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## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

### POLICE AND FIRE

#### Prescription Drug Take-Back Event

New Canaan will host a prescription drug take-back event on April 26, from 10 am to 1 pm outside Town Hall. The event is part of the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day and is organized by the New Canaan Police Department and New Canaan Cares. A permanent medication drop-box is also available at the police station. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

### TOWN HALL

#### Health Director Resigned

Jenn Eielson resigned on April 13 after 11 years as New Canaan's health director. Registered sanitarian Geno Gagnon will serve as interim director for 30 days, as the search for a permanent replacement is now underway.

#### Linda Andros Day



New Canaan designated April 22, 2025, as Linda Andros Day in recognition of her contributions to local environmental efforts. During a ceremony at the New Canaan Nature Center, First Selectman Dionna Carlson read a proclamation honoring her years of service on the Nature Center board and the Conservation Commission. A Winter Hawthorne tree was planted in her memory. Photo credit: New Canaan Nature Center.

### AROUND TOWN

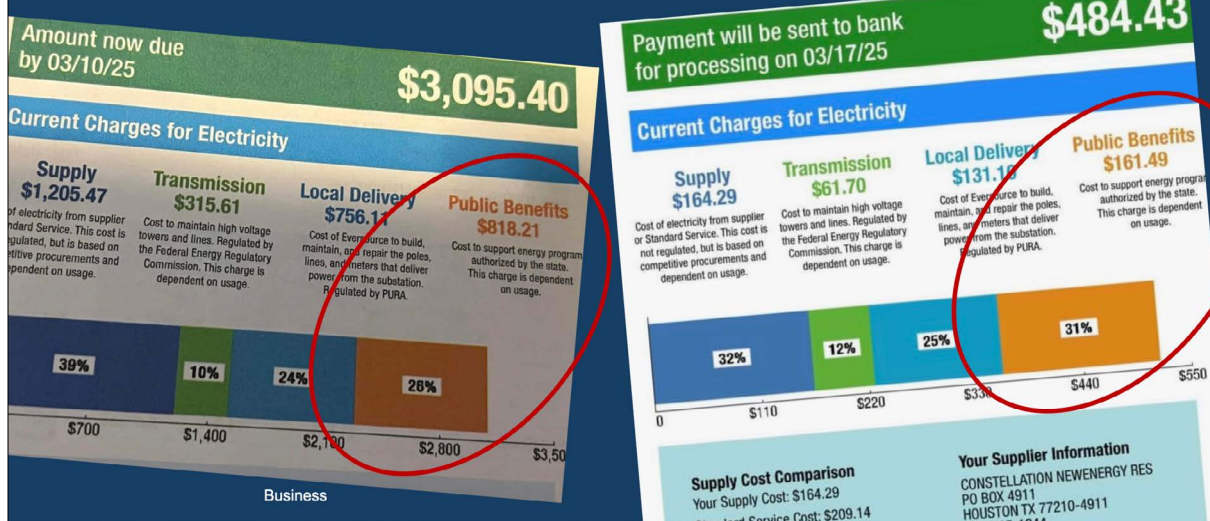
#### Aquarion Water System Work

Aquarion will begin construction on a chlorine boosting facility in New Canaan on May 5, with work scheduled through December. The project, located at 671 South Avenue, may cause local traffic disruptions. Construction will take place on weekdays, and updates will be shared through Aquarion's notification system. To sign up for alerts, visit <https://www.aquarionwater.com/alerts-and-outages>.

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## What are we paying for?

- PA 23-102 included language that I authored, redesigning electric bills to make them more transparent



Graphic from Senator Ryan Fazio's April forum presentation on energy costs in Connecticut. Displayed here are two redesigned electric bill samples—one commercial (left) and one residential (right)—illustrating how “Public Benefits” charges account for roughly 26–31% of total electricity costs. Senator Fazio authored the legislation (PA 23-102) that now requires these charges to be itemized, exposing what he calls a hidden tax on residents, businesses, and municipalities. The significance of this change goes beyond personal utility bills: businesses also pay these fees and pass the cost on to consumers through higher prices, while public institutions—like schools and municipal buildings—cover these charges through local tax revenues. In effect, residents are paying these public benefits charges multiple times: at home, at the store, and on their property tax bill. See the full story on page 4.

## New Canaan EMS: Selfless Service



Capt. Josh Scofield, EMT Amy Kennedy, President Alec Montgomery and Treasurer John Knight in the New Canaan EMS building with some of their emergency vehicles.

By JOHN KRIZ

Perched on South Avenue, just to the south of the soon-to-be-re-opened police headquarters, is New Canaan EMS, Inc. (Emergency Medical Service) [www.newcanaanems.org](http://www.newcanaanems.org), a non-profit which is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year. This all-volunteer group of around forty State-certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), ranging from high school students to seniors, responds to calls in town for health emergencies, injuries from motor vehicle accidents or other causes, and mental health and addiction crises. In 2024, EMS responded to just short of 1800 calls for service – an average of nearly five each day.

EMS is staffed 24/7 with a

minimum of one full crew, consisting of a stocked, ready-to-roll ambulance, with two EMTs as well as a paramedic, who has a higher level of training and can utilize additional medical equipment and administer certain drugs. The paramedic is called in for so-called Advanced Life Saving (ALS) tasks, and is paid for by the town through a contract with Norwalk Hospital.

In 2024 New Canaan's EMS received the 'Connecticut EMS Volunteer Agency of the Year' award from a regional EMS group. New Canaan's EMS is one of the few in Connecticut that does not charge for a call.

First Selectman Dionna Carlson sums it up well, saying, “For 50 years, the all-volunteer members of

New Canaan EMS have answered the call with courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment. We are profoundly grateful for their selfless service and the countless lives they've touched in our community. Here's to a proud legacy of care – and to many more years of excellence.”

### EMS History

According to longtime EMT Amy Kennedy, EMS's charter was mostly written by local attorney Russell Kimes Jr., who is still in town. “He and number of other community members had decided that it would be good to have an ambulance in our community, so they started with one basically hearse-like ambulance.” The

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## The ‘Fix-It Café’ Is Coming

Local environmental and sustainability charity Planet New Canaan is holding a ‘Fix-It Café’ on Saturday, April 26, at Lapham Community Center. “The idea is to repair, rather than throw away, items that are still usable, but need a bit of care – keeping such items out of landfills, and

saving the resources needed to make new ones,” says board member Dawn Kurth. “It's all part of Reduce, Reuse, Renew and Recycle.”

There will be five repair stations: 1) Lamps and small electrical items, 2) Small furniture, 3) Guitar restringing,

4) Bicycles, and 5) Sewing & clothing. Each repair station has eight available slots of thirty minutes each, starting at 10am.

Anyone seeking ‘fix-it’ help needs to reserve a time slot in advance. Sign-up at [www.Planetnewcanaan.org/events](http://www.Planetnewcanaan.org/events)

### COLUMN

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

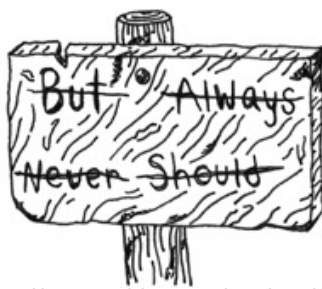
The words but, always, never, and should (which form the acronym B.A.N.S.) too often close off options for ourselves and for others. In contrast, rarely, sometimes, often, and frequently are usually closer to the truth and leave the door open for change. Banning B.A.N.S is a way to be kinder and more honest with ourselves and others.

For example, the word but negates anything we say right before it. “I loveyou, but wedon'tdo funthingstogether”trig- gers the listener's fear and defensiveness.

Substituting and for but—“I love you, and I want to do fun things together”—is much more likely to lead to fun.

When we say I want to or I'd like to instead of I should, I must, or I ought to, there's a better chance we'll actually do something. “I want to exercise more” works in the part of our brain that senses pleasure and fun. The self-critical statement, “I should exercise more” triggers fear.

Carlos never got it right, and Joy always nagged. After a period of counseling, they were surprised to hear each other say that sometimes he got it right, and sometimes she didn't nag.



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

They made a practice of noticing and telling each other when he got it right and she wasn'tnagging. They gained confidence. Over time Carlos got it right more and more often, and Joy rarely nagged.

## Eric Puchner to Headline New Canaan Library's Spring Edition Fundraiser



Eric Puchner, author of the critically acclaimed *Dream State*, will headline the New Canaan Library's Spring Edition Author Talk & Lunch on Wednesday, May 14, at 11:00 a.m. The event will be held under a tent on the Anderson Terrace and will feature a catered lunch by Marcia Selden Catering. Individual tickets, which support the Library's Annual Fund, are on sale now and include a hardcover copy of *Dream State*.

Puchner's novel, an instant New York Times bestseller and an Oprah Book Club pick, is a multigenerational saga set in Montana. The book has been described as “expansive” and “filled to the brim with life,” with critics praising its depth, emotional resonance, and deft narrative structure. According to reviewers cited by the publisher, Puchner “explores how we might make meaning of our existence in the face of escalating loss” and delivers “one of the most touching and satisfying” final chapters in recent literary fiction.

During the luncheon event, guests will have the opportunity to bid on a one-week stay at a private residence in Big Sky, Montana. This featured auction item underscores the novel's Western setting and serves as an experiential extension of the book's themes. “This event has such a fun, relaxed atmosphere, and we could not be more thrilled to welcome such a star author to the Library,” said Ellen Sullivan Crovatto, CEO of New Canaan Library. “I know we will once again be transported by an exceptional writer and event.”

Tickets are tax-deductible and include a signed hardcover of *Dream State*, which can be collected in advance at Elm Street Books. Availability is limited, and interested attendees are encouraged to reserve early through the Library's website: <https://www.newcanaannewlibrary.org/spring-edition-2025>.

The Spring Edition is part of the Library's ongoing commitment to enriching the intellectual and cultural life of New Canaan. For information on corporate sponsorships or additional details, contact Allison Zinczenko at [azinczenko@newcanaanlibrary.org](mailto:azinczenko@newcanaanlibrary.org).

## New Canaan YMCA Honors New, Retiring Board Members and Employee of the Year

The New Canaan YMCA held its annual meeting on March 27, where it reported on the organization's community impact in 2024.

During the meeting, the Y welcomed four new members to its Board of Directors, including New Canaan residents Teresa Alasio, Matt Nussbaum, Yush Sztalkoper, and Liz Waetzig.

The Y also honored retiring Board members Bob Spangler, who joined the Board in 2016, and George Russell, who joined the Board in 2003. Both Spangler and Russell were recognized for their years of dedication to the New Canaan YMCA's mission. The Y's Board consists of more than twenty volunteers from the New Canaan community who provide oversight and guidance to the Y.

Additionally, the organization presented the 2024 Pam Liberty Cause-Driven Leader of the Year award to Cathy McClure, Senior Child Development Director at the New Canaan YMCA. This annual award is named in honor and memory of Pam Liberty, who led Human Resources and Risk Management at the New Canaan YMCA for 31 years. McClure was selected for her exemplary dedication to child development and for her leadership during the Y's recent expansion of its Child Development Center. Margaret Riley, Executive Director of the New Canaan YMCA, shared, “Cathy embodies the organization's core values of a Cause-Driven Leader: caring, respect, honesty, and responsibility. Her professionalism and positive attitude have been instrumental in the success of our childcare program.”



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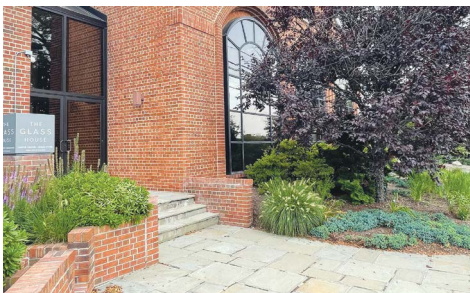
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## Earth Day 2025 as Linda Andros Day



First Selectman Dionna Carlson, Bill Avery (Linda's husband)

On Earth Day, April 22, 2025, the Town of New Canaan honored the legacy of environmental leader Linda Andros by proclaiming the date “Linda Andros Day,” recognizing her decades of service to the community and commitment to conservation. Over fifty residents gathered at the New Canaan Nature Center for a tree planting ceremony marking the occasion. The event, which included local officials, family members, and fellow environmental advocates, paid tribute to Andros’ enduring impact on New Canaan’s natural environment. The town’s official proclamation, issued and read by First Selectman Dionna Carlson, was central to the ceremony. It stated:

**“WHEREAS, the Town of New Canaan has benefited greatly from the dedication and service of Linda Andros as she served on the Board of New Canaan Nature Center for 8 years, 5 of those years as President as well as 1 year as Interim Executive Director and served on the New Canaan Conservation Commission for ten years; and**

**WHEREAS, Linda Andros consistently demonstrated her love of New Canaan, its natural beauty and worked consistently to protect New Canaan’s environment and further sustainability;**

**WHEREAS, Linda loved to help**

**things grow—plants, animals, people and organizations—and looked forward to Earth Day every year;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dionna Carlson, First Selectman of the Town of New Canaan, do hereby proclaim Earth Day, April 22, 2025 to also be Linda Andros Day in memory of Linda and encourage all citizens to express their gratitude for Linda’s work making New Canaan a more sustainable and beautiful town.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of New Canaan to be affixed this 22nd day of April, 2025.**

**Dionna Carlson, First Selectman  
Town of New Canaan”**

The ceremony featured the planting of a tree donated by Copia Home & Garden. Present for the planting were Bill Flynn, Executive Director of the New Canaan Nature Center; Tiger Mann, Director of Public Works; Bill Avery, husband of Linda Andros; First Selectman Dionna Carlson; and Chris Schipper, a conservation leader.

Flynn remarked that the area where the tree now stands will serve as a quiet place for visitors to connect with nature, calling it “a perfect tribute for Linda.”



Over 50 people gather as New Canaan Commemorates Earth Day 2025 as Linda Andros Day.

## Staying Put Welcomes New Board Members



Staying Put in New Canaan welcomes new Board members Carrie Sindelar, Julie Russell, Paule Couture MD, and Peg Bull.

Staying Put welcomes new Board members Peg Bull, Paule Couture MD, Julie Russell and Carrie Sindelar. They join President Peter Ziesing, Vice President Mimi Pitt, Secretary Susie Catlin, Treasurer Paul Bamatter, Christine Dombrowski Ayoub, Ray Boller, Lyn Chivvis, Carrie Deane Corcoran, Tom Ferguson, Ken Gammill Jr., Jim Hilboldt, Ralph Hills, Tracey Karl, John Kerchoff DMD, and Diane Knetzger, in contributing their knowledge and expertise to Staying Put.

Staying Put helps older New Canaan residents live confidently at home and stay engaged in the community by providing practical services and social connections. Volunteer programs help seniors in a variety of ways including driving, shopping, helping with tasks around the home, and more. For more information about membership with Staying Put and the services provided, or to volunteer, please visit [www.stayingputnc.org](http://www.stayingputnc.org) or call at 203-966-7762.



# Connecticut’s Electric Bill Burden

*“There are 57 different government programs paid through your electric bill. That’s \$812 million annually.” – Senator Ryan Fazio*

By Elizabeth Barhydt

On a spring evening in New Canaan, with the summer’s first heat creeping into forecasts, two legislators stood before a full auditorium and tried to answer a question echoing across Connecticut: Why are our electricity bills so high—and what can we do about it?

“There’s no dispute that our energy costs are too high in the state,” said State Representative Thomas O’Dea, who represents New Canaan and parts of Wilton and Ridgefield. “We’ve heard our constituents loud and clear and we’re working on it.”

State Senator Ryan Fazio, who represents Greenwich and parts of Stamford and New Canaan, added: “Electric bills are too damn high. The state bears responsibility for that, and we need to act.”

The event was part of a larger “affordability tour” launched by the two lawmakers, but the conversation wasn’t just political—it was personal. One after another, residents asked questions that revealed a growing tension between public policy, energy efficiency, and affordability.

Together, the two legislators delivered a presentation that outlined what they see as one of the state’s biggest affordability failures: an electric bill system that, in their view, charges residents for more than they use and shields those charges from scrutiny.

Their remarks came just days after Eversource, the state’s largest electric utility, issued its seasonal call to action—urging customers to reduce usage now to avoid summer spikes. Taken together, the forum and the utility advisory paint a portrait of a state bracing for higher demand, growing political friction, and calls for reform from both sides of the aisle.

Fazio and O’Dea began the forum by walking through the anatomy of a Connecticut electric bill, now mandated by law to include itemized charges for supply, transmission, delivery, and public benefits. That last line item, they argued, deserves more attention—and more outrage.

“There are 57 different government programs that are paid for through our electric bill,” Fazio explained. “They equate to over \$800 million per year. For the average resident in Connecticut, that’s about \$677 annually.”

O’Dea reminded the audience where the blame lies. “Who do you blame? Legislators,” he said. “We’re the ones who enacted the laws that put a lot of these things on your bill.”

A slide projected behind them showed two sample bills—one residential, one commercial. Both revealed public benefits charges accounting for more than 30% of total costs. These programs include renewable energy subsidies, low-income discounts, bill forgiveness programs, and state-mandated energy efficiency initiatives.

“They’ve more than doubled since 2018,” he added. “They’re not going away. They don’t expire. And most people had no idea they were even paying for

them.”

### The Consumers First Act: A Six-Point Plan

The legislators pointed to a policy solution: **The Consumers First Act**, a bill they introduced that would do the following:

1. **Eliminate the public benefits charge from electric bills and fund programs through the general fund.**
2. **Cap energy contracts at 150% of wholesale electricity rates.**
3. **Include nuclear and hydro power in Class I renewable definitions.**
4. **Separate PURA from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to improve regulatory independence.**
5. **End subsidies that encourage higher demand, such as electric vehicle charger rebates.**
6. **Expand natural gas infrastructure to improve affordability and reliability.**

“We’re not saying end every program,” Fazio noted. “But they need to be vetted, debated, and approved regularly—just like public schools, roads, and everything else.”

### Conservation Measures from Eversource

While lawmakers seek long-term reform, Eversource is encouraging customers to make short-term changes.

### The Summer Surge

A week before the forum, Eversource issued a public advisory reminding residents that electricity usage—and bills—rise significantly in the warmer months.

“During the summer, customers typically see their electric usage increase considerably as their air conditioners fight against the scorching temperatures,” said Steve Sullivan, Eversource’s President of Connecticut Electric Operations. “Even if the supply rate drops, overall bills tend to rise because usage increases.”

Eversource estimates that electricity usage jumps 35% from spring to summer, with last year’s record-setting heat causing a 45% spike from June to July.

Sullivan urged customers to take action now. “Installing insulation, weatherstripping doors, using ceiling fans, operating appliances during cooler hours—these changes can really help,” he said.

### Home Energy Solutions

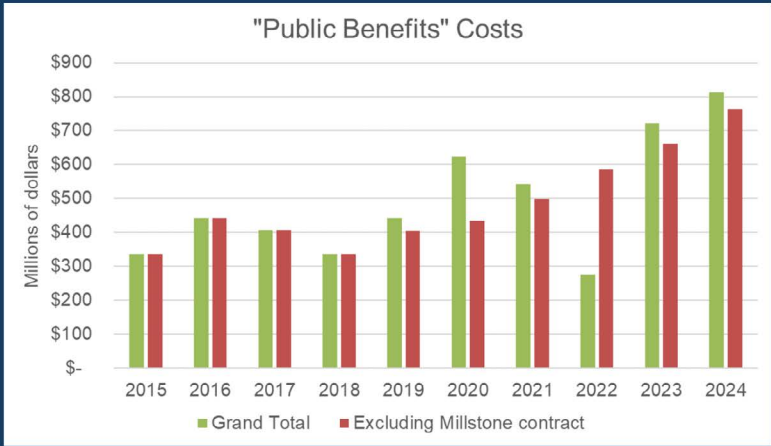
One of Eversource’s most utilized offerings is the Energize ConnecticutSM Home Energy SolutionsSM program.

For a \$75 copay (or no cost for income-eligible residents), customers can receive a home visit from a certified technician. The technician inspects the home’s energy performance and performs on-the-spot improvements like sealing air leaks and installing energy-efficient lighting.

According to Ricardo Jordan, Eversource’s Energy Efficiency Manager, the average

## When are all these “benefits” enough?

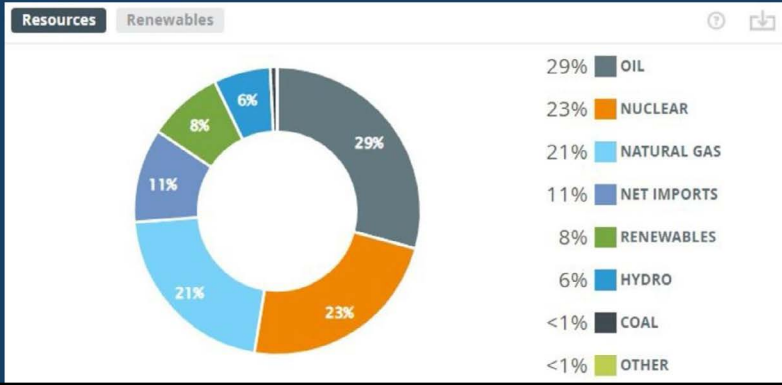
- The cost of public benefits programs have *more than doubled* since 2018, including *and* excluding the nuclear contracts



**Chart presented showing the rise in “Public Benefits” costs from 2015 to 2024.** This slide illustrates the sharp and sustained increase in charges we pay to fund more than 50 state-run energy programs, known as “Public Benefits.” The green bars show the total cost each year, including long-term contracts with nuclear facilities like Millstone; the red bars show the cost excluding those nuclear agreements. Even without the nuclear contracts, public benefit charges have more than doubled since 2018.

## Peak demand calls on fuel oil generation

- “Last Christmas, I gave you my...fuel oil”
- Up to 40% of the NE grid ran on oil to keep the lights on...



**Graphic shown to highlight grid strain during peak demand.** On December 26, 2022, as cold weather spiked electricity usage, oil powered nearly 30% of New England’s electric grid—the single largest source that day. Fazio used this data to underscore the reliability challenge: when demand peaks, the grid often turns to older, dirtier oil-fired plants to keep lights and heat on, because cleaner sources like wind and solar aren’t available on demand.

