

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

POLICE AND FIRE

Fire Contained on Country Club

FFirefighters quickly contained a shed fire early Tuesday morning at a home on Country Club Road in New Canaan after a neighbor reported it around 12:45 am. Access to the property was delayed by a closed gate, but no injuries were reported. The cause is under investigation, and officials are encouraging residents to share gate codes and emergency information through the Community Connect system at <https://www.communityconnect.io/info/ct-townofnewcanaan>.

TOWN HALL

BOF Approves Mill Rate

The New Canaan Board of Finance approved a 2026 mill rate of 16.691, a 3.39% increase from the previous year. The new rate is set to raise \$164.0 million in taxes, up 3.76% from 2025. The budget includes a \$5.75 million draw from reserves and reductions in both operating and capital expenses.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Rotary Club Awards 41 Grants



The Rotary Club of New Canaan has awarded grants to 41 civic and nonprofit organizations using funds raised through its 2025 Lobsterfest. These organizations support New Canaan and surrounding communities. Photo credit: New Canaan Rotary Club.

Cabaret at the Village



On June 12, New Canaan High School senior Henry Tate organized a Broadway-themed cabaret at The Village to conclude his internship. He performed with Christopher Tate, Lisa Flanagan, Lauren Blank, and Maria Sharavarnyk. The event served as the final project of his senior internship. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

Silver Hill Receives Donation

Silver Hill Hospital received a \$5.5 million donation from an anonymous donor family, marking the largest gift in its history. The funding will support clinical programs, facility upgrades, financial aid, staff development, and the hospital's endowment. It aligns with the hospital's strategic plan to expand access to mental health and addiction care.

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Glass House Summer Party attendees picnic in the lakeside Pavilion, or Folly. The Glass House is up the hill on the right, with the Sculpture Gallery top center, behind the trees. Photo by John Kriz.

Glass House Summer Party Celebration

More than a picturesque glass structure, the Glass House in New Canaan is a 49-acre living archive of mid-20th century modernist innovation. At this year's Summer Party on June 14, guests gathered across the property—including in the lakeside Pavilion known as the Folly—for picnics, performances by Pilobolus, and a tribute to designer Gaetano Pesce. Elm Restaurant provided curated baskets, and the grounds buzzed with art collectors, architects, and design enthusiasts.

Led by Executive Director Kirsten Reoch, the Glass House staff works year-round to steward and interpret a site that includes 14 buildings and significant landscape

features, from wetlands to sculpture gardens. In addition to the iconic Glass and Brick Houses, visitors discover hidden gems like the Painting Gallery, Sculpture Gallery, and 18th-century Grainger House.

Preservation remains a constant challenge and priority. Restorations—such as the \$1.8 million Brick House rehabilitation—demand expert craftsmanship and historic fidelity. The lakeside Pavilion, with its classical columns and gold-leaf ceiling, is next in line for structural and aesthetic repair.

Reoch emphasizes that the mission extends beyond architecture. Annual attendance exceeds 15,000, and new

membership tiers invite broader engagement.

Through exhibitions like Barbara Kasten's 'Structure, Light, Land', and special programs, concerts and lectures, The Glass House continues to shape the cultural conversation in New Canaan and beyond.

Look for the full article and photo coverage by John Kriz in next week's issue, where we take readers inside the Glass House Summer Party with scenes from the Folly, conversations with Executive Director Kirsten Reoch, and a closer look at the art, architecture, and restoration efforts that define one of New Canaan's most storied landmarks.

COLUMN

A Very Busy Month; Speaking Up for New Canaan



BY DIONNA CARLSON

The energy and excitement of summer can be felt throughout our beautiful town, and the past month has been incredibly busy. First, congratulations to the high school Class of 2025! Your hard work and achievements have made us all proud, and we wish you the very best as you begin this next chapter.

On June 4th, after four-and-a-half years of planning and construction, we officially opened our newly renovated Police headquarters on South Avenue. This milestone was achieved on time and under budget, and I extend my deepest thanks to everyone involved in making this project a success.

One of our favorite summer traditions – the Waveny Summer Concert Series – kicked off this week and it runs through September 3rd. Join us Wednesday nights for great music and picnicking under the stars. You will find the schedule at the blue tab at the top of the newcanaan.info homepage.

At its June 10th meeting, the Board of Finance approved a 16.691 mill rate for the upcoming fiscal year, a 3.39% increase, which will apply to property tax bills issued on July 1, 2025. Setting the mill rate marks the final action of the fiscal year

2026 Budget process. Many thanks to all who participated in the process and were committed to funding our departments to meet the needs of our community while being sensitive to the inflationary environment we face.

We are excited to welcome Bill Perritt as our new Assistant Fire Chief. With 28 years of experience and dedication to firefighting and public safety, Bill will focus on the department's training, health and safety, and operations. He's a wonderful addition to our community.

Don't forget: June is the month to "Make your beagle legal"! Please renew your dog license or register your new pup by visiting: [Dog License Info](https://portal.ct.gov/governor/contact/email-governor-lamont?language=en_US) on the Town Clerk's page on newcanaan.info.

Speak Up to State Leaders on Two Issues

There are two areas of state government where I encourage New Canaan residents to engage and speak up at this time. First is to speak up against HB 5002 that was unfortunately passed by the State legislature on its final day in session and which undermines local zoning authority. On June 6th I sent a letter, co-signed by 22 local board and commission members, urging the governor to veto the bill. He is now pausing, as he is hearing opposition from across the state.

Add your voice to those opposing the bill by contacting the governor's office before June 24th when the bill, if not vetoed by the governor, automatically becomes law. Read the bill here: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/ACT/PA/PDF/2025PA-00049-R00HB-05002-PA.PDF>. The governor's office may be reached via telephone at: 860.566.4840 or via email: https://portal.ct.gov/governor/contact/email-governor-lamont?language=en_US

Second, as the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) considers whether or not to approve of the proposed change in ownership of Aquarion Water Company from Eversource to a new quasi-public Regional Water Authority, I urge you to sign up to attend and speak at a virtual Public Hearing (via Zoom) on the matter scheduled for June 25th at 12:30 p.m.

Many members of the public in our region have already expressed great concern about a potential loss of future tax revenue for municipalities where Aquarion owns property, including New Canaan; a potential increase in water rates charged to customers; and an expected change in regulatory oversight with New Canaan having a diminished voice. Register for the Public Hearing by going to portal.ct.gov/pura. Then go to Calendar of Events and scroll to June 25th. You will then receive a Zoom link to join the meeting.

Schipper Preserves New Canaan's Natural Legacy, Wins Statewide Honor

BY ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Chris Schipper has spent the past decade doing for New Canaan what most people only talk about: conserving open space, restoring natural habitats, and getting others to care. On June 7, at a ceremony held at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, his work earned him a statewide honor as the Adult Winner of the 2025 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards.

The awards, presented annually by Aquarion Water Company, recognize one individual in each of five categories—large business, mid-size business, non-profit, adult, and student—for outstanding environmental stewardship. Winners in the adult category receive a \$5,000 grant to donate to an environmental nonprofit of their choice.

In announcing this year's winners, Lucy Teixeira, President of Aquarion Company, said, "Chris represents what it means to advocate for our natural resources. We look forward to seeing all they continue to accomplish."

As a former president of the New Canaan Land Trust, Schipper helped reshape the organization's mission, pivoting from simple land preservation to active conservation. He created public access trails on protected parcels and expanded the Trust's holdings to over 400 acres of open space. Under his leadership, the Land Trust acquired 56 acres of bird sanctuaries and secured funding to acquire land for the New Canaan Firefly Sanctuary.

On warm summer evenings, that meadow glows—literally. In a town known for its tidy stone

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COLUMN

The Elder Brother Cliff

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

In the biblical story of the prodigal son, the elder brother is the one who does everything right and his younger brother does everything wrong. When the younger brother comes home from squandering his inheritance, his forgiving father throws him a banquet. The elder brother thinks this is unfair and refuses to come to the party.

When we think we are in the right,

we often feel good for a while up on the cliff, but it's lonely. Stewing on the cliff of self-righteous superiority does not make relationships better. Come down to level ground and listen to the other person's story.

A person's behavior may be illegal, immoral, or reprehensible. We may ultimately choose not to be in relationship with that person. However, by getting off the elder-brother cliff,

we may also move beyond anger and judgment to feel sadness and compassion.

After a year of meeting together, members of a small group were bothered by one another's "quirks." Then each member was given 45 uninterrupted minutes to share his life story. This experience was most memorable because these stories effectively replaced annoyance with empathy.



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The Young Players of New Canaan: A Stage, a Town, and the Echo of Something True

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

It’s a striking thing when the kids in your town do something fine and true, something that stirs not only pride but a sort of communal awe. That happens in New Canaan often. Over the past year the students of New Canaan High School’s Theatre Department received 13 Halo Award nominations—recognition not just for performance, but for spirit, craft, and the joyful labor of creation.

There was *Les Misérables*, that towering classic, and *Jack the Ripper: Monster of Whitechapel*, eerie and exacting. These two wildly different shows formed the backbone of the year, and they were rendered with seriousness and integrity. There’s nothing unserious about the young people in the theatre department. They

take it all to heart, because theatre takes your heart and teaches it to beat with others.

This column comes with a correction. In our May 29 issue, a quotation was mistakenly attributed to senior Henry Tate. He never gave that quote; we regret the error. Mr. Tate responded with grace and offered his time and thoughts. He, along with his classmates and director, helped us not only to set the record straight but to understand more deeply what this work means.

Christopher Myers, the director of theatre arts at NCHS, stretched the department by choosing two demanding pieces that require nuance, stamina, and soul. The students rose.

Henry Tate played Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*. That role is operatic in

its scope and moral weight. He prepared with the kind of seriousness that would make any parent stop in their tracks: giving up caffeine to protect his vocal cords, warming up his voice twice a day, preserving vocal strength. He also served as scenic designer for *Jack the Ripper*. There’s something beautiful in a student who wants to be both center stage and backstage, who understands the value of hammer and light.

