

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

POLICE AND FIRE

Swift Water Rescue
Four New Canaan firefighters recently completed specialized training in swift water rescue, including in-water rescues, boat operations, and vehicle extractions. The department says the training enhances their ability to respond to flooding emergencies. It comes in response to recent heavy rainfall that caused sudden and severe flooding in the area.

TOWN HALL

Discussions Regarding Leaf Blowers
New Canaan's Bylaws and Ordinances Committee has resumed discussions on regulating gas-powered leaf blowers after a three-year break. The committee is considering new rules amid concerns about noise and environmental impact. A vote may take place this summer, but the timeline and process remain uncertain.

Sewer Fee Changes

New Canaan will hold a public hearing on June 10 at 6 pm to review proposed changes to sewer fees. The meeting will take place at Town Hall and will also be accessible online via Zoom. The proposed adjustments would apply to all users connected to the town's sewer system. The public hearing notice is available at <https://newcanaantownct.documents-on-demand.com/document/7b849740-0e42-f011-a450-000c29a59557/BOF%20Sewer%20Fee%20Public%20Hearing%20Notice%2006-10-2025.PDF>.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Rotary Club Awards Grant



The New Canaan Rotary Club recently awarded a grant to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC), with funding raised through its Annual LobsterFest. Representatives from DVCC and other local nonprofits gathered for the occasion. Pictured are DVCC's Stella Clarke, Rotary President Amy Gildea, and Fiona Wilkes of Mercy Learning Center. Photo credit: New Canaan Rotary Club.

Music For Youth Visits the Inn



Recently, Matt Volpe and Edouard Ferragu, student

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These siblings: three, five and seven years old, woke up early Saturday morning and let their parent sleep in while they dove into the *Sentinel*. Their mom reported that this was the scene when she woke up: all three children enjoying the *Sentinel* puzzle pages.

Fazio Fights Zoning Bill, Wins Tax and Energy Relief

By ANNE WHITE

In the final hours of Connecticut's 2025 legislative session, Senator Ryan Fazio (R-New Canaan, Greenwich, Stamford) positioned himself as both a prominent critic of a sweeping state housing bill and a principal author of two bipartisan reforms designed to benefit communities like New Canaan. His dual role—combining defiant watchdog with practical legislator—reflects the shifting political tensions between Hartford and Connecticut's municipalities.

At the center of Fazio's protest is House Bill 5002, a 160-page omnibus bill that originated as a homelessness initiative and evolved, in Fazio's words, into a "deeply flawed" top-down assault on local planning authority. He is urging Governor Ned Lamont to reject the legislation.

"This bill represents one of the most aggressive attacks on local control our state has seen," Fazio said. "What began as a one-page bill on homelessness has transformed into a 160-page omnibus filled with top-down mandates that override the voices of our towns and cities."

Chief among his concerns is the "Fair Share" mandate, which Fazio argued would obligate towns like New Canaan to construct thousands of new housing units, irrespective of local infrastructure capacity or community development plans.

The bill also incorporates "Work Live Ride", a measure permitting as-of-right development for multi-unit housing near transit hubs. Another provision removes parking minimums for developments under 24 units—effectively requiring towns to subsidize parking shortages and inviting further traffic congestion, a concern already voiced by New Canaan's Planning & Zoning Commission in other contexts.

Fazio's challenge is not merely rooted in home rule principles—it carries political weight. H.B. 5002 passed the Senate 20–15, with more Democrats voting 'no' than on any other successful bill this year. Its passage followed a 2 a.m. Republican-led filibuster, and it narrowly cleared the House.

While pushing back against the housing bill, Fazio secured a unanimous legislative win with the passage of

In a second legislative victory, Fazio helped shepherd Senate Bill 4 through the chamber—a bipartisan energy compromise delivering \$200 million in annual utility savings statewide. The measure slices \$100 million from public benefits charges and another \$100 million from transmission fees, two recurring costs embedded in residents' monthly electric bills.

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Senate Bill 1558, a bill he authored to address the cross-border taxation of Connecticut residents by states such as New York. The legislation offers a 60% state tax credit to Connecticut residents who successfully challenge out-of-state taxation for income earned while working remotely from Connecticut.

"For years, Connecticut residents... have been unconstitutionally forced to pay high taxes to those other states on days that they work entirely from home in Connecticut," said Fazio. "There is no legal rationale for one state taxing residents of another state for labor entirely performed within the other state."

For New Canaan residents, the implications are direct and substantial. A significant portion of our local workforce commutes to Manhattan or telecommutes for New York-based employers. Fazio noted that correcting the current taxation structure could recapture hundreds of millions in state revenue—and save individual New Canaan residents thousands of dollars annually.

crushed by these costs," Fazio said. "We never stopped fighting for them. Today's compromise marks one small step toward long-overdue relief."

Though Republicans had pushed for deeper cuts, Fazio described the legislation as "a step in the right direction." He pointed to specific reductions in subsidies for renewable mandates and transparency reforms as signs that fiscal concerns are finally gaining bipartisan traction.

Senate Minority Leader Stephen Harding agreed. "This legislation does not go far enough," he said, "but thanks to Republicans constantly beating the drum and forcing Democrats to recognize this cost-of-living crisis, we are finally taking a step in the right direction."

Governor Lamont is expected to sign both S.B. 1558 and S.B. 4. But H.B. 5002—the housing overhaul—remains undecided.

"I urge the governor to veto H.B. 5002," Fazio said. "Let's go back to the drawing board...without gutting local control."

COLUMN

Learn the Story

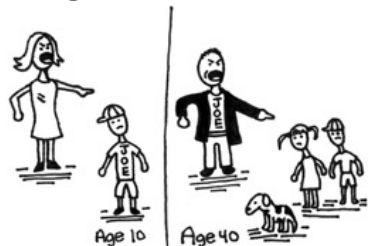
By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Hurt people hurt people. No one chooses to be hurt; however, all of us have some degree of injury from experiences of loss and rejection. It helps to take the time to understand our own stories. If our stories focus on blaming others or circumstances, we can rewrite them with professional help. Children who are abused often need coaching to not repeat the pattern they learned. Whatever we don't transform, we will transmit.

All behavior makes sense when we understand a person's story, including our own. The behavior may not be

legal or moral, or even something we can tolerate, but learning others' stories will take away our judgment card and help us make wiser decisions about how to interact with people who do or say hurtful things. It will also free our brain space for more productive purposes.

Loading her suitcase in the overhead bin of an airplane, Meghan lightly grazed the head of a woman seated on the aisle. The woman screamed as if Meghan had hit her. People glared. After a short apology, Meghan sat for 25 minutes before tapping the woman ever so gently on the arm to ask her how her head was



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

feeling. The woman replied, "I'm sorry I yelled like that. My head has been so tender since I started chemotherapy." Meghan learned the story of the woman's cancer treatment. She was free to feel compassion.

Mill Rate Increase of 3.39% Set

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

In a year when local governments are wrestling with inflation and rising service costs, the Town of New Canaan moved to raise its mill rate by 3.39%, a decision calibrated to both fund town priorities and signal fiscal restraint.

On June 10, the Board of Finance unanimously approved a new mill rate of 16.691 for fiscal year 2026—an increase of .547 mills over the previous year's 16.144. This adjustment, when applied to New Canaan's nearly \$10 billion grand list, will generate \$164.0 million in revenue through property taxation—a 3.76% increase over FY2025.

Strategic Cushioning with Surplus

According to Board of Finance Chairman Todd Lavieri, the decision reflects not just accounting but strategy: "By delivering a budget surplus of \$8.0 million this year, we are able to return \$5.75 million of that back to the taxpayers by reducing the amount raised by taxes, with the balance of the surplus going to our 'rainy day' general fund."

That balancing act between short-term relief and long-term stability is central to the town's fiscal point of view. Lavieri emphasized New Canaan's comparative success: "The average increase in the amount raised by taxation over the past 8 years, including next year's budget, is 2.3%—a very strong accomplishment by our Town and boards over this period, especially with inflation headwinds recently."

That 2.3% average, he noted, compares favorably with neighboring municipalities.

The increase in property taxes is shaped not only by expense growth but by modest gains in the tax base. The 2024 Grand List rose just 0.38% over 2023, from \$9.90 billion to \$9.94 billion. Combined with the Board's decision to draw \$5.75 million from reserves, the mill rate was able to remain under 17.

Still, the town's expenditure budget increased 3.47%, rising from \$174.9 million to \$181.0 million. Much of that increase comes from pressure points familiar to towns statewide: education, public safety, and capital maintenance. Lavieri confirmed, "During the budget process, we were able to reduce operating expenses by more than \$2 million and capital requests by more than \$6 million, while meeting the needs of our schools, public safety, public works, and many other town-related services."

The mill rate vote capped a multi-month process that included alignment across the Board of Finance, Town Council, Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Education. That cohesion—uncommon in some Connecticut municipalities—is being emphasized by town leadership as a hallmark of competence and unity, and may set a tone for coming budget cycles.

First Selectman Dionna Carlson praised the process, noting, "Many thanks to all who participated in the budget process and were committed to funding our departments to meet the needs of our community while being sensitive to the inflationary environment we face."

Carlson also singled out Lavieri and the finance board for managing the tax increase while cushioning the impact through reserve application and line-item reductions.



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Theater Notes

By TOM NISSLEY

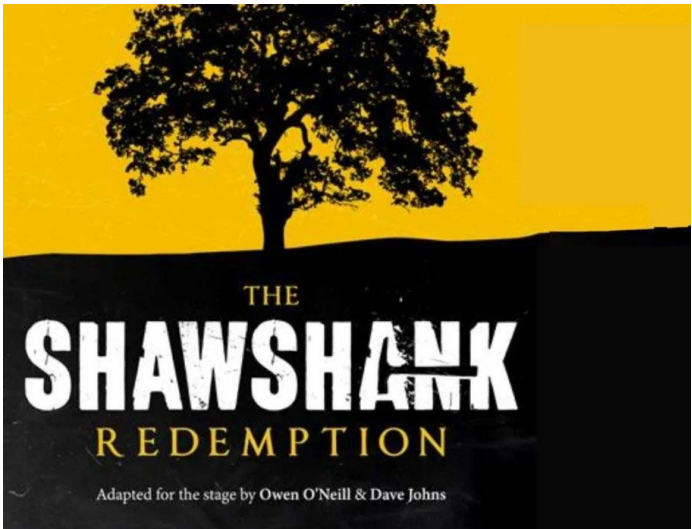
Three events that you should know about this month:

Number One: “The Shawshank Redemption” at Town Players of New Canaan.

Number Two: “The SpongeBob Musical” at Curtain Call in Stamford.

Number Three: “WAITRESS the Musical” at ACT of CT in Ridgefield.

Numbers Four and Five. Looking ahead – “King Lear” at Shakespeare on the Green (Curtain Call) in Stamford. And “The Little Mermaid” at the Summer Theatre of New Canaan. Both coming in July.



“The Shawshank Redemption” is a heavy-duty and somber adult play about the brutal treatment of a Billy Budd-like prisoner in the Shawshank Penitentiary. It is based on a novella by Stephen King: “Rita Haworth and Shawshank Redemption.” The play features thirteen male actors, including David Michael Tate and Tyler C. Small (both easy to love), and Tom Cleary as the Warden (so easy to hate). Beautifully directed by Deborah Burke, “Shawshank Redemption” runs for several hours, sometimes feels intense, and simply should not be missed by any serious person who loves good theatre. It will run through June 22, and tickets can be ordered at TPNC.ORG.



“The SpongeBob Musical,” on the other hand, is a delightful romp in another realm. It also has some shady characters, but most – or maybe all – of its energy is dedicated to helping SpongeBob [kudos to the amazing Zach Louizos] break through the sad thought that he’s just a useless sponge. Along the way he pledges friendship forever to a friend who disappoints him by drifting off with some attractive jelly fish. But the friend returns in time to help SpongeBob save the day.

Directed by Stephen Emerick. Musical direction by George S. Croom. Choreography by Rachel Rosado. This show is FULL of energy, and I would say it’s guaranteed to leave you with good feelings. Kids will love it. Big people will too. “The SpongeBob Musical” opened on June 6 and will run until June 28! You can get tickets at curtaincallinc.com or by calling 203-461-6358.

“WAITRESS the Musical” has been playing to full audiences since it opened on May 29 and will continue through Sunday, June 22. It’s a strange but fun story of Joe’s Pie Diner that features twenty-some kinds of pies and three particular waitresses who work there, each of whom has a boyfriend more or less on the side. The chief pie baker (Abigail Sparrow) has a bad boy of a husband (Cody Jenkins) who abuses her but she continues to win prizes – eventually in the national bakeoff. All of them have good experiences with their extra boyfriends and again, the unbridled energy is sure to satisfy. I recommend it highly. Special notice to David Sitler and John Alexander Jeffords!

Tickets may still be available at actofct.org, or by phone: 475-215-5497.

Looking Ahead:

Plan now to see “King Lear” at Curtain Call’s Shakespeare on the Green, playing July 10-20. Tickets at 203-461-6358 or curtaincallinc.com.

And the Summer Theatre of New Canaan’s production of “The Little Mermaid” at the New Canaan High School, also in July. Call 203-966-4634for tickets and information.

That’s it for now. Be happy and enjoy these shows.

Men’s Club Honors Ralph Hills with Distinguished Service Award

The New Canaan Men’s Club recently presented Ralph Hills with its 2025 Distinguished Service Award, an annual recognition of members who have provided exceptional, long-term service to the club, New Canaan and the global community.

The honor reflects its members’ commitment to serving the town and the larger community by donating their time and talents to support numerous public and civic organizations.

“Ralph is an inspiration and a great selection this year,” Men’s Club President Peter Herring said at the club’s annual luncheon at the Country Club of New Canaan. “He represents the other 360 club members who so often contribute their time, experience and support for our

club and New Canaan.”

In his time in the Men’s Club, Ralph has served as a member of the club’s board, a committee chair and assistant treasurer for 10 years. In New Canaan, Ralph is a 3-year board member of Staying Put in New Canaan, and The Schoolhouse Apartments.

In 2015, Hills transformed a leukemia diagnosis into dedicating his life toward a 10-year opportunity to help others. Rather than choose to have chemotherapy with an expected one-year life expectancy, he elected a revolutionary process being developed in a two-year Leukemia clinical trial.

Hills expressed his gratitude to his wife, Dorcas, who turned all her attention to helping Ralph through the medical crisis, giving up all her own activities for 18 months and providing 100%

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of the physical and emotional support he needed during the critical months following his diagnosis and into remission.

Since then, Ralph has become an advocate for leukemia patients, makes presentations about his experience combatting the disease and working to improve the patient experience in clinical trials.


Ralph is now the Patient Chair of Know-AML.com, a

London-based organization that supports doctors and patients worldwide. He also serves as a member of a worldwide patient advocacy organization, the Acute Leukemia Advocates Network in Geneva, connecting patient advocates from countries around the world.

Ralph and Dorcas have lived in New Canaan for over 40 years. Their children and grandchildren are also residents.

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New Canaan Community Foundation Awards Over \$1 Million in Annual Grant Cycle



New Canaan Community Foundation's Annual Grant Awards at the New Canaan Library on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, awarded over \$1 million in grants to 90 nonprofit organizations. Photo credit: Isabel Cavanagh.

By KATHERINE EVANS

Through grantmaking and collaboration, the New Canaan Community Foundation seeks to create an inclusive and vibrant community. On Tuesday, June 3, 2025, NCCF hosted its Grant Awards at the New Canaan Library, allocating over \$1 million in grants to 90 nonprofit organizations across lower Fairfield County and New Canaan.

This year’s grant cycle, NCCF focused on deepening impact. They gave more money to specific issues areas such as mental health, human services, and early childhood programs; they also responded to trends in demand by strategically increasing grant sizes. “We’ve entered an era where philanthropic dollars must work harder and smarter,” said Lauren Patterson, the organization’s President & CEO.

“This year’s grants reflect NCCF’s strategic emphasis on the most pressing issues facing our community, along with continued care for the broader nonprofit ecosystem serving New Canaan and our neighboring towns.”

Using feedback from New Canaan’s recent “Community Health & Well-being Survey,” administered by the New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance – which NCCF helps lead alongside Silver Hill Hospital – NCCF reflected the findings of this local data in their grantmaking. While behavioral health has been a focus for NCCF for several years, this year saw grants of \$7,500–\$20,000 to nearly all behavioral health organizations. The survey also revealed residents didn’t know enough about local mental health services. Because of this, NCCF increased support

to organizations such as New Canaan CARES, which offers parent education programs in high demand, and Liberation Programs, which helps address substance use. NCCF also continued providing support to Laurel House, whose Resources to Recover program helps families get early mental health support. These efforts are part of the Foundation’s ongoing focus on mental health and its work with the New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance.

Priorities for NCCF this year also included early childhood, the trajectory of young children and their families. Just in its first year of focusing on the issue, the Foundation almost doubled the money it gave to this area, providing large grants to groups like Children’s Learning

Centers and Women’s Business Development Council.

Rising food costs and growing hunger in the community have placed a spotlight on human services organizations. Many groups reported increased demand and worry over possible cuts to government aid programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children). In response, NCCF scaled up funding for these organizations. Notably, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County’s New Covenant Center received increased support for its comprehensive services, which provides a year-round soup kitchen, a food pantry, showers, and toiletries, helping nearly 5,000 people annually.

The Foundation also prioritized funding for critical crisis response services, including organizations such as The Rowan Center and the Domestic Violence Crisis Center which provide vital support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trauma. With possible cuts looming in federal VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding, these groups face challenges in continuing their work. NCCF remains committed to keeping these life-saving resources accessible for all members of the community, regardless of age, race, or background. Suzanne Adam, CEO of the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) said, “NCCF’s meaningful investment in our general operations enables DVCC to continue providing critical, life-saving services to survivors of domestic violence, expand prevention education throughout our community, and remain responsive to the evolving needs of those we serve. This grant affirms the importance of creating safe, supportive communities.” NCCF’s funding included

nearly \$150,000 from donor-advised funds and other partners, helping donors add extra targeted support to the Foundation’s main grants. “We’re grateful to the families who house their donor-advised funds with NCCF—and to the grant review volunteers who

were inspired to chip in during their site visits—for choosing to align their charitable giving with our grantmaking process,” said Patterson. “Their involvement expands the reach of our collective impact in a meaningful way.”

“We’ve entered an era where philanthropic dollars must work harder and smarter.”



Grant recipients in the Seniors & Special Needs category totaled 12 organizations for a total amount of \$122,250, ensuring that older adults and individuals with disabilities have the support they need to achieve and maintain a high quality of life. Photo credit: Isabel Cavanagh.



NCCF awarded \$341,500 in grants to 25 organizations through its Human Services category, supporting access to housing, food, legal aid, immigrant services, workforce development, and more to ensure basic needs are met across the community.