## Infrastructure costs

- Distributed generation and new demand will require billions in new downstream infrastructure spending
- More and upgraded wires, poles, substations, and other assets
- Higher infrastructure spend per kWh produced because of distributed generation

**Eversource expects EV demand will require \$1.5-2.4B of new investment for substation upgrades alone**  
**That divides out to roughly \$1,500 per household**

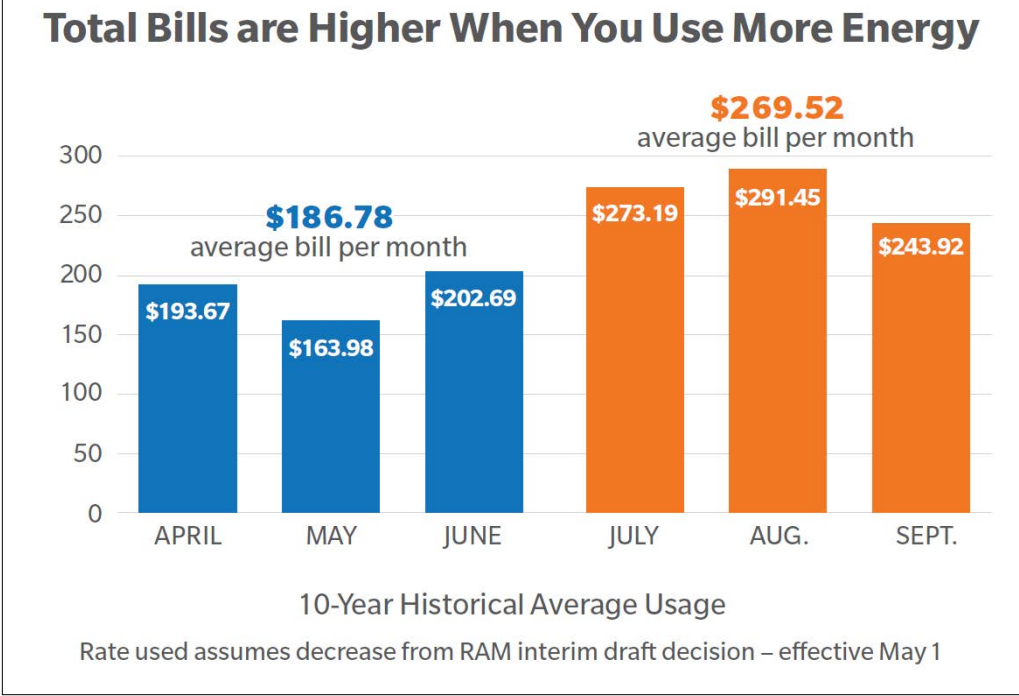
**Slide on projected infrastructure costs tied to growing electric demand.** As the state shifts toward distributed energy generation and rising electric vehicle usage, Eversource estimates that \$1.5 to \$2.4 billion in new substation investments will be required, driven largely by EV-related demand. This infrastructure expansion, Fazio noted, could translate to an additional \$1,500 in costs per household, not including further upgrades to poles, wires, and transformers. These costs are expected to show up in residents’ delivery charges in the years ahead.

## History of Our Fight

- Timeline of past and current legislation
  - January 2023 - February 2024 – July 2024 – August 2024 – January 2025
  - Party line votes
- Republican Proposal for rate relief of ratepayers with ARPA funding in 2024
- **#1** most-important issue to Connecticut voters (CBIA poll, Jan. 2025)
- **73%** of voters support ending public benefits (CBIA poll, Jan. 2025)
- **75,000** residents signed petition to end the public benefits charge
- **750** testified for the Consumers First Act

**Slide outlining legislative efforts and public support for electric bill reform** Senator Ryan Fazio used this timeline to show how support has grown for ending the “public benefits” charge on utility bills. Since early 2023, rate relief legislation has advanced through multiple sessions, often along party lines. By January 2025, the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) reported that electricity costs had become the #1 issue for voters, with 73% favoring an end to public benefits charges. A petition gathered 75,000 signatures, and 750 residents testified in favor of the Consumers First Act, which proposes major reforms to how electric programs are funded.

participant saves up to \$180 per year on their electric bill. sign up,” Jordan said. “It’s one of the most effective tools we have to help people take control of their energy costs.” At the close of the New Canaan forum, Senator Fazio



**Graphic produced by Eversource to encourage energy efficiency measures now.**

urged residents to speak up. “People are speaking up, and it is making a difference,” he said. “We’re changing hearts and minds of people who make decisions in Hartford—and we need your voices to keep pushing.” A slide projected on the screen read simply: “What can you do? SPEAK OUT.”

Fazio encouraged attendees to contact state leaders directly, including:

Governor Ned Lamont at [www.governor.ct.gov](http://www.governor.ct.gov), or by phone at 860-566-4840

Senate Democrats, website: [www.senatedems.ct.gov](http://www.senatedems.ct.gov), phone: 860-240-8600, email: [Looney@senatedems.ct.gov](mailto:Looney@senatedems.ct.gov)

House Democrats, website: [www.housedems.ct.gov](http://www.housedems.ct.gov), phone: 860-240-8500, email: [Matt.Ritter@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Matt.Ritter@cga.ct.gov)

Constituents can also share testimony with legislative committees, attend town halls, or reach out through the Connecticut General Assembly website at [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov) to learn more about upcoming hearings and bills.

### What Residents Are Saying

During the forum’s Q&A, residents asked pointed questions.

Ryan Bollinger, a New Canaan High School student, asked whether reliance on natural gas conflicted with the state’s 2040 net-zero goal.

“It’s a good question,” Fazio replied. “We need to reduce emissions while keeping energy affordable. That means nuclear, natural gas, and technology innovation.”

Christina from New Canaan asked why rooftop solar is so expensive. “I don’t understand why we all can’t just install solar and use batteries,” she said.

“Geography and infrastructure costs,” Fazio answered. “The sun doesn’t shine as much here, and the costs are higher per kilowatt for smaller systems.”

John Kuhn from Fairfield pressed on community power aggregation. Fazio said he supports allowing towns to buy energy in bulk, though he’s “not convinced it will radically cut costs.”

David Wilson of Stamford was more blunt: “It is a tax,” he said of public benefits charges. “A hidden tax. It’s going to destroy our state.”

### A Public Mandate?

A January 2025 poll from the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) showed that electricity costs are now the top issue for Connecticut voters. Of those polled, 73% support eliminating public benefits charges.

Fazio said more than 75,000 residents have signed a petition backing the legislation, and 750 testified in support during hearings.

“A long-time legislator told me he’d never seen that much support for a single bill,” Fazio noted.

Still, despite bipartisan conversation, the bill remains in committee.

“It’s party-line so far,” O’Dea said. “But the momentum is building.”

### Summer Awaits

As Connecticut heads into the warmest months of the year, residents are being asked to do more with less—reduce usage, monitor rates, and brace for costs that are influenced not just by how much energy they consume, but by what policies govern the grid.

“We need structural reform,” Fazio said. “But in the meantime, we also need smart habits.”



# Rams Dominate With Relentless Defense, Balanced Offense

In their 12-5 victory over Wilton at Veterans Memorial Stadium on April 17, the Rams executed a blueprint that combined suffocating defense with a balanced, team-first offense that overwhelmed their opponent.

The Rams’ defensive unit played with control and consistency, forcing Wilton into repeated turnovers and drawing multiple procedural infractions, including three offsides calls in the opening half. While the Warriors briefly led after scoring early in the first quarter, New Canaan quickly recalibrated, shutting down Wilton’s interior movement and capitalizing on defensive lapses.

Offensively, the Rams distributed the ball with intention. Seven players contributed goals, highlighting the team’s depth and chemistry. After tying the game in the first quarter, New Canaan took the lead following a Wilton crease violation and didn’t relinquish it again.

The second quarter underscored the Rams’ dominance. A misplayed pass by Wilton led to an own-goal that opened the floodgates. Over the next seven minutes, New Canaan executed five unanswered goals through both structured offensive sets and opportunistic transitions. The Rams led 7-1 at halftime.

New Canaan’s commitment to tempo and spacing was evident throughout the game. The midfield controlled possession and neutralized Wilton’s clearing game, while the attack unit rotated through

multiple combinations, forcing the Warriors to defend every inch of the field.

Wilton regrouped slightly after halftime, scoring early in the third quarter. However, New Canaan responded swiftly with two goals in a span of 90 seconds, re-establishing momentum and demonstrating the team’s ability to counter quickly and decisively. The rest of the game featured a trade of goals, but New Canaan remained in full control.

Defensively, New Canaan’s approach reflected a growing identity under its new coordinator. The Rams played the angles well, disrupted passing lanes, and prevented Wilton from establishing any consistent rhythm in the offensive zone. The goalkeeper tandem provided steady play, combining for eight saves and maintaining organization in the back line.

The 12-5 final score was not just a result of superior skill, but also of deliberate, disciplined execution. New Canaan’s players maintained composure under pressure, sustained their physical edge without overcommitting, and maximized possessions on both ends of the field.

### Follow-Up: Road Win at Christian Brothers Academy

Two days later, New Canaan traveled to Lincroft, New Jersey, and picked up a methodical 8-4 win over Christian Brothers Academy in a non-conference matchup. In contrast to the high-octane scoring of the Wilton game, the Rams leaned on defensive



stability and possession control to handle a physical Colts squad.

New Canaan held CBA to just four goals, while methodically building and maintaining its lead through structured midfield play and strong netminding. The win marked the Rams’ sixth game of the season and their fifth victory, further reinforcing the team’s disciplined identity and ability to adapt styles based on opponent and situation.

With conference and non-conference wins alike now under their belt, New Canaan continues to emerge as a well-rounded team capable of managing games across different contexts – a key trait as the FCIAC schedule intensifies.

Above: Rams face off against Wilton. At right: Rams were victorious on April 19 against Christian Brothers Academy 8-4



## Weekly Sports Round Up

School	Sport	Date	Opponent	Result	Score
New Canaan	Boys Baseball	4/17	Staples	Loss	1-8
New Canaan	Boys Baseball	4/21	Norwalk	Loss	1-4
New Canaan	Boys Lacrosse	4/17	Wilton	Win	12-5
New Canaan	Boys Lacrosse	4/19	Christian Brothers Academy	Win	8-4
New Canaan	Boys Tennis	4/16	Norwalk	Win	7-0
New Canaan	Boys Tennis	4/17	Fairfield Ludlowe	Win	7-0
New Canaan	Boys Tennis	4/21	Fairfield Warde	Win	6-1
New Canaan	Boys Tennis	4/22	Greenwich	Loss	2-5
New Canaan	Boys Volleyball	4/17	Trumbull	Loss	1-3
New Canaan	Boys Volleyball	4/21	Bridgeport Central	Win	3-0
New Canaan	Girls Lacrosse	4/16	Nyack High School	Loss	6-17
New Canaan	Girls Softball	4/19	Glastonbury	Win	16-0
New Canaan	Girls Softball	4/21	Norwalk	Win	5-4
St. Lukes	Girls Tennis	4/16	Holy Child School	Win	7-0
St. Lukes	Girls Tennis	4/21	Greenwich Academy	Loss	0-7
St. Lukes	Boys Baseball	4/16	Rye Country Day School	Win	7-5
St. Lukes	Boys Tennis	4/16	Greens Farms Academy	Loss	3-4
St. Lukes	Boys Lacrosse	4/16	Rye Country Day School	Loss	11-16

25	APR, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 – 5:30pm</li><li>4 – 5:30pm</li><li>4 – 5:15pm</li></ul>	<p>Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820</p> <p>Girls JV Softball @ Fairfield Warde 755 Melville Ave, Fairfield Connecticut 06825-2000</p> <p>Girls Freshman Lacrosse - Girls vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p>
26	APR, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 – 3:30pm</li><li>4 – 5:30pm</li><li>5 – 6:30pm</li></ul>	<p>Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls @ Greenwich Academy 200 N Maple Ave, Greenwich Connecticut 06830-4799</p> <p>Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys vs Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Girls @ Garden City High School 82 Turkey Lane, Cold Spring Harbor New York 11724</p>
28	APR, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 – 6pm</li><li>4 – 5:45pm</li><li>4 – 5:45pm</li><li>4 – 5pm</li><li>4 – 4:30pm</li><li>4:30 – 6:15pm</li><li>4:30 – 6pm</li><li>4:30 – 6pm</li><li>5:30 – 7:30pm</li><li>6:30 – 8:30pm</li></ul>	<p>Girls JV Tennis @ Darien High School Nearwater Ln, Darien CT 06820</p> <p>Boys JV Baseball vs Greenwich High School 468 South Avenue, New Canaan CT 06840</p> <p>Boys Varsity Baseball vs Greenwich High School Mead Park, New Canaan CT 06840</p> <p>Boys Varsity Tennis vs Stamford High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Tennis @ Stamford High School 55 Strawberry Hill Ave, Stamford CT 06902</p> <p>Girls JV Softball @ Greenwich High School 10 Hillside Road, Greenwich CT 06830</p> <p>Boys Freshman Baseball @ Greenwich High School 10 Hillside Road, Greenwich CT 06830</p> <p>Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys vs Chaminade High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Boys JV Tennis vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Softball @ Greenwich High School 4 Ritch Avenue West, Greenwich Connecticut 06830</p>
29	APR, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 – 7pm</li><li>4 – 7pm</li><li>4 – 6pm</li><li>4 – 5pm</li><li>4 – 5pm</li><li>4 – 5pm</li><li>4:30 – 6pm</li><li>5:30 – 7pm</li><li>5:30 – 6:30pm</li><li>5:30 – 6:30pm</li><li>6 – 8pm</li></ul>	<p>Boys Varsity Track - Outdoor vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Track - Outdoor vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Boys Varsity Tennis @ Brien McMahon 300 Highland Ave, Norwalk CT 06854-4099</p> <p>Boys Varsity Volleyball vs Fairfield Ludlowe 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Girls vs Danbury High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Tennis vs Brien McMahon 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys @ Danbury High School 43 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury CT 06811</p> <p>Girls JV Tennis vs Wilton High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Boys JV Volleyball vs Fairfield Ludlowe 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls vs Danbury High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Softball @ Brookfield High School 45 Longmeadow Hill Road, Brookfield CT 06804</p>
30	APR, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3:30 – 5:30pm</li><li>4 – 5:45pm</li><li>4 – 5:30pm</li><li>4 – 5:30pm</li><li>4 – 5pm</li><li>4:15 – 5:45pm</li><li>4:15 – 5:15pm</li><li>5 – 6:30pm</li></ul>	<p>Girls JV Golf @ Darien High School 540 Hoyt Street, Darien CT 06820</p> <p>Boys Freshman Baseball vs Wilton High School Mead Park, New Canaan CT 06840</p> <p>Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls JV Softball vs Wilton High School Wavenny Park, New Canaan CT 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Softball vs Wilton High School Wavenny Park, New Canaan CT 06840</p> <p>Boys Varsity Baseball @ Wilton High School 395 Danbury Rd, Wilton CT 06897</p> <p>Boys JV Baseball @ Wilton High School 395 Danbury Rd, Wilton CT 06897</p> <p>Girls Freshman Lacrosse - Girls @ Greenwich High School 10 Hillside Road, Greenwich CT 06830</p>

1	MAY, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3:10 – 3:40pm</li><li>4 – 6pm</li><li>4 – 6pm</li><li>4 – 5pm</li><li>4 – 5pm</li><li>4:30 – 5:30pm</li><li>5 – 7pm</li><li>5:30 – 6:30pm</li><li>6 – 7pm</li><li>6:30 – 8pm</li></ul>	<p>Girls Varsity Golf @ St. Joseph 40 Tashua Knolls Lane, Trumbull CT 06611</p> <p>Boys JV Tennis @ Darien High School Nearwater Ln, Darien CT 06820</p> <p>Boys Varsity Tennis @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820</p> <p>Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Girls vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Tennis vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Boys Varsity Volleyball @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902</p> <p>Boys JV Lacrosse - Boys @ Iona Preparatory School 255 WILMOT ROAD, NEW ROCHELLE New York 10804</p> <p>Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Boys JV Volleyball @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902</p> <p>Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys vs Iona Preparatory School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p>
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3	MAY, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12 – 1:30pm</li><li>1:30 – 2:30pm</li><li>3 – 4:45pm</li><li>3 – 4:30pm</li><li>4:30 – 6pm</li><li>4:30 – 5:30pm</li></ul>	<p>Boys Varsity Volleyball vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Boys JV Volleyball vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Girls vs St. Anthony's High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Boys JV Lacrosse - Boys @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820</p> <p>Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820</p> <p>Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls vs St. Anthony's High School - St. Anthony's JV (A) 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p>
5	MAY, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3:30 – 5:30pm</li><li>3:30 – 5pm</li><li>4 – 5:45pm</li><li>4 – 5:30pm</li><li>4 – 5pm</li><li>4 – 5pm</li><li>4:30 – 6pm</li><li>5:30 – 7pm</li></ul>	<p>Girls Varsity Golf vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls JV Golf vs Ridgefield High School 95 Country Club Rd, New Canaan CT 06840</p> <p>Boys Varsity Baseball vs Brien McMahon Mead Park, New Canaan CT 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Softball @ Brien McMahon 300 Highland Ave, Norwalk CT 06854-4099</p> <p>Boys Varsity Tennis @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902</p> <p>Girls Varsity Tennis vs Westhill 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys @ Fairfield Prep 200 Barlow Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824</p> <p>Girls JV Tennis vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p>
6	MAY, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 – 7pm</li><li>4 – 7pm</li><li>4 – 6pm</li></ul>	<p>Boys Varsity Track - Outdoor vs Warren Harding High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls Varsity Track - Outdoor vs Warren Harding High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840</p> <p>Girls JV Tennis @ Darien High School Nearwater Ln, Darien CT 06820</p>

Sports Schedule



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# Hidden Taxes

By any meaningful definition of political courage, Senator Ryan Fazio and Representative Tom O’Dea are exhibiting it. In a state that has long treated energy costs as a regrettable inevitability—something to be murmured about in kitchen corners but rarely confronted in public—these two legislators are engaged in an ambitious undertaking: the reintroduction of price sanity to Connecticut’s electric grid.

There are echoes here of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who once said, “Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts.” The facts in this case are brutal. Connecticut’s rates are double the national average. Its manufacturing job growth is negative, even as the nation’s soars. Its utility bills punish the industrious and subsidize the careless, often with no measurable environmental return.

In a state grown weary of auto-deducted bewilderments, two legislators—Senator Fazio and Representative O’Dea—are proposing an act of uncommon clarity: to tell the truth about electricity costs.

Their legislation, Senate Bill 647, arrives not as a jeremiad against renewable energy, nor as a polemic against government. Rather, it is an appeal—to fairness, transparency, and the principle that a citizen should know what he is paying for, and why.

At the center of this bill is a line item so drably titled that most overlook it: the “public benefits charge.” Harmless in name, it now devours over \$800 million annually from ratepayers to fund 57 distinct state programs, many of them otherwise unknown to those footing the bill.

No one would voluntarily fund this collection of subsidies—ranging from well-intentioned energy discounts to bloated renewable contracts priced at eight or nine times the market rate—if presented as a single annual tax. That is the essence of quiet tyranny: to impose not what people would resist if asked, but what they are too distracted to notice.

This is the kind of fiscal architecture that accumulates in the absence of scrutiny. It is government by sedimentation—layer upon layer of intentions, untethered from review or restraint.

To be clear: the problem is not that public energy programs exist, but that they persist without consent, and grow without accountability. Fazio and O’Dea’s remedy is modest but profound: bring these charges into the general fund, where they must compete for funding like any other public good—education, transportation, health care.

In doing so, SB647 does not abolish Connecticut’s environmental aspirations. It merely asks that they be subject to the same test any responsible household applies: value per dollar.

This is not regressive conservatism, but democratic hygiene.

It is also long overdue. Connecticut has the second-highest electricity costs in the continental United States. Those costs have risen nearly 30% in five years, and the programs embedded in our electric bills have more than doubled in cost since 2018. For the average Connecticut household, this is a hidden \$677 annual burden—an energy tax by another name, levied without a vote.

As John Stuart Mill once wrote, “A person may cause evil to others not only by his actions but by his inaction.” To continue this system unaltered is a sin of omission.

Citizens deserve to know when their electric bill has become a parallel taxing mechanism for programs not debated or reauthorized in public view.

The renewable energy sector will survive without subsidies that outstrip market prices by 800%. What may not survive, however, is public trust—when families struggling to cover food, rent, and prescriptions discover they are financing boutique energy initiatives that have never seen a roll-call vote.

This bill is not a rejection of progress but a demand that progress be accountable. To equate oversight with obstruction is to mistake secrecy for virtue.

In this, Fazio and O’Dea are restoring not just fiscal sense, but constitutional sensibility. They are asking the legislature to reclaim its authority—to tax openly, to spend justly, and to admit that any policy worth keeping is worth defending in daylight.

The truth is, Connecticut’s energy system—devised in obscurity and financed by stealth—is a civic embarrassment. It deserves a rebuke of the many who enabled this quiet larceny. For years, legislators cloaked indulgent spending in euphemism and siphoned dollars from ratepayers without the honesty of a vote. It should not require political heroics to stop the government from picking your pocket. Yet here we are.

Editorial Page



Earth Day: Planet New Canaan board members Dawn Kurth, Robin Bates-Mason and Margo Bright at the reception table for a fully subscribed, free screening of the eco-oriented film ‘Happy Feet’ at the New Canaan Playhouse.

DEA NATIONAL TAKEBACK

NEW CANAAN COMMUNITY

PREScription DRUG TAKEBACK DAY

Prescription Drug TakeBack Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of unused prescription drugs.

APRIL 26, 2025

10 AM - 1 PM

NEW CANAAN TOWN HALL

77 MAIN STREET

IN FRONT OF THE SIDE ENTRANCE

The New Canaan Police Department has a medication disposal program available to residents at all times. There is a drop box located in the Police Station lobby for household disposal of any unwanted medications, including pet medications. Simple instructions are located on the front of the box.



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EMS STORY BY JOHN KRIZ  
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ambulance was stationed behind the police station, which was then located in town hall. In time, EMS moved to its current location, which had another building on the site, which had originally been the high school science department. That’s from when the current police headquarters was the high school. That facility was torn down, and EMS’s current, purpose-built building was completed in 2009.

Training & Equipment

All EMS members must go through State-certified training and testing to become EMTs. The training is offered annually, comprising about 150 hours over five months. Anyone can take this training, which costs \$1400. If you become certified, join New Canaan EMS and remain a volunteer for a year, this cost is reimbursed. New EMT volunteers go through a probationary period of six to twelve months. Periodic retraining is required to maintain the EMT certification.

A key reason for ongoing training is to be trained for a range of scenarios – scenarios an EMT might rarely, if ever, encounter. On any given day an EMT might get no calls, or have to deal with something that person has never seen before.

And recruitment? According to EMT and Second Lieutenant Sue Morse, “we reach out to the community and we put ads in newspapers, and we put flyers out around town, and we reach out to our friends and neighbors and anybody who’s interested. We have a lot of students who are interested.” EMT and President Alec Montgomery says that “word of mouth is our best marketing. And I think when people join, they obviously have an interest in being an EMT and serving the community.” He sums it up noting, “it’s a compelling organization to be part of.”

The EMS station is modern, well designed and comfortable. There are sleeping rooms for EMTs on night shifts (with a two minute requirement from bunk to rolling), lots of storage space for equipment and supplies, large bays for the ambulances, training rooms, offices, a full kitchen and a lounging area with a large table for meals and work.

New Canaan EMS has three ambulances, a ‘fly car’ for the paramedic, and another SUV. The ambulances have a lifespan of about nine years, and they are replaced on a staggered three-year basis.

EMTs at Work

EMTs commit to volunteer for sixty hours of active duty every month. These comprise one shift of 6-to-6 (AM to PM, or vice versa) every week on a weekday, and one weekend shift per month. As a practical matter, the volunteers put in many more hours, as there are the various administrative tasks that need to be performed as well.

EMT and Treasurer John Knight notes that the sixty active duty hours per month mean that “you’re usually riding with the same people, and so you get to know those people really well. So the people I’ve been riding with on Thursday day, I’ve been riding with them almost three years. And so you get to be very good friends and there’s a collegiality about the corps as a whole, but also your crew that you work with.”