Thomas Pisant, nominated for his portrayal of Marius, spoke of how the character grows from infatuated idealist to young man marked by loss. That’s something any teenager on the cusp of adulthood can recognize—how you step out of childhood and into the world and it surprises you, may even knock the wind out of you.

Isa Temple, playing Éponine, didn’t just sing the solo. She embodied heartbreak from the moment she walked on stage. Nicholas Mohamad, the formidable Javert, brought theological depth to his performance. He saw Javert’s story not as villainy, but as a crisis of belief and identity. These kids think. They feel.

And they trust each other. Andrew Meli and Radea Raleva, playing the Thénardiens, spoke of throwing props and trusting the other would catch them. That’s not just good acting—it’s good living.

Theatre doesn’t happen in a vacuum. It happens in a town. Parents drive the late pickups. Grandparents clip the stories from the paper. Neighbors show up and buy tickets. It happens in a school where teachers like Christopher Myers know that training young people in the arts is training

them for a meaningful life.

In his 2024 commencement address at Juilliard, actor André Holland said, “Art is how we learn to be brave. It’s how we figure out what we believe and how to say it.” That’s what these New Canaan students are doing. They are figuring out who they are—by stepping into the lives of others.

And so this story, though born of a correction, ends in celebration. For what is theatre, if not a way to step forward, to be seen, to speak from the soul?

The Sentinel is proud to correct the record and prouder still to share, in their own words, what this season meant to the students of New Canaan High School Theatre.

We encourage the community to sell out next year’s productions and cheer on our student thespians!



Les Mis - Group Picture

In Their Own Words



Henry Tate - Leading Actor (1)

For Henry Tate – Nominated for Best Performance in a Leading Male Role in a Classical Musical (Jean Valjean, Les Misérables) and Scenic Design (Jack the Ripper)

Sentinel Question:

How did you prepare to take on the demanding role of Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*?

Response: I chose to make some pretty big lifestyle changes in order to do my best at the very challenging character and role that is Valjean. I stopped my morning coffee because caffeine tightens vocal cords, I adopted a strict vocal warm-up regimen that started in the morning and then again before rehearsals began, and I avoided scenarios where I would have to use my voice strenuously in the week leading up to the show. There is also an immense amount of memorization that was a part of the prep, but for me it was made easier because it is all set to music. I always find it easier to memorize songs and lyrics over just lines.

Sentinel Question:

What did the Halo nomination mean to you personally after the months of rehearsal and performance?

Response: The Halo Awards have a number of judges, and not every judge comes to every show. A nomination to win means that whatever judge came to our show that night believed that, of the shows they had seen, I deserved to win best leading actor in the state of Connecticut. Past that is judges debating and equal share politics, so for me the nomination really is the win. It is very gratifying to see my work and the work of my friends appreciated by these professionals, but really for me the reactions from all of the audience members who I talk to in the weeks after the show, is what makes me the most proud. It proves to me that the work I put in had a meaningful effect on the people of our community, and sharing something special with THEM is why I continue to perform.

Sentinel Question:

You were also nominated for scenic design for *Jack the Ripper*. What was the design concept, and how did the team bring it to life?

Response: Our scenic designer, Kevin Gleason, created the concept of the set. The work that the students do is just the construction of it. The set consisted of a wall spanning the length of the stage built to look like a London Street, with panels opening up, letting us see into the various locations of scenes such as Winslow’s living room and the police station. The moving elements combined with excellent set dressing by our props department really brought this up to life and helped the audience feel they were really in the setting.

Sentinel Question:

How do you balance acting and behind-the-scenes design work?

Response: I have always been a proponent of learning as much as you can about as much as you can. Since my freshman year, I have been both an actor on stage as well as a music director or assistant lighting designer, or a set department head, etc., etc. We are lucky at our high school the department offers so many opportunities, and I always encourage younger students to take as many as possible. Not only are you learning the specific skill set in each new thing that you try, but also in each position there are universal skills a student can learn and apply in whatever career they may find themselves later in life. Few other extracurriculars do this as successfully. From a scheduling perspective, rehearsals happen during the week Monday through Friday for the actors and our crew work session days are on Saturdays from 9 AM to 3 PM.



Thomas Pisant - Featured Actor

For Thomas Pisant – Nominated for Best Performance in a Featured Male Role in a Musical (Marius, Les Misérables)

Sentinel Question:

Marius goes through a major transformation in the show—what part of his journey did you most connect with?

Response: What I connected with most in Marius’s journey was how much he grows up. At the start, he’s kind of caught up in his own world—falling in love, serious about his cause but still fairly innocent with his friends. But by the end, he’s experienced real loss and has to face some really tough emotions. I think that shift—from being a little naive to suddenly having to deal with things like grief and responsibility—is something a lot of people my age can relate to. We’re all kind of figuring out who we are while the world around us gets more complicated. Playing Marius helped me think about those things in a deeper way, and it truly felt like as I evolved this character to overcome adversity and grow as a human, I myself was doing just that.



Isa Temple - Featured Actress

For Isa Temple – Nominated for Best Performance in a Featured Female Role in a Musical (Éponine, Les Misérables)

Sentinel Question:

Éponine is a fan-favorite character. How did you make the role your own?

Response: Éponine is often portrayed as a tough, street-smart girl, and while I definitely wanted to keep that side of her in my portrayal of the role, I also made it a focus of mine to really tap into her emotional vulnerability from the start. Éponine’s famous solo, “On My Own” is a moment where her heartbreak is undeniable in any adaptation of the show, but finding moments to let her guard down before that number was just as important to me as my execution of the solo itself. I added my own small touches leading up to and beyond Éponine’s emotional climax, which included shifts in tone, subtle reactions to Marius’ touch, and simply the way I looked at him—whether smiling due to his comfort or casting a sad glance after being ignored. These choices gave her character more depth from the start and allowed me to create a version of Éponine that felt layered, vulnerable, and uniquely mine. I believe the audience needs to experience Éponine’s full emotional journey—from the moment she enters the stage to the moment she dies in Marius’s arms—in order to truly feel the weight of her heartbreak, which is what I aimed to bring to life in my performance as I tried to make her my own.



Nicholas Mohamad - Supporting Actor

For Nicholas Mohamad – Nominated for Best Performance in a Supporting Male Role in a Musical (Javert, Les Misérables)

Sentinel Question:

Javert has a powerful presence in the show. How did you find the authority and intensity required for that role?

Response: Javert’s presence through his trials and excursions in Les

Misérables shapes a reality, relative to our own, of how authority’s existence invites abuse. But what is so important and grand about Javert is that his authority is not clinically abusive. In fact, with further inspection, it is difficult to argue against his assertions and course of action. His arrests, attacks, and achievements are through the lens of God and trust in the law—a system he himself climbed from the gutters of, as he reveals to Jean Valjean in #6 “The Confrontation,” being born into poverty and lacking any authority.

Knowing this, and with four years of classical vocal training under Les Mis music director Sarah Gleason, pairing the beautiful and striking melodies of Javert with the strength and presence needed wasn’t that jarring of a task for me as a musical theatre performer and actor. The difference—and the difficulty—was the vocal stamina, and finding the vulnerability of Javert when he kills himself near the end of the show.

As actors, it is our responsibility to be grounded, present, and not to “black out” in our feelings as we perform. Often, actors leave auditions and the stage not being able to recall moments of their performances because they tell themselves to “run with it,” to bring emotional backing—and it ends up blinding them and their audience to a real human experience. That lesson, which I attribute to my acting coach Anna Holbrook, was one I ignored for Javert’s suicide. I see videos of myself from that number, and I don’t recognize myself. It’s as though I “blackened out” into a human whose emotional circuits were frying—not a human guided by a mission of justice in the name of Jesus Christ. Because at that time, he wasn’t grounded, he wasn’t present, Javert did not die a person. Though I admit, doing this while singing and bracing myself to fall off a bridge was no easy task.

The honor and privilege of playing Javert is unspoiled, unmatched, and unimaginable.



Les Mis - Dynamic Duo (1)

For Andrew Meli & Radea Raleva – Nominated for Best Couple or Dynamic Duo in a Musical (Les Misérables)

Sentinel Question:

How did you two develop the dynamic between Thénardier and Madame Thénardier?

Response from Andrew Meli: I think for a question like this, I really have to give most of the credit to Radea. In order to have a solid dynamic like that it makes it a lot easier if you have a good rapport in

real life. Radea is someone who is already super friendly and brings great energy so building that rapport happened very naturally. It helped us come up with new ways to interact with each other on stage because we were comfortable enough with each other as people to just act like a fool and see what stuck. It also made the interactions more believable because there was a layer of genuine camaraderie. The other piece of it is being able to trust each other, and I think that also came easily because Radea is someone who never drops the ball. So, while I was quite literally throwing pocket watches and shoes over my shoulder I knew she’d be there to catch them. I think that also helped bring to life the idea that while Thénardier may be the frontman, Madame is really the one running the show - which is an idea our directors wanted to highlight. When it comes to those two pieces I could not have asked for a better scene partner than Radea.

Response from Radea Raleva: I, in turn, have to give a lot of credit to Andrew. In a show like Les Misérables, the Thénardiers often provide some much needed comedic relief. But Andrew was very good at balancing the comedic nature of the roles, the rotten scum of these characters, and also the weight of just how horrible some of the things they do are. Andrew is also very prepared in rehearsals and always comes with his lines down and character on point so it was very easy to bounce off and play with his actions. Sometimes I found myself getting scared when I caught his gaze as Thénardier! Lastly, in addition to being such a good actor to work with Andrew is, to his core, a good person. He has such a jolly personality and a laugh that makes all your jokes feel hilarious. It was honestly kind of off putting to act mean with someone so nice. But, honestly I think our dynamic didn’t need to develop. We clicked even at the callback - I remember walking out thinking “that was so fun”, something hard to achieve in a heavy show like “Les Miserables”. Overall, I was just so very grateful to be paired with Andrew and wouldn’t change the experience for the world.



