

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

POLICE AND FIRE

First Official Roll Call



On May 29, the New Canaan Police Department conducted its first official roll call at the newly renovated police headquarters. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

TOWN HALL

Dog License Renewal

New Canaan has launched its annual dog license renewal campaign, reminding residents that all dogs six months and older must be licensed by June 30. Fees range from \$8 to \$19, with penalties and possible fines for late or missing licenses. Renewals can be done online, by mail, or in person with proper documentation. More information can be found at https://www.newcanaan.info/government/boards_councils_elected_officials/town_clerk/dog_licenses.php.

Stormwater Report Public Comment Period

New Canaan is required to submit an annual stormwater report under a state environmental permit. Before finalizing the report, the town is holding a 45-day public comment period. The draft is available for review at the Town's Department of Public Works Office or online at <https://shorturl.at/glguc>.

Sarah Carey Receives Award



Recently, New Canaan Town Planner Sarah Carey received the 2025 Rising Star Award from the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association. The town's Planning and Zoning Commission was also recognized with an Honorable Mention for its 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development. Photo credit: Town of New Canaan.

AROUND TOWN

Proposed Four-story Hotel

Windward Development Inc. is proposing a four-story hotel with 40 rooms, a restaurant, and retail or office space at 49-51 and 39 Locust Avenue in New Canaan. The project requires zoning amendments to permit hotel use in the Business C zone and allow a building height over 30 feet. Planning and Zoning Commission members requested more details on traffic, parking, and building impact.

Waveny Park Playground Grant

New Canaan will receive

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Now Through June 21: Art in the Windows



The Carriage Barn Arts Center <http://www.carriagebarn.org> is sponsoring 'Art in the Windows' now through June 21. Seventy-nine downtown merchants are displaying original art in their store windows to support local artists and the Carriage Barn. Those interested in purchasing one or more of these artworks can peruse them on the Carriage Barn's website, and then contact the Carriage Barn at admin@carriagebarn.org to finalize the purchase. You can also scan the QR code of the work that's displayed in a window for information. The mission of the Carriage Barn is to "promote the visual and performing arts, and to enrich the community through exhibitions, education and cultural experiences." Here, Maria Gonzalez, with husband and elected town constable Alberto Gonzalez, proprietors of G. Albert Men's Groomers <http://www.galbertmensgroomers.com> on Elm Street, display a photograph entitled 'Rainy Night New York' by Wilton artist Gene Manheim. Photo by John Kriz.

Fiscal Guardrails "Breaking"

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Just before the stroke of midnight on Tuesday, June 3, the Connecticut General Assembly gave final approval to a \$55.8 billion two-year budget, sending it to Governor Ned Lamont, who is expected to sign it.

The final vote—99-49 in the House came down largely along party lines, with two Democrats voting against. In the Senate the 25-11 vote was exactly along party lines.

Behind those numbers lies a deeper shift: a bipartisan experiment in fiscal discipline that began in 2017 has been partially undone.

The budget required 22 votes or more to pass in the 36-member Senate because state budget control changes must be approved in both chambers by at least a three-fifths margin.

For legislative Democrats, the budget is being hailed as a compassionate investment. It boosts Medicaid reimbursement rates, increases the property tax credit, and devotes \$60 million over two years to special education. It also includes a \$250 expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income working families—though not the broader child tax credit favored by progressives.

Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney called it a "transformational budget," and Governor Lamont emphasized that it "holds the line on taxes" for the middle class.

Legislative Republicans disagree. They say the budget sidesteps the fiscal guardrails that helped rebuild the state's credit and stabilize its reserves over the past eight years. "This year they are being broken and taxes, spending, and debt are set to go up," said Fazio.

The spending cap, instituted during the 2017 bipartisan budget reforms, was

an interview last year. "The forecasts were horrific. It was clear that if we didn't change course, the situation was going to implode."

Frantz pointed to the long-term consequences of years of unchecked spending and overreliance on volatile income tax revenue. "We had windfall revenue from capital gains and other

I'd like to see the guardrails extended indefinitely," said former Senator L. Scott Frantz. "They've proven their worth, and it would be a huge mistake to go back to the old ways of doing things."

exceeded by more than \$450 million. Additionally, lawmakers created a \$300 million "off-budget" education fund, and revised the volatility cap to divert \$1.8 billion from debt payments into general spending—moves Republicans say are breaking the guardrails and sending Connecticut back to its old ways that led to the brink of bankruptcy and a credit rating reduction.

"The volatility cap alone has paid down \$8 billion of our roughly \$90 billion in unfunded liabilities and avoided over \$700 million in higher taxes annually," Fazio noted. "What the government spends and borrows, it must raise taxes to fund sooner or later."

Former State Senator L. Scott Frantz, who co-led the bipartisan fiscal reform effort in 2017, has been watching with concern. "We were on the verge of bankruptcy," Frantz told the *Sentinel* in

taxes during good years," he said, "but instead of saving for a rainy day, they spent it all."

The result was a downgrade in Connecticut's credit rating, outmigration of major employers, and a crisis of public confidence. "It was insane," Frantz said of the pre-guardrail era. "The pensions were a ticking time bomb, and no one wanted to make the tough decisions to rein in spending."

Since 2017, those tough decisions had paid off. The state built a record-setting rainy day fund, paid billions toward pension obligations, and—until this week—maintained the fiscal guardrails.

Democratic leaders say the investments are necessary. Republican leaders say the consequences are inevitable.

The Museum and Historical Society Knows How to Celebrate New Canaan

By GERI RHOADES

What a weekend of historical charm and vibrant energy as the New Canaan Museum and Historical Society hosted two events over the May 30th weekend. For its annual "Celebrate New Canaan" fundraiser, guests gathered for dinner and danced on the great lawn. Over 300 guests enjoyed the live music from Fake ID and delicious food prepared by Diane Browne Catering. The promise of moonlight over the beautiful campus was fulfilled, thanks to favorable weather. After dinner, guests were invited to enjoy a cigar and spirit tasting on the Historic Trail.

Emcee Christian Murphy kept the evening running smoothly, beginning with a warm welcome from Executive Director Nancy Geary, who provided updates on future initiatives and expressed gratitude for the evening's support. Doug Dooley, a long-time member and current Board Governor, followed her remarks. Nancy highlighted, "Doug's guidance and advice has been invaluable."

The event was magical, filled with conversation, laughter, and a shared commitment to supporting New Canaan's History. The annual fundraiser raised more than \$100,000, which, along with memberships and donations, helps cover operating expenses, as only 5% of their budget is funded by the town.

On Sunday, the 34th annual ice cream social attracted people of all ages, with help from members of the Exchange Club, mothers and daughters from the National Charity League, Canaan Parish, and New Canaan Chapters, the Dunlap family, and the Service League of Boys. Phil Luongo of Gofer generously donated the delicious ice cream and toppings. Old-fashioned games, music from the Town Band, and lots of fun drew hundreds of children who explored the festivities. This free event is hosted by the Museum "as a celebration of the community," says Nancy.

While the New Canaan Museum and Historical Society is a significant part of our community, many residents are not familiar with its history and mission. Founded in 1889, the Society aims "to bring together and arrange the historical events of the town of New Canaan, to record the genealogies of the families who have lived in the town, to establish a library and to collect relics and curiosities, to form a museum."

Each school year, more than 1000 school children visit for tours, and numerous other children's events are hosted. The museum welcomes over 5,000 visitors, including groups

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COLUMN

Bandaged in a Wheelchair

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Visualizing difficult people in our lives as "injured" can often help us cope, because they truly are "injured" insofar as they relate to us. Of course, they don't know this, and we have learned that telling them so doesn't help either of us.

Visualizing difficult people in humorous ways can also work. Imagining a boss as a petulant four-year-old with pigtails, a demanding parent as a mummy in a wheelchair, or an annoying relative as a hippo bellowing in the mud can help

us smile instead of scream. Both approaches take away the power of the difficult person and calm our fearful brains.

We can also limit our exposure to these people, showing only common courtesy unless the toxic relationship changes. We can pray for them from an emotional distance, and for ourselves as we seek wisdom to understand our own part in the dynamic of the relationship, the only part we can change.

Christina pictured her controlling mother in a straitjacket. Jonathan



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

pictured his angry father on a hospital bed with his leg in traction. Laura and Gabe pictured Gabe's intrusive mother as a monkey banging two cymbals. These images kept them all from taking other people's difficult behavior personally.



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Rams Volleyball First FCIAC Championship



In the second set of the Volleyball State Championship, New Canaan has a healthy lead in what has turned out to be a record-setting season. Junior super-star Nolan M. spikes the ball over the net in what will be the 22nd point of the set. Photo taken by Christopher DeMuth

By CHRISTOPHER DEMUTH

The Rams delivered a powerful performance Thursday night to defeat the Staples Wreckers 3-1 (27-25, 12-25, 25-19, 28-26), claiming New Canaan's first-ever FCIAC volleyball championship. Facing one of the top programs in the conference, New Canaan showed the determination and grit needed to make such an achievement. The win not only crowned the Rams as champions—it is the crowning achievement years in the making of the program as a whole

Set-by-Set Breakdown

New Canaan came out firing in the opening set. The Rams and Wreckers battled point for point, trading leads until the very end. It was New Canaan that pulled ahead with a clutch 27-25 win, setting the tone early and grabbing momentum.

The second set was a different story. Staples regrouped and dominated, taking the set 25-12. For a moment, it looked like the defending powerhouse might shift the balance of the match.

But the Rams bounced back in the third, riding the energy of their front line and the strength of their defense. New Canaan took control

midway through the set and never let go, winning 25-19.

The fourth and final set was the most intense of the night. Staples jumped ahead early, but the Rams clawed their way back, tied the score, and eventually fought off set points to win 28-26. The final kill sealed the title and sent the Rams sprinting onto the court in celebration.

McLaughlin Shines on Both Sides

Junior Nolan McLaughlin was the star of the night. On offense, he racked up 23 kills on 47 attempts, finishing with a .362 hitting percentage. He led all players in kills and consistently found gaps in the Staples defense.

McLaughlin wasn't just dominant at the net—he also played a key role in the back row, collecting 18 digs and 29 successful serve receives. His all-around performance helped carry the Rams through tough moments and showed why he's one of the best players in the conference.

Ho Sets the Pace

Another major contributor was junior Dylan Ho, who served as the Rams' primary setter. Ho dished out 37 assists, helping distribute the ball effectively

and keep Staples off balance. His quick hands and smart decision-making allowed McLaughlin, S. Akavaramu, and Zane Tickoo to stay in rhythm.

Ho also made his mark on defense. He added 11 digs and contributed 4 blocks at the net. His ability to transition quickly from defense to offense was critical in keeping the Rams steady during long rallies.

Balanced Attack Across the Board

Senior S. Akavaramu added 8 kills and 14 digs, while Tickoo had 7 kills and 3 blocks, finishing with a .455 hitting percentage. Senior Donovan West chipped in with 6 kills, 11 digs, and a strong presence on the right side of the court.

Senior Stephen Brown was a force at the net with 5 total blocks, including 3 solo stops. He also contributed a few timely kills and helped set the tone with his energy and leadership.

Senior Mason Park played a key role in serve receive and defense, collecting 11 digs and a team-high 32 receptions. He also tallied 16 total service points and delivered under pressure late in the match.

Defense Delivers Under

Pressure

While New Canaan's offense was impressive, it was their defense that won them the match. The Rams totaled 71 digs, with six players recording at least 5. They also recorded 12 blocks, frustrating Staples at the net and forcing errors in key moments.

Staples struggled to find clean looks at the net, especially in the third and fourth sets. Every time they looked to regain momentum, New Canaan's defense stepped up and made the plays that mattered.

Championship Stats

Here's a quick look at the Rams' team totals for the match:

- Kills: 51; Hitting %: .281
- Assists: 43; Digs: 71
- Blocks: 12; Service %: 87.8%
- Serve Receives: 78

What's Next

With the FCIAC title secured, New Canaan now turns its attention to states. The Rams enter with the momentum and confidence of their incredible season. Although circumstances can always change, the Rams are far and above the favorites going into the State Championship, with a second win expected by many.



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Renovated Police Station Officially Opens



Far left is Bill Walbert, Police Department Building Committee Chairman; center front L-R Selectman Steve Karl, First Selectman Dionna Carlson and Selectman Amy Murphy Carroll; Police Chief John DiFederico (first officer on the left); and Town Council Chairman and Building Committee member Mike Mauro (open collar, white shirt) to the Chief's left; as well as other members of the Building Committee, senior police officers and town dignitaries.

BY PETER BARHYDT AND JOHN KRIZ

On a warm and sunny June 4, New Canaan’s renovated police station on South Avenue was officially opened in a festive ribbon cutting led by First Selectman Dionna Carlson, Police Chief John DiFederico other police officers, Police Commission and Police Building Committee members, and numerous town leaders.

“This building stands as a symbol of our town’s commitment to public safety, to modern law enforcement, and most importantly, to the dedicated men and women who serve and protect us every day,” said First Selectman Carlson. “It represents years of planning, collaboration, and unwavering support from town officials, law enforcement leadership, and residents.”

Renovating the century-old police station has been a multi-year, collaborative effort involving many in town, including the Police Department, Police Commission, the four-and-a-half-year-old Police Department Building Committee under the leadership of Chairman Bill Walbert, the Town Council and Board of Selectmen -- plus the neighbors, including New Canaan’s EMS (ambulance), the Schoolhouse

...ahead of time, under budget, and with a perfect worker safety record.

Apartments and the Methodist Church. New Canaan’s Beautification League also contributed with landscaping support, and the lovely planters. It was an ‘all hands’ project. (For more information on the new Police Station, see <https://www.newcanaasentinel.com/2025/05/29/new-police-station-opens/>)

Given the age and prominence of the building, historic preservation issues were front and center. Says New Canaan resident Bob Doren, “I think it’s amazing that we’ve preserved the building.” He goes on to note that “We’ve done what the police department needs to keep us safe, but we’ve preserved the building in town. And what does it mean for the community? I think it means a lot for the community. I think it means that we can marry preservation and progress together.”

Former First Selectman Kevin Moynihan was pleased that the town was able to preserve “the very, very historic and beautiful building on South Avenue for the town.”

Bill Walbert, master of ceremonies at Wednesday’s ribbon cutting, said, “I think we reached a wonderful decision and conclusion here. By the way, in the end, I believe the town leaders reached the right decision. It was a beautiful building before we started the project. I believe we have made it even more beautiful. But more importantly, we have delivered a building that should last for another 100 years.” He concluded by remarking that the project was completed “ahead of time, under budget, and with a perfect worker safety record.”

Police Chief John DiFederico remarked that, “This project was a major undertaking, and its completion marked a significant milestone for our department and the community we proudly serve. The improved space enhances our ability to carry out daily operations to strengthen teamwork and continue serving New Canaan with the highest standards of professionalism and care. We are especially thankful to the taxpayers of New Canaan for your trust and

investment into this important project. Your support has made it possible to create a safe, modern and efficient facility that will serve our officers and the public for decades to come.”