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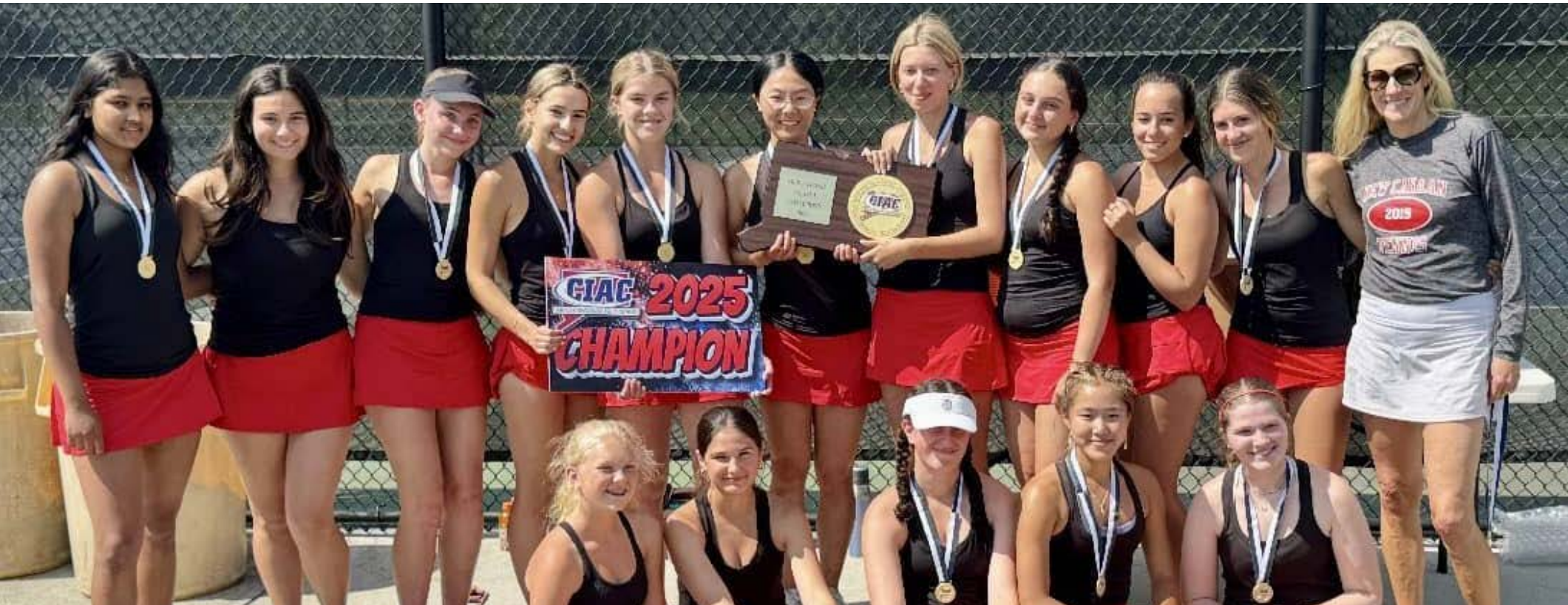
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The New Canaan Girls Tennis Team won their third straight state championship with a 6-1 victory over Cheshire High School in Class L on Wednesday June 4, 2025. The Rams were led by Coach Catherine Walker and had a 12-3 record this season. They were ranked as the number 9 seed and defeated Pomperaug (#8 seed), Guilford (#1 seed), East Lyme (#4 seed) and Cheshire (#18 seed) in the finals. Singles wins were earned by Leah Zheng, Natalia Lundberg, and Maryn Plumb. Doubles wins were earned by tandems Christina Carr/Camryn Lee, Sophie Adamczyk/Bella Calaba, and Lucy Bench/Sophia Giammarco. The Rams season continues with 6 players competing in the State Open Invitational starting on Sunday June 8, 2025. Singles players selected include Leah Zheng and Natalia Lundberg, along with tandems Christina Carr/Camryn Lee and Sophie Adamczyk/Bella Calaba. Photo submitted by Janet Lee - thank you!

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COMPOST

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

By JOHN KRIZ

Why Compost?

All animal and plant matter will decompose eventually. It might take weeks, years, or even decades, but it'll happen.

But how it happens matters. If you have garden or kitchen waste, it either is composted in some manner, or dumped in a landfill. However, when this food waste is buried in an airless, sunless landfill, it generates large amounts of methane gas, which is a particularly nasty greenhouse gas (GHG). Why is this? Though all decomposing plant and animal matter generates some methane, when such matter is composted, the decomposition process is under aerobic conditions – meaning oxygen is involved – and little methane is generated. When buried in a landfill, the decomposition is under anaerobic (no oxygen) conditions and that creates the high levels of methane.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency <https://www.epa.gov/land-research/quantifying-methane-emissions-landfilled-food-waste> “Methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, is emitted from landfills, resulting from the decaying of organic waste over time under anaerobic conditions. Municipal solid waste landfills are the third-largest source of methane emissions from human activities in the United States. Food waste comprises about 24 percent of municipal solid waste disposed of in landfills. Due to its quick decay rate, food waste in landfills is contributing to more methane emissions than any other landfilled materials. An estimated 58 percent of the fugitive methane emissions (i.e., those released to the atmosphere) from municipal solid waste landfills are from landfilled food waste.”

Furthermore, per the EPA <https://www.epa.gov/gmi/importance-methane> “Methane is the second most abundant anthropogenic GHG after carbon dioxide (CO²), accounting for about 16 percent of global emissions. Methane is more than 28 times as potent as carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere. Over the last two centuries, methane concentrations in the atmosphere have more than doubled, largely due to human-related activities. Because methane is both a powerful greenhouse gas and short-lived compared to carbon dioxide, achieving significant reductions would have a rapid and significant effect on atmospheric warming potential.”

Solution? Keep that food and garden waste out of landfills! In addition to substantially reducing methane emissions, you also generate compost, which is great for your garden, adding nutrients and organic matter.

Composting at the Transfer Station
If you don't have composting space on your property, you can bring your kitchen scraps to the town's Transfer Station and drop it in the compost bins there, which are on the far left of the big dumpsters where trash and recyclables go. In addition, the Transfer Station accepts bones and meat scraps to be composted because the raw waste is processed at a facility that can handle it.

These Transfer Station compost facilities are a cooperative project between the Town of

New Canaan and local environmental charity Planet New Canaan www.planetnewcanaan.org which pays the cost differential between landfilling the kitchen waste and composting it. This subsidy paid by Planet New Canaan is about \$300 a month.

Home Mechanical Composters

Another option are mechanical composters for the home. These units use electricity, and range in size from kitchen counter units to units about the size of a tall kitchen trash can that sit on the floor. Costs vary (some cost around \$1000), as do how often they need to be emptied and whether they can process bones and meat scraps. These composters also shrink the volume of raw material by 80% or more. Note that if you live in an apartment or townhouse, there is the challenge of where to use the compost that's generated.

New Canaan resident Gloria Hanson has had a mechanical composter in her home for a year, and likes it. Technically it is not a composter: It is more of a mill that fine grinds and dries her kitchen vegetable and fruit scraps. Composting uses micro-organisms such as fungi and bacteria to break down organic compounds. Some units you can buy are actual composters, but many are like Ms. Hanson's: Mills that fine grind and dry the food waste. That said, the process takes only a few hours, and the machine is quiet – not any noisier as a dishwasher, she says. Her unit cost a bit over \$200 and is “kind of big” so she keeps it in her garage. In addition, her unit cannot process bones or meat scraps. She hasn't had issues with odors or leakage, but many units come with carbon filters that need to be replaced. The unit can jam, she says. You unjam it by unplugging it and pulling out any big chunks.

The end product consists of very small, dry particles which she dumps into a bucket in her garage, later mixing it with soil for her garden. She's happy with the results.

Regarding these units that just fine grind and dry the food scraps, but do not actually compost the scraps, think of it this way: If a tree falls in the woods, it could take 20 to 30 years to decompose fully. If you were to take that tree, run it through a wood chipper, and spray the chips in the woods, it'd compost in a year or so. The ground, dry matter, such as what Ms. Hanson has, will decompose naturally and relatively fast once mixed with soil.

“It makes me feel like I'm doing something good,” says Ms. Hanson. “Plus I have a lot of garden, so I feel like I am using it to good effect and hopefully it's helping my plants and at the same time I'm not throwing it [food scraps] in the garbage.”

Backyard Composting

Backyard composting is easy — really. If you spend over an hour/year managing it, you're probably over-investing. And don't worry. It won't smell or attract nasty critters.

Here's what you need to get started:

An outdoor compost bin. Metal mesh bins of about one cubic yard, with feet that go into the ground to keep it stable, are available over the internet or in many garden and hardware stores. Strictly speaking, you do not need a

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bin, but it helps. There are some expensive bins out there that you do not need.

Food scraps. ONLY use non-animal matter (though egg shells are OK). Plus lots of leaves. And we all have those. Bones and meat scraps attract nasty critters.

A container. Its job is holding kitchen scraps before putting them in the compost bin. There are plastic dog food containers that seal tightly and do not smell that work well. There are all sorts of expensive designer containers out there you do not need.

How to Do It...Eight Steps to Backyard Composting

- 1) Set up your bin. Exactly where on your property will vary. That said, it tends to blend in.
- 2) Fill the bin with dead leaves. And if there is ever any space in the bin, add more leaves.
- 3) Add your vegetable and fruit scraps. This can include items such as broccoli stalks, the tough ends of asparagus, and onion and fruit peels. (Note: Citrus peels compost slowly.) Be sure to cut everything up as small as possible. This will speed the composting process.
- 4) Add more leaves when the matter in the bin shrinks below the top.
- 5) Be sure the bin's contents are damp. Things will compost faster this way. If rain is not doing the job, use a watering can or bucket.
- 6) Every month or so, stir the contents of the bin. Do the best you can. Don't overthink it. A simple garden fork does the job. Why do this? You want to ensure that as much of the matter in the bin is exposed to air. Just like leaving leftovers uncovered in the fridge speeds up their spoilage, leaving compost undisturbed in a lump slows decomposition. What speeds decomposition are air, moisture and sun — and small pieces to decompose.
- 7) Keep adding new food scraps and those leaves. When in doubt, add more leaves.
- 8) When the bin has become full of solid matter (though it might

need more time to be 'fully cooked'), you're done. How quickly does this happen? It depends on the amount of sun, air, moisture and stirring, and how small the scraps were when added.

Once the bin is full of solid matter (it'll look like dirt) lift or dismantle the bin and move it to a new place, which is usually a few feet away. The not-quite-done compost will likely need more stirring to decompose those last items. At this point, a spade does a good job. When you cannot identify anything in the pile (because it has decomposed), it's done.

Use that compost!

Further Pointers

- If it's the dead of winter and your compost bin is a bit frozen (likely not going to happen often as decomposing matter kicks off heat), do not worry. You can keep adding material. Stir it up when there's a thaw.
- Serious composters will have views on the right mix of so-called 'brown' and 'green' matter to add to the bin. While the composition of the mix can generate benefits, in the end, it's not that big a deal. Most any compost you make will be beneficial.
- There are various so-called Compost Boosters sold in garden stores that can accelerate the decomposition process. You don't really need them, though they can help.
- Do not use lawn grass clippings unless you do so Very Sparingly and are 100% sure there are no chemicals on them. This goes for everything you add. If you add food scraps that have been heavily sprayed with pesticides, insecticides and similar gunk, those chemicals end up in the compost. So, go organic, and you'll be fine.
- Do not put any pet waste in the compost pile. Ever.

For the Hard Core

If you are really hard core, you will have a vermiculture bin in your basement (that's worms in a specially made bin) and you'll feed your kitchen scraps to them, producing more worms and worm castings (worm poop), which is fabulous for gardens. A topic for another day.

And Finally...
Home composting is cheap, easy and fun, and really helps the environment. If you have kids, make it a science project. But whatever you do, COMPOST!

YMCA Promotes Water Safety for All

Summertime is on the way, meaning pool and beach time for many children and adults. In recognition of National Water Safety Month, the New Canaan YMCA reminds parents and swimmers to practice safety in and around the water. According to the World Health Organization, drowning is the leading cause of death in children under age four and the fifth leading cause of death in individuals under age 24. Learning how to swim and basic water safety behavior are essential skills for children, teens, and adults.

As part of its commitment to strengthening the community through youth development and healthy living, the Y offers a variety of swim programs that teach water safety skills and give children and adults the chance to explore the many health benefits of swimming. The National Y swim lesson program is designed for ages six months and older. Swim lesson participants learn personal water safety and achieve basic swimming competency by mastering the six stages of the program, from water acclimation to stroke mechanics.

In addition to its year-round swim lessons, the Y will offer morning swim lessons once again this summer at the Steve Benko pool in Waveny Park in partnership with the New Canaan Recreation Department. Lessons are available as week-long sessions for ages three through twelve. The Y will also offer afternoon swim lessons on-site as week-long sessions for ages six months through twelve years.

According to the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, swim lessons can significantly reduce the risk of drowning by up to 88% in children. In order to ensure everyone has access to the life-saving skill of swimming, the New Canaan YMCA recently updated its financial assistance program to provide swim lessons at no cost to New Canaan residents who receive SNAP, Husky A or D, or WIC benefits. For additional information about this swim lesson opportunity, contact Diana Riolo, Assistant Director of Development & Community Impact at the New Canaan YMCA, at 203-920-1685 or drilo@newcanaanymca.org.

The New Canaan YMCA has also proudly served as the swim lesson provider for Horizons at CT State Norwalk for the past six years. Thanks to a generous grant by the John and Ethel Kashulon Foundation, 72 Horizons campers received swim lessons at no cost last summer. Campers in third through eighth grade attended daily lessons for five weeks,

designed to help each swimmer build confidence in and out of the water.

As a leader in water safety, the New Canaan YMCA shares the following recommendations to help keep our community safe while having fun in the water this summer:

- Make sure children know to always ask permission before going in or near the water.
- Be a water watcher and practice “phone down, eyes up” at the pool, beach, or lakeside. Your eyes can save lives by watching those in the water instead of your phone.
- Ensure your children are within arm’s reach at all times while swimming.
- Designate a “safety seat” near the water, a secure and stable position for children or individuals new to swimming.
- Don’t engage in breath-holding activities.
- Inexperienced or non-swimmers should always wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket while in or around the water.
- Practice the “reach, throw, don’t go” concept of using a long object to reach and pull friends struggling in deep water to safety.
- Know your limits and don’t overestimate your swimming abilities, especially in unfamiliar water.

To learn more about the New Canaan YMCA swim lesson programs and aquatic offerings, contact Kristin White, Senior Director of Aquatics at the New Canaan YMCA, at 203-920-1634 or kwhite@newcanaanymca.org.

About the New Canaan YMCA

Founded in 1954 by a group of community volunteers, the New Canaan YMCA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose mission is to enrich all people in spirit, mind, and body. As an inclusive community service organization, the YMCA turns away no one for reasons of race, religion, or economic background, and each year awards approximately \$200,000 in direct financial assistance. Serving the communities of New Canaan, Pound Ridge, and South Salem, the YMCA also strives to partner with a variety of outside organizations to further its role as a community service provider.



New Canaan YMCA giving swim lessons at the Steve Benko Pool.

New Canaan Falls to Darien in CIAC Semifinals, Ends Season at 18-3



Christian Brothers Academy, New Canaan earlier this season. Photo by Mike Langish.

The New Canaan Rams saw falling 8-5 to rival Darien in the After two previous victories double-overtime win in the their standout season come CIAC Class LL boys lacrosse over the Blue Wave this FCIAC semifinals—New to an end Wednesday night, semifinals at Rafferty Stadium. spring—including a dramatic Canaan struggled to maintain

possession in the final frame. Darien’s relentless ride and staunch defense, led by senior long pole Mark McNamara and goalie George Persinger, proved decisive.

Cole Campisi opened the scoring for the Rams with 4:04 remaining in the first quarter, but Darien responded with a 4-0 run spanning the first and second quarters to take control. Ben Bilodeau, who finished with four goals, was instrumental in the surge. McNamara’s dominance between the lines and Persinger’s 11 saves limited New Canaan’s scoring chances.

Trailing 5-3 at halftime, the Rams pulled within one on a goal by Grey Wildman early in the third. Though Campisi added his second goal late in the third to keep it close at 6-5, New Canaan’s offense stalled in the final quarter. The Rams were held scoreless in the last 12 minutes.

Despite a late man-up opportunity, New Canaan could not capitalize. Persinger made key saves and Darien controlled time of possession, culminating in Bilodeau’s fourth goal with 49 seconds remaining.

New Canaan’s sophomore goalies split time, with Cam Lyden recording seven saves in the first half and Jackson Crowell stopping six in the second. Midfielder JT O’Neill stood out on faceoffs, keeping the Rams in contention.

Darien will advance to face No. 3 Staples in the championship game on Saturday. For the Rams, the loss ends an 18-3 season highlighted by consistent play, standout performances from underclassmen, and a fierce rivalry with Darien.

The Rams return key pieces next season, including O’Neill and Wildman, and will be bolstered by the return of Rogan Lowe, who missed most of the year due to injury.

The 2025 semifinal marked another chapter in Connecticut’s fiercest lacrosse rivalry, one that will resume with familiar intensity next spring.

Weekly Sports Round Up

School	Sport	Date	Opponent	Result	Score For	Score Against
New Canaan	Boys Lacrosse	7-Jun	Notre Dame-West H	Win	19	3
New Canaan	Boys Volleyball	8-Jun	Putnam	Win	3	0
New Canaan	Boys Volleyball	9-Jun	Cheshire	Win	3	1
New Canaan	Boys Volleyball	10-Jun	Masuk	Win	3	2
New Canaan	Girls Lacrosse	11-Jun	Staples	Win	21	2
New Canaan	Girls Lacrosse	12-Jun	Wilton	Win	7	6
New Canaan	Girls Tennis	13-Jun	Cheshire	Win	6	1
New Canaan	Girls Softball	14-Jun	Shelton	Win	13	1
New Canaan	Girls Softball	15-Jun	Southington	Loss	3	4

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Ambush on Local Authority

It was once said by Justice Louis Brandeis that “sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants.” By that measure, the legislative process surrounding Connecticut’s House Bill 5002 must be considered a petri dish cultivated in permanent darkness.

What ought to have been exposed to the full glare of public scrutiny was instead drafted behind closed doors, shielded from daylight, and accelerated with minimal public awareness. The 160-page amendment—dropped with less than 24 hours’ notice before a potential full vote—did not so much revise state housing policy as it rewrote the long-standing relationship between towns like New Canaan and the state government. And it did so without transparency, without town input, and without the consent of those governed. This was not legislation in any classical sense. This was a bureaucratic ambush—meticulously timed to avoid scrutiny and designed to preempt resistance.

Let us be plain: this is not how a self-governing republic behaves.

Across Connecticut, and here in New Canaan in particular, citizens of every political stripe have voiced alarm—not over the need for housing reform, but over

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the method by which this bill was brought forward. Town leaders, local zoning advocates, and state legislators were left in the dark until the last moment. And when the final amendment appeared, it bore little resemblance to the so-called “study bill” that had initially passed with curiosity, if not support.

This was no accident. It was design. There is no evidence that residents of New Canaan—or any town in Connecticut—called for this kind of centralized intervention. They did not ask for top-down mandates. They did not seek to be stripped of their local zoning authority. They were not clamoring for a wholesale reordering of their community’s carefully considered planning principles. What New Canaanites have always asked for is a voice. What they received was a decree.

This new legislation—wide-reaching, rapidly delivered, and procedurally opaque—sought no consensus because it welcomed no dissent. It relied not on argument, but fatigue. Citizens, civic leaders, and even seasoned legislators were not asked to help shape it. They were dared to stop it.

