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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

POLICE AND FIRE **New Officers Begin Field Training**



Officers Malizia, Buckley graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy's 382nd Training Session on October 2nd. They will undergo 400 hours of field training with the New Canaan Police Department. After completing this training, they will be certified as Probationary Police Officers. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department Facebook.

Sensory Safety Event

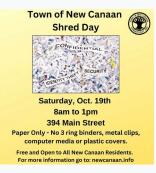


weekend, Canaan EMS participated in the Sensory Friendly Public Safety Day at the New Canaan Mounted Troop. Photo credit: New Canaan EMS Instagram.

TOWN HALL CT Election Day

Election Day in Connecticut is November 5th, with polls open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. New Canaan voters will vote for federal and state offices, and there will be a ballot question on expanding absentee voting. Absentee ballots are available, and Early Voting takes place from October 2st1 to November 3rd at New Canaan Town Hall. For more information please visit https://www.newcanaan. info/_T8_R550.php.

AROUND TOWN **New Canaan Shred Day**



Shred Day for New Canaan residents is on Saturday, October 19th, and is free to attend. Shredded paper is not allowed in single-stream recycling due to contamination. The event provides a proper disposal option for paper waste. Photo credit: Planet New Canaan Instagram.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND **NONPROFITS Waveny Park Hosts Arts Festival**

The second annual Waveny Park Arts Festival brought together over 40 local artists and artisans. The event included live music, kids' activities, and a section for student entrepreneurs. It was organized by the Carriage Barn Arts Center.

Hayhoe Leads Library Climate Series

Katharine Hayhoe, chief scientist for the Nature Conservancy, will kick off New Canaan Library's Oldham Nature and Environment Lecture Series on October 15th at 7 pm. She will discuss

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New Canaan YMCA & Stamford Health Host Breast Cancer Lecture

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the New Canaan YMCA hosted a lecture in partnership with Stamford Health, featuring Dr. Sarah Cate, the Chief of Breast Surgery at Stamford Hospital. The event aimed to provide vital information on breast cancer, addressing prevention, risk factors, and treatment options. It was an effort not only to educate but also to support individuals navigating the complexities of breast cancer, either directly or through loved ones. Mary Coleman, a familiar face at the YMCA and former Membership Director, introduced Dr. Cate and shared her personal story of resilience, having undergone breast cancer treatment earlier this year at Stamford Hospital under Dr. Cate's care. Coleman spoke candidly about the experience, noting the compassionate environment and the exceptional care she received, which helped ease the burden of her diagnosis.

Dr. Cate began her lecture with sobering statistics: one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer over the course of their lives. The incidence of breast cancer among younger women is also rising, with the disease now standing as the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women under the age of 39. Approximately 11% of all breast cancer cases in the United States occur in women younger than 45, underscoring the urgency of increasing awareness and early detection efforts. Dr. Cate emphasized that while the overall survival rate for breast cancer has improved significantly over the past few decades, early diagnosis remains crucial, especially for younger women who may not consider themselves at risk.

The presentation delved into the biology of breast cancer, explaining that it originates from the cells of the breast tissue and can manifest in various forms, including hormone receptorpositive, HER2-positive, and triple-negative breast cancer, each with distinct biological behaviors and treatment responses. Dr. Cate pointed out that understanding these subtypes is essential for guiding treatment decisions and that personalized medicine is now at the forefront of breast cancer care.

Dr. Cate detailed numerous risk factors associated with breast cancer, such as family history, genetic predispositions (e.g., BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations), lifestyle factors, and hormonal influences. She emphasized that while some risk factors, like age and genetics, are beyond an individual's control, there are modifiable factorssuch as diet, physical activity, and alcohol consumption-that can significantly impact one's risk. Women with a family history of breast cancer or known genetic mutations may benefit from genetic counseling and more aggressive screening strategies.

One of the central points Dr. Cate highlighted was the importance of regular mammograms. She advocated for annual screenings starting at age 40 for women of average risk. For those considered high-risk, earlier and more frequent screenings may be necessary. Stamford Health's high-risk program provides comprehensive screening and monitoring for individuals identified as having an increased likelihood of developing breast cancer, incorporating advanced imaging techniques and personalized risk-reduction strategies. Dr. Cate also discussed the role of newer screening technologies, such as 3D mammography, which can improve the detection of cancers in dense breast tissue.

The lecture provided an overview of the various treatment modalities available for breast cancer, which typically involve a combination of surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and endocrine (hormonal) therapy. Dr. Cate underscored the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in breast cancer treatment, where specialists from different fields collaborate to develop a tailored plan that addresses the unique characteristics of each patient's disease.

Stamford Health offers a range of innovative treatment programs, including:

Cold Capping: A technique used to reduce hair loss during chemotherapy by cooling the scalp, thus minimizing the amount of chemotherapy that reaches the hair follicles.

Clinical Trials: Stamford Health collaborates with renowned institutions like Dana Farber to provide access to clinical trials, offering patients cutting-edge therapies that may not be widely

Integrative Medicine: To complement traditional cancer treatments, integrative medicine services such as acupuncture, yoga, and massage therapy are offered, aiming to alleviate side effects and improve patients' quality of life.

Psycho-Oncology Services: This specialized form of therapy addresses the psychological and emotional aspects of cancer diagnosis and treatment, offering support for patients and their

The Young and Strong Program: Focused on younger breast cancer patients, this program aims to meet the unique needs of premenopausal women, addressing concerns such as fertility preservation, body image, and long-term survivorship.

The event at the New Canaan YMCA highlighted the longstanding partnership between the YMCA and Stamford Health, which has spanned over a decade. This collaboration has brought numerous health and wellness services to the community, including on-site wellness coordination, physician referrals, blood pressure screenings, expert health lectures, and physical therapy services. Both organizations share a commitment to enhancing the health and wellbeing of residents in the region.

For further information about breast cancer care at Stamford Hospital, visit www.stamfordhealth.org.

Worries Continue Over Aquarion Water Sale to RWA

The proposed sale of Aquarion Water Company, owned by Eversource, to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (RWA) continues to spark debate and concern, particularly in communities like New Canaan. The deal, if approved, would transfer control from Aquarion, a private investor-owned utility regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), to a quasi-governmental agency. The sudden proposal drew criticism for its lack of public debate and transparency, with State Senator Ryan Fazio describing it as "a proposal that was totally out of nowhere from legislative leadership" without any consultation, hearings, or substantial input from affected communities.

Eversource acquired Aquarion in 2017 for over \$1.6 billion. Following losses exceeding \$440 million in 2023, the company shifted focus back to its core electric and natural gas operations, moving away from water distribution. A significant concern about the potential sale of Aquarion is the absence of regulatory oversight, as RWA is not under the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), which regulates most investor-owned utilities in the state. The RWA instead receives input from a 60-member council with representatives from the municipalities in the New Haven area served by the RWA. Those member towns elect five members of the 11-person board of governors.

Concerns center on potential rate hikes, financial implications for municipalities, and a loss of local influence. Currently, Aquarion has maintained a relatively stable rate increase history, with only an 8.5% rise over the past decade. In contrast, RWA's rates have increased by more than 40% during the same period. New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson voiced skepticism over RWA's assurances that rates would not surge if the acquisition proceeds. "RWA's claim that it would hold rates steady after the acquisition is difficult to believe given their track record," Carlson stated. She warned that without PURA oversight, RWA would have "free rein to impose rate hikes without the same level of accountability."

The situation began in March 2024, when Eversource announced plans to sell Aquarion, a utility it acquired in 2017 for \$1.675 billion. The decision reportedly came in response to financial pressures, including \$440 million in losses for 2023. In June, the path to RWA's potential acquisition accelerated. On June 26, the Connecticut Senate approved Senate Bill 501, an omnibus measure that included provisions allowing RWA to bid on Aquarion. The bill passed without prior public hearings or detailed discussions on the RWA provision. State Senator Ryan Fazio objected, stating, "We've had two days to analyze 50 pages of policy changes with billions of dollars at stake, without substantial input from experts or regulators.

The following day, June 27, the state House of Representatives passed the bill, despite similar concerns about the lack of public input. House the bill, noted that RWA would still undergo a review

process involving public hearings and oversight from the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) if the bid succeeded. "Yes, the charter change did not get a public hearing," Candelora said, "but if RWA decides to bid, they're going to have to have a public hearing."

New Canaan officials have been particularly vocal about the potential impacts of the sale. First Selectman Dionna Carlson highlighted the risks associated with removing Aquarion from PURA's regulatory purview. She questioned whether RWA's financial structure could keep costs under control.

The financial implications for municipalities are another significant concern. Carlson pointed out that Aquarion currently contributes more than \$300,000 annually in property taxes to New Canaan. As a quasi-governmental agency, RWA would be exempt from property taxes, offering instead Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). "PILOT payments are not a reliable replacement. They're static and won't adjust for inflation or infrastructure improvements," Carlson explained, emphasizing the potential loss of a critical revenue stream for essential services in the town.

Senator Fazio also expressed reservations about the legislative process that enabled RWA's bid, citing the absence of thorough vetting. "This was a major change that appeared out of nowhere," he said, pointing to the lack of substantial public hearings before the Senate and House votes. "The residents of New Canaan and other towns deserve transparency in decisions affecting their water service".

The sale has also raised questions about governance and decision-making power within RWA's expanded territory. The proposed governance model would allocate representation on RWA's board based on the number of water customers and land area covered, which could leave smaller towns like New Canaan with limited influence. "Our town would essentially be sidelined when it comes to decisionmaking," Carlson stated, arguing that the board structure could marginalize smaller municipalities. Fazio echoed this concern, explaining that "the governance structure is set up to favor larger cities, leaving smaller towns with a diminished voice on water rates and infrastructure investments".

RWA is now preparing its formal bid for Aquarion, with an evaluation of the water company's assets underway. If the bid is successful, PURA will still play a role in reviewing the transaction, despite the RWA not being directly subject to its regulations in the same manner as Aquarion. The review process will include public hearings, providing an opportunity for stakeholders to express concerns and offer input.

Both Carlson and Fazio are encouraging local residents to stay informed and participate in the upcoming hearings. "This sale could have long-lasting effects on our town's finances and water service," Carlson said, stressing the importance of community engagement. "We need to ensure that residents are fully informed about what's at stake".

For more information, residents can reach out Minority Leader Vincent J. Candelora, who supported to the RWA by emailing jslubowski@rwater.com or calling 203-401-2515.

COLUMN

The Anger Cauldron

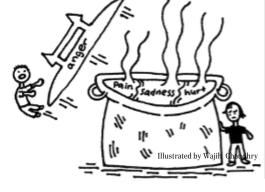
BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Anger is not bad. It can be a helpful barometer to show us when change is needed. Problems arise when we store anger without understanding it. Most of us have trouble looking into our own anger cauldron, but if we don't, our anger can heat up.

When we or someone we love flies off the handle, it helps to look under the lid of anger for the hurt, the pain, the fear, or the sadness that has not been addressed-that has boiled over. There is always some form of "sad" under "mad." If our lids fly off repeatedly, smacking those we love in the face, professional support can help silently into each other's eyes for 60 seconds without our cauldron.

toward another person's pain or sadness because Their voices quieted, and they embraced. we want to help, but fury usually pushes us away, just when we or someone we love needs help the most.

Their counselor asked them to hold hands and look is a therapist at the Center for Hope & Renewal.



us figure out what kind of old pain is hiding in breaking eye contact. Those 60 seconds became sacred space. They both cried. They saw the hurt, Anger frightens all of us. We typically move the pain, and the sadness in each other's cauldron.

Excerpted from Jill Woolworth's book, The Waterwheel, available at Diane's Books, Dogwood Trevor and Karen were out of control with anger. Bookstore, Amazon, and barnesandnoble.com. Jill

What is Happening with Avalon?

The New Canaan Housing Authority is working to acquire Avalon New Canaan, a 104-unit apartment complex, in a \$70 million deal aimed at enhancing the town's affordable housing strategy. Although most units will remain market-rate due to debt financing requirements, the purchase offers strategic benefits, including future flexibility in affordable housing compliance and potential leverage in navigating state mandates. The plan involves borrowing funds, with the town backing a \$4 million line of credit. While this acquisition is a step forward, it's not a complete solution to the town's housing challenges. For a detailed breakdown and further insights, read John Engel's full story on page 19.

Publisher's Note: Two-Section Format

We have had many questions about the number of pages in the paper.

Next week, we will be returning to a two-section format. This change comes as we anticipate the need for additional space to accommodate expanded content. With one section, our paper can feature a maximum of 20 pages. We frequently adjust between one and two sections based on the volume of news and events we need to cover.

By moving to two sections, we double our capacity to a total of 40 pages, allowing us to bring you more letter to the editor, puzzles, in-depth coverage, local news, and special features.





Now May Be the Best Time to Sell! Are you Ready? The Engel Team is!



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low to Save Water and Money

By John Kriz

Water. Vital to all life. One of the four Aristolelian elements. Such an important resource demands care and respect, and wasting it is both unwise and expensive. Plus, would someone please explain why drinking bottled water in single-use plastic - not to mention importing it from Fiji, France, Italy or Iceland --

If you have a well, you're likely familiar with the (large) expense of a new pump. Well pumps wear out faster the longer, and especially the more frequently, they are run, so if you are wasting water, it is money down the drain. And do you really want to deplete your aquifer? If you have town water, it's a regular, direct expense.

So, what are ways New Canaan Sentinel readers can save water (and money)? Here are a few:

Use Water-Thrifty **Products.** From faucets to shower heads to toilets to dishwashers (use less water than washing by hand) to washing machines (use a front-loader, which is also easier on the clothes and uses less detergent) to in-ground sprinklers, many systems are available that use water efficiently. If you're renovating or just want to up your game, consider looking for WaterSense-labelled systems. This is an Environmental Protection

https://www.epa.gov/watersense.

Check for Leaks. Be it a dripping faucet or running toilet, it's money down the drain. And water leaks and broken/missing sprinkler heads are no joke.

Manage Your In-Ground timer-controlled irrigation more water outdoors than homes it's pouring rain? Rather than running it on a pre-set schedule, use it when needed. How to tell? Get a soil moisture reader. And consider not watering the lawn at all, or only intermittently, which helps grass build deeper roots and boost its resiliency. Plus, water early in the day as it reduces for irrigation. You often see this evaporation loss.

<u>Take a Shower.</u> Showers use 10 to 25 gallons, but a tub bath

with the private sector that you're taking a tub, put the plug identifies water-saving products. in right away, and then adjust the temperature to suit you, rather than have water pour down a drain while it gets hot.

Don't Run the Water. if you have in-ground sprinklers, Brushing teeth? Turn on the tap when you're done. Shaving? Fill the basin. Hand washing dishes? According to the EPA, a hole in Put a pan of water in the sink (or your pipes as tiny as a pen tip plug the sink) and use that water. can waste 6300 gallons of water Only run the faucet if you're using the water.

Instant Hot Water. These **Sprinklers.** Be sure the water are systems that can rapidly heat is going where you want it - not water at the point of use, such as the driveway. And check your at sinks. This avoids the waste watering schedule. According of running a faucet while waiting to the EPA, "Homes with clock for the hot water from the central water heater to get there. Plus systems use about 50 percent you eliminate the need for a water heater to create and store hot without irrigation systems. Your water that instantly starts to cool. system can waste even more if it's These systems are more energy programmed incorrectly..." Ever efficient, and you only need one see a sprinkler running when set of pipes, rather than one for hot water and one for cold.

> Keep a Bottle of Water in **the Refrigerator.** This avoids running a tap until the water

> Xeriscape. New word! This is landscaping that reduces the need in the Southwest, with cactuses gracing 'lawns'. New Canaan gets more rainfall than Arizona, but the principle still applies. Landscaping

Water, water, every where, And all the boards did shrink; Water, water, every where, Nor any drop to drink.

to our rainfall patterns, is the watering cans or to feed a soaker easiest way to go, and it supports hose. OK, it's not that easy, as you'd of wildlife, too.

AND FOR THE TRULY HARD CORE

Rain Barrels. If you have a house, the rain barrel goes under a downspout, which collects roof

with native plants, which are used run-off. You use the water to fill need to retrofit your downspout. and ensure a solid footing under the barrel. But once in place they manage themselves. Aquarion Water Company periodically sells upcycled (reused) rain barrels

with spigots.

Save that Cooking Water. From water used to steam vegetables to leftover water in the tea kettle, add it to your watering can rather than pour it down

the drain. The same goes for dehumidifier water. Put a Bucket in the Shower. It will slowly fill with water spray.

When full, use this 'grey' water to

flush a toilet.

Navy Shower. Get wet. Turn off the water. Lather. Turn water back on. Rinse.

Assuming potable water will forever be abundant and cheap is likely not a safe bet. Let's all work to be the best stewards we can be of our natural resources - and save money in the process.

It's the New Canaan way.

Water, water, every where, And all the boards did shrink; Water, water, every where, Nor any drop to drink.

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner Samuel Taylor Coleridge

John J Kriz, a 30+ year resident of New Canaan, is a Board member of Planet New Canaan, a local group focused on sustainability actions. https://www.planetnewcanaan.org The opinions stated are his own.

to Educate Men's Club About Fraud

The New Canaan Men's Club will tackle the rise of identity theft and scams targeting seniors. At the upcoming meeting, Connecticut AARP representatives John Wilson and L. Stableford will deliver a presentation titled "Inside the Criminal Mind," focusing on the methods used by fraudsters and the steps seniors can take to protect themselves.

The meeting will be held today at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge. The AARP presentation is slated to start around 10:40 a.m., following the club's regular business. Wilson and Stableford's talk will offer an interactive approach, featuring actual footage of scammers in action and providing practical advice to help seniors avoid being exploited. The event is part of the AARP Fraud Watch Network, a program dedicated to educating people about scams and promoting fraud prevention strategies.

Understanding the Scope of the Problem

recent years, with financial losses reaching alarming levels. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), seniors reported losing over \$1 billion to fraud in 2023, a figure that experts believe is underestimated due to unreported cases. The Fraud Watch Network provides tools and resources aimed at raising awareness about common scams. It also educates individuals about identity theft and advises on actions to take if one falls victim to such activities.