The first to roll on a call are the two EMTs and their ambulance. EMTs focus on so-called BLS, or Basic Life Saving, tasks. These comprise around 70% of the calls. If the patient’s health issue is more serious, such as shortness of breath or severe chest pains -- an ALS, or Advanced Life Saving, event -- the paramedic will be called, generally getting to the scene in the ‘fly car’, which is a specially designed SUV with more advanced medical equipment as well as drugs kept in a lockbox. Depending on the situation, the patient could be treated and released on scene, or transported to either Norwalk or Stamford Hospital.

EMS works closely with police, who are usually first to arrive

on a scene, and often with the fire department, who get called out not just for fires, but also for many motor vehicle accidents. Police and fire personnel sometimes assist EMS with moving patients depending on the patient’s weight, and the logistics of moving the patient from his or her current location to the ambulance.

Town & Community Support

Treasurer Knight notes that the Town of New Canaan continues to be highly supportive of the EMS. The town owns the land on which the building sits, and paid for part of its construction, the rest coming from community donations and one large testamentary bequest. The town also pays the cost of the paramedic on duty, and for purchase of the ambulances and ‘fly car’, some vehicle maintenance, dispatching, insurance, utilities and some of the equipment and medical supplies. Per the town’s FY2026 budget, nearly \$641,000 in financial support is being provided, more than two-thirds of it going to pay for the 24/7 paramedic.

New Canaan EMS also benefits from community donations. These donations cover some of the medical equipment and supplies, plus uniforms, food, some of the cost of vehicle maintenance, continuing education and various other items. Fundraising is low key, with Treasurer Knight noting, “We only do the annual fundraising letter. That’s all we do.” There are some large donations and bequests, and numerous loyal donors who respond to the annual letter. Silver Hill Hospital, which not infrequently calls on EMS for assistance, makes a large donation annually.

“We try to be an efficient user of town resources and of our own resources,” stresses Treasurer Knight.

Community Outreach

2nd Lt. Morse says, “We have a monthly library program that we run. We teach CPR and AED (cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator) use for community members.” There is also outreach to local businesses, schools, the YMCA, scout troops and community events such as May Fair. EMT Kennedy adds, “We try to be visible within the community and let people know that we’re available to them because if you don’t need an ambulance and you’ve never needed one, you don’t know who to call or who’s going to show up. And people are often surprised to learn that we live in the community, we’re volunteers. They’ll be surprised to learn that we’re literally your neighbors.”

The Toughest Calls

Everyone seems to have his or her own list of tough calls. For EMT Kennedy, “pediatric calls are quite challenging because we don’t want to see our little people injured. And when a call comes in for a child in distress, the police are quickly on scene and we are quickly on scene. And often more than just the crew arrives to help. Because when a child is involved in a call, you have more than one patient. You have the parent, grandparent, caregiver, babysitter, whoever it might be.”

It was also noted that the other side of pediatrics is end of life. This is when the EMTs are treating someone who is very elderly and is approaching the end of life, and they’re on scene supporting the family members. Those situations are challenging as well. In addition, EMTs are often called to the same residence multiple times, and the EMTs get to know the patient. For an elderly patient, what starts as engaging, lucid conversations can deteriorate over time, with dementia or other difficulties setting in. This, too, weighs on the EMTs.

New Canaan EMTs have also been called out on suicides. These are particularly tough, with the EMTs having a difficult time talking about it.

Then there are the mental health calls. Says EMT and Capt. Josh Scofield, “There’s not much we can do other than try to make the patient feel safe and comfortable in a psych call, which in a way makes it challenging because the core of our training and everything we did kind of doesn’t come into play. It’s just being a human being and trying to get people to relax and be comfortable for the ride of the hospital.”

In addition, by law, EMTs are mandatory reporters if they suspect abuse or distress. According to Treasurer Knight, “There’s

a lot of elderly people living in place in New Canaan. Sometimes the situations that they’re in are not that safe or there may be issues. And so we have a back channel to the health department or the human services department that we can see whether these people are on their watch list, or if not they can have ways in which to do a safety visit.”

Capt. Scofield continues, observing, “And I think a lot of people are struck by it when they start riding is regardless of how wealthy New Canaan is, there are a lot of people that are not living in good situations in this community. And that can be a shock when [they] see that the mandatory report would be things like child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence.”

And then there’s human trafficking. EMT Kennedy says, “Human trafficking is a significant problem” along Interstate 95 and the Merritt Parkway, with the victims usually being forced into sex work. “We are a heavily populated human trafficking area,” which stretches from Boston down to Philadelphia. The EMTs’ encounters with potential human trafficking victims, which are usually generated by motor vehicle accidents, often result in the EMTs only having contact with a potential victim for perhaps ten minutes. It is during this time that “we can try to get information from them [potential trafficking victims] so that we can report to the police and hopefully get them out of those situations,” continues EMT Kennedy. EMTs receive annual training on how to identify and manage human trafficking.

For example, there is a motor vehicle accident, and the person being treated by the EMTs is the potential trafficking victim. The EMTs speak with the driver, and that person does not know the name of the injured passenger. EMT Kennedy talks about using your ‘Spidey Sense’ in such a situation, and if something does not seem right, the EMTs will investigate further and involve police. Sometimes a potential trafficking victim is “sitting there with their pimp. They know that they’ll be punished or whatever, and they just play. They’re not reaching out for help actively.”

EMT Kennedy concludes, noting that, “I think any call can be challenging depending on what’s going on in your own life. So if you have elderly parents and you’re called to a scene where it’s an elderly individual who ... might be at the end of their life, then it can hit the EMT in terms of relating to their own life,” concluding “those are the sorts of calls that may linger in your mind.”

The Uplifting Calls

An example is a person who has psychiatric issues and is often called on by the EMTs. This can be an opportunity because the EMTs might have a relationship with that person, or can talk with him or her calmly, reminding the patient that they’ve been seen before. The EMTs ask the person how he or she is making progress. This can help calm the patient, and assists both the EMTs and the patient in providing effective care.

Treasurer Knight cites the example of an elderly couple. “He’s three times the size as she is, and if he just slips off of the sofa or rolls out of bed and is on the floor, can’t get up, she can’t get him up and she needs help. And so we get called and we’re always happy to go and we check the patient, we make sure that the patient’s fine and then they’re able to sign a refusal form saying ‘I don’t need to be transported.’”

The Volunteer Ethos

It is often observed that New Canaan is run by volunteers: most all elected officials, members of town Boards and Commissions, plus so many people active in local charities. New Canaan EMS is no different. 100% volunteer. But more than that, there’s the 150 hours of training required to get certified as an EMT. Sixty duty hours a month – at minimum. Ongoing training.

All this might seem like a heavy burden, and it can be, especially when handling stressful calls, but New Canaan’s EMTs seem to carry it lightly, supported by what is clearly a tightly knit group with much esprit de corps. Plus the certain knowledge that every call is helping someone in some way. That’s something special.

*John J Kriz is a 30+ year New Canaan resident. The views expressed are his own.*

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 this hearing is scheduled as a hybrid meeting to be held in the Town Meeting Room at Town Hall, 77 Main Street. Access to this Public Hearing will be in person and via an on-line system at 7:00 p.m. to hear and decide the application(s) as follows:

1. 146 Oenoke Ridge – Upon application of William Pollack, Keith E. Simpson Associates, Authorized Agent for Town of New Canaan, owner(s), for Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 6.4.G.1 to permit grading more than 1,000 cubic yards and soil disturbance of more than 10,000sq ft. of the spoils that are produced from an onsite pond dredging project in the Open Space Zone at 146 Oenoke Ridge (Map 32, Block 20, Lot 41).
2. 272 Elm Street – Upon application of VMI, Inc., C/O Frank Vuoso owner(s), for a Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 4.4 to allow pet grooming as secondary use to Pet Supply in the Business A Zone at 272 Elm Street (Map L, Block 16, Lot 89).

**Dated: April 17, 2025**  
**New Canaan, Connecticut**  
**Daniel Radman, Chairman**

Clean Your Mile Project



Selectman Amy Murphy Carroll, First Selectman Dionna Carlson and Selectman Steve Karl get ready to do their part in the town’s Clean Your Mile project.

Stamford Cardiologist to Share Longevity  
Insights with New Canaan Men’s Club

Dr. Edward Schuster, a board-certified cardiologist with more than four decades of clinical experience, will address the New Canaan Men’s Club on Friday, April 25, offering research-grounded advice on extending life through healthy living. His talk, titled “How to Live to be 110,” will take place at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Morrill Hall, 111 Oenoke Ridge, following the club’s business session which begins at 10 a.m. Dr. Schuster’s remarks are scheduled to start at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Dr. Schuster, who began practicing cardiology at Stamford Hospital in 1980, holds the distinction of being the youngest board-certified cardiologist in the nation at the time of his certification. He completed his residency at Duke University and a fellowship at Johns Hopkins University, two of the nation’s premier institutions in medical education.

In his clinical experience, Dr. Schuster has observed a measurable correlation between healthy lifestyle choices and increased longevity. He cites a 50 percent

decline in cardiac-related mortality in the United States over the span of his career as partial evidence of this effect. According to Dr. Schuster, reductions in mortality rates are due in large part to broader awareness and adoption of preventive health measures, including improved nutrition, consistent physical activity, smoking cessation, and effective management of blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

“People often underestimate how much agency they have over their health trajectory,” Dr. Schuster has said in public forums. He believes that even modest lifestyle adjustments can add years to a person’s life and, equally important, improve the quality of those added years. His talks often focus on attainable changes in diet and exercise routines that support cardiovascular and overall health.

Beyond his clinical work, Dr. Schuster has become a public advocate for heart health, leveraging platforms such as Facebook and corporate wellness seminars to expand awareness. He has delivered

keynote addresses at medical institutions, religious assemblies, senior centers, and civic organizations, all with the goal of fostering a culture of proactive health care. His emphasis is on empowering individuals—especially aging adults—to embrace practical behaviors that yield long-term benefits.

Dr. Schuster’s visit to the New Canaan Men’s Club reflects the organization’s ongoing commitment to educational programming that supports the interests and well-being of its members. The club, open to men aged 55 and older, meets regularly and features a wide array of speakers covering topics from public affairs to science and the arts.

According to the club’s leadership, opportunities for new membership remain available. Those interested in joining the New Canaan Men’s Club or learning more about its programming may contact the organization at ncmens@ncmens.info.



# Concordia Conservatory's “Music of Innovation” Closes the 21st Hoch Chamber Music Series with Boundary-Breaking Collaboration

By TYLER AMORANDO

Concordia Conservatory will conclude its 21st season of the celebrated Hoch Chamber Music Series with Music of Innovation, a genre-blending performance that brings together the worlds of classical chamber music and jazz. The concert takes place on Sunday, April 27th at 3:00 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Headlining the performance are Grammy-winning bassist John Patitucci and Grammy-winning violist Lawrence Dutton. They are joined by a stellar ensemble of musicians: violinists Elizabeth Lim-Dutton and Emanouil Manolov, cellist Andrew Janss, and guitarist Steve Cardenas. The program will feature Dvořák's String Quintet No. 2 in G Major, Op. 77, as well as music by J.S. Bach, Reinhold Glière, and original compositions by Patitucci. It is a concert that promises not only musical virtuosity but also a rare fusion of genres that reflects the personal and professional chemistry between Patitucci and Dutton.

The title, Music of Innovation, captures the essence of what these longtime collaborators bring to the stage. “The innovation is really when John and

I get together and try to mix things up,” said Dutton. “We try to be innovative in our ways.” The two musicians, who first met decades ago at a church they both attended, have found a deep connection through shared values—faith, family, and an unrelenting drive to grow as artists.

While the Hoch Series is rooted in chamber music, its mission has always been broader, welcoming different styles and voices into the fold. “It's really about bringing to audiences different genres of music,” Dutton said. His partnership with Patitucci has enabled the series to stretch far beyond tradition, embracing jazz, cabaret, and commissioned works that sit comfortably alongside the classical norms.

Patitucci, whose career in jazz has spanned decades, brings a unique voice to chamber music. He describes jazz ensembles as inherently similar to chamber groups: “A jazz group, whether it's a duo, trio, or quartet, is a lot like chamber music... It's agile, light on its feet, and rhythmically exciting.” His compositions for the series reflect this hybrid sensibility, blending jazz harmonies and rhythms with the structural elegance of classical music.

The final concert of the season will also spotlight this spirit of musical novelty. Among the highlights is a performance of Monk's Mood with a viola cadenza written for Dutton, as well as a collaboration with guitarist Steve Cardenas, who Patitucci described as “one of the foremost authorities on Monk's music.”

Both artists emphasized the importance of mentorship and tradition. “We both feel the immense responsibility of passing down the knowledge we've gained,” Dutton said. “It's really important now more than ever... the world is going away from a lot of great traditions, and you can lose the great music of the past if you don't watch it and keep nurturing it.” Patitucci echoed the sentiment: “We've been blessed to be mentored by people responsible for innovation in music and we want to inspire younger musicians to be part of that tradition going forward.”

As artistic director of the Hoch Series, Dutton has carefully curated a season that not only celebrates tradition but also looks toward the future. This year's programming included performances by quartets mentored by the Emerson String Quartet, a nod to Dutton's legacy with the group. “The great joy for me is I get to invite these quartets and then I get to play

with them,” he said. The upcoming concert, dubbed the “Emerson Legacy Concert,” closes out the season with the kind of collaborative energy that has defined Dutton's work.

Looking ahead, Patitucci revealed he's already composing a new work for the next season—an extended piece for string quartet and bass that, like many of his recent works, will blend genres and spotlight the strengths of his collaborators. “The beautiful thing is I know who I'm writing for,” he said. “I get to write for great people, and I get to mix the genres.”

That spirit of knowing and growing together—of adapting, listening, and innovating—sits at the heart of Music of Innovation. It's not just a concert title. It's a reflection of what this partnership has come to represent: reverence for the past, joy in the present, and an open hand to what music can become.

Tickets for Music of Innovation are \$49 adult and \$24.50 for senior/children and can be purchased at [www.concordiaconservatory.org](http://www.concordiaconservatory.org) or by calling 914-395-4507.

## Worship Directory and Services

UPDATE SERVICES AND ADD SPECIAL EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR AT  
[www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/worship-calendar-updates](http://www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/worship-calendar-updates)

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

### Congregational Church

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

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

#### Recurring Events:

**Tuesdays at 9:30 AM:** Women's Bible Study  
**Wednesdays at 9:30 AM:** Bible Study  
**Fourth Thursday from 12-2:30 PM:** Meet at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk to serve a meal.

#### Upcoming Events:

**April 27th at 5 PM: Spring Celebration Concert in support of the Mary Bradley Clarke Fund. The concert will feature performances by the Chancel Choir, Children and Youth Choirs, along with musical guests and instrumentalists.**

### First Church of Christ, Scientist

49 Park Street 203.966.0293  
[christiansciencet.org/newcanaan](http://christiansciencet.org/newcanaan)

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

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

### First Presbyterian Church

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

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

### Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020  
[www.starcc.com](http://www.starcc.com)  
Service Schedule:

**Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** The Sunday 8:30 a.m. mass is live-streamed 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

### St. Mark's Episcopal Church

111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515  
[churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto: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 Prayer Rite II by Zoom.  
**Wednesday at 12:05pm:** Noonday Eucharist in the chapel.

#### Recurring Events:

**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

#### Upcoming Events:

**April 26th at 6 PM:** The Friends of the Music at St. Mark's presents Music of Benjamin Britten. The Staff Singers of St. Mark's are some of the most talented vocalists in the area, and Trevor Scott, tenor, is no exception.

### St. Michael's Lutheran Church

5 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.3913  
[office@stmichaelslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmichaelslutheran.org)  
[www.stmichaelslutheran.org](http://www.stmichaelslutheran.org)

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

#### Recurring Events:

**Thursday 12 PM:** Alcoholics Anonymous

### Trinity Church New Canaan | Darien

468 South Avenue 203.618.0808  
[info@trinitychurch.life](mailto:info@trinitychurch.life)  
[www.trinitychurch.life](http://www.trinitychurch.life)

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

### United Methodist Church

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666  
[office@umcofnewcanaan.org](mailto:office@umcofnewcanaan.org)  
[www.umcofnewcanaan.org](http://www.umcofnewcanaan.org)

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

### Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711  
[cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com](mailto:cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com)  
[www.cbcnewcanaan.org](http://www.cbcnewcanaan.org)

Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aH13O\\_Syp\\_X0KDg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aH13O_Syp_X0KDg)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>  
Sunday School at 10:00am  
**Worship Service at 11:00am**  
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](mailto:info@gracecommunity.info)  
[www.gracecommunity.info](http://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:

**April 26th at 1 PM: Beach BBQ & Pickleball at Compo Beach in Westport.**

**May 21st at 6:30 PM: Trivia Night at Dry Dock Bar & Grille in Norwalk.**

### Talmadge Hill Community Church

870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT  
203.966.2314  
[talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com](mailto:talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com)  
[www.talmadgehill.org](http://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](mailto:info@chabadnewcanaan.org)  
[www.newcanaanjewish.org](http://www.newcanaanjewish.org)

The Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center is dedicated to strengthening and building the New Canaan Jewish Community by offering local Jewish resources that bring more positivity, Jewish education, charitable activity, good deeds and blessing to our lovely town. We are about Judaism, not affiliation. Regardless of your background, and however you choose to define your level of Jewish observance or identity, the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center can add spirituality, joy, study, community and connection for you and your family. The programs of the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center are held in various locations, all located in New Canaan.

### Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903  
203.322.1649  
[www.temple sinaistamford.org](http://www.temple sinaistamford.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](http://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=bFJQem9HWFcXU0EzZUM2VENEZmgyUT09#success>



Ecologist, author, and PBS host Carl Safina will deliver the 2025 Oldham Nature & Environment Lecture at New Canaan Library on Sunday, April 27, at 3:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Jim and Dede Bartlett Auditorium, with registration available via the library’s website. Elm Street Books will offer on-site book sales and a signing opportunity with Safina.

Safina, described by critics as a modern-day Thoreau, is recognized for his ability to fuse ecological science with narrative storytelling and moral reflection. He will present themes from his recent book, ALFIE & ME: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe, which chronicles the experience of rehabilitating a wounded screech owl named Alfie and the transformative relationship that developed between the owl, Safina, and his wife Patricia.

The book presents a broader meditation on humanity’s disconnection from the animal world and explores how interspecies empathy can serve as a lens for ecological responsibility. Safina draws from both scientific literature and indigenous wisdom traditions to argue that emotional and spiritual connections to wildlife are essential components of conservation ethics.

According to the New Canaan Library’s official announcement, Safina’s lecture will engage attendees in a dialogue on biodiversity, the climate crisis, and the deeper meanings of coexistence. “The Oldham series aims to bring leading voices in science and environmental thought to our community,” said program organizer Miki Porta. “Carl Safina’s work resonates with audiences across disciplines—uniting policy, science, and personal narrative in a way few others do.”

Safina is the author of ten books and is founding president of the nonprofit Safina Center, which focuses on advancing the understanding of nature and human relationships to it. He has hosted the PBS series Saving the Ocean and is the inaugural Endowed Professor for Nature and Humanity at Stony Brook University. His essays and articles have been featured in The New York Times, National Geographic, and TIME magazine.

His accolades include a MacArthur Foundation “genius” grant, a Pew Fellowship, and awards from the Lannan Foundation, Orion Society, and the National Academies. Safina’s early life was shaped by formative experiences in nature—raising pigeons, training hawks and owls, and spending extensive time in the woods and on the water. These experiences now serve as the foundation for a body of work that urges reconsideration of how humanity defines its place in the natural order.

The Oldham Nature and Environment Lecture series was established to equip the public with informed perspectives on global ecological challenges. Its past speakers have included climatologists, conservationists, and policy advocates. Safina’s appearance underscores the series’ continued focus on the ethical and scientific dimensions of environmental stewardship.

For additional information about the event, attendees may contact Miki Porta at [mporta@newcanaanlibrary.org](mailto:mporta@newcanaanlibrary.org).



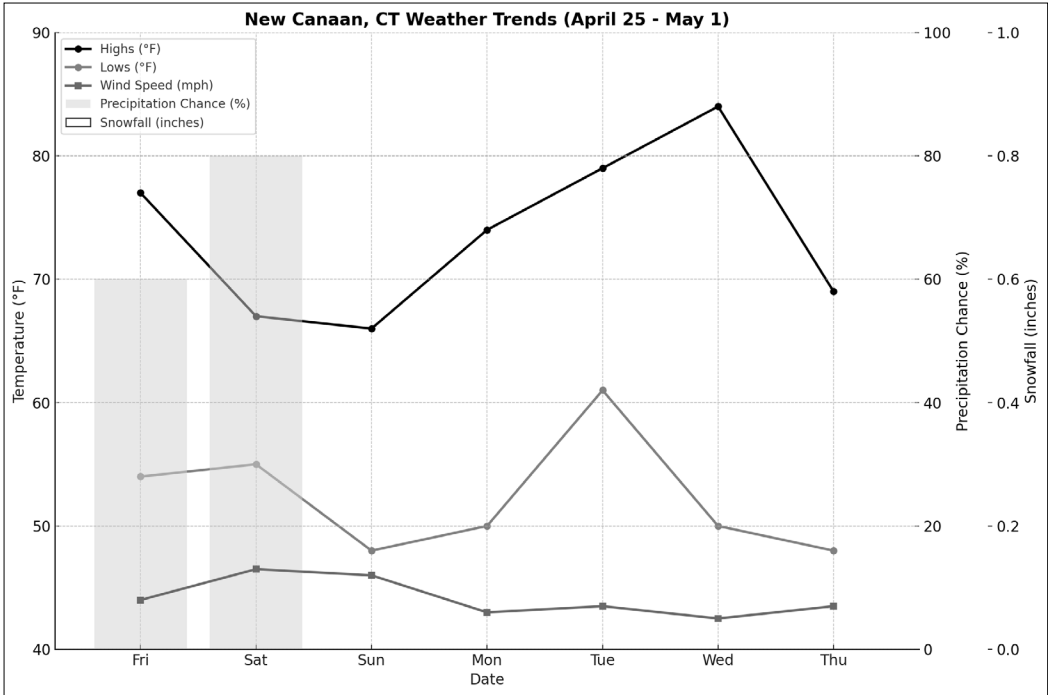
## New Canaan Weather Forecast: Here’s What to Expect

By Emma Barhydt

As late April transitions into early May, New Canaan residents can anticipate a dynamic mix of spring weather. The upcoming week promises a blend of sunshine, intermittent rain, and fluctuating temperatures, characteristic of New England’s spring season.

Friday, April 25 will commence with abundant sunshine, leading to a warm afternoon high near 77°F. Light southwesterly winds at 5–10 mph will contribute to the pleasant conditions. As evening approaches, cloud cover will increase, and there’s a 60% chance of showers developing overnight, with a low around 54°F. Residents should be prepared for potential overnight rainfall, which may lead to a damp start on Saturday.

Expect a cloudy and breezy day, on Saturday,



April 26, with temperatures peaking at 67°F. There’s a high likelihood of showers and possibly a thunderstorm, especially in the afternoon, with precipitation chances around 80%. South winds at 10–15 mph will accompany the unsettled

weather. Rainfall totals could reach up to half an inch, so outdoor plans may need adjustments.

