fairies," Warburton but also to educate. By recording explained. One such story revolves these legends, Warburton hopes around Diana's Baths, a location to preserve a sense of magic while Warburton described as "exactly deepening readers' understanding where you would expect fairies of the region's diverse cultural heritage.

One aspect of his research Warburton was particularly careful about was including indigenous stories. He But Warburton's interest acknowledged that while the term

were the original inhabitants of the lands that we now call New England, so it just felt like it would include their stories about little people," he explained.

Warburton's approach to folklore is thoughtful and rooted modern paranormal stories, choosing instead to focus on legends that have been passed down through generations. "I stories that had no historical to showcase tales that, while family connected to the story of beginning of his work on North magical, still offer a glimpse into fairy footprints, uncovering their American folklore. He revealed the past.

One of the challenges Warburton faced was uncovering stories that had faded from local memory. While researching understanding who was telling has opened new doors for him, the "Little People's Village" in Middlebury, Connecticut, for example, he found that not has never encountered a fairy, everyone knew of the legend. he remains intrigued by the Warburton has succeeded in However, during a lunch stop universality of belief in little blending historical research with in nearby Waterbury, he was surprised to find a waitress who had heard of it, even mentioning the local legend that sitting on the village's throne would result in

death within seven years.

track down these lesser-known legends. He delved into old books and databases, but it was often be some sort of erasure if I didn't the people he met along the way who provided the most valuable insights. From the Wampanoag Museum in Aquinnah to conversations with locals like in history. He avoided including Anne Price in Sherman, these interactions helped him piece together the forgotten lore.

Warburton's dedication to authenticity even led him to guess I didn't want to include investigate the real people behind the legends. In Campton, New value," he noted. His aim was Hampshire, he researched the New England fairies is just the names, occupations, and lineage. "It just filled in the picture a little bit," Warburton explained, emphasizing the importance of these stories and why.

Though Warburton himself people across cultures. "I'm Despite the obscurity of some This fascination with belief fairy folk.

North America," Warburton said. known figure from our own to be part of the narrative. "They tales, Warburton made efforts to systems has driven much of his work, and Warburton remains open to the possibility of fairies existing.

Interestingly, many of the readers Warburton has met at book signings and talks are firm believers in fairies, particularly older women who have passed down stories from their Irish or other European ancestors. This strong belief has even surprised Warburton, who noted how ingrained the legends still are in some families.

Warburton's exploration of that his next project, New York Fairies, is already in the works, with hopes of publication in 2025. The success of his first book expanding his scope to cover the entire Northeast.

In New England Fairies, enchanting folklore, offering more interested in why do readers a chance to see the world people believe?" he reflected. around them through a magical "There seems to be stories about lens. For those willing to look, the lesser spirits that take a kind of hills and forests of New England humanoid form and little people." may still hold the secrets of the

### **Universal Crossword**

#### Edited by David Steinberg

#### **ACROSS** 1 Edge of a

- canyon 4 Piece of food waste
- Country singer Gibbs **14** 2010 health
- law, for short **15** Smell from
- a bakery 16 Bothered
- constantly \*Service 17 members
- since 1775 **19** Amusement park shuttles
- 20 Foul mood 21 Opening of a spy
- movie? **22** Operatic solo
- 23 Sprawling property
- \*Just OK 28 Waterproofing, say
- **30** Coy response to a compliment
- **31** "Night" author Wiesel
- **32** "Stop," on the seas
- **35** Female 58-Across
- 36 Online privacy tool to use on each starred clue's answer?
- 39 Homeric exclamation?

- **42** Let another
- car go 43 First word for some babies
- **46** As one **48** People who get to see
- movies early **51** \*Certain
- guitars **54** Unsurprised
- 55 Stick a
- toothpick in Through
- thick and **58** Bambi, e.g.
- 59 What a Brit
- watches 61 \*Blackjack
- request **63** Raring to go **64** Actress
- Cara of "Fame"
- **65** Bro's sib, maybe
- 66 Pokes **67** "Stop,"
- formally 68 It's less powerful than dvnamite
- **DOWN 1** Name of 11
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- Zoo
- 5 Cowardly 6 Took, as a
- scooter 7 Revise legally
- 8 Computer command after copy