The session will highlight prevalent scams that frequently target seniors, including:

Phishing Scams: Fraudsters use fake emails or messages designed to appear legitimate to trick individuals into revealing personal information such as Social Security numbers, credit card details, or passwords.

Robocall Fraud: Automated calls often promise unrealistic rewards or demand immediate action regarding "urgent" matters such

Fraud targeting older adults has surged in as unpaid taxes or account security breaches.

need immediate financial assistance.

Investment Fraud: These schemes often promise guaranteed returns or "risk-free" investment opportunities, which are often too good to be true.

Wilson and Stableford will also provide specific guidance on protecting personal information, themselves. This event not only aims to increase recognizing warning signs, and responding to awareness but also to foster a community that can potential fraud attempts.

AARP has been at the forefront of advocating for stronger consumer protections, lobbying for legislative changes to enhance penalties for those who target vulnerable populations. The resources, and a scam-tracking map.

The New Canaan Men's Club welcomes new members aged 55 and above. The group, an increasingly sophisticated criminal landscape. which meets weekly, offers a variety of activities

and events that promote camaraderie, lifelong **Grandparent Scams:** A con artist poses as a learning, and community service. Those grandchild or other relative in distress, claiming to interested in joining can reach out via email at ncmens@ncmens.info for additional information.

> With the upcoming presentation by Wilson and Stableford, the Men's Club is taking a proactive step toward educating its members about the dangers of fraud and empowering them with the knowledge and tools necessary to protect support each other in recognizing and avoiding fraudulent schemes.

By engaging directly with seniors, AARP's representatives aim to reduce the likelihood of financial loss and the emotional distress that often AARP outreach includes a helpline, free online accompanies falling victim to scams. The event underscores the importance of vigilance and community involvement in safeguarding against





1,231 Candles Light God's Acre in Memorial for October 7 Massacre Victims

Organized by the Chabad of New Canaan, the installation

A memorial display featuring 1,231 electric candles has light up the area, each representing one of the 1,231 victims. said Rabbi Levi Mendelow. "As each flame flickers, it not only been installed on God's Acre to honor the victims of the Banners accompanying the candles explain that each light memorializes a life, but also stands as a collective symbol October 7 massacre in Israel. The display, which began on symbolizes a life lost and also call attention to the hostages of resilience and remembrance. We hope this display will Sunday, October 6, is intended as a tribute to the lives lost in who remain captive. The banners provide context for visitors, move people to reflect and inspire unity in the face of such urging awareness of the hostages' ongoing situation.

"The sight of 1,231 candles lighting up the night is a is particularly prominent after sunset, when the candles sobering reminder of the immense loss we have suffered,"

heartbreak."

The memorial is visible during the day, but its full impact is seen after nightfall.

COLUMN

I Am Watching You I had an older friend who ravenous appetite for any small



If you scroll through my Instagram feed, you will probably conclude that I am a dog person, concerned with aging skin, interested in good mental health, and - maybe most importantly - I love to dance.

I can't begin to comprehend how social media algorithms work, but they've certainly got my number. As fascinating - and creepy - as it may be...they are watching me. And they are not the first to do so.

When our children were little, I remember witnessing my own behaviors - some good, others not so much - parroted by our then pint-sized son. It was cool... and humbling and scary. He was watching me.

But I am a watcher too. Some of my best learning comes from watching.

To be clear, I am not a stalker. I do not go to great lengths to follow my prey in search of learning. I simply notice things- about how others choose to live their lives, I process and then I attempt to incorporate that wisdom into

used to delight in small, simple scrap offered. I notice the patience treasures. She spent time creating they exhibit while they wait until fairy houses - beautiful and I have time to play, as well as their detailed homes made from bits and pieces of nature - and she would take our children by their hands, be watching us, our children are guiding them in the direction of her also our greatest teachers. creations. It was magical - both her work, and the pleasure she gained from sharing it.

More than that, though, when we met for tea, she would serve day after day. small treats, intentionally selected and placed upon beautiful china Scattered across the table would be small plants and nic nacs from her collections, and she would beam as she told me about each and every piece.

I attended the 90th birthday of another friend. This amazing woman does not look 90 (though not due to the anti-aging creams that vie for my attention on my Instagram feed). She has vitality and energy; she is engaged and passionate.

Her birthday was a special celebration, and I was honored to be included. And as I looked around, I noticed that her guests were all ages, from all walks of in my exercise class. Those in it was a celebration for all of us.

is great learning there.

loving, the endless fun they derive both frustrating and fun. from a yellow ball, their propensity

fierce loyalty to me and our family.

And although our children may

We observe so much in them their perseverance, their kindness, their mistakes, and their ability to live outside of their comfort zone

And while it may be heartening to see ourselves in our children, it steep with history and significance. is inspiring and educational when we see our children think and act

beyond our own capabilities. Ok, I watch strangers too.

Standing in line to order my flat white at Starbucks, I notice other customers. Some seem harried and impatient, while others take the time for pleasantries and good manners. Some call the baristas

I'm also watching at the nail salon. Some folks have their heads buried in their phones while others have a familiarity and a banter with the women who so kindly are

beautifying their nails. Then there are the people life. She had gathered her friends traffic on the Post Road, sitting in together to celebrate her - but really meetings, or wandering the aisles at the grocery store. Most are only I watch my dogs too. Oh, there acquaintances - some I have never met - but so much is revealed to What joy they feel just from me by how they navigate moments

Now, we may consider this for afternoon naps, and their people-watching - recreational in

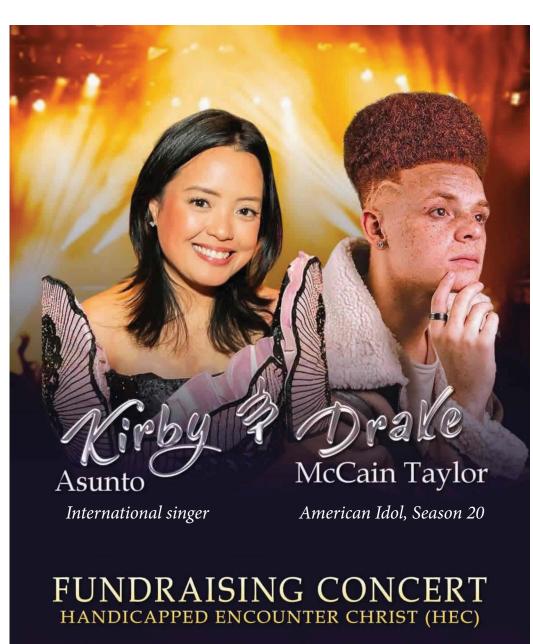
nature (potentially creepy,) - but - our world is our classroom. And for that I am grateful, because I leaning (it's really a thing!). And if better and be better. we keep our eyes and hearts open, this learning can truly impact am discreet, stealth, and as

And that is really quite amazing algorithm...but I am watching you. stops." - Henry Adams

I would like to think I

psychologists call it observational Always there to teach us, how to do have learned and continue to learn so much.

> You are my best teacher. "A teacher affects eternity; he imperceptible as the Instagram can never tell where his influence



Dracula: A Feminist Revenge Fantasy, Really

Just in time for the spooky out of place, if not out of time. They from Stratford, as the charmingly

New Canaan have an evocative offering certain to scratch your October itch for Victorian horror. With a reputation for successfully refreshing old tales, playwright and actor Kate Hamill turns her attention to horror with a spirited take on the most famous vampire of all time in Dracula, A Feminist Revenge Fantasy, Really. In this version, the vampire hunter is a woman, and there are no damselsin-distress. This is a Dracula that shatters glass ceilings with pointy

Set in 1885, the ancient Transylvanian Count Dracula and his creepy household relocate to England seeking greener pastures... and fresh prey. Their desire to relish their new hunting ground meets an obstacle in the person of Dr. Van Helsing, a bold 'lady doctor' from the American West, hunting vampires and thoroughly

season, the Town Players of battle for the body and soul of evil Count Dracula; Norwalk's friend's husband, Jonathan Harker. vampire-killer Mina Harker; Nova Meanwhile, Dracula's servant and Hall, from Darien, as Van Helsing; biggest fan, the former 'lady poet' Rye natives Noam Ben Yakir and Renfield languishes in an asylum, Kate Clark as Jonathan Harker and waiting for liberation.

Director Carin Zakes, returning from her sold-out 2020 Powerhouse Billingham as Lucy Westenra; production of "Rocket Girl," leads Sam Bass, from White Plains, as us through a suspenseful journey Dr. George Seward; Stamford's to Count Dracula's uncertain fate. Kim Wood as Renfield; and Alex "While his vampire servants play with their hoped-for human food, we wonder whether the hunter will "All in all, it's bloody good fun."

Keith Levenson, orchestral and Broadway composer and The Who's conductor, debuts a haunting and beautiful underscore written especially for this production. New Canaan native Gus Botazzi brings 13, 18, 20, and 25. his martial arts and stage combat expertise as fight choreographer. under 14. Tickets and more Cast includes Geoffrey Gilbert, information at www.TPNC.org.

Marilla, one of Dracula's vampire sister wives; Norwalk's Dana Theodoropoulos, from Queens, NY, as sister wife Drusilla.

"Dracula, a Feminist Revenge become the hunted," says Zakes. Fantasy, really" runs weekends from October 11 - 27, Powerhouse Theatre, Waveny Park, New Canaan, CT. Audiences will have the opportunity to participate in Talkbacks with the director and cast after performances on October

Not recommended for children

10.19.24 | 7:00 PM

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HEC Retreats Golden Jubilee Celebration Email: newyorkhec@gmail.com

TICKETS: \$50

CONTACT INFO:

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SPECIAL GUEST

From left to right: Front row: Ryan Maloney, Brad Acker, Rick DeNey, Chas Timberlake, Bill Acker, Rick Coyle, Conor Bermingham, Marc Toland, Steve Sieke, and Keith Richey. Back row: Jared Kiefer, Steve McCardell, Tim Michno, Michael Lovisa, David Prutting, George Benington, Sean Larkin, Doug Murphy, and Tim Klimpl.

Marauders Win 2024 Annual Rich-Mich Softball Game 11-10

Conor Bermingham, Rick Coyle, random. Steve McCardell, Jared Kiefer,

Playing for the Marauders were: tradition. The teams are picked at

Sean Larkin, Ryan Maloney, David start to the finish. The score was Prutting, Chas Timberlake, and Recidivists 4, Marauders 3 at the Brad Acker, George Benington, make it 7-7. The Recidivists scored

good defense by the Marauders, It was a seesaw battle from the by Jared Kiefer in the key 6th and 7th innings.

captain Tim Michno. Playing for end of the 3rd inning, then both two runs in the bottom of the sixth the Recidivists were: Bill Acker, teams scored in the 4th inning to inning and held the Recidivists Rick DeNey, Tim Klimpl, Doug three runs in the 5th inning and 7th inning, it was Recidivists 10, and captain Keith Richey. Mike scoreless in that frame thanks to of the 7th (and final) inning when

The 27th Annual Rich-Mich runner for both teams. This once- was 10-7 at the end of the 5th single and an out, leaving one man knowing that he needed to turn to Softball Game was held at Waveny a-year multigenerational softball inning. But then the Recidivists on base. Jared Kiefer broke the third or stay on second—and was Park on Sunday, October 6th. game has become a New Canaan offense went cold due primarily to tension with a triple, scoring a run tagged out as a result. Besides and tying the score 10-10. With including two double plays turned one out and Kiefer on third base, at least one other RBI, and caught Conor Bermingham hit a solid a deep fly in left field to end an After the Marauders scored Kiefer from third - the winning run amazing performance. for the Marauders.

scoreless again in their top of the had never even watched a baseball game, he thought you were Prutting had the big hits. A great Murphy, Steve Sieke, Marc Toland, were able to hold the Marauders Marauders 9 going into the bottom supposed to carry the bat with you to touch first base, and in one Lovisa (aka "wild thing") served two running catches of line drives the Marauders came up for one play after reaching second base, he letdown from the final tally. as utility fielder, player, and pinch by Keith Richey. Thus, the score last at bat. The Marauders got a kept running into center field, not

the winning run, Conor also had single to right field that brought in inning. A truly entertaining and

Offensively for both teams, It is worth noting that Conor Ryan Maloney, Brad Acker, Marc Toland, Jared Kiefer, and David time was had by all, and the postgame celebrations assuaged any

Youth Cheer & Dance Brings Spirit to Rams Football Game



NC Dance Clinics Youth Cheerleading & Dance Programs Bring Spirit to Rams Varsity Football Game last Saturday.

Varsity football game on Saturday night.

NC Dance Clinics, a new dance and from Kindergarten to 5th grade took to the high school community. cheer program for young students, brought field, showcasing routines from the Mini

NC Dance Clinics specializes in six-week lasting memories. infectious spirit and youthful excitement to Rams Cheer, Mini Rams Dance Team and Pop clinics, perfect for young students eager to try Rams fans at the New Canaan High School Stars classes. The evening not only energized out dance and cheer. The next session begins programs, visit: www.ncdanceclinics.com. Rams fans but also created a meaningful on November 9 and runs through December During halftime, forty performers ranging connection between New Canaan's youth and 17, offering a supportive environment for

students to explore new skills and create

For more information about upcoming

Rams Football Over Ludlowe 30-14, Set Sights on Undefeated Staples

(FCIAC) matchup on October 5, 2024, the New Canaan Rams secured with a 3-1 record.

The Rams set the tone early, Rams' advantage to 24-7. with quarterback Luke Robinson for a 4-yard touchdown midway initial 7-0 lead.

in the second quarter, with Liam Bond powering through for a Stein broke through for a 4-yard field goal, bringing his tally to three

In a pivotal Fairfield County rushing touchdown, with Stevens field goals on the day and finalizing the closing minutes, preventing any prepares to host the unbeaten Interscholastic Athletic Conference adding the extra point to put the the score at 30-14. Rams back on top.

Stevens extended New Canaan's a 30-14 victory over the Fairfield lead to 17-7 with a 33-yard field Ludlowe Falcons, improving their goal later in the second quarter, record to 3-1 for the season. The demonstrating accuracy and poise Rams' disciplined execution and under pressure. With mere seconds resilient defense were instrumental left before halftime, Robinson found in staving off a determined Ludlowe Charlie Koch for a 9-yard touchdown team, which also entered the contest reception, capped off by another Stevens extra point, pushing the

In the third quarter, Ludlowe connecting with Simon Tchakarov tried to claw their way back, as Bond punched in his second rushing through the first quarter. Tucker touchdown of the game from 1 yard Stevens, who would play a critical out, narrowing the gap to 24-14. role throughout the game, added the Mirano's extra point cut the deficit, extra point, giving New Canaan an but Ludlowe's efforts to swing the momentum were thwarted by the Fairfield Ludlowe responded Rams' consistent defense and special teams.

Stevens' reliable 2-yard rushing touchdown, followed continued to bolster New Canaan's by a successful extra point from lead, as he nailed a 34-yard field goal Miko Mirano to tie the game at late in the third quarter. He would 7-7. However, New Canaan quickly later seal the game in the fourth regained the momentum as Henry quarter with an impressive 45-yard

The Rams' defense held firm in With the victory, New Canaan

late scoring surge from the Falcons. Staples Wreckers on October 19.

The Week's High School Snorts Round Un

Team	Date	Opponent	Result
Boys Fall Golf	2-Oct	Danbury	Win (152 - 164)
Boys Fall Golf	7-Oct	Darien	Loss (179 - 171)
Boys Soccer	5-Oct	Bridgeport Central	Win (2 - 1)
Boys Soccer	8-Oct	St. Joseph	Win (3 - 0)
Boys Football	5-Oct	Fairfield Ludlowe	Win (30 - 14)
Boys Cross Country	8-Oct	Bridgeport Central, Norwalk, Ridgefield	2nd Place
Girls Field Hockey	2-Oct	St. Joseph	Loss (0 - 2)
Girls Field Hockey	5-Oct	Branford	Loss (1 - 0)
Girls Field Hockey	7-Oct	Stamford	Loss (1 - 3)
Girls Volleyball	4-Oct	Darien	Loss (0 - 3)
Girls Volleyball	7-Oct	Brien McMahon	Loss (1 - 3)
Girls Soccer	4-Oct	Bridgeport Central	Win (7 - 0)
Girls Soccer	7-Oct	St. Joseph	Loss (0 - 1)
Girls Swimming	27-Sep	Ridgefield	Loss (82 - 104)
Girls Swimming	2-Oct	Staples	Not Posted
Girls Cross Country	8-Oct	Bridgeport Central, Norwalk, Ridgefield	1st Place
St. Luke's Boys Soccer	8-Oct	Putnam Science Academy	Loss (3 - 5)
St. Luke's Girls Soccer	7-Oct	Frederick Gunn School	No Score Reported

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the everyday impacts of climate change and potential solutions. The event is free, and registration is encouraged at https://www. newcanaanlibrary.org/hayhoe.

Planet New Canaan Receives Grant

Planet New Canaan was awarded a Community Impact Fund Grant from Eversource Energy. Chris from Eversource presented the check to Katie at the Swap Shop. The grant will support Planet New Canaan's projects.

Elliman Volunteers Aid Local Community



Douglas Elliman's New Canaan and Greenwich offices volunteered at Neighbor to Neighbor, assisting with food, clothing, and essential item distribution. Christa Kenin and Robyn Legenzowski participated in the event. This reflects Elliman's focus on community service. Photo credit: Robyn Bonder's Instagram.

SCHOOLS Six NCHS Students Named Semifinalists



Six New Canaan High School students have been named Semifinalists in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. They scored in the top 1% on the PSAT/NMSQT and are among 16,000 students nationwide to receive this recognition. Photo credit: NCHS

NCHS Model UN

The Model United Nations club at New Canaan High School, now led by Zeeshan Arastu, kicked off the year with a focus on participation and learning through experience. Senior Captain Sebastian Saradakis aims to help new members engage with the club. The team is preparing for year-round competitions and has seen an increase in underclassmen involvement.