Jack The Ripper_ Monster of Whitechapel

For Bennett Gropper – Nominated for Scenic Design (Jack the Ripper)

What were the biggest technical or creative challenges you encountered?

Response: Creating a set that was both functional and looked appropriate to the time period. At that time, France was very dirty and gross but it is important to make sure the stage does not just look brown and black. Incorporating unique structures broke up the darkness.



Jack Dooley - Comic and Standout Performance

For Jack Dooley – Nominated for Best Comic Male Role and Best Standout Performance in a Male Role (Jack the Ripper)

Sentinel Question:

How did it feel to be recognized in two categories for the same role?

Response: It feels rewarding to know that the judges enjoyed this role, and It’s a testament to the power having a fun rehearsal process can produce.



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Traditionally the largest single gathering of the New Canaan community each year, the event celebrating our country's independence offers fun for the entire family – gourmet food trucks, picnicking, children's games, gathering with friends, and a fireworks display that will be recognized as second-to-none. The local band Mind The Gap will perform from approximately 5:30 to 7:00, and the Town Band will play classic, patriotic holiday music from 7:30 to 9:15.

The Town's 4th of July Fireworks celebration is funded by the sale of entrance passes and donations. Passes are required for residents and their guests – one pass per car, one pass per family walking in. The cost is \$35 per pass, same price as last year. Non-resident passes are not being sold.

For information, to purchase your pass or to donate: Please go to [newcanaan.info](https://www.newcanaan.info), see the Community tab and click New Canaan 4th of July Fireworks. Or follow this link: https://www.newcanaan.info/community/new_canaan_4th_of_july_fireworks/index.php

Where and When to Purchase a Pass

You may buy your Fireworks pass online through June 20 and have the pass mailed to your home. Between June 21 and July 2 passes purchased online must be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Department in Waveny House. Online sales of passes close July 2. You may also purchase a pass in-person at the Parks & Recreation Department Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. through July 3; also, at Walter Stewart's Market on Elm Street through July 3; and one-day-only on the day of the Fireworks at Steve Benko Pool 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$40 per pass. Proof of residency is required for all passes.

Merchandise Sales

For the first time new merchandise will be sold this year to support the New Canaan 4th of July Fireworks. T-shirts for adults \$20, t-shirts for youth \$15, baseball hats \$30 and picnic blankets for \$40 will all be sold at the Steve Benko Pool and during pop-up ticket sales before the event. Remaining merchandise will be sold at the event along with light up Uncle Sam hats for \$20. All merchandise will feature the new logo for the fireworks.

Cars may enter Waveny Park through the South Avenue gate only and must have an entry pass displayed. Pedestrians with an entry pass are invited to enter the park from the High School parking area. Parking is not permitted on roads adjacent to the park.

The Rain Dates are Saturday July 5 or Saturday July 12. In the event of inclement weather, event updates will be available at [newcanaan.info](https://www.newcanaan.info), see Field Notifications on the homepage.

Prohibited from the park during the New Canaan 4th of July Fireworks event: dogs, personal drones, grills, candles, personal fireworks, and sparklers.

Waveny Receives Grant to Support
CNA Training Program



Graduates of Waveny's CNA School include Fabienne Louis-Aime and Joannie Solis-Cuatzo pictured here.

Waveny LifeCare Network has received a \$7,500 grant from the New Canaan Community Foundation to support the Kathleen M. Fruin, RN Certified Nursing Aide (CNA) School. This "earn as you learn" program offers hands-on training and career development for those entering the healthcare field. Graduates Fabienne Louis-Aime and Joannie Solis-Cuatzo accepted the award on Waveny's behalf at a recent Foundation breakfast. The program continues to empower individuals while strengthening the local caregiving workforce.

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SCHIPPER AWARD
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walls and historic homes, the Firefly Sanctuary offers something older: bioluminescent flashes from a species whose nightly rhythm hasn't changed in thousands of years. It's one of the few places in Fairfield County where people can sit quietly and watch the woods light up.

Schipper also brought environmental education into the daily rhythm of the town. As chair of the New Canaan Conservation Commission, he launched a water testing program that involves high school students in monitoring the quality of local rivers. This combination of scientific monitoring and student engagement brings a level of community ownership to the town's waterways.

His work has also focused on spaces that hold both ecological and historical value. Schipper led the revitalization of Bristow Park, a century-old bird sanctuary adjacent to Mead Park,



and helped establish a public-private partnership between the Conservation Commission and the Land Trust for its ongoing care.

Most recently, a long-running effort by the Land Trust, which he helped lead, resulted in the successful acquisition and permanent preservation of the Grupes House and its surrounding acreage, a property that adds both cultural and natural value to New Canaan's landscape.

Aquarion's recognition of Schipper places him alongside a



small, selective group of statewide winners, but the footprint of his work is entirely local. From fireflies to forest trails, water quality to wetlands, he has helped turn abstract environmental ideals into tangible results—visible on a map, accessible to students, and walkable by anyone with a good pair of boots.

To learn more about the 2025 Aquarion Environmental Champion Award winners, visit www.aquarionwater.com/awards.

Aquarion – Southwest Regional Pipeline Transmission Water Main

On Monday June 23rd, construction will begin with the extension of the 36-inch water transmission main along South Ave (State Route 124) from Harrison Avenue to Farm Road in order to improve vital water infrastructure for the area. Therefore, South Ave (State Route 124) will be closed daily for construction. Motorists are asked to find alternate routes for the summer during construction.

What Can Be Expected:

- **Construction for this phase is scheduled to begin June 23, 2025 and end by the first day of school in August, 2025.**
- **Construction hours will occur Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Roadway will be closed to thru traffic during this time. Hours may be extended if required and approved by the Town and CTDOT.**
- **Traffic control, including police officers, flaggers and signage, will help maintain safe work zones and ensure unobstructed passage for emergency vehicles.**
- **The roadway will remain open for school buses, emergency vehicles and residents of the closed road. All other vehicular traffic must follow traffic control and posted detour routes.**
- **For residents living within the project area, multiple crews will be on the project during a typical day. Please coordinate with the Traffic Control**

personnel on site for access to your property through the work area.

- **Traffic will be detoured off South Ave to Main St and Old Stamford Rd in order to bypass the work zone.**
- **Aquarion and their contractors will coordinate work with CTDOT and the Town.**
- **All Aquarion employees and contractors carry identification that they will gladly show.**
- **Aquarion and State Inspectors will be on site during this work. If you have immediate concerns, please reach out to an onsite inspector or contact the Town for further help and information.**
- **Electronic Message Boards will be installed to inform the public and provide daily updates throughout construction.**
- **Project updates including construction status, work schedule, changes in traffic patterns and detours will be posted weekly on Aquarion's website at www.aquarionwater.com/infrastructure-projects.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact New Canaan Director of Public Works Tiger Mann at 203-594-3054 or via email at Tiger.Mann@newcanaanct.gov.

Silver Hill Hospital Receives \$5.5 Million Gift

Silver Hill Hospital, a nationally recognized leader in mental health care for adults and adolescents, is thrilled to announce a \$5.5 million gift, the largest contribution in the institution's 94-year history.

This unprecedented gift marks a pivotal moment in the history of Silver Hill, empowering the organization to increase access to its signature, individualized healthcare and ensure clinical excellence advancing its mission to reduce suffering from mental illness and addiction.

The generous contribution was made by a family of past and current volunteers who wish to remain anonymous as they continue their involvement with the hospital. It will enable Silver Hill to further key initiatives through focused program investments, campus infrastructure enhancements, and community and neighborhood programs consistent with a recently

adopted strategic plan ensuring accessible, clinical excellence for the future.

In addition to outright support for patient financial aid, patient wellness and employee growth, the contribution supports Silver Hill's long-term financial viability through its endowment.

"This magnificent gift was thoughtfully made by a family who understands Silver Hill's ability to heal and wants to make it accessible to more individuals in need," said Richard Canning, Silver Hill Board Chair. "Only half of the 50 million Americans who experience mental illness every year get treatment, and the quality of that treatment can vary wildly. The opportunity to be treated by experienced and empathetic professionals in a healing setting is a gift that we want to make available to as many people as possible."

The right care at the right time

Silver Hill Hospital's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan recognizes that the rates of mental illness and addiction have risen over the past 50 years. And while there are new and effective treatments available, it is a challenge to connect those in need with the right care at the right time. "We need institutions that can provide comprehensive treatment at all levels of care, train mental health professionals, conduct research, and advocate for public understanding," said Andrew J. Gerber, MD, PhD, Silver Hill Hospital President and Medical Director.

"In other areas of medicine, this role has been effectively filled by academic medical centers," Gerber added. "However, since the 1990s, these institutions have suffered a dramatic reduction in psychiatric clinical services due to managed care pressures and inadequate insurance reimbursement. As a result,

many top clinicians have moved to private practice, making it difficult for the most vulnerable patients to find the care that they need."

Philanthropy's essential role

As a nonprofit, independent psychiatric hospital, Silver Hill is uniquely positioned to fill the void – providing access to care, sharing best practices through a program of research and education, and advocating for parity in mental health reimbursement. Philanthropy is essential to maintaining excellence, and this gift is a strong expression of support for the leadership and staff and a belief in the signature level of care that has made it one of the nation's top healthcare institutions.

"The donors believe deeply in the importance of high-quality mental health care and in Silver Hill's ability to deliver it," Gerber said. "We are extremely grateful for this cornerstone gift and hope it will

be a catalyst to inspire further philanthropic investment in our vision of a world free from stigma and isolation where psychiatric care is accessible to all."

For more information about supporting the Silver Hill mission, please visit www.silverhillhospital.org/give, or contact Tim Dougherty, Chief Advancement Officer at 203.801.2397.

