

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

POLICE AND FIRE Shein Mystery Box Scam

A phishing scam is posing as Shein, offering a fake "Mystery Box" prize to steal personal information. The email lacks Shein's branding and directs recipients to a fraudulent website. To avoid falling victim, verify emails through official sources and check links carefully.

Hydrant Flushing Begins

The fire department will conduct its annual hydrant flushing to maintain water quality and fire safety. Temporary water discoloration may occur. Residents should wait until the department leaves their area, then run cold water until it clears and avoid laundry during this time. Flushing will continue through early October.

Police Investigate Crash

On September 24th, a sedan and a Vespa scooter were involved in a collision on South Avenue near the northbound Merritt Parkway ramp. Both New Canaan Police and EMS, along with other agencies, responded to the scene. The sedan was turning onto the ramp when it struck the Vespa. The 17-year-old Vespa operator and the 53-year-old sedan driver were taken to Norwalk Hospital. The investigation is ongoing, and the roadway is now open to traffic.

Cops & Robbers Tournament



This year's "Cops & Robbers" golf tournament successfully honored Officer Jim Martin, who died in 1991. Hosted by the New Canaan Police Benevolent Association since the 1970s, the event received support from local businesses, including raffle prizes and sponsorships from Whitney Farms Golf Club. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Instagram.

TOWN HALL Sign Up for Alerts

In order to receive them, New Canaan residents must sign up at NewCanaanAlerts.gov to receive newsletters and alerts from various town departments, including Emergency Management and Public Works. Those previously subscribed need to update their accounts following a system relaunch. Emergency notifications will be sent to individuals with up-to-date contact information, with options for phone, email, and text alerts.

Skin Health Lunch and Learn

A "Lunch and Learn" event on skin health will be held at the Lapham Center on October 9th at 12:30 pm. Dermatologist Dr. Elle de Moll will discuss skin cancer prevention, detection, and treatment. Free lunch is provided by Staying Put, and registration is required by calling 203-594-3620.

New Canaan Pursues Avalon Purchase

The Housing Authority of New Canaan received approval for a \$4 million loan to pursue purchasing Avalon New Canaan, an apartment complex intended for affordable housing. The complex was appraised at \$47

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Caffeine & Carburetors Nostalgia at Waveny



BY ANNE WHITE

Doug Zumbach, founder of the popular Caffeine & Carburetors vintage automobile event series, recently brought a touch of nostalgia to residents at Waveny LifeCare Network. After spending eight weeks at Waveny's Care Center for short-term rehabilitation, Zumbach sought a way to bring joy to Waveny's residents by combining the outdoors with his love for classic cars.

His idea materialized as "Caffeine & Carburetors (Lite): On the Road, Bringing Back the Memories," held on Waveny's Farm Road campus. Under sunny skies, over 40 residents, including those in memory care and

rehabilitation, gathered with family members and volunteers to admire nine vintage cars driven by Caffeine & Carburetors enthusiasts.

Residents shared stories of past family road trips, engaged with car owners, and reminisced about cars they once owned. Favorites included a powder blue VW, a yellow Morgan convertible, and Zumbach's 1964 Plymouth with a red interior.

The event was a resounding success, sparking fond memories and bringing smiles to all who attended. Waveny's staff and residents expressed heartfelt thanks to Zumbach and the volunteers who helped create this special moment.

The Marvelous Wonderettes

BY TOM NISSLEY

In collaboration with Norwalk's Crystal Community Theatre, the Town Players have opened a new season at the Powerhouse Theatre with a sparkling production of Roger Bean's *The Marvelous Wonderettes*.

The musical tells the story of a girls' singing group at Springfield High who got their chance to sing at the Senior Prom in 1958 when the boys group (the Chipmunks) lost a singer to a virus, so they couldn't perform. Along came the Wonderettes, best friends and sometimes not best friends, but a singing team. The night of the Prom we learn a lot about them - who's in love with the lighting guy, that two of them are chasing after the same boy, that they respect the French teacher and adore the Shop Teacher, Mr. Lee, who they pull onto the stage after selecting a handsome man from the front row of the audience.

After a break they're no longer at the Prom but at a Reunion of their class in 1968. Things have changed. Missy - now married to the lighting guy - is

demonstrably pregnant. The others are in various stages of relationships, one with Mr. Lee, who gets pulled onto the stage again to present a glitzy ring to his now girlfriend.

The show was beautifully done and implies good things for the Town Players 2024-2025 season, which continues with Kate Hamill's *Dracula* in mid October.

In other venues you can still see a remarkable and energetic production of *And then there were None* at Curtain Call's Dressing Room Theatre in Stamford, and a stunning production of Terrence McNally's *Master Class* at the Music Theatre of Connecticut on Route 1 in Norwalk.

Master Class is based on the life and loves of Maria Callas, a prima donna of the Opera world. It's got great flashbacks of Callas singing at La Scala and other great stages, and stars Irene Glezos as Callas.

These are the best of the best in our area this month.

Tom Nissley, for the *Ridgelea Reports on Theatre*.

COLUMN

A 10 Reaction to a 1 Infraction



Illustrated by Wally Chaudhry

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Having a "10" reaction to a "1" infraction is usually a reaction to old pain, probably from childhood. If we feel betrayed, abandoned, rejected, insulted, or misunderstood, and our reaction sucks more energy out of us than we want to expend, it helps to ask ourselves when we first experienced similar feelings. Chances are, we were powerless children then. We are adults now.

When the intensity of our response is out of proportion to the "1" infraction, it helps to ask ourselves: how do we—as grown-ups—want to respond? As adults, we have the ability to override our responses rooted in childhood trauma and lay down new memory track. With intentionality and practice, we can teach ourselves to have "1" reactions, even when they weren't modeled for us.

When Tiffany was 19, the man in the seat next to her on a small plane offered to put her backpack in the overhead bin. As he did so, the blueberry yogurt in the side pocket of Tiffany's backpack exploded on his white shirt. His calm "1" reaction to this event amazed her even more when she learned that he was a college president en route to give a speech. Years later, as CEO of a company, she shared this lesson with her team.

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.

POCD Approved by Town Council with Some Changes

BY BETH BARHYDT

The New Canaan Town Council, in a meeting marked by spirited debate, approved a series of recommendations to the town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) on Monday night.

The POCD is a ten-year, state-mandated, planning document, meant to guide growth and development in New Canaan. It also identifies strategies to protect important resources and attributes of New Canaan. The plan sets the table for many initiatives the town will undertake.

The council's decisions, often split along a narrow margin, reflect ongoing concerns over how the town should manage growth, infrastructure, and civic engagement.

The meeting, held in the Town Hall boardroom with a hybrid attendance option, brought together council members, town officials, and residents to discuss the non-binding document that outlines New Canaan's planning priorities for the next decade.

COUNCIL NARROWLY APPROVES AMENDMENTS

The council addressed nine proposed amendments to the POCD, each sparking debate among members. Chairman Michael Mauro and Vice Chairman Cristina Ross presided over the session, which began with a roll call confirming a quorum.

Among the most debated items was a motion to remove actions promoting the establishment of "overlay districts," a zoning tool that can be used to guide specific types of development in designated areas. The motion passed by a narrow 7-5 vote, with proponents arguing that such districts complicate zoning decisions and undermine local control.

"This is about maintaining the simplicity and integrity of our zoning process," said Chairman Mauro, who supported the motion. Opponents, however, argued that removing the overlay districts would limit flexibility in planning efforts.

A second motion aimed at curbing actions related to bicycle routes mandated by outside organizations also passed with a 7-5 vote. Supporters voiced concerns about ceding local planning authority to regional entities, while critics warned that the town might miss opportunities to enhance sustainable transportation options.

SIDEWALK EXPANSION AND SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES FACE SCRUTINY

The council approved a controversial motion to eliminate actions that would expand sidewalks in New Canaan. The proposal, introduced by Councilman Luke Kaufman, was driven by concerns over budget constraints and ongoing maintenance challenges, particularly during winter months. "We need to address our existing sidewalk issues before considering any expansions," Kaufman stated during the meeting. The motion passed by the same 7-5

vote margin.

Another closely watched motion focused on ensuring that actions related to sustainability, resilience, and climate change are based on scientific data rather than mandates lacking empirical support. "We need to make decisions grounded in data, not just aspirational goals," said Councilman Eric Thunem, a strong supporter of the motion. Despite some objections that the language was redundant given the advisory nature of the POCD, the motion was approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The council's split vote led to the defeat of a motion intended to enhance civic participation in the Planning and Zoning Commission's review of applications. The 6-6 tie was broken by First Selectman Dionna Carlson, who cast a vote against the motion. Advocates for the change argued that increasing public engagement could improve transparency and accountability in the town's planning process. However, opponents maintained that the current level of public involvement meets or exceeds statutory requirements.

The council also approved amendments related to existing infrastructure, including modifications to policies on sewer capacity and private funding for infrastructure improvements. These changes, which passed 7-5, reflect ongoing concerns about the impact of development on town resources.

FINAL ENDORSEMENT AND NEXT STEPS

The meeting concluded with a final vote on the overall POCD, incorporating the council's recommendations. Councilman Thunem moved to endorse the POCD and return it to the Planning and Zoning Commission for finalization, along with the suggested amendments. The motion passed 11-1, with only Councilman Tom Butterworth voting against.

"This is a critical step in ensuring that the POCD reflects our community's needs while remaining a flexible, advisory tool," said Vice Chairman Ross following the vote.

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the council's recommendations on Wednesday.

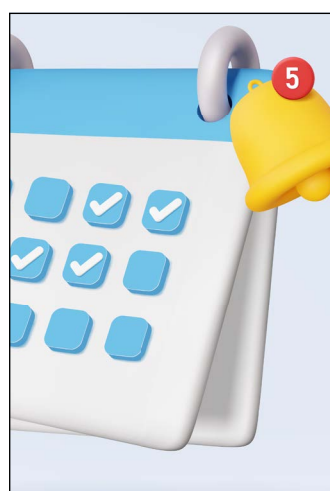
The Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the council's recommendations on Wednesday night, accepting some.

The Planning & Zoning Commission will be hosting a public hearing on the 2024 POCD Draft on October 10th at 7pm, as a part of the adoption process.

While the POCD is a guiding document rather than a legally binding mandate, the council's recommendations signal key priorities and concerns that may shape New Canaan's approach to development in the coming years.

https://www.newcanaan.info/departments/land_use/planning___zoning/2024_pocd_request_for_proposals.php

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The Mighty Oak & The Importance of Native Plant Diversity



Black Oak - Quercus velutina

BY FRANK GALLO

Pick a tree, any tree. But if you want to provide abundant caterpillars for migrating and nesting birds, pick an oak (*Quercus*). In Connecticut, there are 12 species of native oaks divided into two groups: white oaks, with round-lobed leaves and red/black oaks, with pointed lobes. As a group, oaks host the most caterpillars, an impressive 934 species. According

to Doug Tallamy, co-author of *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden*, and numerous other publications on native landscape design, Oaks in the mid-Atlantic region alone support 557 species of caterpillars critical to the survival of birds and other wildlife. Similarly, native cherries (*Prunus*) host 456

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The Swap Shop: Good Stuff for Free

BY MELISSA BOYCE AND SHARON SILL

Does everything dropped off get reused? Unfortunately no - but we're trying. However, everything is given a chance to find a new home.



Swap Shop volunteers Maureen Munro, Toddy Turrentine and Martha Sugrue.

New Canaan residents may be familiar with local environmental charity Planet New Canaan through our initiatives such as the annual Halloween pumpkin recycling program to feed livestock, Christmas Tree recycling and river clean ups. However, the New Canaan Swap Shop is likely our best known and most popular initiative.

Opened in November 2022 with the support of New Canaan's Department of Public Works, Transfer Station staff and Conservation Commission, the Swap Shop's goal is to divert usable items from the municipal waste stream, thereby saving the Town money and the planet the burden of disposal. The Swap Shop name is a misnomer as there is no 'swapping' involved; the name is a nod of thanks to the Darien Swap Shop volunteers who were so generous to Planet New Canaan with their time and guidance.

Open Hours

The volunteer-run Swap Shop is open Wednesday through Saturday from 9am to 1pm, and Friday winter hours of 9am to noon. It is closed during inclement weather. There is an Instagram page (@newcanaanswapshop) with updates on weather closings and highlights of current items.

How the Swap Shop Works

So how do you use the Swap Shop? First, a Transfer Station pass is necessary. The annual pass is good from July through the following June and costs \$75, or \$45 for households with private garbage collection. Passes are not prorated, so now is the time to purchase a pass. To purchase a pass or for more information, go to: https://www.newcanaan.info/departments/public_works/permit_application.php

Once you have your pass, feel free to drop off accepted items. Accepted items include glassware, housewares, holiday decorations, artwork, small appliances, furniture, lamps, kids' toys, board games, puzzles, sports equipment, bikes, electronics, pet supplies, instruments and more! Some items are brand new, still in their original boxes, never opened. For a full list of acceptable (and unacceptable) items, and complete Swap Shop information, go to <https://www.planetnewcanaan.org/swap-shop/>. Please note we do not accept clothes, fabrics, stuffed animals or sharp knives. Drop-off only during open hours.

Everything Is Free

Yes, you read that right: Everything is free. We sometimes have confused 'customers' asking if they can really just walk out with items. The answer is Yes! Please note that we do have some items bearing the Swap Shop name and we ask you to leave those, as we need some items to maintain the space. There



is a twenty minute time limit for each visit to help us



ensure there is enough parking and space inside for customers.

Does everything dropped off get reused? Unfortunately no - but we're trying. However, everything is given a chance to find a new home. Volunteers are constantly organizing and staging items to make for a better 'shopping' experience, and our volunteers often take items that haven't moved to organizations outside of New Canaan which can use them.

Stop By. Have Fun.

Is it fun to find an item at the Swap Shop? Absolutely! 'Customers' have sent us photos of their grandchild with a sled they found at the Swap Shop, or of a small table they fixed up that now graces

Local Artists Shine at Silvermine Exhibition

BY BETH BARHYDT

Silvermine Galleries is hosting the 74th A•ONE exhibition, a prestigious national event running to October 24, that highlights the dynamic and diverse work of established and emerging artists from across the country. This annual exhibition, originally established in 1949 as the New England Exhibition, has grown from a regional showcase into a major national event known for presenting a wide array of collectible contemporary artworks.

Curatorial Vision and Highlights

This year's exhibition is curated by Lisa Carlson, Senior Director of Jane Lombard Gallery in New York. Carlson, who has been with the gallery since 2011, brings a wealth of experience

from both public and private art institutions in New York, London, and Los Angeles. Carlson's background includes tenures at the Whitney Museum of American Art, Sotheby's, and the Gagosian Gallery, where she honed her expertise in artist liaison and sales.

Featured Artists and Local Talent

Among the participating artists, New Canaan's own Barbara O'Shea Strong and Narelle Sissons stand out. Strong, known for her evocative photography, has three photographs on display. Narelle Sissons, who won the Board Chairs Grand Prize for her two oil paintings, is receiving significant recognition for her work. Sissons' award includes a solo show at Silvermine Galleries scheduled for 2026, further establishing her

presence in the contemporary art world.

In a statement shared with the New Canaan Sentinel, Robert Snapp, Sissons' husband, revealed that they are currently renovating their home to include a new art studio. "We are thrilled to see Narelle's work recognized on such a prestigious platform," said Snapp.

The 74th A•ONE exhibition will remain open through October 24, offering limited-time access to this exceptional collection of contemporary art. Art enthusiasts and the general public are invited to explore the gallery and experience the vibrancy and diversity that Silvermine Galleries have fostered for decades.

For more information, including gallery hours, visit www.silvermineart.org/online-exhibition/74th-a-one/

their breakfast room. However, the people who may be the most excited are those who see something they dropped off get picked up to go to a new home. As one person told us, "I just dropped it off and it's already been adopted!" That's a great feeling, and dropping off reusable items helps New Canaan be more sustainable.

Melissa Boyce and Sharon Sill are the Swap Shop's Co-Chairs. Email: info@planetnewcanaan.org



NEW CANAAN BASEBALL

NEW TURF STADIUM AT COPPO FIELD



New Canaan Baseball and the New Canaan Athletic Foundation are raising funds for the planned construction of a new turf baseball stadium at Coppo Field in Wavery Park. Construction is planned to commence in September 2024 with completion slated for opening day in the Spring of 2025. The field will be fully turfed and serve our youth, middle school and high school baseball programs. The new field will be a critical and much needed addition to our baseball infrastructure and will increase New Canaan's athletic turf footprint by close to 30%.

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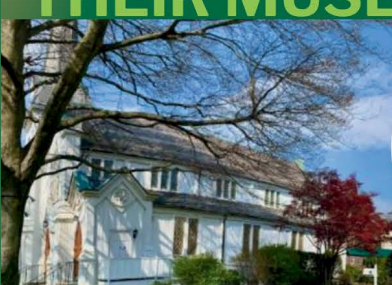
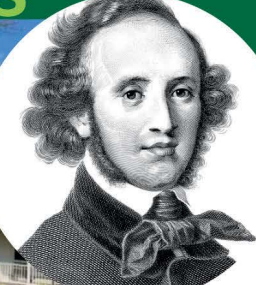
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NCPS on Building Children's Resilience; Silver Hill & Community Baptist on Grounding in Hope

By JOHN KRIZ

The New Canaan community has rapidly come together to provide support, care and encouragement to the many people in town affected by the tragic death by suicide of a New Canaan High School student. Two of those initiatives are one led by the New Canaan Public Schools, and the other jointly by Silver Hill Hospital and Community Baptist Church.