- 38 Like a video **9** Bit of ink 10 Robinhood game suited competitor for ages 17+
- 39 Genre **11** Bump from behind known for
- **12** More than wobble bass bump 40 Hot, like 13 "The score's an athlete
- even" **41** Central 18 Roma's Mexican state
- home 24 Makes a **44** Focus for colorful Al Jazeera
- camp T-shirt 45 Had an IMDb credit **26** Whiskey barrel
- for, maybe **27** Greek **47** Postponed goddess of talking the hunt about
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**34** "Back in

**37** Auction

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#### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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# The (K) Clues Are for Kids Created by Timothy E. Parke

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. (K) Lowers, as lighting
- 5. (K) Far-reaching, as space 9. (K) Raven's sound
- 12. Cookie
- sandwich 13. (K) A Sketch
- 14. "To what do \_ this pleasure?"
- **15.** (K) Give back to your
- community 17. (K) "Neither snow
- rain ..." 18. Main meal in a fancy
- restaurant 19. (K) Sewer's
- need 21. (K) Ecto-1, the
- Batmobile or Herbie 22. (K) Obtain with
- your hands 23. Not metaphorical or figurative

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

- **27.** (K) Past or **55.** (K) Make an
- present, in grammar
- 30.(K) Easy card to identify 31. (K) Pickleball
- divider **33.** Be a depress-ing
- couch? **34.**(K) Pinto or
- lima things 37. Underwater
- sinker
- 40. Pitcher's boo-boo
- 42. Regret 43.(K) Element
- found in coal and diamonds 45. Lumber mill
- cutter 49. Scurry in
- a hurry 50.(K) February greeting card
- **52.** Bank's savings offering 53. (K) Divisible
- by two
- **54.** (K) "American (TV show)

- inquiry 56. (K) Organized or clean
- **57.** (K) Penny DOWN
- 1. (K) Bird of peace
- 2. Liver mineral
- 3. (K) Thaw 4. Reporter's contact
- **5.** (K) Nov. 11 honoree
- **6.** (K) Had chocolatecovered
- crickets 7. (K) Smell 8. Potential
- danger 9. What editors do to long
- paragraphs 10. Missing GI **11.** (K) "If only it
- that easy" **16.** (K) Close by **20.**\_\_\_ out a meager

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for scientific experiments

23. (K) Place

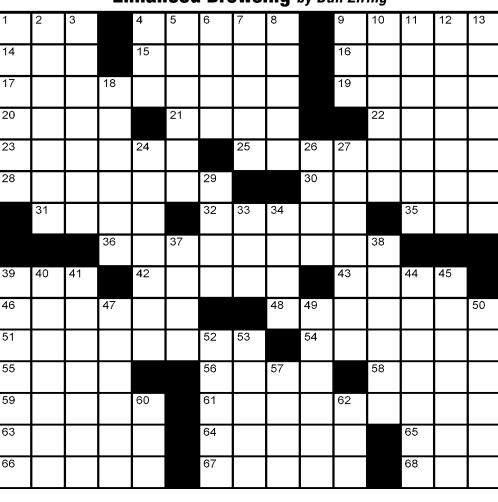
- **24.** (K) Word before "skating" or "hockey"
- 25. Cricket intermission (2 words)
- bygones be bygones
- 28. (K) Not happy 29. It causes one's
- head to swell
- 32. Deluge 35. Bust in the act 36. Untidy person
- **38.** (K) Damage beyond repair 39. Type of ulcer
- 41. Ne'er-do-well 43. "Pet" with green fur
- 44. (K) Televises 46. (K) Triangle component
- 47. Soon, in old poetry
- 48. Raised seam **51.** (K) Grazing land



The answers to this week's puzzles can be found in next week's issue.

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# **Enhanced Browsing** by Dan Ziring



# **Astrology for Next Week**

#### **LIBRA**

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**24 Sept-23 Oct** Life is good and about to get even better. As the Sun enters your sign today, to be joined by clever Mercury on Thursday, you'll no longer be held back by vague fears that have blighted your life recently. Most, if not all, your dreams are about to come true.