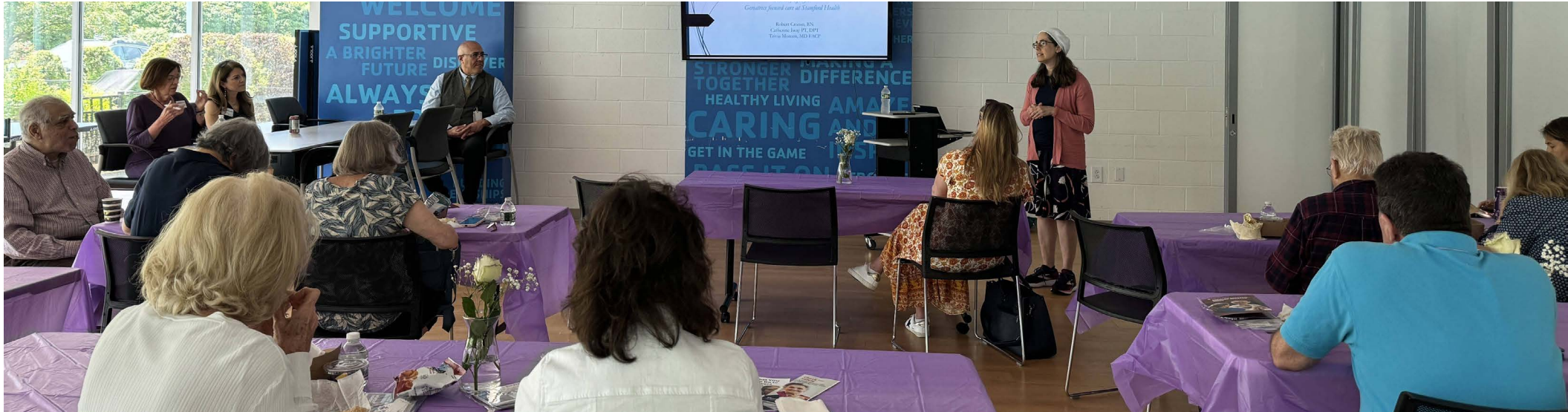


About Silver Hill Hospital

Founded in 1931, Silver Hill Hospital is one of the nation's leading independent, nonprofit psychiatric hospitals dedicated to diagnosing and treating adolescents and adults with a broad range of psychiatric and addiction disorders. Located on an idyllic 44-acre campus in New Canaan, CT, Silver Hill

provides inpatient, residential and intensive outpatient treatment with plans tailored to each patient's needs. At Silver Hill, twenty board certified psychiatrists work closely with licensed nurses, social workers, counselors, therapists, and other staff to deliver expert care with commitment and compassion. Through the Silver Hill Academy for Research and Education (SHARE), leading clinicians share best practices through Grand Rounds, blogs, videos, webinars, conferences and publications to reach thousands of practitioners across the country each year. A second location, Silver Hill New York, provides intensive outpatient treatment in the heart of Midtown Manhattan, and is piloting the only data-first mental health and addiction treatment program in the country. For more information, visit silverhillhospital.org and our social media channels.

YMCA Kicks Off National Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month with Community Lecture



Dr. Tzivia Moreen, Stamford Health Geriatrician

In recognition of National Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, the New Canaan YMCA held an educational community lecture on June 5, in collaboration with Stamford Health, Waveny Lifecare Network, and the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter. The event featured presentations on the types and risk factors of dementia, current research developments, local caregiving programs, and statewide support resources.

Dr. Tzivia Moreen, a geriatrician with Stamford Health, opened the program by outlining the clinical features of dementia. She described it as a group of cognitive conditions marked by progressive impairment in memory, thinking, and reasoning that interfere with daily functioning. According to Dr. Moreen, the primary subtypes include Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB), and frontotemporal dementia.

Alzheimer's disease, she noted, remains the most prevalent form and is characterized by neurodegeneration that leads to memory decline and confusion. Vascular dementia arises from restricted blood flow to the brain due to vascular disease, while DLB results from abnormal protein accumulations called Lewy bodies that affect cognition, mood, and motor skills. Frontotemporal dementia involves the gradual deterioration of the brain's frontal and temporal lobes, often altering

personality, behavior, and language.

Dr. Moreen highlighted key risk factors for dementia, including cardiovascular conditions such as atrial fibrillation, hypertension, and high cholesterol, as well as osteoporosis in women, vitamin D deficiency, and genetic predisposition.

On the subject of diagnosis and treatment, Dr. Moreen explained that dementia remains difficult to detect early, as no definitive biomarker currently exists. She recommended ongoing and repeated cognitive assessments for early detection. She also discussed the evolving role of artificial intelligence in research, suggesting that AI may soon aid scientists in identifying subtle biological patterns, accelerating both diagnostics and the development of targeted therapies.

In addition to clinical guidance, the lecture featured information on local caregiving resources. Kathleen Benevento, Executive Director of Navigation at Waveny Lifecare Network, presented details about "The Navigator: Alzheimer's and Dementia at Home," a no-cost program for New Canaan residents funded through the New Canaan Community Foundation. The program provides families with round-the-clock support, coordination of care, and access to an adult day program, offering structured activities for patients and respite for caregivers.

Mary-Kay Harrity, Advisory Board Member of the Alzheimer's

Association, Connecticut Chapter, concluded the event by introducing the organization's services. According to the Association, over seven million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's disease. Harrity emphasized the 24/7 Helpline (800-272-3900), more than 50 support groups across the state, early-stage social engagement opportunities, and the new "My ALZ Journey" mobile app. The app is designed to guide newly diagnosed individuals and their caregivers through care planning and disease management.

The event underscored the importance of community-based partnerships in advancing dementia awareness and support. For over a decade, the New Canaan YMCA and Stamford Health have partnered to provide local residents with coordinated wellness services, including an on-site nurse coordinator, referrals, physical therapy, and health education programs.

More information on Stamford Health's dementia services can be found at www.stamfordhealth.org. Details on Waveny Lifecare Network's Navigator program are available at www.waveny.org, and additional resources from the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter can be accessed at www.alz.org/ct.

World Life Productions announces East Coast Premiere of documentary film “The Harvard 5: a story of love, architecture and a design revolution” at The Playhouse in New Canaan on June 22

World Life Productions (WLP), an award-winning media company specializing in documentaries, proudly announces the East Coast Premiere of its latest documentary, “The Harvard 5: a story of love, architecture and a design revolution,” at The Playhouse in New Canaan, CT, on June 22, 2025. The film, produced by Alicia Albee and directed and produced by Devon Chivvis, explores the legacy of five pioneering architects who transformed the landscape of modern design and architecture from the unlikely setting of colonial New Canaan, Connecticut. Following its acclaimed West Coast premiere at Modernism Week 2025 in Palm Springs, CA, the film now comes home to New Canaan, the very town where an architectural movement sparked a design revolution.

Tickets to the Red Carpet East Coast Premiere are available for purchase by visiting www.theharvardfive.com

About the Film

“The Harvard 5” tells the little-known story of five architects –Philip Johnson, John Johansen, Landis Gores, Eliot Noyes, and Marcel Breuer—visionaries who ignited a modern design revolution in the wake of WWII. Their avant-garde ideals and Bauhaus-inspired designs challenged local traditions and ultimately redefined American Modernism for the 20th century. Through exclusive interviews with family, clients, biographers, and never-before-seen archival footage, the documentary weaves together the personal and professional journeys of these design trailblazers.

About the Filmmaker

Devon Chivvis, co-founder of World Life Productions, brings a personal lens to the project. Raised in the last house designed by Eliot Noyes in New Canaan, Chivvis's upbringing immersed her in the modernist lifestyle that shaped her storytelling.

About World Life Productions

World Life Productions (formerly Wild Life Productions) is an award-winning media production company with a global portfolio. WLP's mission-driven work spans television and feature documentaries, as well as content for streamers, museums, and government agencies. Clients and partners include PBS, TIME Studios, Discovery Channel, National Geographic, NASA, Sony

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Design Within Reach is your destination for modern living. Founded in 1998 with a mission to provide access to the best in authentic design, the company curates classics from design-icons and cultivates next-generation talent to deliver an evolving breadth of talent that can only be found at DWR. With a solution-oriented approach, the company offers the expertise and services needed

to support the way people live today. Headquartered in Stamford, Conn., DWR sells its furniture and accessories to residential, Trade, and commercial customers through retail Studios in North America, via the web at dwr.com, and by phone at 1.800.944.2233. Design Within Reach, Inc., is part of the MillerKnoll collective.

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About The Playhouse

The Playhouse offers a refined and immersive experience in the heart of New Canaan, featuring two state-of-the-art, award-winning luxury cinemas, a full-service pub and restaurant, and an exclusive club and events space. The jewel-box of this distinctive destination reflects the company's mission to restore and reimagine historic cinemas nationwide, blending heritage with innovation to redefine the moviegoing experience. For more information, visit: <https://playhouse.cinemalab.com/>

Support the Film

To help bring “The Harvard 5” to audiences worldwide, please consider making a tax-deductible donation through the International Documentary Association (IDA) by visiting <https://theharvardfive.allyfundraising.com/>

Learn more at:

World Life Productions: www.worldlifeproductions.com The Harvard 5 film: www.theharvardfive.com

A Graceful Evening of Gratitude and Community at Waveny House

It was one of those golden New Canaan evenings – warm enough to feel summer’s arrival, breezy enough to invite ease – when community and care came together under the high ceilings of Waveny House. The occasion: the 2025 Summer Soirée hosted by Staying Put in New Canaan, a celebration not just of a season, but of the enduring strength of connection and commitment to those who call this town home.

The evening was filled with laughter and purpose, set against the stately backdrop of Waveny’s historic estate. Guests mingled over plates from Chef Jeff, sipped summer drinks, and gathered near the giving tree – a quiet symbol of generosity. In every corner of the house, old friends reconnected and new friendships quietly formed, rooted in a shared devotion to a cause that is both simple and profound: helping older adults stay safely, confidently, and joyfully in the community they love.