Community Response to Crisis

One of the key community issues was how to talk effectively with those affected – especially children. The New Canaan Public Schools (NCPS) addressed this need in part through heavily attended talks by Maria Trozzi, a well-regarded expert on building resilience among families, schools, and communities that are facing crises. She is a former assistant professor of developmental pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine, co-founder of the Good Grief Program at Boston Medical Center, a consultant to the Child Development Unit at Children's Hospital, and author of "Talking With Children About Loss," which NCPS Superintendent Bryan Luizzi called "an essential reference for folks who are trying to navigate these really challenging and complex waters, with ourselves and with our kids."

NCPS has also deployed counselors, emotional support animals and other tools to help those in need. Various houses of worship and civic organizations have also taken action.

Building Resilience in Kids

Ms. Trozzi began her remarks, entitled "Building Resilience in Kids When They Face Difficult Situations and Challenging Times," by noting that "None of us, necessarily, comes knowing how to support youngsters when they have to face a stressful life event," going on to note that "the best way we can protect our children is to know how they understand whatever the stressful life event is, how they understand it, what we can expect they might feel about it, and then how we can support them in their understanding, and in the way they feel about it."

As a starting point, she suggested that schools should do "what schools do naturally, which is provide structure. And so the line is, 'It's structure as usual' -- probably not business as usual, but it's structure as usual." And that "we're going to face this together."

While there can be instinctual thoughts from parents to shield their children from such a tragedy, Ms. Trozzi notes that "our kids are going to digest this information, the death of a peer to suicide, either with us or without us. And of course, we know that it's better for them if they digest it with us."

Four Coping Skills

How to do this? How to help children digest such an event? Ms. Trozzi recommends four coping skills, the first being Understanding, which she termed "the hardest." This "requires honest age-appropriate information." This is because "children at different developmental ages and stages make sense of their world differently."

The second task is Grieving. While this includes sadness, it also can include "anger, and perhaps worry, and perhaps confusion." And grieving can stir a child up "in a big way depending on my age and stage and how I understand what happened." As well, "no youngster wants to meet with somebody she's never known, but people who know them already." And this is where teachers, faculty, coaches, counselors and parents come in. Ms. Trozzi suggests "we listen more than we talk. And if you are the parent of an adolescent, you've already figured that out that this doesn't work so much. But really leaning in and not trying to fix it because you can't fix it, but you can listen. It's really powerful to just let your youngster know you're listening."

The third task is Commemorating. In addition



Andrew Gerber MD, president of Silver Hill Hospital; Cheryl Bundy, Silver Hill Hospital's chaplain; Petra Pilgrim MD, director of Steward House at Silver Hill; and Lamont Daniels, chief of Community Services for the City of Norwalk.

Or in the words of School Superintendent Luizzi, "all feelings are okay, but all behaviors are not." Rather, the message is that whatever the issue, we can discuss it. The door is open. Community matters. You matter. We see you. We want to help.

to wakes and funerals, there are many informal ways. These include "anniversaries of death and it's telling stories, and it might be writing in a journal or drawing. I love the stories we hear." Another way is to "open your home, you say, 'Bring a few of your friends in and I'll get pizza for you.'" And if there is a formal service, attend with your child.

The fourth task is Going On. "And very simply stated, it's what happens after this? What happens going forward?" Ms. Trozzi notes that "these stressful life events that your youngster faces in school will help to inform the coping skills that he or she will take as she grows on." Furthermore, as to what comes next, she advocates "Making sure that as we talk about the understanding of what suicide is or what death is, making sure that if there's something that can be learned that we do our best to position ourselves so our youngster can learn it."

Age-Appropriate Conversations about Death

As well, word choice matters. Ms. Trozzi notes that when "I'm talking to families where there's an elementary child, the language that I will use, what I know about how a three-year-old versus a six-year-old versus a nine-year-old versus a 14-year-old versus an adult will understand a death and the specific death of suicide changes." She cautions that adults need to be "prepared about how young children understand death." A four year old will likely not understand the finality of death, or what could come next for the deceased. But "children from nine to twelve, as they make sense of death, it's the first time that they have an adult understanding that death is final. It's irreversible and it's universal." Ms. Trozzi concludes with the advice that, "when there's a stressful life event in your family, whether it's Uncle Henry's death or a move that nobody wants to make, or sadly a divorce or a new diagnosis that has implications of chronicity, we know that how you respond to it is really important."

The nine to twelve age range is when children begin to be interested in death rituals and the afterlife. While we all have beliefs, Ms. Trozzi says that "what's most important is not to give them yours if they ask, but to turn it back to them and say, 'Just tell me what you believe and we can talk about this.'" Teens tend to separate more from parents, and are "more available to be emotive and I'm sure you already know that firsthand, that emotions are big on the part of our adolescents and they express it in their own indomitable style. And you get to understand how their temperament and how hormones and puberty and all of that figures into the ups and downs of being an adolescent." They can also have visions of immortality, which a death shatters. There is more curiosity about existential issues. Ms. Trozzi recommends that "what matters is

that I create an environment where those questions can be asked."

Understanding the Adolescent Brain and

Ms. Trozzi says that we should be aware "about how immature the adolescent brain is, particularly in regard to good problem-solving and in terms of impulsivity." She notes that it can be difficult for adolescents to act appropriately. Her message "to every adolescent who's trying to sort out adolescent suicide is to be able to say that whatever inside you are feeling, whatever feels that it's formidable, whatever the problem is, whatever the isolation might be, whatever you think the problem could be going forward, you need to ask for help. It starts -- problem-solving starts -- by saying, 'I need some help here.'"

Ms. Trozzi tells of a head of school, who begins the school year by telling the freshmen that "No one on this campus worries alone." It's a solid message. "Our message is always not to worry alone. Our message is that there's no problem that when we divide it into smaller problems we can't solve. And I'm the person to help you do it. Even if it's a shame-based problem, even if it's a secret you've kept for years or you've kept for days or you've kept for months, even if it's something that could make me really angry, absolutely, all of that gets pushed aside, and I am here to help you sort this out together. And that's our job. That's my job as a parent. That's my job as a coach. That's my job as a pastor to be available to get you the help that you need."

Wrapping up, Ms. Trozzi stressed that "we don't want to ever glorify the behavior" of suicide. Or in the words of Supt. Luizzi, "all feelings are okay, but all behaviors are not." Rather, the message is that whatever the issue, we can discuss it. The door is open. Community matters. You matter. We see you. We want to help.

Grounding in Hope

New Canaan's Silver Hill Hospital, in partnership with Community Baptist Church on Cherry Street, held a "Roundtable Discussion About Mental Health, Faith, Hope and the Power of Community" on September 19. This convivial gathering, held in the church's fellowship hall, had been scheduled weeks earlier, the timing and topic both being fortuitous.

The roundtable discussion included Andrew Gerber MD, Silver Hill's president and medical director; Cheryl Bundy, Silver Hill's chaplain; Petra Pilgrim MD, Director of Steward House at Silver Hill, which is a transitional living program focused on the treatment of executives and professionals; and Lamont Daniels, Chief of Community Services for the City of Norwalk. Rev. Gilbert Burgess, Community Baptist's pastor, hosted the event, which

began with an informal meal and an opportunity for conversation and 'getting to know you' – in keeping with the 'Power of Community' theme. Pastor Burgess's greeting to most everyone seemed to be "We're glad you're here."

Themes of Connection and Support

The formal program began with everyone singing "We Shall Overcome," led by Weston-based singer and actress Kimberly Wilson, who followed with her taking on the persona of Maya Angelou, recounting her life journey.

The panel kicked off with Mr. Daniels posing the question "How do we define hope?" Answering his own question, he said "I think we can't. We have to ask people what does hope mean to them?" In some cases it's physical safety, in others it's school closings. Dr. Pilgrim observed that "the most difficult cases I have are those in which people don't feel as if they have support at home. They're going through a transition of career, maybe into retirement. Their kids are grown up, they may or may not have grandkids, but they don't feel needed anymore and they don't feel worth anything anymore. And so that's what we center a lot of the work on is helping them to find that purpose and meaning again so that they can get in touch with hope." She concluded that "Hope is the possibility that there is something in the day for you."

Taking the point further, Dr. Gerber stressed that "everything stems from connection to other people."

Addressing Loneliness

The US Surgeon General has spoken of the epidemic of loneliness, but the panel observed that loneliness is not necessarily about not being with people, but about not being seen, with the earlier Maya Angelou performance often striking that theme: Being seen.

On that point, Mr. Daniels shared a personal story about one of his children during COVID. He spoke of "just watching my daughter struggle on that laptop with the teacher and wow, I'm feeling a little emotional right now because just recently she was talking about 'I don't know how to make friends' and she's 10." Later Mr. Daniels spoke of the challenge of getting back into the "natural rhythm" of connecting with people.

An audience member added that when she was young you went outside and played with your friends, and now she has to teach her grandson how to do that. "Everyone's on their device."

Faith and Self-Love

Faith was reviewed as well in supporting wellness in all its forms, with the Biblical admonition to 'Love your neighbor as yourself' being cited. But to do this the necessary precondition is 'loving yourself,' which can be a challenge. To address that, the concept of grace was discussed, with it being noted that grace is 'Unmerited favor' – a gift, neither earned nor deserved – with forgiveness being a large part of that or, as Dr. Pilgrim termed it, "having compassion for ourselves."

Rediscovering Community

In the end the message seemed to focus on the value of making and building connections – with an emphasis on 'face mail rather than email.' As Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and author, wrote in "Love and Living," "we do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another." Given the recent trauma that has affected New Canaan, the value of community – be it pickleball groups, churches, civic organizations or just meeting friends for coffee – in healing and growth is being rediscovered, with this humble panel in a church basement being but one step.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

Chamber Music Launches Annual Appeal

New Canaan Chamber Music has kicked off its annual fundraising drive, seeking support from past donors, sponsors, and new benefactors to sustain its diverse and acclaimed concert programming. In an appeal letter sent to the community, Board Chairman Tom Butterworth expressed gratitude for the continued interest and support of patrons, highlighting the organization's growth and commitment to bringing world-class chamber music to New Canaan.

"We are so thrilled to have offered you four years of magical musical experiences," Butterworth wrote. "We cannot wait to bring you our new season of live chamber music starting in November where you can again 'Anticipate the Unexpected!'"

The upcoming season promises a mix of renowned musicians and imaginative ensembles curated by Artistic Director Andrew Armstrong, a New Canaan native and celebrated virtuoso pianist. Each concert features unique programs with different musicians and ensembles, providing a fresh experience every time. The season kicks off with "The Soldier's Tale" on November 7 and 8, featuring violinist Stefan Jackiw, clarinetist Yoonah Kim, and Armstrong on piano.

Butterworth highlighted the importance of community support, noting that ticket sales cover less than half the cost of the concerts. Donations enable New Canaan Chamber Music to attract top-tier musicians from around the globe and support a range of outreach initiatives. "Generous community support has enabled us to bring so many widely renowned musicians from around the world to New Canaan. It also sustains a growing and inclusive program of outreach," Butterworth said.

These outreach programs extend the joy of chamber music to seniors, youth, and local schools across New Canaan, Stamford, Norwalk, and Bridgeport. The organization's popular Thursday matinees have been a particular success, offering performances for seniors and those unable to attend evening concerts. Additionally, the annual Children's Concert, scheduled for May at the New Canaan Library, is a key highlight of the season, designed to inspire the next generation of music lovers.

New Canaan Chamber Music, founded by Armstrong, has rapidly established itself as a vibrant addition to the local concert scene. Armstrong's extensive network of musical artists, built over his 35-year

career as a concert pianist, brings together an ever-evolving roster of performers who are eager to collaborate in New Canaan. "Each concert is different every time – different musicians, ensembles, instruments, and programs," Armstrong said, emphasizing the dynamic nature of the performances.

Concerts are held at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, located at 178 Oenoke Ridge, offering easy access and ample parking for attendees. The 2024-2025 season will include a variety of programs, from classic works to innovative pieces that connect different musical eras and styles.

2024-2025 Concert Calendar

The Soldier's Tale: November 7 & November 8

Americans in Paris: February 6 & February 7

The Link from Mozart to Film: March 20 & March 21

Roll Over, Three B's: May 15 & May 16

Children's Concert: May 18, 2025 at the New Canaan Library

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million, and the authority is also negotiating for a grant to assist with the purchase. This follows AvalonBay's recent sale of other properties in Connecticut.

AROUND TOWN Rotary Club Lobsterfest



The Rotary Club of New Canaan is hosting its annual Lobsterfest today and tomorrow, September 27th and 28th, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Wavney Park's Steve Benko Pool. The event offers lobster, salmon, and chicken for dine-in, curbside pick-up, or delivery for large orders. More information is available at https://www.newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.org/?fbclid=IwY2xjawEV0TRleHRuA2F1bQlxMAABHVTFw5T_4Zbp0j4uPrPaAsc0ghWVPBnc_yECZfGjHij05OR-ME-D6DjuA_aem_BhHfd-bs6Kbm60n91wx40A.

Lottery Winner

A New Canaan resident won \$200,000 from a Powerball ticket purchased at Keans Korner LLC.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

St. Luke's Students Harvest & Cook

St. Luke's Environmental Science class harvested vegetables planted by last year's students in the campus garden. The produce, including peppers, carrots, garlic, potatoes, and beets, was used in a farm-to-table cooking session at the Grey House, where students prepared Jalapeno Latkes and carrot and beet salsa with assistance from Flik. The experience brought together the full cycle of farming, from planting to cooking.

Wavney Park Arts Festival Returns

The second annual Wavney Park Arts Festival will be held on October 6th, featuring 50 artisan vendors, live music, and local food. Organized by the Carriage Barn Arts Center, the event will also include a Young Entrepreneurs Marketplace and family activities. The festival runs from 10 am to 4 pm, rain or shine.

Nursing Scholarship Awarded



On September 17th, Silver Hill Hospital and the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation awarded the first Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Nursing Scholarship to Nurys Alvarez, a Fairfield University nursing student. She was recognized for her academic achievements and mental health experience. Alvarez will join Silver Hill's nursing team in 2025. Photo credit: Silver Hill Hospital Instagram.

Amy Murphy Carroll Joins Rotary

The Rotary Club welcomed Amy Murphy Carroll, a New Canaan Selectman, as its newest member. She was introduced by Membership Chair Keith Simpson and past president Tom Ferguson.

Silver Hill Joins Mental Health Discussion



On September 20th, Dr. Andrew Gerber and Immacula Cann of Silver Hill Hospital joined U.S. Senator Chris Murphy for a discussion on mental health at the Greater Danbury Community Health Center. They focused on barriers to mental health care and the impact of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. Senator Murphy emphasized the importance of equal insurance coverage for mental and physical health. Photo credit: Silver Hill Hospital Instagram.

SCHOOLS

Horizons Adds New Board Members



Horizons at New Canaan Country School welcomed five new board members in 2024: Sarah Irwin, Makena Mckain, Melinda Stewart, Eve St. Surin, and Jhonny Ticas. These individuals bring diverse professional backgrounds and will contribute to supporting the organization's students and families. The board continues its focus on long-term success for the Horizons community. Photo credit: Horizons Website.

ACROSS CT

GM Recalls Vehicles for Brake Issue

General Motors is recalling several 2023-2024 vehicle models due to a brake fluid warning light issue that could affect braking performance. Affected owners will receive a free software update, either over-the-air or through a dealership, to resolve the problem.

Notifications are expected to be sent by the end of October. The recall can be found at <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odj/rc/2024/RCAK-24V674-5540.pdf>

Tupperware Files for Bankruptcy

Tupperware filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on September 17th due to declining sales. The company seeks to continue operations during the process and is exploring a potential sale. Tupperware aims to transition into a more digitally-focused business.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Beardsley Zoo Team Wins Award



Jim Knox and Carolyn Rinaldi of Beardsley Zoo were awarded the Significant Achievement in Conservation Education award for the Cool Blue Bridgeport program by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. The award recognizes the team's efforts in conservation education. The zoo thanked the Association and acknowledged the team's work. Photo credit: Beardsley Zoo Instagram.

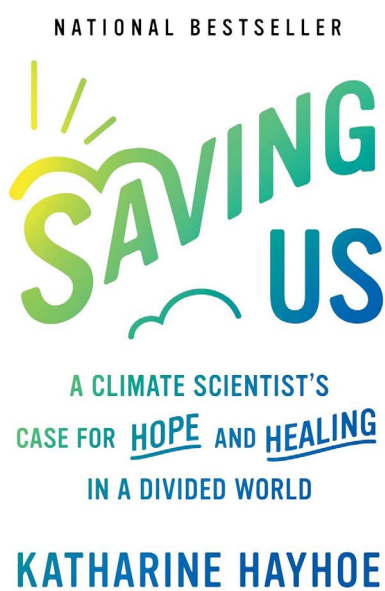
SPORTS

Girls Soccer Win Over Darien



On September 24th, Sophomore Clare Greisen scored twice in a 3-1 win for the Girls Soccer team against Darien, improving their record to 6-2. Senior Captain Sydney Patten added a goal, while goalkeeper Chrysi Gabriel made key saves in the first half. Photo credit: John Frieders via NCHS Courant Website.

Katharine Hayhoe Will Present at Library's Oldham Nature & Environment Lecture



New Canaan Library is pleased to announce that world-renowned climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe will be guest speaker for the inaugural Oldham Nature and Environment Lecture Series. As Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy and author of the bestselling book *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, as well as presenter of TED Talks viewed by over 5 million people globally, Katharine Hayhoe reveals a remarkable talent for translating complex climate issues into accessible public discourse.