Sunday, April 27 concludes the weekend on a brighter note, with morning clouds giving way to sunshine and a high near 66°F. Northwest

winds at 10–15 mph will usher in drier air, making for a comfortable day. The evening will be clear, with temperatures dropping to around 48°F. It’s an ideal day for outdoor activities, offering a respite from Saturday’s rain.

Monday, April 28 will be

a mostly sunny and pleasant day, with highs reaching 74°F. Light winds and low humidity will enhance the comfort level. The night will be partly cloudy, with lows around 50°F. It’s a great start to the workweek, encouraging outdoor engagements.

Tuesday, April 29 continues the warming trend, with sunny skies and highs climbing to 79°F. A gentle southwest breeze will accompany the warmth, making it feel like an early taste of summer. Overnight temperatures will remain mild, with lows near 61°F under mostly cloudy skies. It’s advisable to stay hydrated and apply sun protection during prolonged outdoor exposure.

Wednesday, April 30: Anticipate very warm conditions, with highs soaring to 84°F under partly sunny skies. Areas of high clouds may filter

the sunlight, but the day will remain dry. A light southerly wind will persist, and the night will cool down to around 50°F. This unseasonably warm day marks a significant departure from typical April temperatures.

Thursday, May 1 brings a noticeable cooldown, with highs around 69°F and increased cloud cover. While the day should remain dry, the shift in weather patterns suggests a return to more typical spring conditions. Northwest winds at 5–10 mph will contribute to the cooler feel. The evening will be partly cloudy, with lows near 48°F, setting the stage for a potentially unsettled weekend ahead.

Whether enjoying the outdoors or planning indoor activities, flexibility will be key to making the most of the diverse weather patterns this week.

## Traveling? Check The Week Ahead Nationally

By Emma Barhydt

### Northeast

The Northeast will experience a spring see-saw in temperatures, starting with a blast of cold Canadian air that will bring widespread frost and potentially freezing conditions, especially across inland valleys. Daytime highs will begin in the 50s to low 60s °F, with nighttime lows dropping into the 30s and even 20s °F in colder pockets. However, a mid-to-late week shift in the upper-level pattern will allow milder air to return. Highs will rise into the 60s and 70s °F, and nighttime temperatures will moderate into the 40s. Aside from some scattered showers with each frontal boundary, the week will trend mostly dry with increasing sunshine. Gardeners should remain alert for frost advisories during the early week cold spells, but the threat will diminish as warmer air returns late week.

### Southeast

A stormy start to the week is in store for the Southeast, with a frontal system ushering in widespread showers and thunderstorms through the weekend. Some storms may be strong, and localized flash flooding is possible in areas of repeated heavy rain. As the front clears the region, cooler and drier

air will filter in, leading to a stretch of tranquil weather. Daytime highs will settle into the low to mid-70s °F, while overnight lows dip into the 50s °F—upper 40s in the higher elevations. Coastal and southern portions will remain warmer, with highs in the upper 70s to low 80s °F. Later in the week, a return of moisture may bring a few pop-up showers or storms, but the bulk of the region will enjoy dry, mild spring conditions midweek.

### Midwest

Expect a highly variable week across the Midwest as temperatures swing between unseasonable cold and brief warm-ups. A strong cold front early in the week will plunge temperatures well below average, with widespread frosts and freezes likely—overnight lows falling into the 20s and 30s °F, and highs limited to the 50s °F. As the week progresses, southerly flow ahead of the next front will boost highs into the 60s and 70s °F, though showers and thunderstorms will return. Strong gusty winds and the potential for localized severe storms could accompany midweek systems, followed again by cooler, breezy air. Soil conditions remain dry in many areas, which may exacerbate fire weather concerns during windy periods. Overall, expect a week of springtime extremes,

with alternating warm and cold spells, and scattered rain and storms.

### Southwest

The Southwest will bask in dry and increasingly hot conditions, particularly in desert regions. Afternoon highs will climb into the 80s and 90s °F, with some of the hottest spots nearing the 100 °F mark by late week. Nights will be milder, ranging from the 50s to 60s °F. With little to no rain in the forecast, the main concern this week will be elevated fire weather. Low humidity, warm temperatures, and gusty winds—especially in New Mexico and West Texas—will increase the risk of wildfires. Red Flag Warnings may be issued as winds periodically gust above 30 to 40 mph in exposed areas. The region will stay mostly sunny and dry throughout the week, with no significant storm systems expected.

### Northwest

A cool, wet pattern will dominate the first half of the week across the Pacific Northwest, with successive Pacific fronts bringing valley rain and mountain snow. Daytime highs will hover in the 50s °F west of the Cascades and 40s °F in the higher elevations. Overnight lows will fall into the 30s and 40s °F. The Cascades and northern Rockies

can expect fresh snowfall above 4,000–5,000 feet. However, by midweek, high pressure builds in, clearing skies and initiating a warming trend. Afternoon temperatures will climb into the 60s to low 70s °F by the end of the period, with drier conditions and plenty of sunshine returning for the second half of the week. This transition will provide a welcome break from the persistent wet weather, allowing for outdoor activities and springtime growth.

### West Coast

California and the broader West Coast are set for a stretch of sunny, summerlike weather. A strong ridge of high pressure will dominate, bringing daytime highs into the 80s °F inland and 60s to mid-70s °F along the coast. Overnight lows will range from the upper 40s to mid-50s °F. The state will remain dry throughout the week, with no significant rain expected—even in the north. The Sierra Nevada will see increased snowmelt under the warm sun, and the region may begin to see an uptick in wildfire risk, particularly in foothill and desert regions. Offshore winds may develop late week, but no widespread wind events are forecast at this time. Expect classic spring warmth, dry air, and lots of sunshine.



## Obituaries



ELLEN BLANCE  
1931 – 2025

Ellen Blance, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the age of 93.

Ellen was the embodiment of positivity, and the center of her close-knit family. She was born on June 26, 1931, in Whitburn, a small coastal village in the Northeast of England. Like others of her generation, in World War II England, as a young child, she was evacuated to a family faraway in the countryside – an experience that helped shape her resilient and indomitable spirit.

A passionate teacher, Ellen and Ian, her husband and soulmate of 73 years, and young sons, Andrew and Carl, left London in the 1970s for New York City. The Ford Foundation’s invitation to demonstrate her teaching method to NYC schools for 6 months morphed into a love for New York life and US citizenship. Ellen was the author of the Monster Books, a series of children’s books that were translated into 10+ languages. After many years as a teacher of the gifted in the Rye Brook, NY, school district, Ellen and Ian moved to New Canaan in 1998, where they enjoyed being close to their son, Andrew, daughter-in-law, Kathy, and granddaughters, Chelsea and Felicity.

Ellen loved literature, gardening, traveling the world with Ian, and helping others. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her granddaughters.

Ellen lived her life by her favorite motto, “Be kinder than you need to be.”



DANA ANTHONY  
1946 – 2025

Dana D. Anthony, a spirited creative, beloved mother, and tireless advocate, passed away peacefully surrounded by love and comfort after a courageous journey marked by resilience and grace.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1946, Dana’s life was anything but ordinary. From a young age, she followed in the footsteps of her broadcasting father, eventually making her mark as a voice actor and producer. She lent her voice to the airwaves, worked with well-known actors, and produced media that touched countless lives. Dana fearlessly took on new chapters as a skydiver in her 20s, and later in life as an interior designer of luxury homes - always driven by imagination, boldness, and a love of beauty.

Dana met the love of her life, William L. Anthony, in Greenwich, CT, and together they raised their family in New Canaan. She spent her golden years in Trumbull, CT, where her spark never dimmed. A proud spitfire to the very end, Dana lived with vibrant energy and a heart full of purpose.

Her laugh was contagious, her smile impossibly genuine. Dana was a master of pranks, a fan of all things mischievous, and a fierce defender of the people and animals she loved. Whether championing her children, comforting a friend, or rescuing a stray, Dana led with her heart - a heart as selfless as it was boundless.

Later in life, Dana found deep companionship and joy with her dear

friend Tom Alfano. Their bond brought warmth and light to their final years - a true testament to the enduring power of love and connection.

Dana was also a proud 50-year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), where her deep sense of heritage and civic duty found a powerful outlet.

Predeceased by her husband of 36 years, William L. Anthony, and her cherished son, William “Billy” L. Anthony Jr., Dana is survived by her loving daughter, Barbara Anthony Wells, and her devoted partner Michael Colabella; her adoring grandchildren: Evan Wells, Madelyn Wells, and Olivia Wells. She also leaves behind her sister Dianne Reich, brother Dean Dallmann, and nieces and nephew Sarah Reich, Faith Towner, and Todd Dallmann.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dana’s name to The Humane Society of the United States, a cause close to her heart.

In honor of Dana’s bold and colorful spirit, the family kindly requests that guests wear a pop of bright color to the service - a joyful tribute to the way she lived her life: boldly, beautifully, and unapologetically. Dana never let anyone dull her sparkle - and she wouldn’t want you to, either.

A Celebration of life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, CT 06840, on Wednesday, April 30th at 12:30 p.m.. Interment will be private at Lakeview Cemetery New Canaan.



PETER CURCIO

Peter John “Pj” August Curcio, 41, known to family and friends as PJ, passed away unexpectedly at home in Naples, Florida on March 24, 2025 from cardiac pulmonary arrest and obstructive sleep apnea. PJ was the devoted son of Jeanne Van Lent Curcio of Naples and Peter S. Curcio of Punta Gorda, loving brother of Katherine M. Curcio of Naples, Florida, and dear nephew to Aunt Ann Van Lent. He was predeceased by his maternal (John and Marian Van Lent) and paternal (August and Mary, who lived to 103 years old) grandparents, as well as loving uncle August (Skip) R. Curcio.

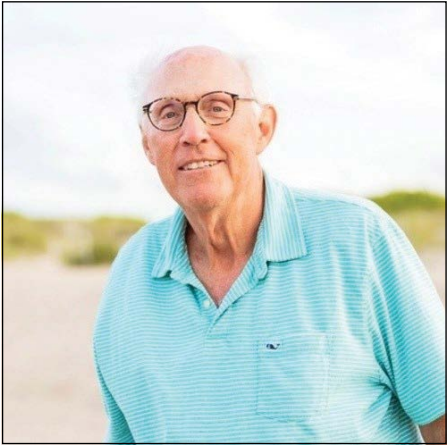
PJ lived his early years in New Canaan, Connecticut before the family moved to Cape Coral, Florida, then to Naples. He attended New Canaan Public School, St. Luke’s School and Canterbury School. He attended Stetson University where he obtained an undergraduate degree in Political Science. He then attended Stetson University College of Law, and earned his Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. He participated in the debate team at St. Luke’s and was a member of the St. Aloysius Catholic Church in New Canaan.

PJ was a die-hard sports fan especially of the NY Mets and the NY Jets. His dad, Peter, attended game 6 of the 1986 World Series; years later, while visiting the Port St. Lucie Mets’ training camp, PJ met Mookie Wilson who signed the 1986 ticket stub which became a prized possession of the young fan. Bobby Valentine, manager, made it all happen. PJ was then excited to meet Mike Piazza, Tim Lincecum, and several other Mets players.

PJ was an intelligent, respectful, and courteous young man with a very witty personality. He was a wizard at Scrabble and impossible to beat. PJ loved politics, and always dreamed of going to Washington, DC to work as a lobbyist. He enjoyed campaigning for Porter J. Goss, retired CIA director, who became Congressman for the 14th Congressional district, in Fort Myers, Florida. He loved adventure, whether traveling to Italy to visit the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel, or embarking on a five-day adventure on his father’s boat up the Hudson River to

Troy, New York, all the way to Ontario, Canada.

He will be missed by multiple family members, close friends and cousins from New Canaan, Connecticut, Greenwich Connecticut, North Carolina, Georgia and Iowa. A memorial service and celebration of PJ’s life will be scheduled in the near future. Please check our website for service details. In lieu of flowers the family ask donations be made to the March of Dimes.



HERBERT WEST  
1948 – 2025

Herbert Thayer West passed away peacefully on Friday, February 28, at the age of 76 with his children at his side. An avid fly fisherman and paddle player, he was a terrific sport in every sense and will be missed greatly by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Born on October 21, 1948, in Charleston, WV, Thayer was the beloved son of Annette Todd West (née Thayer,) and Herbert Margerum West. Following his family’s move to New Canaan, CT, in 1953, Thayer maintained a lifelong connection to his birthplace, visiting often throughout the years.

He attended elementary school in New Canaan before heading off to Lawrenceville in Lawrenceville, NJ, and The Darrow School in New Lebanon, NY. He graduated from the University of Denver in 1971 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Upon graduation, he began a career in the trade show division of Union Carbide Corporation and studied in the evening to earn his MBA from the University of Connecticut. He continued at Union Carbide in various roles until 1994 when he left the corporate world to join his brother Chris and help expand West Construction Corporation, completing projects that graced the pages of local and national publications including This Old House and Architectural Digest among others.

Thayer was a member of the Potatuck Club of Newtown, CT, and a former member and past president of the Country Club of New Canaan. More than anything, Thayer enjoyed being a resident of New Canaan and it always felt like he knew everyone in town. Above all, Thayer found immense joy in supporting his children’s athletic pursuits, from rec league T-Ball to collegiate lacrosse, always their most dedicated fan. Remembered for his remarkable kindness, patience, and his passion for the Outer Banks, skiing, fly fishing, and sporting dogs, Thayer’s unwavering love for his family and friends leaves an indelible mark.

He is survived by his three children in whom he took infinite pride, Erin West Turkstra (Matthew) of Alexandria, VA, John Thayer Townsend West (Amber) of Sheffield, MA, and Nicholas Beavers West (Steffi) of Richmond, VA; their mother, Susan Henry West of Easton, MD; and grandchildren Meredith, William, Elle, Thayer, and Hank. He is predeceased by his sister, Eleanor Pratt West of New Canaan, but survived by his oldest and youngest siblings, Annette Thayer West of Newtown, CT, and Christopher Zeph West (Kathryn) of Roanoke Island, NC, and nieces and nephews.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at Bridges in Norwalk for their exceptional care during Thayer’s final months.

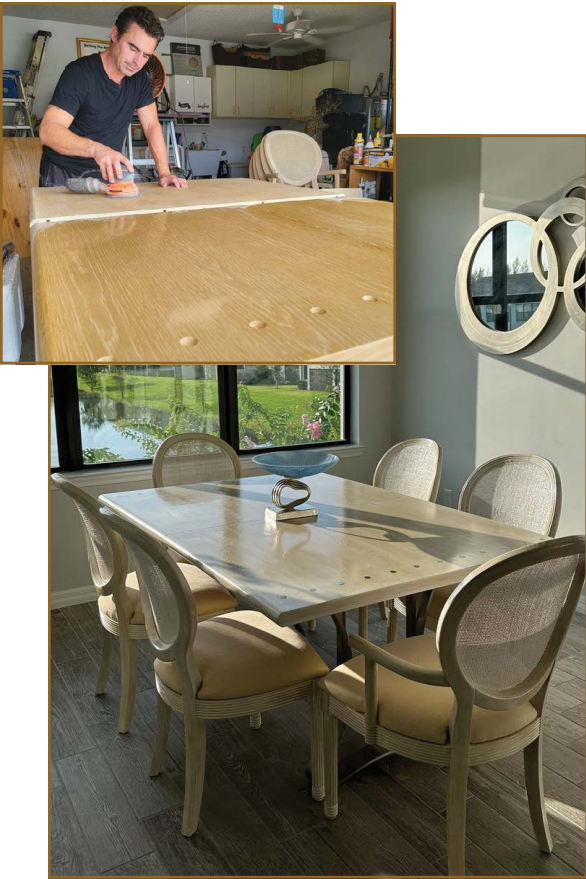
In lieu of flowers, donations to the Children’s Hospital of Richmond are appreciated.

A memorial service will be held on June 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, honoring Thayer’s life and legacy.

**The New Canaan Sentinel believes every life deserves to be remembered. We do not charge for obituaries and welcome submissions to honor your loved ones. Please email obituaries to Caroll@SentinelHometownNews.com.**

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# A Walk in the Park

By Frank Gallo

It’s almost Spring, and I’ve set out for a walk at the New Canaan Nature Center to see what I can find... The trail I’m on meanders through forest to a swamp where plants are beginning to emerge. As I draw near the wetland, I notice what looks like domed mottled purple monk’s hoods poking out through the mud and snow; these are the spathe, the leaf-like bracts containing the flower cluster or spadix of eastern skunk cabbage, (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) a plant known for its pungent odor. The enclosed spadix within this bizarre structure contains perfect flowers with both male and female reproductive parts. However, the flowers open asynchronously to prevent self-pollination. When the spathe first opens, the flowers are all females with ovaries then later transition into male flowers that produce pollen.

Skunk cabbage is an arum related to Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*) and wild callilies (*Calla palustris*) and only begins flowering in their seventh season. Our largest and earliest blooming spring wildflower, it often emerges in February when there is still snow cover. How is this possible?

Remarkably, skunk cabbage is thermogenic, one of a few plant species that produces its own heat through cellular respiration. During its two-week pollination stage, it increases its metabolism utilizing stored starches from its roots to produce heat. If the air temperature is above 37f, its internal temperature can rise as much as 30°f above the ambient temperature, quite enough to melt snow, allowing its spathe to emerge and flowers to be pollinated well before most other



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plant species.

What’s the advantage of flowering so early in the season? Plants compete for resources, including pollinators, and with few competitors so early in the year, skunk cabbage can capitalize on the available pollinator resource.

The spathe’s curved shape helps deflect air into the flower chamber, maintaining air flow and creating a warm microclimate and stable temperature. The higher temperature may help to increase the plant’s fetid odor which in turn attracts pollinators, often insects which are drawn to carrion such as blow flies and flesh flies.

Honeybees also utilize skunk cabbage both as an important early spring nectar and pollen source and as a refuge from the cold, especially on days when the temperature dips below 55 degrees Fahrenheit, their minimum flying temperature. The heat produced within the flower chamber allows them to warm and remain active.

Skunk cabbage are perennials. Their rootstalk, or rhizomes – underground stems with nodes from which roots emerge – is persistent and can survive for centuries. The rhizomes grow deep in the soil, and at the end of each growing season in late spring and early summer, the roots contract pulling the rhizomes even deeper into the soil. Thus, older plants have deeper rhizomes than younger. In undeveloped areas, skunk cabbage rhizomes may predate British colonization.

Black Bears readily eat skunk cabbage after emerging from hibernation, even though skunk cabbage leaves contain crystals of calcium oxalate making them unpalatable to most mammals, and highly toxic to humans, producing a stinging, burning sensation in the mouth when chewed raw. Native American’s and colonists utilized skunk cabbage for making medicines and at times for food after first drying the leaves completely.

If you’re curious about the strong odor that gives skunk cabbage its common name, make a small rip in a leaf and have a sniff. It smells less skunk-like and more fetid to my nose.

Further into the wetland, I spy a bright yellow flower with 5 petal-like sepals and heart-shaped leaves known as marsh marigold (*Catha*



*palustris*), not a marigold at all, but a close cousin of buttercups (*Ranunculus*), that grows in rich wet areas. The flowers lack petals, and although the sepals appear bright yellow to our eyes, they contain bee purple which glows in the ultraviolet and is visible to insects. Bee purple coats the sepals except near their base providing insects with landing lights, as it were; the sepals dark base focuses their attention on the flower center where nectar and pollen await. Marsh marigold flowers open only when the sun is out and close at night and on cloudy days and will sometimes bloom again in autumn when light levels are like early spring’s.

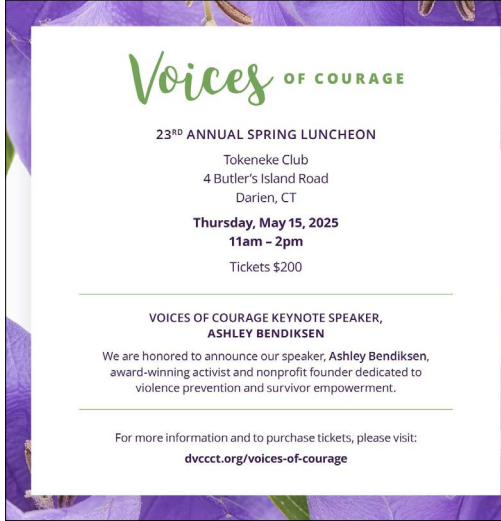
Marsh marigolds are pollinated by syrphid flies (bee mimics), and a host of other flies and insects. Raw leaves are toxic, but young leaves are reported to taste like spinach after being boiled in several changes of water. Native American’s once boiled the iron-rich leaves to treat anemia.

As I approach a vernal pool farther along the trail, I hear the strident “peeps” of spring peepers, and the duck-like quacks of wood frogs. These Amphibians are the first frogs to emerge each year and are busy calling females to breed in these shallow temporary pools. If the water remains, in 6-8 weeks their young will leave the pools as tiny fully formed frogs and move into the forest in mass. I listen raptly to the chorus before moving on.

Although it is still early in the season, life is showing itself. More so each day. Soon fern fronds will be unfurling, bees buzzing, and birds singing, their chorus increasing daily as more and more species return from their winters away. And, as the days lengthen, a host of other ephemeral wildflowers will emerge and lend their beauty to the spring landscape. Each day there will be new wonders to uncover and places to explore. As I leave, I’m already looking forward to my next walk in the park.



## Voices of Courage Event May 15



The Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) will host its 23rd Annual Voices of Courage Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Tokeneke Club in Darien. This year’s keynote will be given by nationally recognized speaker and advocate, Ashley Bendiksen, who will share her personal journey as a survivor of teen dating violence and speak to the critical need for prevention, awareness, and community support at all levels. Tickets and sponsorships for the event may be purchased at Voices of Courage website.

With a message rooted in both lived experience and field expertise, Bendiksen will explore the complex dynamics of intimate partner violence—what makes it difficult to leave, the red flags young people often miss, and what she wishes she had known earlier. She will also address how families, schools, and communities can better support youth and survivors of all ages through prevention education, open dialogue, and advocacy.

“In sharing my story, I hope to empower others—especially young people—to recognize unhealthy

relationships early, speak up, and know they’re not alone,” said Bendiksen. “Education and awareness can change, and even save, lives.”

Bendiksen is a sought after expert on domestic violence, uniquely specializing in how abuse impacts youth. She has spoken at leading conferences, including NOVA (National Organization for Victim Assistance) and the National Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation (CESE), and has delivered expert testimony in support of a Massachusetts bill mandating employment protections for victims of abuse. Bendiksen is also the Founder of the Blue Hearts Project, a global storytelling platform for survivors, and was featured in a 12x award-winning documentary. Additionally, Bendiksen serves on the Board of Directors for the Women’s Resource Center and co-owns Island Youth Coaching, a consulting and life coaching agency dedicated to supporting and empowering youth. Learn more at [ashleybendiksen.com](http://ashleybendiksen.com).

“All too often, people think domestic violence doesn’t happen in Fairfield County—but I can tell you it does,” said Suzanne Adam, Chief Executive Officer of DVCC. “Voices of Courage is not only a fabulous event, it is critical to our mission. Funds raised from the luncheon ensure we will be there to answer the call when a domestic violence victim needs our services.”