Executive Director Gina Blum offered words of thanks



that were heartfelt and plainspoken. “We are overwhelmed by the support we received this year,” she said. “From our sponsors to our volunteers and attendees, everyone played a part in making this evening such a success. Together, we’re

making New Canaan a place where people of all ages can thrive.”

It is no small thing to live with dignity in the place you know best. Staying Put’s work – providing transportation, practical services, and social programs – makes that possible for so many. But it takes a village of its own to keep it going. From benefactors like the Anderson Fund, Peg and Sherman Bull, and Jo and Peter Ziesing, to dozens of sponsors, local businesses, and volunteers, the list of gratitude is long – a reflection of a town where generosity is less a performance and more a habit.

In a world that often prizes speed and change, the Summer Soirée quietly affirmed something different: that continuity, neighborliness, and care still matter. And that when people gather with purpose, even on a warm June night, they do more than celebrate – they build the future they wish to grow old in.

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TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
ACTION TAKEN BY THE
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Monday, June 16, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Inland Wetlands Commission of the Town of New Canaan, at its meeting on 06/16/25 made the following decisions:

1. Application IW-25-23 – Location of activity: culvert under Lakeview Avenue, owner/ address: Town of New Canaan-77 Main Street. Removal and Replacement of existing bridge culvert (#05000) on Lakeview Avenue, located approximately 300’ to the East of Summer Street, over an unnamed watercourse. APPROVED with Special Conditions.
2. Application IW-25-19 – 22 Parish Lane, Daniel and Jillian Gabrielsen, Trustees, Map 31, Block 11, Lot G24. Remove invasive plant material and install native plants within the rear woodlands. Install low-impact pressure treated wood boardwalks over wetlands, totaling approximately 100 linear feet by 4’ wide. Using stone dust or native gravel, install on grade walking paths in upland areas, totaling approximately 300 linear feet by approximately 4’ wide. APPROVED with Special Conditions.
3. Application IW-25-24 – 37 Long Lots Road, Mincong Tang and Yuanyuan Lin, Map 43 Block 491 Lot 13. Complete tree work started prior to submitting for a permit. Install mitigation plantings. APPROVED with Special Conditions.
4. Application IW-25-25—92 Turtleback Road South, Manor Ridge, LLC, Map 33 Block 32 Lot 119. Install wood walking bridge over existing brook. Construct raised boardwalk path through wetlands add wood chip path outside of wetlands. Hand remove invasive plants and revegetate with native wetland and upland plant material within and around wetland area. APPROVED with Special Conditions.
5. Application IW-25-26-- 95 Country Club Road, Country Club of New Canaan, Map 33 Block 34, Lot 55. Make improvements to the existing 18th hole and driving range. The reconstruction of the 18th Hole includes regrading, adjustments to the tee and green locations and reconfiguration of the cart paths. The driving range tee will be enlarged, the range will be regraded and a new range net will be installed. The existing greenskeeper's house will be demolished and the associated septic system and underground utilities will be abandoned. A new practice area will be constructed in place of the greenskeeper's house. Remove approximately 260’ of an existing gravel driveway and integrate area into the 18th fairway. APPROVED with Special Conditions.

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TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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

Permit Number (IW-25-30) issued to Carla Watson, 26 Turner Hill Road, Map 39 Block 105 Lot 1. Prepare site for construction activities and install all soil and erosion controls. Add a 12’x12’, two story addition off the West (back) side of house. Fine grade and stabilize all disturbances 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

June 19, 2025

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Selectmen for the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed bids for “Pave 2025 - Waveny Western Parking Lot”, New Canaan, Connecticut, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time on July 10, 2025, at the Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT, 06840, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract documents are available for review at the Department of Public Works Office, TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840. Copies of the contract documents for the work may be obtained in person during business hours from 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the following location: Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840.

Bidders attention is called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment to be observed and to the requirements for the prompt commencement and completion of the work. Due to the nature of the building's operations, all work shall be completed within one (1) week from the start of the project.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the bid opening.

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

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

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

TIGER MANN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

Bipartisanship Still Matters in Hartford

There is a peculiar danger in political supermajorities—not only in what they do, but in how they do it. When one party, any party, holds too many cards, the temptation becomes irresistible to play the hand alone. Consensus gives way to coercion; deliberation is replaced by decree.

Yet Connecticut’s 2025 legislative session offered not just warnings but, in a few key moments, reassurance. In the midst of a policy landscape tilted heavily toward one party, bipartisan leadership still managed to emerge. And no legislator better demonstrated this than Senator Ryan Fazio.

Now in his fourth year representing the 36th District, Fazio did not limit himself to symbolic dissent. He worked—earnestly, relentlessly, and across the aisle—to advance substantive reforms. Two of his proposals, both bipartisan in authorship and overwhelming in their legislative support, prove that political pluralism is still possible when principle guides the pen.

The first, Senate Bill 4, achieved a long-sought breakthrough in energy reform. It marked the first time the state cut “public benefits” charges on electric bills—previously opaque costs funding dozens of government programs. These fees often ballooned monthly bills without explanation, and Fazio believed the public deserved not just relief, but clarity. Thanks to his persistence and the cooperation of Democratic co-authors, the measure passed 178–4.

Equally significant was the success of Senate Bill 1558, aimed at ending New York’s taxation of Connecticut residents who work remotely. New York’s “convenience of the employer” rule has long enabled the Empire State to collect income tax from our citizens—even when they never set foot in Manhattan. Fazio’s bill, which encourages legal challenges to this policy and calls upon Connecticut’s Attorney General to craft a coordinated strategy, passed with similar bipartisan support. Again, members of both parties recognized the injustice and rallied to correct it.

Such votes are not incidental. In a Capitol where one party commands a supermajority, it takes political courage for members of that majority to cast votes that deviate from the script. Yet scores of Democrats joined Fazio on these bills, a quiet but vital act of civic responsibility.

That spirit, however, was notably absent from the late-night passage of House Bill 5002, the sweeping “omnibus housing” legislation that consolidates zoning power in Hartford and punishes towns that resist. Bundling the controversial Fair Share and Work Live Ride policies, the bill overrules local planning in favor of central mandates. Its passage, shortly before dawn on the last Saturday of session, typified what happens when political power is exercised without procedural restraint. More than twenty Democrats opposed it—but not enough to stop it.

Likewise, the new \$56 billion state budget, which dismantled the 2017 bipartisan “fiscal guardrails,” was muscled through with only a few defections. The spending caps that helped Connecticut reduce debt by \$8 billion are now gone, and with them any semblance of fiscal restraint. Future tax hikes are not a possibility—they are a certainty, deferred but inevitable.

Still, the session was not without virtue. Ryan Fazio’s bipartisan victories prove that policy crafted through negotiation—rather than imposition—can still command widespread support. They also underscore the importance of having a vibrant minority party in Hartford, not as an obstacle, but as a counterweight.

When one party rules unopposed, the system bends toward arrogance. But when a legislator like Ryan Fazio persuades colleagues across the aisle, the system reorients toward balance. His achievements are a tribute not just to his own resolve, but to the open-minded members of the super-majority who joined him.

COLUMN

Vaccines and Global Warming: A Warning Against Political Divide



BY RUSSELL R. BARKSDALE, JR

As a healthcare provider, I find myself increasingly troubled—not just by the economic challenges we face—but by the environment in which we are expected to solve them. When did we, as fellow Americans, lose the ability to engage in open, respectful conversations—especially about matters as vital as our health? When did scientific inquiry and public health policy become casualties of political identity?

We all come to complex issues with our own experiences, beliefs, and values. That diversity of thought should be a strength. But too often, decisions that deeply impact our communities are made behind closed doors, shaped more by political calculation than by transparent, evidence-based debate. Have we created an environment where misinformation thrives simply because we can no longer tolerate nuance, or disagreement, without polarization?

As someone devoted to public health, I believe strongly that ideology and misinformation should never override logic, data, or compassion. We see this tension most acutely in the politicization of vaccines. If we are not careful, vaccine acceptance may mirror the path of climate science—fragmented by politics, stifled by mistrust, and stalled by inaction.

Historically, vaccines have been among the most impactful public health interventions in

history—eradicating smallpox, pushing polio to the brink, and saving millions of lives. The science is overwhelmingly clear: vaccines have worked. Yet over the past decade, and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccines became a cultural flashpoint—a proxy battle in a much broader ideological war.

That should concern us all.

At the beginning of the pandemic, Waveny LifeCare Network tested thousands of residents, patients, staff, and community members alike, without political fanfare. Results were challenged with the same rigor that we provide quality and compassion. We submitted samples to multiple labs to identify which produced the most reliable results. It wasn’t about politics; it was about accuracy, safety, and responsibility. Cross contamination, infrequent equipment calibration, equipment sensitivity, and nonproficient technicians could each individually lead to inaccurate results. That level of rigor can and should be applied to all public health decisions.

It is reasonable, even essential, for independent researchers to critically assess each vaccine’s safety and effectiveness. No scientific claim should be immune from scrutiny; however, healthy skepticism does not equate to outright denialism. Scientific integrity relies on peer review, transparent methodologies, and ongoing monitoring—not blanket rejection or blind acceptance.

What’s deeply alarming now is the measurable impact of our fractured dialogue: rising vaccine hesitancy, falling childhood immunization rates, and the resurgence of diseases once under control. These aren’t theoretical risks. They’re

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tangible, urgent threats to our most vulnerable populations—infants, the elderly, and the immunocompromised.

This issue is larger than just vaccines. It’s about trust in institutions and the independence of scientific research and development. Once that trust is eroded, it’s difficult to rebuild. Diseases will affect every family and the truth doesn’t belong to one ideology. Evidence-based health decisions should not become ideological flashpoints. Just as we can find points of consensus on even limited aspects of climate change, we should also find common ground in protecting our communities from preventable diseases. This doesn’t require uniformity of opinion, but it does demand a shared commitment to public health.