The event will be held on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium. All are welcome; please register to attend: NewCanaanLibrary.org/hayhoe

Katharine Hayhoe will discuss how the key to tackling climate change is to begin by understanding how any change to our environment naturally connects us. Through the broad lens of sports, food, travel; faith, family, health; jobs, insurance, housing, Hayhoe creates common ground via a bridge-building approach to

clarifying challenges and identifying possible solutions.

Dr. Hayhoe's visit to New Canaan will include pre-arranged meetings with sustainability-minded teens and local thought leaders, to inspire progress on local issues.

Katharine Hayhoe is the Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy and Horn Distinguished Professor and the Political Science Endowed Professor in Public Policy and Public Law at Texas Tech University. She is a fellow of the American Geophysical Union, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society, and American Scientific Affiliation, and serves on advisory boards for organizations such as Netflix, UBS, and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. She has been named a United Nations Champion of the Earth, the World Evangelical Alliance's climate ambassador, and one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People.

The Oldham Nature and Environment Lecture Series is dedicated to presenting leading scientists, policy makers, strategists, and other experts to enable our

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Zoo Congratulations

Jim Knox and Carolyn Rinaldi of Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo have earned top honors from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums for their Cool Blue program, a hands-on initiative that pulls urban youth into the real work of conservation. This award underscores what many in our community already know: Beardsley Zoo is more than an assortment of animals—it is a dynamic center of education and conservation stewardship that we are fortunate to have so close to home.

The Beardsley Zoo's recognition is about the tangible impact that this institution has on our region. Jim Knox, a driving force behind the Zoo's educational mission, ignites a sense of wonder in every visitor, from schoolchildren seeing a red wolf for the first time to adults rediscovering their connection to nature. Under Knox's leadership, the Zoo's programs blend the joy of discovery with the urgency of conservation.

Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, established in 1922, is the state's only accredited zoo. Originally funded by industrialist James W. Beardsley, who donated land, it began with a modest collection of native animals. P.T. Barnum, the famed showman and Connecticut native, played a pivotal role in shaping the Beardsley Zoo in its early years. Over the decades, the Zoo expanded both its exhibits and its mission, evolving from a small local attraction into a key player in global conservation efforts.

Today, the Zoo houses over 350 animals, many of which are endangered species, and participates in numerous Species Survival Plan programs aimed at preserving and protecting vulnerable wildlife. As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Beardsley Zoo continues to educate the public about the importance of wildlife conservation through interactive exhibits, educational programs, and research initiatives that connect visitors with the natural world.

The Beardsley Zoo offers something rare: a place where learning is hands-on, where questions lead to discovery, and where the stakes—saving endangered species—are real. Programs like Cool Blue and RIZE with Fairfield University bring students out of the classroom and into the field, where they conduct behavioral studies on everything from spider monkeys to red wolves. This approach shapes the next generation of conservation leaders. It shows young people that conservation is not a distant concept but a living, breathing mission they can affect.

Through its Species Survival Plan programs, Beardsley Zoo works tirelessly to preserve species that are disappearing from the wild. This is not theoretical work; it is urgent, hands-on, and sometimes heartbreaking, as Zoo staff navigate the complexities of breeding programs, habitat management, and animal care.

For residents of New Canaan, the Beardsley Zoo is a nearby sanctuary where the beauty and fragility of the natural world are on full display. It is a place that invites us to pause, to learn, and to take stock of our role as stewards of this planet. When we visit, we are not just entertained; we are reminded of the delicate balance that exists between humans and the environment, a balance that institutions like Beardsley Zoo fight every day to protect.

The awards won by Knox and his team are validations of a philosophy that places education and conservation at the heart of the Zoo. Their work exemplifies a simple but profound truth: education can inspire action, and action can drive change.

Having the Beardsley Zoo so close to New Canaan is a gift, one that we should neither take for granted nor overlook. The Zoo reminds us that conservation starts at home, with education, with engagement, and with the simple act of caring.

Jim Knox and his team are educators, conservationists, and, above all, custodians of hope. We are fortunate to have them, and we are fortunate to have the Connecticut Beardsley Zoo.

Editorial Page



"Is it too late to add four floors?"

LETTER

We Need Kim Healy in Hartford

With a Big Four accounting background, proven local leadership including Wilton's Board of Selectmen and years of community and volunteer service, I enthusiastically support Kim Healey for State Representative. She is a proven problem solver who would work on our behalf in a bi-partisan

manner and has been endorsed by the state's Independent Party. Additionally, she is the only candidate with relevant experience and a long history of serving numerous local organizations. Kim has the right skill set to help the community and the state in the important areas of

education, economics, housing, safety and the environment.

We need Kim in Hartford and I urge you to join me in voting for her.

Jon Savas

LETTER

Kim Healy is Authentic

Kim Healy is not just a long-time friend, but someone who exemplifies genuine care and commitment to community. Over the years, her dedication has been evident through her sincere efforts to contribute to the community's well-being. As someone who deeply values relationships, Kim's warmth and generosity are constants

in both her personal and public life. Her passion shines through, and it's clear that her efforts stem from a heartfelt desire to see us thrive.

Her personal investment in the community reflects her character—a person who takes the time to understand the needs of those around her and acts with integrity and

empathy. Whether engaging with local issues or offering support to friends, Kim's authenticity and caring nature always stand out.

I proudly support Kim Healy for State Representative for the 42nd district.

Annie Chochos

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Stamford Police Association Endorses

The Stamford Police Association (SPA), representing over 260 officers, has endorsed State Senator Ryan Fazio (R-36) for re-election, citing his commitment to reducing gun violence, car thefts, and other serious crimes. This endorsement highlights Fazio's consistent support for law enforcement and his stance against policies that have challenged police operations.

The SPA, traditionally reserved in political endorsements, expressed the importance of having supportive representation in Hartford. "We did not take this step lightly, but we feel compelled to take a vested interest in our representation," said David O'Meara, President of the SPA.

Fazio, who has served in the General Assembly for over three years, has been vocal against the 2020 Police Accountability Act, which he argues has negatively impacted officer morale and recruitment. The SPA emphasized the challenges posed by this law,

noting that it has contributed to a decline in officer retention and public safety across Connecticut.

Senator Fazio has been active in supporting legislation aimed at curbing crime. He co-sponsored laws to enhance background checks on firearms, advocated for school resource officers, and endorsed stronger criminal justice policies to address car thefts. "I will continue to fight to reduce gun violence, car thefts, and other serious crimes," Fazio stated. "I will work for positive change in the Senate, support our law enforcement, and ensure the safety of all citizens."

The SPA's endorsement reflects growing concerns about public safety and the need for legislative support of law enforcement. "Police have been under siege from state leadership and state policy," O'Meara stated. "Sen. Fazio's track record demonstrates his dedication to supporting our officers and protecting the public."



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COLUMN

Local control of zoning and affordable housing



BY SEN. RYAN FAZIO

Do you believe that developers should be allowed to build high-rise buildings anywhere in our town without having to go through the local zoning process?

I don't, but many people in power in Hartford do. Under the current state affordable housing law, 8-30g, developers can build any residential building of any size ignoring local zoning if 30 percent of the units are deed-restricted affordable units. In recent years, there have been dozens of 8-30g projects formally proposed or completed in Greenwich and New Canaan, like the 105-unit Weed Street proposal in a single-family zoned neighborhood.

In the state Senate, I've been fighting for local control over zoning because policies like 8-30g will horribly change our towns and without creating housing affordability. Unfortunately, that fight has

proven difficult. Democrats currently hold a roughly 65 percent majority in the state legislature and their party leadership is in strong support of 8-30g and in even stronger support of taking away more local zoning rights from our towns. There is a clear difference.

Democratic leaders in both houses have proposed a bill called "Fair Share," which makes 8-30g look like child's play. It would give developers even more ability to ignore local zoning to build whatever they want and, on top of that, make towns and cities financially liable to build new developments themselves. Not only would Greenwich and New Canaan lose almost all our local zoning controls, but our property taxes could go up significantly to pay for the construction of vast government buildings. And whereas Stamford is exempt from 8-30g development currently, it would likely bear the burden of Fair Share's anti-zoning provisions and financial liabilities.

If Democrats pick up more seats in the state Senate and state House this November and gain clear super-majorities (67 percent of the seats) to override

This year I was also able to stop another proposal from Hartford leadership, "Work Live Ride," meant to further undermine local control.

gubernatorial vetoes, Fair Share will probably pass. That means your local zoning will be taken away, your property taxes will go way up, and any developer can build high rises in any neighborhood.

The good news I can report is that even while being in a legislative minority, I've been able to find some common ground with colleagues in both parties. This year I co-authored and passed two new laws slightly increasing our local control of development while stopping another major proposal that would undermine local control.

Rep. Tom O'Dea and I introduced legislation this year to make it easier for towns to get a break from 8-30g for four-years in the form of a moratorium. That policy was included in HB5474 and passed into law. New Canaan subsequently got a moratorium and hopefully this policy will make it easier for New Canaan

and Greenwich to get future ones too.

Additionally, I co-authored and passed SB333 into law this year that returns some ability to towns and cities to make changes to their planning and zoning and other development decisions in their municipal charters (their local law). This was only necessary because in 2023, a "sneak attack" to take away more local rights over zoning and development was passed as a part of a 350-page omnibus bill that was publicly released just an hour before it was voted upon.

As a Democrat political appointee in Hartford at the time, my opponent had a part in that sneak attack on local zoning. No wonder the leading proponent of "Fair Share" is actively raising money for him and developers have given thousands to his campaign. Fortunately, I was able to reverse it. This year I was also able to stop another proposal

from Hartford leadership, "Work Live Ride," meant to undermine local control. In the closing days of the legislation, I threatened a day-long filibuster of HB5390, which would have taken eligibility for hundreds of millions of dollars from municipalities that do not adopt as-of-right development rules near bus and train stations.

If that law was passed then Riverside, Old Greenwich, Cos Cob, Tallmadge Hill, downtown New Canaan and Springdale in Stamford would have to adopt as-of-right zoning or else lose vital funding. I was able to stop it, but next year that proposal and "Fair Share" will be back. The results of the election this November will dictate whether I can stop them.

Hopefully we send more pro-local control candidates up to Hartford this time. I believe that Connecticut would benefit from more balance and bipartisanship in its state government. One-party super-majorities and one-size-fits-all decision-making are unsustainable.

I believe that Democrats and Republicans from across the state should find common ground. We should replace 8-30g and say NO to further

erosion of local control like Fair Share or Work Live Ride. Laws like these do not improve housing affordability and Democrats need to stop trying to pass them. We can do better.

We can make it easier to build middle housing like accessory dwelling units and residential units in mixed-use or commercially zoned areas. We should reward middle housing for nurses, firefighters, and teachers—rather than just giant government or deed-restricted complexes that those workers would not qualify for anyway. And we must reduce the cost of construction, energy bills, and property taxes—all of which contribute more to unaffordability in our state than zoning.

This district that I have the privilege to represent is my home and I will always fight to defend our residents' right to make decisions locally. A government that governs closest to the people governs best.

State Senator Ryan Fazio represents Greenwich, Stamford, and New Canaan. In 2024, he was honored by the Council of Small Towns for his defense of towns' interests in Connecticut.

COLUMN

Technology for Dinner!



BY STUART ADELBERG

Sometimes I wonder who technology is intended to serve. Perhaps this story will explain why.

A few weeks ago my Dad wanted to order takeout from a favorite local restaurant. Dad is capable, in excellent health, and enjoys his independence as he approaches his 90th birthday. Despite this, a concern about takeout is parking and picking up your food without having to walk a distance.

The restaurant is on a busy street, and Dad is loathe to double park, fearful of creating a traffic headache for others. I suggested that he call the restaurant and ask if someone might bring the order to his car, noting his age and the parking challenge. The adventure begins.

A recording picks up Dad's call, indicating that the restaurant no longer answer the phone. To make a reservation, place an order, or communicate you must go to their website. So he did. The only way to communicate there is via email, which isn't likely to help him tonight. Oh well! Not one to be put off, and getting hungrier by the minute, Dad decided to place the order anyway. He browsed the menu and began. Now

the restaurant's website sent him to another website that handles their takeout, but it wouldn't let him proceed because he "didn't have an account." The adventure continues.

Dad set out to create an account, following the prompts and entering information that seemingly has nothing to do with dinner. Note that Dad was doing this on his cellphone, since this all began with an attempted phone call. The site said it would send a security code to ensure that it was really him. Now the process became dicey as Dad wasn't sure how to check texts without leaving the website. He figured it out and got the code, which, of course, he struggled to remember by the time he got back to the website. Eventually - success!!! Now, the website wants

him to create a password, the bane of my Dad's existence. The last thing he wants is another password, just to satisfy tonight's desire for dinner. The adventure has now been going on for more than 30 minutes.

Finally, Dad calls me, exasperated at wasting all this time when he just wants to order dinner. Wanting to be helpful, I offer to place the order that he can then go pick up. I assume the website has a way to order as a "guest" without creating a new account. Foolish me! Fortunately, I discover that I already have an account on this site, so I proceed with the order. Just when I think everything is good, the website tells me that they will send a code to my phone that must be shown to pick up the food. Well this won't do me

any good, since I'm not the one doing the pick-up. So I search for a place to provide a different phone number for the code, emailing Dad to be on the lookout for the text. Neither of these things happened.

At this point my father calls back telling me to forget it! No restaurant is worth an hour's aggravation, so he is making himself a sandwich before he faints from hunger. He is angry and pledges that not only won't he do takeout from this restaurant, but he will never go back there even to eat in person. In his mind, dinner to them is nothing more than a transaction and they have obviously lost any concern for their customers!

Technology can be a beautiful thing - unless you happen to be hungry!

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Legal Ad

TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PASSAGE

Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Canaan held on September 18, 2024, the following three Ordinance Amendments and one Special Appropriation were adopted and approved:

Ordinance for Volunteer Tax Credit

Proposed Amendment: The definition of "Eligible Resident" in New Canaan Town Ordinance Chapter 57, Article VII, Volunteer Tax Credit, Section 57-23, be amended by replacing the number "20" with the number "25" each place it appears in such definition

Ordinance for Blight Prevention and Abatement

Proposed Amendment:

- The definition of "Blighted Premises" under Section 7A-2 shall be amended by deleting the term "residential" from subsection A thereof.
- The definition of "Blighted Premises" under Section 7A-2 shall be amended by deleting the word "extensive" from paragraph 13 of subsection A thereof.
- Section 7A-13 shall be amended to read as follows:

A. Violations of the provisions of this chapter shall be punishable by a civil penalty for each day a violation exists and continues beyond the date required for remediation set forth in the notice of violation under §7A-11 of this chapter. The maximum daily civil penalty shall be:

- \$150 for occupied property,
- \$250 for vacant property, and

(3) \$1,000 for any property for a third or subsequent violation occurring within a 12-month period.

B. Violators will also be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with enforcement and the collection of any civil penalties, which shall include, but not be limited to, attorney fees, court costs, mailing costs and filing

Ordinance for Personnel

RESOLVED, The Town of New Canaan Code of Ordinances, Chapter 44, "Personnel", shall be amended in accordance with Public Act 24-16 as follows:

NEW Section 44-50: Certain Death Benefit Determinations. If the death of a firefighter, a police officer or any emergency medical service personnel is caused by a cardiac event, stroke or pulmonary embolism that occurred not later than twenty-four hours after the decedent concluded a shift or training, a committee consisting of the decedent's respective Department Head (the Fire Chief, Police Chief or Emergency Medical Services Captain), the Human Resources Director and the First Selectman shall have the authority to determine whether the decedent died in the line of duty.

Special Appropriation

Approval of the following resolution for a Special Appropriation to loan up to \$4,000,000 to the Housing Authority of New Canaan to be used to cover expenses related to the purchase of 106 Lakeview Avenue.

WHEREAS, the First Selectman is desirous of providing the Housing Authority of New Canaan ("HANC") with a loan of up to Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) to be used to cover expenses of HANC associated with the acquisition of 106 Lakeview Avenue (the "HANC Loan");

WHEREAS, the Town Charter requires that a "special appropriation" be approved pursuant to the process set forth in Section C5-12;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Council for the Town of New Canaan hereby approves a special appropriation of up to Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00), as recommended by the Board of Finance, from the Town treasury, of funds not otherwise appropriated, to provide to HANC for the purpose of covering expenses of HANC associated with the acquisition of 106 Lakeview Avenue, subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in the Loan Documents and conditioned upon approval of said Loan Documents by the Board of Selectmen.

Comprehensive Community Calendar

Submit your events at:

newcanaansentinel.com/submit-an-event/

TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 1

Board of Selectmen

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

Wednesday, October 2

Parking Commission

7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication. Please contact the Town Clerk at 203-594-3070

Thursday, October 3

Health & Human Services

8:45-10 a.m., Health and Human Services conference room

Friday, September 27

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center. Come for community coffee and conversation with the New Canaan Sentinel.

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: 203-594-3620.

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/t9DiI>

Saturday, September 28

Town Farmers Market

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

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

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>

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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>

Sunday, September 29

Cut the Cord to Cable

3-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Community Room

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, and documentaries every month. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/cut-cord-cable-99504>.

Pop-up Talk | Follow the Food

4-4:30 PM at Grace Farms

In an exploration of current food production onsite, learn more about alternative food systems and how you can contribute to creating a more equitable food system. Register at <https://gracefarms.org/event/pop-up-talk-follow-the-food-3/2024-09-29>

“Origins & Originals” Concert with Russell Fisher

4-5:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Fisher will perform a mix of acoustic and electro-acoustic 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/>

Auditions for Best Christmas Pageant Ever

6:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre

Join for this heartwarming holiday production and be part of a community tradition. The Pow-

erhouse Theatre is looking for 12 or more children (ages 7-12), two male adults, and four female adults. Rehearsals will begin October 6. Performance dates will be December 6th through 13th on the weekends. For more information visit <https://tpnc.org/audition/>

Monday, September 30

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10 AM at the Lapham Center

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Tuesday, 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.