New Canaan Tops School Rankings



New Canaan Public Schools was ranked #1 in Connecticut and #18 nationally in Niche's 2025 Best Schools and Districts rankings. The district received high marks in several categories, including academics and teachers, with a lower grade in diversity. The rankings are based on feedback from the community and data from the U.S. Department of Education. Photo credit: NCPS Instagram.

Lenci Visits Saint Luke's



Kent Lenci, founder of Middle Ground School Solutions, spoke to Saint Luke's School Middle School students during their Democracy & Discourse week. He focused on teaching them age-appropriate skills to navigate the complexities of the national political landscape. Photo credit: Saint Luke's School Instagram.

LOCAL POLITICS **Key Issues Debated**

At the Ridgefield Library's Candidates Forum, Kim Healy and Savet Constantine, candidates for Connecticut's 42nd House District, were the only participants after several others withdrew. Despite some last-minute changes, the debate provided an opportunity for the candidates to share their views on key issues like reproductive rights and housing affordability. Healy emphasized the importance of maintaining state control over abortion laws, while Constantine strongly advocated for protecting women's rights and addressing the state's housing shortage.

FROM HARTFORD

New CT Laws Now Effective

Several laws passed by the Connecticut General Assembly in 2024 went into effect on October 1st. These laws address safety for home health care aides, nursing home options for the elderly, and anti-discrimination protections for those receiving mental health care. More information is available at https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/ content/aeauto.asp.

ACROSS CT **World Food Day**

World Food Day, observed on October 16th, was established by the United Nations to address global hunger and food security. The day promotes action to ensure access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food for all. It highlights the challenges in achieving food equity worldwide.

CT Tests New Drunk Driving Technology

Connecticut is testing the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) to prevent impaired driving by using sensors to detect alcohol levels near the driver. If levels exceed the legal limit, the vehicle will not start. This technology is part of a broader effort to reduce drunk driving and may include continuous monitoring in future models.

National Dessert Day

National Dessert Day, celebrated on October 14th, highlights a wide variety of desserts, from cakes and cookies to pies and pastries. It encourages people to indulge in their favorite sweets and experiment with new recipes. The day is dedicated to enjoying and exploring the world of desserts.

OCTOBER 7TH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 88 Richmond Hill Road

Anthony Carpentieri, the owner of 88 Richmond Hill Road, has requested a zoning variance to legalize several unpermitted retaining walls and a sport court that were constructed within the required 8-foot setback on the property. The property, which is smaller than the required lot size for the B Residence Zone and is located adjacent to Mead Memorial Park, violated setback rules by placing these structures too close to the property lines. In addition, there were drainage issues resulting from the construction. To address this, a professional engineer evaluated the drainage system, and the Town Engineer approved the new analysis, suggesting improvements to make the retaining walls more aesthetically pleasing, particularly where visible from the park. The owner claims that the property's unique conditions-including its legally non-conforming size, proximity to a municipal park, and steep topography-justify the need for the variance. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) must now decide if these factors constitute a valid hardship and whether the retaining walls and sport court are reasonable uses of the land, warranting the granting of the variance.

115 Pastures Lane

David Schwartz, the owner of 115 Pastures Lane, has appealed a decision made by the Zoning Inspector to issue a zoning permit for a driveway gate at 78 & 92 Pastures Lane. Through his attorney, Schwartz argues that the permit was improperly issued while zoning violations still existed on the property. The appeal also includes claims about the failure to enforce zoning regulations. However, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has no authority over building permits or enforcement decisions; its role is limited to reviewing the zoning permit issuance. After a complaint was made about fencing on the property, the Zoning Inspector conducted an investigation and determined that the fences complied with zoning regulations. Only after confirming this did the inspector issue the permit for the gate on July 11, 2024. The ZBA must now review whether the zoning permit was issued in error based on the findings of the inspection and compliance with zoning regulations.

Folks Songs through the ages Performed by Grammy-Nominated Vocalist Ryland Angel

accompanied by St. Mark's Director of Music designated for Episcopal Relief and Development, Ministries, Ned Tipton, will present a recital titled to aid those affected by the devastation left from Folk Songs through the ages, featuring songs of hurricane Helene. the great Scottish lyricist and poet Robert Burns songs and poems). Irish, English, French, and 111 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, CT. American folk song in arrangements of Benjamin of folk songs from the Southern Appalachian the Baroque to new operatic commissions at

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 5pm, in the soaring (a sampling of his enormous output of over 550 mid-century modern St. Mark's Episcopal Church,

Britten, and others - from the Middle Ages to our international reputation on both the opera day. Additionally, Ryland will sing a short section and concert stage, in repertoire ranging from

Grammy-nominated vocalist Ryland Angel, Region: a special collection will be received, major opera houses, concert halls and festivals throughout Europe and the U.S. Mr. Angel has Tipton is Director of Music Ministries at St. Mark's, sung on more than 80 recordings, including and came to New Canaan after seven years at Stradella, Spears, O'Reagan, Handel, Monteverdi, twenty-one years as Director of Music at the Purcell and Bach, and on the film soundtracks American Cathedral in Paris. Mr. Tipton has British vocalist Ryland Angel has built an Prince and the PBS TV special Heavenly Voices, and Europe. to name just a few. Recent creations include Tesla, Fantini Futuro, The Call, Including Words and \$5 - available here. A light reception follows. The Chant Project.

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What Are Your For?

At election time, the virtues of support and encouragement hold even greater significance, especially as we navigate the emotional triggers that often dominate political discourse. In our small town, where personal connections bind us together, it is easy to be swept up in issues that provoke strong feelings but may not contribute to the constructive dialogues needed to address our real challenges. As we approach this election season, it is crucial to resist the allure of divisive rhetoric and focus instead on fostering meaningful conversations that unite rather than divide.

Anne Frank's observation that "nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world" reminds us of our responsibility to act with purpose and positivity at all times. During election periods, when disagreements can quickly escalate into hostility, embracing this philosophy can serve as a powerful antidote to the polarizing forces that threaten to disrupt community spirit.

Election campaigns often amplify criticisms and inflame emotions. Political adversaries capitalize on trigger issues—those contentious topics that spark instant reactions and often lack depth in addressing the root causes of problems. These issues are easy to latch onto because they provoke strong responses, yet they rarely foster the nuanced discussion necessary for genuine progress. By succumbing to these emotional appeals, we risk overlooking the broader and more pressing concerns that require thoughtful consideration. In doing so, we undermine the spirit of constructive debate and stifle the community's ability to engage in solutions-oriented dialogue.

The tendency to embrace criticism during election time is particularly detrimental in a close-knit town like New Canaan. Here, political divides do not occur in the abstract; they affect relationships between neighbors, co-workers, and friends. The atmosphere of suspicion and distrust fueled by constant negativity creates barriers to open communication. It discourages individuals from sharing diverse perspectives, fearing they may be met with hostility or dismissal. When we allow the cycle of criticism to dominate the public conversation, we diminish the capacity for growth and alienate those who seek to make a real difference.

In contrast, focusing on support and constructive engagement during this time can transform the election into an opportunity for collective improvement. When candidates and voters alike choose to champion ideas rather than tear down opponents, the result is a more informed and vibrant community. It becomes possible to elevate discussions beyond sound bites and slogan-driven politics, to address the underlying complexities of the issues at hand. As Helen Keller once noted, "Together we can do so much." In the context of elections, this means working collaboratively to find solutions that resonate across ideological divides, working harder that no one's voice is marginalized.

Moreover, how we conduct ourselves during elections sets a precedent for the years that follow. If we indulge in polarizing language and divisive tactics, we teach future generations that this is the acceptable way to engage in civic life. However, if we demonstrate that disagreements can be approached with respect and that support can be extended even in the midst of debate, we foster a culture where empathy and dialogue are valued over partisanship and conflict. The example we set during election seasons is a lesson in civic responsibility for young people, who will carry these attitudes into future leadership roles.

As the election approaches, it is vital for us to remain vigilant about the forces that drive us toward easy judgments and emotional appeals. Let's not be a community that settles for simplistic narratives or that allows criticism to drown out constructive discourse. Instead, we should aim to be a town that elevates conversations by addressing the complexities behind the issues, engaging thoughtfully with each other, and focusing on longterm solutions rather than short-term victories.

The choice between hyperbole and real dialogue may seem inconsequential in the heat of a campaign, but it carries lasting implications. We can improve our community in the present and set a foundation for a more united and forward-thinking future.

Editoria



LETTER

Rotary Thanks the New Canaan Community

The Rotary Club of New Canaan's 39th Annual Lobsterfest at senior neighbors that they are valued and remembered. the Steve Benko Pool Pavilion was a resounding success, thanks to our wonderful community's support.

Awards. Our partnership with Fjord Seafood and Walter Stewarts Market for food preparation has been invaluable since 2020.

Lobsterfest has become a beloved tradition, offering dine-in, parties centered around our event reflects its popularity.

Our special deliveries to Staying Put members are particularly meaningful, representing the heart of our community service. Staying Put is an organization that helps older residents remain in their homes and stay connected to the community. For many of these members, our Lobsterfest delivery might be a rare treat and a welcome connection to the broader New Canaan community.

A heartfelt note from Alice Byrd, a Staying Put member. beautifully captured why we do what we do, embodying our motto: "Service Above Self." Alice's words reminded us that seemingly small acts of kindness can have a profound impact. Her gratitude not only for the meal but for the personal interaction highlights how our service extends beyond just providing food-it's about creating moments of joy, fostering community connections, and showing our

These interactions are equally rewarding for our Rotary members. The simple act of delivering a lobster dinner becomes a We're grateful to our sponsors, whose contributions cover most meaningful exchange, often leading to cherished conversations and of our costs, allowing ticket sales to directly fund our annual Grant new friendships. It reinforces the idea that true community service is about building relationships and understanding the needs of all our neighbors, regardless of age or circumstance.

Through these deliveries, we're not just distributing meals; we're take-out, and home delivery options. The growing number of dinner nurturing the social fabric of New Canaan, bridging generational gaps, and ensuring that our older residents remain an integral part of our community life. This embodies the essence of Rotary's mission and reminds us why community service is so vital and

> In the coming weeks, our members will continue making connections as we deliver over 150 First Responder Dinners generously purchased by the community. There's still time to support this effort at www.newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.org.

> On behalf of the New Canaan Rotary Club, we extend our deepest gratitude to the entire New Canaan Community for making this event a true testament to community spirit.

> > Leo Karl III Lobsterfest Event Chair Rotary Club of New Canaan

LETTER

Closing the Escape Hatches

In classical T.A. (Transactional Analysis) Therapy, attention is often paid to the hidden escape hatches we may design for ourselves while creating a self-

Consider these quotations. They sound comic but may not be:

"I was so mad at Harold; I could have killed him."

"If Joan does that to me again, I'm jumping off a cliff."

"Oh my God, it keeps returning repeatedly and makes me crazy."

The Escape Hatches are: If things get bad enough, instead of

going on:

1) I can always kill someone. 2) I can always kill myself, or

3) I can go crazy.

If things get bad enough, I can always...

So how to close them? I had some beautiful successes with clients when I asked them to write a letter to themselves. Something like:

"Dear Bob, this is yourself writing to vou. I want vou to know and believe that I'm here for you and I'm ready to help you make some promises to yourself. Promises that you are not going to kill or hurt someone else; that you are not going to kill yourself; and that you are not going to go crazy. Please write those promises here again and sign this letter so that we

committed to surviving... Love, BOB"

I remember one father, who had asked me to see his son, calling me and saying, after just that one session - "What did you say to my son? He came home absolutely different and just seemed happy and relaxed." But of course, it wasn't what I said to him but what he said - wrote - to himself that made that difference. I helped him, and he helped himself.

Something we can all consider in our own lives is closing the Escape Hatches.

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Community Rallies for Southern Disaster Relief

Residents across Fairfield County have united in a remarkable show of support for those affected by recent disasters in the southern United States. Thanks to the generosity of individuals and local businesses, multiple drop-off locations are now open for donations of essential items that will be sent to help families in need.

State Senate candidate Kami Evans, who is also a Director at GCA, shared the moment that sparked this effort: "I woke up and called Dary Appleby, the CEO of GCA, and said, 'We need to do something.' We started with three GCA locations, and the others followed soon after. We are still growing the number of drop-off points. This is a community effort, and we will need helicopters to drop off the supplies-but first, we need to gather the supplies."

These collection points, now open at various locations, will remain operational until October 17th, with community members encouraged to contribute any supplies they can to help families in need.

Drop-Off Locations:

- GCA CT:
- Milford: 185 Plains Road, Milford, CT

- Norwalk: 277 Connecticut Avenue,
- Norwalk, CT 06854
- Fairfield: 85 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT 06824 (Sportsplex)
- Sacred Heart University (SHU):
- Inside the Church of the Holy Spirit,
- 5151 Park Ave, Fairfield, CT 06825 • Westport - Alina's Cakes & Cookies:
- 1252 Post Road East, Westport, CT
- 06880
- New Canaan RTC HQ:
- 116 Main Street, New Canaan, CT
- 06840
- Stamford RTC HQ: • 1007 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT
- Weston Norfield Grange:
- 12 Good Hill Road, Weston, CT 06883 **Requested Donation Items:**
- Non-perishable foods
- Sports drinks (powdered packets)
- Hydration packs (powder form) • Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and

Cleaning supplies

- toiletries • Diapers (children & adults)
- Baby formula
- Pet food (dog & cat)
- Bug spray, sunscreen, hand sanitizer

- Feminine hygiene products
- Manual can openers
- Heavy-duty work gloves • Trash bags (13-gallon or contractor)
- Socks and underwear (new, in packages)
- Sanitizer wipes
- Plastic utensils
- Baby wipes

The community effort is also calling on teens to get involved by volunteering. Interested teens should reach out to Hannah Evans at Hannah. YasmineEvans@gmail.com for more details on how to participate.

Businesses and individuals who would like to become additional dropoff locations are encouraged to contact Kami Evans at Kami.evans@icloud. com or call 203-212-9910.

With the collective efforts of Fairfield County, the goal is clear: to gather and deliver essential supplies to help those affected by the recent disasters. Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference in these communities' recovery.

For further information or inquiries, please contact Kami Evans at Kami. evans@icloud.com or 203-212-9910.

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An Explosion of Pink in October



By Yonni Wattenmaker

Each October, there is an explosion of pink as retailers, airlines, restaurants and others all around the country prepare to bring awareness to breast

At Breast Cancer Alliance, our pursuit of better treatments and, ultimately cures, is steadfast all year long, but October affords us a window of added attention to bring awareness, quality education and funding to the forefront.

Did you know that one in eight women, and one in 726 men, will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime?

Did you know that Black and

Ashkenazi (Eastern European) Jewish women are at higher risk for BRCA 1/2 mutations, but mortality is highest among Hispanic women?

Did you know that one quarter of the patients being treated for breast cancer are women under the age of 50, the Canaan downtown will also burden. age at which mammograms for women without a prior family history are recommended to being?

detected early, breast cancer innovative new research from has a 90% survival rate? Unfortunately, 30% of patients cures will ultimately occur. diagnosed with breast cancer Breast surgical fellowships, face metastatic disease for propelling more highly skilled, which there are enhanced specially trained doctors onto treatments but currently no the frontlines of breast cancer

entirety of October as a symbol the poverty line and for whom

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have an explosion of pink.

Why support BCA? All of the proceeds from your engagement in our activities go directly to Did you know that when grants for 2025. BCA will fund which new treatments and surgeries, is a critical part of On Tuesday, October 1, the our mission. BCA continues to BCA flag will once again be provide grants to institutions raised at Greenwich Town Hall to remove financial obstacles to where it will remain for the care for patients near or below

30 minutes each time; perform Breastcanceralliance.org self-breast exams each month so you can be aware of any and Fashion Show will be held changes in your breast tissue. at Westchester Country Club If you notice any lumps or on October 23rd from 11am abnormalities on your breast or until 2pm. In addition to the Inspires" by the YWCA in 2021. under your arms, regardless of stunning clothes from AKRIS, age or gender, be sure to consult and the inspiring story of The coach and founder of yonappetit.

you have an immediate family In addition to getting a member with a history of breast mammogram, there are other cancer, begin your screening steps you can take to promote ten years prior to their age at breast health. Maintaining diagnosis, even if that puts you a healthy lifestyle includes a under age 40. Want to learn "plant-slant" diet high on fruits more? We continue to host and vegetables and lower on free educational programs on fried and processed foods; line with our Webinar series, served as Executive Director exercise regularly, at least a few all of which can be found Breast Cancer Alliance since June times a week for a minimum of under the resources tab at 2011, one of the highest-rated and

of hope and possibility. In New medical costs are a crippling with your doctor right away. If Home Edit co-founder and com

breast cancer survivor, Clea Shearer, the signature Models of Inspiration fashion show will, yet again, be a highlight of the afternoon. A dozen brave and strong women will walk the runway, sharing their stories from diagnosis to the present. Club Pink: Your Fight is Our Fight, is this year's theme, and we urge you to join in that fight! Purchase your ticket to join us: https://one.bidpal.net/ bcaluncheon24/welcome

Yonni Wattenmaker has most prominent national breast BCA's Annual Luncheon cancer charities. In 2019 she was honored to be named one of "40" Fascinating Women" by WAG Magazine and a "Woman Who Yonni is also a certified health

Support for a common sense candidate, Nick Simmons

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Nick Simmons for CT State Senate District 36, which includes Greenwich, much of Stamford and much of New Canaan. I am a 20-year New Canaan resident. Having spent time with Nick and learning his background and policies I can wholeheartedly endorse him.

Nick has spent nearly his entire life in Connecticut and our district, except when he chose to leave a budding career on Wall Street to teach in an inner-city school in Harlem, and then again when he left to get a dual MBA/Public Policy Masters at Harvard. And, yes, the Biden administration did ask him to do a short stint in the Department of Education.