#### **SCORPIO**

24 Oct-22 Nov Scorpios tend to think a lot, but how often do you think about the inner you rather than the outer world? A change of signs by the Sun and Mercury will encourage you to look deep inside yourself, but don't worry: it won't be as scary as you imagine.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

**23 Nov-21 Dec** Just because you have made up your mind doesn't mean you can't change it. New information you learn in the days ahead will put a very different slant on something you thought was cut and dried. Be flexible. Fixed opinions are bad opinions.

### **CAPRICORN**

22 Dec-20 Jan Cosmic activity in and around the midheaven angle of your chart suggests that something big is about to happen on the career front. To begin with you may not like the changes but, in time, you'll realise they were inevitable - and necessary.

**AQUARIUS 21 Jan-19 Feb** Not only is the Sun entering sympathetic Libra but Mercury joins it on Thursday, making this potentially one of the best times of the year. Even if you're the kind of Aquarius who rarely takes risks you'll be much more daring than usual - with interesting results!

# **PISCES**

20 Feb-20 March Generally speaking it's good you're easy-going but your free and easy way with money has made a large hole in your cash reserves that has to be plugged fast as there are serious purchases on your cosmic horizon. Spend less, earn more - or pawn those trinkets.

# **ARIES**

21 March-20 April The Sun's move into your opposite sign of Libra today will highlight differences with a loved one and in the wake of the recent Aries Lunar Eclipse the next few days could be emotional to say the least. Let your feelings show, but keep your wits about you.

#### **TAURUS**

21 April-21 May No matter how dedicated and hard working a Taurus you may be you must take it easier over the next few days. The Sun's move into the wellbeing area of your chart means you can't continue to push yourself to the limits. Something has to give – watch out it's not you.

22 May-21 June The hostility you encountered recently is about to vanish. It may not be replaced by love or affection but at least you won't have to worry that others are creeping around behind your back waiting for an opportunity to harm you. That's progress!

#### CANCER 22 June-23 July Family issues will be easier to deal with now Mercury and the

Sun are entering the domestic area of your chart. You may not want to deal with them - you'd rather pretend they don't exist but with a little thought and effort you can make them go away. **24 July-23 Aug** You're no doubt

impatient to start something you've been

sensitive to atmosphere as you believe you

thinking about for ages but if you're as

#### will sense it may be wise to give it more time. You've waited this long – what difference

remains to be seen.

will a few more days make? **VIRGO** 24 Aug-23 Sept Throwing off self-restraint and breaking established rules is not your speciality but you'll be in the mood to shock this week. Just remember that actions always have consequences.

Whether they're good or bad consequences

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# 7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses  $\frac{1}{20}$ 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**

**SOLUTIONS** 

1 chic and graceful (7)

2 all over, all the time (11) 3 tells someone what to write (8)

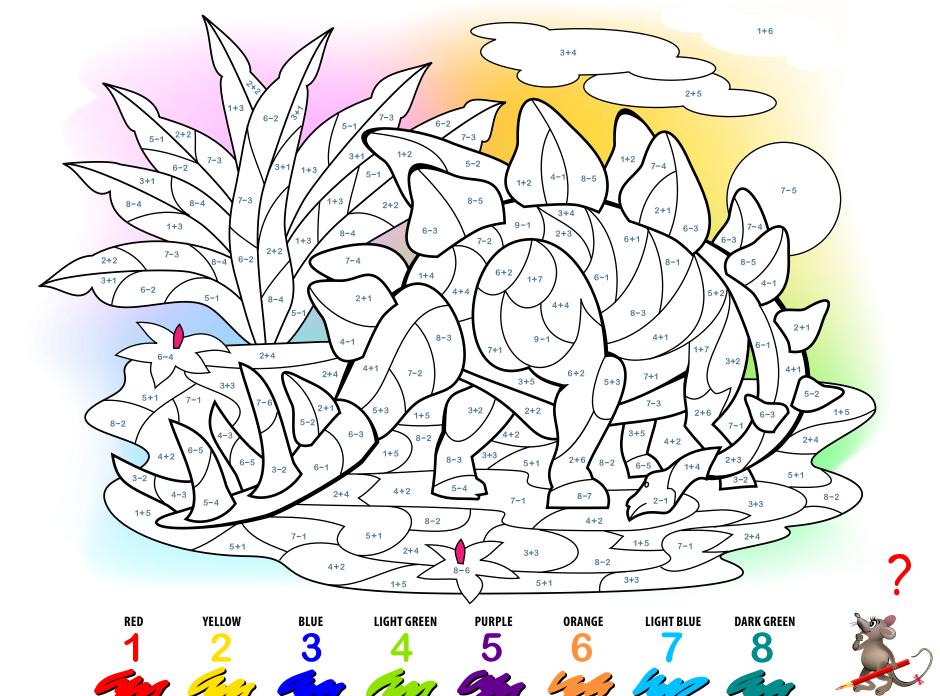
4 slimmer (6) 5 drink or ice cream cone size (5)