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Understanding Artificial Intelligence

6:30-8 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

Join for an engaging and informative presentation that dives deep into the fascinating world of artificial intelligence (AI). Discover how AI is shaping industries across the globe and why it has sparked both excitement and concern. Free event. For more information and to register visit <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/ai-lecture-87110>

Wednesday, 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-dome-nchs-92490>

Friday, October 4

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center. Come for community coffee and conversation with the New Canaan Sentinel.

Fridays Movies at Noon

12 PM at the Lapham Center

Come join the Lapham Center to watch I Am: Celine. 1h 42m. Highlights the music that has guided her life while also showcasing the resilience of the human spirit as she struggles with a life-altering illness. Call for more information: 203-594-3620.

Wine Tasting with Carl Franco

6-8 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society

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/>.

SAVE THE DATE

October 5

Town Farmers Market

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

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

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-donation-day-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-science-special-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-b0e1-8e6c-09a6e9d1bf3>

Harvest Festival

7-10 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center

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 6

Create Your Own Collage Bookmark

12:30-2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Anderson MakerLab

Join to make a collage bookmark. At the end of class, your bookmarks will be laminated to help with functionality. Materials will be provided but attendees are welcome to bring their own as well. For more information and to register visit <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/create-your-own-collage-bookmark-104372>

October 7

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10 AM at the Lapham Center

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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-space/>.

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.

Screen Legend Edward Burns Unveils His Novel “A Kid from Marlboro Road”

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

Join for a conversation with acclaimed actor and filmmaker Edward Burns as he presents his first novel, A Kid from Marlboro Road. In this moderated talk, Burns will discuss what inspired him to write the novel, his career as a writer and actor, and personal stories and insights that shaped the book. For more information and to register visit <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/screen-legend-ed-burns-unveils-his-memoir-kid-marlboro-road-99947>

October 11

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center. Come for community coffee and conversation with the New Canaan Sentinel.

Fridays Movies at Noon

12 PM at the Lapham Center

Come join the Lapham Center to watch Elizabeth and the Presidents. 1h 20m. During her 70-year reign, Queen Elizabeth II witnessed a record 14 U.S. Presidents walk through the White House. Call for more information: 203-594-3620.

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/>

Health Talks with Shannon and Ellen

11 AM- 12 PM at the Lapham Center

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

Town Farmers Market

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

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

54th Annual Fall Fair - Day Two

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/>

Treetops Chamber Music Concert: Horszowski Trio

4-5 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Come experience the music of the Horszowski Trio: Jesse Mills (violin) Ole Akahoshi (cello) and Reek Aizawa (piano). Tickets are \$45/adults and available at <https://www.treetopscms.org/event-details/horzowski-trio>

October 15

Walking for Wellness at Waveny

11 AM at the Lapham Center

Meet at Lapham for a walk around the park (weather permitting). Call 203-594-3620 to register.

Superfoods for Brain Health

12 PM at the Lapham Center

What's Happening in New Canaan

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 16
Chelle Summer Vintage Textiles

12-6 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society, Gores Pavilion
Michelle Rusk transforms vintage textiles into modern designs of bags, dresses, and home goods with a retro twist. This is her first ever show in New Canaan. For more information visit <https://nchistory.org/chelle-summer-vintage-textiles/>

October 18
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center. Come for community coffee and conversation with the New Canaan Sentinel.

Fridays Movies at Noon

12 PM at the Lapham Center
Come join the Lapham Center to watch Faye. 1h 30m. Faye Dunaway candidly discusses the triumphs and challenges of her career. Call for more information: 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 Auditorium
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-tournament-uscf-rated-quads-78555>.

October 20
Glass House Presents: Glass Etudes

4 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford
On the occasion of The Glass House's 75th Anniversary, join three renowned pianists – Timo Andres, Aaron Diehl, and Jenny Lin – for an hour-long concert of a selection of Philip Glass' Etudes. Tickets are \$75 and available at <https://the-glasshouse.org/whats-on/glass-etudes/>

October 21
Balance & Posture for Fall Prevention with Ellen

10 AM at the Lapham Center
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Grace Farms' 9th 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 that incorporates our theme 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/non-members. To purchase tickets visit <https://www.classy.org/event/grace-farms-2024-annual-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 25
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center. Come for community coffee and conversation with the New Canaan Sentinel.

Fridays Movies at Noon

12 PM at the Lapham Center
Come join the Lapham Center to watch Elizabeth Taylor: The Lost Tapes. 1h 41m. Elizabeth Taylor's own voice narrates her story. Call for more information: 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-o-lantern 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 at <https://newcanaannature.org/halloween-spooktacular/>.

October 29
Stamford Health Presents Healthier Sleep

6:30-7:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Join for a discussion about the importance of sleep with Dr. Dominic Roca. He will cover the function of sleep, how sleep with changes with age, sleep apnea, insomnia, sleep deprivation and how to improve your sleep. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/stamford-health-presents-healthier-sleep-93869>

October 30

Microsoft Word Basics
1-2:15 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
Learn the basics of navigating the Office 365 version of Word, from creating a new document and formatting fonts to adjusting paragraphs, changing margins, and saving and printing your files. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/microsoft-word-basics-102313>

PLAYING THIS WEEK ⁴⁷



THE PLAYHOUSE



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for showtimes and tickets

Halloween Murder Mystery

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 1
Fridays Movies at Noon

12 PM at the Lapham Center
Come join the Lapham Center to watch Find Me Falling. 1h 41m. After a failed comeback album, a rock star retreats to a cliffside home on Cyprus, only to find his life complicated by visitors and an old love. Call

for more information: 203-594-3620.

November 15
Waveny's Golden Gala

5:30-10 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
Celebrate Waveny's half-century 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
Monday, September 30

Green's Farms Church
71 Hillandale Road
Westport, CT 06880
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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

Tuesday, October 1

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

Thursday, October 3

Greenwich Blood Donation Center
99 Indian Field Road
Greenwich, CT 06830
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Support Services & Meetings

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 Canaan

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

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

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

Every Thursday

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

New Canaan Parent Support Group

7- 8:30 PM
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Our Neighbors

October 19
Beardsley Zoo 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. Purchase tickets online at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/AWA/>

November 10
Cars and Coffee

7-10:30 AM at the Goodwives Shopping Center
25 Old Kings Highway North, Darien
For more information visit <https://carsandcoffeedarien.com/event/cars-and-coffee-darien-viii-season-closer/>

Upcoming High School Sports Schedule

Friday, September 27	
3:15pm	Boys Varsity Golf vs Staples High School
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Swimming @ Ridgefield High School
4:00pm	Boys Freshman Soccer vs Brien McMahon
4:15pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Wilton High School
7:00pm	Boys Varsity Football vs Masuk High School
Saturday, September 28	
9:30am	Girls JV Volleyball vs Wilton High School
10:00am	Boys JV Football @ Masuk High School
10:00am	Boys Varsity Soccer @ Brien McMahon
11:30am	Girls Varsity Volleyball vs Wilton High School
12:00pm	Boys JV Soccer @ Brien McMahon
Monday, September 30	
3:10pm	Boys Varsity Golf @ St. Joseph
4:00pm	Girls JV Soccer vs Westhill
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Field Hockey @ Westhill
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Stamford High School
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball vs Stamford High School
5:30pm	Girls JV Field Hockey @ Westhill
5:30pm	Girls JV Volleyball vs Stamford High School
6:30pm	Girls Varsity Soccer vs Westhill
Tuesday, October 1	
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Cross Country vs Brien McMahon
4:00pm	Boys Freshman Soccer vs Westhill
4:00pm	Boys JV Soccer @ Westhill
4:00pm	Boys Varsity Soccer @ Westhill
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball vs Staples High School
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Field Hockey vs Westhill
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Staples High School
4:30pm	Boys Varsity Cross Country vs Brien McMahon
5:15pm	Girls JV Volleyball @ Staples High School
Wednesday, October 2	
3:00pm	Boys Varsity Golf vs Danbury High School
3:30pm	Girls Varsity Field Hockey @ St. Joseph
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Swimming @ Staples High School

Friday, October 4	
4:00pm	Boys JV Soccer vs Bridgeport Central High School
4:00pm	Boys Varsity Soccer vs Bridgeport Central High School
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball vs Darien High School
4:00pm	Girls JV Volleyball @ Darien High School
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Soccer @ Bridgeport Central High School
5:30pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Darien High School
Saturday, October 5	
10:30am	Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs Branford
12:00pm	Girls JV Field Hockey vs Branford
6:00pm	Boys Varsity Football vs Fairfield Ludlowe
Monday, October 7	
3:15pm	Boys Varsity Golf @ Darien High School
3:15pm	Boys JV Golf @ Darien High School
4:00pm	Boys JV Football vs Fairfield Ludlowe
4:00pm	Girls JV Soccer @ St. Joseph
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Soccer @ St. Joseph
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Field Hockey vs Greenwich High School
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball vs Brien McMahon
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Field Hockey @ Stamford High School
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Brien McMahon
5:30pm	Girls JV Field Hockey @ Stamford High School
5:30pm	Girls JV Volleyball @ Brien McMahon
Tuesday, October 8	
4:00pm	Boys Varsity Cross Country vs Ridgefield High School
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Cross Country vs Ridgefield High School
4:00pm	Boys JV Soccer vs St. Joseph
6:30pm	Boys Varsity Soccer vs St. Joseph
Wednesday, October 9	
3:00pm	Boys Varsity Golf @ Fairfield Prep
3:00pm	Girls Varsity Swimming vs Fairfield Ludlowe
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Soccer vs Trumbull
4:00pm	Girls JV Soccer @ Trumbull
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball vs Westhill
4:30pm	Girls JV Volleyball @ Westhill
5:30pm	Girls Varsity Soccer @ Trumbull
6:00pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Westhill
Thursday, October 10	
4:00pm	Boys Freshman Soccer @ Trumbull
4:00pm	Boys JV Soccer vs Trumbull
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Field Hockey @ Fairfield Ludlowe
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs Fairfield Ludlowe
5:30pm	Girls JV Field Hockey vs Fairfield Ludlowe
6:30pm	Boys Varsity Soccer vs Trumbull

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The God Shaped Hole

BY STUART KNECHTLE

Many today look for something to fill the god/shaped hole. Some turn to things like a drug trip or some other thrill. Others turn to family. Whatever one turns to is ultimately painful if it is not God because it's only God that can fill the god-shaped hole.

If you idolize your kids and turn them into mini gods then you will probably live

vicariously through them expecting to fill all the things perhaps you didn't have the chance to. If kids are what you are filling your god-shaped hole with that will ultimately crush them and create a tenuous relationship at best.

When God fills that hole we have a transcendent source that will never leave us and is the only thing that

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can handle the weight of our expectations and desires. When God is God we can love family better by allowing them to mess up and loving them in such a way where we encourage them to work

hard but don't firm our very identit around them.

We fill that God shaped hole by praising and thanking God every day for our kids, our careers etc. Archbishop Templeton

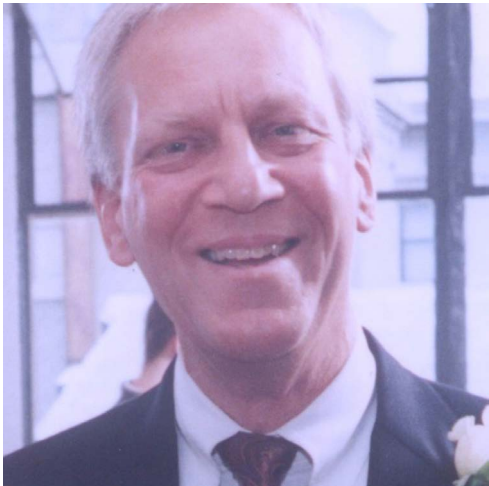
said your religion is what you are in your solitude. So you know you've filled that God shaped hole with God if you most naturally think of him more than other things when you are in solitude

driving or in the shower or on a run by yourself. If you most naturally thing about anxieties then that anxiety is the God.

Let's praise, thank, and think about God more often to fill that hole with Him and the endless joy that he gives us rather than a substitute that cannot hold the weight of our greatest desires.

Stuart Knechtle is Pastor at Grace Community Church

Obituaries



SIGURD ACKERMAN

Dr. Sigurd Ackerman, a distinguished figure in the practice of psychiatry and the former President and Medical Director of Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan, CT, died last Thursday by the side of his wife of 42 years, Cece. He was 84.

Born on February 25, 1940 in Millville, NJ, he was the son of Ethel and William Ackerman. He attended Harvard College and was an honors graduate in 1962. Shortly after receiving his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1966, he served as a captain in the Air Force at Fort Dix. While later training in psychiatry at Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Dr. Ackerman received numerous awards and federal funding for his decade-long research on the effects of early maternal separation.

After working in the Westchester Division of New York Hospital as their Chief of Mood Disorders and Eating Disorders, he joined St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City in 1989. Initially serving as Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, he became President & CEO in 1998.

Dr. Ackerman's most prolific impact professionally came as President & Medical Director of Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan, CT. He joined in 2003 and remained in that role until his retirement in 2018. After he retired, he was named President Emeritus and the new admissions building was named the Sigurd Ackerman MD Center for Evaluation & Admission.

Outside of his work, Dr. Ackerman was passionate about sailing and loved embarking on lengthy trips around New England. He also developed a late-in-life hobby of riding motorcycles and could frequently be found riding along rural roads throughout Connecticut. Dr. Ackerman also enjoyed classical music, windsurfing, reading history books, watching sports and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Cece McCarton; sister, Barbara Leish; three children; Elizabeth Valins, Rebecca Antista and McCarton Ackerman; two stepchildren, Sara Daum and Michael Daum; and eight grandchildren.

A remembrance gathering will be open to the public on Saturday, September 28 from 12:00-2:00pm at Hoyt Funeral Home in New Canaan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Those who cannot attend but wish to express their memories or condolences can e-mail sigurdmemories@gmail.com.



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 brook.

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. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable donation in memory of Angelina Carpi to The Sierra Club.

GLORIA VITTI

Gloria Bianco Vitti, 96, of New Canaan, wife of the late Vincent Vitti, died on Wednesday, September 18, at her home.

Mrs. Vitti was born in New Canaan, on January 3, 1928, daughter of the late Carlo and Teresa (DeCotis) Bianco. She attended New Canaan schools and graduated from New Canaan High School.

A lifelong resident of New Canaan, Mrs. Vitti was a member of St. Aloysius Church. She was a longtime member of the Catholic daughters and sought many helpful activities within the group. She enjoyed nature, particularly birds and reveling in the magic of blooming flowers. She always had a curious spirit and a lovely sense of humor.

She is survived by her children, Thomas Vitti (Nancy Simpkins), Teresa Cerullo and James Vitti; her grandchildren, Alexis Vitti Brown (Darren), Adrienne Vitti Markert (Kevin), Michael Cerullo (Amy), Tanya Cerullo (Eric Lutton) and Brandon Casavecchia; her great grandchildren, Presley and Pierce Brown, Kenzie and Kellan Markert, Adriana Cerullo, James and Jacob Lutton, and Julianna Casavecchia; and many nieces and nephew, brother in law- Jesus Rivera, and sister in law- Hildegard Shumpert. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her son Vincent Vitti, Jr. and her five siblings, Celeste Perna, Luigi Bianco, Albert Bianco, Theodore Bianco and Rita Rivera.

A gathering of family and friends took place Monday, September 23, at Hoyt Funeral Home, New Canaan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, September 24 in St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan.

Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery, New Canaan.



CLARENCE FAUNTLEROY

Clarence "Clancy" Gordon Fauntleroy passed away in Navarre, Florida on May 30, 2024 at the age of 91. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Gavin Fauntleroy.

Clancy is lovingly remembered by his daughter, Barbara Howard of Navarre, Florida and her husband Neil; by his son Steven of Plymouth, Massachusetts and his partner Kelly Shanley; and by his son James of Waltham, Massachusetts and his husband Bucky Chappell. Clancy is also remembered by his three grandsons, William of Dobbs Ferry, New York and his wife, Risa, and their children Aria and Nathan; grandson Justin of Royal Oak, Michigan and his wife, Ava; and grandson Tom of Chicago, Illinois.

Clancy was born in New York City and graduated in 1950 from Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park, New York. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Cornell University in 1955 and graduate programs in business management at Harvard Business School in 1965 and 1975. He worked as a manufacturing executive in the aerospace and automotive industries until he retired.

He enjoyed skiing and golf with his family and friends. He was active with the Episcopal Church in New Canaan and with the Men's clubs in New Canaan and Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Clancy was named as the outstanding scholar athlete on Long Island while in High School in 1950. He was named to the NCAA Lacrosse All American team while in college in 1954 and 1955.

A remembrance service will be held in the Columbarium at St. Mark's Church at III Oenoke Ridge in New Canaan, CT at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12. A reception will follow at the Church and all are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Marks Church Columbarium Fund at its New Canaan address above.

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JAN CONNER

Jan T. Conner, 95 passed away peacefully on September 8 at Wilton Meadows. She was a New Canaan resident for over 50 years and a member of the First Congregational Church of New Canaan. Jan was the daughter of Dr. Edwin Thorsness and Marion Taylor of La Crosse Wisconsin. Jan was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Robert M. Conner and her brother George. She is survived by her loving children Deborah (Steve) of Georgetown, Guyana, Susan (Ziva) of New York, NY, and Richard of Madison, CT, as well as grandchildren Emma, Max, Sam and Gift and nieces and nephews.