When science becomes a cultural battleground, we all lose. Sadly, the consequences are measured in lives lost, diseases returned, and opportunities lost. The same political inertia that has paralyzed climate policy should not consume public health.

Where can we go from here?

We can agree to a collective commitment to civil, evidence-based discourse. Healthcare professionals, scientists, educators, and policymakers can lead, not from ideology, but from integrity to develop consensus. We can rebuild public trust through transparency, inclusion, and accountability.

We can invest in science

literacy at every level, especially schools, workplaces, and media to better understand what scientific recommendations are and how they’re made. Fear fills the vacuum where knowledge should reside, and political manipulation thrives where clarity is absent.

Diseases are ambivalent to our ideology. Our public health response should be singularly focused. Why are the challenges we face in pandemics, misinformation, and global health crises partisan? We can and must do better. Our response can be universal: rooted in independent and complete data, guided by compassion, and built on a foundation of mutual respect.

The climate debate continues to be divisive. The challenges we face should not be partisan. Diseases do not distinguish between political affiliations or ideological leanings. Our response must be equally universal, rooted in science and guided by compassion. Let us not repeat the mistakes of the climate debate. Vaccines must not become another casualty of ideological warfare. The stakes are too high, the consequences too immediate. We can and must protect not just public health, but the very principle that science should serve the common good—above politics, beyond partisanship, and for all of humanity.

Russell R. Barksdale, Jr., PHD, MPA/MHA, FACHE is President and CEO Waveny LifeCare Network in New Canaan.

Who will solve tomorrow’s medical mysteries?

A fond memory of growing up in New Canaan was biking to South School with a motley crew of friends from the neighborhood. A few years later, we crossed the street to Saxe Middle School, where I built a rudimentary water filter for a science fair and tried to taste-test dirty water to judge its effectiveness. It wasn’t until I took a science research class at NCHS that I began to discover a deeper love of research. Thanks to the class, I spent two summers commuting to a lab at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx to study malaria under a microscope. During my senior year, I was overjoyed when I was accepted to Harvard College with dreams of becoming a physician-scientist.

Fast forward 10 years. In a few days, I will graduate from the MD-PhD program at Stanford Medical School, where my training was funded by a T-32 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). During my PhD, I deciphered molecular workings of the immune system, in order to develop new treatments for cancer and autoimmune disease. When a childhood friend was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disease that causes muscle weakness, I became particularly interested in autoimmune diseases, many of which are poorly understood and have limited treatment options. By the end of my PhD, I co-invented a new type of immune therapy with potential applications in several diseases

including cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, and psoriasis.

The goal of MD-PhD programs across the country is to train physician-scientists, who seek to bridge the gap between medicine and science to address unanswered medical needs. Most of these trainees are dependent on grants awarded by the NIH. NIH funded research has led to breakthroughs in cancer therapy, autoimmune disease, and obesity; 99.4% of new drug approvals in the last decade were dependent on NIH funds. A strong history of federal research funding has allowed U.S. scientists to study rare diseases, undertake high risk projects, and excel in scientific and pharmaceutical innovation.

Although I should feel proud to complete my MD and PhD after years of studying and late nights in the lab, I see a bleak future ahead for aspiring physician-scientists like me. In the last 6 months, I have witnessed peers who applied for NIH F-30 and F-31 grants, which are awarded to the most promising predoctoral researchers, receive notifications of grant termination. PhD programs at Stanford and other institutions nationwide have been forced to shrink their class sizes due to uncertainty around funding. Over 1,300 NIH grants have been canceled and 1,000 have been delayed nationally. A recent budget proposal calls for cutting the NIH budget by \$18 billion, a whopping 40% of its total budget. At Harvard, over \$2.2 billion in funding has been

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frozen, and nearly all direct federal grants to Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health have been canceled.

These cuts to federal research funding threaten to dramatically shrink the scope and scale of medical research in the United States. Perhaps more devastatingly, these funding cuts may deter a generation of young scientists from entering research altogether. This will have long-term effects on biomedical innovation. Fewer medical mysteries will be solved for American patients.

Federal research funding touches every individual who will one day be sick and step foot into a hospital. It impacts Alzheimer’s research that could help seniors at Waveny Care Center remember their loved ones, and it enables ongoing cancer clinical trials that give patients a chance of a cure. If the importance of science moves you, I urge you to call upon your representatives to restore federal research funding to the NIH, NSF, and academic institutions. I ask you to discuss the importance

of science research with your communities.

I hope that New Canaan will continue to provide top-tier science education to its students. When I think back on being a young girl growing up in New Canaan, I feel grateful that I was encouraged to pursue the unknown corners of science and medicine. In my career as a physician-scientist, I will strive to do work that serves the public and is worthy of public funding.

When it comes to the next generation of children growing up in classrooms like New Canaan’s, I hope that some will still feel encouraged and motivated to enter science. We will surely need them to answer tomorrow’s scientific and medical mysteries.

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The views expressed in this column are those of Gita Abhiraman and not on behalf of her institution.

Obituaries

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



Laurie Saggese

Laurie Saggese, beloved wife, mother and Grammy died at home of cancer on June 17th surrounded by her family, leaving behind a legacy of kindness and love that touched everyone that knew her. Laurie was a woman of extraordinary character – gentle, generous, thoughtful, intellectually gifted and full of compassion. She made the world a better place and her loss will be felt profoundly by all who knew and loved her. She was born into a close-knit family where she was a cherished daughter of Herbert and Elizabeth Akelman.

Born on May 7,1953, Laurie grew up in Amenia, New York where she graduated from Webutuck High School in 1971. After graduating college in New York, Laurie pursued a career in dental hygiene, eventually splitting her career between New York and Connecticut. She was introduced by a friend to a Texaco attorney which blossomed into love and a lifelong husband and partner. Settling in New Canaan in 1987 Laurie quickly became involved in the community while raising two daughters and co-parenting a stepson. In 1990 Laurie started a grass roots project she called “Kids for Fun” to build a playground at Kiwanis Park. The project was fully funded by donations without tax dollars. Laurie’s lead project was written up in the New York Times. With her ongoing efforts for the youth of New Canaan Laurie was awarded the New Canaan Commission award voted on by the town’s youth in honor of supporting New Canaan’s youth. Laurie then served on the Parks & Recreation Commission. At a time when the Board of Finance and Town Council was deciding whether funds should be allocated for reconstruction improvements to the schools, Laurie started “Friends of the Schools”, an organized effort to gain community support for the school funding. The proposal to support the funding was with a public forum with the Town Council resulting in a successful referendum and Town Council support to fund the elementary schools in 1995. This led to a grass roots effort in 1995 for Laurie to run for the Town Council.

Laurie was elected to the Council in 1995, winning by the highest margin of any of the Town Council members for election. Eventually, Laurie’s duties as a mom, whose husband had a position of extended international travel elected to forego reelection to the Town Council. Beyond her accomplishments, Laurie will be remembered most for who she was as a woman whose empathy and warmth made people feel truly seen and valued. Her absence leaves a hole that cannot be filled. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew her and the lives she enriched.

While retaining a connection to the town she loved, her husband’s retirement led them to Longboat Key, Florida where Laurie extended her many friendships with people across the country who had similarly relocated to Florida’s west coast.

Laurie’s many enjoyments included golf, both at the Country Club of New Canaan as well as the Sara Bay Country Club in Sarasota, knitting, her Bible Study Group, Book Club, walks with Tony, social times with her many friends and, above all else, time with her grandchildren.

Laurie leaves behind her lifelong partner Tony and daughters Chelsea (Justin), Wanner, Courtney and step-son Christopher (Stefanie) Saggese along with five granddaughters Sadie, Ada, Sawyer, Faith and Emily. Laurie is also survived by three brothers: Doctor Edward (Vicki), Colonel Andrew (Sonya) and Rob (Donna) Akelman and her sister Lynne (Martyn) Redgrave, as well as numerous nephews, nieces and the many friends whose lives she touched while on this Earth.

A Funeral Service will be held at Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, New Canaan, CT. on Wednesday,

June 25 at 10 A.M.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Laurie’s name to either Waveny Lifecare or the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

For online condolences please visit www.hoytfuneralhome.com



James L. D’Acosta

James Louis D’Acosta, age 98, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2025, in New Canaan, Connecticut, following years of compassionate and expert care by the staff of Waveny LifeCare Network; led by CeCe Michel, Executive Director, Gadimir Altidor, Director of Nursing, and Wendy Smalick, Dietary Office Manager at the Village, and Katarina Tchakarov, Executive Director at the Inn.

He simultaneously received continuous spiritual support from The Congregational Church of New Canaan’s volunteer Stephen Ministers, led by Beth Baker, under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapin Garner. As an active member, Jim led nearly every group at the church and participated in mission trips, as did Levora.

Jim was given opportunities by adoring and generous parents. Seizing these advantages, he rose by merit in his work and activities, lived respected and died regretted.

Born in Mexico City, April 7, 1927, he was a son and father of Freemasons. Growing to adulthood in the American community, Jim became fully bilingual and gained an enduring love of Mexico, its rich history and culture.

Drafted during his freshman year at Texas Tech University in 1946, Jim served for eighteen months in the 35th Infantry Regiment of the 25th “Tropic Lightning” Division, taking part in the occupation of post-war Japan.

He and older brother, Emil, a bombardier, were among the countless thousands spared the horror of combat by the development and use of the atomic bomb. Jim achieved the rank of Sergeant and promotion to Regimental Radio Chief.



Dashing in his uniform, it was nonetheless the maturing influence of military service upon his character, which marked his return to Lubbock; gone was the clumsiness which ignited a professor’s lab coat two years before. He gained election to Silver Key Fraternity (later absorbed into Phi Delta Theta), met Levora, and focused his powerful mental and physical energies on getting on with life.

By age 30, he was a veteran and college graduate (B.S. Industrial Engineering, 1950), husband and father, and already advancing in his career with General Electric from hands-on manufacturing to managing personnel and to college recruiting.