**6** animals (6)

7 loud, explosive noise (4) NI LE ES NT **EGA** STS **ENT** AN TAT PR **ER** OM RGE ES DIC LA NG BEA BA

**Previous Answers:** 1. KRISTEN 2. SINUS 3. MARRYING 4. PERMISSION 5. FAILINGS 6. LIBRARIANS 7. GAUZE

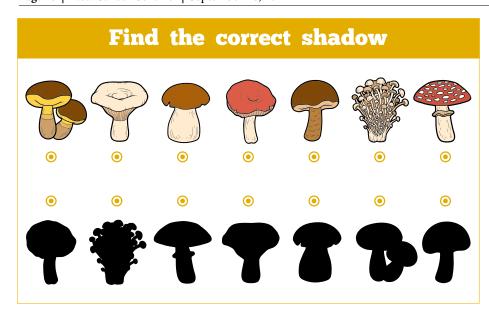
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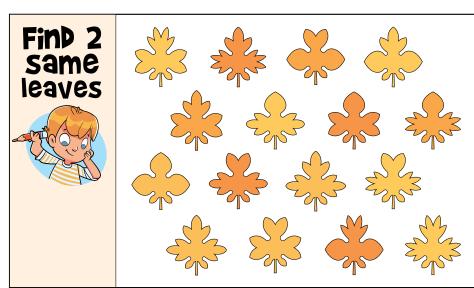