Jan was born in Wisconsin but, moved shortly afterward with her family to Denver, Colorado, Evanston, Wyoming and finally settled in California. She graduated from the Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing in 1955 and joined the US Navy as an Ensign. The Navy brought her to New York City, and for the rest of her life she called the East Coast home. Within a few years of arriving in New York, Jan met the love of her life, Bob Conner, on a blind date in 1960. They married six months later.

After raising and sending her children off to college Jan worked in Stamford, CT at The Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center as the Director of Elderly Daycare for many years, where she was much loved by both coworkers and clients.

Jan and Bob loved traveling and spending time together, whether exploring rural New England, or going further afield to Europe, Africa and beyond.

When she was home, Jan was an avid quilter and an active member of both the Nutmeg Quilters Guild and the Goodwives Quilters Guild as well as enjoying photography, sewing, and gardening.

For all of us who knew and loved Jan we will miss her terribly.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made in her memory to: 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871.

A gathering of Family and Friends took place on Thursday, September 12 at the Hoyt Funeral Home, New Canaan. Internment will take place on Friday, September 13, at 11 am, at Lakeview Cemetery Main Street, New Canaan Ct 06840.



JANE NESBETT

Jane Brown Nesbett passed away peacefully on September 7, at the age of 92 surrounded by her loving family.

Jane was the daughter of Robert and Violetta Brown. She and her two sisters grew up in Shawnee, Oklahoma, playing with dolls, listening to opera on the family phonograph and occasionally soaring over the vast Oklahoma landscape in her father's silver airplane. To find reprieve from summer's heat, her family would drive to the Rocky Mountains with Jane's horse, Firefly, in tow. It was at Esterbrook Ranch where she developed her love of picnics, babbling streams and the smell of pine trees. Many years later, she was thrilled when her two granddaughters chose to attend the University of Denver and spend many of their weekends in those same mountains.

For secondary school, Jane traveled east to The Masters School ("Dobbs") and subsequently attended Smith College. She then moved to New York City where she worked in publishing. On a weekend trip to Stowe, Vermont, she caught the attention of her future husband, Dan Nesbett, apres ski when he heard her laugh across the room and turned to see a beautiful woman "perched on a bar stool in long, red stretch ski pants encircled by men". He won her heart, and they wed in New York City, started a family, and subsequently moved to Darien, CT.

She was a loving mother devoted to her two boys. During the week, TV was off limits while creative expression was unabashedly encouraged. Nothing made her happier than to hear a child working through a song on the living room piano while she cooked a complex recipe for a routine mid-week family meal. When her boys went off to school, she filled some of her time writing not only beautiful, long letters to friends and family, but also penning vignettes that illuminated the often-undiscussed inner conflict many women of her generation experienced, particularly as they moved through middle age.

After Darien, she and Dan moved to Ivoryton, CT,

where Jane rekindled old friendships and even made an appearance on Antiques Roadshow with one of her cherished pieces of heirloom furniture ("They got the price wrong, it is worth twice what they think"). She and Dan then moved to New Canaan to be closer to family. Sadly, Dan passed away in 2014.

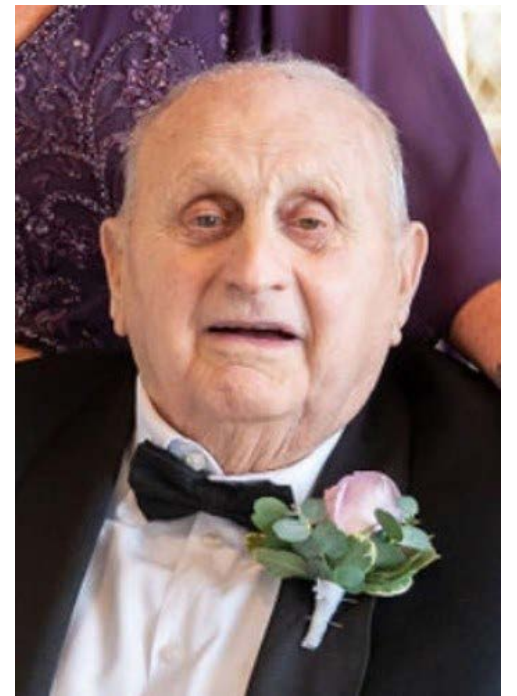
The last decade of her time on earth was one filled with unrelenting love and thankfulness. Each time she stepped outside she paused, breathed deeply and looked at the trees and the sky. She then would spread her positivity, despite anything life was throwing at her, to everyone she touched -- her grandchildren, her aides, the cashier at McDonalds (her favorite) or the cheese monger at the local cheese shop (a close second).

As her granddaughter said: "Grandma lived such a full life because she felt so deeply."

She was predeceased by her sister Violetta Dodge and her husband Daniel Nesbett. Jane is survived by her sister Cynthia Yulish (Charles) of Washington, D.C., her two sons John Nesbett (Pamela) of New Canaan, CT, and Peter Nesbett (Shelly Bancroft) of Annapolis, MD, her two granddaughters Alexandra "Tigger" Nesbett of New York City and Isabella "Izzy" Nesbett of Denver, CO, and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

"Life arrived in colored silks, bent the lines, scarves flying Death arrived in the white light, between the lines, then off it raced" (by Jane Nesbett, written around 1986 - found in a notebook).

She left the world a better place. We will miss her.

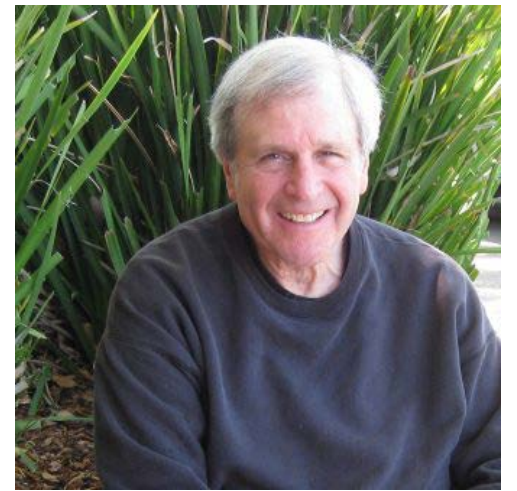


DOMINICK ROSA, JR.

Dominick Rosa Jr. passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Friday, September 6. He was 85 years old. Also known as "Junior", Dominick was the owner of Dom's Service Station (Rosa's Mini Mart) in Glenbrook for 68 years, making him the longest active small business owner in Stamford.

Dominick was predeceased by his cherished wife, Rose Marie, his daughter Lori Schutte and parents Dominick and Carrie Rosa of Stamford. He is survived by his devoted daughter Leigh Ann Capomolla of New Canaan, his two beloved sons Michael and wife Joanne Rosa of New Canaan, Dominick III and wife Michelle Rosa of Northborough, Massachusetts and son-in-law Keith Schutte of New Canaan. His brother John Rosa and his wife Carole of Ridgefield and sister Lucy McQuillan of Wellington, FL. Dominick proudly adored his 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

The Rosa family received friends at Hoyt Funeral Home on Monday, September 9. The Funeral Mass was at St. Aloysius Church on Tuesday, September 10, followed by entombment at Lakeview Cemetery.



ROBERT GILROY

Robert John Gilroy aka "Bob" passed away on Wednesday, September 4 after more than a month in medical care from two cardiovascular surgeries.

Bob was born in Stamford, Connecticut in 1947 and graduated from New Canaan High School in New Canaan, Conn. He proudly served three years in the Army and achieved the rank of buck sergeant while serving in Vietnam. He moved to California to start a new life and received a BA in Business from CSU Hayward. He worked diligently at the US Postal Service for more than 20 years and finished his career as a dedicated school bus driver for children with special needs. He enjoyed western films, bocce ball, going for walks with friends, and hanging out with his three grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his two sons, Matthew John Gilroy and James Charles Gilroy. His humor and generous loving spirit will be missed by all who knew him.

Friends and family gathered for a funeral and reception at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church on Thursday, September 12. A burial service will be held at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on September 13.

We encourage you to donate to the New Canaan High School (NCHS) Activity Fund designated to the Gilroy/Weeks scholarship on behalf of our father.

Taming the Tongue

By THE REV. JOHN KENNEDY

In one of his most well-known teachings, Jesus says that “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it” (Mark 8:34-35). This call to self-denial is central to Christian discipleship and one of its most challenging aspects.

Throughout history, Christians have responded to this call in different ways. Some have endured persecution, while others have embraced a life of renunciation in monastic communities, taking vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They have given up personal ambitions and comforts to live entirely for God.

In our context, Christians do not face persecution for our faith, and few New Canaanites are planning to join a monastery anytime soon. So how do we respond to Jesus’s call to self-denial in our daily lives?

One way is to be generous with our time and resources. To add to that, I might also suggest a more subtle form of self-denial: taming the tongue.

The letter of James warns about the dangers of uncontrolled speech, describing the tongue as a small fire that can set a great forest ablaze (James 3:5). “Every species of beast and bird, reptile and sea creature, has been tamed by humankind,” he writes, “but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it, we bless the Lord and with it, we curse those who are made in the likeness of the Lord. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so” (James 3:7-10).

This echoes the wisdom found in Proverbs: “A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit” (Proverbs 15:4) and “Death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21). In Sirach, we read, “Slander has shaken many and scattered them from nation to nation; it has destroyed strong cities and overturned the houses of the great” (Sirach 28:14).

Most of us would agree with these sentiments. A recent New York Times essay (“Gossiping Is Fun. It’s Natural. And These People Won’t Do It” by Michal Leibowitz) cited research showing that two-thirds

“Words can heal and unite, but they can also injure and divide. Let us strive to use our words wisely, to build up rather than tear down, to bless rather than curse.”

of Americans believe gossip is bad for society. Yet, gossip remains prevalent. Half of Americans admit to spreading gossip—the other half, of course, are liars. Gossip is everywhere: in our personal lives, workplaces, and society.

For example, rumors about Catherine, the Princess of Wales, spread quickly when she was absent from public events. Speculation about her marriage ran rampant. In reality, she was battling cancer. It’s hard to resist gossip when it seems like everyone is doing it, and it when it offers an easy way to connect with others.

But we know better. Gossip may offer a fleeting sense of belonging, but it often leaves us feeling guilty or ashamed afterward.

In her essay, Leibowitz explores her relationship with gossip and interviews several people who have resolved to abstain from it. She calls them “the abstainers.” Despite being raised in a religious environment that discouraged gossip, she found herself engaging in it freely as an adult. For her, it was fun and a way to bond with colleagues. But she began to notice how much of her conversations involved venting about petty frustrations. This led her to wonder whether gossip was making her more negative and less happy.

One of the abstainers Leibowitz interviewed is a Catholic woman. The Catholic Church teaches against calumny (slander) and detraction (spreading true but negative information about others). This abstainer found many of the Church’s teachings easy to follow, but she struggled with resisting gossip. She admitted using it as a way to avoid self-examination. By focusing on others’ wrongdoings, she didn’t have to look at her own shortcomings. This is something many of us can relate

to. Gossip can distract us from our own issues, offering a false sense of relief that doesn’t lead to genuine growth or peace.

James reminds us that words have consequences. They have a life of their own. Words can heal and unite, but they can also injure and divide. Leibowitz found that the abstainers she interviewed had deeper, stronger, and more trusting relationships because they refrained from gossip. She was struck by their positivity and commitment to seeing the best in others, not the worst.

This is what Jesus calls us to: to see every human being, no matter how difficult they might be, as someone made in the image of God. Can you imagine Jesus gossiping? It’s difficult to picture it. We experience him as the perfect embodiment of wisdom and compassion. There is no room for gossip in the presence of divine love.

Gossiping might be natural, but there is a greater joy and a fuller life available to us, greater than the fleeting pleasure of “spilling the tea.” This deeper joy is expressed in the Wisdom of Solomon: “In every generation, wisdom passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God and prophets, for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom” (Wisdom 7:27-28).

Perhaps today, we can resolve to “talk the talk” by following Jesus in this call to deny our small, insecure, gossiping selves so that we might experience more of the fullness of life to which He calls us.

The choice to abstain from gossip might seem small, but it is in these small choices that our character is formed and our faith is lived out. Let us strive to use our words wisely, to build up rather than tear down, to bless rather than curse. May we remember that we are called to be lights in the world, reflecting the love and grace of Jesus.

John Kennedy joined St. Mark’s as Associate Rector in 2023, previously serving at St. Paul’s in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and Kent School in Connecticut. Ordained in 2019, John was sponsored for ordination by St. Mark’s. He has a Bachelor’s in Contemporary Writing and Production from Berklee College of Music and a Master’s from Yale. John, a New Canaan native, enjoys music, spiritual practice, hiking, and spending time with his wife, Emma, an Assistant Professor at Villanova University.

Worship Directory and Services

UPDATE SERVICES AND ADD SPECIAL EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR AT
www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/worship-calendar-updates

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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.org.

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

Upcoming Events:

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

christiansciencet.org/newcanaan

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002

fpcnc.org

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:

October 13th at 11:30 AM: New member orientation. Considering joining FPCNC? During this informative gathering, you will learn everything you need to know.

October 13th at 10 AM: Blessing of the Animals. There’s no telling what kinds of critters might show up.

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020

www.starcc.com

Service Schedule:

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

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Sunday 8:30 a.m. mass is live-streamed 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 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@stmmarksnewcanaan.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 Prayer/Rite II by Zoom.

Wednesday at 12:05pm: Noonday Eucharist in the chapel.

Recurring Events:

Mondays & Tuesdays at 12pm: Alcoholics Anonymous

First Wednesday at 1pm: Laundry Love volunteering opportunity to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry.

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

Wednesday 10am: Women’s Alcoholics Anonymous

Upcoming Events:

October 6th at 4 PM: Pet Memorial Service. If you have lost a beloved animal friend, join the Rev. Elizabeth Garnsey in the Chapel to celebrate, bless, and give thanks for the lives of the pets we love, but see no longer. Bring a memento, toy, or picture in memory of your pet to lay on the alter.

October 6th from 5-6 PM: Blessing of the Animals. This annual service, in observance of the Feast of St. Francis, will take place under the Arcade. Animals and critters of all shapes and sizes are welcome, including stuffed animals. This service takes the place of the 5PM Holy Eucharist.

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:

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>.

October 5th from 10 AM- 4 PM: Second annual Larchmont Day Fall Fest. This is a fun opportunity to serve the community and get to know your neighbors. Trinity will be helping out by providing some activities for children at a craft table, and by offering some free food. To register visit <https://trinitychurchlife.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2510855>

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 will be available at <https://www.umcofnewcanaan.org>

Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711

cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZZUNa8aHI30_Syp_XOKDg

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

Sunday School at 10:00am

Worship Service at 11:00am

Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

Upcoming Events:

September 27th at 7PM: Fall Revival. It’s time to renew. The theme will be “A Season of Change”.

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:

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

carla@gracecommunity.info

Talmadge Hill Community Church

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 Play curriculum. Please reach out with any questions utilizing information listed above!

Recurring Events:

Thursdays at 9:30am: Bible Study

First Saturday at 8am: Men’s Group

Second Saturday at 10am: Women’s Circle

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center

137 Putnam Rd

info@chabadnewcanaan.org

www.newcanaanjewish.org

The Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center is dedicated to strengthening and building the New Canaan Jewish Community by offering local Jewish resources that bring more positivity, Jewish education, charitable activity, good deeds and blessing to our lovely town. We are about Judaism, not affiliation.

Regardless of your background, and however you choose to define your level of Jewish observance or identity, the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center can add spirituality, joy, study, community and connection for you and your family. The programs of the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center are held in various locations, all located in New Canaan.

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903

203.322.1649

www.templeinaistamford.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

Temple Shalom

300 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830

203-869-7191

www.templeholom.com

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

Recurring Events:

Saturdays at 9 AM: Shabbat Study via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFCxU0EzZUM2VENEZmgyUT09#success>

FOXES OF CONNECTICUT

Two kinds of fox live in Connecticut: red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*) and gray foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*).

Connecticut is home to two fascinating types of foxes: the red fox and the gray fox. Each of these clever creatures has its own unique traits that make them special.

RED FOXES are the most commonly seen in the state. With their bright red fur, bushy white-tipped tails, and black ears and legs, they are easy to recognize. Red foxes are incredibly smart and can

live almost anywhere—from bustling cities to quiet forests. They eat all kinds of things, including small animals like mice, birds, fruits, vegetables, and sometimes even leftovers they find near people's homes. Their adaptability helps them live close to humans, and it's not unusual to spot a red fox trotting through a suburban garden or sneaking around a park.