And when those across the state—from New Canaan to Bridgeport—asked the most basic question, Where is the bill?, they were met with silence.

That is not policymaking. That is manipulation. The tragedy is not only that this was done. It is that this method of doing things—this legislative sleight of hand—is becoming routine. Laws written in secret, revealed at the eleventh hour, and rushed toward passage with no daylight between release and vote may still be lawful. But they are no longer legitimate.

New Canaan, a town with a proven track record of civic responsibility and smart planning, has worked in good faith to meet its housing obligations. We earned a moratorium by building and planning thoughtfully. But under this new process, those efforts are brushed aside.

The erosion of public trust in Hartford is not an unfortunate byproduct of haste. It is the predictable result of a governing philosophy that confuses fatigue for consent. The question New Canaan must now ask is not merely what this bill says. It is what precedent this process sets.

What happened was an assertion that decisions about the future of our town will now be made not here, but elsewhere. Not by us, but for us.

The people of New Canaan deserved an honest conversation. They were given a monologue instead.

This was not governance. It was orchestration. And if allowed to stand, it will not be the last.

We now wait to see what the Governor will do.

Editorial Page

LETTER

A Standing Ovation for the New Canaan Community Foundation

On behalf of The Summer Theatre of New Canaan, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the New Canaan Community Foundation (NCCF) for their generous and long-standing support of our work.

For 22 years, the Foundation has helped us grow—not only as a professional theatre company presenting Broadway-caliber productions—but also as a vital community and educational resource. Their support has enabled us to launch and sustain programs like the Albert L. Perry III College Internship Program, our Junior Company for

middle school students, the inclusive DramaRamas program for children with special needs, and the Frank Bennack – Mary Lake Polan Elementary School Touring Program, which brings affordable live theatre directly to Connecticut schools.

At this year’s NCCF Grant Awards Ceremony, we were honored with a significant grant and public recognition of our contributions to New Canaan’s cultural and educational life. It is deeply rewarding to know that our mission is so strongly valued.

This summer, we’re excited to continue that

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mission with our upcoming production of Disney’s The Little Mermaid—a celebration of family, imagination, and theatrical magic, running in July.

We also salute the NCCF’s extraordinary leadership in supporting

over 90 local organizations across education, health, social services, and the arts. Their reach and impact are felt in every corner of our community.

We are truly grateful.
Ed Libonati, Executive Director

LETTER

New Canaan Doesn't Need HB 5002 to Do the Right Thing

To the Editor,
I respectfully urge Governor Lamont to veto HB 5002, An Act Concerning Housing and the Needs of Homeless Persons.

Although I share our state’s commitment to addressing Connecticut’s affordable housing challenges, HB 5002 imposes sweeping, unfunded state mandates that undermine local governance and thoughtful planning.

New Canaan’s officials and its residents have risen to this challenge to create more affordable housing in our community.

In 2021 co-chair Building Committee member Chris Hussey marked the completion of 60 renovated affordable housing units as part of the Canaan Parish Redevelopment. A month later 40 more new units were added. Ms. Hussey has been working on achieving more affordable housing

since 1978. During WWII the Millport Apartments had 40 affordable units that increased to 113 units by 2021.

From *GreenwichFree Press.com* [March 25, 2021]:

New Canaan’s former P&Z chair Laszlo Papp is credited with having the vision to create that town’s affordable housing fund 14 years ago (circa 2007). “...we adopted the affordable housing fund, which enables fees collected for all Zoning Permits for any new building construction or addition in any zone to help fund the development of affordable housing in New Canaan using the Housing Authority to build with a down payment, obtain bank assistance to build...and it is affordable.”

In May of 2024 New Canaan Town Council passed an ordinance that allowed for the formation of an Affordable Housing Committee, calling for appointed residents from both political parties to

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identify properties that could support affordable housing developments.

In October 2024 The New Canaan Housing Authority closed on the approximately \$75 million acquisition of a 104-unit apartment complex on Lakeview Avenue known as “Riverwood at New Canaan”. 21units will be converted to 80% Area Median Income units to become ‘workforce housing’ with more units converted in the future.

However, HB 5002 would override New Canaan’s local planning efforts and force additional growth without regard for our

infrastructure, fiscal capacity, or the progress New Canaan officials continue to make.

In Governor Lamont’s 2023 remarks at the Connecticut Association of Realtors conference, he emphasized the need to attract residents by making housing accessible, while preserving community character. At the 2024 CT Housing Conference, he advocated for local solutions to the housing crisis, noting that top-down approaches often fail to account for unique municipal needs.

*Sincerely,
Betty J. Lovastik*

LETTER

NCPA Celebrates Preservation

Thank you to all who attended the New Canaan Preservation Alliance’s Twelfth Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony and reception on May 18th in Morrill Hall at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.

Each year Preservation Award winners are selected by a jury of board members of the Alliance. To be eligible for an Award, the property must be viewable from the street, as well-preserved buildings are considered a gift to the community and are appreciated by all who value New Canaan’s heritage.

The New Canaan Preservation Alliance’s was also celebrating its 18th year!

For 2025, three preservation awards were presented: Extown Farm, New Canaan’s “Poor Farm”, first constructed in 1777 by the St. John family and now owned by the Prutting family, was honored for

continued preservation of this important New Canaan landmark; 50 Pine Street, one of a group of three industrial structures on Pine Street, constructed in 1950, was honored for the recent beautiful restoration and renovation by Gridiron Capital; and 96 Woods End Road residence, originally designed by noted architect Richard Henry Dana, Jr in 1930 and recently renovated and enlarged by Rick and Kate Aubrey.

In addition, Ashley Hayes of the New Canaan Land Trust gave an update on their planned renovation of the Grupes House.

But this year, the main event was a special Lifetime of Preservation Leadership award presented to Mimi Findlay for her dedication, perseverance, and exactitude in support of preservation in New Canaan, the State of Connecticut, and nationally.

Slated as a roast/fete, many shared stories of Ms. Findlay’s advocacy for and influence on preservation, including spearheading the preservation and subsequent revival of Washington Street in South Norwalk and becoming the authority for the restoration of the interiors at Norwalk’s Lockwood Mathews Mansion. Among her many influential roles, Ms. Findlay also served on the Board of the Wilton Historical Society, the Advisory board of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Board of the Victorian Society in America, the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Board, Chair of Board of Trustees for Preservation Connecticut, the Connecticut Council for the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, the Board of Trustees for Connecticut Preservation Action, Commissioner on

New Canaan’s Planning & Zoning Commission, The Connecticut Governor’s Heritage Task Force, Board of Advisors for Weir Farms Heritage Trust, and Co-Founder and President of the New Canaan Preservation Alliance.

First Selectman Dionna Carlson presented a Proclamation honoring Ms. Findlay for her support of preservation in New Canaan, declaring May 18th Mimi Findlay Day in New Canaan. This was capped by State Representative Tom O’Dea presenting a Proclamation by the State of Connecticut in appreciation of her service declaring May 18th Mimi Findlay Day in the State of Connecticut.

Again, many thanks to all who attended!

New Canaan Preservation Alliance Board

LETTER

Opposing HB 5002

I would like to share with you and your readers the letter I sent to Governor Lamont requesting that he veto HB 5002:

Dear Governor Lamont,

I would like to express agreement with the bipartisan group that has contacted you and asked you to veto the perhaps well intended but grossly ill-conceived HB 5002: An Act

Concerning Housing and the Needs of Homeless Persons.

I have many decades of public service in New Canaan and spent many years as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Based upon my experience, I believe that towns can on their own build affordable housing while maintaining community character and cohesion. Indeed, in 2007, under my leadership, our

Commission established an affordable housing fund and New Canaan has since successfully built several affordable projects exceeding the requirements of 8-30g.

Imposing additional requirements on towns like New Canaan will be counterproductive and harmful to the community. Many aspects of the law, including for example getting rid of parking requirements,

will make it difficult for towns to manage themselves and protect their citizens’ interests.

While I laud the goal of providing more housing as much as anyone, growth without community support and involvement is disadvantageous. Please veto HB 5002.

Thank you for your attention,
Laszlo Papp, New Canaan

COLUMN



By Stephanie Dunn Ashley

Summer is upon us, and I think all of us are looking forward to spending some long evenings with our loved ones over the next few months. With my daughters’ college graduation photos newly printed and sitting on my mantle, I think back about all the amazing summers we spent together as a family — and all of the things I worried about with the outdoors. Whether sitting outside for dinner on the back deck, a hike in the woods or a sunset picnic at Tod’s Point, summer is my favorite time of year for being outside.

Trekking, walking or hiking are great year-round activities — but especially in the summer — here in Greenwich at some of the wonderful trails and parks as well as throughout the country. When you go, be sure you know the level of ability of the people in your group and the environment around you and plan accordingly. Sprains and falls are some of the most common misfortunes travelers may face, and oftentimes they happen because of poor decision-making, lack of skill or not being properly prepared. Be sure to wear proper footwear for a hike, pack a nutritious snack and bring plenty of water, as well as any supplies you might need for pets (like our dog, Benson) who may not be able to regulate their own body heat.

Hiking goes hand-in-hand with camping, an increasingly popular activity in the United States — more than 81 million people went camping last year, including almost 6 million for the first time — and it’s important to know how to go camping safely. Whether you’re headed somewhere super remote, to a swanky glamping spot or overnight at Island Beach, being prepared is critical to making sure you have a good time. Aside from the tent, food and water, be sure to check the weather and pack clothes accordingly. Bring a first-aid kit and be respectful of your surroundings.

Unfortunately, oftentimes summer plans are intruded upon by uninvited guests. Don’t let mosquitoes and ticks ruin your summer fun. While mosquitoes may be the obvious outdoor buzzkill — especially at dusk and dawn when they are most active — ticks are silent but dangerous. Here in Greenwich, we should look out for blacklegged ticks (more

commonly known as deer ticks).

To reduce the risk of getting bitten by a tick, use insect repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) when you are outdoors and follow the directions on the package. For pets, be sure to spray them with a repellent made for their breed and follow the label instructions. When hiking in woods and fields, stay in the middle of trails and avoid underbrush and tall grass. You can tuck your pants into your socks or boots, or you can use a rubber band or tape to hold your pants against your socks, so that nothing can get underneath your clothing. When you get home, inspect yourself carefully for insects or ticks (use a mirror or have someone else help you look) — be sure to check in hairy areas of the body like the back of the neck and the scalp line. Don’t forget to check your pets too!

If you do find a tick, there’s no need to panic — but you should remove the tick as soon as possible. Do not wait to go to a healthcare provider to remove the tick, as the risk of getting a tickborne disease only increases the longer the tick is attached. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the way to remove a tick is to use some clean, fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin’s surface as possible. If you don’t have fine-tipped tweezers, then regular tweezers or even your fingers will work — just be careful not to squeeze the tick’s body when you pull it away from your skin with steady, even pressure. Don’t twist or jerk the tick, as it may cause mouth parts to detach and remain in the skin.

To dispose of a live tick, there are a couple ways to do it properly. You can place it in a sealed container, wrap it tightly in tape, flush it down the toilet, or put it in alcohol. Do not cover them with things like nail polish or petroleum jelly — this won’t effectively smother them — and don’t crush them with your fingers.

After removing the tick, be sure to thoroughly clean the bite area as well as your hands with soap and water, rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. The CDC does not generally recommend getting a tick tested, and if in fact the tick is carrying a disease — you are likely to develop symptoms before you get the results of the test back. If you do develop a rash or fever within several weeks of removing a tick, see your doctor and tell them about the recent tick bite, when the bite occurred and where you most likely acquired the tick.

There are more than 80 days

Beating the Bugs this Summer

There are more than 80 days to enjoy before Labor Day marks the end of the summer season.

to enjoy before Labor Day marks the end of the summer season. Stay safe this summer and remember these easy tips, or visit redcross.org/summersafety for more helpful advice:

- 1. Sun Protection: sunscreen, SPF clothing and shady spots
- 2. Hydration: drink plenty of water throughout the day
- 3. Bug Bite Prevention: as noted above
- 4. Water Safety: supervise children, wear life jackets, and “Turn It Off 4 Emily”
- 5. First Aid: have a first aid kit, know the signs of heat-related illnesses
- 6. Respect Nature: leave it how you found it or better — including the wildlife!

Stephanie Dunn Ashley is the CEO of the American Red Cross Metro NY North Chapter. Based in Conn., the chapter serves Westchester and Rockland counties, part of Conn., and the US Military Academy at West Point.



Red Cross Metro NY North CEO Stephanie Dunn Ashley with her husband and twin daughters at their college graduation in May 2025.

Prevent Tick Bites



Avoid walking in tall grass or underbrush.



Apply insect repellent with DEET.



Wear light-colored clothing to easily spot ticks.



LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Inland Wetlands Agent has approved the following application:

Permit Number (IW-25-29) issued to Daniel Pollock, 12 Nursery Road, Map 36 Block 88 Lot 7. Install all erosion controls. Remove small shed. Remove several trees overhanging the barn and garage. Plant new trees adjacent to Nursery Road. Renovate existing historic barn, garage and add 180 s.f. addition on slab. Install new 200A, 120/240V, single phase electrical service and hose bib to barn and garage. Add vegetated filter strip between project area and watercourse to capture and filter roof runoff. Expand gravel driveway on south side of barn by 2,000 sq ft. Install catch basin and stormwater infiltration system below gravel driveway. Fine grade and stabilize area upon completion.

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 this hearing is scheduled as a hybrid meeting to be held in the Town Meeting Room at Town Hall, 77 Main Street. Access to this Public Hearing will be in person and via an on-line system at 7:00 p.m. to hear and decide the application(s) as follows:

1. 95 Country Club Road – Upon application of Stephen Finn, Wofsey, Rosen, Kweskin, Kuriansky, LLP, Authorized Agent for Country Club of New Canaan owner(s) for a Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 8.2.B and 6.4.G to allow improvements and changes to the 18th hole, driving range and other areas which will involve excavation and/or grading of more than 1,000 cubic yards and soil disturbance of 10,000 sq. ft. in the Four Acre Zone at 95 Country Club Road (Map 33, Block 34, Lot 55).

2. 310 Greenley Road – Upon application of Thomas Nelson, McChord Engineering Associates, Inc., Authorized Agent, for Adrienne C. Davenport, owner(s), for a Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 3.4.C.3 to allow a pool house with full bath, cooking facilities and a heating system in the Two Acre Zone at 310 Greenley Road (Map 26, Block 23, Lot 3).

Dated: June 12, 2025
New Canaan, Connecticut
Daniel Radman, Chairman

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF CHANGES IN SEWER CHARGES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Finance, acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of New Canaan, APPROVED at the Public Hearing **Tuesday, June 10, 2025** the proposed Sewer Fee rates for users who are connected to the New Canaan Sewer System and Septage Fees for sewage haulers.

Initiated FY2020, for **Residential sewer users** the Board of Finance changed the previous ad valorem sewer tax to a tiered, flat-rate Sewer Fee system based on varying Residential Categories. For FY2026, a modification to the fee calculation for Residential sewer users is proposed, based on bedroom count. As the design of sanitary sewer conveyance systems, pump stations and treatment facilities use the methodology of bedroom count, the change would be consistent with good engineering practice and a more equitable determination of fees. For FY2026, the proposed Residential sewer user fee is \$155 per bedroom.

Commercial sewer users are assigned to a flat User Fee rate category, or Special Mixed-Use category for mixed use and special focus properties. Based upon the Sewer System’s annual operating budget and needs, the Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVED that Sewer Usage Fees will increase approximately 4-5% from the current fiscal year. The proposed rates for FY2026 are:

	Current	PROPOSED
COMMERCIAL:	FY2025	FY2026
C Category #1	\$860	\$900
C Category #2	\$1,435	\$1,500
C Category #3	\$2,865	\$2,980
C Category #4	\$4,015	\$4,180
C Category #5	\$5,735	\$5,970
C Category #6	\$11,235	\$11,690
*Commercial/Business Condominiums	\$290	\$302

* Commercial/Business Condominiums are assessed a base rate. Occupancy type may result in placement in a higher Category.

Categories for Commercial properties are based on estimated annual water consumption as measured by Aquarion Water Company and considering such factors as estimated average daily occupancy, tenant density and the nature of activities conducted on the premises, such as food preparation, bathroom use, showers or other commercial operations.

Commercial users include commercial properties, churches, other non-profits, schools and municipal buildings.

Septage Fee: The Sewer Usage Fee for sewage haulers depositing sewage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is currently \$105 per thousand gallons of disposal. The PROPOSED fee for FY2026 will remain \$105 per thousand gallons.



By STUART ADELBERG

Yesterday was a beautiful day, twenty-four hours when the temperature, sunshine, and breeze come together so perfectly that you know it doesn't get any better. So, I did what I do on days like this - went outside for a walk. Walking is my panacea – the therapy that lifts me up no matter what's happening in the world. I don't need a destination, just being outside and enjoying everything around me is enough.

I've been a walker for a long time, but lately the activity has become increasingly difficult. I enjoy busy streets, as the mix of people engaging in whatever brings them joy creates a sense of vibrancy. As far as pedestrians go, the more the merrier. The problem is the vehicles, or more specifically, those who operate them.

I know this is obvious, but drivers have become much more aggressive.

Red lights and stop signs are now considered optional. Right turns on red have given many drivers a sense that even stopping for cars going straight or slowing down to check crosswalks for pedestrians are no longer necessary. The white lines, where drivers are supposed to stop, no longer serve a purpose as many stop at the last minute even if that puts them in the middle of the intersection. I don't think these are evil people or even bad drivers. But many now approach their time behind the wheel as a mission to be completed as quickly as possible. They're in a hurry and universally fed up with traffic, so they focus entirely on getting around any obstacle between them and their destination.

Back to my walk. As I was heading down the road, I approached a crosswalk at a small street with a stop sign. Though I have the right of way, I've learned to wait before entering crosswalks, just to be sure that drivers stop before turning me into an ornament on someone's hood. Sure enough, a vehicle approached

Two, Not Very Perfect Days

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and continued through the crosswalk before stopping in the middle of the intersection. Being my stubborn self, I decided to cross in front of the car, shaking my head in a display of "disappointment" as I passed in front of the vehicle.

Suddenly, I heard the driver's window come down. Why did I shake my head? Why didn't I mind my own business and keep my opinion to myself? My peaceful walk and wonderful mood were about to be shattered by some driver demonstrating with a nasty gesture or a flurry of unsavory words exactly what he or she thought of my

me had a similar experience just a few days later that didn't end quite as well. The driver she encountered didn't stop and she got hit. Her excellent, young reflexes limited what could have been a major tragedy, but it shouldn't have happened at all. Can you think of anyplace any of us need to be that might make it worth that kind of risk? I think not. PLEASE, SLOW DOWN!

Stuart Adelberg has a long history of active involvement and leadership in the region's nonprofit arts and human services communities. He appreciates the opportunity provided by the Sentinel to share his occasional thoughts and observations.

Why the Prospect of Downsizing Makes Many People Freeze & How Families Can Help

By MIMI SANTRY

Relocating and letting go of a lifetime of possessions is one of the most emotional transitions many older adults face. According to The Gerontologist, it ranks among the top three most stressful events for seniors, alongside the death of a spouse and a serious health crisis. Even when a move makes sense, many older adults feel paralyzed by the process. Why is it so daunting—and how can we help?