Last year, DVCC provided direct services to 3,619 survivors of domestic violence across Stamford, Norwalk, Darien, New Canaan, Weston, Westport, and Wilton. All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit DVCC’s mission to provide effective services, support, and education for the prevention and elimination of domestic violence in Connecticut communities.

DVCC offers a full range of services including crisis intervention through its 24-hour hotline and two emergency safe houses, adult and youth counseling, legal advocacy, housing and financial sustainability, and prevention education. All services are free and confidential.







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## NEW SALES

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42 Siwanoy Lane	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$1,951,000	17	4	2	1.04
25 Lukes Wood Road	\$2,725,000	\$2,725,000	\$2,715,000	105	6	6	5.97
107 Weed Street	\$3,849,000	\$3,849,000	\$3,849,000	20	6	5	1.07

# What's Normal Anymore?



BY JOHN ENGEL

A graph of the last ten years of home sales in New Canaan shows 3,262 sales, 326 in a “normal” year, 4.38% of the roughly 7,434 housing units. By the standards of the last 50 years, 4.3% is the average turnover. In the last decade, the low was 243 sales in 2015 and 2016 and the peak was 532 sales in 2021, giving us an average of 297. But what’s “normal” about the last 10 years?

In that span, we see roughly three years of the market pre-Covid, three years of Covid, and then three years post-Covid. Covid lasted three years? According to the CDC, the pandemic began on Jan. 21, 2020, and ended on May 11, 2023. But for real-estate purposes, we can’t stop in May, without the results of the Spring Market. People are still listing and offering in May, and those sales don’t close until July. So we chose Labor Day 2023 as the inflection point when Covid stopped, and we moved on to a post-Covid market.

The three years before Covid were a bad market, the end of a ten-year slide. It’s hard to remember what it was like back then, but I remember telling clients, “It doesn’t matter if you reduce the asking price of your house because nobody is listening.” I know that markets are neither good nor bad, they just are. For every seller unable to sell, there’s a buyer getting a good deal, right? No. It’s a bad market when demand evaporates and home prices decline. That good deal isn’t good a year or two later.

The three years before Covid, 2017–2019, were a time when we peaked with 351 houses for sale in June 2019. That’s more than an entire year’s worth of inventory for sale. By contrast, this month we have only 10% of that available, 35 single family homes, representing 2.2 months of inventory. June 2019 was the tail-end of a 10-year malaise that began with the Great Financial Crisis (in January 2009, zero houses were sold in New Canaan) that we never recovered from.

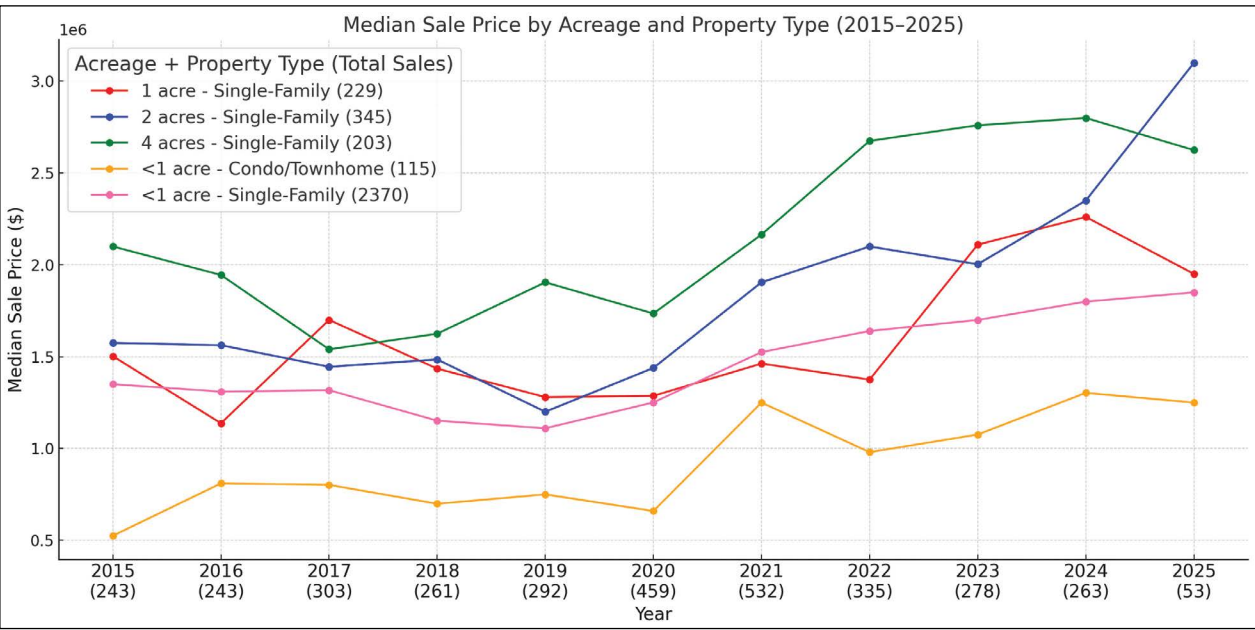
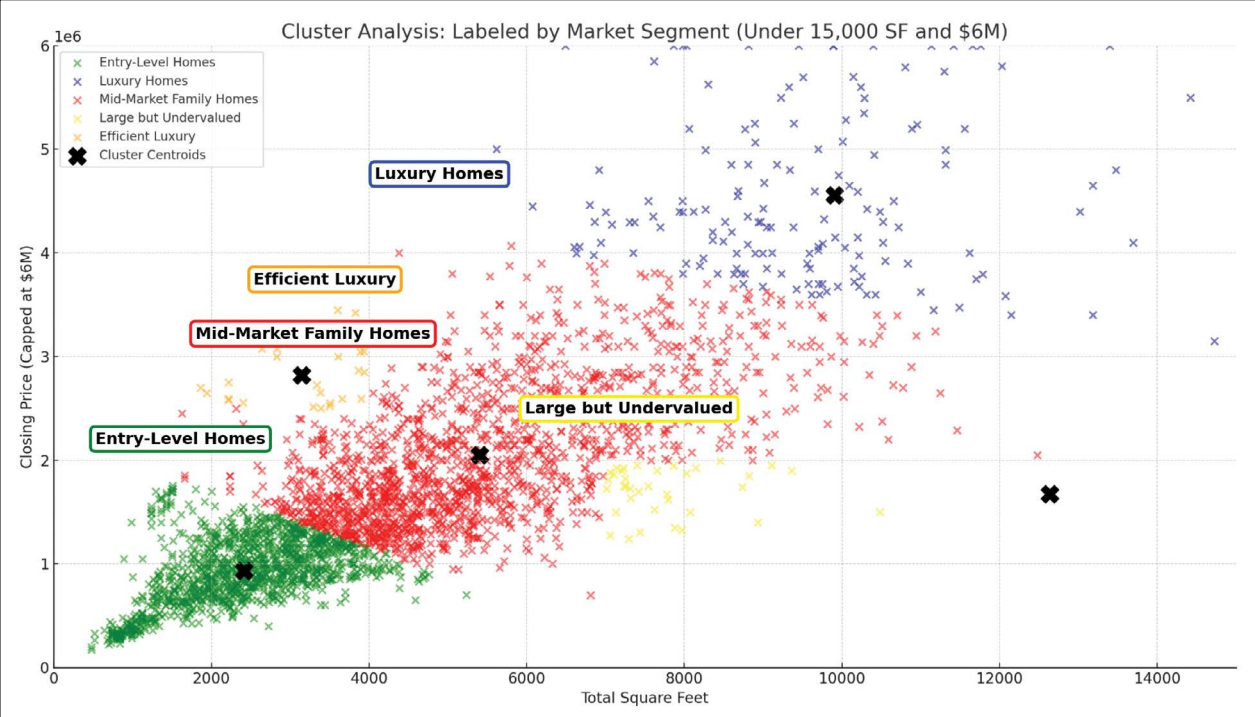
What happened to real estate during Covid (2020–2022) has been well-documented. Demand for single-family homes (with open space), mostly from New York City, caused prices to rise and the volume of transactions peaked at 532 in 2020. It took two more years before the dust settled and we couldn’t point at the crisis any longer to blame it for rising prices.

On the second graph, we’ve mapped New Canaan by sales in the 4-acre zone, 2-acre zone, 1-acre zone, and Under-1-acre Zone. Some in Hartford think New Canaan is all 4-acre zoning, but that represents only 6% to 13% of sales. It was the 4-acre zone that benefitted most from the crisis; the least valuable zone became the most valuable. Distance from town, and its impact on commute, was a major factor before Covid, and as you can see in the graph, what was a liability quickly became an asset, a condition that has persisted.

Yesterday, I was asked for a price-opinion on Barnegat Road. You can’t get more north than Barnegat Road, and I estimated a value of more than \$3.5 million. The edge of town has lost none of her luster.

That brings us to today, “post-Covid,” during which, according to the graph, the

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4-acre zone is valuable but slowing down, overtaken by a continued surge in value in the 1-acre and 2-acre zones that began in 2020.

Why? Who is buying, where, and for what reason, and how have patterns changed? Can we extrapolate from purchase decisions what are buyers’ prevalent primary and secondary motivations?

- **Pre-Covid** – lower prices across the board, South led in volume with more compact lots – 1 acre, half the average sale in East or West.
- **During Covid** – spike in pricing and lot size, especially West (up \$200k compared to East and up \$700k compared to South).
- **Post-Covid** – prices surged; acreage increased. West surged to \$2.58m avg., while East has climbed steadily to \$2m avg. South held volume and gained \$500k on avg. since pre-Covid. Sales in the 4-acre zone increased, reflecting a sustained preference for privacy and scale, even as overall volume dropped.
- **Entry-Level Homes** – demand stayed strong, but prices surged,

likely due to inventory compression and millennial demand.

- **Mid-Market Family Homes** – largest volume segment, the Stable Middle – buyers still competing here but fewer listings and upward price pressure.
- **Efficient Luxury** – smallest volume, 2–14 sales per year; these are designed, location-prime homes – mostly new builds and top-tier renovations, \$700+ psf.
- **Luxury Homes** – volume increased, avg. prices \$5m, over 7000 sq. ft., but price per foot didn’t spike, suggesting buyers prioritize space over finishes. These are estate buyers and relocation executives.
- **Large but Undervalued** – homes over 6000 sq. ft. but under \$450 per sq. ft. Volume was steady, but post-Covid expectations rose. These are dated homes on good land, an opportunity for value-add investors or luxury flippers.

**Yard size.** The trend is both economic, time, and training. In uncertain times, people say, “I don’t want to maintain that

much yard” and they opt for a smaller house on a smaller lot – just not too small. When my grandfather had 4 acres on North Wilton Road in the 1970’s, he mowed his own lawn. Now, when so few of us do, is it any wonder that landscaping costs are a major factor when thinking about your next home? Landscaping takes time, and who has enough of that?

**Neighborhood.** We looked at South, West, and East school districts. There is no best zone, no preferred neighborhood. If you ask somebody in Darien where



is wealth concentrated, the answer is Tokeneke. But in New Canaan, you’ll find expensive homes in any neighborhood, every school district. However, the graph shows us that West outshone South and East in the last few years, strange because the commute was never less of a factor than during Covid and the five years since. Trying to account for increasing sales of more expensive homes in the West, I discovered that the median home sale in West (1973) is 5 years newer than those in the East (1968), and about 3 years newer than those in the South (1970). There it is, anyway, an almost useless fact.

### What the Graphs Actually Show

So, what does ten years of sales data really reveal?

- **The 2-acre zone now commands a higher median price than the 4-acre zone**, surpassing \$3.2 million.
- **Luxury condos** emerged as a serious segment, jumping from \$400 per sq. ft. to over \$1,100 per sq. ft. at the peak, then settling just below \$800 per sq. ft. as inventory tightened.
- **The 4-acre zone surged during Covid** – but has since been overtaken by smaller lots in better proximity.
- **The 1- and 2-acre zones have shown the most consistent price growth**, suggesting buyers are choosing properties that offer a balance between scale and manageability.

This isn’t just about which area “won;” it’s about changing preferences. Buyers aren’t chasing the biggest house or the lowest price. They’re choosing homes that are easier to live in, easier to maintain, and more flexible in their appeal.

That’s the value of ten years of data: not just what sold, but why.

John Engel is a broker on The Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, and he planted 5,000 daffodils for Melissa’s birthday. Apparently, the Garden Club loves Irwin Park more. Each spring, over 50,000 daffodils blanket the Great Lawn to create a breathtaking display. Our New Canaan Garden Club is one of the oldest in the nation. If you love daffodils in Irwin Park, consider [making a donation](#) to Friends of Irwin Park to support restoration projects, native plantings, and ongoing conservation efforts.

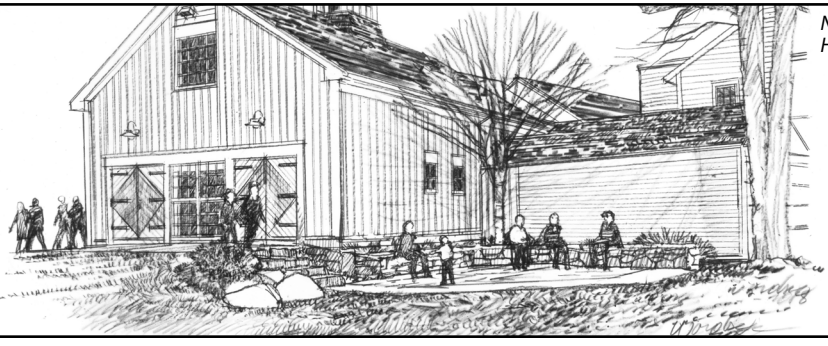


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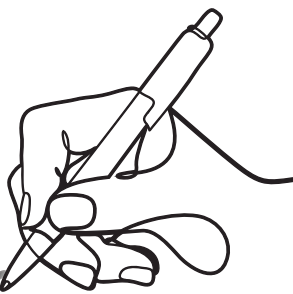
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Thank you to all the sophisticates, literary enthusiasts, and very clever Sentinel readers!

Get in on our Cross-Over Contest!



Sentinel Literary Competition

APRIL Writing Challenge #425: Ladybug Paradox

The ladybug is both adored and feared. Its bright red shell with black spots says “I am beautiful”—but also “I am not to be messed with.” It looks like a lucky charm, but it is a silent destroyer of garden pests, devouring thousands of aphids with methodical efficiency. It’s small, but it is armored and poison to potential predators. Quiet, but decisive. This month’s contest explores what it means to hold strength inside softness, to wear camouflage with purpose, and to wield power without fanfare.

For Ages 15 & Under: “More Than I Seem”

Winner receives \$25 and publication in the Sentinel!

Prompt:

In 100 words or fewer, write about a character, animal, or object that’s misunderstood. Maybe it’s underestimated, overlooked, or mistaken for something it’s not. Like the ladybug, it might look harmless—but has a secret strength, a job to do, or a hidden side no one sees. You can write a story, poem, letter, or journal entry. Surprise us with what’s under the surface.

Example 1:

I’ve lived under the floorboard for ninety-three years. Long enough to hear every footstep and forgotten spell in the room above. They think I’m a relic, dropped by accident. But I wasn’t dropped—I was hidden. I’m iron, cold and clever, and I open what must never be opened unless things get really bad. And judging by the sounds last night—the whispering cloaks, the crackling air—it’s getting close. There’s a girl now. She has the gift. She dreams about me. Soon, her heel will catch on the plank. She’ll pull it loose. And I’ll be ready.



Example 2:

They always forget me. Shoved into closets, car trunks, backpacks. I sit quietly, waiting. Then the rain comes. They curse the sky, scowl at the clouds, and finally remember me—useless no more. I rise, unfolding my ribs like wings, shielding hair, shoulders, secrets. No one thanks me. But I hear the whispered relief. I am not flashy. I am not fragile. I am the quiet shield between you and the storm. You think I’m just a thing you carry. But when everything opens up above you, I’m the only thing standing between you and drowning.

For Ages 16 & Up: “Camouflage and Clarity”

Winners receive \$100 and \$50 and publication!

Prompt: In 250 words or fewer, write a scene, monologue, or vignette about a character who uses perception to their advantage. Maybe they’re underestimated because of their looks, voice, or demeanor. Maybe they hide their power until the moment it’s needed. Like the ladybug, they should move through the world with quiet certainty—capable, strategic, and exact. Show us the moment their message becomes unmistakable. The setting could be a boardroom, a greenhouse, or anywhere in between. The reveal should linger.

Example:

She arrived in Warsaw with two names: one in her passport and one stitched inside her head, like a birthmark.



At the embassy, they referred to her as “the language attaché,” which was as good a euphemism as any. She wore low heels, took her tea without milk, and let the attachés dismiss her as charmingly irrelevant. But she was not irrelevant. She was patient.

She observed.

When the Russian trade delegate’s briefcase disappeared for eight minutes at Chopin Airport, she noted it. When the German cultural attaché suddenly “transferred,” she sent no farewell card—but filed a separate report. The men spoke freely near her. That was the trick, always. To be present but never seen. To smile like a hostess while listening like a wiretap. Tonight, the asset would arrive at the opera. He’d be carrying a red folder and a limp. He would nod twice, then vanish into the crowd. The envelope he left behind would pass through three hands before reaching London.

She would never be thanked.

She wore a coat the color of wine. On the collar: a pin shaped like a ladybug—bright, small, unnoticed. If anyone asked, it was a gift from her niece.

No one ever asked.

And when the world finally shifted, when the lines on the map redrew themselves again, she would still be watching. Still recording. Still dangerous.

Deadline: Midnight, April 27, 2025. Winners announced in the first May 2025 issue.

How to Enter: Craft your clever response to this month’s prompt, then visit [www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/sentinel-writing-competition](http://www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/sentinel-writing-competition) to submit it. Multiple entries are welcome, and pseudonyms are accepted—giving you the freedom to be as inventive as you like.



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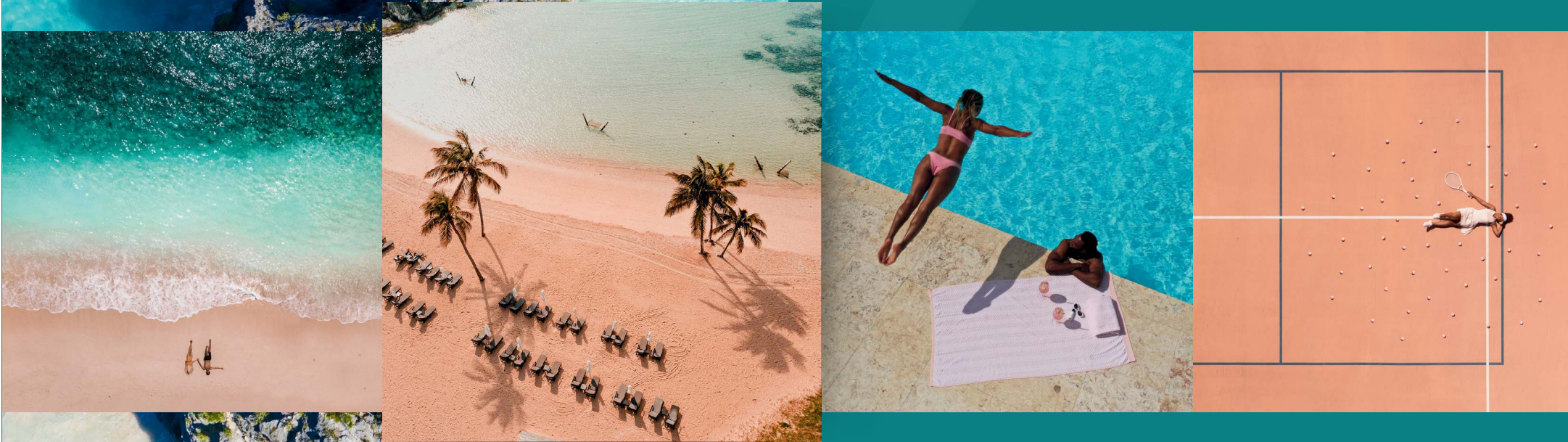
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TOWN MEETINGS

- Thursday, April 24**  
[Police Department Building Committee](#)  
8-9 a.m., Location not posted at time of publication.

**Tuesday, April 29**  
[Planning & Zoning Commission](#)  
7-9 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom

**Wednesday, April 30**  
[Inland Wetlands Commission - Site Visit](#)  
7:30-9:30 a.m., Begins at Town Hall

**Thursday, May 1**  
[Health & Human Services Commission](#)  
8:45-10 a.m., Town Hall Board Room & via Zoom

**April 24**  
**Gridiron Dinner and Show- Night One**  
6 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan  
Join the 63rd Annual Gridiron Dinner and Show Honoring Wendy Coleman Dixon Hilboldt. The festivities will begin at 6 pm for cocktails, 7 pm for Dinner and 8 pm – The Show will begin. A donation in Wendy’s honor will be made to the New Canaan High School Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$175/person and available at <https://gridironclubofnc.org/registration/>.

**Baseball and the Rise of a New City with Best-Selling Author Kevin Baker**  
7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Join historian Kevin Baker as he talks about the hugely entertaining history of baseball and New York City. Bursting with larger-than-life figures and fascinating stories from the game’s beginnings to the end of World War II, was voted Sports Illustrated #1 Book of 2024. Register at <https://shorturl.at/1l79V>.

**April 25**  
**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.**

**Relief Print Making Workshop Series with Evelyn Harvey**  
12 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
This class explores the process of printmaking by creating your own image through ideation, carving your image onto the printmaking block, inking, registration of paper, and printing. Over three sessions, participants will create their own relief block and print a run of their own design. The other classes will be held on May 2nd and May 9th. Tickets are \$165/non-members, \$150/members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/relief-print-making-workshop/>.

**Gridiron Dinner and Show- Night Two**  
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Show Honoring Wendy Coleman Dixon Hilboldt. The Show will begin at 8 pm. A donation in Wendy’s honor will be made to the New Canaan High School Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$175/person and available at <https://gridironclubofnc.org/registration/>.

**Opening Night: The Importance of Being Earnest**  
7:30 PM at Powerhouse Theatre  
The esteemed Oscar Wilde’s most well-known comedy, The Importance of Being Earnest, is rich with love, banter, friendship, and conflict. This whirlwind of complex relationships and comedic commentary is a show you don’t want to miss. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

**April 26**  
**Community Wish Send-Off Celebration – Come Be Part of the MAW CT Magic!**  
10 AM on Elm Street  
Join Make-A-Wish Connecticut and the New Canaan community as we send local wish kid Ezekiel off in style before his big wish to Disney World. Line the street, bring your cheers, wear blue, and help us show Ezekiel just how much his community supports him. There will be firetrucks, the Wish Jeep, prizes, Disney magic, and a whole lot of heart. No RSVP needed.

**Earth Day Celebration**  
10 AM - 5 PM at Grace Farms  
Join Grace Farms for their annual Earth Day Celebration, a day packed with nature-inspired learning and fun for all ages. Connect to the natural world by exploring the native landscapes surrounding the double LEED Gold Certified River building, and attend pop-up talks, demonstrations, and experiences led by our knowledgeable educators throughout the day. The schedule and tickets are available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/earth-day-celebration-2025>.