However, it was not always destined that the Police Department’s building would be renovated, and the department returned there. Many possible sites were examined. Recalls Selectman Amy Murphy Carroll, who was on the town original building committee that took a hard look at all of the town’s properties and developed recommendations, “This is a project we’ve been working on since 2017. When it was inception age, so many people looked at it. We evaluated absolutely every option for where it could be. We ended up keeping the historic building and building it out in a beautiful way for the police department.”

Police Chief DiFederico summed his department’s new home this way, “It’s a great day -- great day to be open and fully operational here. And we’re hoping for business. Let’s hope it’s a slow day.”

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of seniors from assisted living facilities, young adults with special needs, researchers, scholars, and individuals from across the country and around the world. The New Canaan Museum has become a global destination.

Our town is rich in history, and the Society plays a vital role in building awareness and appreciation of our town’s past. For example, their offices are located in the 1825 Town House (the original Town Hall), which houses a research library with more than 3,500 volumes, as well as numerous manuscripts, deeds,

newspapers, photographs, and other documents dating back to the Colonial era.

If you haven’t taken a stroll through the Oenoke campus, it’s an incredible journey into the past, featuring the 1764 Hanford-Silliman House, which includes a fully stocked hearth and tavern. Also on the main campus are a pharmacy, schoolhouse, weaving room, and more.

Plans for the future include exciting exhibits, such as the upcoming show on architect Eero Saarinen. More than 40 events and programs are planned for the year ahead. They also have plans to install a new doll exhibit, as well as redesign the pewter exhibit to highlight these collections.

The New Canaan Museum & Historical Society owns or operates eight museums and buildings, including the 1764 Hanford-Silliman House, the 1960 Gores Pavilion, and the Rogers

Studio, which, with Philip Johnson’s Glass House, is one of only two National Historic Landmarks in New Canaan.

Last weekend’s events are just small examples of the open and inclusive family organization that is the New Canaan Museum and Historical Society. Open year-round, they offer a full schedule of events, gatherings, lectures, tours, and exhibitions. Their most recent exhibit, running through August 10th, showcases many of the exceptional pieces that comprise their clothing and textile collection, which is the second-largest collection in the State of Connecticut.

As Executive Director Nancy Geary states, “We constantly research so that we can continue to learn, discover, and share the stories of what makes New Canaan special.”

See more photos and an article from John Kriz on page 12.



Dinner and Dancing on the Great Lawn Photo Credit Meghan Murphy Gould



Above: L-R Michael Canoro, Sarah, Alec and Hannah Casey, Fred Canoro Photo Credit Meghan Murphy Gould
At right: Board Governor, Doug Dooley Photo Credit Meghan Murphy Gould



Line Dancing in New Canaan

By JOHN KRIZ

The Pearl Divas of Connecticut, a Norwalk-based line dancing ensemble, held an afternoon of instruction and fellowship at Community Baptist Church on Cherry Street www.cbcnewcanaan.org last Saturday, May 31.

What Is Line Dancing?

Line dancing is a mix – a bit like country line dancing, says group leader Theresa Ross, but “a little cultural” as well. It’s best described as “a mix of R&B, jazz, soul, hip hop, gospel -- all together.” Ms. Ross goes on to say that “line dancing has been around for long time, but now all of a sudden it is a rebirth. I think it’s a rebirth and it’s wonderful. We’re loving it.”

Some of the nine assembled ladies have been line dancing for 25 years, and some only a few months.

When they dance as a group, it’s not called a performance, but rather “a community.” This recognizes the social aspect of line dancing, which includes healthy exercise and cultural enrichment. There are numerous line dancing groups in the country, as well as large gatherings, such as a beginners ball held recently in Tennessee.

Some line dances are well established, historical movements, and still others are just being created, a recognition of the renewed vibrancy of line dancing. It starts with choosing a song, and then a choreographer will create dance moves to go with it.

The Divas

The main thing Ms. Ross stresses to anyone considering line dancing is “you have to come and want to have fun. Don’t worry about the movements,” she says, “because the movements come in time. You’ll get to meet people. It’s a way to network. It is wonderful when you come out. If you don’t know the dance, keep coming and you’ll get it.” In addition, it’s a way to “get out, dance, socialize... with the community, meet new people and just keep fit.”

Line dance groups in Connecticut will be in Juneteenth parades in Stamford and Bridgeport.

Concludes Rev. Gilbert Burgess, pastor of Community Baptist Church, “This is our effort to bring individuals out to share in fellowship, to stretch their limbs, enjoy one another, and to learn some new moves. It’s just a wonderful time of friendship and fellowship.”

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



Line Dancing ensemble the Pearl Divas of Connecticut
Seated L-R: Beverly McFadden, Dorothy Kegler and Cynthia Holcomb
Standing L-R: Cynthia Lewis, Hazel Parra, Theresa Ross, Harriet Henneghan and Rhonda Andrews



Rams Baseball: In the 5th inning of a home game, rival player rounds the 3rd base following a succesful hit off a pitch by Zak Joslin. Photo taken by Christopher DeMuth



Rams Softball: In a closely contested June 4th home game, rival player (21) catches a fly ball from a New Canaan player. Photo taken by Christopher DeMuth

New Canaan Rams Varsity Sports Roundup

by Christopher DeMuth

SOFTBALL

In a tightly contested conference tournament matchup on May 27, the New Canaan varsity softball team fell just short against St. Joseph, losing 2-1 on the road.

St. Joseph struck first, scoring a run in the opening inning. New Canaan answered in the second, tying the game 1-1. But the Cadets regained the lead in the fourth inning and held on for the rest of the game. Despite only collecting two hits, the Rams kept it close thanks to strong defense and disciplined pitching.

Final Score: St. Joseph 2, New Canaan 1

Rams finish the game with 2 hits and 1 error, while St. Joseph tallied 6 hits and played error-free ball.

VOLLEYBALL

New Canaan’s boys volleyball team crushed with back-to-back victories in a crucial week.

On May 27, they faced Trumbull in a conference showdown and came out on top with a gritty 3-2 win. The match went the distance, with the Rams grinding out the deciding set to seal the win.

Two days later on May 29, New Canaan kept the momentum going in a neutral-site playoff matchup against Staples. After dropping the second set, the Rams regrouped and finished strong to win 3-1. Set scores were 27-25, 12-25, 25-19, and 28-26, showing just how close and hard-fought the match was.

BOYS LACROSSE

In perhaps the most dramatic game of the week, New Canaan boys lacrosse pulled off a 7-6 overtime victory over rival Darien on May 27 in a home conference matchup.

In a highly unusual twist, neither team scored in regulation. The entire game went scoreless through four quarters, setting up an overtime period in a nil-nil game. New Canaan finally broke

through in OT with a golden goal to secure the win, sending the home crowd into a frenzy.

This defensive slugfest will go down as one of the most memorable matchups between the two programs and sets the Rams up with momentum heading into the State championships.

GIRLS GOLF

On May 28 at the Country Club of New Canaan, Lauren Livesay delivered under pressure. She shot a 79 (40 on the front, 39 on the back), tying Ellery Talbot of Greenwich after 18 holes. The tie led to a sudden-death playoff, where Livesay won by parring the first hole.

New Canaan had a strong team showing overall:

Carielle D’Elisa shot an 86 (46-40)

Maxie Mirin posted an 87 (41-46)

Lily Mohr finished with a 92 (43-49)

BASEBALL: RAMS BLANK NORWICH FREE ACADEMY IN PLAYOFF OPENER

On June 2, New Canaan baseball hit the road for a playoff game against Norwich Free Academy and came away with a clutch 1-0 victory.

The Rams scored their only run in the fifth inning and made it stand, despite not registering a single hit in the game. Their pitching and defense were flawless, holding the Wildcats scoreless and scattering four hits over seven innings.

It was a textbook playoff performance — manufacturing a run, making no errors, and locking down the mound.

Final Score: New Canaan 1, Norwich Free Academy 0

Rams: 1 run, 0 hits, 0 errors

Wildcats: 0 runs, 4 hits, 4 errors

Weekly Sports Round Up

School	Sport	Date	Opponent	Result	Score For	Score Against
New Canaan Boys	Baseball	6/2	NFA	Win	1	0
New Canaan Boys	Baseball	6/3	Fairfield Warde	Loss	0	13
New Canaan Boys	Tennis	6/2	Newtown	Win	7	0
New Canaan Boys	Tennis	6/3	Wilton	Win	7	0
New Canaan Boys	Volleyball	5/29	Staples	Win	3	1
New Canaan Girls	Lacrosse	6/3	Newington	Win	21	2
New Canaan Girls	Tennis	5/30	Pomperaug	Win	6	1
New Canaan Girls	Tennis	6/2	Guilford	Win	6	1
New Canaan Girls	Tennis	6/3	East Lyme	Win	6	1

Paddle for a Purpose at the 2025 SoundWaters



Photo Credit: SoundWaters

Your best day on the water is coming! On Saturday, July 12, hundreds of kayakers and paddle boarders will take to Long Island Sound for the SoundWaters Flotilla, a four-mile community paddle supporting SoundWaters’ environmental education programs and the protection of Long Island Sound.

Paddlers will launch from Cove Island Park in Stamford, journeying around Shippan Point to the Cohen SoundWaters Harbor Center at Boccuzzi Park, where a beach party awaits with music, lunch and camaraderie. For most paddlers, the course should take two hours or less.

“When people experience the beauty of Long Island Sound together, they begin to understand just how vital it is to protect it,” said Leigh Schmitz, President of SoundWaters. “The funds raised help us to provide hands-on science education using our million-acre classroom to thousands of students every year.”

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, the route will be supported by kayak guides, support boats and a floating rest stop. After the event, a shuttle service will return paddlers and their gear to their original launch sites. Participants may bring their own kayaks or paddle boards or rent equipment through SoundWaters during registration.

The 2025 Flotilla is made possible thanks to the generous support from Franklin Templeton, along with Kaster Moving Company, Hey Stamford!, 95.9 The Fox, and WEBE 108. Register now at SoundWaters Flotilla ‘25

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Want to Be in the Paper?

New Canaan is, happily, a community of participators. Residents show up—to council meetings, to concerts, ice cream socials, ribbon cuttings, to food drives, fundraisers, and Turkey Bowl games. People volunteer, donate, coach, serve. Amid this civic symphony, there is one question we are asked at the *New Canaan Sentinel* more than any other: “How do I get my event—or team, or initiative—into the paper?”

It’s a reasonable question. And the answer, perhaps surprisingly, lies in a smaller one: “Do you read the paper?”

For those who do, the process is not a secret. In almost every edition, on nearly every page, there are invitations—quiet but constant—to contribute. Email addresses are listed; links are included. Submission guidelines are printed. Photographs are welcomed. And now in our daily email, *The Top 5 Things To Do in New Canaan Today*, there are requests for submissions often.

Community events are not just covered—they are cultivated through partnership with those who

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make them happen. The newspaper is not a one-way medium but an open forum of shared experiences.

This bears repeating: supporting your local newspaper is not solely an endorsement of journalism, though it is surely that. It is an affirmation of the value of common life. “To be civilized,” wrote Walter Lippmann, “is to be able to read the newspaper and know how to respond.” A local paper is more than newsprint and ink—it is the record of how a community responds to itself.

Within its pages, one finds the essential infrastructure of civic memory: the listing of worship services, the announcing of events, the honoring of lives well lived. One reads the results of last week’s sporting matches and sees the young athlete mid-stride, hopefully suspended in a photograph of fleeting triumph. One finds budget discussions laid plain, not buried in bureaucracy but rendered legible, civic, and, yes, often passionate. It is here that a resident learns of the new business on Elm Street, which card and board games are hotly contested at the Lapham Center, or the triumphs of a local volunteer organization.

All this, of course, is costly. Not morally, but materially. Paper, ink, delivery, editing, design—these are not abstractions but real expenses. Subscriptions matter. So do advertisements. Each dollar is not just support—it is participation in a shared civic undertaking.

We say this not as reproach, but as encouragement. For the best newspapers are not scolds—they are stewards. And this one seeks, above all, to be a faithful steward of the life of this town. If you have a story to tell, tell it to us. If you have a photo, send it. If your nonprofit is hosting an event, share the details. If your house of worship is reflecting on a season of meaning, let us print those words. Email publisher@NewCanaanSentinel.com or visit www.NewCanaanSentinel.com and choose the “Submit A…” dropdown menu.

The community paper is not the sidelines—it is the field. Join us on it!

The newspaper is not a distant narrator—it is a local mirror. And mirrors only work when someone steps in front of them.

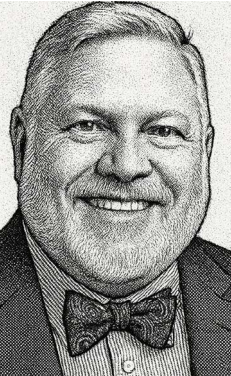
And so we invite you: read the paper. Subscribe. Send a clipping to a relative. Buy an ad for your business or bake sale or blood drive. Celebrate your children in these pages. Celebrate each other.

We are already a town of participants. Let’s make sure we are, as well, a town of readers.

Submit a letter to the editor here: <https://www.newcanaansentinel.com/letter-to-the-editor/>

COLUMN

The Impact of COVID Continues



By RUSSELL R. BARKSDALE, JR.

Many of my colleagues have accepted the community’s frustration with vaccination updates and exhaustive “long COVID” discussions, until they experience the overwhelming increase in prevalence following spring break and holidays. While not seasonal, overall, the community seems to accept COVID outbreaks as nothing more significant nor impactful as the common flu, until they see direct evidence of alarming cardiovascular events.

A Neurology study showed that COVID patients who suffered strokes were typically younger and had fewer conventional risk factors, suggesting that COVID itself may serve as a potent prothrombotic trigger. Another independent study reflects the risk of stroke was increased by 52%, heart failure by 72%, and arrhythmias by 71% in the 12 months following a COVID infection.

The risk of myocardial infarction was also elevated by approximately 4.5-fold in the first 2 weeks following COVID infection. It should not come as a surprise that there is a well-documented connection between COVID and an increased risk of cardiovascular events, including stroke and heart attacks. This relationship is multifactorial and stems from the way SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID, affects the body at both systemic and vascular levels.

1. Inflammatory Response and Endothelial Dysfunction

COVID triggers a significant inflammatory response in the body. In severe cases, this can lead to a cytokine storm, where excessive inflammatory cytokines are released.

This intense inflammation can damage the inner lining of blood vessels (endothelium), making them more prone to dysfunction. Endothelial dysfunction is a known precursor to both clot formation and atherosclerotic plaque instability—two major contributors to heart attacks and strokes.