Why Downsizing is so Difficult

It Feels Like a Loss of Control

More than 75 % of older adults want to stay in their homes and communities, yet nearly half believe they'll need to move eventually, often due to cost, safety or isolation. Keeping up a large home with grounds can be very expensive. For others, a move is needed because of safety issues, such as unmanageable stairs, rooms that cannot accommodate assistive devices like walkers and wheelchairs, or bathtubs that present a fall risk. Isolation is also a driver. If someone feels pressured by family, the process can stir up resentment, anxiety or grief.

Home Equals Identity

A home often represents decades of memories and accomplishments. Many people's identity is closely tied to their home, their history of raising a family and having made connections within their community. They fear being unknown and perhaps undervalued when they move. They enjoy the familiarity of the neighborhood, local haunts, and the familiar rhythms. I worked with a prominent architect who had designed his stunning home (complete with many sets of stairs and a steep driveway). He could barely move within the home due to a fear of falling on those stairs and was "locked in" due to the steep driveway. Despite the obvious safety risks and his isolation, he could not bear to leave the beautiful home he had designed and loved.

Objects Hold Powerful Memories

Many possessions, even unused ones, carry deep emotional value. They bring back memories of loved ones and good times. Letting go of a beloved

dining table or dusty ski gear means confronting the end of a chapter—and that's painful. Holding on to these things is often a coping mechanism to avoid acknowledging that that phase of life is over.

It's Painful When Treasures are Devalued

When children don't want their parents' furniture, or items are labeled "worthless," it can feel like a personal rejection. "No one wants brown furniture" is a phrase I hear frequently. It might be true but it can feel like a cruel insult to the those who collected and loved their antiques. Seniors often feel their taste, and by extension their life, is being dismissed.

It's Scary to Start Over

A client summed it up perfectly – "I know it's time to move but I fear I won't be able to connect with new friends. Most people don't see beyond the fact that I'm old. Gone are the days of easily bonding in the carpool lane and in the playground." Leaving behind familiar people and routines is intimidating and many worry they will never make new connections—or worse, that others will only see their age.

Physical and Cognitive Challenges Can Make the Process Challenging

Downsizing requires sorting, decision-making and stamina. For those who might be struggling with executive functioning and memory issues, it may seem unsurmountable. For those with limited mobility, it can feel impossible.

How Families Can Help

Reframe the Decision from "I Have To Move"to "I Choose to Move."

Help loved ones feel empowered rather than forced. If someone feels forced to move, they will naturally feel anger, loss of control and resentment. If a senior is considering downsizing, let them know that you appreciate that they are not going to leave the chore of downsizing process to their children. Let them know you believe there is something noble about them deciding to use their resources more wisely. "For the record mom, you are giving me the gift of not worrying about you. You can now focus your energy and money on

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what really matters. Maybe this will mean more quality time with me and less hassles! I'm grateful to you for being so proactive." This positive reframing can ease fear and resistance.

Honor the Memories

Take the time to survey the home, photograph rooms and ask about meaningful items. Let your loved one tell their stories. Ask questions and be attentive to the answer. It's a great way to validate that these objects were part of a happy journey and that you and your family appreciate all the associated memories. Gently suggest that donating or gifting items is a generous act, not a loss. "Mom, I know you will miss your beautiful furniture but just imagine you are giving your treasures a new life with a deserving new family."

Support Social Connection

Seniors often fear loneliness after a move. Help your loved one maintain ties with old friends through regular calls/zooms/lunches. Help organize regular transportation to see friends or teach them to use ride-share Apps. Encourage them to join clubs or senior centers. In Greenwich, The Wallace Center (www.greenwichwallacecenter.org) offers a full calendar of activities for those over 55+. The Stamford Senior Center also has robust programming and an active membership. (www.stamfordseniorct.org)

Bring in Professionals to Help

When a job seems overwhelming, bring in expert help. Senior move managers and professional organizers are trained specifically to assist seniors

in handling the logistics with compassion and efficiency—from decluttering and estate sales, to packing, moving, and settling in.

Here are some local pros frequently recommended by senior advisors:

Patty Gabal – Stardust Move Management (Certified Senior Move Manager and RN)
www.stardustmoves.com

Jackie Randal – The Settler Concierge move management and professional organizational services.
www.thesettlerhome.com

Andrew Beckman /Alan Hirsh– Caring Transitions (Works locally and is part of a national network which is helpful for out of state moves)
www.caringtransitionsof-chappaquastamford.com

Crissy Robinson - Above and Beyond CT (concierge move and organizing services run by Greenwich residents)
www.aboveandbeyondct.com

Andrea Ruby – Living Forward
www.livingforwardmm.com

Adam Plotnick Moves
adamplotnick@hotmail.com

Matt Bair Organizing
www.mattbaier.com

The Upside of Letting Go

The later phase of life can be incredibly rich and rewarding. Tackling the downsizing/moving is the first step in setting up you and your loved one to succeed in this later phase. Downsizing isn't just about loss—it's about setting the stage for a safer, easier, more connected chapter of life. It can be challenging, but helping your loved one navigate it with empathy, patience and the right support can make all the difference.

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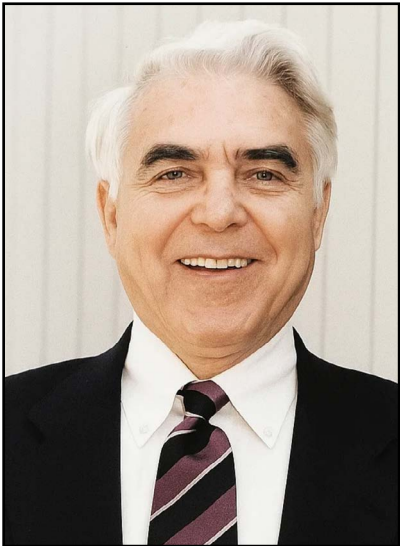
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Obituaries



C. Craig Wright, M.D.

C. Craig Wright, M.D., passed away at 96 in the north Atlantic on May 6, 2025. Known to his five grandchildren as “Grancraig”, he was born in Cambridge, Ohio on November 23, 1928 to Kathleen Vivian Craig (Anderson) and Charles Thomas Wright. While he was in elementary school his family moved to a dairy farm in southeast Ohio where his mother also taught school. During his four years at Madison High School he won six varsity letters in basketball and track and played trumpet in the school band. He graduated as class president and valedictorian.

He attended The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio on numerous scholastic scholarships earning B.A., M.S. and M.D. degrees and being awarded membership in undergraduate and medical scholastic honorary societies. During his time at the university he was a four year member of the Symphonic Choir, active in multiple campus activities, salaried Secretary of the Fraternity Affairs Office, and President of his undergraduate and medical fraternities.

He married his beloved Barbara Ann Guy, a student and artist in commercial art, on September 14, 1952, at the start of his senior year in Medical School.

Following graduation, Dr. Wright completed a Medical-Surgical Internship at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. He then entered the United States Air Force (Medical Corps) where he served as Base Flight Surgeon, Shaw Air Force Base, Tactical Air Command. His duties also included command of an airborne field tactical infirmary and direction of an altitude chamber unit engaged in training TAC and SAC pilots in the use of partial pressure and full pressure suits.

Leaving active duty with the rank of Captain, he returned to The Ohio State University for a three year residency in Aviation Medicine. The final year of this program was spent with Pan Am World Airways at what was then Idlewild (now JFK) Airport in New York City where he developed the training program for emergency procedures to be followed if a decompression event occurred in one of the newly introduced fleet of Boeing 707 aircraft.

Following the residency, Craig and Barbara moved several times through a series of employment with the Reynolds Metals Company in Muscle Shoals, Alabama; the United States Steel Corporation in Pittsburgh and Hempstead, Pennsylvania and the Xerox Corporation in Rochester, New York and Stamford, Connecticut. At his retirement, as Medical Director of Xerox in 1987, he served as a medical consultant for the Perkin-Elmer Corporation and the Southern New England Telephone Company.

During his professional career, Dr. Wright was certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine as a diplomat in Aviation Medicine and Occupational Medicine and was the author of twenty-three published scientific articles. He was active in numerous medical associations and served as President of the American Academy of Occupational Medicine and of, what later became, the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medical Association. In 1997, this latter association gave Dr. Wright the William S. Knudsen Award, its highest honor, for his distinguished career in occupational medicine.

Of all his activities while a local resident, Craig derived great enjoyment in serving as President of the United Way of New Canaan and in his involvement with the New Canaan Men’s Club. While he enjoyed watching amateur club and high school athletic teams, he was almost a zealot for the UConn Huskies women’s basketball team, the New York Yankees and The Ohio State University ‘Buckeye’ football team. His other hobbies included skiing, tennis, paddle tennis and. photography.

Love of travel and color slide photography began with a round-the world trip while with Pan American, Dr. Wright and his wife Barbara visited all seven continents and over eighty countries. Dr. Wright passed away doing what he loved, traveling the globe with his best girl, Barbie.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years; twin daughters Cynthia Arpag and spouse Dean of Middlesex New York, Cristina Kords and spouse Donald of Fairport, New York; son Dr. David Wright and spouse Holley of New Canaan; and grandchildren Alexander Arpag and spouse Julia, great grandsons; Wylder and Atlas, Lauren Arpag, Michael Kords and Bailey Wright and partner Justin and MacLean Wright and spouse Elena.

Dr. Wright donated his body to the Yale University School of Medicine Anatomy Department for medical student education.

Plans for a family memorial celebration are pending.

Memorial donations may be made to the Whittingham Cancer Center at Norwalk Hospital, Norwalk, Connecticut or the New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps, P.O.Box 598, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840-0083.



Margaret Cavanagh

*In Loving Memory of
Margaret “Peggy” McElroy
Cavanagh*

Margaret McElroy Cavanagh, known to all as Peggy, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2025, at the age of 87 surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her father, Patrick McElroy, mother, Margaret McElroy, and brother, Eugene McElroy. A selfless woman with a sharp mind and a heart full of grace, Peggy’s life was a quiet masterpiece of love, devotion, and enduring strength.

Born on April 7, 1938, in New York City, to Irish immigrants Patrick McElroy and Margaret Delaney, Peggy was raised in Woodside, Queens alongside her brothers Joseph, Patrick, and Eugene. From her earliest days at St. Sebastian’s School, Peggy’s kind heart and even temperament stood out. She was the one who stayed after class to help struggling classmates, already living by the principle that family-and community-comes first.

Peggy went on to attend Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica, Queens, where her leadership shone as class president. She later followed her passion for healing into the field of nursing, graduating from St. Clare’s School of Nursing in Manhattan. There, she again served as president of her class and received the Mother Mary Alice Award at graduation in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, recognizing her as the ideal student nurse. Whether in the emergency room or as a nurse in the Darien school system, Peggy was admired for her calm, compassionate presence.

In June 1960, Peggy married her childhood friend and soulmate, Thomas Gary Cavanagh (Gary), at St. Sebastian’s Church in Woodside. Over the course of their 65-year marriage, they built a life defined by deep faith, shared laughter, a love of Irish music and a profound commitment to their growing family. Together, they raised five children-Mary, Gary, Eileen, Jeanne, and Elizabeth-across homes in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. No matter where life took them, Peggy made every house a home.

A devout Catholic, Peggy’s faith was the foundation of her life. She was a best friend to her children, the best listener in every conversation, and the loving anchor of her family. She had an extraordinary ability to make everyone feel seen and heard. Her home was filled with warmth, plenty of food, and sounds of laughter shared around the table.

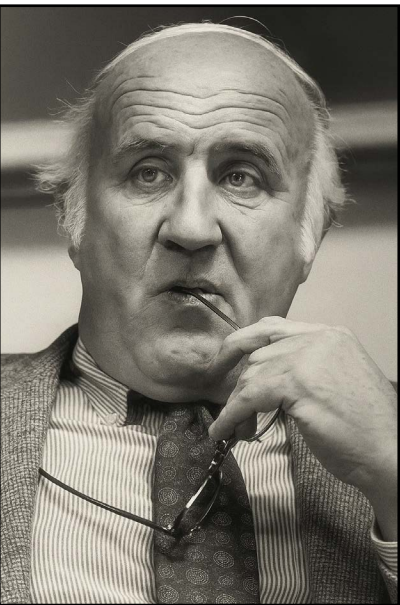
Peggy was also a lifelong athlete-an excellent tennis and paddle player whose graceful backhand and sportsmanship were admired by all. Off the court, she was an avid reader, always learning, and always ready to

recommend a good book. Peggy loved to laugh with her friends and family-especially with her grandchildren, who brought her endless joy.

Peggy is survived by her beloved husband, Gary, and her five children: Mary Kroll (Jeff) of Wilton, CT; Gary Cavanagh of Simsbury, CT; Eileen Cavanagh (Chris Brown) of Westbrook, CT; Jeanne Cavanagh Cervini of New Canaan, CT; and Liz Kaliski (Drew) of Wilton, CT. She is also lovingly remembered by her eight grandchildren: Madeline Kroll Manning (Andy), Colin Kroll, Emma and Olivia Cavanagh, Caroline Cervini, and Grady, Sean, and Kelly Kaliski.

Peggy’s legacy is one of unwavering love, quiet leadership, and an unshakable sense of what matters most. She was the heart of her family-steadfast, strong, and full of grace. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A Gathering of Friends and Family will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 4-7 PM at Hoyt Funeral Home 199 Main Street, New Canaan, CT 06840. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 11 am at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church 21 Cherry St, New Canaan, CT 06840.



Eugene Ready

Eugene Francis Ready, native of New Canaan, CT, where he served as Chief of Detectives, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2025, at the Lutheran Home in Southbury, Connecticut. Gene has been reunited in heaven with the love of his life and devoted wife, Dorothy. He was born at Norwalk Hospital on August 25th, 1933, and was the son of Eugene Timothy and Marguerite Hoyt Ready.

Gene attended New Canaan Public Schools and enjoyed telling stories of his childhood growing up in the once quaint little town. Gene was an exceptional athlete, playing all four high school years on the varsity baseball team. During Gene’s junior year, he pitched the team to its first State Championship in 1950. Coach Keyes asked him if he could handle the last three games and Gene did—striking out 37 batters, only allowing 6 hits. Gene’s senior year in basketball had him ranking 6th in Fairfield County, scoring 229 points. Upon his 1951 graduation, teams came forward with offers to play professional baseball – one from the Philadelphia Phillies, one from Kansas City Athletics, and an invitation to attend tryouts for the Boston Braves. The contracts were given consideration, but the thought of lingering in the minors, riding around on hot buses, and being away from his family and friends deterred him.

As The Korean War broke out, Gene and his buddies enlisted in the armed forces. As a United States Marine, he was stationed at a Naval base in Morocco, North Africa. Soon his athletic skills in baseball and basketball were discovered and he played on teams that won coveted championships for the Navy and Marine Corps. Combat duty requests were submitted multiple times but were denied. Gene was honorably discharged in July of 1956.

His closest friends, Anthony “Dinny” Lapolla, Ralph Scott, and Paul Torpey returned home from military service, and with Gene, joined the New Canaan Police Department in September of 1956. Gene continued to play competitive baseball in the area, winning several league MVP trophies. During the 1960’s, while his family grew, he turned his attention more towards coaching. He coached New Canaan baseball and Catholic Youth Organization basketball.

Gene’s police career was full of accomplishments. He was promoted to Detective in 1966, to Detective Sargent in 1971, to Acting Division Commander of Detective Division in 1974, and then finally Lieutenant Detective in 1976. He graduated from the FBI National Academy in June of 1975 and while there, he qualified as a Sharpshooter.

Throughout the course of his career, he took numerous courses in Criminal Law, Narcotics, Homicide and Investigative techniques. As a Detective, he received numerous commendations for burglary arrests. One involved a high-speed chase onto the Merritt Parkway, forcing two New York bound burglars off the road until help caught up. Gene’s career as a Detective also involved investigations into several New Canaan murders, ending with a 1986 home invasion and homicide. As the Lieutenant Detective leading the investigation, he closed the case in three weeks with two arrests and convictions to follow. One of Gene’s most heroic acts as a Patrolman occurred in the winter of 1961 when he saved the life of a baby girl after she and her family had been overcome from carbon monoxide poisoning in their home. After the oxygen equipment Gene had been provided for the emergency call had failed, he provided mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the young child. In 1987, he retired from police work and began working full-time at Saint Luke’s School in New Canaan. He was so admired there that Saint Luke’s dedicated the 1995 yearbook to him and honored him as the keynote speaker at graduation.

Gene fully retired in 1999 to Cape Cod and then to Southbury with his wife, Dorothy. Gene was honored by both Stamford and New Canaan’s Oldtimers Associations and was inducted into the New Canaan High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. He was a long-time parishioner of Saint Aloysius Church and a Third-Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus.

Gene’s life is a testament to putting his community and others before self. Despite his numerous accomplishments and leading an amazing life he remained a humble man. In conversation he would always want to know how you and your family are doing and would change the subject when you asked about him or his well-being. He was generous to a fault, willing to part with his last dollar if someone was in need.

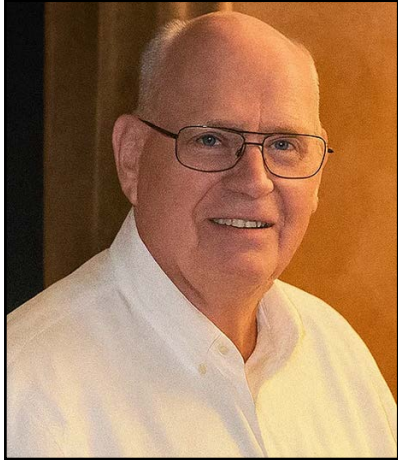
Gene will forever be regarded as a treasured part of New Canaan’s past, and he will be missed by all who got the chance to know him.

He was predeceased by his wife Dorothy, and his sister Barbara Bouton. He is survived by his son Scott (Veronica) of New Canaan, his son William (Barbara) of Southbury, and daughter Pamela (Steve) Heckendorf, of Southbury. Additionally, he leaves behind eight grandchildren: Shane, Tori, Marlee, Zachary, Jacob, Daniel, Olivia, and Amelia, and three great grandchildren: Theo, Leia, and Leon.

The Ready family extends its heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff of the Lutheran Home of Southbury during Gene’s final months.

A wake will be held at Hoyt’s Funeral Home on Friday, June 20th from 4 to 7pm. Funeral services will take place at St. Aloysius Church on Saturday, June 21st at 10am

Donations can be made to: New Canaan Police Benevolent Association (PBA)



Douglas Scott

Douglas Roderick Scott, born on October 31, 1937, passed away on May 21, 2025 in Swanton, Vermont.

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep

Douglas Roderick Scott, 87, died peacefully at home on May 21, 2025, after a nine-month battle with cancer. In his illness and indeed his entire married life, he was tenderly cared for by his wife, Margie. In Doug’s last months and weeks, he and Margie were joined by their four children and their daughter-in-law who gave loving support to both parents to aid in his fight, and later, to ease his passing.

Doug was born on October 31, 1937 in Philadelphia, PA to Roderick Herbert Scott of Philadelphia and Sally Edith (Beauchamp) Scott of Berlin, MD. His earliest years were spent playing on the streets and wandering around North Philadelphia Train Station, looking winsome and accepting nickels from kind old ladies, which he used to buy candy. He had a

pronounced and notable sweet tooth all his life, and no shame of it.