Jim followed his parents in making weekly church

attendance a cornerstone of family life. Favorite and guiding Bible verses included Psalms 23 “The Lord is my shepherd” and 90, “Teach us to number our days, that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom”; Ecclesiastes 3 ,”For everything there is a season”; and John 14:1, “Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me”.

By 45, he had joined his father in elected leadership of Masonic bodies, Emilio having led the Scottish Rite and Shriners, Jim serving as Worshipful Master of Toltec Lodge No. 1 in 1964 and Grand Master of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico in 1968. He later joined son, James Wade D’Acosta, as a member of Fidelity-St. Johns Lodge No. 3, in Fairfield, and was honored by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut with its Pierpont Edwards Award in Bronze in 2017, for distinguished fraternal and civic service.

By 60, he had become a GE corporate executive, serving the company in Mexico City, Dallas and Fairfield. This facilitated his and Levora’s financing and insistence in the college education of their children, thereby laying solid foundations for financial independence and life-long intellectual growth.

A talented teacher, he conducted classes at GE’s storied leadership academy on the banks of the Hudson River in Crotonville, New York, and developed and led the implementation of the company’s leadership course throughout Latin America. A performance review in 1974 noted that Jim’s “direct ‘no nonsense’ style needs to be understood to be appreciated.”

In retirement, Jim spent more time with his children and grandchildren, joined and led New Canaan’s Senior Men’s Club, led boat building projects at Saxe Middle School with his Club buddies, took on more wood working projects in his home shop, joined a book club (usually history and biography) and wrote his informal memoirs, “Small Victories”, with Levora.

In his 90s, he and Levora transitioned to apartments in New Canaan’s Waveny LifeCare Network. Typical in this period, in referring to himself and Levora while on the phone with Carl, their oldest son, he said, “We think of you all the time. We wish you well in all you’re doing. We love you.”

His reaction to a photo of Emil’s family was, “God bless them all,” mirroring his habitual parting to his son, Jim, and grandson, Alex’s frequent visits, “God bless you. Hasta luego.”

Struggling against dementia, he fiercely defended his care and memories of Levora, the beauty queen of his youth at Texas Tech, whom he now awaits, confident in God’s mercy in “The undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns.”

During their courtship at Tech, they inscribed each other’s yearbooks: Jim to Levora in 1949, “Dearest Levora, The thoughts which are in my mind and heart can hardly be properly put into writing. The memories which you will have of me will not be written in year books, but have been and will continue to be written on the record book of our life as we have lived it together, and which has unwritten chapters to come forth in the future.

No matter what happens, my memories of Texas Tech will be inseparable from my thoughts of you. There are many things which we have to remember which I will not write here. In short -- we have worked, played, studied, cried and laughed together -- a full life, not as gay or light as it may have been, but it has been more real to me than any other experience.

May you always remember me as long as you live, and I pray and hope those memories of me will be good and fine. I hope I will be able to live up to the qualities which we both appreciate. I can’t say anymore, except that I also hope faithfully that ‘our friendship may endure forever.’ Thanks a million times over for everything. I’ll always remember. Love, always, Jim.”

Levora to Jim in 1950, “Dearest Jim, This year holds so many wonderful memories my head whirls when I recall them. I shall always owe you thanks for being so very insistent about my going to Mexico, as well as about scores of other things. Without you I shudder to think what life would have been like these past two years and what it would be like in the future.

You have made my happy days happier and the sad ones more bearable. My greatest hope is that I can do the same for you in our years together and make life for you as nearly perfect as possible. Thanks especially for the memories of December 10. Yours Always, LeVora.”

Hopes and dreams fulfilled, their example is inspiring, and his memory a blessing.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Emilio and Hazel Annette (Luit) D’Acosta, and older brother, Emil. He is survived by Levora Nell Manning D’Acosta, his wife of 74 years, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Carl Emil (Cynthia), AliceAnn (Eric) Hodgson and James Wade, teacher, Fairfield Warde High School (Heidi – deceased, former English Dept. Chair and teacher, New Canaan High School), grandchildren; Jenora (Maulik), Carl James (Jen), Alyssa (Kyle), Daniel, Alex (Katie / Emily); great-grandchildren: Isaac, Elias, Levi, Owen, Felicity, Elijah, Madelynn, Logan, and Violet (due any day now).

Funeral: Saturday, June 21, at 10:00am in the sanctuary of The New Canaan Congregational Church, 23 Park Street, reception in the Parlor immediately following the service. Freemasons congregate at 9:30am, under the leadership of Bro. Bob Furce. Livestream link will go live at 10:00am on 6/21: <https://vimeo.com/event/1614344>

COLUMN

By Rev. Rob Kinnally

In his poem, “The Definition of Gardening,” James Tate (1943-2015) offers a passionate description of a favorite act of springtime and summer:

“Horticulture is a groping in the dark
into the obscure and unfamiliar,
kneeling before a disinterested secret,
slapping it, punching it like a Chinese puzzle,
birdbrained, babbling gibberish, dig and
destroy, pull out and apply salt,
hoe and spray, before it spreads, burn roots,
where not desired, with gloved hands, poisonous,
the self-sacrifice of it, the self-love,
into the interior; thunderclap, excruciating,
through the nose, the earsplitting necrology
of it, the withering, shriveling,

the handy hose holder and Persian insect powder
and smut fungi, the enemies of the iris,
wireworms are worse than their parents,
there is no way out, flowers as big as heads,
pock-marked, disfigured, blinking insolently
at me, the me who so loves to garden
because it prevents the heaving of the ground
and the untimely death of porch furniture,
and dark, murky days in a large city
and the dream home under a permanent storm
is also a factor to keep in mind.”

Tate speaks of the mysterious and sacrificial art of digging in the dirt to give life to plant and flower. In this adventure of manipulating soil, root and vine, the gardener spends time loving what he is doing while navigating the frustrations of

God and Gardening

If I were so bold as to place the craft of gardening in a spiritual context, I would say that it is the messy and satisfying work of loving, nurturing, and pruning to ensure that what is alive can thrive.

managing blight and bemoaning malformed blooms. Despite any disappointments, the gardener continues gardening because the alternatives (“heaved ground” and “murky days in a large city”) are anything but life-giving.

If I were so bold as to place the craft of gardening in a spiritual context, I would say that it is the messy and satisfying work of loving, nurturing, and pruning to ensure that what is alive can thrive.

I’ve always been impressed by gardeners, and growing up next door to two very talented gardeners, you would think that I would be somewhat adept at planting and producing good fruit. Not exactly; and here’s the story: At the age of ten and determined to plant a robust vegetable garden,

I decided to start small. I secured a packet of carrot seeds, dug out a bed in the soil, watered, and waited. After “the appointed time” as Scripture puts it, I reaped a harvest of miniscule orange-brown twigs. The disappointment was great, and my parents suggested I consult Mr. Kelly, one of our gifted gardener neighbors. Explaining how I went about embarking on starting my carrot farm, Mr. Kelly listened intently, and when I finished, he looked up and waxed eloquent on my agrarian errors: “Robert, it’s all about the soil and you did not feed the soil, you didn’t water it enough and you didn’t get in there with your hands and turn the soil and pull out roots that might choke the carrots as they grow under the ground. You have to get in there and prepare a place

for the carrots to grow and grow and grow!”

God has loved us into being and continues to love us and provide the fertile soil of opportunities that shape us and prune us so that we become the beautiful children of God we are meant to be. God feeds us with sacrament, grace, the light of truth, and the gift of relationships so that we grow and thrive. The process can be messy as “we live and move and have our being” (Act17:28), but the challenges and sacrifices prune away the obstacles that prevent us from being close to the One who gives us life. In sum, God is always creating and re-creating us in his image, and he gives us everything we need to embrace that creating and re-creating.

Once we have experienced

our blooming-into-beautiful-being, we are more than ready to work in the garden ourselves, feeding and loving those around us who are seeking to have life “and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Sometimes digging in the dirt of the dark and uncomfortable places where our friends are trapped is messy, but helping them to experience life-giving light and new-found hope by our prayers and acts of listening and kindness, we will free them and give them the experience of love that “endures all things” (1 Corinthians 13:7).

As our gardens continue to bloom into summer, maybe our task is to seek out the ones in our lives who are longing for, as Mr. Kelly said, “a place to grow and grow and grow.” We each have much to offer these brothers and sisters, especially the life-giving gift of love. Happy gardening!

Rev. Msgr. Robert Kinnally is the pastor of Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church and the Vicar General of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Worship Directory and Services

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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 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 PrayerRite 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/UCoZ2UNa8aHI30_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 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=bFJQem9HWFcxU0EzZUM2VENEZmgyUT09#success>

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Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
37 Woodridge Circle	\$1,850,000	2,650	\$698.11	2.15	4	2
133 Buttery Road	\$2,395,000	4714	\$508.06	1.58	5	3
176 Logan Road	\$2,680,000	4,428	\$605.24	2.54	5	3
40 Oenoke Ridge	\$5,995,000	6,057	\$989.76	2.21	7	6

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES				
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Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker
708 Ponus Ridge	\$2,399,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	Houlihan Lawrence
48 Rural Drive	\$1,499,000	SAT & SUN	12:00-2:00PM	William Raveis
58 Lantern Ridge Road	\$1,595,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00PM	William Raveis
19 Orchard Lane	\$1,795,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00PM	Brown Harris Stevens
37 Woodridge Circle	\$1,850,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00PM	William Raveis
66 Seminary Street	\$2,295,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00PM	Coldwell Banker
133 Buttery Road	\$2,395,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-4:00PM	William Raveis
176 Logan Road	\$2,680,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-4:00PM	Compass
90 Beech Road	\$1,785,000	SUN	12:00-2:00PM	William Raveis
50 Harrison Avenue	\$2,200,000	SUN	2:30-4:30PM	William Raveis
317 Park Street	\$3,895,000	SUN	11:30AM-2:30PM	William Pitt Sothebys
26 Pequot Lane	\$5,585,000	SUN	1:00-3:00PM	Coldwell Banker

NEW SALES							
Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
262 Marvin Ridge Road	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	\$1,919,000	17	4	3	1.17
180 Bayberry Road	\$3,995,000	\$3,995,000	\$4,300,000	7	5	4	1.86

White Noise: Why We Choose White



BY JOHN ENGEL

White dominates — in cars (27.6%), kitchens (43%), and siding (34%). And in New Canaan, Darien, Westport, Rowayton and Greenwich — where the 2025 median home price is over \$2 million — a 0.61% problem, like Zillow’s sale-price loss for white bathrooms, means \$12,200. So why do we keep choosing white if it costs us money? This is the paradox: white is what we trust, not what performs.