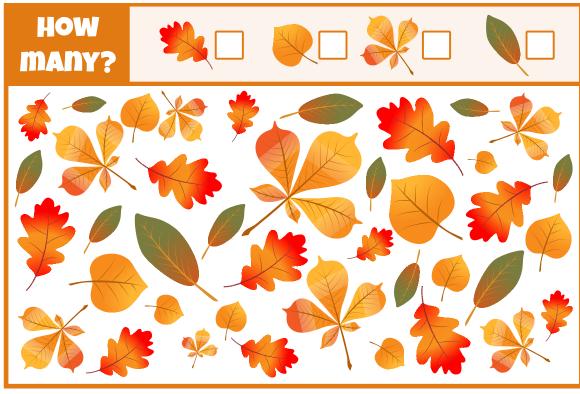


# COLORING CHALLENGE







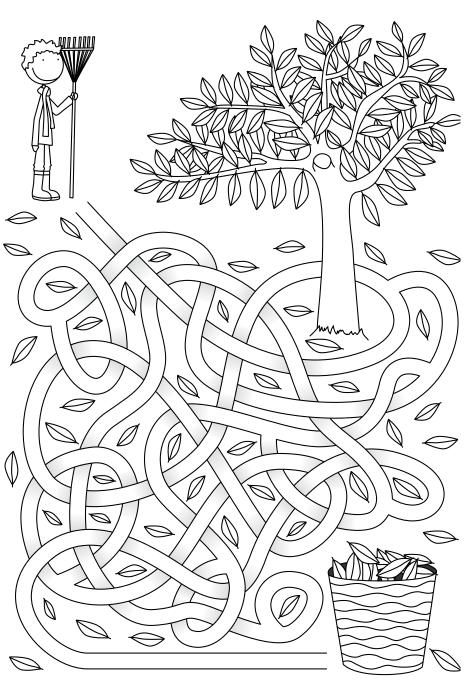


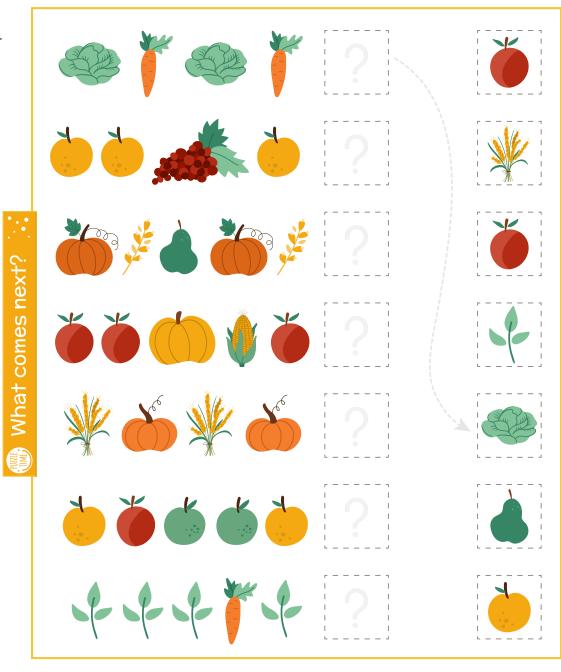




The Stamford market is getting stronger, helped by declining inventory levels.









# Belling the Cat



The Mice once called a meeting to decide on a plan to free themselves of their enemy, the Cat. At least they wished to find some way of knowing when she was coming, so they might have time to run away. Indeed, something had to be done, for they lived in such constant fear of her claws that they hardly dared stir from their dens by night or day.

Many plans were discussed, but none of them was thought good enough. At last a very young Mouse got up and said:

"I have a plan that seems very simple, but I know it will be successful.

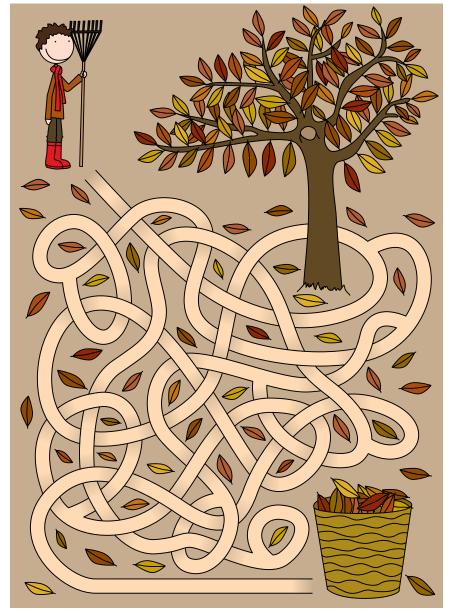
All we have to do is to hang a bell about the Cat's neck. When we hear the bell ringing we will know immediately that our enemy is coming.

All the Mice were much surprised that they had not thought of such a plan before. But in the midst of the rejoicing over their good fortune, an old Mouse arose and said:

"I will say that the plan of the young Mouse is very good. But let me ask one question: Who will bell the Cat?"

It is one thing to say that something should be done, but quite a different matter to do it.

**AESOP'S FABLES for CHILDREN** 







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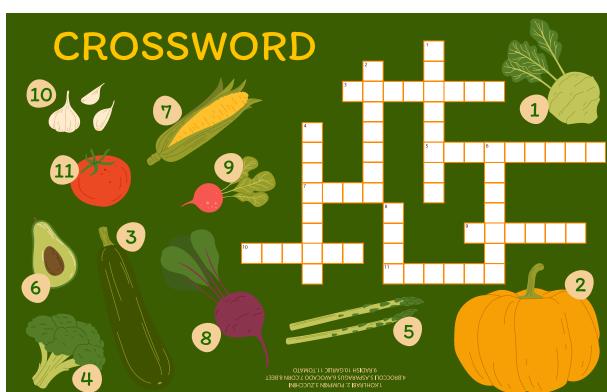
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**APPLES SWEATER RAIN** THANKSGIVING FALL LEAVES **AUTUMN** HARVEST