When he was 9 years old, the family left the city for Havertown, Pennsylvania, a year later settling in Lewes, Delaware, where they remained for the rest of Doug’s childhood. He had especially good memories of the family home on Savannah Road, a beautiful Victorian house where his parents hosted many bridge nights. He remembered fondly sleeping out on the porch on hot summer nights, attending Phillies games with his father, and spending time out at his grandparents’ farm in Maryland, where his grandmother made fruit pies and pretended not to notice Doug helping himself to slice after slice.

Doug was a bright student but preferred athletics. His parents forced him to quit sports for a time, until he could bring his grades up to straight As and keep them there. Even a pleading visit from Doug’s coach would not sway them. Doug, now properly motivated, applied himself with renewed vigor to his studies, was duly permitted to rejoin his sports teams and lettered in baseball, football, and basketball.

Doug attended The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, graduating with the Class of 1959 and serving thereafter on submarines (USS Diablo SS-479 and USS Cobble SS-344), attaining the rank of Lieutenant and receiving an honorable discharge in 1964. Many of his fellow cadets came from military or private school backgrounds and were better prepared for the rigors of the academy, but Doug, as was his way, redoubled his efforts so as to make up the ground. His success was a tribute to his intelligence and characteristic perseverance.

In 1963, Doug met and married the love of his life, Marjorie Anne McLeod Ryan of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. They initially settled in New London, CT, then Newark, Delaware, during Doug’s years at DuPont, and finally in Franklin, Massachusetts, where they raised their family and Doug worked as a systems analyst for the Foxboro Company. Doug and Margie had a loving and supportive marriage, and showed one another the care, respect, and high regard we should all aspire to in our personal relationships.

In 1994, Doug and Margie retired, moved to Barton, Vermont, and opened the Rosebrae Bed and Breakfast, where Doug’s bacon and buttery French toast were a special treat for guests. Dad loved Barton. He and Margie helped to run the Senior Meals program and generally enjoyed involvement in the community, making many good friends. Dad especially loved playing golf on the Barton golf course, where Margie sometimes joined him. Doug was also a member of Barton’s American Legion Vermont Post 76. In 2004, Doug and Margie moved to New Canaan, Connecticut, and eventually to Swanton, Vermont, to be close to family. In the interim years they enjoyed playing bridge with many good friends and travel to destinations as varied as England, Ireland, the highlands of Scotland, the beaches of Normandy, Morocco, the Amalfi Coast, Provence, Singapore, and the Black Forest region of Germany. Doug was always noted for his quiet modesty, dependability, helpfulness, and understated humor.

Doug is survived by his wife, Margie; his children, Sister Mary Sarah of Janesville, Wisconsin, David Scott of Cave Creek, Arizona, Stephanie Scott of London, UK, Jesse Scott and daughter-in-law Jackie of Swanton, Vermont; and grandchildren Alasdair John Douglass McNerney and Anna Theodora Beauchamp McNerney of London, UK. He is also survived by his sister, Sandra Latham of Michigan, her husband Jim Latham, their daughter Sarah Latham Wolfe, her husband Chris Wolfe, and their children, James and Jacob Wolfe.

A celebration of life which included a memorial service was held on Saturday, May 31, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, St. Albans, VT. A graveside dedication will be announced in due course.

Condolences, photos and favorite memories may be shared through www.gossfs.com

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Honk!



By SCOTT HERR

This past Sunday was Pentecost Sunday in the Christian liturgical calendar, marking 50 days after Easter. The gospel writer Luke describes in Acts 2:1-31 the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’ apostles as they had gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Shavuot, one of three pilgrimages the Torah requires to mark the wheat harvest and celebrate the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses. The miracle of the coming of the Holy Spirit “upon all flesh” was prophesied by the prophet Joel 2:28-32. It’s one of the biggest celebrations in the Christian year as the coming of the Spirit upon the fearful disciples, transforming them into bold and courageous witnesses “speaking about God’s deeds of power” in various languages to pilgrims from around the Roman Empire.

This story is provocative as it describes how foreigners of different races, nationalities, cultures, linguistic and religious backgrounds experienced the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit and ensuing miraculous “hearing.” The list of peoples includes “Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs,” from every part of the Roman Empire at the time. If his first volume (The Gospel according to Luke) emphasizes the gospel’s relevance for the “marginalized,” especially women, social minorities and misfits (e.g., Mary’s Magnificat, the parables of the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son), then Luke’s second volume (The Book of Acts) emphasizes the gospel’s universal relevance (i.e., for all the nations of the world). Incidentally, I am writing this while on a “pilgrimage”

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with fifteen members of our congregation to Iona, Scotland. The Isle of Iona is where Saint Columba with twelve of his disciples first landed from Ireland in 563 CE as missionaries to the pagan tribes of the Gaels and the Picts of northern Scotland, warrior peoples known for the “pictures” on their skin (tattoos). Columba’s influence brought the Pictish King Bridei to convert and be baptized, and Christianity spread to the peoples of Scotland. Columba’s name in Latin means “dove,” one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. And while a Dove is a more gentle symbol of the Holy Spirit, in Celtic spirituality, a Wild Goose is the symbol of the Holy Spirit. Wild Geese, by the way, are not peaceful! They are used in some cultures as “guard

dogs” to scare away predators. I’ve not experienced it, but apparently Wild Geese can be quite frightening when they honk loudly, hiss and nip at you with their serrated beaks! They see ultra-violent light and have better eyesight than both humans and dogs, so make excellent security guards. Symbols only go so far, but while the Spirit as Dove descends upon Jesus (Mark 1), the Holy Spirit as Wild Goose startles and attacks whoever it goes after! And this is where it gets interesting to me as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. While the Dove may symbolize peace and serenity, the Wild Goose stimulates and motivates! Indeed, one of the biblical qualities of the Holy Spirit is to send God’s people “out” into the world where we are to live

into God’s will for our lives and life together; to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.” The Wild Goose is more synchronistic with how Luke describes the “rush of a violent wind” and “tongues of fire” as the Spirit rested on each of the apostles that first Pentecost. Perhaps the Spirit inspires us to go out and do something dramatic, like marching in a demonstration and speaking truth to power (e.g. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Theresa, The Rev. Dr. William Barber, et al), but maybe the Spirit also inspires us to humbly offer ourselves in loving service? Part of my pilgrimage included worshipping at St. Giles’ Cathedral in Edinburgh, the “Mother Ship” of the Scottish Presbyterian Church. After the first service I was searching the

Cathedral sanctuary to find the Senior Pastor as I had a message to deliver from one of our mutual American colleagues. Out of the corner of my eye, I spotted Sir Iain Torrance, President Emeritus of my alma mater, Princeton Theological Seminary. President Torrance was standing at the door welcoming and handing out bulletins to unsuspecting tourists for the second service. Here was one of the greatest theologians alive, a man of tremendous stature on both sides of the Atlantic... handing out bulletins! And in a flash, I felt like I learned a very important lesson from Dr. Torrance: Humble service can be a dramatic form of faithfulness! May the Holy Spirit, whether a Dove, Fire, Wind or Honking Wild Goose, inspire each of us to go out into the world and serve in any dramatic or humble way we can. Honk! *The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr is one of the pastors serving the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan.*

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
christiansciencet.org/newcanaan

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002
fpcnc.org

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

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

Upcoming Events:

June 15 at 11:30 AM: Ice Cream Social during Coffee Hour. All are welcome!
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

468 South Avenue 203.618.0808
info@trinitychurch.life
www.trinitychurch.life

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

United Methodist Church

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666
frontdesk@umcofnewcanaan.org
www.umcofnewcanaan.org
Join us for Sunday Worship!
Sunday Service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Come for uplifting music and a relevant, inspiring message – and stay after for coffee and conversation during Fellowship Time.

Child care is available for children from infancy through age 5, and Sunday School is offered for kids ages 3 through high school during every service.

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!
June 21 from 10 AM- 12 PM: Are you ready to plan for a secure and fulfilling retirement? Join for informative and engaging Retirement Planning session.

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:

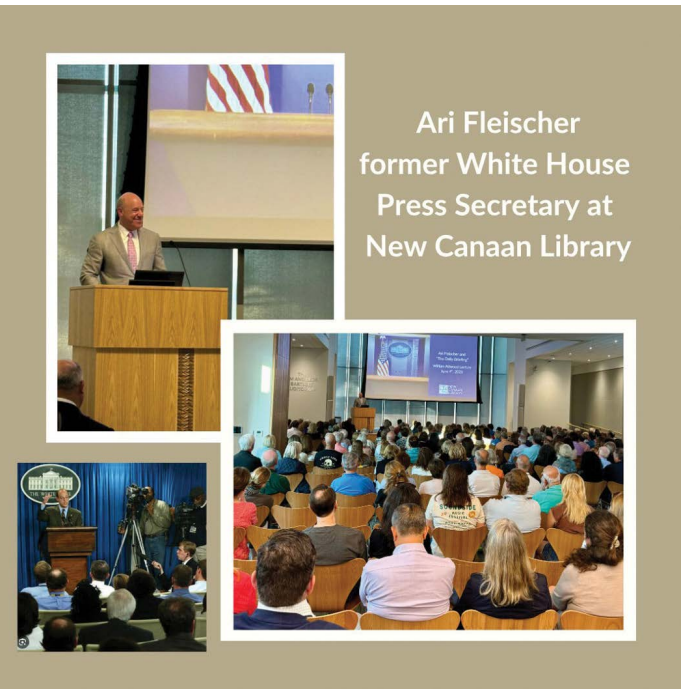
Saturdays at 9 AM: Shabbat Study via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcXU0EzZUM2>

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musicians from the Music For Youth program, performed a classical music set at Waveny Inn. The event provided live music for residents as part of a community outreach effort. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

2025 William Attwood Lecture



Former White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer spoke at the 2025 William Attwood Lecture at the New Canaan Library on June 4, addressing his experience with daily press briefings. He outlined the responsibilities of the role and how information is communicated to the public. Photo credit: New Canaan Library.

SCHOOLS

Special Olympics Torch Run



On June 6, New Canaan students and police officers took part in the Special Olympics Torch Run, carrying the Flame of Hope through town along South Avenue. See our full story in next week’s issue! Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

NCHS Staff Retiring

Five staff members at New Canaan High School will retire at the end of the 2024–2025 school year. Among them are science teachers Donna Kemp and Paul Reid, art teacher Kimanne Core, and school counselor Ann Vernon. Each has played a long-term role in teaching, advising, and supporting students throughout their time at the school.

Field Day at East School



East School recently held its annual Field Day, where students took part in activities like relay races, tug-of-war, and a three-legged race. The event also featured time in a bouncy house and a group dance session. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

Student Coalition Election Results



New Canaan High School has announced the results of the 2025–2026 Student Coalition elections. Jordan Alexander will

serve as Student Body President, joined by Charlotte Lee as Vice President, Serra Savasoglu as Secretary, and Jeremy Schubert as Treasurer. Class and board leaders were also elected for the Classes of 2026, 2027, and 2028. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

Horizons Graduation Ceremony



Horizons at New Canaan Country School held a graduation ceremony on June 7 for 29 seniors in the Class of 2025. Graduates received certificates, awards, and scholarships for academic achievement, leadership, and service. Photo credit: Horizons.

NCCS 2025 Gamble Award

Congratulations to Nathan, a student at New Canaan Country School who received the 2025 Gamble Award. The award honors a student who demonstrates the qualities of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

NCCS 2025 Paul Johansen Award

Congratulations to Caroline, a student at New Canaan Country School who received the 2025 Paul Johansen Award. The award honors a graduating student who demonstrates care for others, compassion, and a sense of community.

NCCS Graduation

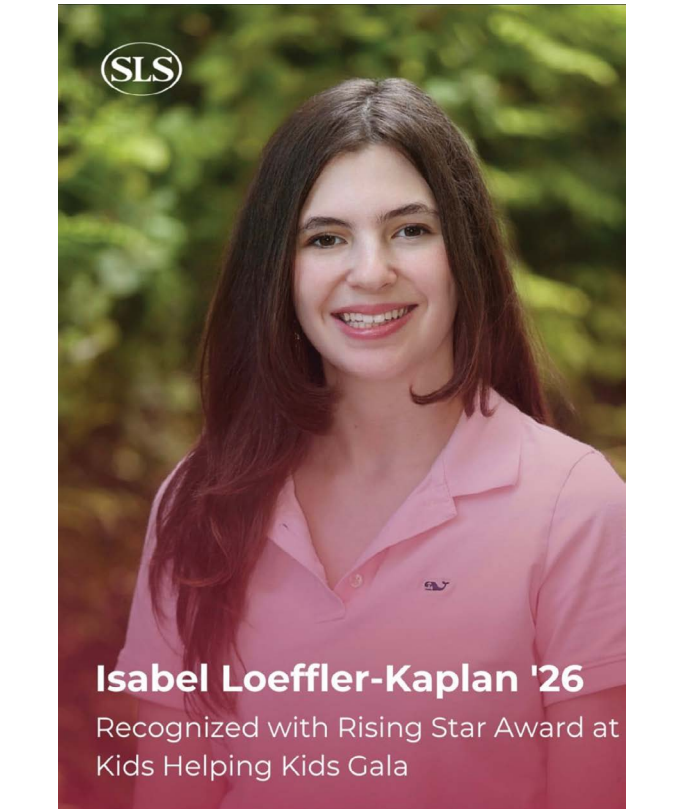
New Canaan Country School’s ninth-grade students recently graduated, marking the completion of their academic journey at NCCS. The school recognized this milestone as they transition to the next stage.

SLS Declarations



Eighth-grade students at St. Luke’s School recently completed their Declarations, a required Middle School assignment. Over six weeks, they wrote and presented personal narratives based on their experiences and values. The project focused on building public speaking skills. Photo credit: St. Luke’s School.

SLS Rising Star Award



Isabel Loeffler-Kaplan, a student at St. Luke’s School, recently received a Rising Star Award from Kids Helping Kids. She was recognized for her work on the Youth Advisory Council, where she helped plan events and train new members. Photo credit: St. Luke’s School.

Honor

The New Canaan Men’s Club recently presented Ralph Hills with its 2025 Distinguished Service Award, an annual recognition of members who have provided exceptional, long-term service to the club, New Canaan and the global community.

The honor reflects its members’ commitment to serving the town and the larger community by donating their time and talents to support numerous public and civic organizations.

SPORTS

BVSA Wins AAA



BVSA, a New Canaan boys baseball team, recently won the AAA championship. Photo credit: New Canaan Cal Ripken Baseball.

Ramp3 Wins Majors



Recently, the boys baseball team Ramp3, secured the Majors championship. Photo credit: New Canaan Cal Ripken Baseball.

D. Palladino and Sons Wins AA



D. Palladino and Sons, a New Canaan boys baseball team, recently claimed the AA championship title. Photo credit: New Canaan Cal Ripken Baseball.

NCHS Girls Tennis Champs



Recently, the New Canaan High School girls tennis team won its third consecutive CIAC championship. Photo credit: New Canaan Varsity Tennis. See page 4.

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NEW LISTINGS

Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
226 Park Street #4	\$450,000	979	\$459.65		2	1
26 Silver Ridge Road	\$1,459,000	2,848	\$512.29	1.13	4	2
50 Parish Road N	\$2,295,000	4,608	\$498.05	1.33	4	2
52 Garibaldi Lane	\$3,495,000	8,000	\$436.88	1.01	6	5
19 Father Peters Lane	\$3,495,000	6,160	\$567.37	4.41	6	5
50 Chichester Road	\$4,495,000	8,898	\$505.17	1.13	6	5
67 Carter Street	\$5,250,000	9,300	\$564.52	2.46	5	6
40 Oenoke Ridge	\$5,995,000	6,057	\$989.76	2.21	7	6

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

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

Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker
226 Park Street #4	\$450,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	Houlihan Lawrence
177 South Avenue #6	\$1,295,000	SAT	12:00-2:00PM	William Pitt Sothebys
26 Silver Ridge Road	\$1,459,000	SAT	1:00-4:00PM	Brown Harris Stevens
48 Rural Drive	\$1,600,000	SAT	12:00-2:00PM	William Raveis
58 Lantern Ridge Road	\$1,895,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	William Raveis
66 Seminary Street	\$2,295,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	Coldwell Banker
15 Mill Road	\$2,495,000	SAT	3:00-5:00PM	William Raveis
1580 Ponus Ridge	\$4,295,000	SAT	11:00AM-1:00PM	William Raveis
51 Oenoke Lane	\$4,395,000	SAT	2:00-4:00PM	Douglas Elliman
50 Chichester Road	\$4,495,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	Compass
180 Park Street #103	\$1,649,000	SAT & SUN	2:00-4:00PM	William Raveis
50 Harrison Avenue	\$2,200,000	SUN	12:00-2:00PM	William Raveis
52 Garibaldi Lane	\$3,495,000	SUN	12:00-2:00PM	William Raveis

NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
30 Knapp Lane	\$899,000	\$899,000	\$945,000	13	2	2	0.21
183 South Avenue #25	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,358,000	15	3	2	
171 Richmond Hill Road	\$1,495,000	\$1,495,000	\$1,875,000	7	3	2	0.20
32 Kelley Green	\$1,825,000	\$1,825,000	\$2,304,000	8	4	3	0.50
57 Richards Lane	\$2,795,000	\$2,795,000	\$3,256,000	5	4	4	2.68
19 Fawn Lane	\$3,795,000	\$3,795,000	\$4,325,000	7	4	4	2.10

What Hartford Gets Wrong About Housing in New Canaan



BY JOHN ENGEL

As a Planning & Zoning commissioner, I sit through every application. As a Realtor, I walk clients through the results. That gives me a front-row seat to how housing policy plays out — not in theory, but on the streets of New Canaan. From mixed-use conversions to infill development, we’re seeing change. Some of it is welcome. But if House Bill 5002 becomes law, that change may stop being thoughtful and start being reckless.

HB 5002, the so-called housing and homelessness act, proposes four big shifts: First, every town must zone for its “fair share” of affordable housing. Second, developers can build middle housing — duplexes, triplexes, and quads — as-of-right in commercial zones. Third, the state eliminates parking minimums for developments under 24 units. Fourth, infrastructure grants like STEAP would now be tied to zoning compliance.

The problem isn’t housing. The problem is how blunt and out-of-touch these mandates are with the realities of towns like ours.

Let’s start with what’s actually happening here.

Take 113 Main Street, the former home of Connecticut Muffin. A recent application proposed converting the building to 24 apartments, some affordable, with 24 parking spaces tucked under and behind the structure. The developer wasn’t forced to add parking. They did it because that’s what the market demands. Tenants expect it. Businesses on Main Street depend on it. HB 5002 would allow the same project to go forward with no parking at all, shifting the burden to the surrounding community.

Over on Burtis Avenue and Cherry Street, a 25-unit project is under construction right now. It

“Towns that are getting it right, you don’t need 8-30g... Show us the way you want to do it and you take the lead on this, and we’ll be right there next to you.”

— Gov. Ned Lamont, speaking at the ribbon-cutting of Canaan Parish in New Canaan on July 25, 2023

includes three affordable apartments and provides 51 on-site parking spots. This isn’t theoretical housing policy; it’s real development, already underway, already approved, and already delivering on the goal of mixed-income, walkable housing.