**Last Saturday on the Trail: Edible Wild Mushrooms of Connecticut**  
10 AM at the New Canaan Library  
Join for a special program with Ryan and Emily Bouchard, the founders of the Mushroom Hunting Foundation. Ryan and Emily will teach everyone how to identify mushrooms that are safe and delicious to eat and offer a tremendous variety of health benefits. Learn more about how to incorporate edible mushrooms into your daily life. Register at [https://secure.lglforms.com/form\\_engine/s/1m4U-C9AP90w70zN-5YoXPA](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/1m4U-C9AP90w70zN-5YoXPA).

**Watercolor Botanical Painting with Sarah Crossman**  
10:30 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Learn to Paint Beautiful Watercolor Flowers. Join artist Sarah Crossman for a one-day workshop designed for all skill levels. In this hands-on session, Sarah will guide you through the basic techniques of watercolor painting, with a focus on capturing the vibrant beauty of tulips as seasonal inspiration. Materials will be provided. Tickets are \$75/ members, \$90 for non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org>.

**Open Morning for Writers**  
10:30 AM at the New Canaan Library, Mc-

Laughlin Meeting Room  
Open Morning for Writers is a quiet writing space for writers. There will not be any instruction or talking in the room. Bring your pens, your notebooks, or computers (with power cords) to write for one and a half hours without distractions. New and emerging writers are welcome; prompts will be on hand in the room for anyone needing inspiration on a new project. Register at <https://shorturl.at/ilo0O>.

**Principles of Cooking: Fish**  
11:30 AM at the New Canaan Library, Kend Kitchen + Community Room  
Take your fish cooking skills to the next level in this hands-on demonstration-style class. Whether you want to cook a weeknight meal or impress guests with restaurant-quality meals, this class will give you the skills you need. Register at <https://shorturl.at/cCgzO>.

**Gallery Talk: Spring Fever**  
2 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
All are welcome to join the Carriage Barn for a gallery walk and talk through the Spectrum Contemporary Art Show, exploring the 2025 theme, Spring Fever. For more information, contact [chalmer@carriagebarn.org](mailto:chalmer@carriagebarn.org).

**Music of Benjamin Britten**  
6 PM at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church  
The Friends of the Music at St. Mark’s presents Music of Benjamin Britten. The Staff Singers of St. Mark’s are some of the most talented vocalists in the area, and Trevor Scott, tenor, is no exception. More information is available at <https://www.stmarksnew-canaan.org/friends-of-music/>.

**Faster Things – Allman Brothers Tribute**  
7 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Faster Things conjures the twin guitar harmonies and searing slide guitar sounds, Hammond organ, harmony guitar and unusual time signatures of the original Allman Brothers band with passion. Tickets are \$35/person and available at <https://carriagebarn.org>.

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**April 27**  
**Open-ended Art Exploration with Barbara Rucci**  
12-2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Arlene H. Grushkin Children’s Program Room  
Families can drop in to make art with Barbara Rucci. There will be three different art stations where you can explore your creativity. No registration needed, this is a drop-in program.

**Picnic-Palooza**  
12:30-2:30 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society  
Pack your picnic, blanket and favorite stuffed animal and go to Picnic Palooza. There will be Jumpin’ Jams, Old Faithful firetruck rides,

games, craft and more. Register at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/x6ngce8>.

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**Family Drop-In Bugs and Blooms- Oh My!**  
2-3 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Do your kids have ants in their pants on Sundays? Bring them to the Carriage Barn for a fun-filled free family drop-in event. They will be crafting Blooms and Bugs—Oh My! and enjoying a few spring-themed books read by Rebecca from the New Canaan Library. All children are welcome to join in the creative fun. Register at <https://shorturl.at/WS9dn>.

**Oldham Nature & Environment Lecture: Carl Safina**  
3 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
The 2025 Oldham Nature & Environment lecturer will be Carl Safina, to culminate the town-wide celebration of Earth Month with its theme of biodiversity. The Oldham Nature and Environment Lecture series is dedicated to presenting leading scientists, policy makers, strategists, and other experts to speak to our community about the many ways climate change is threatening our world, enabling us to be well informed on the topics of climate science and policy, and biodiversity impact and loss. Register at <https://shorturl.at/k5bCx>.

**April 28**  
**Chair Yoga**  
11:30 AM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
With the support of a chair, this gentle Chair Yoga class will help you improve postural alignment, maintain pelvic mobility, reduce muscle tension and gain strength through flowing movements and focused breathing. Register at <https://shorturl.at/fjcxD>.

**Woodcarving**  
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
Join Dennis Taylor to explore this time-honored craft. Dennis will help you learn to carve actual projects, explain basic wood cuts, tools and safety tips. Free event. Call (203) 594-3620 to register.

**Sit and Stitch with Aggie**  
2 PM at the Lapham Center  
Stuck on a stitch? Want to add dimension to your work? Join Aggie for lessons and tips on the best ways to embellish your project, and use decorative stitches. Free event. Call (203) 594-3620 to register.

**Two Geniuses: Karajan and Mozart**  
2:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
Both born and raised in Salzburg, both musical geniuses. This documentary uncovers the similarities and differences between them. Run time: 55 minutes. Free event. Call (203) 594-3620 to register.

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Universal Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 Fake call from the IRS, e.g.

5 Courts

9 Good news after a job interview

14 Cab

15 Colts’ city, for short

16 Lionhearted

17 “I agree 100%!”

18 Extra-bright

19 Stereotypically cringey H.S. subject

20 Iconic fast-food logo (see letters 9 to 5 in this clue’s answer)

23 Ride a sloop, say

24 Writer Hemingway

28 Dutch spirit named after its original still (letters 11 to 8)

31 Comedy routines

32 \_\_\_ Pods (inedible laundry pouches)

33 Big League Chew product

34 Charitable offerings

35 Joke targets

37 Soccer great born Edson Arantes do Nascimento

38 Animal with a pouch, briefly

39 “Here today, \_\_\_ tomorrow”

40 Certain baby

41 Often-complex details (letters 6 to 3)

45 God, in Hebrew

46 Ilhan of “The Squad”

47 MTV series based on “An American Family”

53 (letters 9 to 7)

56 Bipolar phase

Jackie Robinson’s Golden State sch.

57 “Attention, please!”

58 Startle

59 “Anything but \_\_\_!”

60 Baseball stitching

61 Uses an e-cigarette

62 Gardener’s tube

63 View on something

**DOWN**

1 Dateless

2 Pattern for blending in, informally

3 Ice skater’s 1.5-turn feat

4 Attitudes

5 \_\_\_ the Pooh

6 Low tie

7 Skunk funk

8 In \_\_\_ (harmonized)

9 Watch carefully

10 California city north of Bakersfield

11 Send via modem, perhaps

12 December 24, for one

13 Like a cooked lobster

21 Gobbles up

22 Listens to, as advice

25 Tools used on lawns’ borders

26 What a calavera depicts, on the Day of the Dead

27 Not racy

28 Kobe robe

29 Adorable animal in a river

30 Trivial thing to pick

31 Light hair color

34 Diva’s solo

35 Knife variety

36 108-card game

37 Barbecue event popular in Hawaii

39 Teddy \_\_\_ (bear-shaped snacks)

40 Chew on wood, say

42 Whole

43 Australian animals known for sleeping

44 Untimely comment?

48 Baseball great Babe

49 Video call issue

50 Seehorn of “Better Call Saul”

51 Security breach

52 “Let’s chat privately,” on Twitter

53 Dallas hoops pro

54 \_\_\_ carte menu

55 Kindergarten’s break

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Horoscopes for Next Week

As Taurus season unfolds from April 19 to May 20, 2025, it invites all zodiac signs to embrace grounding, stability, and introspection. This period encourages slowing down, appreciating the present, and focusing on personal values and self-worth.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

The New Moon in your sign on April 27 marks a potent time for setting intentions aligned with your deepest values. As Venus transitions into Aries on April 30, introspection becomes key, guiding you to release past patterns that no longer serve your growth. Embrace this period of renewal to cultivate resilience and authenticity, allowing your true self to flourish. Trust in the grounding energy of your season to navigate changes with grace.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

The New Moon in Taurus on April 27 encourages a retreat into introspection, prompting you to release lingering doubts and embrace inner healing. As Venus enters Aries on April 30, your social sphere may expand, offering opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals. Utilize this time to align your external interactions with your internal truths, fostering genuine relationships. Let go of what no longer resonates to make space for new beginnings.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Your professional ambitions are illuminated this week, urging you to channel your energy into career advancements. Reflect on your long-term goals and consider innovative approaches to achieve them. Balancing your personal and professional life is crucial; ensure that your home environment supports your aspirations. Embrace this period of growth with confidence and clarity. Let your intuition guide you through the cosmic currents, revealing hidden opportunities along your path.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Your social life is vibrant, presenting opportunities to connect and shine in group settings. Engage in events that allow you to showcase your talents and leadership qualities. This is a favorable time to expand your network and pursue collaborations that align with your passions. Stay open to new experiences that can lead to personal and professional growth. Trust that the universe is aligning you with kindred spirits who will elevate your journey.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Focus on deepening your relationships and building trust with those close to you. Financial matters may require attention; consider reviewing joint resources and investments. Open communication is key to resolving any underlying issues and fostering mutual understanding. Use this time to strengthen bonds and ensure stability in your partnerships. Allow the stars to illuminate the path to harmony and shared prosperity.

Libra (Sept 23 – Oct 22)

This week, the Taurus New Moon on April 27 invites you to delve into the depths of your relationships and shared resources. As Venus re-enters Aries on April 30, your focus sharpens on partnerships, urging you to balance assertiveness with harmony. Embrace this period to release limiting beliefs and foster connections that support mutual growth. Trust that by confronting the shadows, you illuminate the path to deeper intimacy and empowerment.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

The Sun's journey through Taurus highlights your one-on-one relationships, prompting you to assess the balance between giving and receiving. The New Moon on April 27 offers a fresh start in your personal and professional alliances, encouraging you to initiate meaningful dialogues. With Venus returning to Aries on April 30, prioritize self-care and address any imbalances in your daily routines. Allow the cosmic energies to guide you toward partnerships that resonate with your true self.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

The Taurus New Moon on April 27 urges you to reevaluate your daily routines and health habits, seeking a harmonious balance between work and well-being. As Venus re-enters Aries on April 30, creative and romantic energies surge, inviting you to pursue passions that bring joy. Stay grounded amidst potential distractions, ensuring that your pursuits align with your long-term goals. Embrace the opportunity to infuse your daily life with purpose and passion, guided by the stars.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

As the New Moon in Taurus graces your creative sector on April 27, it's time to plant seeds of joy and passion. The Venus-Saturn conjunction on April 24 enhances your communication skills, allowing you to express your emotions with clarity and depth. Mars opposing Pluto on April 26 urges you to reclaim your energy and set boundaries that protect your well-being. Embrace this period to indulge in activities that bring you pleasure and to articulate your needs with confidence.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

The New Moon in Taurus on April 27 invites you to create a sanctuary that nurtures your soul and fosters emotional security. The Venus-Saturn conjunction on April 24 encourages you to reassess your values and establish financial and emotional boundaries that reflect your true worth. Mars opposing Pluto on April 26 may stir tensions in relationships, prompting you to navigate conflicts with clarity and compassion. Use this time to cultivate inner peace and to strengthen the foundations of your personal life.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

The New Moon in Taurus on April 27 illuminates your communication sector, urging you to speak your truth and share your insights with the world. The Venus-Saturn conjunction in your sign on April 24 brings a sense of emotional maturity, helping you to define your desires and set intentions that align with your personal growth. Mars opposing Pluto on April 26 challenges you to release outdated habits and to embrace transformative changes that support your evolution. Trust in your intuition and allow your inner wisdom to guide your path forward.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

As Mars opposes Pluto on April 26, you may feel a surge of transformative energy challenging your usual assertiveness. The New Moon in Taurus on April 27 invites you to plant seeds of financial stability and self-worth, urging a reevaluation of your resources and values. With Venus entering your sign on April 30, embrace this period to harmonize your inner desires with outward actions, fostering authentic connections. Trust in your evolving path and let your actions reflect your true intentions.

Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

**ACROSS**

1. Affiliate marketing revenue sources

4. (K) Potato-based snack unit

8. (K) Super tiny energy source

12. (K) About to be cooked

13. Drummer's output (with 32-Across)

14. To a degree

15. Fighter for a cause

17. Fussy snoot

18. (K) “Masters of the Universe” hero

19. (K) Dark purple-red

21. One of the “Rocky” films

23. Lisa with an oily face?

24. (K) Spaced three feet apart

28. (K) Branch structure blocking water

31. (K) Measurement unit

32. See 13-Across

33. “Nut” from an African tree

34. 67.5 degrees from true north, briefly

35. (K) TV reruns, for example

37. (K) Within hearing range

39. (K) Bit of sunlight

40. (K) Move like a scared rabbit

43. Fowl's perch

47. (K) Get bent from heat

48. (K) City in the Sunshine State

50. Rested one's wings

51. (K) Do less than gallop

52. (K) Zig? No, the opposite

53. Clever maneuver

54. (K) Makes dresses

55. (K) Places for the injured, briefly

**DOWN**

1. (K) Bridge part

2. (K) “I double \_\_\_ you!”

3. (K) Like some Olympic races

4. Brain cases

5. Bore or sired

6. Matter to be discussed

7. Any variable in math

8. (K) City in Colorado

9. (K) Destructive wind phenomena

10. (K) Leave out on purpose

11. (K) Prefix for “bucks”

16. Speaks biblically?

20. (K) Deity of the Bible

22. Fascinations

24. (K) Go kaput and fail to restart

25. Motel-like establishment

26. Outline of a play

27. MLB's Ripken

29. (K) Key next to the longest key on a keyboard

30. (K) Mommies

33. Lays out in a boxing ring

35. (K) Silent “excuse me”

36. Diamond figures

38. (K) Like a cereal box with no cereal

40. (K) Trade

41. (K) Use one's mobile

42. On the endangered list

44. (K) Move like slime on a slight incline

45. (K) First name listed in the cast

46. (K) Plays a game as it

49. (K) One way to get to the shore

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

Where the operators are standing by?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1	C	A	W		4	Y	E	L	P		8	A	B	L	E			
12	A	S	H		15	U	V	E	A		18	F	O	I	L			
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82			N	E	A	T		89	E	D	E	N		96	L	E	A	
89			G	E	L	S		96	D	O	N	S		103	T	E	A	P

Previous riddle answer:

Came out of one's slump?

18-A) SAT UP

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

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 hoarse (5)	_____
2 like kale and cauliflower (10)	_____
3 standard ballroom dance (5)	_____
4 lava spewers (9)	_____
5 birthing helper (5)	_____
6 flat cap (5)	_____
7 chocolaty treats (8)	_____

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Previous Answers: 1. WORDS 2. GUESSING 3. LIVELY 4. DIETING 5. ROWING 6. SYMPATHIZE 7. INTENDED

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# Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

## Evening of Deep Sleep Meditation

6:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Listen to the tranquil visual and guided imagery as you gently relax and restore. One hour equals 3-4 hours of deep sleep and you will feel genuinely refreshed and reinvigorated after the session. There will be no yoga poses. Designed for all ages, no experience necessary. Tickets are \$40/person and available at <https://shorturl.at/Jl6QD>.

## April 29

**Lunch & Learn: iPhone Photography with Jane Beiles**  
12 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Join an interactive iPhone Photography workshop with Jane Beiles, acclaimed photographer for publications including The New York Times, Architectural Digest and House Beautiful. The class is designed for any, and all, levels of photographers seeking to elevate their game. Tickets are \$65/members, \$75/non-members, and please bring your own lunch. Register at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/putting-your-best-frame-forward/>.

## Open Tech

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
If you need help with email, smartphones/tablets, social media, or accessing the digital library, stop by for one-on-one support from a tech librarian. All technology-related questions are welcome. Tech assistance is limited to 20 minutes per session and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Social Media, AI, and Online Gaming with the New Canaan Police Department

5 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
How to safely navigate social media, Artificial Intelligence, and on-line Gaming. Presented by the Connecticut State Police and the School Safety Unit of the New Canaan Police Department, this program is for parents, students, and anyone who wants to improve their digital literacy. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y7nm3htc>.

**Songwriting Evening Workshops with Michael Louis Smith Series- Day One**  
7:30-9 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Join this laid-back, fun, and highly educational songwriting workshop with musician, songwriter and educator Michael-Louis Smith. This series will be accessible to musicians and non-musicians, some knowledge of music theory is helpful, but not required. This series will continue on May 6, 13, and 20. Tickets are \$185/members, \$200/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/8ULeO>.

## April 30

**Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinics**  
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
Ellen Samai from New Canaan’s Department of Health provides in-person blood sugar and blood pressure testing. Walk-ins welcome. If you plan to have your blood sugar level tested, it is recommend you fast for four hours prior to testing. Free event. Call (203) 594-3620 to register.

**Journey Into the World of Tea | Black Teas of China, India, and Sri Lanka**  
3 PM at Grace Farms  
Explore the distinctions between major black teas from across the globe, and taste notable varietals from India, Sri Lanka, and China, including examples of Darjeeling, Assam, Ceylon, Keemun, and Yunnan teas. Tickets are \$30/non-members, \$24 for members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/QFj3b>.

**Bytes and Bites: AI Insights, Appetizers and Wine**  
5 PM at the Lapham Center  
In this session, find twelve ways AI and ChatGPT can help you with browsing, writing, summarizing, fact-checking, playing, sketching, translating or repairing photos. Be sure to bring your device to try these things first-hand. Presenter, Gary Webster, is a dynamic technology integrator and certified teacher, with over 15 years’ experience teaching technology and design in the classroom. Free event. Call (203) 594-3620 to register.

**An Evening with Former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, John Sullivan**

6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Join for a conversation with John Sullivan, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, as he shares insights from his tenure during one of the most tumultuous periods in U.S.-Russia relations. With decades of experience in diplomacy and public service, Ambassador Sullivan will discuss key moments from his time in Moscow, the challenges of international diplomacy, and the future of global relations. Register at <https://shorturl.at/NGU4F>.

## May 1

**2025 New Canaan Community Foundation Spring Luncheon**  
11:30 AM at the New Canaan Country Club  
Each year, New Canaan Community Foundation hosts a benefit luncheon that raises critical funds to support our work in the community. This year’s luncheon will highlight our local work in Education. More information is available at <https://www.newcanaancf.org/upcoming-events>.

## Sip and Paint

5 PM at the Lapham Center  
Join this low-key evening of art, wine, and good cheer. Unleash your inner artist and have some fun. This event is \$10 per person. Space is limited, call (203) 594-3620 to register.

**"The Unconquerable Game": Nicholas Callaway in Conversation with Sean McManus**  
7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Nicholas Callaway and Sean McManus discuss Ely Callaway’s posthumous memoir, The Unconquerable Game: My Life in Golf and Business. Ely Callaway was the visionary founder of Callaway Golf Company. He began his memoir in the 1990s and it was completed by his son, Nicholas Callaway, and co-editor Andrew Moorhead. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ytymxppd>.

# SAVE THE DATE

## May 2

**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.**

## May 3

**Yoga and Movement with Pilin Anice**  
10:30 AM at Grace Farms  
Step into the light-filled Court to experience an immersive, breath-centered yoga practice accompanied by live acoustics led by renowned mindfulness and wellness expert, Pilin Anice. Participants may bring their own mats, towels, props, and water. Tickets are \$20/members, \$25/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/Plvx7>.

**Spring Birdwatching Walks**  
11 AM at Grace Farms  
Walk through scenic nature trails in search of migratory birds returning north after the winter. This walk, for birdwatchers of all experience levels, is guided by Brian O’Toole, the Visitor Service Manager for the Stamford Museum and Nature Center. Tickets are \$15/members, \$12/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/F93ft>.

**Music at Grace Farms | Antonia Jiménez**  
4 PM at Grace Farms  
Flamenco Guitarist Antonia Jiménez presents a concert at Grace Farms. Antonia is one of the leading voices in Flamenco guitar, a centuries-old tradition centered in Andalusia Spain. Tickets are \$25 and available at <https://shorturl.at/2RJH4>.

**Kentucky Derby Party**  
5:30 PM at the Inn, 73 Oenoke Ridge Road  
Attend a Kentucky Derby party. Mint juleps and hors d’oeuvres will be served. All financial proceeds benefit The Inn, Waveny’s Independent Living Community. Tickets are \$150/person and available at <https://shorturl.at/XUK39>.

## May 4

**Stoddard Lecture: Sebastian Smee**  
3 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Sebastian Smee captures the shifting passions and politics of

the art world in Paris in Ruins, revealing how the pressures of the siege and the chaos of the Commune profoundly impacted modern art, and how artistic genius can emerge from darkness and catastrophe. Register for this lecture at <https://tinyurl.com/4x-4rcfb>.

## May 5

**Chair Yoga**  
11:30 AM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
With the support of a chair, this gentle Chair Yoga class will help you improve postural alignment, maintain pelvic mobility, reduce muscle tension and gain strength through flowing movements and focused breathing. Register at <https://shorturl.at/pjQdd>.

## Woodcarving

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
Join Dennis Taylor to explore this time-honored craft. Dennis will help you learn to carve actual projects, explain basic wood cuts, tools and safety tips. Free event. Call (203) 594-3620 to register.

## Sit and Stitch with Aggie

2 PM at the Lapham Center  
Stuck on a stitch? Want to add dimension to your work? Join Aggie for lessons and tips on the best ways to embellish your project, and use decorative stitches. Free event. Call (203) 594-3620 to register.

## May 6

**Cherry Blossom Tea**  
11 AM and 1 PM at the New Canaan Playhouse  
Celebrating Mothers everywhere to benefit the Children of Blossom Hill. Enjoy lunch, signature cocktails, cherry blossom tea, shopping and our flower bar. Tickets are \$100 and available at <https://blossomhill-foundation.org/mothers/>.

## Open Tech

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
If you need help with email, smartphones/tablets, social media, or accessing the digital library, stop by for one-on-one support from a tech librarian. All technology-related questions are welcome. Tech assistance is limited to 20 minutes per session and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

## May 7

**Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinics**  
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
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## May 8

**Eighth Annual Lecture & Luncheon**  
11:30 AM- 2 PM at the New Canaan Country Club  
The NCNC invites you to join their Eighth Annual Lecture & Luncheon. This signature event will help support the Nature Center and its mission to inspire people of all ages to respect, protect and enjoy the world of nature. This year, the guest speaker will be Amanda Lindroth. Ticket prices start at \$350 and are available at <https://newcanaannature.org/lecture-luncheon/>.

**Ask the Attorney with Nedder and Associates, by appointment**  
2-4 PM at the Lapham Center  
An attorney from Nedder and Associates, LLC will be available for a free, private, fifteen minute consultations to answer your legal or financial questions. Free event. Please call (203) 594-3620 to schedule your appointment.

## Quilling Art Class

6-8 PM at the Little Plucky  
Join a fun evening exploring an ancient art form some believe has been around since 105AD. Create your own modern twist by using thin paper rolled up to make different shapes and designs. A shadow box will be provided to hang your work of art. Enjoy some nibbles & bubbly while creating your own piece of art. Tickets are available at <https://tinyurl.com/2vj7my24>

**Free Medicare Counseling**  
By Appointment at the Lapham Center  
Dick Neville, a CHOICES certified Medicare counselor, provides free,

objective, person-centered assistance about Medicare options and related benefits including: enrolling, choosing a supplemental plan and Part D prescription drug plan, and understanding Medicare Advantage plans. Available to New Canaan residents and Town employees. Call (203) 594-3620 to schedule appointment.