2. Hypercoagulable State

Patients with COVID often exhibit a hypercoagulable state, meaning their blood has an increased tendency to clot. Elevated D-dimer levels and other coagulation abnormalities have been consistently reported, even in patients with mild or asymptomatic infections.

This pro-thrombotic environment raises the risk of: Ischemic stroke (due to clots obstructing cerebral arteries) Myocardial infarction (heart attack, often due to coronary artery thrombosis)

3. Direct Cardiac Involvement

SARS-CoV-2 can directly infect myocardial cells via ACE2 receptors, leading to myocarditis or stress cardiomyopathy. These conditions can weaken the heart muscle, increase arrhythmia risk, and destabilize existing coronary artery disease, potentially precipitating an acute coronary event.

4. Increased Demand and Hypoxia

In patients with pre-existing cardiovascular disease, COVID exacerbates the strain on the heart due to systemic infection, fever, tachycardia, and reduced

oxygen levels (hypoxia). This imbalance between oxygen supply and demand can precipitate myocardial ischemia.

5. Post-Acute Sequelae (Long COVID)

Even after recovery, individuals can experience lingering cardiovascular risks. Emerging evidence suggests increased rates of stroke and heart attacks for months after acute infection, especially among those hospitalized or with moderate-to-severe illness. This may be due to residual inflammation, endothelial injury, or autonomic dysfunction.

This evolving understanding emphasizes the critical need for cardiovascular monitoring in patients recovering from COVID, especially those with hypertension, diabetes, or known heart disease. Tools like telemedicine and home monitoring—including blood pressure, pulse oximetry, and heart rate tracking—are valuable for early detection and prevention.

As a community, we normalized wearing seatbelts, using car seats, quitting smoking, and improving diet and exercise. These are preventive measures we adopted to reduce long-

term health risks. We must bring the same proactive mindset to COVID. This includes supporting education, recognizing lingering cardiovascular risks, and maintaining vigilance—not fatigue—in our public health response.

Prevention, early detection, and continuous care post recovery are essential in managing the long-term impact of this virus and its evolving variants.

Russell R. Barksdale, Jr. PhD,
MPA/MHA, FACHE

President and CEO, Waveny
LifeCare Network

LEGAL AD

The Town of New Canaan, Connecticut Department of Public Works Request for Proposal

The Public Works Department of the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed Proposals for “Lapham Center Carpet & Vinyl Flooring Replacement Project” until 10:15AM Local Time on Monday June 30, 2025 at the Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT, 06840, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Specification documents are available at the Department of Public Works Office, Town of New Canaan, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840, or by calling William Oestmann, Facilities Superintendent at 203-594-3710. Specifications may also be obtained by e-mailing to william.oestmann@newcanaanct.gov.

There will be a mandatory site visit required for this project by June 13, 2025. Please contact Bill Oestmann at 203-594-3710 to make an appointment.

No contractor may withdraw their proposal within 90 days after the actual date of the RFP opening. Additionally, the contract documents require the prompt commencement of the work.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or any part thereof, to waive defects in the same, or to accept any proposal or any part thereof deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut.

All contractors are requested to note that the award of this Contract is subject to the following conditions and contingencies:

- 1) The approval of such governmental agencies as may be required by law.
- 2) The appropriation of adequate funds by the proper agencies.

Tiger Mann
Director of Public Works
Town of New Canaan, Connecticut

LEGAL AD

The New Canaan Republican Town Committee Republican Caucus 2025

The New Canaan Republican Town Committee is reaching out to all registered Republican residents interested in serving in an elective office.

The Republican Caucus for contested seats is scheduled for July 22, 2025, at 7:30 PM at Saxe Middle School. We encourage anyone interested in serving our town to contact us and let us know which position they are interested in. We welcome all who wish to serve.

The following Republican positions are up for election:

• First Selectman, (1 R- Seat)	2-year term
• Board of Selectmen, (1 R- Seat)	2-year term
• Board of Assessments & Appeals, (2 R- Seats)	2-year term
• Board of Education, (3 R- Seats)	4-year term
• Constable, (4 R- Seats)	2-year term
• Town Clerk, (1 R- Seat)	2-year term
• Town Council, (4 R- Seats)	4-year term
• Town Treasurer, (1 R- Seat)	2-year term

All interested parties can obtain a petition from the RTC Secretary via email:

RepublicanParty.06840@aol.com

Petitions will be available starting June 13th, 2025.

Candidate speeches to the RTC are set for June 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

All completed petitions must be submitted by 5:00 PM on June 23rd, 2025.

More information is available at www.newcanaanrepublicans.org.

The Republican Caucus for the above positions will be held on July 22, 2025.

Obituaries



Deborah Moran

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Debbie Moran.

Deborah C. Moran (Salerno), 57, passed away on May 27, 2025. Born on January 9, 1968, in Yonkers, New York, she was the eldest daughter of the late John Salerno and Nancy (Long) Echlin. Debbie is survived by her husband, William M. Moran, her children, William Jr. (31), and his wife, Jennifer Prescott Moran, Daniel (28), and Ashley (27), as well as her mother, Nancy Echlin, and sister, Nancy Anne Salerno, of Denver. She was predeceased by her brother, J. David Salerno. Debbie was surrounded by constant love from her husband, children and friends. She courageously battled breast cancer twenty-four years ago, at the age of 33, with three small children, and triumphantly survived. Tragically, she was unable to survive an aggressive colon cancer diagnosed only nine months ago.

Debbie graduated from Trinity College in Washington, DC., moved to New York City and married Bill. Together, they built a beautiful and loving life, proudly raising their children, Billy, Danny and Ashley. Their mutual love for each other has been their greatest gift. They moved from New York City, lived for a time in Darien, CT, before finding their permanent family home in Norwalk, CT.

Debbie attended New York University, where she earned her Masters in Education and graduated with honors. After teaching fourth grade, sixth grade and kindergarten in the New York City Public School system, she then spent several years as a preschool teacher and office assistant at Saint John Preschool in Darien, CT. She then took on the position of the beloved kindergarten teacher at St. Aloysius, New Canaan, CT, for thirteen years, where she also served as the school's Community Service Coordinator, Cross Country Coach and Athletic Director. In 2021, Debbie became the Preschool Director for St. John Preschool in Darien, CT. Debbie's love for children - her own and those she taught - was truly her calling; God's gift to her.

Debbie lived her life by a driving motto: "climb every mountain". Since her first bout with cancer, Debbie ran 11 marathons, inspiring her husband, Bill, to run 3 (finishing all 3 with Debbie) and her daughter, Ashley, to run 5 (1 with Debbie). During that time, Debbie traveled the world, which was her passion.

A Wake was held at Hoyt Funeral Home in New Canaan, CT, on Friday, May 30, 2025. A Mass of Christian burial was held on May 31 at St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT.



Richard Franco, Jr.

Richard Anthony Franco, Jr., 74, passed away May 22, 2025 at his home on Summer Street in New Canaan. Rick was born August 3, 1950, to Gloria and Dick Franco. Unbeknownst to the young couple, Rick would be the first of their eleven children.

Rick attended St. Aloysius School and was in the first graduating class to complete all eight years in the new school. At an early point in Rick's academic career he unwisely chose to launch a paper clip off the end of a rubber band, narrowly missing a nun but striking the Monsignor in the head. This act, while lacking in circumspection, did not impede his matriculation at the nascent institution. Rick continued on to New Canaan High School where he played football under the skilled leadership of Head Coach Joe Sikorski. Many of Coach Sikorski's observations guided Rick throughout his life ("Franco, you carry that football like a loaf of Italian bread!").

Rick was a flanker for The Rams in their historic win over Darien in 1967, breaking a twelve year losing streak to the bitter rival. Only five years earlier, Darien had buried New Canaan 70-0. The 1967 victory was an historic win for Sikorski and New Canaan, still talked about today. Ask an old New Canaanite; they will tell you.

The summer of his Junior year, Rick eschewed mowing lawns and instead worked at the tumultuous 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago with his good friend

Steve Roebing. Rick and Steve crossed through violent demonstrations running reels of riot footage back to the Associated Press TV Room. This internship marked an early contribution to the gray hairs on his father's head.

After graduating NCHS in the class of '69, Rick's next stop was Marquette University. But university life was not for him. There was a maverick spirit in Rick that was not easily tamed, and college was not the answer. Somehow he ended up far across the continent in the Alaskan frontier, where he felled trees and lived in an abandoned miner's cabin. He regularly sent letters home to Tommy's Lane, where his mother read them over the kitchen table to rapt siblings. His brothers and sisters were captivated; his parents less so.

Life brought him again to Milwaukee where fate blessed him. He met a beautiful young woman, Cynthia Schlick, who would become the love of his life. They married in 1981 and returned to New Canaan where they would remain the rest of their lives.

In the early 80s Rick began working at the liquor store his uncle, Albert Franco, established on Elm Street in 1933. This would be the first step of Rick's forty-year career at the store. He became the creative force that would carry Francos to the forefront of the area's liquor industry.

Under Rick's supervision, Francos became the only business in town to regularly run full page ads in the New York Times. A trailblazer in his marketing technique of combining prose with price, Rick moved the focus of the ads to culinary passion. His wine prowess became known throughout town, and Francos Wine Merchants became purveyors to the social set. Dinner parties were in their heyday. Collectors relied on Rick's knowledge to stock their cellars. "Futures" became a big part of the business. And Rick's enological advice became de rigueur.

In 1986 Rick and Cindy were blessed with their daughter Elizabeth, and their world changed. Elizabeth brought many new firsts into his life. Contrary to his "tough guy" nature, he found himself attending Halloween parades, ballet recitals, and Little Mermaid birthday parties. Elizabeth's star became the center of Rick's universe, even after illness made his universe smaller. One of the most joyous days in Rick's life was seeing Elizabeth marry her college sweetheart, Jonathan Hill. She and Jonathan would eventually bring beautiful grandchildren into Rick and Cindy's lives. The singing sound of their play brought comfort to Rick even in his last days. That's how love works.

Rick wove himself into the New Canaan tapestry much like his parents before him. He cared deeply for the town. He served an admirable four decades on the Parking Commission. He spearheaded the effort to save The Playhouse. He often supported many local charities both through the store and his own philanthropy. New Canaan was his home in the beginning. New Canaan was his home in the end.

In 2017 Rick was Fall Guy for the New Canaan Gridiron Club. Nothing was off-limits. Rick's unusual résumé of life experiences provided plenty of fodder for the players. Jokes about his beloved Blue Stork Stables and horse racing brought down the house. Rick endured a lot of ribbing that night, but nobody laughed harder than he did.

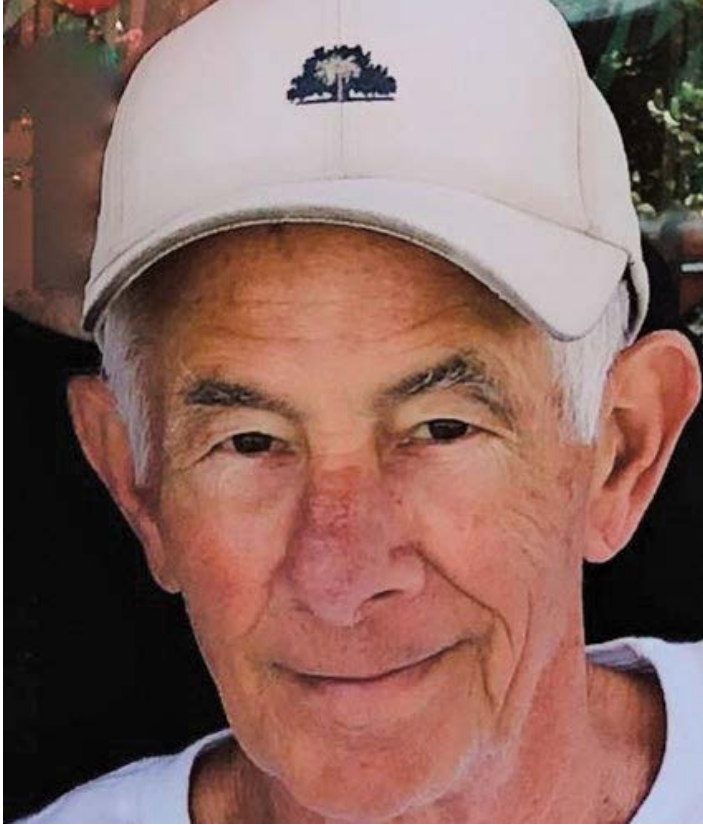
Rick's salty personality and colorful language was counterbalanced by an underlying kindness to many. Hand-written notes of sympathy or concern were often treasured by recipients who were touched by Rick's profound level of care. He was a daily fixture at seven o'clock Mass at St. Aloysius where he practiced his deep faith. He found a great deal of peace within the pews, surrounded by the stained glass and statuary, and from the faith and kinship of his fellow parishioners with whom he felt such closeness.

Rick is predeceased by his wife, Cynthia Schlick Franco and is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Franco Hill, her husband Jonathan, and their two children, Henry and Pierce. He was also predeceased by his parents, Gloria C. and Richard A. Franco, Sr. He leaves behind ten siblings: Tom and his wife Yvonne of Ridgefield; Chris and his wife Christie of Monroe, NY; Anne Franco McAndrew of Kent, CT; Tim and his wife Marie of Concord, MA; Mike and his wife Mary of New Canaan; Duffy and his wife Megan Collins of Norwalk; Carl, and his twin brother Claude and his wife Val of New Canaan; Katie and her husband Mike O'Neill of New Canaan; and Kelley and her husband Tom Throop of Rowayton. Rick also leaves behind many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are being handled by Hoyt's Funeral Home of New Canaan. Calling hours were on Thursday, May 29. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, May 30, at St. Aloysius Church.

Interment was Private.

Those who wish to make a donation in honor of Rick's life may send gifts to Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs in Fairfield, CT.



Sherwin Haskell, III

Sherwin "Skip" Trumbull Haskell III, 80, passed away peacefully, at home on Hilton Head Island, on May 17, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Skip was born in Savannah, Georgia, in 1945, and was the first child of long-time Hilton Head residents, Millie and Trum Haskell. He grew up in New Canaan, CT, and after his time at Wake Forest University, he was proud to serve his country as

part of the United States Army before completing his schooling at Rutgers University. He spent many years in Atlanta, before moving to Hilton Head, where he and his wife, Mary Lou, worked and enjoyed "Island Life" for over 20 years. As a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother, he touched many lives with his steady presence, positive outlook, abundant patience and eternal optimism.

Skip enjoyed working in the financial world, but his interests extended well beyond the office. A lifelong fan of all things Wake Forest, he carried his school spirit with pride and was rarely seen without his Demon Deacons ballcap. His real passion was golf-whether playing, teaching, watching, or working. Fittingly, the game bookended his life, with caddying as both his first job and his last. After more than a thousand caddie rounds, Skip retired from May River Golf Club, where he found joy hanging out with his buddies in the caddie shack and being part of the sport he loved.