This week, the Commission reviewed a preliminary application to redevelop the office buildings at 39 and 49–51 Locust Avenue into a 40-key hotel and eight extended-stay apartments. The applicant proposed one parking space per hotel room and two spaces per apartment — 56 spots — again, not because zoning required it, but because the market does. That’s what thoughtful planning looks like: a developer responding to actual demand, not bureaucratic fiat.

Meanwhile, the town just voted to hire BFJ Planning to lead a full rewrite of our zoning code. This follows years of community outreach through our Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), which balances affordability, traffic, walkability, conservation, and preservation. We know where we can grow and where we need to protect. That nuance disappears



“This is section 8 Housing, this is low-income federal credits for low-income folks. This is beautiful housing. I just want people to see what this can be in your community as well.” Governor Ned Lamont speaking at the ribbon-cutting of Canaan Parish in New Canaan on July 25, 2023. Image credit: John Engel.

under HB 5002.

One of the most dangerous elements of the bill is the “fair share” mandate. New Canaan’s assignment? Four hundred and sixty-nine new affordable housing units. That number wasn’t requested by the town, studied in a public hearing, or based on what our infrastructure can handle. It was calculated by a formula and handed down from Hartford. There’s no funding attached for schools, roads, or water. There’s no flexibility to count units already built. And the state offers no recourse other than petitioning to negotiate.

Let’s put that in context. New Canaan currently has about 7,655 housing units. Roughly 18% are multifamily — about 1,378 units (vs. 12% in peer towns). Over the past decade, we’ve added 528 new condos,

townhomes, and apartments (60 per year). We are growing (4.5% in a decade), and we’re doing it in ways that fit the scale and function of the town.

Zoning isn’t the enemy. It’s the framework that lets residents, developers, and officials work together with predictability. It allows us to say yes to what makes sense, and no to what doesn’t. Erasing that framework won’t speed up good development; it will just increase lawsuits, resentment, and bad outcomes.

And now the state wants to tie infrastructure funding to zoning compliance. That’s not just coercive, it’s counterproductive. In the last decade, New Canaan has received multiple grants for community-building projects but in the last 20

years, only the Waveny Playground came from the Small-Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP):

- \$2 million toward restoring the New Canaan Playhouse, a cultural anchor in the village;
- \$300,000 for Phase 2 of the Waveny Park Playground, matched by town funds and private donations;
- \$128,000 for improvements to the Carriage Barn Arts Center courtyard.

Looking ahead, we’re counting on state support for upgrades to the New Canaan Branch Line, including a proposed siding near Springdale that would allow for more frequent train service, both for commuters heading into Manhattan and for workers reverse-commuting into New Canaan. Why would we risk all that support just because we believe housing decisions should be local?

We’re not asking the state to do less. We’re asking it to listen. We’re building housing. We’re modernizing zoning. We’re collaborating with developers. What we don’t need are mandates written 50 miles away that assume we’re not doing enough.

This bill punishes towns like ours not because we resist housing, but because we insist on getting it right. Governor Lamont should veto HB 5002 and support the kind of local, thoughtful planning that actually produces the results we all want: more housing, better communities, and a future that reflects the people who live here.

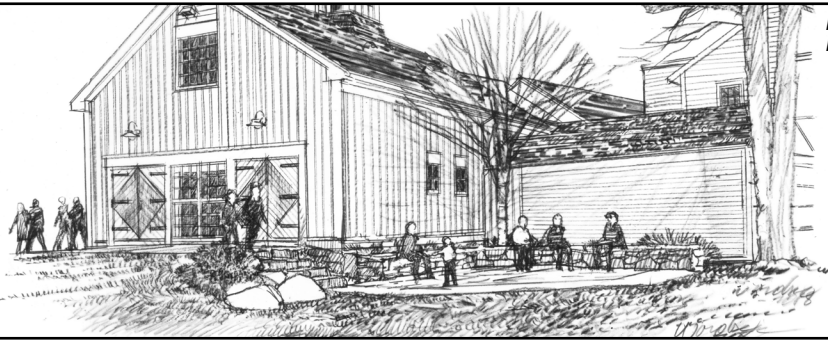
John Engel is a broker with the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, and this week he and Melissa are listing the house where they lived for 14 years and raised four children. It’s been a decade and house is much improved. It brings back a lot of nice memories. John just put in an offer on a house he last listed in 2016, again a fascinating look at how houses evolve and often improve over time. Apparently, in real estate, you can go home again — you just have to submit the highest and best offer.

Submit questions and comments to John.Engel@Elliman.com



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By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

In Jewish history, Hillel and Shammai are foundational scholars who profoundly shaped Rabbinic Judaism. Living roughly a century before the Roman destruction of the Great Jerusalem Temple, they navigated the intense challenges of Roman military occupation and the empire's efforts to suppress Jewish faith and practices.

Shammai generally interpreted Jewish law strictly, while Hillel was notably more lenient. Beyond their legal distinctions, their personalities differed significantly: Shammai was often described as strident, whereas Hillel consistently demonstrated patience and kindness.

A well-known rabbinic story vividly illustrates their contrasting approaches.

An individual once approached Shammai, asking to be taught the entire Torah while standing on one foot. Seeing this as mocking God's profound teachings, Shammai became enraged and chased the person away.

The same individual

Harnessing the Wisdom of Disagreement

then approached Hillel with the identical request. Hillel, unoffended, saw sincerity in the query and offered a profound answer:

"What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow. This is the essence of Torah, and the rest is commentary. Now, go and pursue your learning."

While Shammai is often viewed negatively in this narrative, it's crucial to appreciate his concern that the depth of Judaism shouldn't be reduced to a soundbite.

However, Hillel recognized an opportunity to open the door to Judaism, believing that once someone stepped through, they would willingly explore its beautiful depths.

In rabbinic law, Hillel's guidance is generally followed when there's a legal dispute between the two. This often reflects the understanding that a pleasant demeanor and an accommodating approach weigh heavily alongside the merits of an argument.

Hillel's method was more sensitive to the needs of others, while Shammai prioritized what he saw as the most righteous path. Rabbinic Judaism felt the imperative to preserve and honor both approaches to Jewish law.

Even though Shammai's views weren't always followed, they were still deemed worthy of attention and study for all future generations.

In some instances, we even ritually honor Shammai's minority view. For example, during the Passover Seder, we ritually wash our hands early without a blessing (per Shammai's view) and then later rewash our hands with the prescribed blessing before eating the matzah (following Hillel's view).

This dedication to remembering and honoring minority views is a critical Jewish discipline, fostering a culture that embraces pluralism, moderation, and centrism.

Respecting Shammai's desire for higher standards reflects an admiration for his unwavering commitment to embracing God's will in daily Jewish life.

On the other hand, Hillel sought to create an "open door," hoping that once individuals entered the sacred space of Jewish tradition, they would desire to settle more fully into their spiritual home.

It is equally vital to uphold uncompromised Divine values and ensure that people are drawn to explore them. From this perspective, contemporary Jews can learn that our shared dedication to Godly values is the most critical pursuit.

This lesson extends beyond the Jewish world.

In our contemporary society, people too often retreat into echo chambers, denying themselves the opportunity to learn from differing viewpoints. While liberalism, tolerance, and acceptance are vital, they can still critically assess notions that might not benefit society.

Individuals focused on emphasizing their perceived "right" versus another's "wrong" could greatly benefit from compassionately appreciating different viewpoints. When well-intentioned people genuinely listen, they often reconsider previous conclusions and set aside personal agendas to understand others' perspectives.

Many desire "black and white" answers to complex questions. However, the more intricate the

problem, the greater the need is to consider diverse views and different perspectives.

Judaism embraces the idea that multiple valid answers can exist for almost every question. This is why the Rabbis assert that any disagreement pursued "for the sake of Heaven" should have its views honored and preserved.

Famously, after three years of debate between the schools of Hillel and Shammai, a "Divine Voice" proclaimed:

"Both these and those are the words of the living God."

Every religious, political, or familial disagreement should begin with active listening and a genuine appreciation for sincere perspectives. We can ultimately disagree, but if that disagreement follows a successful session of active listening and evident respect, it will significantly lower the "flames" of contention.

Consider the insightful approach of a rabbi who, when his students gave opposing answers, responded to the first:

"I understand your view; I think you may be right."

To the second, who offered the

opposite answer, he said:

"I understand your view; I think you may be right."

When another student questioned how both could be correct, the rabbi hesitantly replied:

"I understand your view; I think you may be right."

Let us strive to create a world where we learn to disagree respectfully and argue "for the sake of Heaven", rather than solely for our own sake. If we achieve this, we will improve our relationships, and our world, rather than destroy.

Shabbat Shalom.
Temple Shalom's Senior Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz is a scholar, teacher, community activist and preacher, and is recognized as one of the prominent religious leaders in the Fairfield County area and beyond. A frequent guest speaker at synagogues and churches, study groups, community institutions and universities, he is a charismatic personality who engages individuals and stimulates hearts and minds. His teachings can be found in the Sentinel and in other local and national publications.

Sustainable Gardening: How Green is Your Garden?

By Janet McMahon

Summer is just around the corner which means that many of us gardeners are tending to our gardens! Whether you have a small or large garden,

are a novice or a master gardener, there is no greater joy than reaping the literal - and figurative - fruits of your labor. As you may have already known, growing your own edible garden is not only healthy for you and your wallet, but also for the planet. But did you know that you can maximize your environmental impact by gardening sustainably as opposed to relying on traditional gardening methods?

You don't need to make drastic changes to your gardening routine to create a more sustainable garden. Sustainable gardening focuses on eco-friendly practices that conserve natural resources, improve soil health, and protect biodiversity. In short, it's about working with nature, rather than against it. Even better, there's no one-size-fits-all formula—you can

blend traditional and organic approaches in a way that fits your space, time, and lifestyle. The greener your garden, the better it is for both the planet and your personal well-being.

One of the simplest and most impactful steps one can take toward "greening your garden" is discontinuing or reducing the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides. These toxic chemicals have the potential to not only damage wildlife habitats and ecosystems but have adverse effects on the humans, insects, and animals that come into contact with them. There are many natural DIY alternatives to pesticides and herbicides such as Neem oil, castile soap spray or chili pepper spray. (<https://www.treehugger.com/natural-homemade-insecticides-save-your-garden-without-killing-earth-4858819>) Better yet, consider planting native species in or around your vegetable garden. Plants like mountain mint attract native pollinators and beneficial insects, helping to naturally reduce the need for pesticides.

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Backyard composting your food scraps and lawn debris is another powerful and surprisingly simple way to support sustainable gardening. (<https://gltrust.org/event/composting-turning-scraps-into-soil-workshop/>)

Compost, through the

addition of organic matter, enriches the soil with essential nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, as well as beneficial trace elements such as calcium, magnesium, iron, and zinc. Compost also helps retain moisture, reduces erosion, and supports beneficial

soil organisms—cutting down on the need for synthetic pesticides and fertilizers while also increasing resiliency during dry spells. Not up for managing a compost pile at home? There are several curbside composting services that collect your food scraps and return rich, organic

compost in return.

Water conservation is another key piece of the sustainable gardening puzzle. Traditional sprinklers and manual watering often waste large amounts of this precious natural resource. A better alternative? Drip irrigation systems, which deliver water directly to plant roots where it's needed most. You can also collect rainwater in barrels and use it for watering—an easy way to cut down on water use. Pro tip: Water early in the morning or in the evening to minimize evaporation and ensure your plants get the full benefit.

Janet McMahon is the Communications Coordinator at Greenwich Land Trust. She has a husband, two children and a cat, and aims to spread awareness of all of the good things the Land Trust is doing for the community.

An advertisement for Hoyt Livery. It features a close-up of a hand in a dark suit sleeve pulling the door handle of a black limousine. A large, dark blue oval graphic is superimposed over the image, containing the text "HOYT'S HERE®" in a small, white, sans-serif font, "Hoyt Livery" in a large, white, cursive script font, and "(203) 966-LIMO (5466)" in a white, sans-serif font. Below the oval, the text "Book our world class limosines, car services, and airport transportation." is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "Reserve online at HoytLivery.com" and "Or call our client management team 24/7" is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by the large, bold, white, sans-serif phone number "(800) 342-0343".

Aggressive Colon Cancer on the Rise: A Call for Earlier Action and Broader Awareness

By TERESA ALASIO

Colon cancer, long perceived as a disease primarily affecting older adults with a relatively slow progression, is undergoing a concerning and aggressive transformation. Medical professionals and researchers are sounding the alarm about a significant surge in highly aggressive, rapidly advancing forms of colon cancer, particularly striking individuals under the age of 50. This unsettling shift fundamentally challenges established assumptions about risk profiles and necessitates a critical reevaluation of current detection and treatment paradigms.

A Growing and Deadly Threat for Younger Adults

Compelling new data from the American Cancer Society reveals a stark reality: colorectal cancer has tragically become the leading cause of cancer death in men under 50 and the second leading cause in women under 50. While significant progress in screening has led to a welcome decline in overall colon cancer rates among older demographics, a more aggressive and elusive subtype is increasingly prevalent in younger individuals. This insidious form of the disease often develops and metastasizes before conventional screening protocols would typically commence, leaving a dangerous window for progression.

This alarming trend has ignited an urgent quest for answers among both patients and the medical community. Globally, the statistics are equally concerning, with nearly 10% of all new colorectal cancer cases now diagnosed in individuals under 50.

Unraveling the Mystery: Why the Surge?

The precise reasons behind this disturbing rise in aggressive colon cancer among younger adults remain an active area of intense research. While some cases can be attributed to recognized inherited predispositions such as Lynch syndrome or chronic inflammatory bowel disease, a significant proportion—approximately half of all young-onset cases—present without any readily identifiable genetic or medical explanation.

A multifaceted investigation is underway, exploring potential contributing factors including evolving dietary habits, sedentary lifestyles, profound shifts in the gut microbiome, and various environmental exposures. What's particularly perplexing is that many younger patients diagnosed with this aggressive form of colon cancer defy traditional risk profiles; they often have no family history of the disease, are not obese, and generally adhere to healthy lifestyles – factors previously considered protective. This highlights the urgent need to identify novel risk factors and disease mechanisms.

The Peril of Overlooked Symptoms

One of the most critical challenges associated with aggressive colon cancer, especially in younger populations, is the subtle and often ambiguous nature of its early symptoms. These warning signs are frequently dismissed or misattributed to more benign conditions, leading to dangerous delays in diagnosis. Key symptoms to be vigilant for include:

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- Persistent changes in bowel habits: This can manifest as unexplained, prolonged diarrhea or constipation, or alternating patterns of both.
- Rectal bleeding or blood in the stool: Any presence of blood, whether bright red or dark and tarry, warrants immediate medical attention.
- Abdominal pain, discomfort, or bloating: Persistent or recurring abdominal discomfort that doesn't resolve with typical remedies.
- Unexplained weight loss: Significant and unintentional weight loss without changes in diet or exercise.
- Ongoing fatigue or iron-deficiency anemia: Persistent tiredness that isn't alleviated by rest, often linked to internal blood loss from the tumor.

Clinicians caution that these symptoms are commonly misdiagnosed as hemorrhoids or irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), particularly in younger patients who are less likely to be considered for cancer screening. Such misdiagnoses can result in critical delays, allowing the cancer to progress to more advanced and challenging stages before it is finally detected.

Who Is Most at Risk? Re-evaluating the Landscape

While age and family history undeniably remain significant risk factors, the emerging wave of aggressive colon cancer frequently appears without any pre-existing warnings in younger adults. Individuals with inflammatory bowel disease, Lynch syndrome, or a strong family history of colon cancer should exercise heightened vigilance and engage in proactive discussions with their healthcare providers about early screening. However, the troubling reality is that the disease is increasingly being identified in individuals who present with none of these established risk factors, underscoring the broad and unpredictable nature of this rising threat.

Beyond genetic predispositions, a deeper understanding of environmental and lifestyle factors is crucial. Obesity, specific dietary patterns (such as high consumption of processed meats), and potentially disruptions in the delicate balance of the gut microbiome are all under rigorous investigation as potential contributors to this concerning increase.

Screening: Earlier, More Accessible, and Technologically Advanced

In direct response to the escalating threat of early-onset aggressive colon cancer, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) has revised its guidelines, now recommending that colon cancer screening commence at age 45, a significant shift from the previous recommendation of age 50. For individuals with a family history or those experiencing any suggestive symptoms, screening may need to begin even earlier, based on physician recommendation.

The landscape of screening options is also expanding, offering more diverse and less invasive choices:

- Colonoscopy: Remains the gold standard, offering direct visualization of the colon and the ability to remove precancerous polyps. Recommended every 10 years if normal.
- Fecal Immunochemical Tests (FIT): Non-invasive stool-based tests that detect hidden blood in the stool, a potential indicator of polyps or cancer.
- Stool DNA Tests: Advanced tests like Cologuard 2.0 and the newer ColoSense have demonstrated improved sensitivity for early detection by analyzing DNA markers in stool samples.
- Shield Blood Test: Recently approved by the FDA, this innovative blood test offers a less invasive screening option with promising accuracy, providing an alternative for those hesitant about traditional methods.

Doctors unequivocally stress that symptoms should never be ignored, irrespective of age. If you experience persistent changes in your bowel habits, unexplained fatigue, or unintentional weight loss, it is imperative to consult your doctor promptly. Early investigation can be life-saving.

Advances in Treatment: A Beacon of Hope

Despite the challenging nature of aggressive colon cancer, significant strides in treatment are offering renewed hope to patients. The advent of targeted therapies and immunotherapies—cutting-edge drugs designed to specifically attack the unique genetic characteristics of cancer cells or harness the body's own immune system to fight the disease—are enabling patients with advanced disease to live longer, with an improved quality of life.

For instance, a novel combination of targeted drugs (encorafenib and cetuximab) when used in conjunction with chemotherapy has demonstrated

improved survival rates for patients harboring a particularly aggressive genetic mutation known as BRAF V600E. This exemplifies the power of precision medicine in combating complex cancers.

Furthermore, the widespread adoption of genomic testing is revolutionizing personalized treatment plans. By analyzing the unique genetic makeup of each tumor, doctors can tailor therapies to individual patients, maximizing efficacy and minimizing side effects. This highly individualized approach has shown to significantly improve outcomes, especially when the cancer is detected in its earlier stages.

What You Can Do: Empowerment Through Awareness and Action

The rise of aggressive colon cancer among younger individuals underscores the critical importance of proactive engagement and informed decision-making. Here's what you can do:

- Know the symptoms: Be acutely aware of persistent changes in your digestive health, even if you are young and feel otherwise healthy. Do not dismiss subtle warning signs.
- Advocate for screening: Engage in open and honest conversations with your doctor about when you should initiate colon cancer screening, particularly if you have any family history or other potential risk factors.
- Embrace a healthy lifestyle: While the precise causes of aggressive colon cancer are still under investigation, maintaining a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, engaging in regular physical activity, and sustaining a healthy weight may contribute to lowering your overall risk.

If you or someone you know is experiencing any concerning symptoms, do not hesitate. Seek prompt medical attention. Early detection and timely intervention can literally mean the difference between life and death. Speak to your healthcare provider, become your own health advocate, and help spread this vital message—because colon cancer is unequivocally no longer just a disease of the elderly.