## May 9

**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.**

**Health Talks with Shannon and Ellen**  
11 AM at the Lapham Center  
Meet up with Shannon and Ellen from the Health Department for coffee, conversation and snacks. This is a free event. Call (203) 594-3620 to register.

## May 10

**Under The Sea Gala**  
6:30 PM at the Maritime Aquarium  
Join The Summer Theatre of New Canaan for their 22nd Anniversary Gala, an unforgettable “Under the Sea” celebration. Enjoy cocktails and a delightful meal. The night’s honorees will be Robert Miller and Kathy Klingenstein, along with Broadway’s Arbender Robinson. The evening will feature performances by stars of the Summer Theatre’s upcoming Broadway production of Disney’s The Little Mermaid. Tickets are available at <https://stonc.org/under-the-sea-gala/>.

## May 13

**Open Tech**  
2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
If you need help with email, smartphones/tablets, social media, or accessing the digital library, stop by for one-on-one support from a tech librarian. All technology-related questions are welcome. Tech assistance is limited to 20 minutes per session and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

## May 14

**Lunch & Learn: Chris Schipper of New Canaan Land Trust**  
12 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society  
Bring your brown bag lunch, snack or soup and hear from Chris Schipper of the New Canaan Land Trust who will discuss the importance of the Grupes House. The property abuts the Grupes Reservoir and connects directly to the Browne Preserve, one of the first properties to come under the protection of the NCLT. Register at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/348e3he>.

**Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinics**  
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
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## May 15

**Roses, Rosé & Peonies Too!**  
6:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Join for a creative and lively evening as you explore the art of floral arrangement, taste exquisite wines, and immerse ourselves in the beauty of the Spring season. Sample and learn about the best new rosé wines for spring and summer with Justin Miller of Craftbottlz. Learn the art of creating a stunning floral arrangement. Tickets are \$130/members, \$145/non-members, and available at <https://tinyurl.com/y43xy8x6>.

**Deadline for the Civics Essay Contest, Grades 7 – 12**  
All New Canaan students in grades 7-12 can share their interest in civics by entering this essay contest co-sponsored by the New Canaan League of Women Voters and New Canaan Library. First prize is \$300, second prize is \$200, and third prize is \$100. Essay Prompt: “This is a municipal election year. Why do these local elections matter?” More information is available at <https://shorturl.at/0XaFE>.

## May 16

**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.**

**New Canaan CARES Home Tour**  
10 AM at the Lapham Center  
Tour elegant New Canaan homes while supporting the community work of New Canaan CARES. A private Post Tour “Patron Party” will be held from 2-4 PM at a sixth “bonus” home. Enjoy lite bites, live music, and cocktails. Tickets are available at <https://newcanaancares.org/new-canaan-cares-home-tour/>.

## May 19

**2025 Community Cup**  
12 PM at the Silvermine Golf Club  
The New Canaan Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Clubs of New Canaan and Stamford are combining efforts this year to host the 2025 Community Cup, a charity golf event. The afternoon will begin with a barbecue lunch followed by a shotgun start and played in a “Shamble” format. There will be a casual cocktail party and buffet dinner after the 18-hole tournament. For more information, visit <https://newcanaanchamber.com/2025/03/24/2025-community-cup-sign-up/>.

## May 20

**Art Gottlieb’s History Discussions: Over There**  
10 AM at the Lapham Center  
Borrowing the title of the classic song by George M. Cohen, this last installment of a five-part series commemorating World War I will focus on events leading to America’s entry into the war in 1917 and her contribution towards Allied victory in November of 1918. Free event. Call (203) 594-3620 to register.

## May 30

**Celebrate New Canaan: Annual Gala 25**  
10 AM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society  
Join under moonlight for the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society’s annual gala and fundraiser. Dance to the music of Fake ID Band and dine on delicious food prepared by Diane Browne Catering. There will be cigars and spirit tastings on the Historic Trail. Register at <https://nchistory.org/celebrate-new-canaan-annual-gala-25/>.

## June 1

**Ice Cream Social**  
1-3 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society  
Join the Ice Cream Social for old fashioned games, an antique car show, ice cream cake and more. The New Canaan Town Band will play at the event. Free.

## June 14

**The Summer Party**  
12-4 PM at the Glass House  
Join the Glass House for their annual Summer Party, presented by Max Mara. Tickets will be available at <https://theglasshouse.org/whats-on/the-summer-party-2025/>.

# BLOOD DRIVES

## Friday, April 18

St. Philip’s Church  
25 France Street  
Norwalk, CT 06851  
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## Saturday, April 19

Union Baptist Church  
805 Newfield Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06905  
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM

## Monday, April 21

American Legion  
60 County Road  
Norwalk, CT 06851  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## Thursday, April 24

Norwalk Hospital  
34 Maple Street  
Norwalk, CT 06856  
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

## Friday, April 25

VFW  
465 Riverside Avenue  
Westport, CT 06880  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

# Support Services & Meetings

## April 25

**Suicide Prevention Training: Question, Persuade and Refer**  
11 AM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer - the 3 simple steps anyone can use to help prevent suicide. Those trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis This training will certify you as a QPR gatekeeper. Register at <https://shorturl.at/fDkpl>.

## April 29

**Protect Your Health: A Family Conversation About Vaping, Nicotine & Cannabis**  
7 PM at Saxe Middle School  
Join a family conversation about vaping, nicotine, and cannabis with New Canaan Cares. Register at <https://newcanaancares.org/vapingconversation/>.

## Every Friday

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

## Every Saturday

**AA Meeting-Sober Citizens Group**  
Saturdays at 9:15 AM  
First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

**AA Meeting-Laundry and Dry Cleaning Group**  
Saturdays at 10:30 AM  
First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

**Lost Then Found NA Meeting**  
Wheelchair Accessible  
Saturdays at 7 PM  
United Methodist Church (back entrance)

## Every Monday

**AA Meeting**  
Wheelchair Access  
Mondays at 7:30 AM  
Congregational Church of New Canaan

**Adult Child Al-Anon Meeting**  
Mondays at 12 PM  
St. Mark’s Church, Youth Room

## Every Tuesday

**Adult Child Alanon Meeting**  
Tuesdays at 12 PM  
St. Mark’s Parish House, Conf. Room

## Every Wednesday

**AA Step Meeting**  
Wheelchair Access  
Wednesdays at 7:30 AM  
Congregational Church of 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  
**New Canaan Parent Support Group**  
7- 8:30 PM  
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church  
New Canaan

# Our Neighbors

## April 24

**Me, Myself & Barbra with Jenna Pastuszek**  
7 PM at the Wesport Country Playhouse  
25 Powers Court, Westport  
Attend an evening a lifetime in the making featuring the music of Barbra Streisand. There will be a pre-show cocktail party. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/3VySV>.

## May 16

**The Palace’s 13th Annual Gala, Featuring Kool & The Gang**  
5:30 PM at the Stamford Palace Theatre  
61 Atlantic St , Stamford  
Celebrate the arts, arts education, and Honorees Lynne Colatrella and Michael Fedele. Tickets to this pre-show celebration include: Premium orchestra seating for Kool & the Gang show, open bar, a silent auction, and more. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/najpq>.

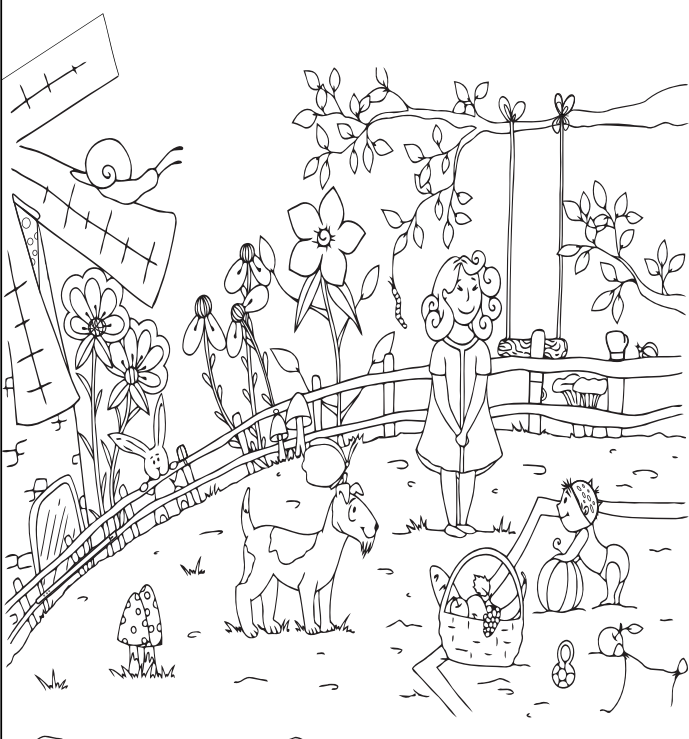


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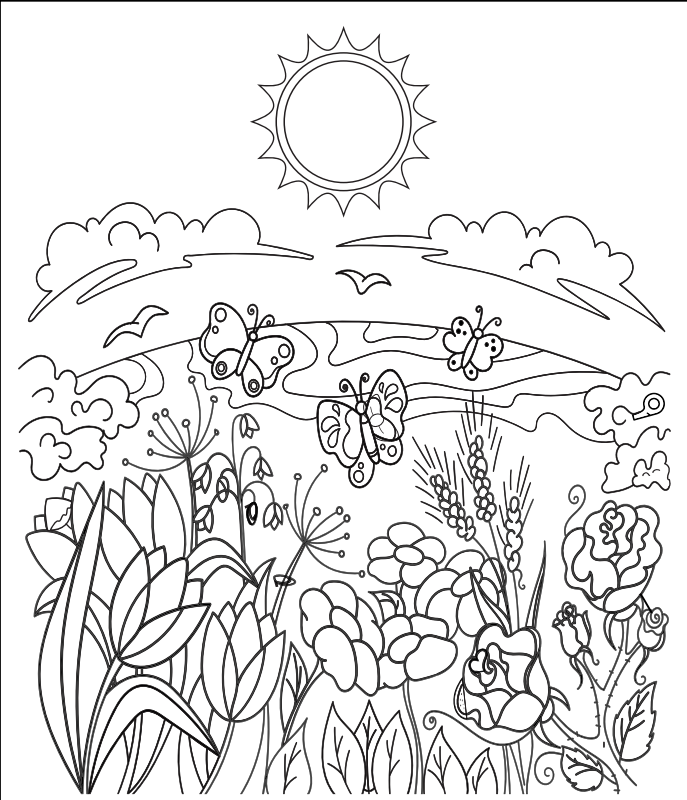
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- basketball ball
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- pizza



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# Sudoku for Kids

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# SUDOKU

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## Easy

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## Very Hard

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## Easy

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## Very Hard

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## Sudoku answers

8	1	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Top row – Easy
3	8	1	7	9	6	5	4	2	1	Top row – Hard
4	7	1	8	5	9	3	2	6	1	Top row – Very Hard
8	4	9	5	7	2	1	3	6	1	Top row – Very Hard
6	3	1	8	9	2	7	5	4	1	Top row – Very Hard
2	5	7	4	1	3	6	9	8	1	Top row – Very Hard
5	7	3	9	2	8	1	4	6	1	Top row – Very Hard
9	1	8	6	9	4	5	3	2	7	Top row – Very Hard
4	2	6	3	7	3	1	9	8	5	Top row – Very Hard
7	8	5	2	1	6	4	3	5	9	Top row – Very Hard
3	9	5	2	8	7	4	6	1	1	Top row – Very Hard
1	6	4	3	5	9	8	7	2	1	Top row – Very Hard
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7	2	9	4	6	8	1	5	3	1	Bottom row – Easy
3	7	2	9	4	6	8	1	5	3	Bottom row – Easy
8	6	4	1	5	3	9	7	2	1	Bottom row – Easy
9	1	5	7	8	2	6	4	3	1	Bottom row – Easy
1	2	3	4	6	9	5	8	7	1	Bottom row – Easy
6	4	8	5	7	1	2	3	9	1	Bottom row – Easy
5	9	7	3	2	8	1	6	4	1	Bottom row – Easy
2	3	6	9	6	1	7	4	5	8	Bottom row – Easy
4	8	1	2	3	5	7	9	6	1	Bottom row – Easy
5	1	2	3	5	7	9	6	1	1	Bottom row – Easy
6	2	8	1	9	4	5	3	7	1	Bottom row – Hard
1	8	2	1	6	4	5	3	7	1	Bottom row – Hard
9	3	4	7	8	5	6	2	1	1	Bottom row – Hard
8	1	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	Bottom row – Very Hard
3	5	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	Bottom row – Very Hard



# Beekeeping

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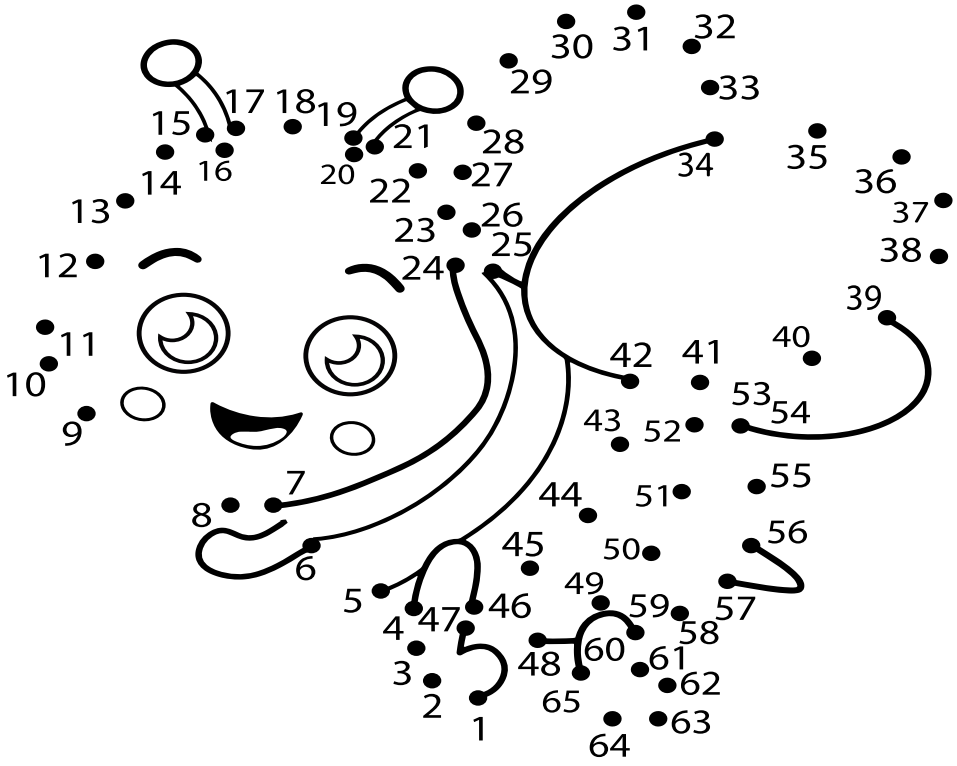
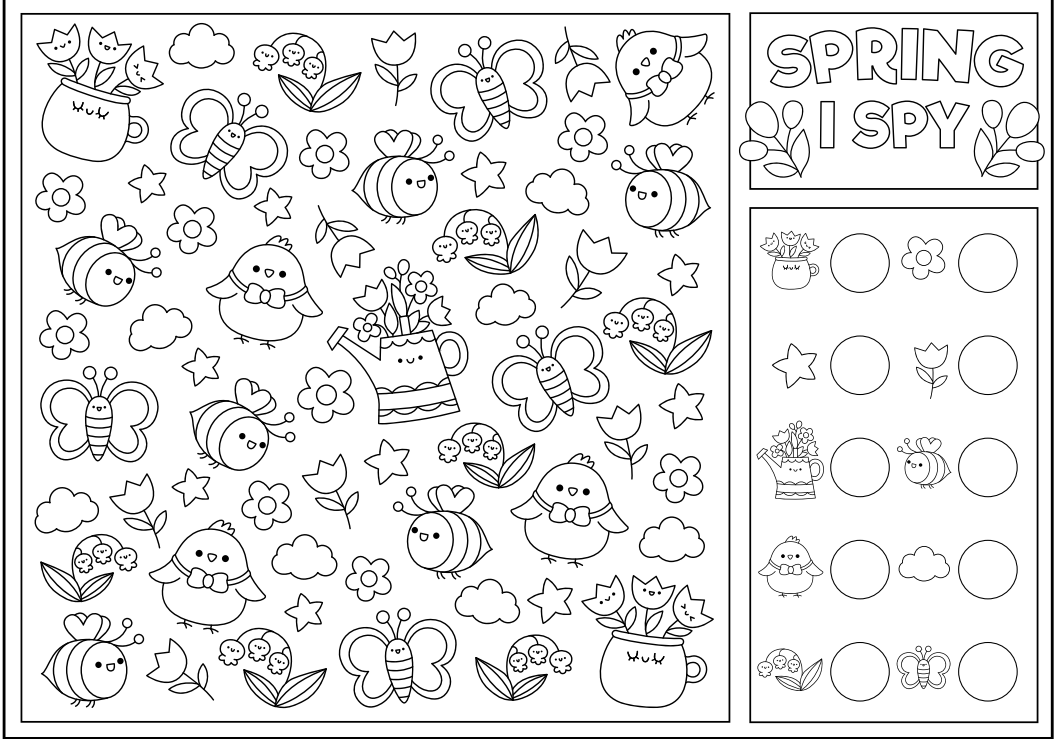
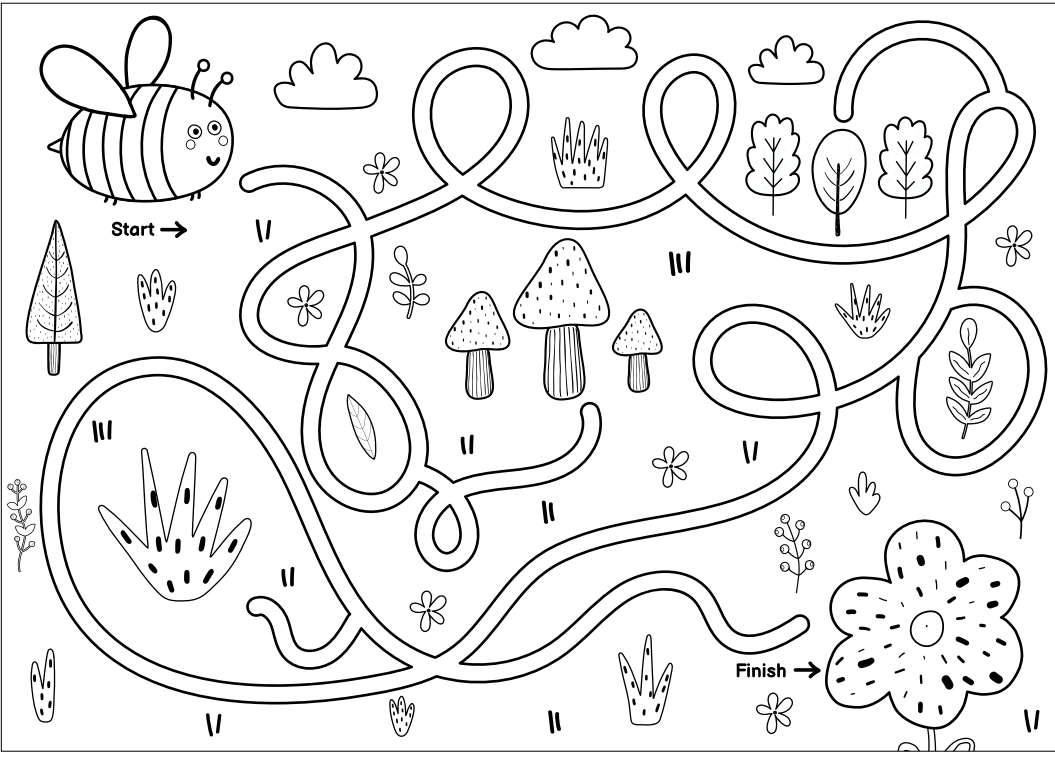
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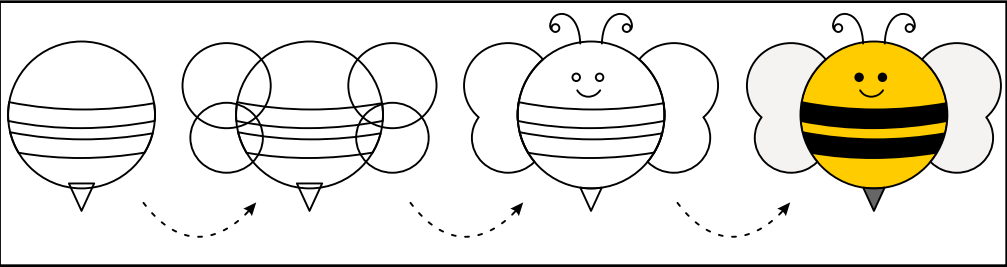
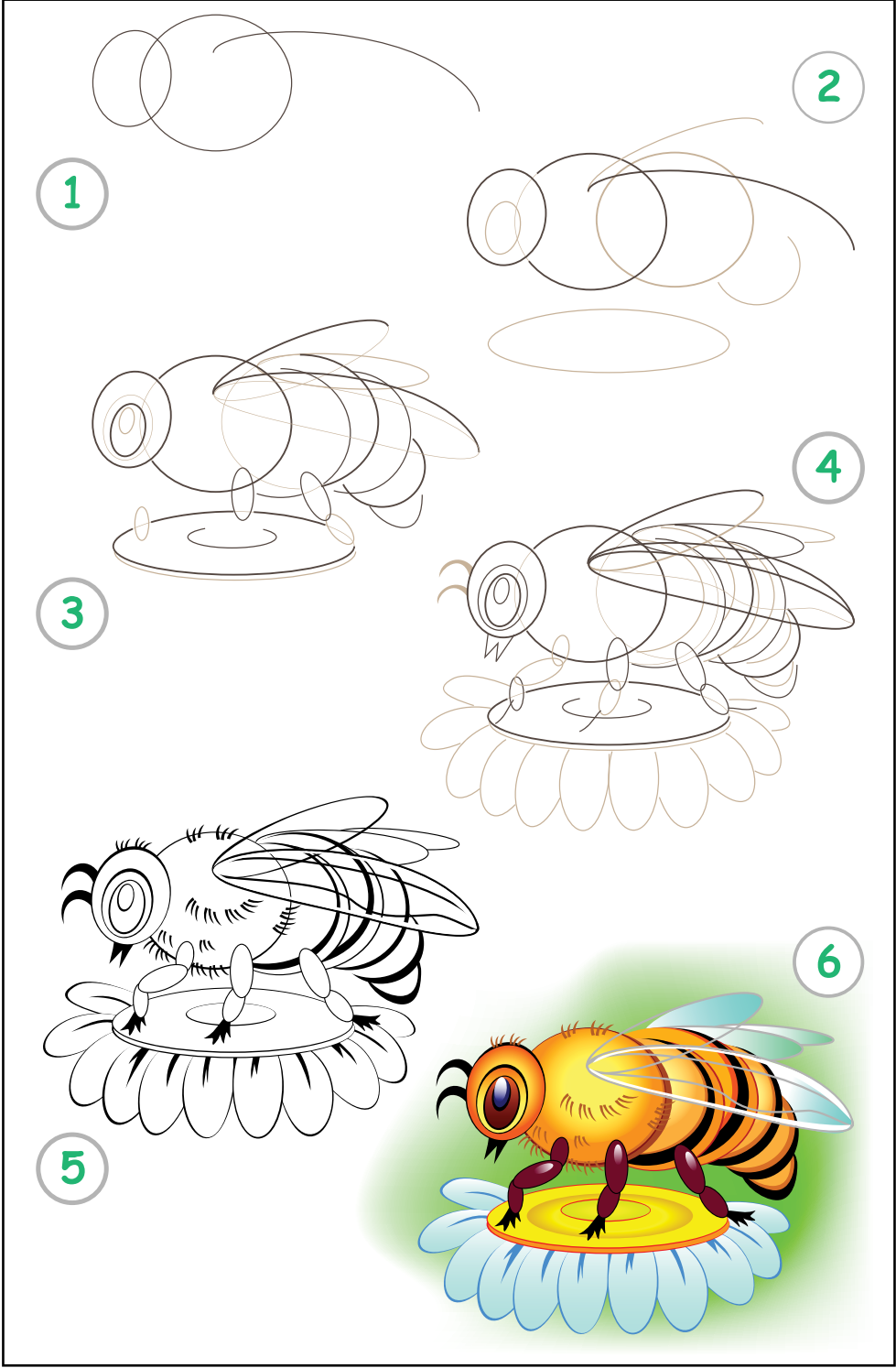
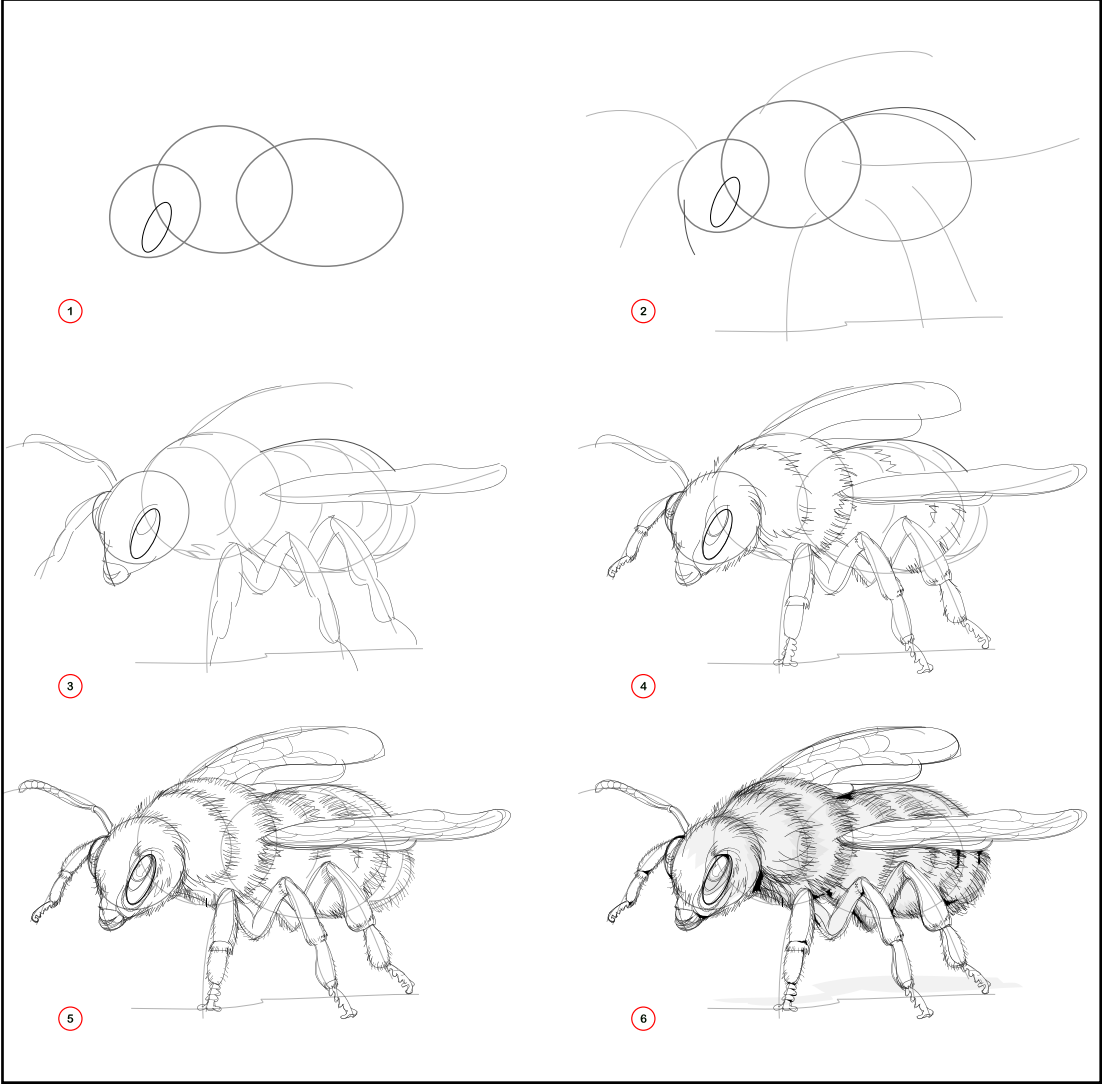
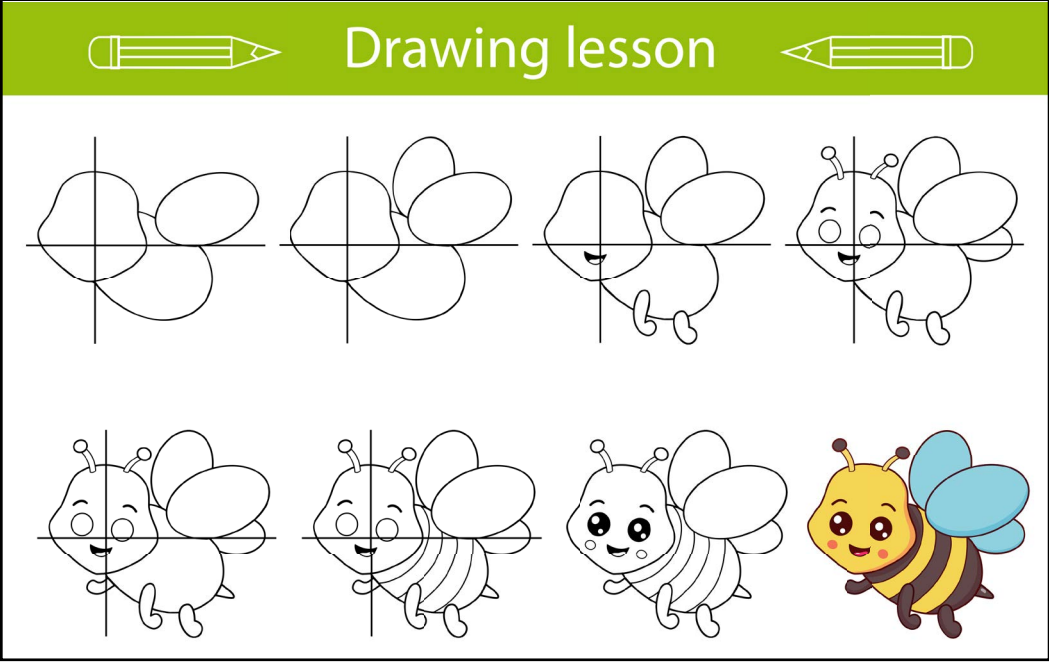
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## How To Draw *(great for neuroplasticity in adults too)*