Skip is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Lou; his children, Marion Zion, Trum (Meredith) Haskell, and Margaret (Angelo) DiBiase; his stepsons, Kevin (Heather) O'Connor, Brian O'Connor, and Shawn (Darlene) O'Connor; and 14 adored grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Debby (Andrew) Calhoun, nephews, Drew (Kara) Calhoun and Brad (Gretchen) Calhoun, and a circle of extended family and friends who will remember him with affection and admiration.

In keeping with his love of both sports and life's enduring spirit, Skip often reminded those around him: "It ain't over till it's over," - Yogi Berra.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 31, at The Island Funeral Home & Crematory, Hilton Head Island, SC. All who knew and loved Skip are warmly invited to join in celebrating his life.



Barbara White

1925-2025

Barbara White passed away at her home in New Canaan, CT, on May 16, 2025, of natural causes. She was 99.

Born in Camden, NJ, on June 25, 1925, to Robert E. and Ella O'Donovan, Barbara, known to friends and family as Babs, grew up in Montclair, NJ, where she attended Montclair Kimberley Academy. Her mother, a successful visual artist, no doubt sowed the seeds for Babs' own passion for painting, design and fashion. She earned a bachelor's degree in art history from Smith College in 1946 and subsequently landed a job as a fashion illustrator at Women's Wear Daily.

In 1948, Babs married Robert O. White, a commercial banker with Chemical Bank, who predeceased her in 2000. They later settled in Montclair, NJ, where they raised four sons. Babs resumed her work with Women's Wear Daily as a freelance artist, and with advertising agencies in New York City. Following two years in England in the mid-1960s, where her husband headed the London office of Chemical Bank, the White family resettled in Darien, CT. Babs would later join the Darien Historical Society (now the Museum of Darien) as the costume curator. For over five decades, her exhibits, reflecting a deep knowledge of sociocultural history and an astute rigor in curatorial design, would capture the imagination of thousands of visitors from New England and beyond, including scholars and fellow curators who would seek out her sage counsel. By the time she retired, in 2020, at age 95, the costume collection, under her guidance, had grown to over 3,000 items, ranging from dresses and suits to shoes and accessories – some dating back to the 18th century. Fittingly, the collection bears her name. She would earn a number of accolades, including a community service award from then-Connecticut Governor John Rowland.

Babs complemented her prowess in curation and design with an abiding passion for gardening. She was a long-time member of the Garden Club of Darien, which granted her Honorary Member status in 2012; in the previous year, she earned the Garden Club of America Appreciation Award. Babs also loved to travel, including visits to Europe and Asia. Her love of the arts included regular excursions to New York City for theater, ballet and opera. Finally, she was an avid tennis player, a hobby she enjoyed well into her 80s.

Babs White is survived by four sons and their respective spouses – Peter White and Lee Fox of Pittsford, N.Y.; David White and Susan White of Bend, Ore.; Thomas White and Karen Mack of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Robert White Jr. and Beth Panella of Newton, Mass. as well as six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Museum of Darien, 45 Old King's Highway, Darien, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Museum of Darien or the New Canaan Emergency Medical Service.

The White family is being compassionately cared for by the staff at Hoyt Funeral Home, New Canaan, CT.

The Sentinel does not charge for obituaries because every life in our community deserves to be honored and remembered without financial barriers. Obituaries are not written by the Sentinel. By providing this service at no cost, we ensure that families can share their loved ones' stories freely, preserving their legacies as part of New Canaan's history. To submit an obituary, email Caroll@GreenwichSentinel.com.

Seen & Loved: The Bedrock for Brain Health



By SARAH DUGAL

Last Friday, I popped into a lecture co-hosted by the New Canaan Library & YMCA entitled, “Being Seen: What Our Kids Need Most from Us Today,” with Professor Selena Bartlett, a renown neuroscientist & the author of Being Seen. The title immediately piqued my interest; as the Area Director for Young Life New Canaan, an ecumenical non-profit that creates approachable spaces for students to grow in their faith, so much of my focus revolves around the fostering environments where adolescents feel seen, known and loved.

Over the course of the hour, Professor Bartlett walked us through the absolutely awe-inspiring science of

neuroplasticity, the brain’s ability to change & adapt forever, and neural synchrony – also known as interbrain synchrony or brain-to-brain coupling – which demonstrates how our brains affect the brains around us, all in relation to prioritizing our brain health as adults so that we might support the brain health of children. She challenged adults in the room to first see themselves, through exploring and accepting their own experiences, so that they can regulate themselves and be attuned to – really see – the kids in their life. She reminded us all that being seen is the building block for a lifetime of wellness.

Though the topics Professor Bartlett researches, and the science she is advancing, is complex, I found her simplicity incredibly refreshing. Throughout her lecture, she often returned to the illustration of children as plants, in need of a bit of care, attention, and water. Her point,

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Bartlett reflected, “Love is it.”

well made, was that brain health is ultimately most supported by loving, attentive homes & communities – not specific schools, certain extracurriculars, or a specific number of friends. Like plants, we all need to be looked at, given attention, and shown affection. “After 30 years of studying the brain, to come back to love is a really soft, “woowoo” thing to say...” Bartlett reflected, “Love is it.”

While the lecture didn’t dive into faith itself, the conversation brought to mind some of the most stunning resources for health found within the Christian faith.

As Professor Bartlett described the immense impact of being seen by a parent, I was

reminded of the comfort available in knowing we have the full attention of a Heavenly Father; as Hagar exclaims in Genesis 16:13, after being comforted by God in the face of being overlooked by others, “You are the God who sees me.” We can rest in the loving gaze of a God who is always attentive to us – even the very number of hairs on our head (Matthew 10:30).

As we discussed the importance of active love demonstrated through attuned presence, I was reminded of God’s many promises to be with us, at all times and in all circumstances. This promise echoes through scripture, as in Isaiah 43:2: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed

you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...” It’s brought into full fruition in the life of Jesus, who is called Immanuel: God with us (Matthew 1:23). And this beautiful promise lives on in the Holy Spirit, as Jesus told us, “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever,” (John 14:16).

Finally, as we settled on love as the bedrock for health and thriving, I thought of the unchanging wisdom of the greatest commandments: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself,” (Matthew 22:37-39). What a beautiful design – to love, be loved, and love others.

The work of seeing ourselves so that we might see others is that of a lifetime of learning & relearning. There are no shortcuts to health. However, I am so grateful for the faith traditions that support us and our students on their journey, with reminders that we are seen, known & loved by God.

Sarah Dugal serves as the Area Director for Young Life in New Canaan. Young Life is a global, ecumenical non-profit that exists to reinforce that adolescents matter through relational youth ministry, create approachable spaces for students to explore faith, and model servant leadership in local communities. To learn more, visit NewCanaanYoungLife.Org.

Worship Directory and Services

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

Congregational Church

23 Park Street 203.966.2651
office@godsacre.org
www.godsacre.org

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

Recurring Events:

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist

49 Park Street 203.966.0293
christiansciencect.org/newcanaan
Sunday 10:30 AM, in person only. Sunday School is available during Sunday Service and is open to children and young people up to the age of 20. There is also childcare available for children too young for Sunday School.

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002
fpcnc.org
Sunday Service: 10am in person or via LocalLive. All are welcome. Coffee Hour after the service is also available in person or via Zoom. Dedicated childcare is available for all children via Wee Care Nanny Agency from 8:45-11:30am in the Nursery School. Transcripts of previous sermons are also available via the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan’s website. Recurring Events: Every Saturday 9:15am (closed) and 10:30am (open): Alcoholics Anonymous. Every Tuesday 8pm: Men’s A.A.
Third Wednesday from 6-7:30 PM: Wednesdays at the Well are intergenerational opportunities to learn and grow in faith together. Dinner will be served and all ages are invited.

Upcoming Events:

June 25 at 7 PM: Open Mic Night. You are invited to share music and/or poetry. Walk-ins are welcome. Email nickdepuysite@gmail.com to sign up.

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020
www.starcc.com
Service Schedule:
Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Sunday 8:30 a.m. mass is live-streamed and recorded. **Monday-Friday: 7:00 am and 5:30 pm**
Saturday: 7:00 am

Recurring Events:

Last Monday of every month 7pm: Women’s Praise & Worship Holy Hour
Fridays 7:30am-6pm: Eucharistic Adoration (September-June)
Saturday 8:30am: St. A’s Healing Rosary Prayer Group

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515

churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org

www.stmarksnewcanaan.org

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

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

St. Michael’s Lutheran Church

5 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.3913
office@stmichaelslutheran.org
www.stmichaelslutheran.org
Sunday Service at 10:00 am. Following the service there is coffee, cookies and conversation’ in the Fellowship Hall.

Recurring Events:

Thursday 12 PM: Alcoholics Anonymous

Trinity Church New Canaan | Darien

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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.

United Methodist Church

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666
office@umcofnewcanaan.org
www.umcofnewcanaan.org
Sunday Service is at 10:00 am followed by coffee and conversation during Fellowship Time. Sunday School is available during Sunday Service. All are welcome.

Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711
cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com
www.cbcnewcanaan.org
Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI3O_Syp_X0KDg
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>
Sunday School at 10:00am
Worship Service at 11:00am
Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

Upcoming Events:

June 14 from 12-4 PM: Friends & Family Picnic. Everyone, members, family, friends, and community are all welcome!

Grace Community Church

9:30am Service @ New Canaan High School,
11 Farm Road, New Canaan

203-966-7600

info@gracecommunity.info

www.gracecommunity.info

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

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

Talmadge Hill Community Church

870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT
203.966.2314
talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com
www.talmadgehill.org

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

Recurring Events:

Thursdays at 9:30am: Bible Study
First Saturday at 8am: Men’s Group
Second Saturday at 10am: Women’s Circle

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center

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

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903
203.322.1649
www.templesinaistamford.org
Service Schedule:

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

Recurring Events:

Fridays at 12 PM: Torah Study
Second Saturday at 10:30 AM: Mussar
First and Third Fridays at 5:30 PM: Shabbat Service for Families with Young Children
First Saturday at 8 AM: Avodat Halev Discussion Group

Temple Sholom

300 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830
203-869-7191
www.templesholom.com
Services: In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am.

Recurring Events:

Saturdays at 9 AM: Shabbat Study via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcxU0EzZUM2VENEZmgyUT09#success>

YOUR NEWS BRIEF

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a \$300,000 state grant to help fund upgrades to the Waveny Park playground. The project will also be supported by \$325,000 from the town and \$150,000 from the Friends of Waveny Playground. The funding is part of a statewide program aimed at supporting infrastructure improvements in small towns.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

NCNC Director Speaks to Rotary Club



Bill Flynn, Executive Director of the New Canaan Nature Center, spoke to the Rotary Club about the Center’s programs, history, and ongoing land management work. The nonprofit provides environmental education through a range of offerings, including a preschool and summer camp. Flynn also described current efforts to restore the property’s ecosystems by removing invasive species through solarization and other non-chemical methods to promote native plant growth. Photo credit: New Canaan Rotary Club.

Lego Building with Ethan



Ethan, a young Waveny volunteer, recently led a Lego building session at The Inn. The activity is part of a regular Saturday program for residents, led by Ethan. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

Swap Shop Presents at the Inn



Robin Bates recently visited The Inn at Waveny to share information about the New Canaan Swap Shop and its reuse efforts. Residents learned about the program and its role in reducing local waste. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.



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SCHOOLS

NCCH Senior Award Recognition Assembly



On May 23, New Canaan High School held its Senior Award Recognition Assembly. More than 130 students were honored for their achievements in academics, arts, athletics, and community service. The event highlighted student contributions to both the school and the wider community. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

NCCS on Long Island Sound

Fourth graders from New Canaan Country School recently conducted field research on the Long Island Sound as part of their science curriculum. They sampled plankton, measured wind speed, and observed marine animals, including otters and puffer fish. The trip provided hands-on experience with coastal and aquatic ecosystems.

SLS Halo Awards



St. Luke’s School Theater earned three Halo Awards at the Palace Theater in Waterbury, following ten nominations. Cole McQuaid ’27 was recognized for his performance in Almost, Maine. Aviva Moss ’25 received an award for stage management on both Almost, Maine and Mamma Mia!. Ali DeFilippo ’25, Alex Sheinkin ’25, and Juliet Geraci ’25 were honored for their ensemble work in Mamma Mia!. Photo credit: St. Luke’s School.

SLS Seaver Selected for Grammy Camp



Sophie Seaver ’28 of St. Luke’s School was selected to attend the 2025 Grammy Camp in New York City, where she will focus on songwriting. She is one of 172 high school students chosen from 25 states. Photo credit: St. Luke’s School.

SLS Attends ARML Competition



Elliot Zilberman ’28 and Bhhavya Somaya ’26 recently

represented St. Luke’s School as members of the Connecticut team at the 2025 ARML competition. The event, held at St. Anselm College, challenged students with advanced problems in algebra, geometry, number theory, and related topics. They were two of 45 students selected from across the state to participate. Photo credit: St. Luke’s School.

SLS Aronian Selected for Grammy Camp



Laurel Aronian ’25 of St. Luke’s School was selected to attend the 2025 GRAMMY Camp in Los Angeles for Electronic Music Audio Production. Photo credit: St. Luke’s School.

ACROSS CT

Organic Rancher Ground Beef Recall

Federal officials have issued a health alert for certain 1-pound packages of Organic Rancher ground beef sold at Whole Foods, citing possible E. coli contamination. Though no longer available in stores, the beef—produced in May—may still be in home refrigerators. No illnesses have been reported, but consumers are urged to discard or return the product and ensure all ground beef is cooked to 160°F. More information can be found at <https://shorturl.at/sn9ej>.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING BRIEFS, JUNE 3

Purchase Order Increase

The board approved a \$23,000 increase to a previously approved purchase order with Amwins.

Full-Time Employee

The board approved the hiring of Ryan Stacy as Manager of Budgeting and Financial Systems.

Tax Collection Postage and Printing

The board approved a \$38,500 contract with Quality Data Service (QDS) for postage, printing, and service contracts associated with July 1, 2025 tax collection.

New Canaan Cares Purchase Order Increase

The board approved a \$6,000 increase to a previously approved purchase order with New Canaan Cares.

Fence Installation at Parks

The board approved two contracts for fence repairs and upgrades: \$14,680 to Gannon Rustic Fence, and \$67,390 to P&C Fence. The work will include removal and replacement of fencing at the Mead Park pickleball courts, the Saxe Baseball Field, and Mead Park Baseball Field.

Seasonal Employee Hiring

The board approved the hiring of 94 seasonal part-time employees for the 2025 summer recreation season.

Waveny House Brides and Grooms Rooms

The board approved a \$14,229.10 contract with Raymour and Flanigan for new furniture in the brides and grooms rooms at Waveny House.