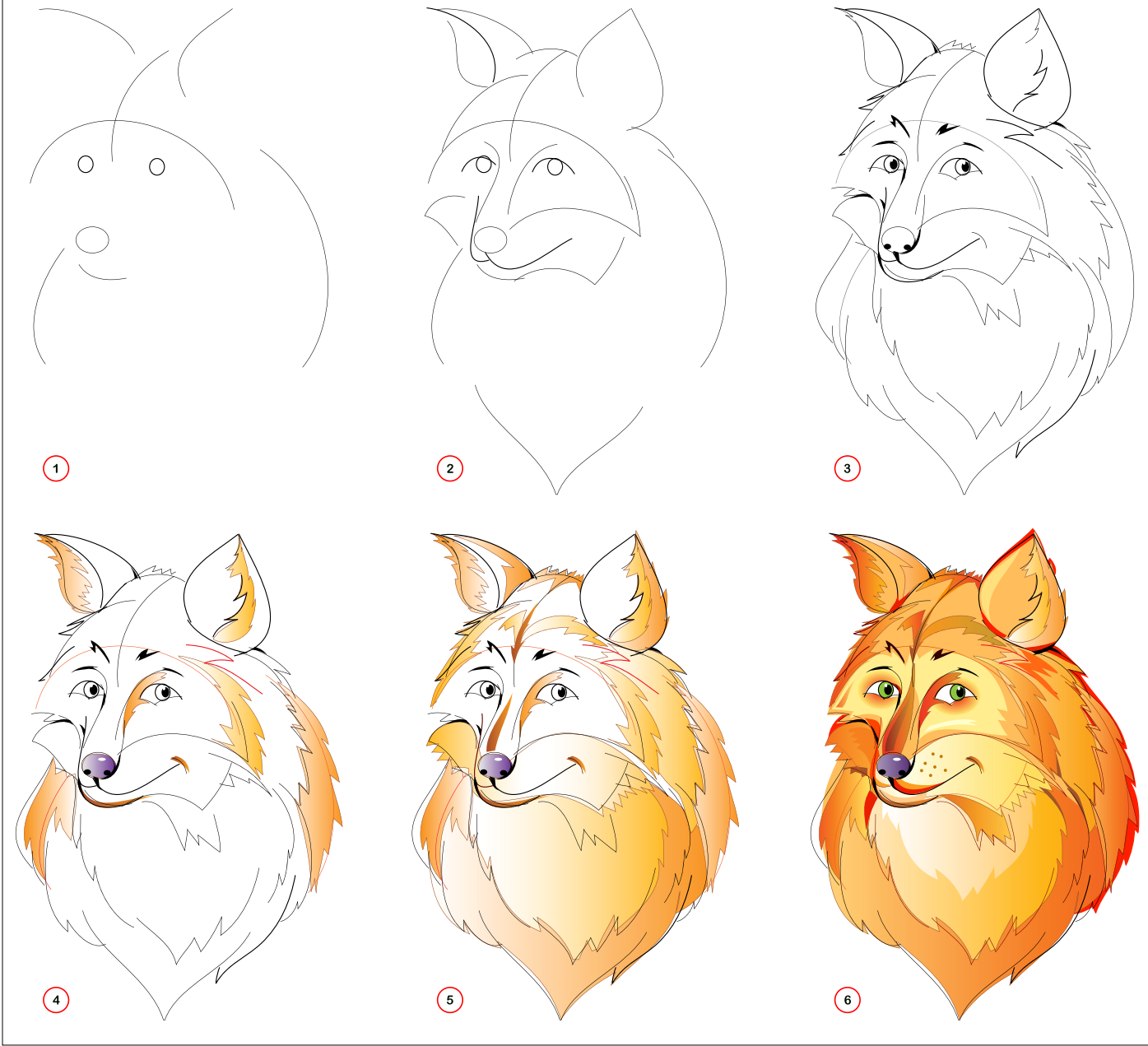
GRAY FOXES are a little more mysterious and are much harder to spot. They have grizzled gray fur, a black-tipped tail, and a secret superpower: they can

climb trees! Unlike most other foxes, gray foxes have strong, curved claws that allow them to scramble up tree trunks to escape danger or hunt for food. They love to live in dense, wooded areas where they can stay hidden among the trees. Gray foxes enjoy a similar diet to red foxes, munching on small animals, fruits, and plants, but they prefer to stay deeper in the forest, away from busy neighborhoods.

Both red and gray foxes are important to Connecticut's environment, keeping the balance in nature just right.



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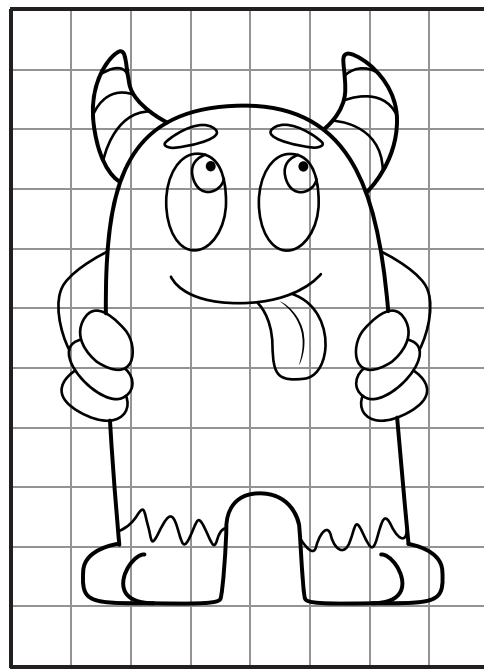


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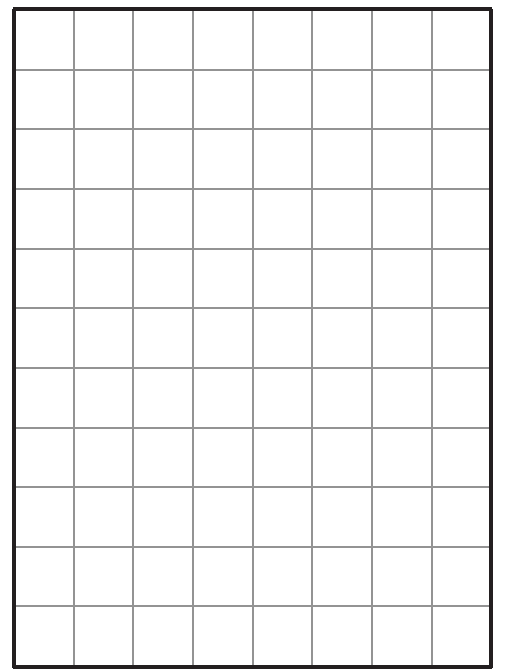
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- Yeti •Ghost •Phoenix
- Mermaid •Elf •Fairy •Orc
- Dragon •Monster •Centaur
- Unicorn



COPY THE PICTURE



Crossword

Forest Animals

Solve the crossword, then color the creatures!

HOW MANY?

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Edge of a canyon
- 4 Piece of food waste
- 9 Country singer Gibbs
- 14 2010 health law, for short
- 15 Smell from a bakery
- 16 Bothered constantly
- 17 *Service members since 1775
- 19 Amusement park shuttles
- 20 Foul mood
- 21 Opening of a spy movie?
- 22 Operatic solo
- 23 Sprawling property
- 25 *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 by
- 55 Stick a toothpick in thick and ___
- 56 Through 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 dynamite

- 9 Bit of ink
- 10 Robinhood competitor
- 11 Bump from behind
- 12 More than bump
- 13 "The score's even"
- 18 Roma's home
- 24 Makes a colorful camp T-shirt
- 26 Whiskey barrel
- 27 Greek goddess of the hunt
- 29 Strong wind
- 33 Abbr. between + and -, on a remote
- 34 "Back in Black" band
- 37 Auction offers

- 38 Like a video game suited for ages 17+
- 39 Genre known for wobble bass
- 40 Hot, like an athlete
- 41 Central Mexican state
- 44 Focus for Al Jazeera
- 45 Had an IMDb credit for, maybe
- 47 Postponed talking about
- 49 Altercations
- 50 Most achy
- 52 Moral principle
- 53 Social media button
- 57 Concept
- 60 Twelve-mo. periods
- 62 Golf peg

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Astrology for Next Week

LIBRA

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.

GEMINI

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.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug You're no doubt impatient to start something you've been thinking about for ages but if you're as sensitive to atmosphere as you believe you will sense it may be wise to give it more time. You've waited this long – what difference 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 remains to be seen.

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Family Time Crossword

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 I ___ 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

- 27. (K) Past or present, in grammar
- 30. (K) Easy card to identify
- 31. (K) Pickleball divider
- 33. Be a depressing 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)

- 55. (K) Make an inquiry
- 56. (K) Organized or clean
- 57. (K) Penny

- 23. (K) Place for scientific experiments
- 24. (K) Word before "skating" or "hockey"
- 25. Cricket intermission (2 words)
- 26. ___ 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

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?
Not cry, but get all mushy?
Look for the answer in next week's paper.

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Previous riddle answer:
Reason there's a shed in the house?
54-A) PET

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- 1 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)

SOLUTIONS

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

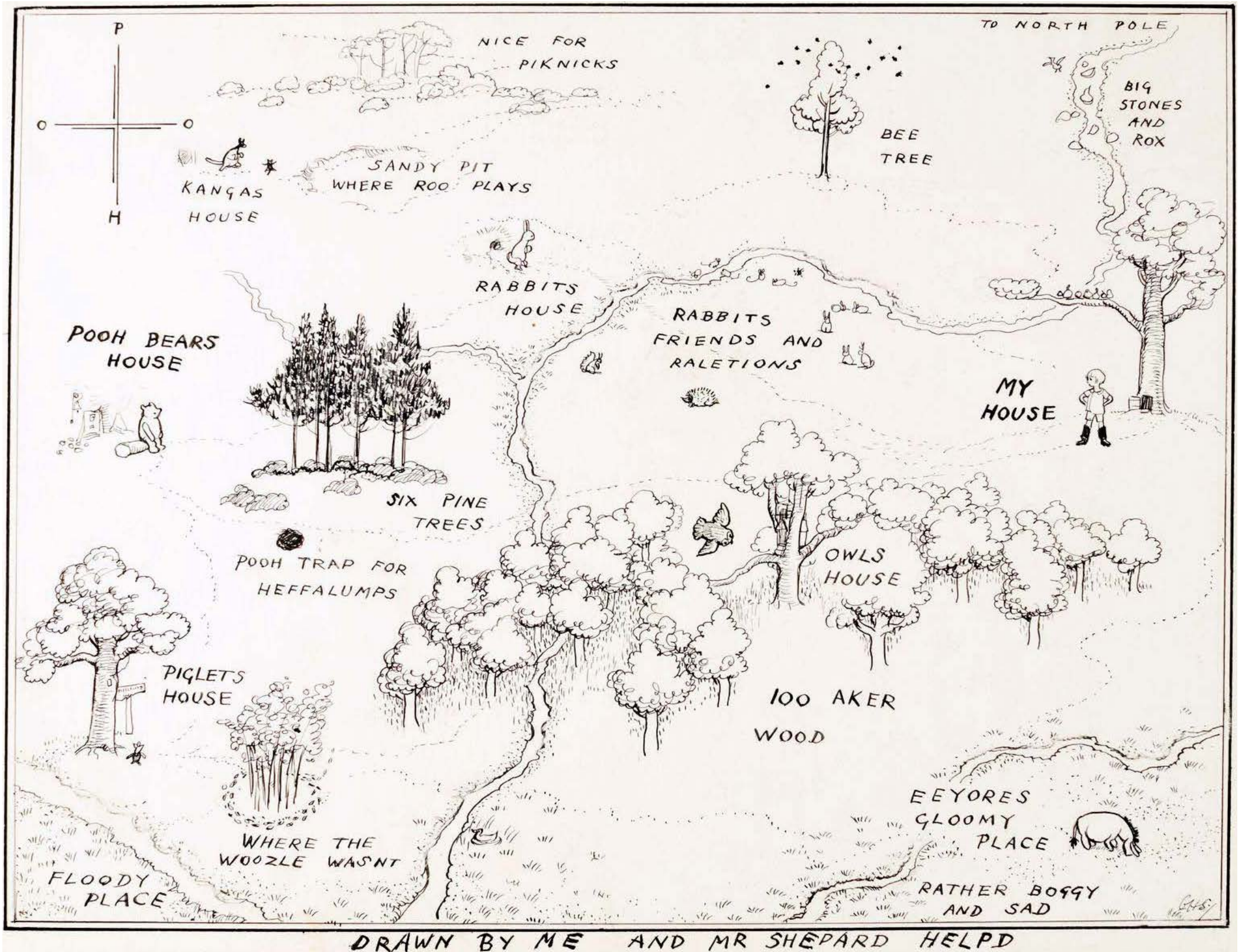
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The answers to this week's puzzles can be found in next week's issue.

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WINNIE-THE-POOH BY A.A. MILNE



CHAPTER I IN WHICH WE ARE INTRODUCED TO WINNIE-THE-POOH AND SOME BEES, AND THE STORIES BEGIN



Here is Edward Bear, coming downstairs now, bump, bump, bump, on the back of his head, behind Christopher Robin. It is, as far as he knows, the only way of coming downstairs, but sometimes he feels that there really is another way, if only he could stop bumping for a moment and think of it. And then he feels that perhaps there isn't. Anyhow, here he is at the bottom, and ready to be introduced to you. Winnie-the-Pooh.

When I first heard his name, I said, just as you are going to say, "But I thought he was a boy?"

"So did I," said Christopher Robin.

"Then you can't call him Winnie?"

"I don't."

"But you said—"

"He's Winnie-ther-Pooh. Don't you know what 'ther' means?"

"Ah, yes, now I do," I said quickly; and I hope you do too, because it is all the explanation you are going to get.

Sometimes Winnie-the-Pooh likes a game of some sort when he comes downstairs, and sometimes he likes to sit quietly in front of the fire and listen to a story. This evening—

"What about a story?" said Christopher Robin.

"What about a story?" I said.

"Could you very sweetly tell Winnie-the-Pooh one?"

"I suppose I could," I said.

"What sort of stories does he like?"

"About himself. Because he's that sort of Bear."

"Oh, I see."

"So could you very sweetly?"

"I'll try," I said.

So I tried.



Once upon a time, a very long time ago now, about last Friday, Winnie-the-Pooh lived in a forest all by himself under the name of Sanders. ("What does 'under the name' mean?" asked Christopher Robin.

"It means he had the name over the door in gold letters, and lived under it."

"Winnie-the-Pooh wasn't quite sure," said Christopher Robin.

"Now I am," said a growly voice.

"Then I will go on," said I.)

One day when he was out walking, he came to an open place in the middle of the forest, and in the middle of this place was a large oak-tree, and, from the top of the tree, there came a loud buzzing-noise.

think.

First of all he said to himself:

"That buzzing-noise means something. You don't get a buzzing-noise like that, just buzzing and buzzing, without its meaning something. If there's a buzzing-noise, somebody's making a buzzing-noise, and the only reason for making a buzzing-noise that I know of is because you're a bee."

Then he thought another long time, and said: "And the only reason for being a bee that I know of is making honey."

And then he got up, and said: "And the only reason for making honey is so as I can eat it."

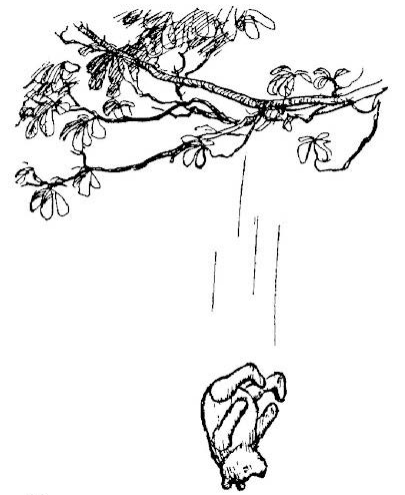
They'd build their nests at the bottom of trees.

And that being so (if the Bees were Bears),

We shouldn't have to climb up all these stairs.

He was getting rather tired by this time, so that is why he sang a Complaining Song. He was nearly there now, and if he just stood on that branch ...

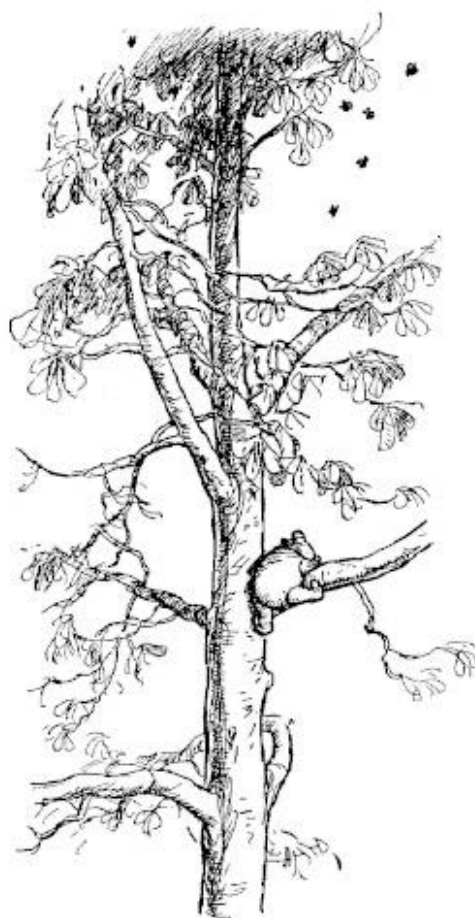
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"Oh, help!" said Pooh, as he dropped ten feet on the branch below him. "If only I hadn't—" he said, as he bounced twenty feet on to the next branch.

"You see, what I meant to do," he explained, as he turned head-over-heels, and crashed on to another branch thirty feet below, "what I meant to do—"

"Of course, it was rather—" he admitted, as he slithered very quickly through the next six branches.



So he began to climb the tree. He climbed and he climbed and he climbed, and as he climbed he sang a little song to himself. It went like this:

Isn't it funny

How a bear likes honey?

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

I wonder why he does?

Then he climbed a little further ... and a little further ... and then just a little further. By that time he had thought of another song.

It's a very funny thought that, if Bears were Bees,

"It all comes, I suppose," he decided, as he said good-bye to the last branch, spun round three times, and flew gracefully into a gorse-bush, "it all comes of liking honey so much. Oh, help!" He crawled out of the gorse-bush, brushed the prickles from his nose, and began to think again. And the first person he thought of was Christopher Robin.