He, like most of us in this district, is a fiscal conservative. He wants to keep our taxes as low as possible, and thanks to his strong connections in Hartford (he was deputy chief of staff to Governor Lamont), is committed to bringing investment dollars from Hartford to our district. I'd rather have an insider arguing on our behalf than someone in the minority.

While I think Nick demonstrates all the qualities in someone who can represent us well - compassion, smarts, exceedingly strong work ethic, I also think he stands for other issues relative to his opponent that are important to people in the district.

In terms of gun control, his opponent, Ryan Fazio, voted against HB6667 which was a commonsense gun control bill. He also voted against HB 5414, where Connecticut was the first in the nation to in education and our schools.

pass such a bill, which protect providers of abortion services from legal repercussions by other states, and shields women who come to CT for abortions. Of course, these measures passed here in Connecticut, but why go on record against these bills?

I support Nick Simmons as a common sense, hardworking, compassionate, fiscal conservative who will represent us well in

Alan Badanes

Nick Simmons for CT state Senate

Letter to the Editor

Nick Simmons, Democrat to the has worked in government he constantly being challenged. well understands the legislative strengthen our gun safety laws, to lower taxes and invest Fall.

Nick is a strong advocate for It is important that we Elect environmental protection laws.

Nick strongly believes in a CT State Senate this Fall. As woman's right to choose in a an educator and someone who time when abortion rights are

Your Vote is important. Our process. Nick will work to Democracy is in danger, please Vote for Democrats to Win this

Ed Vollmer

Support for Nick

To the Editor:

resident, I am enthusiastically supporting Nick Simmons as senator for the 36th District. While he would be a new senator, he is not new to public service. In fact, Nick has an extensive resume in government, having served as deputy chief of staff to Gov. Ned Lamont, a position that gives him a deep understanding of the issues facing Connecticut and, just as important, our town and Fairfield County.

While working in the governor's office, he saw how the area's Republican members in advocating for state financial infrastructure, or needed senator in Hartford. highway and bridge repairs to alleviate traffic conditions. He

particularly couldn't understand As a longtime New Canaan why the incumbent senator, Nick is staunchly committed to protecting a woman's right to choose, to make her own decisions about health care.

It's long past time for a change, for a senator who supports our values and will be dedicated to representing what a large majority of New Canaan, Stamford and Greenwich supports. With his Masters in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School, and his Harvard M.B.A, coupled with the knowledge and practical skills he has acquired in his failed to join with Democrats public service career, New Canaan would truly be fortunate support to fix downtown to have Nick Simmons as our

> Sincerely, Susan B Edmands

Jason Bennett Smart, Enthusiastic, Forward-Thinking

To the Editor:

By electing Jason Bennett, voters in the House 125th district have the opportunity to bring a smart, enthusiastic, forward-thinking individual to represent New Canaan, Darien and Stamford.

As a Democrat, Jason would be a forceful, new voice in the General Assembly, speaking for women's reproductive rights, bolstering support for our terrific schools, valuing the need to protect the environment as the impact of climate change is increasingly evident, and, as a businessman, backing initiatives to grow the economy.

In recent remarks in before various crowds, Jason spoke of how he finds the motivation to give back to the community as a husband and father of three young daughters. He speaks of how he wants them to grow up in a community that's safe, that provides children with a strong education and allows women to

make their own decisions about their health and reproductive options.

As a chief technology officer and the owner of a local business, he knows the everyday challenges businesses face and how to work collaboratively, a skill he would bring to the legislature, to solve problems. In another context, he shows his compassion and empathy through his volunteer work as a crisis counselor, helping individuals facing mental health challenges.

His personality, his knowledge and his willingness to listen to what voters in the district need make him an ideal candidate, one that would be an articulate, fresh voice in the General Assembly. I'm voting for Jason Bennett in this election and I hope you will, too.

Mary Singh

LETTER

This year in Connecticut, all eligible voters may vote early in person, beginning on October 21st. New Canaan voters may vote General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?" at Town Hall, 77 Main St, New Canaan in Conference Room B. 1st Floor.

21stthrough November 3rd. The hours are generally from 10am - 6pm, with expanded hours of 8am - 8pm on October 29th and October 31st.

Whenever you choose to vote, you will have the opportunity to vote on a Referendum question on your ballot. VOTE YES on the Referendum! This will expand our voting rights by allowing all eligible voters to use mail in ballots, also referred to as absentee

The question on your ballot will read:

By expanding the availability of absentee ballots, we will make it easier for all citizens to exercise their fundamental right Early voting will be available every day from October to participate in our democracy. Currently, Connecticut voters can only use a mail in ballot if they meet one of certain limited criteria:

appearing at your polling place,

Absence from your town on Election Day prevents you from

place on Election Day because of sickness or physical disability (not do away with the arbitrary restrictions on absentee ballots. necessarily your sickness or disability),

Active service in the Military

Religious tenets forbid secular activity on the day of the election Duties as an election official at a polling place other than your

"Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the own during all of the hours of voting.

Voting YES on the Referendum will help our neighbors who may find in person voting inaccessible due to:

Working multiple jobs

Juggling family obligations Having unreliable transportation

Non physical disabilities and more.

I encourage all eligible voters inNew Canaan to VOTE YES on You are prevented from appearing at your assigned polling expanding absentee ballot access to all eligible voters! It's time to

> Respectfully, Susan O. Singer

LEGAL NOTICE | TOWN OF NEW CANAAN | NOTICE OF STATE ELECTION

November 5, 2024, State Election

The Electors of the Town of Windham are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the following purposes:

- To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, and Registrar of Voters.
- To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed Amendment to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "Yes" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "No" being a vote for disapproval:
 - Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?

The full text of such proposed question with explanatory text, printed in accordance with Sec. §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the Town Clerk's Office for public distribution.

The vote on the proposed question is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places on Election Day is as follows:

Voting District	Election Day Polling Place
District 1	New Canaan High School 11 Farm Road
District 2	Saxe Middle School 468 South Avenue
District 3	Saxe Middle School 468 South Avenue
District 4	East School 54 Little Brook Road
District 5	East School 54 Little Brook Road
District 6	East School 54 Little Brook Road

ABSENTEE BALLOTS will be counted at the following central location: New Canaan Town Hall, 77 Main St., New Canaan, CT.

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

During the 14-day early voting period before said election, the hours and location of early voting will be as indicated below. The early voting location will also offer Same-Day Registration (SDR).

Early Voting Day: Hours	Early Voting Location
October 21-28 & 30, 2024: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	New Canaan Town Hall - 77 Main Street
October 29 & 31, 2024: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	New Canaan Town Hall - 77 Main Street
November 1-3, 2024: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	New Canaan Town Hall – 77 Main Street

On Election Day, the hours and location of SDR will be as follows:

Election Day: Hours	SDR Location
6 a.m. to 8 p.m.	New Canaan Town Hall 77 Main Street New Canaan, CT 06840

Dated at New Canaan, Connecticut, this 4th day of October

CLAUDIA A.WEBER, CMC

NEW CANAAN TOWN CLERK

TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 15

Board of Selectmen 8:30 - 10 a.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via zoom

EMS Commission 6-7 p.m., EMS Headquarters

Utilities Commission

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

Wednesday, October 16

Police Commission

6-7 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication. Please contact the Town Clerk at 203-594-3070

Town Council

7-9 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.

October 11

NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

In observance of Columbus Day weekend, there will be no New Canaan Sentinel coffee this week. See you next week on October 18!

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

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

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/

Archtober Tours: SANAA, Materials, and Landscape

2:30-4 PM at Grace Farms

Join Grace Farms Architecture Advisor Toshihiro Oki along with the Grace Farms education team for a unique tour of the SANAA-designed River building and Barns. Tickets are \$30/adult and available at https:// tickets.gracefarms.org/events/019026a6-952e-a459-102c-5718be046c21

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/ horszowski-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

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.

Open Tech

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

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October 16

Watercolor Painting with Christen

Farley

10 AM- 12 PM at the New Canaan Museum & **Historical Society**

Join and learn the basic techniques of watercolor painting with Chris Farley. Farley is a watercolor artist who studied at the Silvermine Arts Center. Her image of the 1764 Hanford-Silliman House is currently on display in the windows of the Legacy Building at the New Canaan Library. Tickets are \$55/person. Register at https://nchistory. org/watercolor-painting-with-christenfarley/

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/chellesummer-vintage-textiles/

October 17

CSC's Throwback Thursday

7-10 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center This fundraising event will feature live performances of favorite songs from decades past by cast members of Connecticut Stage Company's (CSC) Into the Woods, Little Women, and upcoming Hair. Funds raised will enable CSC to offer free performances for our community. Tickets are \$100/ person and available at https://www. connecticutstagecompany.org/events.

SAVE THE DATE

October 18

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION 8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center **Sponsored by the New Canaan Sentinel** for a weekly community coffee and conversation.

Lit Lunch Spotlight: Roman Stories 11-12 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B.

Tate Conference Room In honor of our 17th annual Literary Luncheon, join librarians Tara and Kassidy to discuss Roman Stories by Pulitzer Prizewinning author Jhumpa Lahiri. For more information about Lit Lunch please email litlunch@newcanaanlibrary.org. Register at https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/litlunch-spotlight-roman-stories-101663

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 twoplayer format. For more information and to register please contact 203-594-3620.

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! There will be a Market harvest celebration with door prize drawings and a collection for the food bank.

Travel Photography: Beyond the Picture **Postcard**

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

In this class you will learn how to see and

Comprehensive Community Calendar think in new ways as you roam the globe with your camera and create images that go beyond merely capturing a destination's iconic landmarks. Learn a variety of approaches and techniques that will allow you to capture the heart and soul of a place in a myriad of different ways. All camera types and skill levels are welcome. Registration is \$60/members and \$75/non-members. Register at https://carriagebarn.org/event/ travel-photography/

Passport Center

1:30- 4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room

At this event, the US Passport team can help registered attendees process US passport applications, guide those that are processing renewals for adults, take passport photo. provide all forms, and make copies of all documents. Make an appointment at https:// www.fergusonlibrary.org/services/passports

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-winterchess-tournament-uscf-rated-quads-78555.

N. West Gallery One Year Anniversary **Party**

7-10:30 PM at N. West Gallery

Join in celebrating N. West Gallery's one year around the sun with art, music, food and drinks. In addition to the celebration, they will also be holding a silent auction for one of the framed works in the gallery in partnership with BreastCancer.org, and introducing the gallery's newest series, Steppin' to the A.M. by Nabil West. Free event.

October 20

Free Family Halloween Drop in

2-3 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center Join for a spooky story and a Halloween craft with Rebecca from the New Canaan Library. All ages welcome. Suggested donation of \$10 for entry. Register at https://carriagebarn.org/ event/family-halloween-drop-in/

Accidental Archivist: Preserving America's Legacy of Modernist Houses

3 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society

George Smart will share the story of how an energetic and dedicated team of volunteers documented thousands of Modernist houses across America. The Audience will learn basic principles of Modernist design, why preservation is important to our communities, and how easy it is to start a documentation and preservation effort with nothing more than a car, a cell phone, and a laptop. Tickets are free to members and \$10/non-members. Register at https:// lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/z28e8py

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://theglasshouse.org/whatson/glass-etudes/

October 21

Balance & Posture for Fall Prevention with Ellen

10 AM at the Lapham Center

This program is designed to decrease the risk of falling and improve upper and lower body strength. Posture exercises will strengthen the muscles that support the spine and contribute to overall balance and alignment. You must be able to stand on one foot with the support of a chair. Strength training with light weights included. \$100/person. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

Moving with Arthritis with Ellen

11-11:45 AM at the Lapham Center

This Arthritis Foundation program is proven to reduce the pain and stiffness associated with arthritis. Ellen will demonstrate exercises for every joint in the body from head to toe. The exercises can be performed sitting or standing. Strength training with light weights included. \$100/person. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

Fit for Life with Mike

12 PM at the Lapham Center

This class focuses on upper, lower, and core

muscle strength while emphasizing posture and balance. This class integrates elements of sports conditioning, yoga and Pilates. It is a dynamic and safe program, and every aspect is scalable to almost any fitness level. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

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/nonmembers. To purchase tickets visit https:// www.classy.org/event/grace-farms-2024annual-benefit/e569022

October 22

Open Tech

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

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Halloween Cupcake Workshop

4-5:15 and 5:45-7 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Join for a Halloween themed cupcake decorating workshop for children ages 5 and up. Each child will receive step-by-step, hands-on instruction to create four custom designs, then creatively package each treat to bring home. This event is \$55/members and \$60/non-members. To register for 4 PM visit https://carriagebarn.org/event/halloweencupcake-4pm-2/. To register for 5:45 PM visit https://carriagebarn.org/event/halloweencupcake-workshop-5-45pm-session/

October 23

Pumpkin Paint & Sip Evening

6:30-8:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Bring a pumpkin of any size and learn how to customize with lettering or a favorite motif using acrylic paint. Create a design that captures the essence of fall, brightens up your decor, compliments your table, or personalize as a gift. All supplies are provided excluding pumpkins. Tickets are \$25/members and \$30/non-members. Register at https:// carriagebarn.org/event/pumpkin-paint-sip/

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

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

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! Raise breast cancer awareness by wearing your pink to the market.

Archtober Tours: SANAA, Materials, and Landscape

2:30-4 PM at Grace Farms

Join Grace Farms Architecture Advisor Toshihiro Oki along with the Grace Farms education team for a unique tour of the SANAA-designed River building and Barns. Tickets are \$30/adult and available at https:// tickets.gracefarms.org/events/019026a6-952e-a459-102c-5718be046c21

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 oneof-a-kind jack-o-lantern walk. This event will

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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 27

Halloween Block Party

12-2 PM on Elm Street A family friendly New Canaan Tradition. Come for the trick or treating and stay for the music, courtesy of New Canaan's own School of Rock. The Howl-o-ween Dog Parade will begin in front of the Adirondack Store at 1:30 PM. Reserve a spot at https://www.eventbrite.com/ e/howl-o-ween-dog-paradetickets-1018858421967?

October 29

Open Tech

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

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Rising Hope Documentary with Q&A & Reception

5-10 PM at the Playhouse This event will begin with a showing of Rising Hope, followed by a Q&A with the director and cast. Tickets are \$23.18/person. Tickets and more information including show times are available at https://www.eventbrite. com/e/documentary-filmpremiere-registration-1007294293347?aff=oddtdtcr eator.

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/stamfordhealth-presents-healthiersleep-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-wordbasics-102313

Halloween Murder Mystery Party

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

Ghost Gala

Hosted by William Raveis This gala is merely an apparition. A creative figment of your imagination and a fundraising TRICK to help TREAT cancer patients with 100% of

your generous donation going to cancer research, instead of appearing on your calendar. More information is available at https://raveischaritablefund. c o m / i n d e x. cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive. event&eventID=601

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 5

Awesome Autumn Day

1-3 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center

Join the NCNC to enjoy a beautiful autumn day with your kids and the NCNC naturalists. Take part in family-friendly field games, autumnal crafts, marshmallow roasting at the campfire, animal meet & greet, and apple slingshots. This is a free drop-in program.

Open Tech

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

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November 15

Waveny's Golden Gala 5:30-10 PM at the Country

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

November 23

Holiday Market

10 AM- 5 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center

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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/

November 30

Thanksgiving Weekend Waddle

10 and 11 AM at the New Canaan Nature Center

Join the NCNC Naturalists for a healthy, invigorating Trail Trek to work off that holiday meal. This is a free drop-in event. More information available at https://newcanaannature.org/ thanksgiving-weekend-waddle/.

6:00pm

7:00pm

Girls Varsity Soccer @ Danbury High School

Boys Freshman Football vs Staples High School

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BLOOD DRIVES

Friday, Oct 11

United Church of Rowayton 210 Rowayton Ave Norwalk, CT 06853 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 12

Archangels Greek Orthodox Church 1527 Bedford Street Stamford, CT 06905 8:00 AM - 1:15 PM

Sunday, Oct 13

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

Tuesday, Oct 15

Waveny Lifecare Network 3 Farm Rd New Canaan, CT 06840 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct 16 Norwalk Inn, 99 East Ave

Norwalk, CT 06851 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

First Congregational Church of Darien 14 Brookside Road Darien, CT 06820 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, Oct 17

Masonic Lodge DARIEN 354 Post Road Darien, CT 06820 12:45 PM - 5:30 PM

Green's Farms Church 71 Hillandale Road Westport, CT 06880 12:30 AM - 5:30 PM

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

Friday, October 18

John Jay High School 60 N Salem Rd Cross River, NY 10518 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Support Services & Meetings

October 16

Setting Boundaries to Promote Recovery 7-8 PM at St. Mark's Church in Morrill Hall

Join as Amanda Craig discusses how to set healthy boundaries to promote recovery from addiction. For more information and to register visit https:// ncparentsupportgroup.org/ events/pathway-sessionusing-health-boundaries-topromote-recovery/

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

Every Wednesday

Canaan

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 7-8:30 PM

St. Mark's Episcopal Church New Canaan

Thursday, October 24

6:00pm

Boys Freshman Football @ Trumbull

Our Neighbors

October 19

5th annual Beardsley Gala

6 PM at the Inn at Longshore

260 Compo Rd S, Westport

The Zoo Gala is a wildly elegant evening out that benefits conservation efforts and education. Purchase tickets online at https://e.givesmart.com/ events/AWA/

Mansion's Costume Ball

7 PM at Shore & Country Club

> 220 Gregory Blvd, Norwalk

The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum will hold its Costume Ball. Individual tickets are \$300. More information available at https:// lockwood-mathewsmansion-museum.square.

October 25

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Halloween Parade

2 PM at Wakeman Town Farm

134 Cross Highway, Westport Get into the Halloween

spirit with your little one(s) at Wakeman Town Farm. Children ages 0-5 are welcome to attend. Each child will receive a mini pumpkin donated by Trader Joes Westport. Registration available at https://www. wakemantownfarm.org/ comingup/2024/9/27/ halloween-tot-parade-andsign-along-ages-0-5-1025

October 26

Help for Kids Gala

6 PM at Woodway Country Club. 540 Hoyt Street, Darien

Legacy of Love and Prevention: 35th Anniversary Gala. Honoring the New Canaan Exchange Club.