**FOOTBALL CORN BOOTS** TURKEY

NOVEMBER **PUMPKIN RAKE SUNFLOWER** 



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NEW LISTINGS									
Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB			
83 South Avenue, Unit F	\$460,000	715	\$643.36		1	2			
69 Mariomi Road	\$1,749,000	3,119	\$560.76	2.34	4	3			
84 Bittersweet Lane	\$1,789,000	3,340	\$535.63	2.24	5	3			
168 Lost District Drive	\$2,195,000	5,941	\$369.47	4.03	5	4			
62 Richards Lane	\$2,495,000	4,052	\$615.75	1.52	6	4			
533 Valley Road	\$3,995,000	6,629	\$602.66	2.23	5	5			
87 N. Wilton Road	\$4,995,000	8,497	\$587.85	6.63	6	5			
183 West Road	\$6,495,000	7,979	\$814.00	3.68	6	7			
42 Alan Lane	\$7,495,000	13,007	\$576.23	4.77	6	7			

Get Your Open Houses Into the MLS by Wednesday at Noon for a Listing Here							
Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker			
1421 Oenoke Ridge	\$3,999,999	SAT	12:00PM-2:00PM	William Raveis			
49 Cross Ridge Road	\$3,995,000	SAT & SUN	1:00PM-3:00PM	Douglas Elliman			
173 Heritage Hill Road	\$1,100,000	SUN	10:00AM-2:00PM	HomeZu			
277 S. Bald Hill Road	\$1,445,000	SUN	2:00PM-4:00PM	William Raveis			

2:30PM-4:30PM

1:00PM-3:00PM

William Raveis

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NEW SALES							
Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
330 Elm Street, #15	\$999,000	\$999,000	\$1,000,000	73	2	2	2.11
49 Bank Street, #49	\$1,295,000	\$1,295,000	\$1,510,000	7	2	2	

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# How Real Estate is Like and Not Like Poker



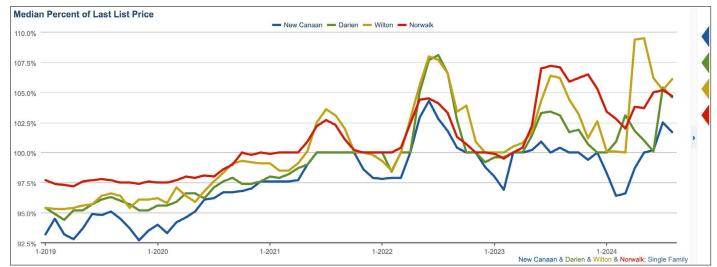
Today I am speaking on a panel on industry changes. I am noticing more pressure on buyer's agents from a number of directions. Sellers are asking if they can eliminate or reduce offers of compensation, probing for a better deal. Buyers are approaching the listing agent directly. This is to be expected as both sides begin to explore cost

savings and disintermediation. But is it wise?

Last week, and again this week, we had several dozen potential buyers visit a new listing in its opening weekend and several buyers made offers. Just like in the NFL we talk through every visit on Monday morning. Where are they from? How old are they? Are they starting their search? Are they represented? Is this their first house? Do they need a mortgage? How long did they stay? A greater percentage of the visits over this weekend came from unrepresented buyers. But, by Monday all the offers were coming in from buyers' agents. Why? Because each sale is like a hand in a multi-year poker tournament. Each player is not arriving with equal chips, and some of them have been at it a lot longer. Everybody is trying to read the room, gain an advantage, calculate the percentages. "I think I am going to need to bid more than asking, but how many other bidders are out there and what can you tell me about them?" Buyers' agents ask a lot of questions. My conclusion is: unrepresented buyers, with no history and less information, are feeling less confident and less likely to push in all their chips in a competitive situation.

Buyer's agents impart confidence. They act like they've seen it all. Some have. There is one agent who never has anything nice to say about my listings. And yet her clients keep bidding on them. Is that her strategy, talk some trash, knock me down, make me feel like I mispriced it? That's ok, I'll play her from my back foot. The best buyer agents know the other agents and how they play the game, "I think she's bluffing." "Oh, she does her homework, expect 20 questions from her..." Good agents are intuitive, feeling the winds of change sooner, "This is school vacation week, so expect a slow weekend." They've toured all the comparable properties and know when something is mispriced: "While the average sale in this category has been at 107% of asking price, this house is not at all similar, and this is not April, so yes we can offer less."

Computer poker is a game of percentages, missing the psychological angle. You simply calculate the odds. But, when playing with people competitors believe they can control the outcome, seeking advantage by knowing the opponents and being first to make an offer?" Or is there advantage in being last, knowing "How much competition is out there?" and "When are you going to including real estate.