The information presented is for educational purposes only and not meant as a substitute for medical advice. If you have a specific medical concern, please consult your medical provider.

Dr. Teresa Alasio is the Medical Director and Owner of Intentional Self Aesthetics, located in Downtown New Canaan. She lives in New Canaan with her family.

This article is dedicated to the memory of Debbie Moran, former Kindergarten teacher at St. Aloysius School, who passed away on May 28, 2025 at age 57.



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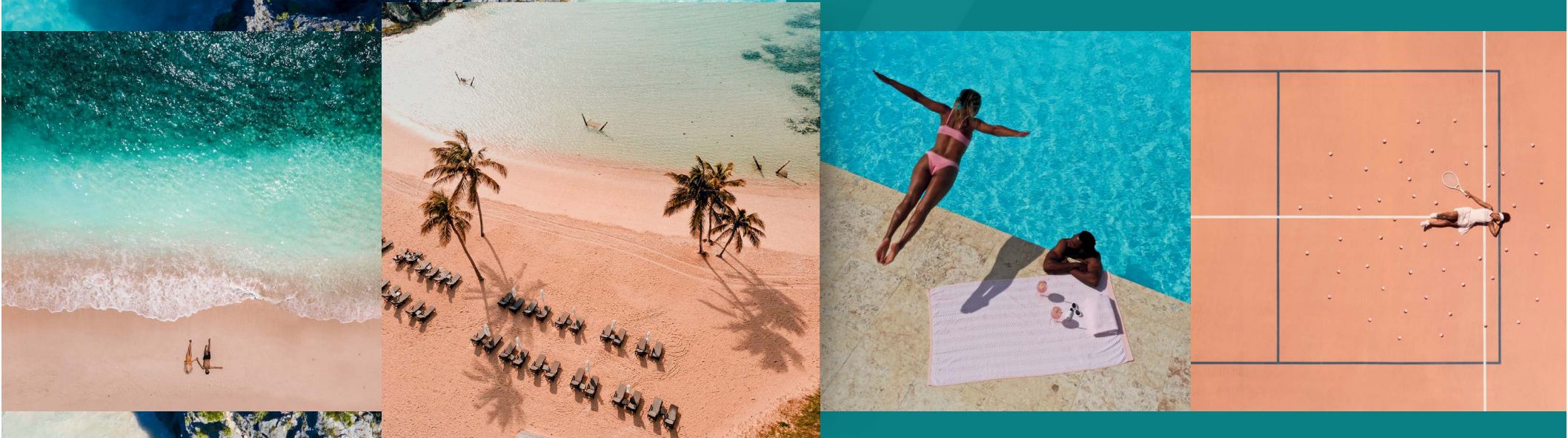


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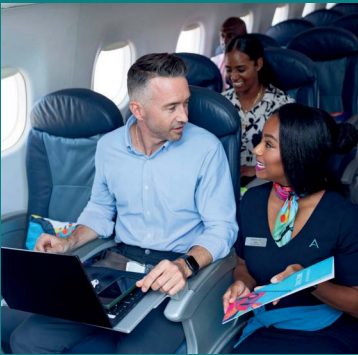
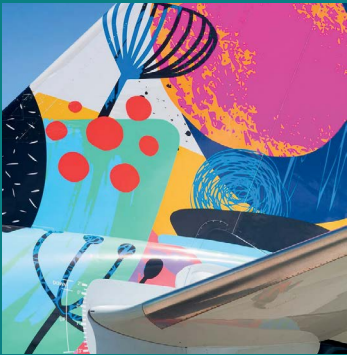


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Colony Grill, Originator of the Irish Pizza, Celebrates 90 Years

By KIA HEAVEY

Connecticut recently caused a buzz after its Office of Statewide Marketing and Tourism claimed the title of Pizza Capital of the United States. Indeed, there are many decades-old, pioneering, and delicious pizza restaurants in the Nutmeg State, and one of them — Colony Grill of Stamford — is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

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“Our ownership group is proud to lead the Colony Grill brand and, this year, celebrate its rich 90-year legacy,” co-owner and chief operating officer Ken Martin told the *Sentinel*. “We look forward to creating more memorable moments — and delicious pizza — for our guests in the years ahead.”

The original Colony Grill, founded and still located at 172 Myrtle Avenue in Stamford, Connecticut, is a local institution renowned for its unique thin-crust “bar pie” and vibrant community atmosphere.

“In 1935, a post-Prohibition tavern named Colony Grill opened in an Irish immigrant neighborhood in Stamford, Connecticut. Since then, Colony has become famous for what is now its only menu offering: a one-of-a-kind, thin-crust pizza that is best served

with the signature ‘hot oil’ topping,” dishes the eatery on its website, colonygrill.com.

“We know what you are thinking...Irish pizza? Grill? The local Irish crowd — and anyone else who visited Colony — seemingly could not get enough of this unique pizza, which was made even more appealing when drizzled with a spicy, full-of-flavor, pepper-infused creation simply called: hot oil.”

The site goes on to elaborate how its signature dish was invented: “The original owners of Colony were indeed Irish-Americans, but they employed some Italian and Eastern European chefs during the Great Depression. These men proudly wanted bar patrons to try the pizza recipes from their homelands, in addition to other menu items, but needed to figure out how to fit a pizza tray on the narrow Colony bar top.

“The solution: the ‘bar pie’... extremely thin crust, smaller in diameter than a traditional pizza, and not too much cheese or sauce so that slices can be easily managed with one hand, fittingly leaving the other hand free to hold a glass. Eventually, across the decades, the hot oil bar pie became so popular that all the other Colony menu items faded away, as did the need for a grill. But the name Colony Grill remains as a link to our heritage.”

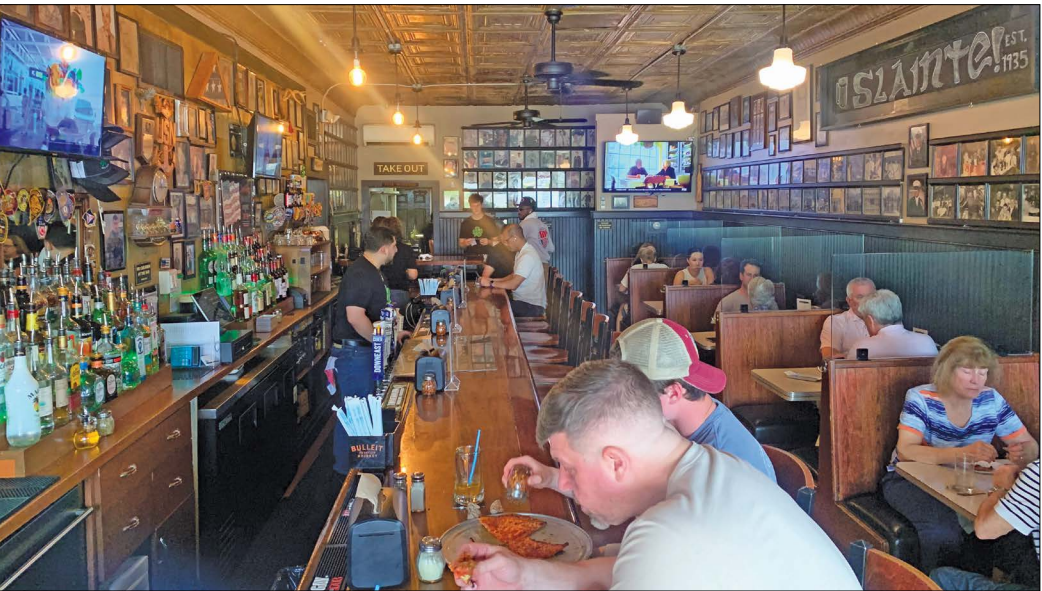
In fact, the singular pie has such a following that Colony Grill now has restaurants in Fairfield, Milford, and



Colony Grill’s legendary Hot Oil Pie. Photo courtesy of Colony Grill.



The facade of the original Colony Grill, founded in Stamford in 1935 and just as popular today. Photo: Kia Heavey



The original Stamford location consists of two large rooms, the tavern side and a dining room. Both are shown above serving a typical late-lunchtime weekday crowd. Photos: Kia Heavey

Police Lead Special Olympics Torch Run

By JOHN KRIZ



Last Friday at 10am, starting at Elm Street and South Avenue in the heart of town, numerous officers in the New Canaan Police Department (NCPD) set forth on their part in the multi-town Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run, in support of the Connecticut Special Olympics and participating athletes. During the torch run, local police and supporters

carry the torch from town to town, ending in Jess Dow Field at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU). Several New Canaan Public School students and student interns with NCPD joined in on the New Canaan leg, with many students and townspeople young and old cheering on the runners from the sidelines.

See the full story and photos in next week's issue!

New Canaan Police, Special Olympic athletes and supporters pass Saxe Middle School on their way down South Avenue to the Darien town line for the torch hand-off, with New Canaan Public School students and townspeople cheering them on. Photo credit NCPD



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TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, June 16

Inland Wetlands Commission
7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.

Tuesday, June 17

Board of Selectmen
8:30-10 a.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom
EMS Commission
6-7 p.m., NCEMS Headquarters

Wednesday, June 18

Parks and Recreation Commission Special Kiwanis Park Master Plan Sub Committee
9-10 a.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom
Housing Authority
5:30-6:30 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.
Police Commission
6-7 p.m., Town Hall
Town Council
7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication

June 12

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.

Art In The Windows Movie Screening: The Thomas Crown Affair

7 PM at the Playhouse
Bored billionaire executive Thomas Crown entertains himself by stealing a Monet from a reputed museum with an elaborate diversion. When Catherine Banning, the insurance company’s investigator, takes an interest in Crown, he may have met his match, and a complicated back-and-forth game with seductive undertones begins between them. Meet upstairs at The Lounge for an exclusive pre-screening reception. Tickets are available at <https://playhouse.cinemalab.com/movie/thomas-crown-affair/>.

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/>.

Ariel & Friends: Party Under the Sea

12:30 PM at the Summer Theatre of New Canaan, 70 Pine Street
Children will be immersed in the world of The Little Mermaid meeting costumed characters and exploring the story through themed activities and a Sing-along performance. Crafts and games designed for ages 2-5. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are \$33 and available at <https://stonc.org/ariel-and-friends/>.

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>.

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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>.

Candlelit Sound Bath

6:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Step into a realm of tranquility and profound relaxation at this candlelit sound bath experience with Diane & Catherine of Grounded Meditation. Sound Baths have been shown to reduce stress and anxiety; improve sleep; help with depression; lower blood pressure and bring on an overall sense of calm and inner peace. Tickets are \$40 and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/candlelit-sound-bath-5/>.

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>.

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

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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.

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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/lvU29>.

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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>.

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“Unleash the Artist In You” Painting Workshop with Melissa Benedek

10 AM- 1:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Join this small group workshop to explore self-expression and a deeper connection with your creative side. It is not about creating a perfect piece of art, it’s about creating from within and finding your own style and direction. All materials included, please BYO lunch. Tickets are \$135/members, \$150/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/unleash-the-artist-in-you/>.

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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>.

Family Drop-In: Dance, Create, and Celebrate Summer!

1:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Join the Carriage Barn Arts Center and NEDT for a 20-minute performance by the NEAD dancers, followed by a mini dance class just for kids. Then, dive into a colorful themed craft — and if ballet isn’t your child’s thing, no worries! There’s a special creative project everyone will enjoy. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/xoPAO>.

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Harriet Tubman’s Legacy with Great-great-great grandniece Rita Daniels

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Rita Daniels, great-great-great grandniece of Harriet Tubman, joins S.T.A.R. and the Library to mark Juneteenth 2025 and share a fuller picture of this inspiring and illuminating key figure in our history. Register at <https://shorturl.at/WS0yE>.

Firefly Season Kickoff Party

8-10 PM at Colhoun Preserve
Get a guided tour of the amazing firefly meadow at Colhoun Preserve by NCLT Board and Staff. Dress for the weather and wear good outdoor walking shoes. The Baked and Sauced Food Truck will be on-site, providing drinks and desserts. Tickets are \$75 and available at <https://newcanaanlandtrust.org/fireflyresources/#kickoff>.

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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.

What Happened this Legislative Session? An Update from Our Legislators and What It Means for Us

6 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium + Community
Connecticut's Legislative Session ended on June 4th. What did our lawmakers discuss, what bills did or didn't make it, and what does any of it mean for us at home? Join for an update from our local legislators, to hear their reports and ask them questions about what's important to you. Register at <https://shorturl.at/iHeC6>.

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? Invasive management? UCONN Master Gardeners of Lower Fairfield are standing by to solve your garden issue in this weekly plant clinic.

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

(submit yours at www.NewCanaanSentinel.com under Submit A...)

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/IThm7>.

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/>.

June 30

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-117469>.

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

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.

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 7

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-117470>.

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 10

Songs of Summer

3:30-5 PM at Grace Farms
Held in the Pavilion with doors open, these intimate performances feature smaller local acts, unplugged. The Songs of Summer series invites all ages to experience a moment to pause and enjoy lingering summer moments with connection to music, architecture, and the landscape. More information is available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/songs-of-summer/2025-07-10>.

July 12

Writing Tips: "Plein Air" Writing at Waveny Park

10:30 AM at Waveny Park
Like "plein air" painting, this Writing Tips class will take place outside, among the fields and woods of Waveny Park. The day before, registrants will receive directions to our meeting place in the park. Bring beach chairs or cushions, a notebook, and pencils; there will not be outlets for computer power cords. Register at <https://shorturl.at/IUkcg>.

Learning with Nature | Make an Herb Garden

11 AM at Grace Farms
Go to the Garden at Grace Farms for a hands-on class that connects families with nature. Learn basic gardening skills and imagine starting your own container or backyard herb garden. Each participant will take home an herb to start a garden. Register at <https://shorturl.at/uIJ3E>.

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

Our Neighbors

June 14

The Serenity Project Annual Fundraiser

6 PM at Marchant Farm 55 Chestnut Woods Road, Redding
The Serenity Project, a 501c3, is hosting their annual fundraiser, a Night at the Farm. The evening will feature a catered dinner, live music by New Canaan resident and artist, Griffin House and a silent auction, all in support of their equine therapy programs for people recovering from trauma. More information is available at <https://www.theserenityprojectct.org/annual-fundraiser>.

June 23

Digging Deeper: Ecological Gardening for Beauty and Biodiversity with Joe Lamp'1

7 PM at the Westport Library, 20 Jesup Rd
Sustainable Westport is thrilled to partner with The Westport Library to welcome Joe Lamp'1 (a.k.a. Joe Gardener), one of the most trusted and sought-after voices in the gardening world, to share his expertise with the community. Free event. Register at <https://shorturl.at/qSLsg>.

June 26

The Sentinel Event

6 PM in Greenwich
This year's honoree is Joe Kelly, recognized for his outstanding contributions to the community. The evening will feature a lively reception and the presentation of the award. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at <https://www.greenwichsentinel.com/sentinel-award/>. The address will be sent in the ticket confirmation email.

Color and Cut Out a Father's Day Card!



Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 School year divisions
6 Fill with food
10 Frosts, as a cake
14 Use one end of a pencil
15 Soothing succulent
16 ___ pit (slam-dancing area)
17 Like a blunt refusal
19 Button you may click before a Zoom lecture
20 SSNs, e.g.
21 Pick up sound waves
22 Free-for-all
23 Word before “freeze” or “fry”
25 One who catches poachers
28 Abyss
30 Makes “it”
31 Loads (of)
33 Body of water between Cleveland and Detroit
37 Sushi tuna
38 “Time for a short break!”
41 Not well
42 Cookie with a green filling
44 Poster fasteners

- 46 Dromedary camel
47 Gawk
49 Unchange-able
53 Froyo chain
56 Adjective for Al Yankovic
57 Tempo
59 Pie ___ mode
60 Galena and magnetite
61 Fixer-upper?
64 Ridiculously funny
65 Composer Satie
66 “To clarify ...”
67 Refuse to admit
68 Chicks’ mothers
69 Items on a to-do list

DOWN

- 1 Not so hot?
2 Wear away
3 Create a ruckus
4 AOL alternative
5 Meyers of late night
6 Greeting that’s Arabic for “peace”
7 Frighten
8 Elephant weight unit
9 Sound after a mouse sighting
10 Dunk into liquid
11 “You ___ have fooled me!”

- 12 Cosmetician
13 Gloss
18 Pleads
22 Purplish ink color
24 Prof.’s degree, usually
26 French for “state”
27 Stop sleeping
29 Amaze
31 Patriotic uncle
32 Chinese life force
33 Sign of summer?
34 Crunchy, puffed foods
35 Type
36 Golf champion
39 Octopus parts
40 Best-___ secret

- 43 In need of a drink
45 Sunflower oil, perhaps?
47 Chips and pretzels
48 It’s part of IT, informally
49 Zorro’s weapon
50 Like a haunted house
51 Attach, as with string
52 Choose to participate
54 Gloomy
55 Sailors’ tales
58 Send forth
61 “I’ve seen better”
62 “You really ___ too much!”
63 Dr.’s org.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

P	U	P	A		L	I	C	K	S		A	B	B	A
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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Where creatures have creature comforts
5. (K) Thing at the market checkout
9. (K) “How ___ the new puppies doing?”
12. A type of tide
13. (K) River that flows through 11 countries
14. (K) Little one with a Y chromosome
15. (K) “Let me add this to that statement”
16. (K) New store’s mission
17. (K) Put into operation
18. (K) Does more than just show up
21. U.S. lake that’s 210 feet deep
22. (K) Droop in the middle
23. Immeasurably long period of time
25. ‘60s war zone
27. (K) Aladdin discovered it
31. Carelessly lazy

35. (K) Costing you zilch
36. Suffix only one can have for rich?
37. (K) Turn on the waterworks
38. (K) Have spaghetti and meatballs
41. (K) Name on some jeans labels
43. Like funds moved from here to there
47. (K) Tool to punch holes in belts
48. (K) Part of, as a practical joke (2 words)
49. (K) They can “T” you up
52. 6-2, in tennis
53. (K) Warp, as a metal bar
54. (K) Break a stick sharply
55. (K) Marquise “Hollywood”
56. Brown, since 2019
57. Name for a lab gas burner

DOWN

1. Biological ID factor

2. (K) Snake-like fish
3. The blessed event of being born
4. Tracked animal scent
5. (K) On the contrary
6. One section of a seven-layer wedding cake
7. Statue of Liberty National Monument island
8. Type of toast that is flipped in the oven
9. Border against, as frame pieces
10. (K) Flower with thorns
11. They’re useless on a star-nosed mole
19. (K) A vessel of Christopher Columbus
20. (K) Fruit that’s a bit similar to a grapefruit
23. (K) Pepper Minstix, Shiny Upatree or Sugarplum Mary
24. (K) Thing similar to a paddle

26. (K) Jemison who flew into space
28. (K) Cause of two drivers saying “Oh, no!”
29. Scuff up something, for example
30. Tissue layer
32. (K) Stem-to-stern boat beam
33. Falkland and South Sandwich, for two
34. Editorial command meaning “don’t change”
39. (K) Crook’s excuse
40. In good muscular shape
42. The 16 of John 3:16
43. (K) Speak hoarsely
44. Fancy pitcher
45. Second-highest of the four voices
46. (K) Shape of a missile’s nose
50. (K) Person with a ticket to all the home games
51. (K) Hotel extra

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

Shutters closed inside the house?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1	C	O	W		A	S	P	S		S	E	L	L	
2	A	A	H		S	H	O	O		A	R	E	A	
3	R	H	O		H	A	U	L		L	A	D	Y	
4	S	U	M		M	E	R	T		I	M	E		
5		A	S	K		C	A	S		T	L	E		
6		P	A	R		M	I	D		H	I	S		
7	B	A	N	K	S	T	A	T	E	M	E	N	T	
8	O	U	T		Y	A	P			E	E	K		
9	A	L	I		G	N	S		G	O	T			
10		A	C	T		I	O	N		A	B	L	E	
11	B	I		F		N	N	S		R	I	D		
12	L	O	A	F		N	O	N		E	A	C	E	N
13	T	U	N	E		G	N	A		T				

Previous riddle answer:

Department with pitching coaches?
8-D) Sales

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Tennis Open by Catherine Cetta

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 – April 19) The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may prompt sudden shifts in financial matters. Embrace flexibility and be prepared to adapt to new circumstances. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 encourages you to focus on home and family, fostering deeper emotional connections.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may bring unexpected changes in your personal relationships. Maintain open communication to navigate these shifts effectively. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your communication skills, making it an opportune time to express your thoughts and ideas.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) With Mars in your sign squaring Uranus on June 15, be prepared for sudden changes in your daily routines. Adaptability will be key to managing these disruptions. The Sun's transition into Cancer on June 20 shifts your focus to financial matters, encouraging prudent planning.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may introduce unexpected developments in your social circle. Embrace these changes as opportunities for growth. The Sun entering your sign on June 20 marks the beginning of your solar return, enhancing your personal energy and confidence.