Exchange Club – Memorandum of Understanding

The board approved a memorandum of understanding with the New Canaan Exchange Club to allow for the temporary use of an on-site electronic payment system belonging to the Exchange Club to support the annual July 4th Fireworks event.

Highway Department Purchase Orders

The board approved FY26 blanket purchase orders totaling \$201,000 for parts, supplies, fuel, and services from vendors including New Canaan Auto Parts, Grainger, East Coast Signs, One Vac, O&G Industries, Belardinelli Tires, Madison Supplies, and Polsinello Fuels.

Pest Control

The board approved a \$19,087.07 contract with ABC Exterminating. The work includes exterminating services for town buildings.

Town Hall Exterior Painting

The board approved a \$23,990 contract with CertaPro Painters for exterior painting of Town Hall.

Gores Pavilion Painting

The board approved an \$8,690 contract with Aladdin Services to power wash, scrape, prep, and paint the Gores Pavilion.

Tree Removal and Pruning

The board approved a \$35,658 contract with Almstead Tree and Shrub Care for the removal, pruning, and stump removal of various trees in town.

Roadside Mower Repairs

The board approved a \$2,178.90 increase to a blanket purchase order with Tri-County Contractor’s Supply for repairs of the mowers and fleet.

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NEW LISTINGS

Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
172 Summer Street D	\$1,075,000	2,132	\$504.22		4	3
177 South Avenue #6	\$1,295,000	2,305	\$561.82		3	2
587 Carter Street	\$1,495,000	3,220	\$464.29	2.00	4	3
180 Park Street D103	\$1,649,000	1,483	\$1,111.93		2	2
681 Old Stamford Road	\$1,995,000	4,783	\$417.10	3.06	4	3
1208 Smith Ridge Road	\$2,149,000	5,030	\$427.24	5.35	5	4
15 Mill Road	\$2,495,000	5,184	\$481.29	1.00	5	4
1191 Oenoke Ridge	\$4,250,000	6,557	\$648.16	4.00	5	5
51 Oenoke Lane	\$4,395,000	5,844	\$752.05	1.15	6	5
168 Proprietors Crossing	\$4,495,000	9,587	\$468.86	4.07	7	7

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

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

Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker
177 South Avenue #6	\$2,595,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00PM	William Pitt Sothebys
29 Down River Road	\$1,875,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00PM	William Pitt Sothebys
681 Old Stamford Road	\$3,195,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00PM	Houlihan Lawrence
317 Park Street	\$1,599,000	SAT & SUN	11:00-2:00PM	William Pitt Sothebys
168 Proprietors Crossing	\$4,495,000	SUN	12:00-2:00PM	William Raveis

NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
200 Park Street #12	\$475,000	\$465,000	\$450,000	43	2	1	
232 Park Street #17	\$515,000	\$515,000	\$485,000	101	2	1	
180 Park Street #D306	\$1,659,000	\$1,529,000	\$1,550,000	198	2	2	
106 Logan Road	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$2,435,000	7	4	3	4.00
33 Stonehenge Drive	\$2,695,000	\$2,695,000	\$3,100,000	7	6	5	2.00
87 Oak Street	\$2,895,000	\$2,895,000	\$3,565,000	8	4	4	0.50

‘New York from Brooklyn Heights’



BY JOHN ENGEL

“Daddy, tell me a story.”
“Okay, it was December 1990, and First Infantry was—”

“No, Daddy, not that kind. I mean one of your real estate stories. With a little economic theory, some obscure historical reference, maybe a personal anecdote. Like the ones you write for the *New Canaan Sentinel*. And hurry, you have two hours before deadline.”

“All right then. Let’s begin in 1794 with a failed land speculator who picked up a paintbrush...”

Born in Maryland in 1794, 26-year-old George Esten Cooke taught himself to paint after failing as a merchant and land speculator. After five years copying masterpieces in Europe, discouraged by the competition, and broke, he returned to the East Coast and established himself as a portrait artist, mostly in the South, where, in the 1830’s he was the only one around — and the best. Portraits paid the bills, but they didn’t feed the soul. Cooke painted 30 landscapes in his lifetime, just two in New York. This story is about one of them.

That painting, “New York from Brooklyn Heights,” once hung in the antique home of a New Canaan neighbor on Seminary Street. When he sold the house, he passed it to me. Today, it’s on loan to the College of William & Mary in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. Cooke’s work also hangs in the Oval Office and at the University of Georgia, which holds the largest collection.

In 1834, Cooke first exhibited “New York from Brooklyn Heights,” depicting the bustling heart of the city — Manhattan’s southern tip, including Battery Park, the Financial District, and the South Street Seaport. The economy was booming after victory in the War of 1812 and the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825. Much of the land in the painting was city-owned, leased to shipping companies. Speculators snapped up the rest from prominent families like the Livingstons and the Schuylers as the population surged past 200,000, and an affordable housing crisis was already taking root (a thing even in 1834).

At the time, a prime Manhattan waterfront lot (25’ x 100’) cost between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Inland lots sold for half that. Adjusting for inflation, \$1,000 in 1834 equates to **\$35,000** today. Commercial land now sells for \$3,000–\$5,000 per square foot, about \$130–\$217 million per acre. A single 2,500-square-foot lot today is worth between \$8 and \$13 million, reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) on the land of 4.87%

In today’s Financial District (Battery-Wall-Pine), condos sell for a **median sale price** of \$955,000 or \$1,312 per-square-foot. The buildable square foot price is \$390, its lowest since 2010. To put it another way, the \$1,900 Wall Street lot George Cooke painted now supports a high-rise where the land alone might be valued at \$35-\$40 million (25,000 buildable-square-feet at \$1,400 per-square-foot once entitled).

Brooklyn, at the time, was appealing to wealthy New Yorkers looking for



“New York from Brooklyn Heights” (1834) by George Esten Cooke (1793-1949)

quiet. In 1834, Hezekiah Pierrepont began subdividing Brooklyn Heights into 25’ x 100’ lots, priced from \$200 to \$500 each depending on proximity to the waterfront. An acre fetched \$10,000,

quickly. Prices surged, especially near Broadway and north of Pine, and brick began replacing wood. Insurers went bankrupt under the weight of claims. Credit tightened, but speculative credit

disaster and recovery.

Real estate’s historical returns deserve context. The 4.87% CAGR for Manhattan land and 5.03% for Brooklyn

Heights reflect nearly two centuries of compounding — land that kept its footing through war, fire, depression, and reinvention. By comparison, a savings account earning 3.5% over the same period would yield just over \$600,000 on a \$1,000 deposit. The S&P 500, with a real CAGR near 6.7%, compounds to over \$86 million. Gold, which preserves purchasing power over centuries, does not generate compound returns and has returned less than 1% real CAGR since 1834 — precious, but inert.

Even in Connecticut, where suburban land saw slower, steadier growth, returns on well-located property have compounded wealth over generations. But unlike equities or bullion, land has form, function, and memory. Cooke’s painted lot carried 1830s promise, burned in 1835, collapsed in 1837, and now holds a skyscraper worth forty million. That is how cities — and fortunes — are built.

I value “New York from Brooklyn Heights” not just for its beauty, but for what it reveals: Behind every chart, every lot price, there’s a story. Sometimes a fire. Sometimes a crash. Often, a recovery. And occasionally, a painting that preserves the moment before everything changed.

John Engel is a broker on *The Engel Team* at Douglas Elliman in New Canaan. In the museum, he sometimes spends as much time reading and thinking about the description of the painting as looking at the art itself. His favorite part of the *New Canaan Men’s Club* meetings on Friday mornings is when Tom Davies tells stories of history and art.

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or \$50,000 with docking rights. Today, Brooklyn Heights is one of the most expensive neighborhoods in the city with prices ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per-square-foot. A rare acre might go for \$65–\$87 million, while a brownstone lot sells for \$3–\$4 million or \$8–\$15 million fully built. That’s a CAGR of 5.03%.

The slightly higher return in Brooklyn Heights reflects its evolution from rural retreat to one of the city’s most desirable residential neighborhoods, whereas Manhattan’s southern tip was already the country’s most expensive real estate. (These figures exclude taxes and development costs.)

Like real life, though, real estate is never a smooth ride.

Cooke’s painting captures the final quiet pre-industrial sunrise before the 1835 Great Fire and the speculative bust of 1837 — a moment when both shores were still recognizable for their pastures, mills and church steeples, not yet dominated by iron-framed skyscrapers.

On Dec. 16, 1835, 600 buildings in the painting — spanning 17 blocks between South, Pearl, Wall, and Exchange Streets — burned. Merchants needed to rebuild

arrived. A lot on Broadway and Wall worth \$6,000 in 1834 sold for \$12,000 in 1836, even as the broader market trembled.

Then came the Panic of 1837. Sparked by speculative lending and a collapse in credit, it sent land prices tumbling — 30% to as much as 70% in parts of New York City. Harlem, Upper Manhattan, and Brooklyn were hit hardest. Projects were abandoned. Houses stood unfinished and empty. That \$2,000 Brooklyn lot from which Cooke painted New York fell below \$1,000 in 1839 and stayed there for a decade.

Cooke painted “New York from Brooklyn Heights” in 1834, on the brink of a real estate mania, just before fire and financial collapse. Many of the steeples, storehouses, and rooftops he painted vanished in smoke a year later. The painting’s calm, golden serenity belies the rapid loss of wealth and stability that followed. From a collector’s standpoint, this painting captures not just topography, but a vanished moment of confidence and growth in early Manhattan — arguably the last moment before the modern city was born through



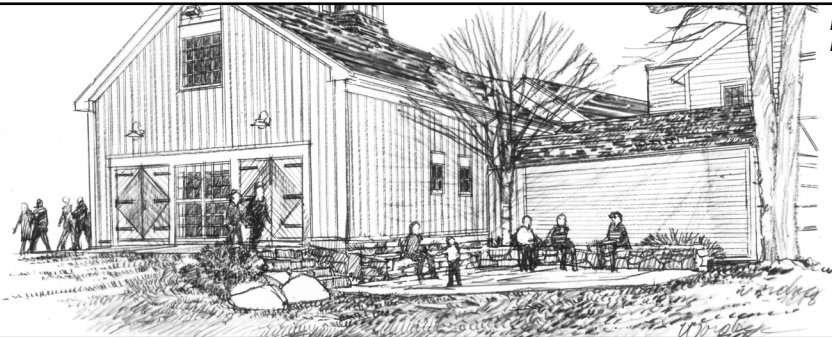
203 Prince Street, built in 1834 by John Haff, a leather inspector and speculative builder, on what had been Aaron Burr’s estate, cost him \$2,500, leased to Eliza Scudder at the time. It is now worth \$6.25 million (2,500 ft x \$2,500 psf) plus \$1 million for landmark status, representing a 4.53% CAGR, typical for Manhattan real estate.

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Scott Ready stands proudly beside the restored 1949 ladder truck he pursued for years—a piece of New Canaan history brought home.



Elizabeth Crehan (right) and daughter Charlotte helping to serve cakes, cookies and other sweet delights.



Monica Trevino, one of the docents in the 1764 Hanford-Silliman House, spinning linen yarn from flax. She also knit the sweater she's wearing.



The man himself, Jim Bach, Korean War veteran, and long time Historical Society supporter and board member, in front of the eponymous 'Jim Bach Special Collections Museum.'

By JOHN KRIZ

On a cool late Spring day, with the sun struggling, with intermittent success, to break through, hundreds of New Canaan families gathered at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society www.nchistory.org to enjoy ice cream and homemade cakes, old-fashioned children's games and the Historical Society's extensive collection of historical items and buildings at the 34th annual Ice Cream Social.

Accompanied by music from the New Canaan Town Band, which is only six years away from celebrating its 200th anniversary, the gentlemen from the Exchange Club of New Canaan www.newcanaanexchangeclub.com once again volunteered to dish up scoops of ice cream and toppings for eager attendees.

The Historical Society's many collections and buildings were open for visitors, including the new Jim Bach Special Collections Museum, which

features the Branch Family Print Shop, artworks from the Silvermine group of artists, and the beautifully restored circa 1855 Demarest horse drawn carriage.

The lawn of the Historical Society was bursting with an array of vintage vehicles, including 4x4s, convertibles, limousines, motorcycles, trucks and sports cars that generated much interest, and no small level of envy, among people.

Also on display was a lovingly restored aerial apparatus that once was owned by New Canaan Fire Company No. 1. Now owned by former volunteer fireman and assistant chief Scott Ready, it was purchased new by the town in 1949, and was in service until the early 1970s. Mr. Ready bought it in 2002 after it had passed through several private owners. Says Mr. Ready about its restoration, "We tore it down and then built it right back up again. It took about full ten years." The aerial ladder

was fully extended, with a mannequin dressed in firefighter turnout gear at the top and an American flag flying. Clearly a labor of love.

Nancy Geary, the Historical Society's Executive Director, commented, "The Ice Cream Social has been an annual tradition for 34 years on the first Sunday in June. Held on the grounds of the New Canaan Museum under a big tent, the collective effort is a gift to the community. The Exchange Club, Town Band, National Charity Leagues, Service League of Boys, and many volunteers all donate their time and energy, and Gofer's Ice Cream generously donates all the ice cream for the day. It is a wonderful way to celebrate the start of summer, explore the campus, see the fabulous cars, and experience the best of New Canaan."

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



The gentlemen of the Exchange Club on duty at the ice cream table.



Rev. Gilbert Burgess of Community Baptist Church on Cherry Street <http://www.cbcnewcanaan.org> with the church's 'First Lady' Kim Bianca Burgess, admiring the Demarest Carriage in the Janice Luddy Carriage Room of the Jim Bach Special Collections Museum.



Harmony Masonic Lodge Celebrates Two Centuries

By JOHN KRIZ

On a cool and blessedly dry evening, Harmony Masonic Lodge of New Canaan #67 www.newcanaanfremasons.com celebrated two hundred years of charity and humble community service at the very place where they first met, now the home of New Canaan Museum & Historical Society. With dinner, dancing and live music, Masons far and wide, as well as many town leaders and supporters, gathered to recognize this important civic group on May 31 – two centuries and a day since its founding.

Rinaldo Magliano Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, said “Masonry is the oldest fraternity in the world, and it’s great to be here at a 200 year anniversary celebration for Harmony Lodge. It’s just a testament to how great Masonry is. It lasted this long, and we’ll be here for 200 more years.”

Harmony Lodge Senior Warden Ted Thomas added, “It’s great to be back on the same property in which Harmony Lodge started their mission of philanthropy here in New Canaan, 200 years and a day ago.”

Harmony Masonic Lodge is one of the oldest groups in town, and welcomes new members. For more information, please see the New

Canaan Sentinel’s recent profile at NewCanaanSentinel.com/2025/05/15/harmony-masonic-lodge-still-serving/.