\$4,995,000

\$5,890,000

New Canaan, Darien, Wilton and Norwalk % of List Price, Single Family Rolling 3 Month Avg

how many other offers are out there? What should I offer? Any history with those at the table is helpful at sniffing out the bluff. I remember a sale years ago where the buyer raised his bid half a million dollars because he was in competition. A year later he learned that his one competitor had withdrawn his offer earlier. The listing agent wasn't asked and kept silent. Did he overpay? Many agents have a history of sharing; others reveal nothing. The buyer's agent was seeking an advantage, asking about the other offers, and the listing agent was sharing right up until she wasn't. The buyer missed the river card, the final bet.

Permit me to talk about some recent case studies as if they were

#1. Players use their two-hole cards in combination with the five community cards to create their best five-card hand. This is like eliminating contingencies and being more flexible on closing date in order to improve your hand at the last minute, when no more cards are coming

#2. The flop in poker is the first three community cards dealt face up. This is like opening weekend, a broker open house on Thursday, appointments Saturday, and public open house Saturday Sunday. These three cards cause people to fold, or begin to engage. We should see two more cards before we have to commit, but we have a pretty good idea if we are playing this hand.

be making a decision?"

#4 The tells. And fake tells. Some agents say nothing. They tell you to submit your offer to the attorney. I have to wonder is she telling me something? Maybe she's expecting an offer from her own office. There is an agent in town who I can count on to respond with profound disappointment to whatever offer I make, "Hmm, ok, well, uh, I'll see what I can do.

#5. A seat at the table. My buyer, frustrated, insisted on a faceto-face meeting with the owner. He felt he could persuade more effectively himself. He didn't. The meeting set him backwards, because it put the buyer on the spot. He gave away too much. The problem with disintermediation is there is no plausible deniability, no chance for, "That's a good idea, let me take that back to my client."

I think the secret to getting better at poker, or real estate, is be a better listener. Don't play when you're angry or sad. Practice your skills. It's true of many things in life.

John Engel of The Engel Team at Douglas Elliman in New Canaan, was formerly a military intelligence officer, stationed in Stuttgart, defending Germany's Fulda Gap from the possibility of a Soviet tank invasion in 1990. So glad to put that threat behind us. As the Colonel's S2 I was to report on what we see and hear, and to predict enemy action. I think, #3. The small blind. This is analogous to the listing agent in retrospect, this was a listening exercise. The Colonel had able to read their tells, adjusting based on the strength and timing of reaching out to all those who showed interest over the weekend, more experience and made his own predictions. But, gathering the other bets. I am often asked "Is there an advantage to being the asking, "Are you in?" It's usually an opportunity for bidders to ask, intelligence and listening is good training for so many things,







50 Windrow Ln. 9

New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

437 Old Stamford Rd.

New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

LP: \$1,999,000

LP: \$1,100,000

CP: \$1,250,000

CP: \$2,359,000

























35 Rings End Rd. Q LP: \$3,400,000 CP: \$4,200,000 Darien, Connecticut 06820



These 8 New Canaan houses closed for an average of 115% of list price in the last 60 days.

47 Saint George Ln.

New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

55 Parish Rd. 9

New Canaan, Connecticut 06840



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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE NORTH AMERICAN ELK

# A Giant in the Animal Kingdom

BY JIM KNOX

Their movement caught our attention, and we quickly pulled our caravan over on a shoulder overlooking the Yellowstone River. Their long cream and tan bodies deftly traversed the rounded shoulders of the river valley. With movement came recognition. Though similar, these creatures were clearly different from our antlered neighbors. These extralarge cousins of the White-Tailed deer pushed their way upslope and paused to survey us from an elevated vantage point.

The North American elk, Cervus canadensis, is an enormous deersecond only to moose in size. Females, known as cows, can reach 4.5 feet at the shoulder and attain weights up to 600 pounds. Males, known as bulls, are far larger, with maximum shoulder heights-and antlers—surpassing 5 feet, body lengths approaching 9 feet, and body weights of more than half a ton!