Winnie-the-Pooh sat down at the foot of the tree, put his head between his paws and began to

Winnie the Pooh, created by A.A. Milne, is one of the most beloved children's stories of all time. First published in 1926, the tales of the lovable bear and his friends—Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, and Christopher Robin—resonate with readers of all ages due to their warmth, gentle humor, and the simple joys of friendship and adventure in the Hundred Acre Wood. These stories are celebrated as a poignant reminder of innocence, kindness, and the value of companionship. Recently, Winnie the Pooh entered the public domain, allowing a new generation to experience Milne's original works as they were first written. In recognition of its enduring appeal and timeless messages, the New Canaan Sentinel will feature the original stories over the next few months, sharing the nostalgia and charm of Pooh with our readers. We are devoting space to this classic as a tribute to a narrative that has brought joy to countless readers, reminding us all - adults and children alike - of the importance of kindness and simple pleasures in an increasingly complex world.



“Was that me?” said Christopher Robin in an awed voice, hardly daring to believe it.

“That was you.”

Christopher Robin said nothing, but his eyes got larger and larger, and his face got pinker and pinker.)

So Winnie-the-Pooh went round to his friend Christopher Robin, who lived behind a green door in another part of the forest.”

Good morning, Christopher Robin,” he said.

“Good morning, Winnie-the-Pooh,” said you.

“I wonder if you’ve got such a thing as a balloon about you?”

“A balloon?”

“Yes, I just said to myself coming along: ‘I wonder if Christopher Robin has such a thing as a balloon about him?’ I just said it to myself, thinking of balloons, and wondering.”

“What do you want a balloon for?” you said.

Winnie-the-Pooh looked round to see that nobody was listening, put his paw to his mouth, and said in a deep whisper: “Honey!”

“But you don’t get honey with balloons!”

“I do,” said Pooh.



Well, it just happened that you had been to a party the day before at the house of your friend Piglet, and you had had balloons at the party. You had had a big green balloon; and one of Rabbit’s relations had had a big blue one, and had left it behind, being really too young to go to a party at all; and so you had brought the green one and the blue one home with you.

“Which one would you like?” you asked Pooh.

He put his head between his paws and thought very carefully.

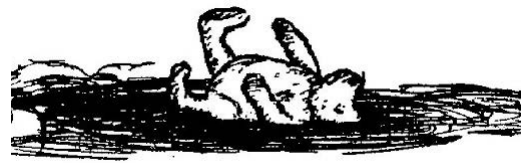
“It’s like this,” he said. “When you go after honey with a balloon, the great thing is not to let the bees know you’re coming. Now, if you have a green balloon, they might think you were only part of the tree, and not notice you, and, if you have a blue balloon, they might think you were only part of the sky, and not notice you, and the question is: Which is most likely?”

“Wouldn’t they notice you underneath the balloon?” you asked.

“They might or they might not,” said Winnie-the-Pooh. “You never can tell with bees.” He thought for a moment and said:

“I shall try to look like a small black cloud. That will deceive them.”

“Then you had better have the blue balloon,” you said; and so it was decided.



Well, you both went out with the blue balloon, and you took your gun with you, just in case, as you always did, and Winnie-the-Pooh went to a very muddy place that he knew of, and rolled and rolled until he was black all over; and then, when the balloon was blown up as big as big, and you and Pooh were both holding on to the string, you let go suddenly, and Pooh Bear floated gracefully up into the sky, and stayed there—level with the top of the tree and about twenty feet away from it.



“Hooray!” you shouted.

“Isn’t that fine?” shouted Winnie-the-Pooh down to you.

“What do I look like?”

“You look like a Bear holding on to a balloon,” you said.

“Not,” said Pooh anxiously, “—not like a small black cloud in a blue sky?”

“Not very much.”

“Ah, well, perhaps from up here it looks different. And, as I say, you never can tell with bees.”

There was no wind to blow him nearer to the tree, so there he stayed. He could see the honey, he could smell the honey, but he couldn’t quite reach the honey.

After a little while he called down to you.

“Christopher Robin!” he said in a loud whisper.

“Hallo!”

“I think the bees suspect something!”

“What sort of thing?”

“I don’t know. But something tells me that they’re suspicious!”



“Perhaps they think that you’re after their honey.”

“It may be that. You never can tell with bees.”

There was another little silence, and then he called down to you again.

“Christopher Robin!”

“Yes?”

“Have you an umbrella in your house?”

“I think so.”

“I wish you would bring it out here, and walk up and down with it, and look up at me every now and then, and say ‘Tut-tut, it looks like rain.’ I think, if you did that, it would help the deception which we are practising on these bees.”

Well, you laughed to yourself, “Silly old Bear!” but you didn’t say it aloud because you were so

fond of him, and you went home for your umbrella.



“Oh, there you are!” called down Winnie-the-Pooh, as soon as you got back to the tree. “I was beginning to get anxious. I have discovered that the bees are now definitely Suspicious.”

“Shall I put my umbrella up?” you said.

“Yes, but wait a moment.

We must be practical. The important bee to deceive is the Queen Bee. Can you see which is the Queen Bee from down there?”

“No.”

“A pity. Well, now, if you walk up and down with your umbrella, saying, ‘Tut-tut, it looks like rain,’ I shall do what I can by singing a little Cloud Song, such as a cloud might sing.... Go!”

So, while you walked up and down and wondered if it would rain, Winnie-the-Pooh sang this song:

How sweet to be a Cloud
Floating in the Blue!
Every little cloud
Always sings aloud.
“How sweet to be a Cloud
Floating in the Blue!”
It makes him very proud
To be a little cloud.

The bees were still buzzing as suspiciously as ever. Some of them, indeed, left their nests and flew all round the cloud as it began the second verse of this song, and one bee sat down on the nose of the cloud for a moment, and then got up again.”



Christopher—ow!—Robin,” called out the cloud.

“Yes?”

“I have just been thinking, and I have come to a very important decision. These are the wrong sort of bees.”

“Are they?”

“Quite the wrong sort. So I should think they would make the wrong sort of honey, shouldn’t you?”

“Would they?”

“Yes. So I think I shall come down.”

“How?” asked you.

Winnie-the-Pooh hadn’t thought about this. If he let go of the string, he would fall—bump—and he didn’t like the idea of that. So he thought for a long time, and then he said:

“Christopher Robin, you must shoot the balloon with your gun.

Have you got your gun?”

“Of course I have,” you said.

“But if I do that, it will spoil the balloon,” you said.

“But if you don’t,” said Pooh, “I shall have to let go, and that would spoil me.”

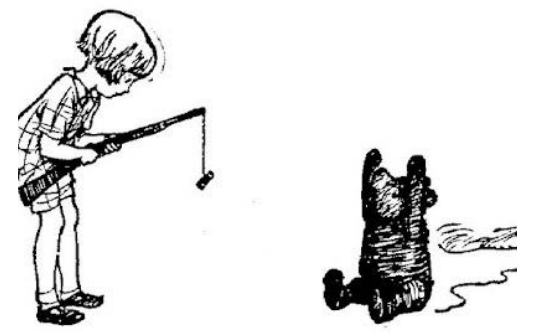
When he put it like this, you saw how it was, and you aimed very carefully at the balloon, and fired.

“Ow!” said Pooh.

“Did I miss?” you asked.

“You didn’t exactly miss,” said Pooh, “but you missed the balloon.”

“I’m so sorry,” you said, and you fired again, and this time you hit the balloon, and the air came slowly out, and Winnie-the-Pooh floated down to the ground.



But his arms were so stiff from holding on to the string of the balloon all that time that they stayed up straight in the air for more than a week, and whenever a fly came and settled on his nose he had to blow it off. And I think—but I am not sure—that that is why he was always called Pooh.”

Is that the end of the story?” asked Christopher Robin.

“That’s the end of that one. There are others.”

“About Pooh and Me?”

“And Piglet and Rabbit and all of you. Don’t you remember?”

“I do remember, and then when I try to remember, I forget.”

“That day when Pooh and Piglet tried to catch the Heffalump—”

“They didn’t catch it, did they?”

“No.”

“Pooh couldn’t, because he hasn’t any brain. Did I catch it?”

“Well, that comes into the story.”

Christopher Robin nodded.

“I do remember,” he said, “only Pooh doesn’t very well, so that’s why he likes having it told to him again. Because then it’s a real story and not just a remembering.”

“That’s just how I feel,” I said.

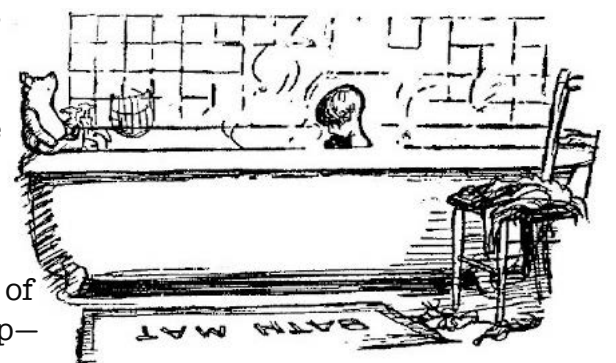
Christopher Robin gave a deep sigh, picked his Bear up by the leg, and walked off to the door, trailing Pooh behind him. At the door he turned and said, “Coming to see me have my bath?”

“I might,” I said.

“I didn’t hurt him when I shot him, did I?”

“Not a bit.”

He nodded and went out, and in a moment I heard Winnie-the-Pooh—bump, bump, bump—going up the stairs behind him.



MIGHTY OAK

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caterpillar species, native willows (*Salix*) 455 species, and native maples (*Acer*) 280 species. Connecticut's State Tree, the eastern white oak (*Quercus alba*), known locally as the Charter Oak, sustains as many as 436 species of caterpillars placing it among the top tree species integral to bird survival.

In addition to providing caterpillar food, oak flowers provide pollen and nectar, and their acorns are eaten by wildlife, including Blue Jays, Wild Turkeys, black bears, flying squirrels, gray squirrels, and white-tailed deer. Oaks are also important as shelter for Eastern Screech-Owls, Wood Ducks, woodpeckers, and many other hole-nesting and roosting species.

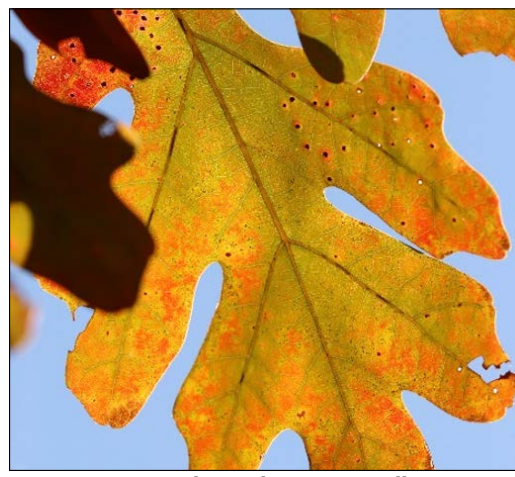
Although native oaks, cherries, and willows provide abundant caterpillars for birds, all native tree species are not created equal. For example, native tulip trees only support 21 species of caterpillars, and Yellowwood only one. Why? Well, there is chemical warfare at play. Plants produce chemicals to inhibit insects from eating them. Tulip trees and Yellowwood may produce such nasty toxins within their leaves that few insects can metabolize them. Over time, some insects adapt to these toxins, so plants then must modify their defensive chemicals, and around we go. But not every species can adapt to a given plant toxin, so there is frequent specialization where specific insects can feed only on specific plants, or a specific group of plants, such as oaks. This is true for a variety of butterflies that specialize on oaks such as banded hairstreak, white M hairstreak, red-spotted purple, and Juvenal's duskywing.

Even though a few chemically well-protected native trees support fewer caterpillars, native species, on average, host thirteen times more caterpillars than non-native species! This concept carries through to native shrubs and wildflowers as well. Why is this important? Birds time their breeding to coincide with peak availability of caterpillars. During the nesting season, 96% of songbirds rely on caterpillars to feed themselves and their young. So, if your goal is to support local birds and other wildlife in your garden, native species are the optimal choice.

Additionally, natives are generally more cost-effective than non-natives. They are adapted to local conditions and can flourish with minimal care and without chemical intervention while providing wildlife with food and shelter and supporting a



(1) White Oak - Quercus Alba



(2) White Oak - Quercus Alba



Red Oak - Quercus rubra

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strong diversity of species. If, however, your native trees should suffer a rare severe pest infestation (such as invasive insects or diseases), consult an arborist. Remember that spraying insecticides during the breeding season will negatively impact birds and their ability to feed their young.

When designing your garden, even when using natives, choosing more productive species will make a significant difference in the amount of diversity one creates in your yard. Willows outperform maples, for example. Unlike native plants, non-native horticultural plants provide little insect food for birds, as local insects are not adapted to consuming them. They often also require more care and maintenance to survive.

Why is diversity important? Think about it like a balanced portfolio. Diversity provides stability and balance. Because caterpillars are often adapted to specific host trees, they may only be found on oaks, maples, or ash, and cannot survive on the leaves of other species. If disease decimates the caterpillars of one tree species, the caterpillars from other unaffected species will compensate. The same holds true for having a variety of native shrubs and wildflowers which provide food for native

pollinators. Fortunately, birds eat a wide variety of caterpillars.

What happens if you plant these native trees, shrubs, and flowers, and bring all these bugs to your yard? Won't they eat all your plants? Studies show that Carolina Chickadees, the smaller southern cousin to our Black-capped Chickadees, for example, feed their young more than 500 caterpillars per day for 18-20 days. That's 10,000 caterpillars in 20 days, and that's just one family of birds. Other bird species eat thousands of caterpillars each day, and there are likely dozens of birds raising broods in your neighborhood.

And, birds are not alone in consuming bugs. There are multitudes of insects, spiders, and other creatures that eat caterpillars. An insect-rich environment helps support a diverse, balanced, and aesthetically pleasing environment that will attract beautiful birds and other fascinating creatures to enjoy. To paraphrase the movie "Field of Dreams", if you build diversity, they will come.

Local Native Plant Resources

Menunkatuck Audubon Society helped to establish the community run UrbanScapes Native

Plant Nursery in New Haven, propagates more than 1500 native perennials from plugs and 400 native shrubs to sell each year at: <https://menunkatuck.org/plants-for-sale>.

For more information on gardening with natives see the Connecticut Botanical Societies' Webpage: <https://www.ct-botanical-society.org/gardening-with-natives/>

The University of Connecticut offers lists of available native perennials, trees, and shrubs with links to local nurseries at: [Conne https://ipm.cahnrc.uconn.edu/connecticut-native-perennial-tree-and-shrub-availability-list/](https://ipm.cahnrc.uconn.edu/connecticut-native-perennial-tree-and-shrub-availability-list/)

Native Plant Trust is another good resource: <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/for-your-garden/buy-native-plants-new/>

Earth Tones Native Plants in Woodbury has a nice variety of natives. <https://www.earthtonenatives.com/>

Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants by Doug Tallamy is another good resource.

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Sudoku for Kids

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201 Colonial Road	\$1,675,000	4,946	\$338.66	3.35	3	2
213 Park Street #5	\$2,395,000	3,139	\$762.98		3	3
475 Silvermine Road	\$2,790,000	5,197	\$536.85	2.34	4	4

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165 Weeburn Drive	\$4,195,000	\$3,995,000	\$3,900,000	195	6	7	2.01

An Existential Threat

WHY NCBOR SHOULDN'T SHUT DOWN THE NEW CANAAN MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE



BY JOHN ENGEL

We are facing an existential threat in New Canaan. No, I'm not talking about the annual drumbeat of laws from Hartford which strip away local control of our zoning and of our schools. I am talking about shutting down the New Canaan Multiple Listing Service. The New Canaan Board of Realtors (NCBOR) has been around since 1951 and the New Canaan Multiple Listing Service (NCMLS) has been the preferred platform in our town since 1956, serving as the vital tool for our local real estate scene. But now, we're at a crossroads. With low inventory and growing competition from the state-wide SmartMLS, there's a plan to shut down the New Canaan MLS at the end of the year. We are giving up on local control. Let me tell you why that's a very bad idea.

THE CURRENT LAY OF THE LAND

You know SmartMLS—it's Goliath, the result of a 2017 merger between the State and Fairfield County multiple listing services. Two smaller boards, Darien and New Canaan, are struggling right now, mostly because of declining membership and low inventory. But Greenwich? They have an MLS and they're doing just fine, showing that it's possible to run a small MLS efficiently. Why? Policies. They make it clear: make us the priority, list everything with us. As a result, Greenwich MLS shows a complete picture of the Greenwich market and is to be admired.

New Canaan MLS and Darien MLS, on the other hand, haven't enforced a similar level of commitment, and that's how we've let SmartMLS become the more default option. But should we give up on 63 years of local control and hand over the keys to New Canaan to SmartMLS? Absolutely not.

THE MONEY PROBLEM—AND THE FIX

The New Canaan Board of Realtors (NCBOR) is a nonprofit that relies on the for-profit multiple listing service (NCMLS) for revenue. But with fewer listings in the last two years the MLS is losing money. The board is in a tough spot, with the lowest inventory levels in 25 years. But, this too shall pass. Just like the market ebbs and flows, this low-inventory phase won't last forever. The cycle will change, New Canaan and Darien will see more listings, boosting revenue and it will be our MLS supporting our



New Canaan real estate has been a local service since John Brotherhood opened in 1929.

Board, not the other way around.

The solution is to get serious about enforcing a policy that requires local agents to list with NCMLS, we can make the system profitable again. Just imagine: a full, reliable market view of the New Canaan market, tailored to our specific needs, with detailed demographic, psychographic and behavioral analysis of who is buying and selling. That's a profitable future.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

How do we make NCMLS work? The first step is to combine forces with Darien. We're similar markets with similar challenges. Pooling our listings would create a stronger, more attractive MLS for both towns.

After that we should team up with Greenwich. They've proven they know how to run a successful MLS, and by working together, we'd benefit from their expertise.