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN PROCLAMATION

Harmony Lodge 67 200th Anniversary

In recognition of its long history of community service, First Selectman Dionna Carlson issued this Proclamation:

Whereas; Harmony Lodge 67 was granted its charter and dispensation to labor on May 30, 1825 by a group of local citizens who wanted to ensure that New Canaan would be a place where one could volunteer, petition and join an organization such as Freemasonry; and

Whereas; Many of the founding members were from historic and notable New Canaan families, some belonging to the shoe manufacturing trade as well as farmers, merchants, businessmen and entrepreneurs of the parish and town equally contributing to the lodge’s success and its commitment to the upkeep and progress of the town; and

Whereas; The Lodge at 231 Main Street continues Freemasonry’s mission to promote community philanthropy and help donors achieve their charitable goals, a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences; by teaching the great principle of brotherly love, relief and truth; and, by the outward expression of these through its fellowship, to find ways in which to serve God, family, country, neighbors and self; and

Whereas; Over many years, New Canaan’s Harmony Lodge 67 has reached out and given countless donations to organizations and care to residents with financial needs such as widows, children and orphans, keeping families whole and looked after; and

Whereas; The Town of New Canaan is very proud of all the accomplishments of the Freemasons, Harmony Lodge 67 over the last 200 years and assistance given to the residents of our Town.

Now, therefore, I, Dionna L. Carlson, First Selectman of the Town of New Canaan, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2025 as the historic anniversary of Harmony Lodge 67 and Freemasonry in New Canaan and wish continued success forward to the next 200 years.



L-R: Mark Hawkins, Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; Ted Thomas, Senior Warden of Harmony Lodge in New Canaan; First Selectman Dionna Carlson; Rinaldo Magliano Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; and Jim Mitchell, Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge in New Canaan, gather at Harmony Lodge’s 200th anniversary party.

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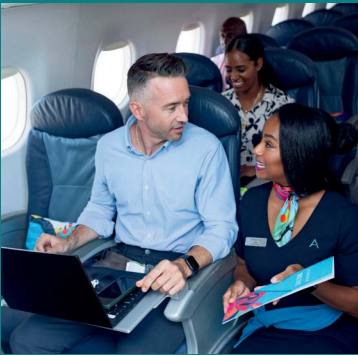
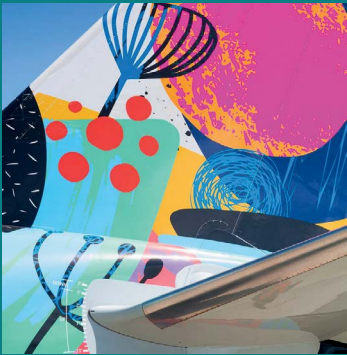


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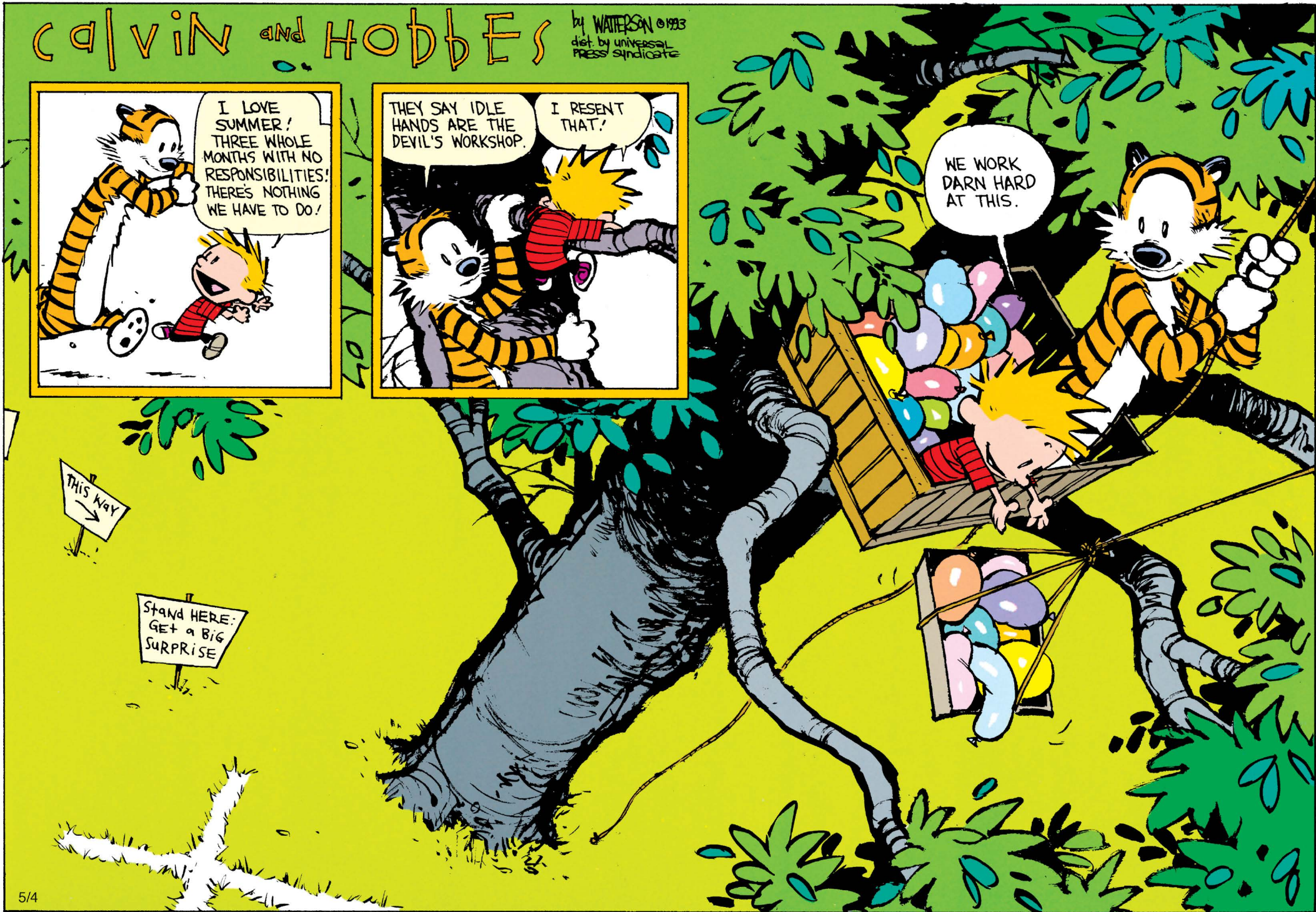
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Why Coloring Mandalas Benefits People of All Ages

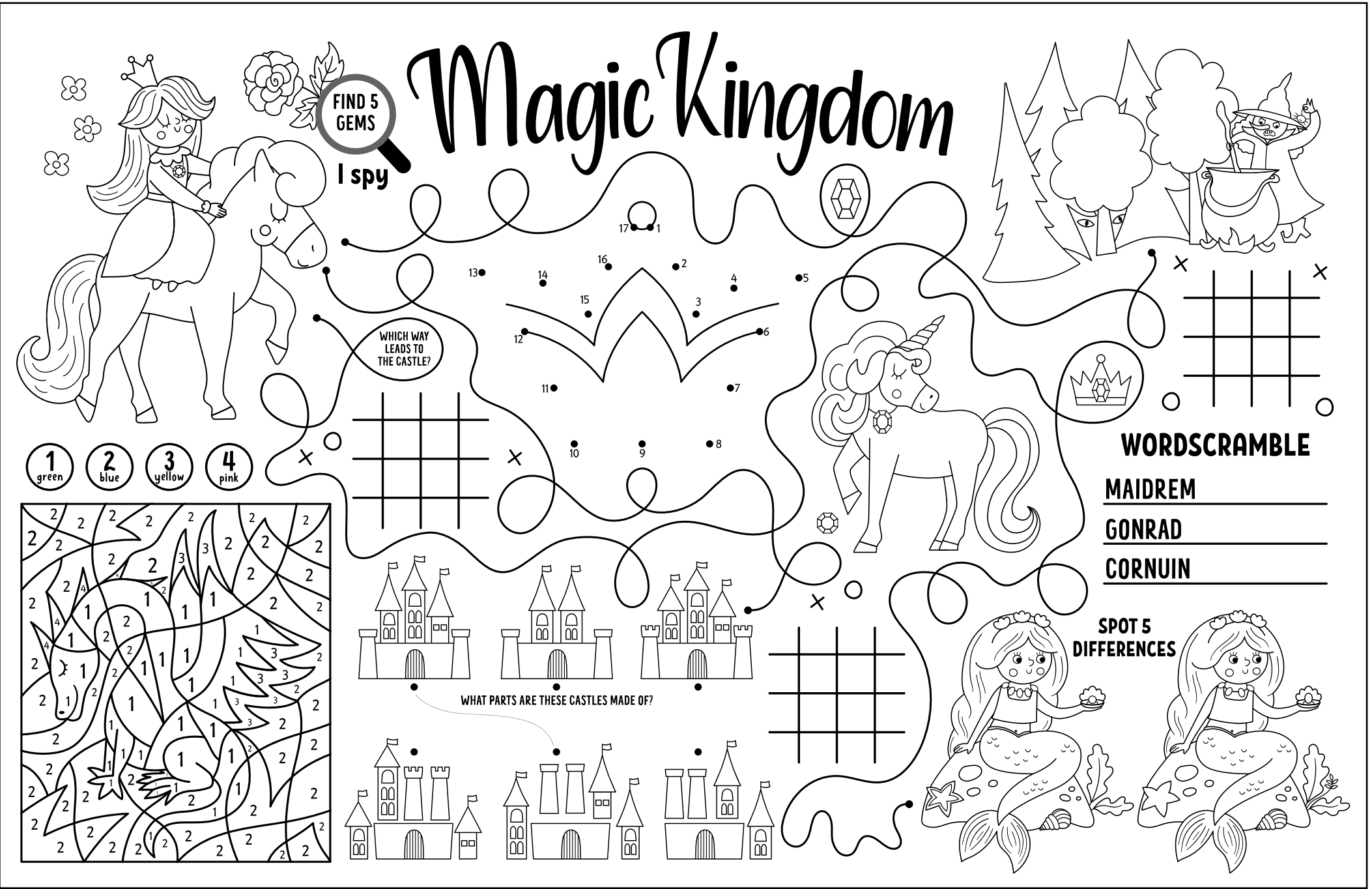
Coloring mandalas offers psychological and emotional benefits that extend across all age groups, from young children to older adults. Rooted in centuries of spiritual and artistic tradition, mandalas—geometric designs often arranged in concentric circles—provide a structured yet creative outlet that promotes focus, calm, and self-expression.

For children, coloring mandalas can improve fine motor skills, boost concentration, and encourage patience. The symmetry and repetitive patterns help develop spatial awareness and early mathematical thinking. Mandalas also offer a gentle, nonverbal way for children to process emotions and settle into a focused, meditative state.

Adults and teens often find mandala coloring to be a powerful stress-relief tool. According to research published in Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association, structured coloring—particularly of mandalas—can significantly reduce anxiety levels. The predictable shapes guide attention away from intrusive thoughts and toward the present moment, creating a mindful experience similar to meditation.

For older adults, coloring mandalas may support cognitive function by engaging visual processing, hand-eye coordination, and memory recall. The creative process fosters a sense of accomplishment and emotional wellbeing, and group coloring sessions can reduce feelings of isolation.

Regardless of age, the act of coloring a mandala provides a rare intersection of structure and freedom.



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TOWN MEETINGS
<p>Tuesday, June 10</p> <p><u>Inland Wetlands Commission - Site Visit</u> 7:30 a.m., Start at Town Hall</p> <p><u>Pension Committee</u> 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom</p> <p><u>Fire Commission</u> 5-7 p.m., Fire Headquarters, 60 Main Street</p> <p><u>WPCA Meeting</u> 6-7 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom</p> <p><u>Board of Finance</u> 7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.</p> <p><u>Ethics Board</u> 7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 11</p> <p><u>Inland Wetlands Commission - Site Visit</u> 7:30 a.m., Start at Town Hall</p> <p><u>Parking Commission</u> 7-8 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room B & via Zoom</p> <p><u>Parks and Recreation Commission</u> 7-8 p.m., the Lapham Community Center</p>
<p>Thursday, June 12</p> <p><u>Police Department Building Committee</u> 8-9 a.m., Town Hall Board Room & via Zoom</p> <p><u>Conservation Commission</u> 12-1 p.m., Town Hall Board Room</p> <p><u>Utilities Commission</u> 7-8 p.m., Town Hall Board Room</p>

June 5

Gardens in Bloom Garden Tour hosted by the New Canaan Garden Club
10 AM at Irwin Park

This year, the tour features an exclusive, self-guided tour of four of New Canaan's finest private gardens. Each one provides a different vision of beauty, sustainability, and design. Spend a delightful day exploring these beautiful gardens and learn from knowledgeable experts at each location. This year's tour supports the NCGC's Irwin Park initiatives, which help to preserve and enhance this beloved community space. More information and tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/bV4Gc>.

Tech and Intergenerational Connection Presented by Cooper Young and George Geist
11 AM at the Lapham Center
Join Cooper Young and George Geist for an engaging and supportive tutorial on platforms such as SnapChat, Instagram, Facebook, text and email as well as tips for online safety, the latest on platform moderation policies and updates on AI. Breakfast treats and coffee will be served. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Staying Put in New Canaan’s Summer Soiree
5-7:30 PM at Waveny House
Enjoy appetizers, a catered bbq buffet from Chef Jeff and refreshments. To benefit Staying Put in New Canaan, helping seniors live confidently at home and stay engaged in the community. Tickets are \$75 and available at <https://stayingputnc.org/summer-soiree/>.

June 6

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.

Opening Night: The Shawshank Redemption
7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, The Shawshank Redemption brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

June 7

Saturday Morning Mahjongg
10 AM- 12 PM at the Lapham Center
Join free open play Mahjongg and meet other Mahjongg players. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Plant Clinic with UCONN Master Gardeners
10 AM- 12:30 PM at Outside the front of the New Canaan Library
Do you need help with plant identification? Insect Damage and disease diagnosis? Plant

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suggestions? Vegetable growing advice? Invasives management? UCONN Master Gardeners of Lower Fairfield are standing by to solve your garden issue in this weekly plant clinic.

Yoga and Movement with Pilin Anice
10:30 AM at Grace Farms
Step outside for a breath-centered yoga practice in the fresh air 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/ZE19E>.

New England Academy of Dance Presents Dreamscape
5:30 PM at the New Canaan High School Auditorium
Join the New England Academy of Dance for a celebration of modern and classical ballet.

The Shawshank Redemption
7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, The Shawshank Redemption brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

June 8

Draw Until You Drop
10 AM at the Silvermine Arts Center
Join for a day of non-stop drawing, open to the public. This is an opportunity for continuous, intensive figure drawing with a model(s) in sustained poses and still life set-ups. This is open to adults 16+ and will take place in the school building as well as various locations outside on campus. All skill levels are welcome. Register at <https://shorturl.at/stmLF>.