Also known by their Shawnee and Cree name, "Wapiti," meaning "White Rump," these giants range from a rich chocolate brown to a pale tan with a whitish rump easily identified from far afield. With 6 recognized subspecies in North America, and closely related species such as the Manchurian Wapiti in Asia and the Red deer in Europe, these giants of the deer tribe are found throughout the Northern Hemisphere in forests and forest-edge habitats.

Like their fellow wild creatures, elk confer profound benefits to the plant and animal



The North American Elk

# Possessing white spots, which break up their outline and mimic dappled light, they are virtually invisible to the untrained eye.

grass prairie ecosystems. Given their preference for grazing predominantly on wildflowers and grass, but also their browsing habits on shrubs and trees, elk stimulate the growth of native prairie plants while controlling shrub and tree growth.

A key secret to Elk success lies in the combination of physical and behavioral adaptations, especially in the first crucial days. Cows carefully hide their newborn calves for the first several days of their lives. Upon birthing their calves, cows find camouflaged areas in tall communities they inhabit. grass or dense brush in In the national wildlife which to conceal their refuges where they calves. Calves enhance have been reintroduced, this concealment by lying



born with virtually no well into the hundreds and untrained eye.

Gregarious by nature, estimated 11,000 elk! elk have aided in the motionless for the first elk live in large groups

scent to avoid attracting even thousands. Herds are predators, calves evade matriarchal-dominated most carnivores. Possessing and led by a single cow. white spots, which break These social groupings up their outline and mimic provide testimony to the dappled light, they are success of the massive deer, virtually invisible to the with Southern Yellowstone's Jackson Herd reaching an

Regarded as ultra-

true survivors. Through focused conservation efforts and reintroduction, their numbers continue to increase thanks to conservation measures by wildlife agencies and private citizens like. In fact, the Rare California Tule elk was nearly lost to extinction before citizens and wildlife agencies took actionrecovering the species from 4 animals in 1875, to more than 5,700 animals today!

Enormous, resilient, adaptable, and ecologically indispensable, elk command hold most dear. our attention. But, if we by chance overlook the stately deer, they remind us of their presence—by blasting a multi-note call for The Bruce Museum. His known as a bugle from passions include studying our more than two miles away! planet's rarest creatures and Research findings from sharing his work with others restoration of intact two weeks of life. Being called herds that can reach resilient mammals, elk are the University of Northern who love the natural world.

Colorado conducted in Rocky Mountain National Park suggest that these loud bugling calls of bulls contain much information. Bugles communicate many things including the bull's residency in the area with his harem, as well as if the cows in the herd are straying too far, and perhaps most significantly-that the bull is willing to defend his cows in battle to the death!

What lessons do elk

offer those that peer a little deeper into their world? Elk are both highly social creatures—seeking the protection of the eyes and ears of the herd-and also bold individuals who explore unfamiliar territory and proclaim their presence to a world of adversaries and competitors. Like the elk, we humans can benefit from such tact when confronting the dangers of an increasingly competitive world. These great deer also hold the power to restore the health of the living communities around them. We too hold this power, and with the elk as a living model, we can further aid in its recovery, which in turn restores the land and restores our faith in our ability to recover wild ecosystems. Wild, powerful, and an icon of the great American West, the elk stands as a rugged symbol of wilderness and its resilience. By giving the elk and the wilderness the chance and the support to recover, we are also giving ourselves that same chance to protect one another and achieve both the potential of the deer, and of what we

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# Elliott Rropf



There will be a Service and Life Celebration for Elliott on Monday, September 23 10:00 AM: Service at St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan 12:00/12:15 PM: Life Celebration at Weeburn Beach Club, 112 Roton Ave, Rowayton, CT (it may appear as Norwalk). Weeburn Beach Club requests carpooling due to limited parking (approximately 150 spaces).

 $(From NCPS: If your child plans \ to \ attend \ the \ service, please \ email \ the \ attendance \ of fice \ at \ nch sattendance \ @ncps-kl2.org \ to \ verify \ their \ absence.)$ 

# Family Requests:

Bring hockey sticks to the service and/or Weeburn for a group photo of children on the beach.

The family encourages you to share your memories, stories, or anecdotes about Elliott at elliott22forever@gmail.com.

These can range from significant moments to everyday interactions, showcasing Elliott's impact and the love he shared with friends.