November 10 **Cars and Coffee**

7-10:30 AM at the Goodwives Shopping Center; 25 Old Kings Highway North, Darien

This Cars and Coffee will be featuring cars from France, Spain, Sweden an the Pacific Rim. Gates open at 6:30 am. To be eligible for a trophy, your car must be on the field by 7:30 am. Judging begins at 8:00 am.

Upcoming High School Sports Schedule

Friday, Oc	tohar 11	Friday, Oc	tober 18
3:30pm	Girls Varsity Swimming vs St. Joseph	4:00pm	Boys Freshman Soccer @ Danbury High School
3:30pm	Girls Varsity Field Hockey @ Greenwich High School	4:00pm	Boys JV Soccer vs Danbury High School
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Monday, C	October 14	4:00pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball vs Trumbull
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Bridgeport Central High School	5:30pm	Girls JV Volleyball vs Trumbull
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs Wilton High School		October 19
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball vs Bridgeport Central High School	9:45am	Boys JV Soccer @ Greenwich High School
4:15pm	Girls Freshman Field Hockey @ Wilton High School	9:45am	Boys Varsity Soccer @ Greenwich High School
5:30pm	Girls JV Field Hockey vs Wilton High School		E
5:30pm	Girls JV Volleyball vs Bridgeport Central High School	10:00am	Boys Freshman Soccer vs Greenwich High School
Tuesday, (October 15	10:00am	Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Trumbull
4:00pm	Girls JV Soccer vs Ridgefield High School	1:30pm	Boys Varsity Football vs Staples High School
6:30pm	Girls Varsity Soccer vs Ridgefield High School	Monday, C	October 21
Wednesda	ay, October 16	4:00pm	Girls Freshman Field Hockey @ Darien High School
2:30pm	Boys Varsity Cross Country vs Bridgeport Central High School	4:00pm	Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs Darien High School
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Cross Country vs Bridgeport Central High School	4:00pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball vs Ridgefield High School
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4:00pm	Boys JV Soccer @ Ridgefield High School	4:30pm	Girls JV Volleyball @ Ridgefield High School
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball @ St. Joseph	5:30pm	Girls JV Field Hockey vs Darien High School
4:00pm	Girls JV Volleyball vs St. Joseph	5:45pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Ridgefield High School
5:30pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball vs St. Joseph	6:15pm	Boys JV Football @ Staples High School
7:00pm	Boys Varsity Soccer @ Ridgefield High School	Wednesda	ay, October 23
Thursday,	October 17	3:30pm	Girls Varsity Swimming vs Darien High School
4:00pm	Girls Freshman Soccer vs Danbury High School	4:00pm	Girls Varsity Volleyball vs Danbury High School
4:00pm	Girls JV Soccer @ Danbury High School	4:00pm	Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Danbury High School
4:00pm	Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs Fairfield Warde		
5:30pm	Girls JV Field Hockey vs Fairfield Warde	5:30pm	Girls JV Volleyball vs Danbury High School

Worship Directory, Services, and Special Events

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.

First Church of Christ, Scientist 49 Park Street 203.966.0293

christiansciencect.org/newcanaan

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002 fpcnc.org

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

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

Upcoming Events:

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

October 20th after weekly worship service: Rev. Dr. Christy Lang Hearlson will discuss: let the little children be bored?

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020

www.starcc.com Service Schedule:

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:

October 24th from 9 AM-12 PM: Our Lady's Guild: Monthly Meeting. The topic will be Our Blessed Mother with Guest Speaker Rev. Ferry Galbert from Chaplain Campus Ministry St. Joseph High School.

October 26th from 5-11 PM: Married couples outing to Arthur Ave. Join for shopping, mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and dinner. Registration is \$160/couple and available at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ArthurAve#/

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515 churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org www.stmarksnewcanaan.org

Sunday Services: 8:00am: Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite I; 9:00am: Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II; 10am: Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite II (Live Stream also available on the St. Mark's website). Coffee Hour follows the 10am service. Church School during the 10am service: Godly Play for children in kindergarten through second grade; Holy Moly for third and fourth grades; Meet in the Middle for fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Professional childcare is offered for children ages four and under. Families with children who are not yet ready to separate for childcare are invited to use the rocking chairs at the rear of the chapel.

Weekday Services: Monday-Friday, 8:30am: Morning

PrayerRite II by Zoom.

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

Recurring Events:

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

First & Third Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm: Youth Group Wednesday 10am: Women's Alcoholics Anonymous

Upcoming Events:

October 19th from 5-7:30 PM: Grammy-nominated vocalist Ryland Angel, accompanied by St. Mark's Director of Music Ministries, Ned Tipton, will present a recital titled Folk Songs through the Ages. Tickets are \$30/ person and available at https://onrealm.org/stmarks/ PublicRegistrations/

October 25th-26th: A Men's Retreat: Building Faith in a Troubled World. This weekend in Darien will be filled with powerful teachings, heartfelt worship, and opportunities for personal reflection. This two-day retreat is \$225 and includes all meals. For more information and to register visit https://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/event/st-marks-mens-retreat-building-faith-in-a-troubled-world/

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

<u>Trinity Church</u> <u>New Canaan | Darien</u>

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 13th at 9:15 AM: Westchester Trinity Serves Sunday. Go out into the community and serve some of our local Trinity Serves Partners in Larchmont, NY. For more information and to register visit https:// trinitychurchlife.churchcenter.com/registrations/ events/2503606

October 26th at 9 AM: Journey of Generosity Day Retreat in Washington Township, NJ. \$250/person. For more information and to register visit https:// trinitychurchlife.churchcenter.com/registrations/ events/2428917

November 1st: Blood Drive hosted at Trinity Church in Cos Cob, CT. To register visit https://www.redcross-blood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Trinity-CosCob

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.

Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711 cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8a-

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

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Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

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 19th from 4-6 PM: Beach BBQ at Compo Beach in Westport. RSVP to bo@gracecommunity.info

October 26th at 4:30 PM: Trunk or Treat in the NCHS side parking lot. The raindate will be 10/27.

October 27th at 11 AM: Join Assistant Pastor Stuart Knechtle in the Wagner room for a post-service small group. It is a Bible study format, and it's open to all adults.

November 2nd from 5:30-7:30 PM: Middle School Lantern Festival at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo. RSVP to chris@gracecommunity.info.

<u>Talmadge Hill Community Church</u> 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.

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Service Schedule is available at https://www.newcanaanjewish.org/templates/articlecco_cdo/aid/5214939/jewish/Services.htm.

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)
458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903
203.322.1649
www.templesinaistamford.org

Service Schedule: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday – 6pm in person and via zoom 2nd & 4th – 7:30pm

Recurring Events:
Fridays at 12 PM: Torah Study

Second Saturday at 10:30 AM: Mussar

First and Third Fridays at 5:30 PM: Shabbat Service for Families with Young Children First Saturday at 8 AM: Avodat Halev Discussion Group

Temple Sholom

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

www.templesholom.com

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

Recurring Events:

Saturdays at 9 AM: Shabbat Study via zoom at https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcxU0EzZUM-2VENEZmgyUT09#success

Upcoming Events:

October 15th from 12-1 PM: Special Edition Sukkot Lunch n' Learn. A kosher lunch will be provided.

Francis of Assisi: A Saint for Our Times

By The Rev. John Kennedy

church celebrated St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the natural world. to live a life devoted to poverty His official feast day is on the 4th and he is the reason why so many churches, St. Mark's included, have a Blessing of the Animals service on a Sunday in early October. His life, story, and message have inspired untold numbers of people up until the present day. In a time when the natural world is perilously out of balance, and so many of us are caught in a pursuit of wealth and status that does not truly serve us or make us happy, he is very much a saint and model of holiness, joy, simplicity of life, and peace and unity that we need.

Francis was born in 1182 as the son of a wealthy merchant in Assisi, in central Italy. In his youth, he was a far cry from the Francis we know. He liked to wear fine clothing and go to extravagant parties. He aspired to military glory, though his attempts failed. Things changed after some encounters with or 44 in 1226. Only seven years beggars and people suffering after that, he was declared Pope, sounding an urgent call from leprosy. Something about this awakened his conscience. Around the same time, a great care of this planet, our common He then had a series of profound basilica was built in Assisi home. mystical experiences, and this where Francis is buried. On the

On Sunday, October 6, my changed the way that he saw the world.

> After this, Francis desired because he wanted to imitate his Lord, Jesus. This was met with intense opposition from his father. Undeterred, Francis renounced all of his possessions and materialistic values and devoted himself to the service of God in imitation of Christ.

Many people saw the life fabric of our society is torn and of joy, freedom, and love that fraying, our relationship to the Francis was living and thought, "Well, I want that!" and a movement gathered around him. There was something Francis' tomb in this basilica. community, and in the year 1210, a new vision of solidarity and Innocent III approved it. Francis called it the Rule for the Order of Friars Minor. "Friar" means love for the natural world and "brother" and "minor" just means "small; insignificant." He chose this name to emphasize his desire to be the least of God's servants. After this, the his feast day. He is the patron new Order of Friars Minor grew quickly throughout Europe.

Francis died at the age of 43 a saint by Pope Gregory IX.

Our relationship to the natural world is perilously out of balance... Francis is very much a saint and model of holiness, joy, simplicity, and peace we need.

feast of St. Francis in 2020, Pope Francis signed an encyclical - an official statement to the Church and to the world − on magnetic about him. Francis This document, called Fratelli wrote a Rule for this new tutti ("all brothers"), calls for

> St. Francis had a deep animals. He saw and loved God in and through all creation and all creatures, and this is why we bless animals on or near saint of ecology and it's no coincidence that Pope Francis, who took his name St. Francis. has been the climate change for all of us to take much better

understanding of all nature, of by the feet of the passersby." all things. A sacrament is an St. Bonaventure, the first outward sign — something we Franciscan theologian, also can see, touch, or hold on to - of wrote "Let us place our first inward grace, or spiritual reality step at the bottom, presenting and presence.

when he was about 28, Pope friendship among people of the in this way, including rocks. which we may pass over to If you look at images of other saints, it's common to see them wandering around nature and praying with their gaze directed up to the sky; "heavenward." With Francis, we often see him looking down at the ground or at an animal, because he saw God is an extraordinarily beautiful in the world - in the creatures

> Francis, written not long after nature. Francis died, we read that "Toward little worms even outside or for a walk in one of he glowed with a very great our parks around sunrise or love... he picked them up from sunset on a beautiful and clear

Francis had a sacramental safe place, lest they be crushed to ourselves the whole material Francis saw all of creation world as a mirror through God." Francis spent his life praying; he would pray lying on the ground, in caves, for days at

Francis' hometown of Assisi place, so it's natural that he was most comfortable in the In the first biography of outdoors; in the cathedral of

a time alone outside.

Sometimes, when I go the road and placed them in a day, I think how even the Sistine June 2023.

Chapel ceiling can't really top this. We have the holy ground of the earth beneath our feet, the trees for our walls, and the magnificent open sky for our ceiling.

We share with Francis the gift of living in a beautiful place. It is your cathedral. So, pray in it. Seek God in it. Let the land fill you up. Get in tune with the rhythms of nature, and of the changing seasons. Watch and listen for the animals. All of this can bring you to God.

And, if you find yourself searching for God, if you're wondering where God is, go outside for a while and then start to pray. God is not somewhere else. God is right here, all around us.

John joined St. Mark's as Associate Rector on Palm Sunday, 2023, after serving at St. Paul's in Ohio and Kent School in Connecticut. Ordained in 2020, he was sponsored by St. Mark's, where he had previously worked in youth ministry. John holds a Bachelor's in Music from Berklee College of Music and studied at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. He loves music, spiritual practice, hiking, and spending time with family. He and his wife, Emma, were married at St. Mark's in

<u>bituaries</u>

keep up with their broad scope of friends.

Beyond being a very busy mother of 4 children, Sue had two career paths she pursued; one as an office manager, with New Horizons (a corporate relocation business), Wellington & Albrect (the first all-female law firm in developed and founded the breakthrough C.O.P.E. (Change Connecticut) & Williams & Co (a graphic arts firm), the latter reignited her other career (or better said, passion) as an artist. Her early years as a painter transitioned into her second career as a sculptor in her later years. The sculpting was initially to revive her hand strength so she could paint again, however she took to it so well, she never went back. Her talent as a sculptor elevated to where her work was shown in several galleries across Connecticut, Southern Maine, and culminating into a full gallery showing in The Synchronicity Gallery in Manhattan.

She is survived by her eight great-grandchildren, six grandchildren and four children, John Calvin Slemp III and his wife Ann Hague Slemp, Gregory David Slemp, James Fredrick Slemp and Ellen Ridgely Slemp and her partner Karen Lee Hall.

Her smile, sparkle and joy for life will be remembered as well as missed by all that knew her.

A celebration of her life will be held at Hoyt Funeral Home in New Canaan on November 9, from 1 p.m. - 3p.m.



BARBARA JOHANSEN FEBRUARY 22, 1935 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Barbara Marie Kathleen Busse Johansen, devoted mother, beloved wife, loving sister and aunt, and nationally recognized oncology Social Worker, passed September 29.

A daughter of William Richard and Kathleen (McGowan) Busse, Barbara was born in New York City, and raised in Beechurst, NY. Barbara attended Chestnut Hill College, PA, graduating from Fordham University with a BS in Philosophy and Education (1956). At Fordham, Barbara met the love of her life, John Christian Johansen, III. They married in April, 1957. John became an officer and pilot in the US Air Force, as Barbara taught elementary school on Strategic Air Command bases in Maine, North Carolina and Texas. They returned to civilian life in 1960, and moved their young family from Long Island to New Canaan in 1966.

Barbara actively participated in the New Canaan New Comers' Club, the first Waveny Committees, AAUW, the New Canaan Town Band (bass drum), Nature Center,

forward to this "publication" as a spark and reminder to Scouting, Girls and Boys Baseball, St. Aloysius and St. Thomas More Churches, New Canaan Country School, and the Convent of the Sacred Heart (Greenwich) where John was a member of the Board of Trustees.

> Following her son Paul's death from cancer, Barbara of Pace Experiences); a 501-c3 offering programs for parents of children with cancer/catastrophic illness. Working with 16 New York area medical centers, COPE successfully served over 600 parents throughout the 1980's. In 1993, Barbara merged COPE with Paul Newman's Hole In The Wall Gang Camp in order to serve campers' parents. This parents' program continues to this day.

> A nationally recognized pioneer, author and leader in pediatric cancer and family care, Barbara was the recipient of dozens of national and regional awards for her oncology, family programs, innovative development of effective, successful not-for-profit organizations, and social work. Barbara appeared, with her family, on national television programs including 60 Minutes, America Alive, and Christopher Closeup.

> In 1988 Barbara received a Masters in Clinical Social Work from Fordham University. She worked as a Clinical Oncology Social Worker; first at Yale Child Study, then at Greenwich Hospital, from which she retired after 17 years. Barbara brought her deep compassion and commitment to her work. She was awarded the national American Cancer Society Lane Adams Award for Excellence in Social Work. Following her first retirement, Barbara returned to her passion, as a Clinical Social Worker, part-time, initially at Norwalk Hospital, and finally with the Town of New Canaan as the Senior Social Worker Case Manager, retiring in 2005.

> Barbara served on multiple Boards including The Hole In The Wall Gang (following the 1993 merger with her not-for-profit Change of Pace Experiences), The Center for Hope, Darien (co-founder), Staying Put In New Canaan (one of 5 co-founders).

> Barbara was a member of the New Canaan Winter Club (since 1976), and Woodway Country Club (since 1978) where she was on the Tennis Team, House and Beach Committees, and in the Book Group.

> A person of deep faith, Barbara had the gentlest spirit, and the strongest spine. Barbara loved her family, helping others, travel, music, reading, learning and gardening. Barbara is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Marie Johansen-Stagg, son-in-law, Kevin Michael Stagg, niece goddaughter Corinne O'Connor Montella, nephew - godson Dennis O'Connor (Karen), sister in law, Andrea Johansen and nephews Peter and Timothy Johansen (Karen). Barbara was predeceased by her son, Paul John Johansen (1979), her husband, John Christian Johansen, III (2003), and her sister, Natalie Busse Burr (2024).

> In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Barbara Johansen to the The Hole In The Wall Gang's Parents Program holeinthewallgang.org and Staying Put In New Canaan stayingputnc.org.

> A remembrance gathering was held at Hoyt Funeral Home, Thursday, October 10. A mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, October 11 at 10:30am, at St. Thomas More Church, Darien. Internment at Lakeview Cemetery, New Canaan, CT followed by a reception at Woodway Country Club, Darien. Memories and condolences may be emailed to kmbjohansen@gmail.com

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN Blessing of the Animals Bring your furry, scaly or feathery friends to our Sunday morning service for a blessing! All creatures great and small are welcome. Sunday Service October 13th, 10 am We look forward to meeting you and your pets! Bring a stuffed animal or a photo if your pet doesn't travel well or doesn't play well with others. Visit fpcnc.org or call us at 203-966-0002 ext 1

SUE GRESS

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Sproule in Norfolk, Virginia on June 5, 1932; passed away

for her lengthy annual Christmas letters she used to bring

her friends up to date with all of her exploits over the past

year along with all the family comings and goings, births,

marriages, careers and other adventures. Many looked

peacefully in her sleep on September 25.

Born to Samuel Jackson Sproule and Alfreda Jones

Sue had been a resident of New Canaan since 1964, was renowned among her large group of family and friends

> We believe everyone's life should be celebrated in their hometown newspaper. That is why obituaries in the Sentinel papers are published courtesy of the Sentinel Foundation. Email Caroll@SentinelHometownNews.com to submit a complimentary obituary.

Tips for Newcomers

By John Kriz

There's an inevitable learning curve for anyone new to an area. Where do I shop? What are the good restaurants? What are things we can do? What are the key email lists I should be on? And lots more. What follows is an unscientific, admittedly non-comprehensive assemblage of information for newcomers. Most of the groups listed have email lists to help you keep up on their activities.