The Shawshank Redemption
2 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, The Shawshank Redemption brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

New England Academy of Dance Presents Dreamscape
4:30 PM at the New Canaan High School Auditorium
Join the New England Academy of Dance for a celebration of modern and classical ballet.

Pops in the Park
6-8 PM at the Waveny Great Lawn
Join the 4th annual Pops in the Park concert featuring the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra. This year, the theme is “Rule Britannia!”, with an emphasis on music linked to the British Isles. Join with your blankets and picnic baskets for a summer evening of lively Broadway music.

June 9

Painting, Drawing, and Coloring with Aggie
9-11 AM at the Lapham Center
Bring your own projects or use some of the Lapham Center's (limited) supplies to have fun and find inspiration! Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Pain Management: An Integrative Medicine Approach Presented by Marc Brodsky, MD
11 AM at the Lapham Center
Dr. Brodsky will discuss non-drug approaches to relieving chronic pain, how diet and evidence-based dietary supplements may contribute to a holistic pain management treatment plan and how to manage supplements and drugs in combination in pain management. Marc Brodsky, MD, is Medical Director of the Center for Integrative Medicine and Wellness at Stamford Health, Board Certified in Pain Medicine and an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Columbia University. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

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://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-chair-yoga-117466>.

Finding Olmsted: A Search for a Practice of Landscape Architecture in Cotton’s Kingdom
6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Frederick Law Olmsted and the Olmsted Brothers firm were some of the most influential and prolific landscape architects

of the 19th and 20th centuries and were responsible for many of our local treasured parks and landmarks, such as Waveny Park. After an introduction, Zewde will discuss selected projects from her firm of Studio Zewde, including the recent project to re-imagine the south gardens at Dia Beacon. Register at <https://shorturl.at/vJu4y>.

Evening 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. Tickets are \$40 per person and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/evening-deep-sleep-meditation/>.

June 10

Crafting with Aggie
9-11 AM at the Lapham Center
Meet with like-minded artists and crafters!. Bring a project or use some of the Lapham Center's (limited) supplies to have fun and find inspiration. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

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.

Weir Farm: Inspiring an Artistic Legacy
6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Kristin Lessard will highlight Weir Farm National Historical Park's history, why it became part of the National Park Service, and how contemporary artists like Dmitri Wright use the park as a source of inspiration and creativity. Register at <https://shorturl.at/Eh0fp>.

June 11

Fraud Prevention Bingo With Breakfast Treats and Coffee
10 AM at the Lapham Center
Have fun while learning to protect your financial information and avoid banking scams and fraud. The game is played like regular Bingo except each number is associated with a tip or bit of info on issues related to fraud. Hosted by Kathleen Titsworth, Connecticut Department of Banking. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinics
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center
Ellen Samai, RN, 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. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Open Play Mahjongg
5-7 PM at the Lapham Center
There will be beginner and more advanced tables. Come when you can, stay as long as you like. Bring dinner; there will be iced tea and lemonade available. Meet other Mahjongg players. To register, call 203-594-3620.

A Pathway to Healing: Recovering from PTSD
7 PM online webinar
Join Voices Center for Resilience for an informative webinar about healing from stress and trauma. Those exposed to traumatic events are often at risk of developing symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress. Nick deSpoelberch, LPC, from the Fairfield County Trauma Response Team will provide a comprehensive overview of the impact of trauma, and more. Register at <https://voicescenter.org/events/pathway-healing>.

SAVE THE DATE

June 12

Classic Desserts Demo
11:30 AM at the New Canaan Library, Kend Kitchen & Community Room
Chef Catherine will demonstrate how to prepare a creamy and decadent chocolate mousse, a classic New York cheesecake and free form tart. Registration will be available at <https://shorturl.at/2r6xT>.

Clever and Crafty Summer Fun
1 PM at the Lapham Center
Join in the fun and turn oyster shells into unique pieces of art. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

June 13

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.

The Shawshank Redemption
7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, The Shawshank Redemption brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

June 14

Plant Clinic with UCONN Master Gardeners
10 AM- 12:30 PM at Outside the front of the New Canaan Library
Do you need help with plant identification? Insect Damage and disease diagnosis? Plant suggestions? Vegetable growing advice? UCONN Master Gardeners of Lower Fairfield are standing by to solve your garden issue in this weekly plant clinic.

Learning with Nature: Start a Beehive
11 AM at Grace Farms
Learn everything you need to know about starting a beehive in your backyard. This lecture and workshop will cover the basics of beginner beekeeping, from the essential equipment, hive location, tools, methods and sourcing your bees. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/clo0j>.

The Glass House 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/>.

Everyday AI
2 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
Explore commonly used AI programs like Siri and Alexa, smart home fixtures, and enhanced word-processing features. Participants will also learn more about what AI is and how to responsibly use it. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/everyday-ai-147635>.

The Shawshank Redemption
7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, The Shawshank Redemption brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

June 15

The Shawshank Redemption
2 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, The Shawshank Redemption brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

June 16

Painting, Drawing, and Coloring with Aggie
9-11 AM at the Lapham Center
Bring your own projects or use some of the Lapham Center's (limited) supplies to have fun and find inspiration! Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Stay Safe, Play Smart: Pickleball Tips for Injury-Free Fun Presented by Carl M. Cirino, MD
11 AM at the Lapham Center
Join Dr. Cirino as he shares expert tips to help you stay injury-free and safe while playing pickleball. Dr. Cirino is a sports medicine surgeon at the Hospital for Special Surgery. Coffee and breakfast treats will be served. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

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://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-chair-yoga-117467>.

Author James Frey in Conversation with Gina Gershon
7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
James Frey takes readers on a satirical thrill ride through the dark heart of privilege in his latest novel, *Next to Heaven*. Fans of *The White Lotus* and *Big Little Lies* will be captivated by the twists and turns of a narrative that exposes the treachery behind the American Dream. Register at <https://shorturl.at/u6L6u>.

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June 17

Lunch & Learn: Jake Gorst, on his grandfather, Andrew Geller
12 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society
Bring your brown bag lunch and learn from film maker Jake Gorst, who will talk about his grandfather, Andrew Geller. Geller was an American architect, painter and graphic designer and was credited for bringing modernism to the masses. Register at <https://nchistory.org>.

Open Tech

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
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The Light Eaters with Best-Selling Author Zoë Schlanger: Pollinator Pathway Lecture

7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Atlantic staff writer Zoë Schlanger speaks about her groundbreaking work of popular science that probes the hidden world of the plant kingdom, called “a masterpiece of science writing”. Register at <https://shorturl.at/ezGhI>.

June 18

Lunch & Learn: The Amazing Benefits of Regular Exercise Presented by Rob Fryer
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center
Learn about the science behind the importance of exercise for physical and mental health as one ages. Rob, a New Canaan resident, is the author of *Running for your Life: Exploring the Amazing Benefits of Regular Exercise*. Lunch and learn sponsored by Staying Put in New Canaan. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinics

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center
Ellen Samai, RN, 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. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

June 19

S.T.A.R.’s 4th Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration
3 PM on the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society Lawn
Prepare to be entertained by the incredible local band, The Misfits, and enjoy a vibrant celebration of culture and community. More information and registration is available at <https://shorturl.at/1vU29>.

The Shawshank Redemption
7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, *The Shawshank Redemption* brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

June 20

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.

Afternoon Tea
3 PM at Grace Farms
Gather with friends in the glass-enclosed Pavilion to enjoy a pot of warm tea with an eye-catching assortment of delightful bites that fuse traditional English and Japanese flavors. Tickets are \$38/members, \$48/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/jYE4v>.

The Shawshank Redemption
7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, *The Shawshank Redemption* brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

June 21

The Shawshank Redemption
7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, *The Shawshank Redemption* brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

June 22

Caffeine & Carburetors
7-11 AM in Downtown, New Canaan
Caffeine & Carburetors is a gathering of automotive enthusiasts, meeting four times a year to enjoy our rides and share them with like-minded gear heads. More information is available at <https://cbo.io/bidapp/index.php?slug=ccjune2025>.

The Shawshank Redemption
2 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
Based on the novella by Stephen King, *The Shawshank Redemption* brings the story of resilience made famous by the acclaimed film to the stage. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

June 24

Open Tech
2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
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June 25

Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinics
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center
Ellen Samai, RN, 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. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Lunch & Learn | Safe and Sound: Home Modifications for Aging in Place Presented by Kevin Finn
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center
As we age, our homes can present new challenges and hazards that impact safety, mobility and independence. This presentation explores practical, affordable and effective modifications and assistive devices that can make a home safer and more comfortable as we age. Kevin Finn is the founder of Accessible Answers, a Certified Aging in Place Specialist. Lunch sponsored by Staying Put in New Canaan. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

June 26

Summer Reading Kickoff Party
3-6 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Drop in and celebrate the start of Summer Reading. There will be board games, a photo booth with props, classic ice-cream sundaes, face painters, glitter tattoos, and crafting fun. The party will continue for adults from 6-7pm. Register at <https://shorturl.at/mNGJl>.

June 27

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.

Summer Picnic
5:30-7:30 PM at Grace Farms
Enjoy a picnic dinner crafted by the Grace Farms culinary team, extended hours in the garden, and activities designed by the education team. This summer picnic also offer lawn games, trail access, and activities for the whole family. Tickets are \$24/members, \$30/non-members, \$15/children, and are available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/june-2025-picnic>.

June 28

Plant Clinic with UCONN Master Gardeners
10 AM- 12:30 PM at Outside the front of the New Canaan Library
Do you need help with plant identification? Insect Damage and disease diagnosis? Invasives management? UCONN Master Gardeners of Lower Fairfield are standing by to solve your garden issue in this weekly plant clinic.

Last Saturday on the Trail: Magic of the Fireflies
10 AM at the Firefly Preserve, 33 Sleepy Hollow Road
Join a special guided walk with Chris Schipper who will share expert conservation practices used to protect and enhance this unique habitat and allow these special creatures to thrive. It’s a great opportunity to learn all about fireflies. Register at <https://shorturl.at/ITnm7>.

Art in Nature | Botanical Illustrations
2 PM at Grace Farms
Join Grayson Kennedy for a brief tutorial on botanical illustrations and learn about how this art form has historically been used to document and educate about the stunning natural world. Tickets are \$40/members, \$50/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/YFejt>.

The Great American Campout 2025
3:30 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center
Join for an evening full of camp tunes, animal show, a night hike, and s’mores. Take part in the Great American Campout – NCNC’s 16th year participating in the National Wildlife Federation’s Great American Campout, a nation-wide celebration of camping as a way to connect to nature & wildlife. The event will run through June 29th at 9:30 am. Tickets are \$110 per family. Register at <https://newcanaannature.org/the-great-american-campout/>.

July 1

Coffee and Treats with Community Impact Officer, Roy Adams
10 AM at the Lapham Center
Join Officer Adams for coffee and a chat. If you’re Interested in learning more about the newly renovated police station, community programs, have other questions or just want to say hello, we hope you’ll stop by and say hello.

Open Tech

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

New Canaan 4th of July Fireworks
5 PM at Waveny Park
Grab your picnic blanket and beach chair and join your New Canaan neighbors to celebrate our Nation’s birthday with festive music, food trucks and fireworks. There will be live music from Mind the Gap and New Canaan Town Band. Passes are \$35 through July 3 and \$40 on July 4. More information is available at <https://shorturl.at/tlDxy>.

July 8

The Price is Right: Lapham Version | Come on Down...To Lapham!
2 PM at the Lapham Center
Join for a Price is Right style game. Test your guessing skills, cheer on your friends, and enjoy a lively afternoon of laughs and prizes. Light refreshments will be served. \$5/person. To register, call 203-594-3620.

July 9

Breakfast Treats and Chat with Nancy Geary
The New Canaan Museum and Historical Society
10 AM at the Lapham Center
Nancy Geary will give an update on what is happening at this institution. Learn about the Museum’s new mission, the opening of the Jim Bach Special Collections Museum, the acquisition of the St. Michael’s Lutheran Church property, upcoming exhibitions/programs, and much more. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Pizza, Salad, and Dessert on Lapham’s Patio
4:30 PM at the Lapham Center
Enjoy an evening with your Lapham friends. Pizza and soft drinks will be supplied. \$5/person. Registration required, call 203-594-3620.

July 13

Fête Nationale de 14 Juillet (Bastille Day)
1-5 PM at Saisons Sucrées
A celebration of French culture to mark the French National Holiday commonly known as Bastille Day. Join for an afternoon of French food, activities and entertainment!

July 18

Sidewalk Sale
10 AM - 5 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
Join New Canaan for their 2025 Sidewalk Sale.

July 19

New Canaan Village Fair & Sidewalk Sale
9 AM - 5 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
Join New Canaan for their 2025 Village Fair & Sidewalk Sale.

July 21

Golf Tournament & Touchdown Dinner
3:30 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
Join the New Canaan Football Team at their Golf Tournament and Touchdown Dinner. At a later date, more information will be available.

BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, June 5

Norfield Church
64 Norfield Road
Weston, CT 06883
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Saturday, June 7
New Canaan
Community YMCA
564 South Ave
New Canaan, CT 06840
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

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

Thursday, June 12

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

Saturday, June 14

First Presbyterian Church
1 West Putnam Ave
Greenwich, CT 06830
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Support Services & Meetings

June 12

Parent Connection Circle - Walking the Journey Together
12:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Arlene H. Grushkin Children's Room
Join The Twice-Exceptional Network for a supportive gathering where parents of twice-exceptional children can connect, share, and find community. Twice-exceptional (2e) children are those who are both intellectually gifted and face learning, developmental, or behavioral challenges – they experience the world with unique intensity and complexity. Register at <https://shorturl.at/Knqmy>.

June 18

Dementia Diagnosis, Progression and Treatment
7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
Join for an informative discussion about dementia diagnosis, its progression, and treatments. Together Waveny LifeCare Network and the New Canaan Library welcome Dr. Peter Hasapis to present valuable and practical guidance about dementia.

June 26

Tips for Dementia Caregivers
12:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
Florissa Zinghini presents tips for dementia caregivers from the Positive Approach to Care Method developed by world renowned dementia expert Teepa Snow. The tips will help care partners when those they care for are overwhelmed, nervous or scared. More information and registration is available at <https://shorturl.at/XbvLv>.