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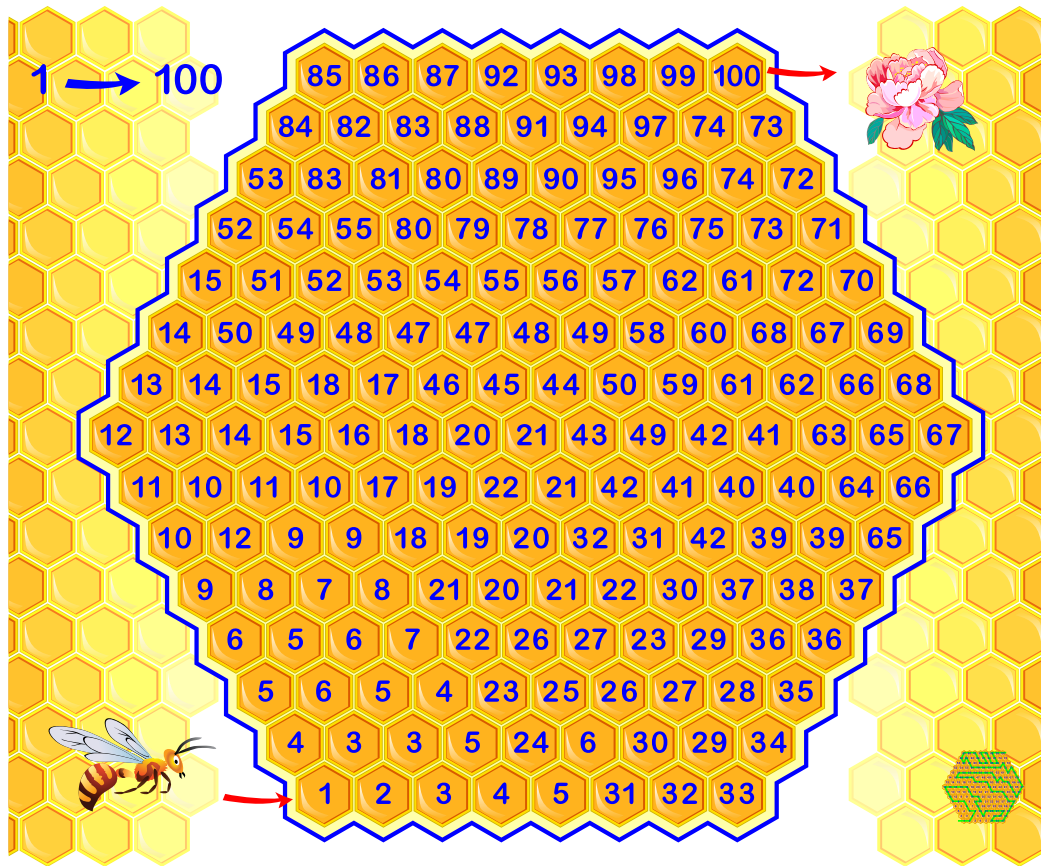
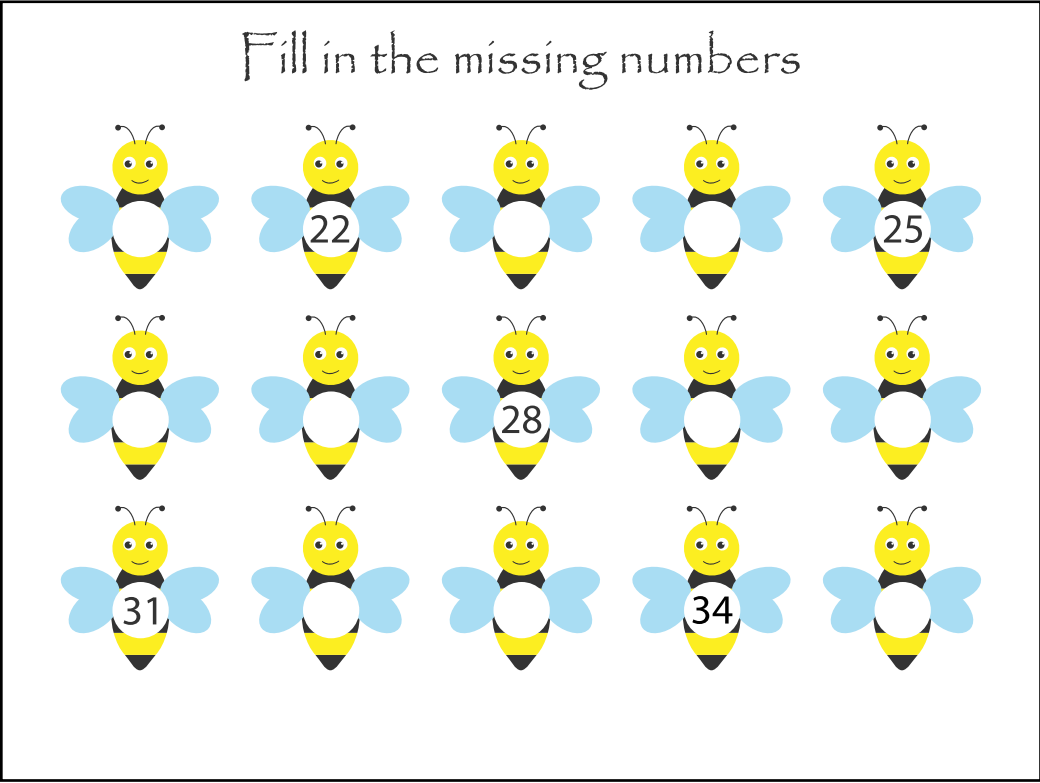
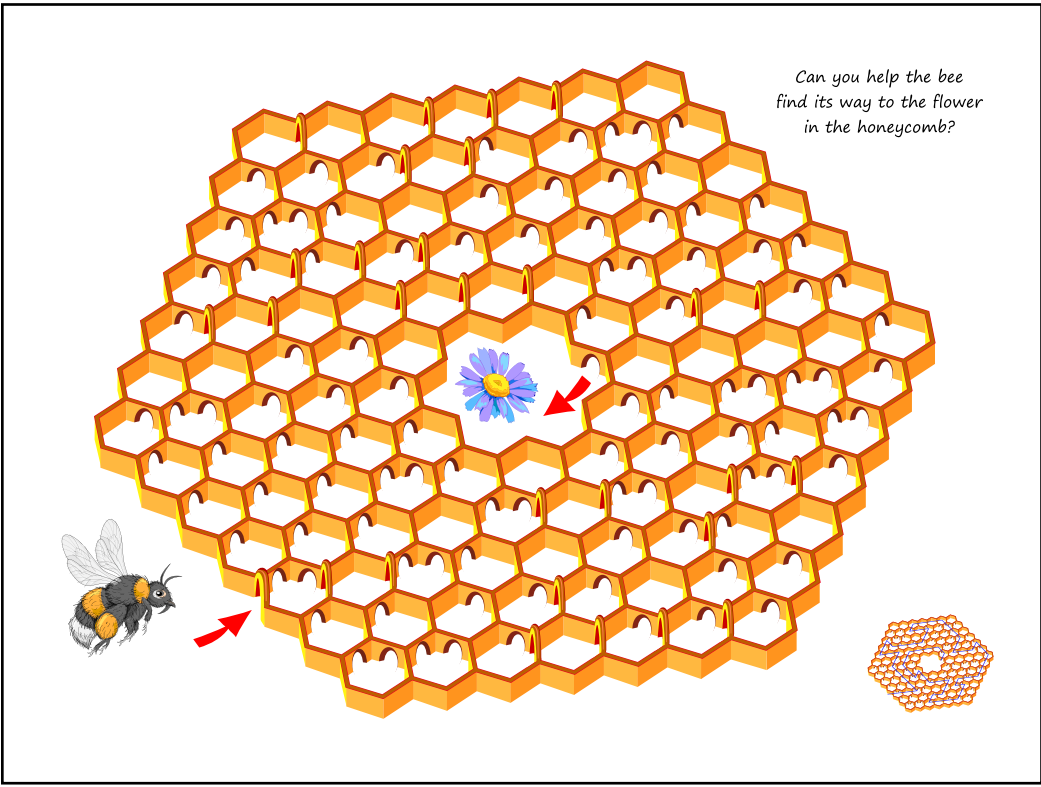
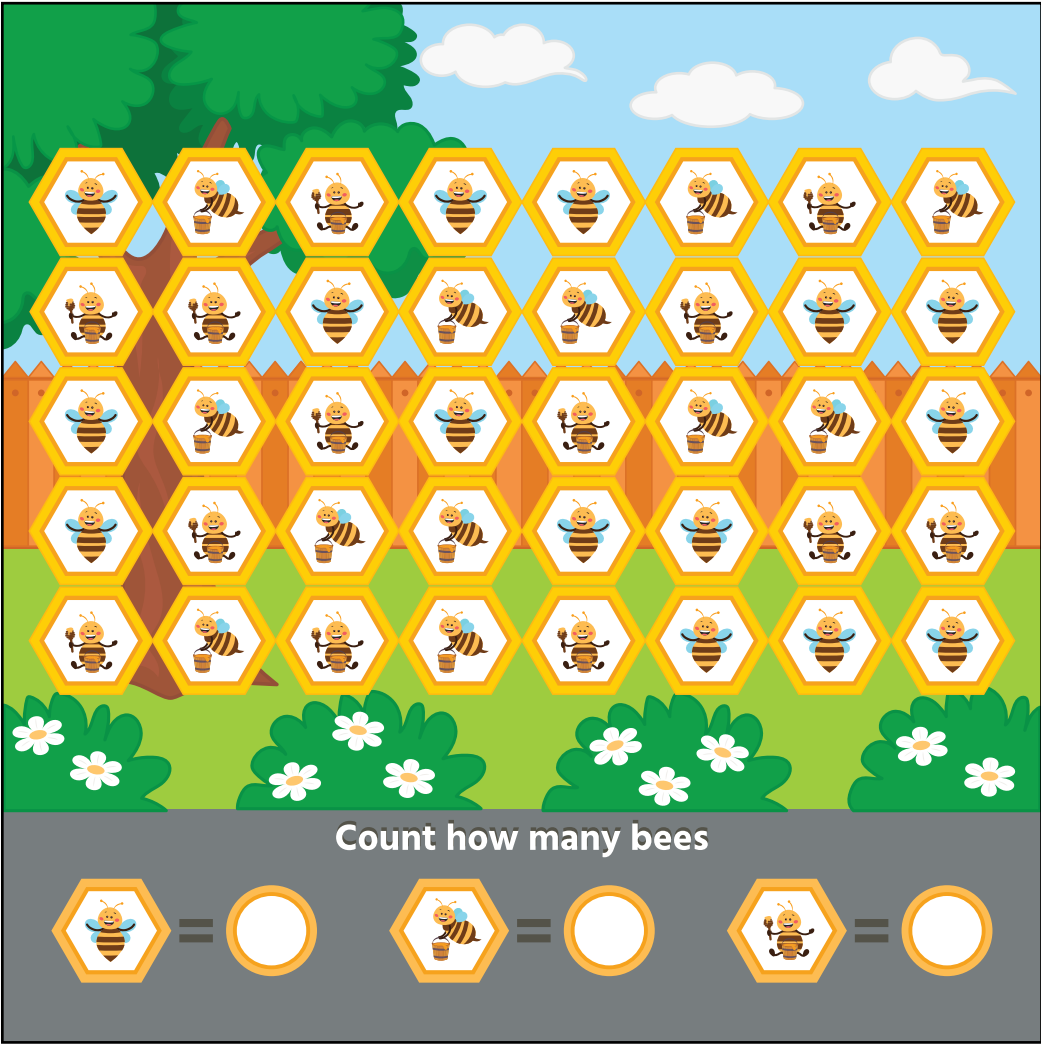
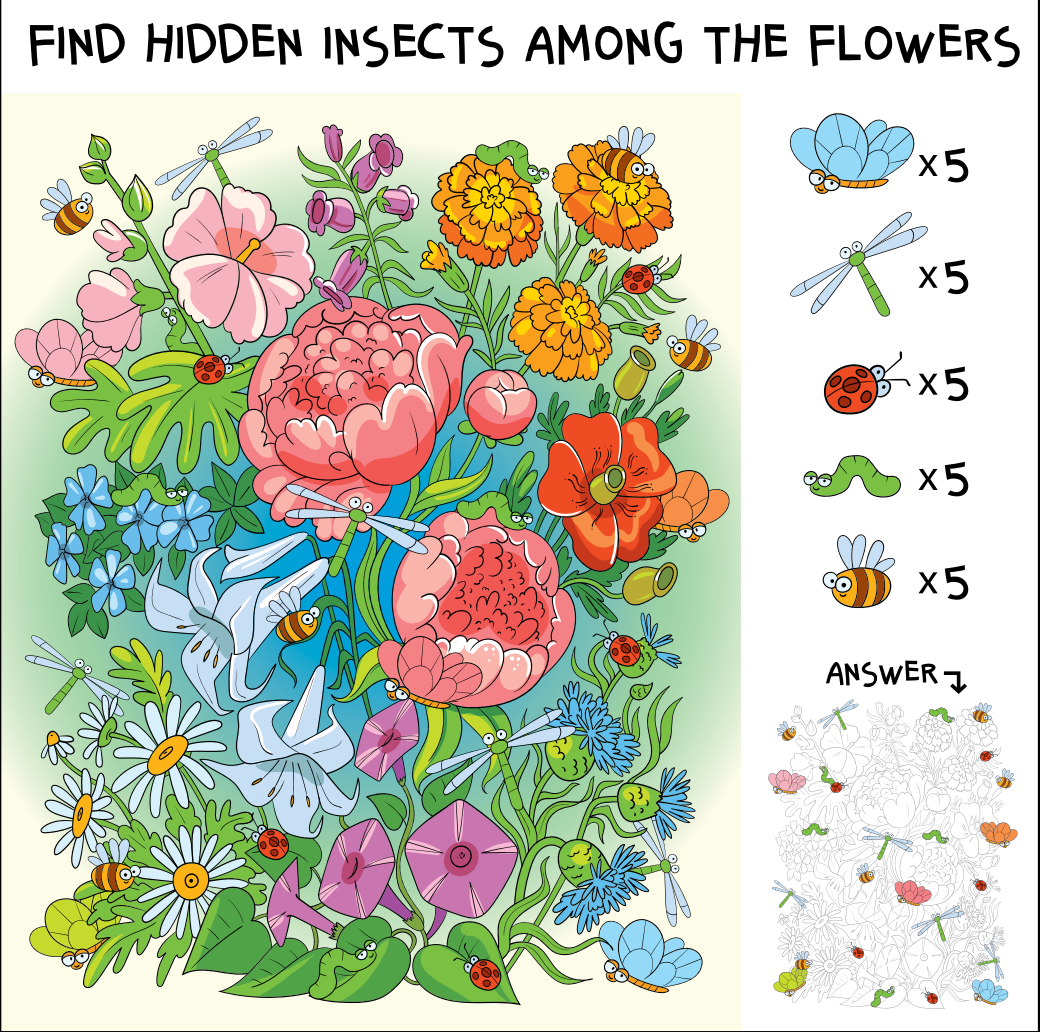
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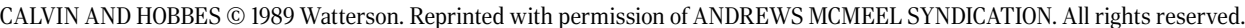
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# A Vital Partner

*these bees are both thriving in pockets  
and struggling in others, dependent on  
the choices we make.*

In every bloom we plant, every harmful chemical we avoid, and every sweet spoonful of local honey, we choose to be allies to a vital partner.





Join us at  
Tony's at The J House  
for Mother's Day  
Brunch or Dinner on  
Sunday, May 11th.

Treat the special  
moms in your life to  
delicious entrees,  
seasonal  
enhancements &  
specialty, handcrafted  
cocktails!

HAPPY  
Mother's Day