Leo (July 23 – August 22) Professional advancements are highlighted this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may introduce unexpected changes in your career path. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 encourages introspection, prompting you to reassess your goals and aspirations.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22) The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 encourages you to expand your horizons through learning or travel. Be open to new experiences that challenge your perspectives. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your ability to connect with others, making it an excellent time for

networking.

Libra (September 23 – October 22) Financial matters come into focus this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may bring unexpected expenses or changes in income. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 supports collaborative financial planning, making it a good time to discuss joint investments.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21) Relationships take center stage as the Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may introduce sudden changes in partnerships. Maintain open communication to navigate these shifts effectively. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your ability to connect on a deeper emotional level.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21) Focus on health and daily routines this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may prompt you to adopt new habits or wellness practices. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 supports teamwork, making it an ideal time to collaborate on projects.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19) Creative pursuits are favored as the Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may inspire innovative ideas. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your confidence, encouraging you to share your talents and take calculated risks in personal endeavors.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18) Home and family matters are highlighted this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may bring unexpected changes in your domestic life. The Sun's entry into Cancer on June 20 supports open communication, making it a good time to address any underlying issues.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20) Communication is key this week. The Mars-Uranus square on June 15 may lead to surprising news or shifts in your immediate environment. The Sun entering Cancer on June 20 enhances your persuasive abilities, making it an opportune time for important discussions.

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 used your car’s horn (6)
2 Donatello or Rodin (8)
3 breaking off in bits (8)
4 sounded like a hen (7)
5 made money (6)
6 focus in OOTD post (6)
7 impromptu, like a hoops game (6)

SOLUTIONS

- _____

CKL	CH	SC	HON	PT
KED	NG	FIT	IP	ED
OR	EA	CA	UL	ED
RN	KUP	OUT	PIC	PI

Previous Answers: CHIPPER 2. FINGER 3. STORYTELLER
4. SCUFFED 5. CRUMMY 6. SECONDHAND 7. BALL

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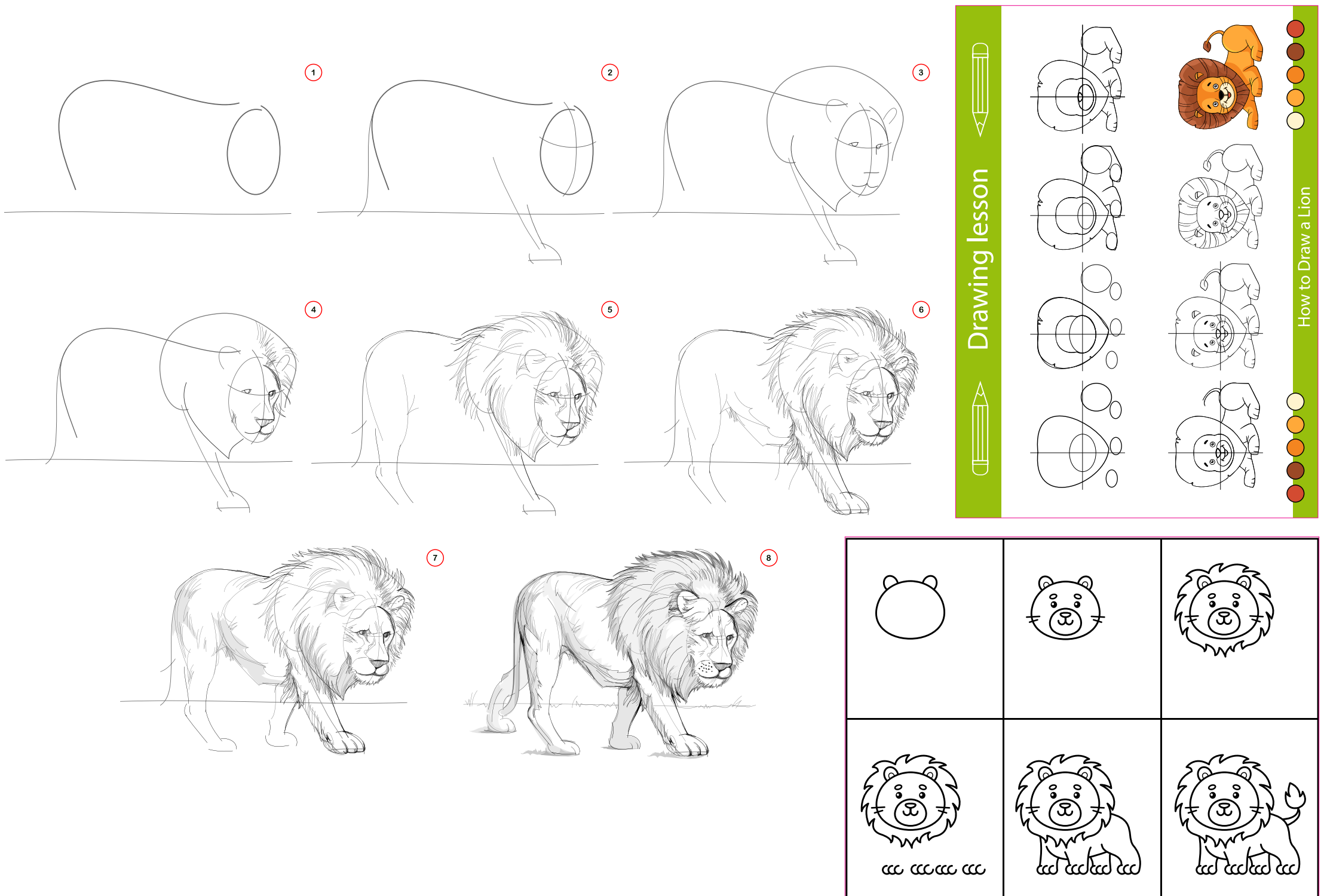
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The answers to this week’s puzzles can be found in next week’s issue.

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How To Draw Many Ways: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

			1
2	1		3
3	4		2
		3	

2			4
	1		3
	2		
1		3	2

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	3	4	1
			2
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			1
3	1		2
			4
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SUDOKU

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

Easy

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	6				8	1		
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Hard

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	4	7						

Very Hard

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Easy

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Hard

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Sudoku answers

7	7	3	9	8	2	6	1	4	5
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6	9	1	4	6	8	3	5	2
7	2	6	5	7	9	4	1	3
8	2	4	9	7	6	3	8	1
9	1	5	3	2	9	8	6	7
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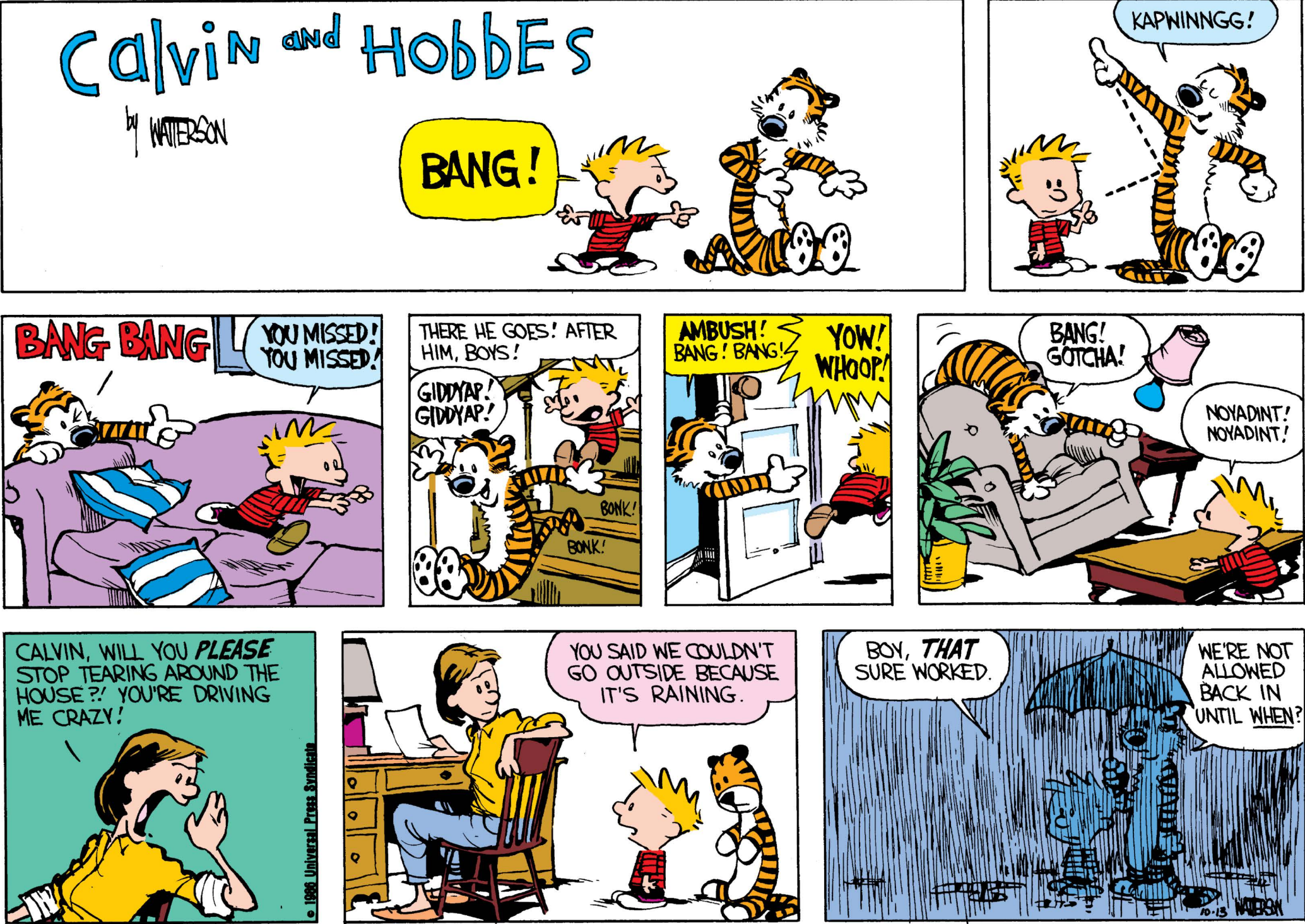
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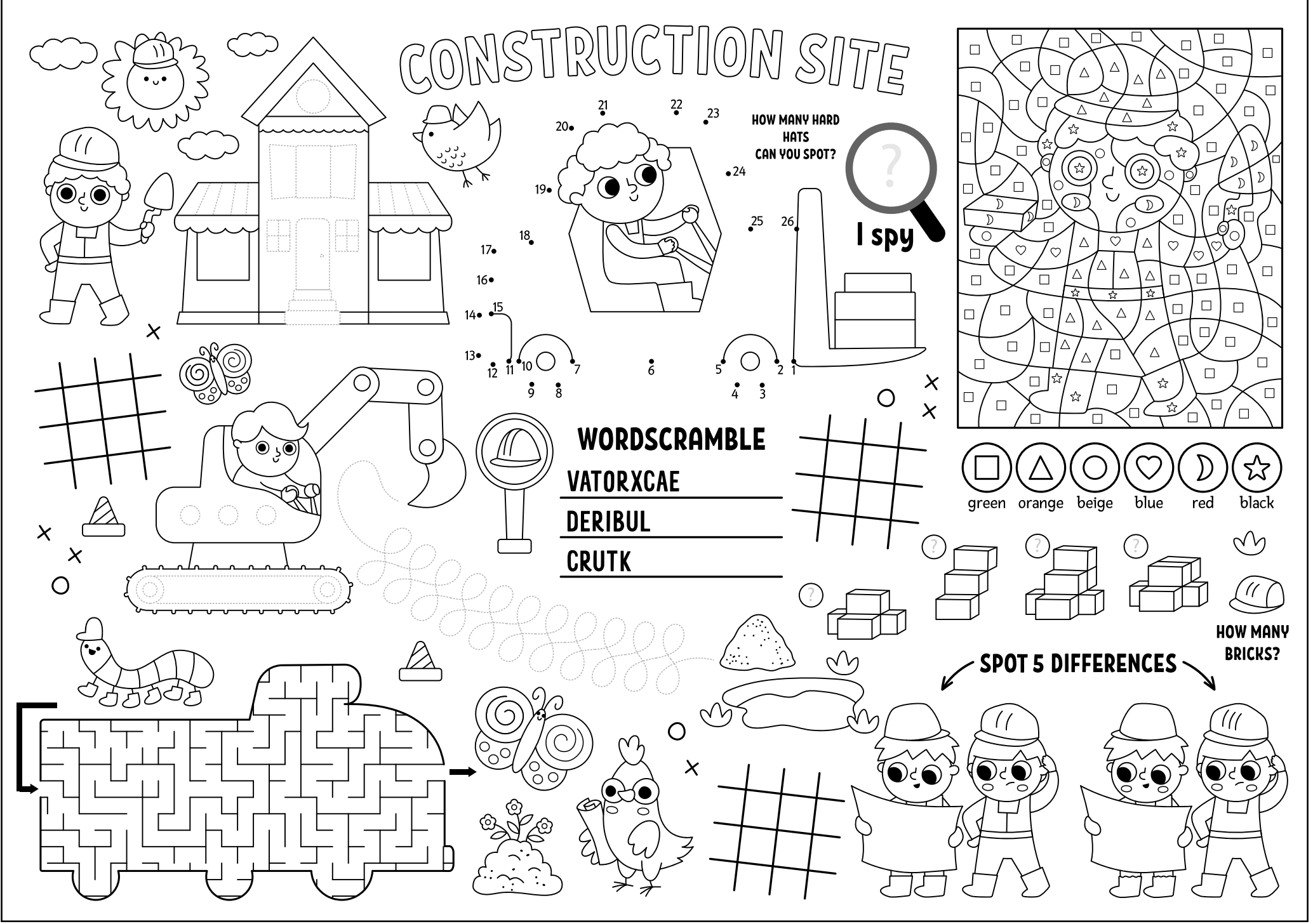
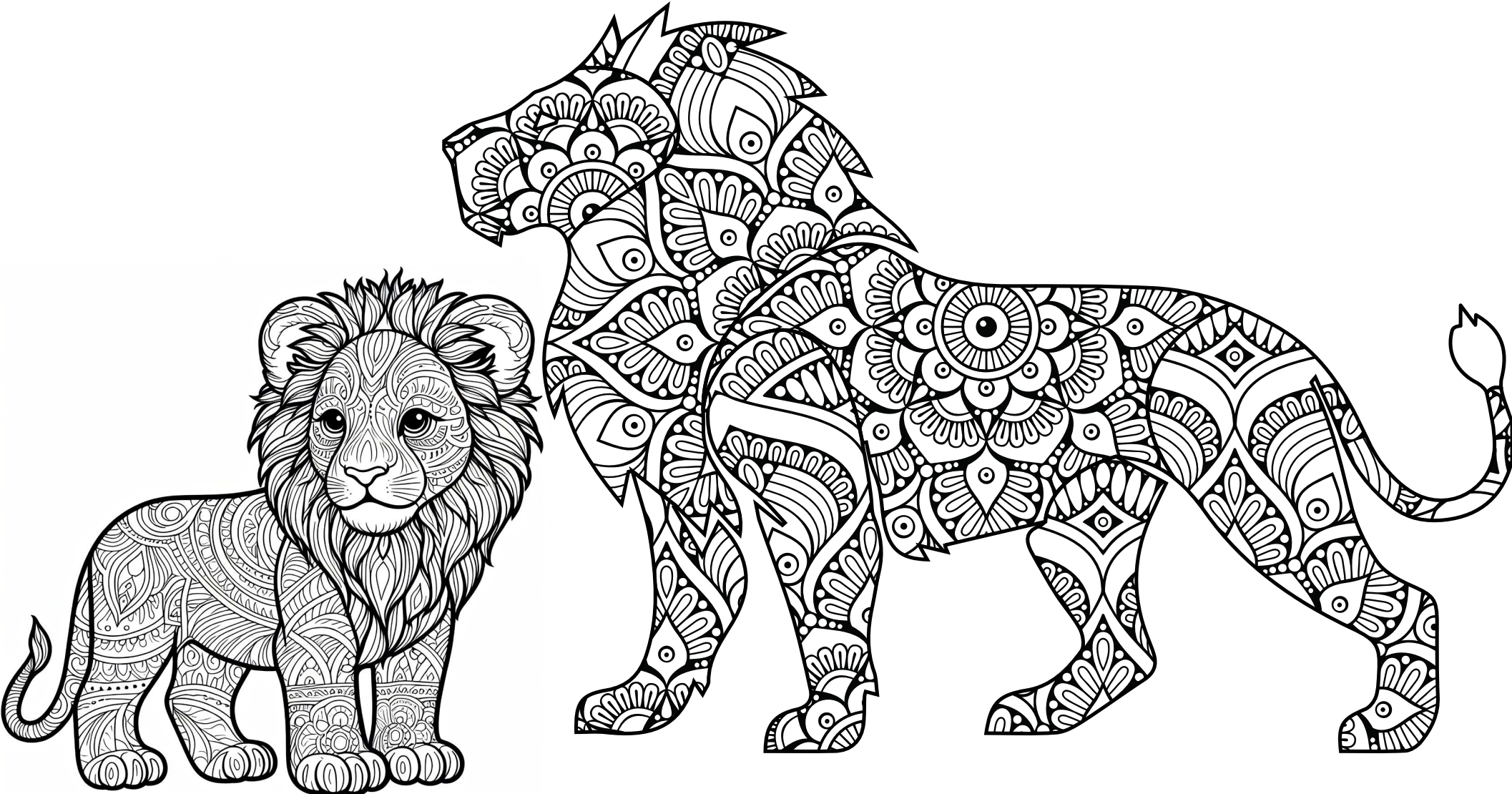


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