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

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Stage after larva
- 5 Measures in an old Tootsie Pop ad
- 10 “The Winner Takes It All” band
- 14 Bedroom poster figure, say
- 15 Oscar of “The Last Jedi”
- 16 Wood strip
- 17 What you’re standing on (see the middle 4 letters in this answer)
- 19 Writer Vonnegut
- 20 See 10-Down
- 21 Defib expert
- 23 Softball stat
- 24 Heat shield?
- 25 Shellfish sometimes swallowed whole
- 27 Grammy winner ____ Lipa
- 29 Red sauce ingredient (middle 3 letters)
- 33 Unable to sit still
- 35 Prime Video’s company ____-chic
- 37 Animal with a forked tongue
- 38 Fight about the dishes, perhaps
- 42 Catlike
- 44 Black-and-white bear
- 45 It connects the Atlantic and Pacific (middle 3 letters)
- 49 Word before “bod” or “joke”
- 50 Lagasse of New Orleans cuisine
- 51 Adjust, as a radio
- 53 Dashboard device: Abbr.
- 54 Drag behind
- 56 MeatZZa company
- 59 Nothing ____ than perfect
- 61 Complain loudly (middle 4 letters)
- 63 Toledo’s lake
- 64 They’re just not good
- 65 Titillating
- 66 “Oh, man!”
- 67 Coped (with)
- 68 Word in a shoppe name

DOWN

- 1 Italian city with a famous tower
- 2 Japanese wheat noodles
- 3 Know-it-all?
- 4 Suspect’s story
- 5 Wasn’t straight with Brit’s
- 6 Brit’s “Goodness me!”
- 7 Vehicle on a ferry
- 8 Comedian McKinnon
- 9 Work the room

- 10 With 20-Across, “It’s a well-known fact!”
- 11 Utters impulsively
- 12 Wager over lager, say
- 13 It’s often formal at a wedding
- 18 Eccentric
- 22 Wager for lager, maybe?
- 26 ____ Ana
- 27 Bit of gel
- 28 Game with Wild cards
- 30 In a frenzy
- 31 JennAir alternative
- 32 Occupied
- 34 Until now
- 37 Weaved downhill on skis
- 39 Refusing to accept something
- 40 Vaccine-approving org.

- 41 Grapefruit diet, e.g.
- 43 Release
- 44 Fruits that flavor some Japanese liqueurs
- 45 Certain artificial limb
- 46 Watt per volt
- 47 Loch monster, familiarly
- 48 “Raise your glasses ...”
- 52 Dragster fuel, briefly
- 55 Slight curl in long hair
- 56 Small hollow
- 57 Readable with a laser
- 58 Scottish isle where a terrier originated
- 60 Utters, informally
- 62 Seoul-based Soul maker

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Lower on the farm?
4. (K) Egyptian snakes
8. Move merch
12. (K) “Let me see those tonsils” response
13. “Away from my eye, fly!”
14. (K) “... Mr. Grinch. You really ____ heel” (2 words)
15. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
16. What semitruck drivers do
17. (K) Refined woman
18. (K) When cookouts are plentiful
21. (K) Pose a ?
22. Windsor, famously
26. Score for an outstanding golfer
28. (K) Prefix with “term” or “night”
29. (K) Belonging to Pop-Pop
30. Thing that has many transactions (2 words)
34. (K) What a long, high fly to the warning track is
35. (K) Bark like a puppy
36. “A spider!” or “A mouse!” shriek
37. Trues up
39. (K) Acquired
41. Affording grounds for suing
46. “Back to the Future” bully
49. Mom-and-pop hotels
50. (K) Get ____ of (discard)
51. (K) Bread unit
52. (K) Amount of caramel-covered locusts you crave
53. (K) Slam this on the table to beat a king
54. (K) Good thing to sing
55. (K) Insect that’s super annoying
56. (K) X, in an old Roman classroom

DOWN

1. (K) Some things charged overnight

2. Where the only Royal Palace in the U.S. is
3. “For ____ the Bell Tolls”
4. (K) Grate stuff
5. (K) Bad thing to swim next to
6. (K) Stick out a sour lip
7. Ask for, as donations
8. (K) What retailers ring up
9. Time period marked by a distinctive character
10. (K) Was the person in front of a march
11. (K) Place down, as marble tiles
19. (K) Put an “A” on a school paper
20. (K) Constructed
23. What you used to be?
24. Coupling unit
25. (K) Most powerful suffix
26. Famous McCartney
27. (K) Protester’s prefix

28. (K) Graphic with place names
30. (K) What not to challenge to a squeezing contest
31. (K) Match a moving mouth to the words
32. Job for someone in the king’s court
33. “He never ____ stranger” (2 words)
38. Social blooper
39. Going to, informally
40. (K) Early stage or beginning
42. Two words after “barge” or “zoom”
43. Kid that’s certainly no angel
44. (K) Bloodsucking parasitic insects
45. (K) Eve slept there
46. Type of deli sandwich
47. Letters on a chit
48. (K) It brings the cool

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

Department with pitching coaches?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

Start to mature?
34-A) PRE

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Bighearted by Kyle Dolan

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Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

The Venus-Mars trine on June 5 enhances your charisma, making it an opportune time to pursue creative projects or deepen romantic connections. Mercury’s entry into Cancer on June 8 encourages open communication within your domestic sphere. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may prompt you to reevaluate your beliefs and seek new learning opportunities.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Venus entering your sign on June 6 enhances your natural charm and encourages self-care. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 supports heartfelt conversations with close friends and family. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may bring financial matters to the forefront, prompting you to reassess shared resources.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

With Venus entering Taurus on June 6, you may find solace in solitude and reflection. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 shifts your focus to financial planning and resource management. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 highlights your relationships, encouraging open dialogue and mutual understanding.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 enhances your social life, making it an ideal time to connect with friends. Mercury’s move into your sign on June 8 boosts your communication skills, allowing you to express your feelings more effectively. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may prompt you to focus on health and daily routines.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 brings attention to your career and public image, potentially opening doors for advancement. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 encourages introspection and emotional processing. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may inspire creative pursuits or romantic endeavors.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 enhances your desire for knowledge and exploration. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 supports networking and collaborative efforts. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may bring family matters to light, encouraging open communication at home.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 prompts you to delve into deeper emotional connections and shared resources. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 brings focus to your career and long-term goals. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may inspire you to share your ideas and expand your horizons .

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 highlights your partnerships, encouraging harmony and balance. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 supports educational pursuits and philosophical discussions. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may prompt financial evaluations and adjustments.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 encourages you to focus on health and daily routines. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 brings attention to shared resources and emotional intimacy. The Full Moon in your sign on June 11 offers a personal reset, inspiring you to align with your true self .

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 enhances your creative expression and romantic life. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 emphasizes communication within partnerships. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may lead you to release outdated beliefs and embrace new perspectives.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)a

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 brings focus to home and family matters, encouraging comfort and stability. Mercury’s transition into Cancer on June 8 supports health and wellness routines. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may inspire you to engage with your community and pursue collective goals.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Venus entering Taurus on June 6 enhances your communication skills, making it an ideal time for creative writing or speaking engagements. Mercury’s move into Cancer on June 8 boosts your creative expression and romantic endeavors. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on June 11 may bring career matters to the forefront, prompting you to reassess your professional path.

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- 1 tree shredder (7)
- 2 “handy” digit (6)
- 3 fibber (11)
- 4 knocked off the shine (7)
- 5 unwell (6)
- 6 like grapevine news (10)
- 7 1950s TV star Lucille (4)

SOLUTIONS

ON	GER	CH	EL	PER
FIN	MMY	STO	SC	CRU
RYT	DHA	UF	IP	BA
ND	LL	SEC	FED	LER

Previous Answers: 1. LEGROOM 2. PITT 3. CATHERINE
4. ARÍZONA 5. STUFFED 6. PANERA 7. TOASTINESS

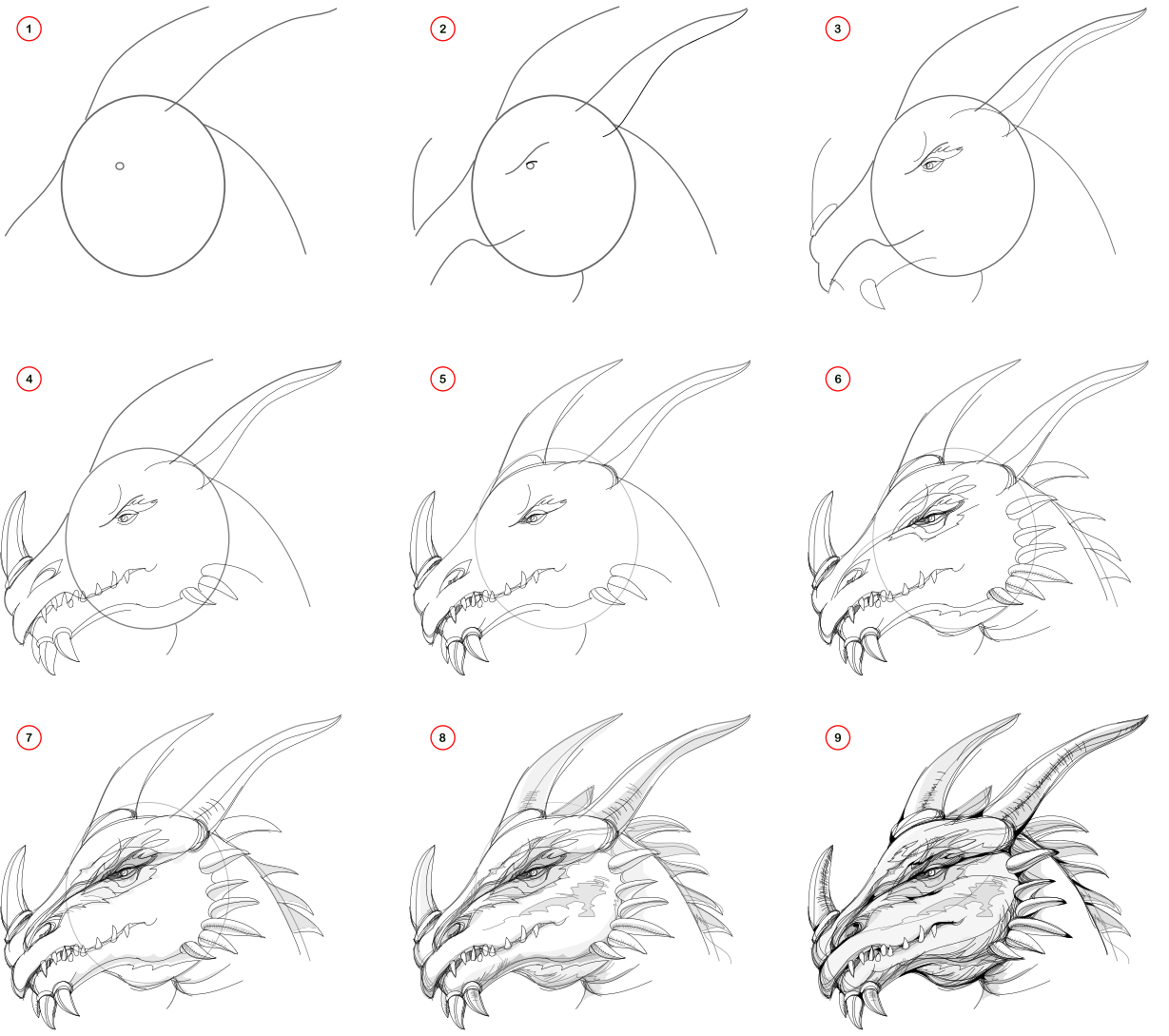
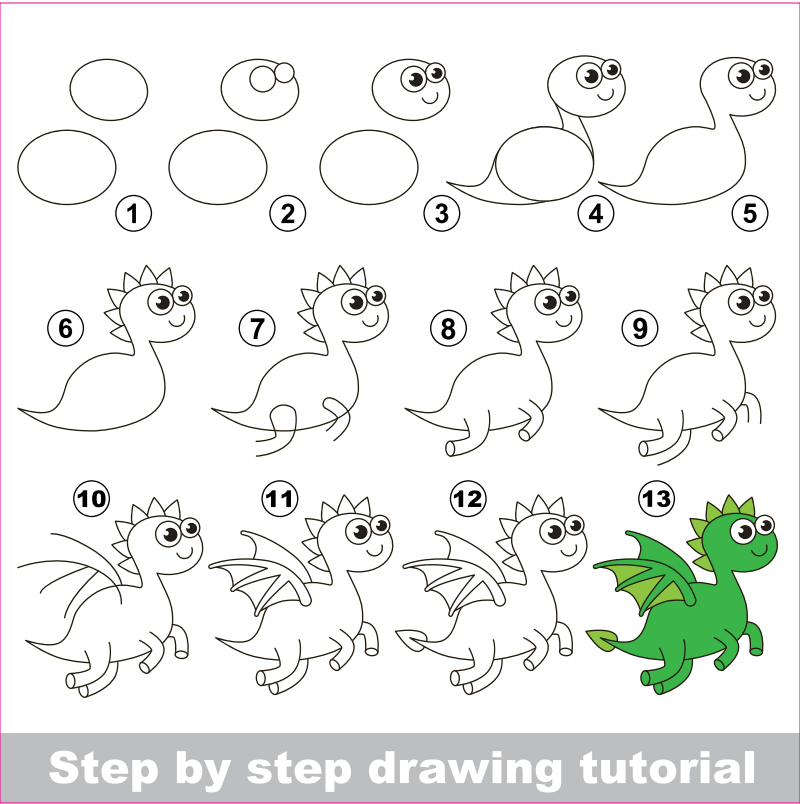
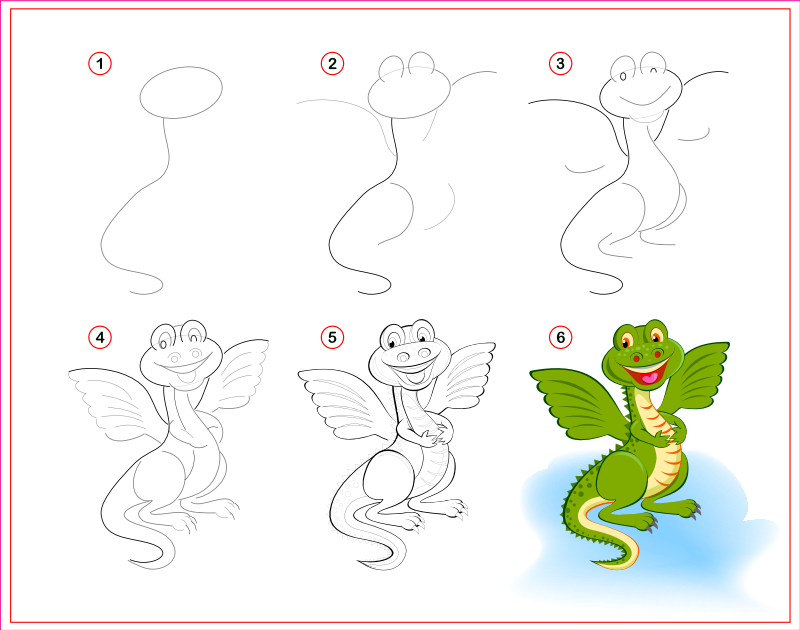
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The answers to this week’s puzzles can be found in next week’s issue.

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How To Draw Many Ways: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

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SUDOKU

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

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Sudoku answers

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