After that the long-term growth strategy is obvious: invite agents who value what we offer, from Westport, Wilton, Ridgefield, and Rowayton, to join us. Those markets have more in common with New Canaan than towns in the rest of the state. By building a community of agents who deal with the same kinds of buyers and sellers, we'd create an MLS that's truly representative of the southern Fairfield County market.

And, fourth, lean in to datamining opportunities. We have 65 years of data and its valuable and could be more valuable if we started asking more questions. The future lies in the data, and our ability to mine it to provide actionable intelligence to our clients.

THE RISKS OF MONOPOLY

Handing everything over to SmartMLS might seem easier in the short term, but it comes with big risks. When SmartMLS becomes the only game in town, they could raise fees and cut services. "If its good enough for Waterbury its good enough for New Canaan." I believe nothing would prevent SmartMLS from selling the business to a profit-driven private equity firm. We will lose control of our data, take direction from upstate, and end up providing a commodity service, not a superior one to our clients.

We've already seen this play out during the COVID-19 pandemic. SmartMLS made decisions based on what's good for Connecticut as a whole, not necessarily what makes sense for our little corner of the state. If we give up our MLS we give up our Board and we're at the mercy of a system that won't care about or understand us.

LOCAL CONTROL MEANS HIGHER STANDARDS

An MLS isn't just a platform for listings. It's a way to maintain professional standards. As real estate teams get bigger and span more markets, it's critical that we keep our standards high here in New Canaan. By keeping NCMLS alive, we can ensure that our data is accurate and that we're lobbying for the things that matter to our agents and clients.

A SMARTER MLS, RIGHT HERE

In its current form, NCMLS has lost some of its value. We haven't managed it well, and it's become a commodity. But it doesn't have to stay that way. With some policy changes, imagination, and community will, we can turn it into something superior to SmartMLS.

Our data is valuable, and because we're closer to our members, we can gather more and better information than a statewide service. When inventory picks up, so will our revenue. If we combine with Darien or Greenwich, we'll get to break even faster, and every new listing will be incremental profit.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS OBLIGATIONS

Just like any private club or organization, members of NCMLS have responsibilities. We need to set the expectation that agents will list their properties with the local MLS first. We don't need SmartMLS for our listings—NCMLS can still syndicate to Zillow, Realtor.com, and Homes.com. We must make the conscious decision to support the local market and ensure we have accurate data to make informed decisions.

CONCLUSION

Shutting down NCMLS would be a shortsighted move. Sure, it's struggling now, but with a few changes, it can thrive. We'd keep control over our data, maintain high standards, and offer a service that's more in tune with our market than SmartMLS ever could be. The future of real estate in New Canaan isn't about taking the easy way out—it's about making smart, strategic decisions that benefit us all.

NOTES FROM THE MONDAY MEETING.

Two (local) bidders want the New Canaan Board of Realtors building at 69 Grove Street. P&Z approved 4 small apartments to replace office space in the Bank building (formerly Thali). P&Z is considering 13 apartments on top of Connecticut Muffin and The Spice & Tea Exchange on Main Street.

John Engel is Realtor with the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman in New Canaan and he is looking for excuses to get dressed up this season. A-ha! Waveny LifeCare is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Friday, November 15th and it's kind of a big deal. Ruth Lapham Lloyd got the ball rolling in 1967 by carving off a portion of Waveny and donating \$1 million. 2000 people donated another \$4.25 million, and ground broke in 1974. Waveny, New Canaan's largest private employer, is a differentiator. It makes New Canaan great by keeping our seniors close to home.

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2. Agree to give MLS a six month opportunity to show and sell your property on an exclusive basis!

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This brochure, from 1956, reminds us that local inquiries are handled by qualified brokers.

About

Our Mission
Our mission is to support our members by providing services that enhance their ability to conduct business with integrity, expertise and professionalism.

Our History
The New Canaan Board of REALTORS®, founded in 1951, has been serving real estate professionals and residents of New Canaan for over 65 years. In partnership with the Connecticut Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of REALTORS®, the New Canaan Board of REALTORS® provides industry information, political advocacy, education and benefits for its members. The National Association of REALTORS®, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association. It is the leading advocate of the right to own, use, and transfer real property, and is the acknowledged leader in developing standards for efficiency.

Why we love New Canaan

New Canaan has a charming mix of the historic and modern. Country roads surrounding a fully walkable, vibrant town center. Friendly residents who are involved with and serve their neighbors. World class schools, services, arts, sports and recreational facilities and beautifully maintained public open spaces. Use a Realtor who really knows New Canaan to help you find a home. You'll love it here, too!

Membership
The New Canaan Board of REALTORS® is proud to include 300 real estate professionals in its membership ranks. We are dedicated to empowering our Realtors with the education, tools, technology, and support they need to enjoy career success and meet the highest professional standards.

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The mission of the New Canaan Board is to provide service that enhances our ability to conduct business with integrity, expertise and professionalism. And, that is now at risk.

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Local Expertise and Experience

As a Greenwich native with over 25 years of real estate experience, Peter brings a deep understanding of the local market. He has worked with buyers, sellers, developers, and investors, offering invaluable guidance for the real world.

Community-Focused

Living in North Mianus with his wife and three children, Peter enjoys fishing, hiking, and embracing Greenwich's close-knit community lifestyle. He knows Greenwich extremely well.

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Peter's extensive knowledge of home construction and renovation, paired with his strong relationships with skilled local tradespeople, equips him to help his clients long after the sale has been completed, giving home-buyers an exceptional level of comfort and follow through.

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His focused negotiation skills facilitate swift, successful transactions. Peter believes in personal service. He knows his clients well, often working with them over decades and multiple moves. Experience the difference.



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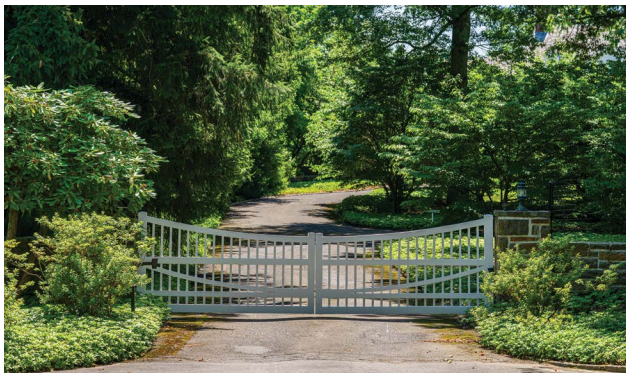


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Discover Timeless Elegance.

For the first time since its construction in 1939, the historic Beinecke estate is on the market, offering an unparalleled opportunity to own a piece of Greenwich history.

Listed at \$35 million, this 66-acre estate remains a rare example of preserved architectural and environmental heritage amidst the modern era's relentless development.



Commissioned by renowned business magnate Edwin John Beinecke, this 9,300-square-foot Georgian Colonial mansion is a masterpiece of architectural design and landscape planning. With grand 10-foot ceilings, custom wood paneling, and multiple fireplaces, the mansion embodies the elegance and grandeur of early 20th-century elite homes. Designed with both luxury and functionality in mind, the estate boasts a harmonious integration of indoor and outdoor spaces, featuring panoramic views of the meticulously maintained gardens.

A Legacy of Land Conservation and Architectural Beauty

Originally part of Cragholme Farms, the estate's agricultural roots date back to at least 1934. The estate has preserved several original structures, including a barn circa 1900, caretaker's cottage, greenhouses, and small animal stables. These underscore the estate's long-standing commitment to land conservation that continues to define the property.

Exquisite Landscape Design by Renowned Architect Rudy J. Favretti

The estate's landscape, designed by celebrated landscape architect Rudy J. Favretti, reflects a unique blend of aesthetic beauty and environmental stewardship. Recognized by the Smithsonian Institute, Favretti's work on the estate includes formally terraced gardens, man-made ponds, and private trails, all seamlessly integrating the grounds

into their natural surroundings. His designs preserve the historical and environmental essence of the land, making 10 Cliffdale Road a living piece of history.

Stewardship and Preservation: A Commitment to History

Under the careful stewardship of John R. and Barbara G. Robinson since 1982, the estate has been meticulously preserved, aligning with mid-20th-century movements in historic preservation. The Robinsons' have maintained the estate's architectural integrity.

An Opportunity to Own a Legacy

At a time when rapid development threatens to erase historical landmarks, this estate is a reminder of a different era — at the intersection of luxury and conservation. Owning the Beinecke estate means becoming a part of a legacy, where architectural beauty, environmental stewardship, and history converge.

Explore the Opportunity

Don't miss this unique opportunity to own a piece of Greenwich's storied past. Experience the timeless elegance and historical significance of 10 Cliffdale Road. Contact Peter Janis today to schedule your private tour of this extraordinary estate.

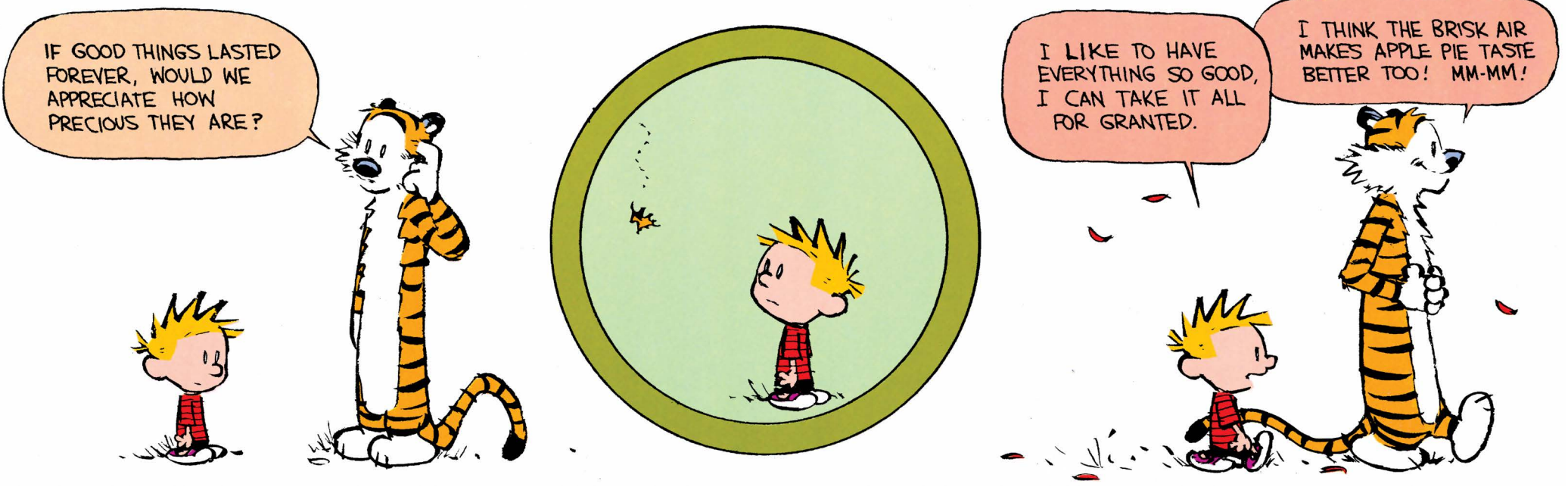
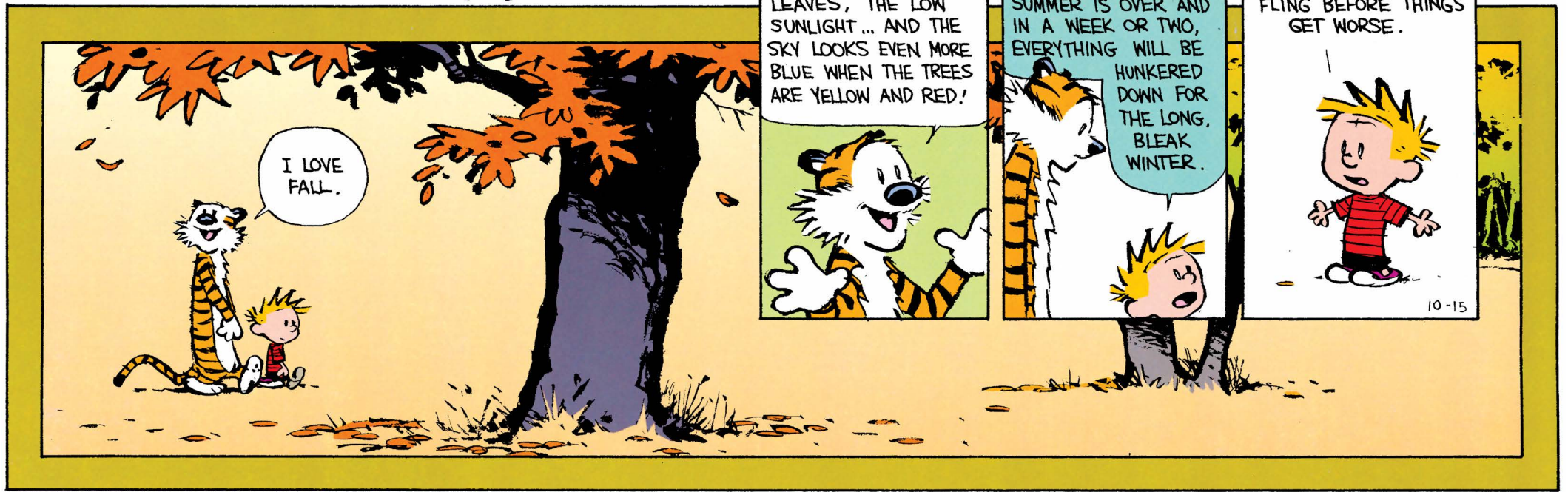


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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE EASTERN GRAY SQUIRREL

A 'Nuisance' From Which We Can Learn a Lot

BY JIM KNOX

"A black Squirrel!" my colleague called out from the passenger seat, bringing my attention to the small mammal just off the exit of the Merritt Parkway. Though the species was common, the coloration was anything but common within that multi-town range. With no way of turning around, I had to be content knowing there would always be a next sighting, and she had to be content with a fleeting glimpse of a most remarkable little creature.

The Eastern Gray Squirrel, *Sciurus carolinensis*, is one of the most common mammals in Eastern North America, yet it is also a creature that guards its secrets as well as it guards the location of its buried food.

For one, although it is known as a "gray" squirrel, this arboreal mammal exhibits mutations resulting in melanism (an overabundance of melanin pigment giving the animal a black-furred appearance), albinism (a lack of melanin pigment giving the animal a white-furred appearance), and even cinnamon-colored individuals. More rarely, certain squirrels at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo exhibit leucism (a form of albinism in which some pigment is expressed—often in the eyes), resulting in blue-eyed, whitish-furred squirrels!

Typically, these tree squirrels exhibit light gray fur along their flanks and backs with whiteish fur on the belly and around the eyes, hints of buff along their cheeks and sides, and a light eye ring with a silvery frosted



The Eastern Gray Squirrel

tail. Reaching approximately 20 inches in length and 1.5 pounds in weight, they sport a small and light frame for life high above the forest floor. As a prolific animal which can produce up to two litters a year of up to nine young, the Gray squirrel tips the scales in favor of survival from sheer abundance alone. Coupling this abundance with an average lifespan of more than six years, which exceeds longevity for many other rodent species, the Gray squirrel is well represented in the forests of Eastern North America.

Early explorers of the North American continent remarked as to the "dense forests that stretched from the rising sun to

the setting sun." This domain of oaks, maples, hickories, and other hardwoods provided key habitat and forage for these herbivores. In fact, it has been stated by these early explorers that a squirrel could travel from branch to branch from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the shores of the Atlantic to the Mississippi without ever touching ground. While it may have been scientifically possible, the Gray squirrel's home range of one to 25 acres makes these small mammals much more localized.

For those of us who have experienced these acrobatic creatures stealing bird food from our feeders, or gnawing their way

into our sheds or even attics, they have earned the title, "bandit" or "pest." It is this common "wildlife neighbor" status that leads us to overlook their impressive attributes. Consuming insects and other animal matter when opportunity arises, these resourceful creatures supplement their diets and boost much needed calories for energy storage. While the squirrel requires forests for food and cover, the forests rely on the squirrels for reforestation. Employing scatter hoarding behavior to store buried nuts, fungi and other foods, these busy rodents may store hundreds, or even thousands of food caches throughout their territory. The net

effect of this behavior is food for a rainy (or snowy) day. With a keen sense of smell, these industrious mammals revisit their buried hoard with great accuracy, even detecting nuts hidden beneath more than a foot of snow! With Gray squirrels losing up to 25% of their stored food to other animals, their fellow mammals, birds, and other species benefit from the excess. Yet, these nimble rodents have a trick or two up their sleeves.

Accounting for such "thievery," Gray squirrels will employ a practice known as deceptive caching. Researchers at Central Connecticut State University have uncovered

fascinating findings which confirm that the squirrels will vigorously dig a hole, hold a nut in their teeth and place their head within the freshly dug hole while concealing the nut before covering up the empty hole and pulling leaf cover over it—as if they had buried an actual nut! By interspersing deceptive caches with actual caches, they protect their effort and trick the tricksters. Clearly, there is a lot going on in their little heads. Acting like a mammalian Johnny Appleseed, the squirrel's behavior results in the enhancement of fungi species diversity, improved soil health, the spreading of fruit and nut producing tree species, and forest regeneration.

When considering this wild neighbor, I reflect on what we humans can learn from them. While they can at times be considered a "pest" or a "nuisance," I think it's fair to say that we humans have our moments too. When we consider their other attribute, however, they have much to offer us. They exhibit undeniable intelligence, planning, industry, and adaptability, and they even contribute to the health of the world around them. It's said that from gray comes wisdom. From what I've seen from our forest neighbors, I am inclined to agree.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo and as a Science Adviser for The Bruce Museum. His passions include studying our planet's rarest creatures and sharing his work with others who love the natural world.