Have we missed a group? Do you have something to add or amend? Let us know!

CLUBS & CIVIC GROUPS

New Canaan Newcomers Club https://www. newcanaannewcomers.com/ is a good first stop. Nearly seventy years young, this group provides a wide range of adult social and children's activities, and is a good source of advice.

New Canaan Country Club https://www. ccofnewcanaan.org/ NCCC is a private club with golf, racquet sports, a pool and catering facilities. There are several country clubs in nearby towns as well, plus public golf courses.

New Canaan Field Club https://www.nc-fc. com/ The Field Club is a private club with a pool, racquet sports, a summer children's camp and

ncwinterclub.com/ The Winter Club is a private clean-ups, native tree planning and food scrap club that provides skating and hockey.

New Canaan Exchange Club https://www. newcanaanexchangeclub.com/ is part of the national Exchange Club network, and holds twice/month meetings with speakers. Its focus is raising money through an annual golf outing, as well as its well known volunteer-run Christmas Tree and Wreath sales lot in Kiwanis Park, plus various civic outreach projects. Proceeds go to support local charities.

New Canaan Rotary Club https://www. newcanaanrotary.org/ is part of the international Rotary network and meets weekly. It pursues various charitable and civic projects, with its summertime Lobsterfest fundraiser being a prominent town event.

YMCA https://newcanaanymca.org/ The YMCA has a large, modern facility with pools, exercise equipment, classes, sports programs and much more for both young and old.

New Canaan Men's Club https:// newcanaanmensclub.org/ This local charity has speakers at its regular meetings, and holds a ncgardenclub.org/ This group maintains several range of social events for its members, many of whom are retired.

New Canaan Chamber of Commerce https:// newcanaanchamber.com/ The Chamber is an advocate for and liaison between New Canaan's businesses and non-profits, the town government and residents. Its newsletters and website provide information on many local events. The popular Sidewalk Sale in July is one of the many projects sponsored by the Chamber.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Howard M. Bossa Post #653 https://vfwpost653.square.site/ Regular meetings are held. Events include placing of flags on veterans' graves, and marching in the town's Memorial Day parade.

New Canaan Freemasons https://www. newcanaanfreemasons.com/ Harmony Lodge No. 67 A.F. & A.M. is the local group of one of the world's oldest fraternal organizations, with many philanthropic activities.

ARTS & CULTURE

New Canaan has an embarrassment of riches here.

New Canaan Society for the Arts https:// www.carriagebarn.org/ is more popularly known as the Carriage Barn Arts Center. It is housed in the former carriage barn in Waveny Park, and holds art exhibitions and classes, tours, music performances, lectures and youth programs. Its art shows provide a forum where local artists can showcase their works.

New Canaan Library https://www. newcanaanlibrary.org/ The New Canaan Library hosts not just books and recoded media, but also lectures, a diverse set of programs for young and old, concerts on the Green, and study and meeting facilities. Parking is available at the Center School lot just south of the library. There's also a café on site.

New Canaan Museum & Historical Society https://nchistory.org/ The town's historical society has several antique and historic buildings on its campus, as well as various collections. It also has vans that accommodate wheelchairs. holds many lectures and exhibitions, as well as an ice cream social in June.

Summer Theater of New Canaan https:// stonc.org/ With various educational and other youth programs, there are also plays and musicals.

New Canaan Chamber Music https:// newcanaanchambermusic.org/ Several programs are presented yearly, featuring world class

Town Players of New Canaan https://tpnc.org/ Several amateur and semi-professional plays and musicals are performed each year in the recently renovated Playhouse in Waveny Park.

Silvermine Arts Center https://www. silvermineart.org/ The Arts Center has a gallery where exhibitions are held, as well as classes and workshops.

Glass House, a world famous building and former

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also has a sculpture gallery, art gallery and several other buildings and art installations. Tours by appointment.

Grace Farms https://gracefarms.org/ Grace Farms is a charity focusing on nature, art, justice, community and faith. Many events, from world class orchestras to various lectures, cultural and sports programs, are set on it rolling eighty acre campus that's studded with art pieces, gardens and the famous River Building. There is also a small restaurant.

OUTDOORS AND ENVIRONMENT

Planet New Canaan https://www. planetnewcanaan.org/ A local charity, PNC focuses on sustainability and environmental issues. Programs include its Swap Shop, where usable items can be left to be taken and reused New Canaan Winter Club https://www. by others (keeping them out of landfills), river composting.

> New Canaan Land Trust https:// newcanaanlandtrust.org/ The land trust owns many properties in town as open space, with several having walking paths. It's also a partner in the regional Pollinator Pathway, and supports various conservation initiatives.

> New Canaan Nature Center https:// newcanaannature.org/ The Nature Center's 40 acre campus has walking trails and ponds, animals both large and small, exhibits, meeting facilities, a preschool program, a summer camp, and various lectures and other events such as a Fall Fair and maple syrup making.

> New Canaan Beautification League https:// www.newcanaanbeautification.org/ They install the hanging flower baskets around the downtown, maintain plants on traffic islands, engage in many civic beautification projects, and maintain the wonderful Lee Memorial Garden on Chichester Road.

> New Canaan Garden Club https://www. gardens around town, such as the Walled Garden in Waveny Park, as well as supporting various conservation and educational projects.

> Waveny Park Conservancy https:// wavenyparkconservancy.org/ This charity focuses on maintaining and enhancing Waveny Park, in partnership with the town.

SOCIAL SUPPORT

New Canaan CARES https://www. newcanaancares.org/ is a local charity focused on supporting health and wellness in the community through raising awareness and empowering participants with practical skills that promote positive health choices. Specific areas include alcohol and drugs, parenting and behavioral health.

New Canaan Community Foundation https:// www.newcanaancf.org/ is a local charity that makes grants, helps facilitate effective charitable giving, and hosts and supports various civic programs.

New Canaan Parent Support Group https:// ncparentsupportgroup.org/ The focus is on supporting parents of loved ones affected by addiction, and educating and raising awareness of addiction and substance abuse in the community. Its annual Addiction Awareness Vigil is a major town event.

Silver Hill Hospital https://silverhillhospital. org/Silver Hill is a private, not-for-profit hospital focused on treating people with addiction and mental illness. Inpatient, outpatient and transitional care is provided.

Staying Put https://stayingputnc.org/ Staying Put focuses on helping seniors 'age in place' and live confidently in their homes, and actively engaged in the community as they age. It also provides medical appointment rides for those who cannot drive.

Getabout https://getaboutnc.org/ Getabout provides local shopping and medical appointment transportation for adults who cannot drive. It

Voices Center for Resilience https:// voicescenter.org/ Founded just after 9/11, Voices is a charity that that assists communities in preparing for and recovering from traumatic events, and provides long-term support and resources that promote mental health care and wellness for victims' families, responders and survivors.

TOWN GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY

Town of New Canaan Government https:// www.newcanaan.info/ Information on town elected and appointed officials, boards and commissions, and much more. It's all here.

TOWN ALERTS

https://www.newcanaan.info/online_services/ emergency_call_out_system/index.php Here you can sign up to receive email, text and telephone alerts on matters both urgent and informative. Glass House https://theglasshouse.org/ The These include alerts from the Office of

property that is part of a 40 acre campus that as road closures); fire, police and other public safety; and health department programs.

> Transfer Station https://www.newcanaan.info/ departments/public works/transfer station.php Also known as the town dump, residents with passes (can be purchased at this website) can take refuse for disposal, as well as food scraps for composting. Free compost is periodically available for pass holders. In addition, larger items can be dropped for disposal, though there your supplier. There are many choices, with might be a fee depending on weight. The popular Swap Shop https://www.planetnewcanaan.org/ swap-shop/ is also located at the transfer station.

Ambulance https://newcanaanems.org/ New Canaan Emergency Medical Services has around 50 all-volunteer members, all EMTs. There are also several paramedics on staff. Mostly funded via charitable donations, the NCEMS has well equipped ambulances that respond to medical emergencies, and provides free transportation to Stamford and Norwalk hospitals. They also sponsor various medical training classes, such as CPR, for the community.

Fire https://newcanaanfire.com/ The town's fire department responds to fires and similar emergency events. It helps educate the public on fire safety and prevention. Many if its firefighters are volunteers.

Fire Marshall https://www.newcanaan.info/ public_safety/education_center/index.php The fire marshall periodically inspects commercial and apartment buildings for compliance with fire safety rules, and reviews construction applications for code compliance. In addition the fire marshall assists residents with fire safety risks in their homes, consults with homeowners regarding underground oil tanks, and conducts public education events on fire safety.

Police https://newcanaanpolice.org/ In addition to law enforcement, the police department issues firearm permits, provides fingerprinting **Sewerage** https://www.newcanaan.info/ for small children, will visit homes and provide security advice, and maintains a 'closed house' list whereby people who are away from home for more than a few days can have an officer visit their property at least weekly to check on it. You can also register your home alarm system, which is important as police, fire and ambulance need a precise address to reach you in an emergency.

New Canaan Community Emergency Response Team – CERT https://newcanaancert. org/ CERT is a volunteer group that works with police, fire, ambulance and other first responders during natural disasters and other emergency situations. During such events, first responders have their hands full, and CERT volunteers provide support and assistance.

SCHOOLS

New Canaan Public Schools https://www. ncps-k12.org/ The town's school system has been consistently ranked as one of the best in the country, with a range of academic and athletic programs, including those for students with special needs. There are three primary schools -East, West and South - plus Saxe Middle School and the New Canaan High School. Various Parent-Teacher Councils are active.

St. Luke's School https://www.stlukesct.org/ St. Luke's is a secular, private co-ed day school for grades 5-12.

New Canaan Country School https://www. countryschool.net/ NCCS is a pre-K through grade 9 co-ed independent day school.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) https://www.churchofjesuschrist. org/comeuntochrist

Congregational Church https://godsacre.org/ First Church of Christ, Scientist https:// christiansciencect.org/newcanaan/

First Presbyterian Church https://fpcnc.org/ St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church https://

starcc.com/ St. Mark's Episcopal Church https://www. stmarksnewcanaan.org/

St. Michael's Lutheran Church https:// stmichaelslutheran.org/ **Trinity Church** https://www.trinitychurch.life/

United Methodist Church https://www. umcofnewcanaan.org/ Community Baptist Church https://www.

Grace Community Church https://www. gracecommunity.info/

facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan

www.talmadgehill.org/

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center https:// www.newcanaanjewish.org/

Updates of services are posted weekly in the Sentinel.

UTILITIES

Electricity + Natural Gas https://www. eversource.com/content/residential Eversource is a Board member of Planet New Canaan, a local Emergency Management on urgent public safety, is the local utility that distributes electricity group focused on sustainability actions. https:// home of 'Harvard Five' architect Philip Johnson, health, severe weather and power outages; the and natural gas. Only some residences have www.planetnewcanaan.org The opinions stated is a National Trust for Historic Preservation First Selectman's Newsletter; Public Works (such natural gas connections; other residences are his own.

usually use fuel oil. It's a good idea to register with Eversource on its website (you'll need a customer number). Once registered, you can sign up for alerts on storms and possible outages, which are frequent in this area. Plus, if you have an outage, and have registered, reporting or checking on the restoration status of an outage is much easier. Eversource also has an app for your phone. Many people have private generators to deal with the frequent outages.

Electricity Supplier https://energizect.com/ In Connecticut, your electricity distributor (Eversource, which maintains the lines to your home) is different from the supplier. You can choose your supplier. If you don't choose one yourself, your supplier becomes the 'default option' and that might not be the cheapest option. Energize CT is where you go to choose or change variations on the percentage and mix of how the power was generated (solar, wind, nuclear, gas, coal etc.), cost per kilowatt hour, variable or fixed (and fixed for how long) cost, and whether there is a 'break fee' if you change supplier. The website also has information on subsidies, rebates and in-home energy assessments.

Internet, Cable & Telephone https://www. frontier.com/ https://www.optimum.net/ Both Frontier and Optimum provide local internet service, plus telephone using VoIP and cable TV.

Water https://www.aquarionwater.com/ Socalled 'town' water is supplied by Aquarion, a private company. If you are not in an area with town water, you have a well. If this is a new experience, here are some tips. If you have not done so, you might want to get your water tested. Some people have filters installed in their homes for drinking and cooking water. When your well pump fails, it just suddenly fails, and you will have no water. It's useful to have a relationship with a well company. These firms also usually install and maintain the pressure tanks in your basement where water is stored. Installing a new well pump costs several thousand dollars. Pumps last around twenty years, sometimes longer depending on luck and how often the pump runs. Drilling a new well can cost several tens of thousands of dollars.

departments/public_works/waste_water_ treatment.php Many residences are connected to the sanitary sewer system maintained by the town, which has a wastewater treatment plant. If you are not connected, you have a septic system and leach field. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain their septic system. Two words you never want to hear in the same sentence are 'septic problem'. So maintaining your septic system is a good idea. What to do? There are local firms that install and maintain septic systems. Regular maintenance includes pumping out your septic tank and inspecting the system. How often is recommended? Ask your septic company. It usually depends on usage. There are also special chemicals you can buy at local hardware stores that you pour down your toilet. These chemicals help 'eat' the solids in the tank and keep things flowing. If you do have a septic, the only things that should go down your drain are waste water, human waste and toilet paper: No feminine hygiene products or flushable wipes. And no food scraps or coffee grounds. Plus, be sure to only buy toilet paper that says 'Septic Safe'. It makes a difference.

SHOPPING + EATING OUT

The heart of New Canaan is its thriving, very walkable Downtown, where virtually all retail stores are located. Much information is available from the Chamber of Commerce https:// newcanaanchamber.com/ There are two large grocers in town - Acme and Walter Stewart's Market - plus many specialty food stores including a health food store, specialty butcher, tea and spice store, fish stores, bakeries and much more. Downtown also has a broad range of specialty stores, restaurants, cafes, hair and nail salons, and its recently renovated Playhouse with first run films, a café, bar and small restaurant.

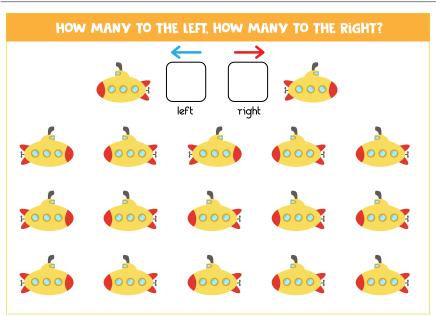
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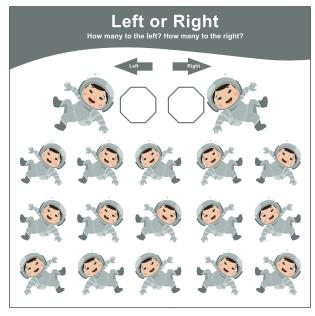
New Canaan has offices of many medical professionals: Primary care physicians, pediatricians, podiatrists, specialists, physical and occupational therapists, mental health counselors, massage therapists and dentists. Several primary care physicians in town operate so-called 'concierge' practices. These practices care for a limited number of patients, and typically charge a flat quarterly fee. They provide very prompt responses by telephone, text or email, and unlimited, short-wait appointments. They essentially provide all your primary care on a much more personalized basis. They do not accept insurance.

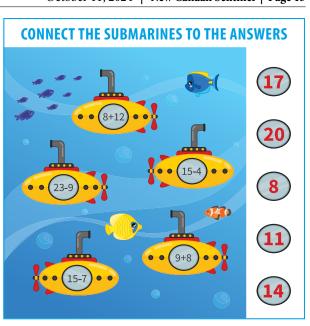
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Here, the best advice is to ask your friends and neighbors for recommendations. Real estate brokers are often good sources. It's useful as a homeowner to establish good relations with these service providers.

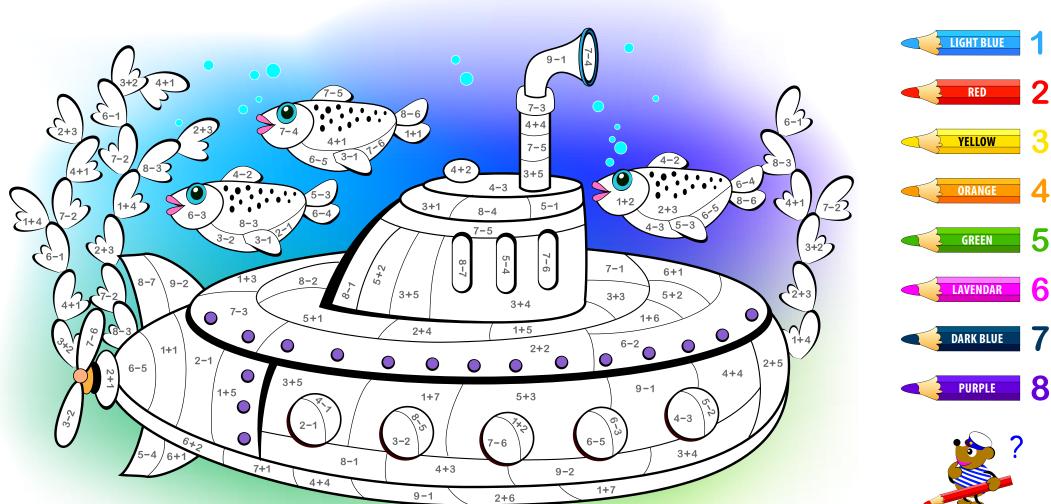
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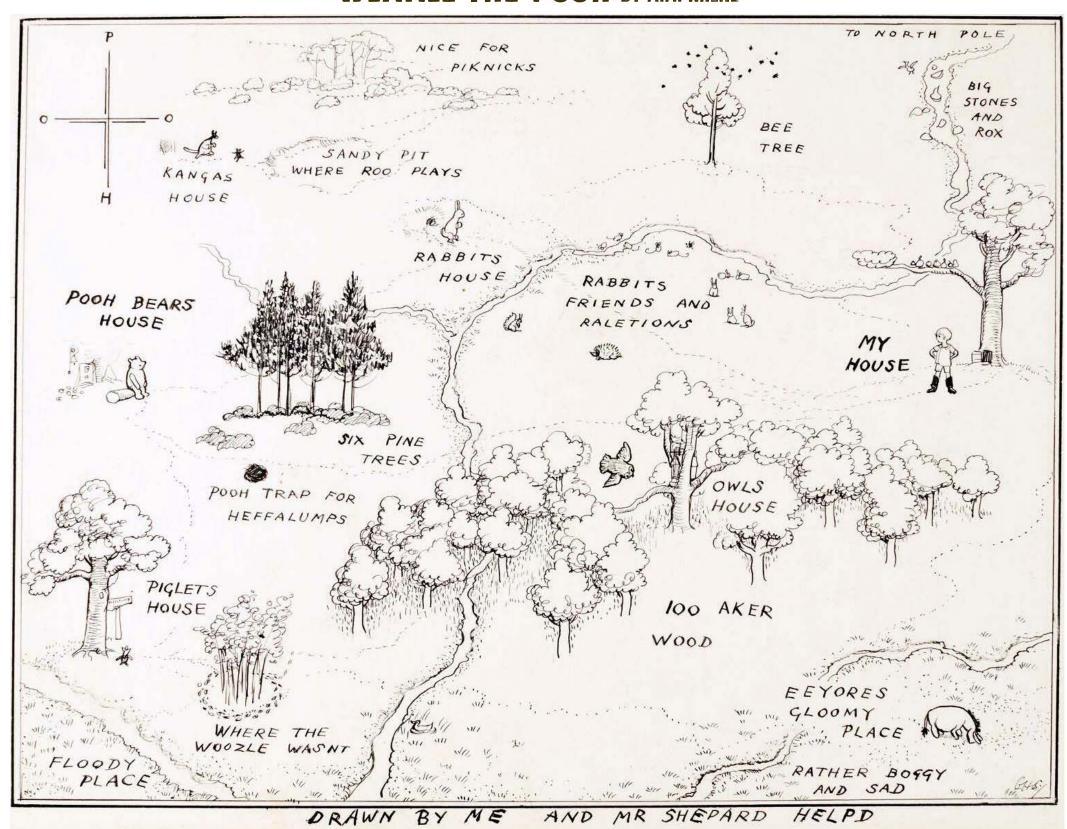
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WINNIE-THE-POOH BY A.A. MILNE



CHAPTER III

IN WHICH POOH AND PIGLET GO HUNTING AND NEARLY CATCH A WOOZLE

The Piglet lived in a very grand house in the middle of a beech-tree. and the beech-tree was in the middle of the forest, and the Piglet lived in the middle of the house. Next to his house was a piece of broken board which had: "TRESPASSERS W" on it. When Christopher Robin asked the Piglet what it meant, he said it was his grandfather's name, and had been in the family for a long time, Christopher Robin said you couldn't be called Trespassers W, and Piglet said yes, you could, because his grandfather was, and it was short for Trespassers Will, which was short for Trespassers William. And his grandfather had had two names in case he lost one-Trespassers after an uncle, and William after Trespassers.

his house, he happened to look up, and there was Winnie-the-Pooh. Pooh was walking round and round in a circle, thinking of something else, and when Piglet called to him, he just went on walking.

"Hallo!" said Piglet, "what are you doing?"

"Hunting," said Pooh.

"Hunting what?"

"Tracking something," said Winniethe-Pooh very mysteriously.

"Tracking what?" said Piglet, coming closer.

"That's just what I ask myself. I ask myself, What?"

"What do you think you'll answer?"

"I shall have to wait until I catch up with it," said Winnie-the-Pooh. "Now, look there." He pointed to the ground in front of him. "What do you see there?" sudden stop, and was bending over the tracks in a puzzled sort of way.

"What's the matter?" asked Piglet.

"It's a very funny thing," said Bear,
"but there seem to be two animals
now. This—whatever-it-was—has been
joined by another—whatever-it-is—and
the two of them are now proceeding
in company. Would you mind coming
with me, Piglet, in case they turn out
to be Hostile Animals?"

Piglet scratched his ear in a nice sort of way, and said that he had nothing to do until Friday, and would be delighted to come, in case it really was a Woozle.

"You mean, in case it really is two Woozles," said Winnie-the-Pooh, and Piglet said that anyhow he had nothing to do until Friday. So off they went together.



"I've got two names," said Christopher Robin carelessly.

"Well, there you are, that proves it," said Piglet.

One fine winter's day when Piglet was brushing away the snow in front of



"Tracks," said Piglet. "Paw-marks." He gave a little squeak of excitement. "Oh, Pooh! Do you think it's a—a—a Woozle?"

"It may be," said Pooh. "Sometimes it is, and sometimes it isn't. You never can tell with paw-marks."

With these few words he went on tracking, and Piglet, after watching him for a minute or two, ran after him. Winnie-the-Pooh had come to a



There was a small spinney of larch trees just here, and it seemed as if the two Woozles, if that is what they were, had been going round this spinney; so round this spinney went Pooh and Piglet after them; Piglet passing the time by telling Pooh what his Grandfather Trespassers W had done to Remove Stiffness after Tracking, and how his Grandfather Trespassers W had suffered in his later years from Shortness of Breath, and other matters of interest, and Pooh wondering what a Grandfather was like, and if perhaps this was Two Grandfathers they were after now, and, if so, whether he would be allowed to take one home and keep it, and what Christopher Robin would say. And still the tracks went on in front of them....

Suddenly Winnie-the-Pooh stopped, and pointed excitedly in front of him. "Look!"

"What?" said Piglet, with a jump. And then, to show that he hadn't been frightened, he jumped up and down once or twice more in an exercising sort of way.



"The tracks!" said Pooh. "A third animal has joined the other two!"

"Pooh!" cried Piglet. "Do you think it is another Woozle?"

"No," said Pooh, "because it makes different marks. It is either Two Woozles and one, as it might be, Wizzle, or Two, as it might be, Wizzles and one, if so it is, Woozle. Let us continue to follow them."

So they went on, feeling just a little anxious now, in case the three animals in front of them were of Hostile Intent. And Piglet wished very much that his Grandfather T. W. were there, instead of elsewhere, and Pooh thought how nice it would be if they met Christopher Robin suddenly but quite accidentally, and only because he liked Christopher Robin so much. And then, all of a sudden, Winnie-the-Pooh stopped again, and licked the tip of his nose in a cooling manner, for he was feeling more hot and anxious than ever in his life before. There were four animals in front of them!

"Do you see, Piglet? Look at their tracks! Three, as it were, Woozles, and one, as it was, Wizzle. Another Woozle has joined them!"

And so it seemed to be. There were the tracks; crossing over each other here, getting muddled up with each other there; but, quite plainly every now and then, the tracks of four sets of paws.



"I think," said Piglet, when he had licked the tip of his nose too, and found that it brought very little comfort, "I think that I have just remembered something. I have just remembered something that I forgot to do yesterday and shan't be able to do to-morrow. So I suppose I really ought to go back and do it now."

"We'll do it this afternoon, and I'll come with you," said Pooh.

"It isn't the sort of thing you can do in the afternoon," said Piglet quickly.
"It's a very particular morning thing, that has to be done in the morning, and, if possible, between the hours of—What would you say the time was?"

"It's Christopher Robin," he said.

"Ah, then you'll be all right," said Piglet. "You'll be quite safe with him. Good-bye," and he trotted off home as quickly as he could, very glad to be Out of All Danger again.

Christopher Robin came slowly down his tree.

"Silly old Bear," he said, "what were you doing? First you went round the spinney twice by yourself, and then Piglet ran after you and you went round again together, and then you were just going round a fourth time—

"Wait a moment," said Winnie-the-Pooh, holding up his paw.

He sat down and thought, in the most thoughtful way he could think. Then he fitted his paw into one of the Tracks ... and then he scratched his nose twice, and stood up.

"Yes," said Winnie-the-Pooh.

"I see now," said Winnie-the-Pooh.

"I have been Foolish and Deluded," said he, "and I am a Bear of No Brain at All."

"You're the Best Bear in All the World," said Christopher Robin soothingly.

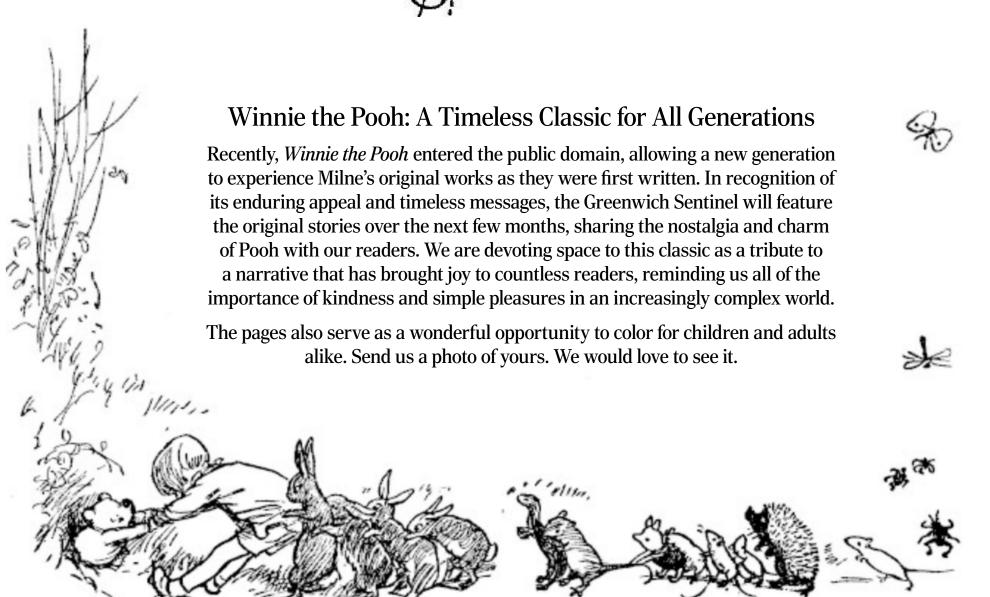
"Am I?" said Pooh hopefully. And then

he brightened up suddenly.

"Anyhow," he said, "it is nearly Luncheon Time."

So he went home for it.





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- "Batman" 26 actress Kitt
- "Come in!" 33 Big fan of what's in store?
- **37** Corp. figure who may be anti-union
- 38 Movie line delivered at the mines of Moria
- "Car Talk" network
- 42 Wheeled refreshment server 43 Labor
- activist Chavez

- 46 Philly sandwich 47 Fixes, as code
- energy? 53 Bad font choice for a master's

50 Green

- thesis **58** Nameless John
- One of an Iraqi minority Birthday
- party handouts
- what you did there!' "Those rumors are
- correct" 65 Brooklyn
- hoopsters **66** Male turkey 67 Buttheads
- **DOWN** 1 Jack who could eat
- no fat 2 Japan's
- 'Eternal City" 3 "Mum's the word"
- 4 Kraken's org. **5** Defensive resources for sauid
- 6 Italy's 'Eternal Citv" **7** 172,742 square miles,
- for Uzbekistan 8 Indie singer
- Arlo 9 Get a closer shot
- 10 They're used to count down the days until Christmas
- 11 "Color me surprised!"

- **12** ID with a billion
- possibilities " "Mind the __
- **15** Fill satisfactorily 21 Be indebted
- to 23 Shrill barks **25** "Do See
- God?" (palindromic book) Pep rally
- sound "The thing I'm pointing to"
- Logical flaw **30** Deity praised during Eid al-Adha
- 32 Like an optimistic outlook
- **33** Align 34 Desired,
- with "for" 35 Really
- digging Former "Iron Chef America" chef Cat _

39 Doll (up) **40** Ballet 101 7/23

- bend
- 44 Humble dwellings
- **45** Mojito
- component 48 One of fashion's
- Hadid sisters 49 Jazz poet Gil -Heron
- **51** What "in" things are in **52** Affirmative
- answers 54 Passable,
- at best 55 First man in
- Genesis 56 Zero, in a
- soccer game "CSI: NY"
- actress Ward **59** They're all relatives
- _ the force, Luke" **62** "Dynamite" septet

60

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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The (K) Clues Are for Kids

ACROSS

- 1. (K) Sunrise direction
- 5. Like extremely eager fans 9. Card game that ends with
- a shout
- **12.** (K) Tooth pain 13. Rub the wrong
- way 14. Trouble and commotion, to
- Shakespeare **15.** (K) Farmer's batch
- 16. Powder used on baby bottoms
- **17.** (K) Pay-___-
- view 18. As a result, in
- contracts 20. Crosswise, on
- a ship 22. (K) 1773 Boston Harbor drink?
- 23. (K) Guys (popular game)
- **25.** (K) Snake with a tight squeeze **27.** (K) "Time ___

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

Scrambled word?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

Cure for rotating baldness?

4-D) RETREAD

tell ..."

29. Follow

Created by Timothy E. Parke

- 33. Gabriel's (3 words)
- **36.** (K) Shoe part **37.** (K) The best
- **38.** (K) Allow to happen
- 39. Sauce or milk source
- person
- basket
- once **50.** (K) Kit from
- American Girl, e.g.
- 53. Voicemail
- 54. (K) Delivery on a farm?
- **56.** Huge type of
- **57.** (K) What doctors charge
- **58.** Restless and

nervous

59. Sign of things

- favorite food?
- possible price
- 41. (K) Every single
- 43. Angler's
- 46. Arctic jacket 49. (K) Possessed
- signal
- **55.** (K) K-pop star
- bag

- to come in Nome? **DOWN**
- 1. (K) Per person 2. (K) Good land for a homestead
- 3. (K) U-turn from abundance 4. Comanche Native
- American home of old
- 5. Pretentious 6. By way of 7. (K) Not feeling
- well 8. (K) Something to stick on a
- bike or bumper 9. Drop your jaw in amazement
- 10. Inventor's first step
- 11. Standard of measurement **19.** (K) Weep hard

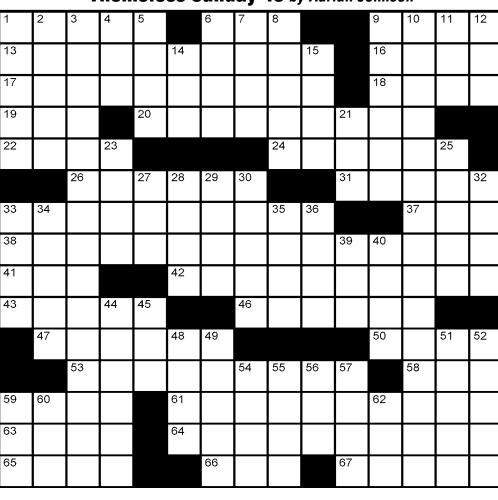
- **25.** (K) What Scrooge says **26.** (K) Low
- single-digit 28. Far from
- certain **30.** (K) Place to
- dance in a tuxedo
- 31. out a meager existence
- 32. (K) "Not later maybe"
- **34.** (K) "What can you do?"
- **35.** (K) College campus head
- 40. A past goodie? 42. Gambling game 43. (K) Restaurant VIP 44. Anger 45. (K) Part of a seat 46. War buddy

47. Poker pay-in and loudly amount 21. Alliance of countries 48. Gung-ho _ and fauna 51. (K) Even? No 52. (K) Tree part on 24. Shaving cream the ground ingredient 30 31

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

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Themeless Sunday 43 by Adrian Johnson



Astrology for Next Week

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct The Sun in Libra is perfectly linked to Jupiter, planet of good fortune, but don't take anything for granted. As Jupiter is retrograde nothing is as it seems, so think hard before taking a gamble that looks sure to pay off. You could overlook something important.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov There's no point resisting something you know is going to happen. All you can do is adapt yourself to the tide of events and find ways to make it pay - or at least ensure it doesn't hurt too much. Don't be fatalistic but know when to stop fighting a lost cause.

SAGITTARIUS

 $23 \ Nov-21 \ Dec$ Are you living up to your highest ideals? Your standards have been slipping and you know you must do something to raise them. Keep your ears and eyes open: the Sun, linked to your ruler Jupiter, suggests that "something" is coming your way.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan Your can't get excited about what you're doing because it is not what you enjoy. You're not easily bored but you do like to work on things that interest you and provide variety. If what you're doing is dull it may be time to seek something new.

AQUARIUS 21 Jan-19 Feb Lively cosmic forces will make the worries and woes plaguing you seem irrelevant. The danger is you will go to the other extreme and act as if nothing carries a risk. That would be foolish and you know it. Make sure you get the balance right.

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March Being a sensitive soul you can get touchy and if someone now probes one of your sore spots there is a good chance you will overreact. That will alert your rivals and make it easier for them to get under your skin. Try to stay calm.

21 March-20 April The approaching Aries Lunar Eclipse will make you unusually moody and you are liable to snap at people for the slightest reason - or no reason at all. By the weekend you may regret being so short-tempered but don't worry, no harm will have been done.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May Stop trying to control everything in your life and let fate guide you in the right direction. That applies especially to your work and finances where, the planets indicate, it's safe to let others lead - even, to make some decisions for you. Do less and do better.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June A Sun-Jupiter union makes you feel anything is possible - and maybe it is. However, as Jupiter is currently retrograde, remember that even a Gemini has limits, and that the higher you fly the further there is to fall. Give it some thought.

22 June-23 July There's really no need to be distrustful. If someone makes you a proposal don't turn them away - listen to what they have to say and assess it on its merits. Also, if you need help with a family problem - ask. Don't try to tackle it on your own.

LEO **24 July-23 Aug** Keep routine tasks to a minimum and you'll have time to impress a certain person you're hoping to get close to. They're as eager to know you as you are to know them but they won't get the chance if you hide yourself behind a

mountain of work.

VIRGO 24 Aug-23 Sept You're more willing than usual to overlook others' failings and faults. Maybe you're in a mellow phase or maybe you're lulling someone into a false sense of security so you can pounce on them later. Either way, things are likely to

go smoothly for a change. Discover more about yourself at sallybrompton.com

7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses $\frac{1}{8}$ 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

2 feeling dizzy (5)

5 quickly changing (5)

6 most sentimental (8)

SOLUTIONS 1 standing up to hard use (7)

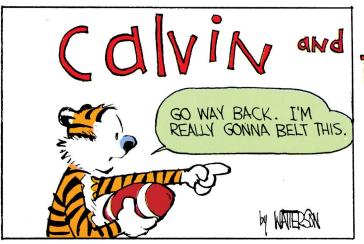
3 NYC art museum (7) 4 "The Wedding Singer" Adam (7)

7 heliotropic plant (9) EY MU DU ER OZY BLE WER SH FL SA SUN NDL WH RA ΙE

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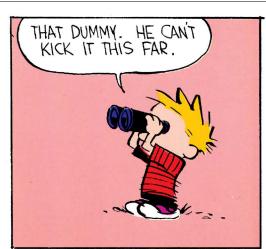
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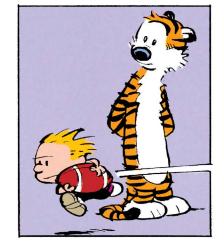












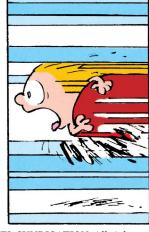


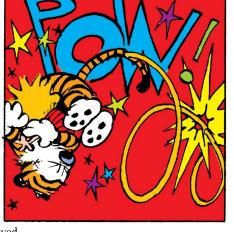


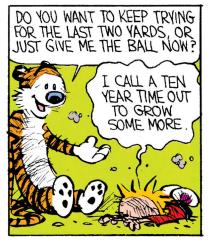
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 $CALVIN\ AND\ HOBBES\ @\ 1987\ Watterson.\ Reprinted\ with\ permission\ of\ ANDREWS\ MCMEEL\ SYNDICATION.\ All\ rights\ reserved.$ **COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE AMERICAN DIPPER**

The Only Truly Aquatic Songbird in North America

BY JIM KNOX

I stood in Montana and gazed out on Wyoming. From my vantage point on the deck of our cabin, perched on the ridgeline of a foothill, I surveyed the North entrance of Yellowstone National Park. Wolves and Elk roamed the ridges rimming the valley far below, and earlier in the week, at least one Grizzly had passed within vards of our location.

We were in Yellowstone searching for America's megafauna; bears, wolves, bison, and moose, yet those creatures are not the only ambassadors of true wilderness. True wilderness is defined not by the big and bold, as much as by the small and reclusive creatures who call it home. Movement caught my eye, and it was drawn to a small gray bird which had alighted on the handrail of the deck. Alert and quick, it was off in a flash but not before I had identified it as a species synonymous with the mountains of the American West.

The American Dipper, Cinclus mexicanus, is both a marvel of nature and a resident of pristine wilderness throughout the American West. One of just five Dipper species found worldwide, the American Dipper is shaped by the environment in which it thrives. A stout gray bird with a brownish-gray head, black beak, long yellow legs, a short stiff tail, the Dipper is at first glance, somewhat unremarkable. Yet, as with all wild creatures, a closer look invites wonder.

As the only truly aquatic

songbird on the North American continent, this specialist seeks out cold, pure, fast streams and rivers in the American Mountain West from Mexico to Alaska. As a strict carnivore with a taste for aquatic insects, the 8-inch-long Dipper "dips" into the impossibly fast currents of mountain streams and rivers where its "flies" along the riverbed searching for prey. With the aid of strong gripping feet and wings with an extremely short 11-inch span, the Dipper walks along the bottom, anchoring itself, or strokes powerfully amidst the current to move within the churning whitewater. Although preferring mayflies, Caddisflies and beetles, the Dipper will hunt worms, snails, and small



The American Dipper

the Dipper possesses a stocky metabolism, an enhanced oxygencarrying capacity in its blood and advanced thermoregulation system to keep it warm in frigid 8-inch bird does submerge, it to navigate the turbulent waters, in search of prey.

only migrating to neighboring ice-

As a species requiring swift, heat-conserving form, slow cold, highly oxygenated mountain streams, Dippers are a reliable indicator species of pristine habitat. Their decline or absence in their historic range often mountain waters. When the indicates pollution, or other forms of habitat degradation. Yet, their can dive an astonishing 20 feet. presence is a proclamation for There, it can utilize its remarkable wilderness. When we encounter clear inner eyelids—known as the Dipper, we encounter the wild. nictitating membranes—as goggles Shunning the easy life, Dippers often follow canyon river channels flipping stones along the riverbed or winding streams to avoid overland flights. With my sighting This little bird is as hardy taking place just over 1,000 yards as they come-enduring brutal of the Yellowstone River, I was mercury plummets to 50 degrees extremely fortunate to observe a below zero-flitting to ice-free Dipper in the quiet of a Montana zones of its home river or stream, mountain morning, so far beyond the rushing currents in the valley

Aside from an assemblage of fine-tuned aquatic adaptations, what is it we can learn from these modest little birds? Just like the American Dipper, though seemingly outmatched compared to the obstacles confronting us, we can navigate the swift and swirling eddies which often surround us and threaten to push us away from our objectives. When life does threaten to knock us off course, we must employ our unique and innate abilities to achieve our goals, wresting triumph from torrent.

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.

I stood in Montana and gazed out on Wyoming. From my vantage point on the deck of our cabin, perched on the ridgeline of a foothill, I surveyed the North entrance of Yellowstone National Park.

crustaceans as well as tiny fish.

Built for life in whitewater, the Dipper braves chill and torrent alike. A sealable nasal flap covering the bird's nares or nostrils, long strong toes, short powerful wings, dense warm

feathers, equip the Dipper with a full complement of physical

plumage, and a large preening its loud call and its conspicuous oil gland for waterproofing white "eyelid" feathers-which produce a "white flash" when it blinks—enable it to be heard and adaptations for a life spent in and seen by other Dippers amidst out of swift, cold water. In fact, the roar of and action of its the bird is so specialized even whitewater habitat. In addition,

free waterways when its home waters freeze solid! Utilizing its inhospitable habitat as refuge, the Dipper avoids many of the dangers posed by predators in less

forbidding habitats.



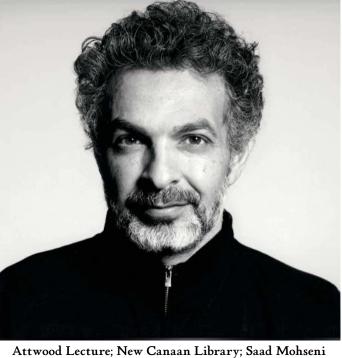


Saad Mohseni, Time 100 Honoree, Author, and CEO of Media Company Moby Group, Presents William Attwood Memorial Lecture

New Canaan Library is pleased to announce this year's William Attwood Lecture will be delivered by Saad Mohseni, author of Radio Free Afghanistan: A Twenty-Year Odyssey for an Independent Voice in Kabul and the Chairman and CEO of Moby Group, Afghanistan's largest media company. The event takes place on Friday, November 1 at 7 PM in the Library's Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium. Please register to attend: newcanaanlibrary. org. Elm Street Books will be on site with copies available for purchase.

Saad Mohseni speak about his book Radio Free Afghanistan, a deeply moving and surprising story of the attempt to build a founding member of MTV Networks.

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NEW CANAAN BASEBALL

NEW TURF STADIUM AT COPPO FIELD

New Canaan Baseball and the New Canaan Athletic Foundation are raising funds for the planned

turf footprint by close to 30%.

Master Plans

a truly independent media narrative, Mohseni charts a at Moby affords him company in contemporary twenty-year effort to bring unique insights into this Afghanistan. He will be a free press to his country extraordinary yet troubled interviewed by Tom Freston, after years of Taliban rule country, the youngest in former CEO of Viacom and and relates how that effort the world outside of Sub-

persists even after the Saharan Africa. His powerful David Brooks, and many Taliban's return to power account captures the others. compelling in 2021. Mohseni's position spirit and resilience of the

Afghan people—notably the hundreds of men and women still working in Moby's Kabul office today, who, once again under Taliban rule, create programs, report the news, and educate the public.

The Attwood Lecture: The William Attwood Lecture Series presents distinguished speakers from the global fields of journalism, politics, government, and literature to the community. The Series honors longtime New Canaan resident, journalist, and author William Attwood, who during his professional career was a presidential speechwriter for John F. Kennedy and ambassador to Guinea and Kenya. Saad Mohseni joins a roster of esteemed Attwood lecturers, including Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, Arthur Schlesinger, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Richard Holbrook,



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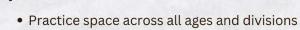




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construction of a new turf baseball stadium at Coppo Field in Waveny Park. Construction is planned to commence in September 2024 with completion slated for opening day in the Spring of 2025. The field will be fully turfed and serve our youth, middle 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



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• Home of Bitty Rams Tee-Ball

• Home of Kindergarten and 1st Grade baseball

Optionality for 46/60 and 50/70 play

Site Plans



Press Box and Grandstands

Phase 1 Plans



Home Dugout - Field View





Field View



Home Dugout - Field Side











\$1,000,000

- "Family Name" Stadium at Coppo Field
- NCAF recognition at Dunning donor wall
- Tiered-level plaque recognition

\$100,000

NCAF recognition at Dunning

· Brick recognition at field

• Tiered-level plaque recognition

Brick recognition at field

· Brick backstop name

recognition

donor wall

at field

- \$500,000 • "Family Name" Home Dugout, or • "Family Name" Away Dugout
- · NCAF recognition at Dunning donor wall
- Tiered-level plaque recognition

\$50,000

• NCAF recognition at Dunning

• Tiered-level donor plaque

· Brick recognition at field

recognition at field

donor wall

• Dugout bench name recognition

· Brick recognition at field

\$250,000

- · "Family Name" Home Bullpen, or • "Family Name" Away Bullpen, or
- "Family Name" Batting Cage NCAF recognition at Dunning
- donor wall
- Tiered-level plaque recognition
- · Brick recognition at field

\$25,000

- NCAF recognition at Dunning donor wall
- Tiered-level donor plaque
- recognition at field · Brick recognition at field

\$1,000

\$5,000 Brick recognition at field

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70 Welles Lane	\$3,795,000	SUN	1:00PM-3:00PM	Houlihan Lawrence
49 Cross Ridge Road	\$3,995,000	SUN	2:00PM-4:00PM	Douglas Elliman
1421 Oenoke Ridge	\$3,999,999	SUN	2:30PM-4:30PM	William Raveis

NEW LISTINGS											
Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB					
79 Locust Avenue #213	\$415,000	743	\$558.55		1	1					
232 Park Street #17	\$515,000	991	\$519.77		2	1					
25 Lukes Wood Road	\$2,725,000	7,180	\$379.53	5.97	6	6					
139 White Oak Shade Rd	\$3,195,000	4,431	\$721.06	1.01	5	3					
729 Smith Ridge Road	\$6,395,000	10,628	\$601.71	4.33	6	7					

NEW SALES							
Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
234 Park Street #19	\$489,500	\$489,500	\$465,000	18	2	1	
193 Hoyt Farm Rd	\$1,175,000	\$1,175,000	\$1,650,000	9	4	2	2.0
192 Proprietors Crossing	\$1,999,000	\$1,999,000	\$2,025,000	27	5	3	4.13
70 Bennington Place	\$2,799,000	\$2,799,000	\$2,740,000	23	5	3	2.58

What's going on with the purchase of Avalon?



By John Engel

The New Canaan Housing Authority (a non-profit corporation) is attempting to purchase Avalon New Canaan, 9.1 acres, 10 buildings, 104 units, currently with only 7 vacancies starting at \$4,030 per month (for a 2-bedroom)

WHY THE HOUSING **AUTHORITY?**

The New Canaan Housing Authority (HANC) has statutory authority to issue bonds, acquiring and managing real estate for the benefit of the community. This is a good thing because town government is typically incapable of prioritizing land acquisition whether it be allocating sufficient resources or moving quickly enough on opportunities. Real estate won't wait for the town's ordinary budget cycle. During my 10 years on the Town Council we always agreed Land Acquisition was a priority and created a fund for it, but we never funded it meaningfully. The most we ever allocated to the Land Acquisition Fund was \$50,000. It has been equally challenging to get money budgeted for affordable housing.

WHERE DOES THE HOUSING **AUTHORITY GET ITS MONEY?**

Two ways. First, it borrows it. Second, thanks to the foresight of Lazslo Papp as Chairman of P&Z New Canaan now sets aside a portion of building permit revenue each year. The New Canaan Housing Authority periodically asks the Town Council to release those funds. Annually, it's been about \$400,000, not enough to build even one new unit of affordable housing. In the case of the Avalon purchase it has been reported that the Town of New Canaan pledged a \$4 million line of credit to the Housing Authority and has told them to borrow the rest to purchase what I am estimating to be more than a \$70million asset.

WHERE DID YOU GET THE **IDEA OF \$70 MILLION? AND IS** THIS A GOOD IDEA?

I am guessing based on the fact that Avalon Darien was sold for \$120 million in July, 189 units, to AEW Capital Management after an auction drew more than a dozen bidders. That's an average price of \$635,000 per unit. Assuming that's the market we can assume Avalon WHAT OTHER AFFORDABLE New Canaan will cost somewhere HOUSING DO WE HAVE IN around \$70 million. That's probably understated because in Darien Canaan was built have expired. The town assessment is \$33 million, and market-rate sales typically come in at double the assessment, Is there precedent for greater town participation? The Town of New

Canaan issued a \$10 million line of credit for the library construction in 2021 at a quarter point interest rate. This is a POTENTIAL way to use the balance sheet of the town to back strategically important projects and to help the Housing Authority borrow for less in the market.

HOW DOES THIS PROIECT AND BOND COMPARE WITH OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS?

For perspective, the Town of New Canaan's debt has decreased in the last few years from \$147 million to \$95 million. The largest current projects are the \$6 million Playhouse and the \$29 million Police Department. The \$39 million Library required only \$10 million from the Town. The contract to renovate New Canaan High School came in at \$66.2 million in 2007 (two years after Darien High School was built for \$73 million). Will this increase town debt? No. The housing authority balance sheet is separate from the Town balance sheet and Avalon is an income producing asset that will carry most of its debt load.

WILL AVALON BECOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

Not entirely for a couple of reasons. The main reason is that Avalon New Canaan will have to charge market rates for most of the units to pay down the debt. Using simple math, if the Housing Authority borrows \$70 million at 5.5% over 30 years, then the debt service would be \$400,000 per month. That mortgage is just about equal to 104 units averaging \$4,000 (the price of a typical 2-bedroom). For every affordable unit there must be a profitable one for the project to be self-funding. Self-funding or not, this is a good idea for the Town and Housing Authority because the project is strategic, the only dense housing development of this scale except for The VUE, and it gives New Canaan options with respect to future moratoriums and 830-g. My back-of-the-napkin calculations hopefully show this is not the magic bullet that solves our Affordable Housing problems that some people imagine. But it likely gets us a little breathing room. For every affordable unit at Avalon there will have to be several market rate units for at least an extended number of years.

Note, Avalon New Canaan currently contributes \$535,000 in annual property taxes, a number which is currently estimated to decrease by \$135,000 because of the purchase, further complicating the math.

NEW CANAAN?

Millport Apartments. In 2010 some units were affordable. Not so and 2015 the Housing Authority in New Canaan where the 8-30g of New Canaan built 73 new units provisions under which Avalon New in 4 buildings and 40 units in townhouses. Based on median state income of \$86,400 eligible applicants must make \$38,880 to \$51,840. 1-bedroom rent is \$847 to \$1,171; supporting my \$70 million estimate. 2 bedroom is \$1,016 to \$1,405 per month; 3-bedroom is \$1,188 to \$1,637. Once accepted the income is never



Avalon New Canaan, built in 2002, includes 104 units of which 21 were originally affordable. Image courtesy Avalon New Canaan.





Canaan Parish. 100 affordable units opened in 2023. Construction costs were \$34 milion. Photo by AmentaEmma architects.

re-verified. Once you're in, you're in. The waitlists are currently open for 1- bedroom units and accepting applicants. (To apply call 203-594-7782)

Canaan Parish. The Housing Authority, in partnership with New Canaan Neighbors, built 2 buildings with 100 new units a few years ago which are a mix of affordable and project-based section-8 voucher units. The rents are \$1,450, \$1,750 and \$2,000 for 1, 2 and 3-bedroom affordable units. There is a table of minimum and maximum incomes on the website ranging from \$49,714 to \$103,700 for 6 people. Utilities aren't included, and affordable rents are not subsidized. Priority is given to employees of the Town and Board of Education.

School House Apartments. This is Senior Housing, 40 units, studio and 1 bedroom built in 1993. Eligibility and rent is based on HUD income guidelines and residents must be 62 years old. This is managed by a board separate from with finding town-owned land for at Douglas Elliman. the housing authority.



Schoolhouse Apartments.

Logo by Sarah Wrede. One thing I learned from the Millport project. 85% are 1-bedroom units, not the 2-bedroom or 3-bedroom units that are in such high demand. Why? Because the State penalizes the development of larger units by awarding those only 10% more in HUE points even of the Town Council, former member though they consume proportionally more square footage.

The purchase of Avalon is a home run, strategically and fiscally, faster and cheaper than purchasing land, securing approvals and building new units. It does this without increasing density. Various committees tasked

such a project over the years have come up dry. But Avalon is only a small piece of a long-term solution. And, New Canaan cannot rely solely on our all-volunteer Housing Authority. I'd like to see our new Affordable Housing Committee be empowered in the coming months, asserting themselves in the annual budget process, identifying additional opportunities, charting a course for 8-30g reform that works, and asking for the resources so that we never find ourselves fighting in court over failed 8-30g proposals again.

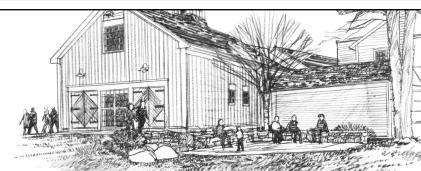
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