White cars are still #1 — 27.6% of U.S. sales. Grayscale (white, black, gray and silver) are now 78.5%.

Colors? Park ’em — they’re less than 20%. Globally, white has led for 12 straight years. Since 2004, white’s market share has nearly doubled. The rainbow is shrinking. But with cars, white wins for different reasons: cheaper to paint, hides scratches, reflects heat, easy to resell. Utility, not emotion.

White kitchens are still the most common choice — 43% of renovations (Houzz, 2024). But again, it’s not the most profitable. Zillow studies (2023) say gray kitchens add \$2,512 to the average home’s value. White kitchens lose \$612. White bathrooms lose \$4,035 — a 0.61% hit (as mentioned above, that’s \$12,200 for the median home in our area). We choose white, but buyers want and will pay more for a something more custom. What signals custom like color?

And it’s not just paint. Many of us can date a kitchen by the countertops. Twenty-five years ago, it was polished granite — Baltic Brown, Uba Tuba, Black Galaxy. Then came the era of contrasting kitchen islands, styled like furniture. Today, it’s marble or quartz or soapstone or polished concrete that mimics marble. Lighter, softer, less shiny. And always white or pale gray. The trend has shifted not only in color but in finish. Honed, not glossy. Natural, not busy.

White and off-white exteriors now make up 34% of siding choices, more than double since 2018. Gray leads in the Northeast, white in the South and West. But color isn’t just trend — it’s context. Years ago, on Oenoke Lane, we painted our house in three carefully chosen shades of sage with khaki trim. The contrasting salmon-colored door took three tries. People knocked just to ask what colors we used. Sometimes the right color isn’t popular — it’s personal. A dozen years later, the sage remains



but without the salmon.

White paint still rules. Benjamin Moore and Sherwin-Williams list whites like “White Dove” and “Alabaster” as top sellers. Among U.S. interior paint sales, white is \$12.3B (Statista, 2023). Nearly half are neutral tones.

Benjamin Moore alone offers

over 150 shades of white. “Simply White,” “Cloud White,” “Chantilly Lace,” “Swiss Coffee.” Slight shifts in undertone can make or break a room. Blue light? Choose warmer white. North exposure? Go creamy. The right white isn’t always default. Sometimes it’s the most deliberate choice you can make.



White surged after the 1918 Spanish Flu, when it connoted hospital-clean, germ-free, and modern. Post-COVID? Not this time; we shifted to beige, greige, and warm whites. But not all neutrals feel the same. *A Frontiers in Psychology* study (2021) found achromatic spaces — like white and gray — were consistently rated as **more peaceful, orderly, and spacious** than saturated colors. White isn’t just neutral; it’s tranquil. But that tranquility can sometimes feel clinical.

Why white? It’s safe. And it’s safe because it works. The National Association of Realtors says 82% of stagers recommend neutrals (NAR, 2022). But it’s also emotional. Years ago, we asked each other if we could paint over the antique paneling. My sister wrestled with the same in her house. Sometimes it feels like asking permission, like we’re disrespecting the original fine finish.

Clients hesitate, “Can I bleach this floor? Darken it?” The answer’s always yes. The trend in floors is clear: away from the yellow of a basketball court, toward pale, cool woods. Less gold, more gray.

We choose white because it’s safe. It’s best for resale. It’s a neutral backdrop for art and furniture. It’s easy to visualize. Colored walls and floors fade unevenly; white doesn’t.

We often criticize white when it represents the absence of a decision. What’s missing is the deliberate, thoughtful choice — one that considers room size, natural light, mirrors, trim, carpets, paneling. White can be default. But the right white, chosen well, is anything but.

Homes vs. cars. We choose

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white in homes for flexibility, resale, light, and perceived cleanliness. In cars, it’s different; white is cheaper to paint, hides scratches, reflects heat. Because white shows up in fleets (Uber, rental, municipal), we know it’s a choice that’s not always about taste. Sometimes, it’s just logistics.

We trust white. It’s familiar, flexible, forgiving. But here in Fairfield County, the difference between the right color and the wrong one, even a small percentage swing, can mean six figures. And the data are clear: white isn’t always the premium choice. Buyers prefer warmth, subtle contrast, and a sense of intention. Ten years ago, I painted a new build in town Platinum Gray. Not purple-gray. Not beige-gray. Not a color. Platinum was just right, and it still looks perfect. But could I have made a bolder choice?

Notes from the Monday Meeting

I’m learning that there is little correlation between open house numbers and offers. In one case, poor attendance in the rain on Father’s Day weekend led to an offer on Monday, while a packed open house across town has yet to yield results.

A flurry of sales above \$6 million has adjusted my thinking upward in that category. I thought maybe buyers were done, but there is still plenty of money being spent late in the Spring season, and I learned I should not underestimate the strength of the market on well-presented homes in top locations.

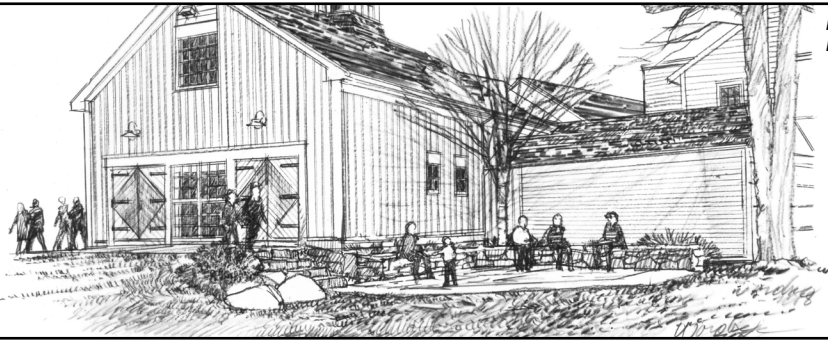
John Engel is a broker on The Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, and in 1977, his bike was orange and his sailboat, the “Sunkist,” was also orange, his favorite color. His parents had an orange house that year (an historically appropriate earth-tone ochre). The Village District Design Guidelines for New Canaan, adopted in 2003 and revised in 2010, prefer “traditional New England colors” and are very specific: barn red, mustard or ochre, forest or sage green, slate or medium gray, and colonial blue with “stark white trim discouraged as too modern.” New Canaan modern? Indeed.

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



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The New Canaan YMCA Congratulates its Rainbow Station Preschool Class of 2025! The Y wishes every graduate the best of luck in kindergarten and beyond.



Alex Russey of New Canaan has been inducted into The John Gale Chapter of the National Honor Society at The Hun School of Princeton — an honor awarded to students who demonstrate excellence in academics, leadership, service, character, and scholarship.

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Dementia-Focused Lecture

On June 5, the New Canaan YMCA hosted a dementia-focused lecture in partnership with Stamford Health, Waveny LifeCare Network, and the Alzheimer’s Association Connecticut Chapter. The event covered types of dementia, risk factors, current research, and support resources, including Waveny’s Navigator program and the Alzheimer’s Association’s statewide services. It was part of the YMCA’s ongoing health education efforts during National Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month.

SCHOOLS

NCHS Graduation



New Canaan High School held its 2025 graduation ceremony on June 16 at Dunning Field, celebrating a class of 325 students. The event featured speeches from seniors Chase Maggio, Samantha Plosker, Claire Parelli, and Lucas Williams. Photo credit: New Canaan High School.

Gleason Named Quarterfinalist



Sarah Gleason, Choral Director at New Canaan High School, has been named a quarterfinalist for the 2026 Grammy Music Educator Award, selected from 2,000 nominees nationwide. She has led the high school’s choral program since 2015, following more than a decade at Saxe Middle School. Her choirs have performed at national events, and finalists for the award will be announced in September. Photo credit: New Canaan High School.

NCHS Seniors Earn Award



On June 2, New Canaan High School seniors Amanda Aalto and Vihaan Choksi were named recipients of the 2025 CABA Student Leadership Award, following their nomination by Principal William Egan. Aalto is active in theater, language studies, and emergency response, while Choksi has earned academic recognition and leads a nonprofit supporting local families. Photo credit: New Canaan High School.

NCCS Kindergarten Lesson



As part of a recent lesson on community roles, kindergartners at New Canaan Country School visited Head of School Aaron Cooper to learn about the tools people use in their work. Cooper shared that a good pair of sneakers is essential for walking the campus and staying connected with students and staff. Photo credit: New Canaan Country School.

SPORTS

10U Baseball Tournament



On June 9, two 10U boys baseball teams from New Canaan played each other in the semifinal round of the Al Leonard Tournament. New Canaan Red won the matchup. Photo credit: New Canaan Cal Ripken Baseball.

Aquarion – Southwest Regional Pipeline Transmission Water Main

On Monday June 23rd, construction will begin with the extension of the 36-inch water transmission main along South Ave (State Route 124) from Harrison Avenue to Farm Road in order to improve vital water infrastructure for the area. Therefore, South Ave (State Route 124) will be closed daily for construction. Motorists are asked to find alternate routes for the summer during construction.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact New Canaan Director of Public Works Tiger Mann at 203-594-3054 or via email at Tiger.Mann@newcanaanct.gov. See page 5 for details.

Speak Up to State Leaders

There are two areas of state government where the First Selectman is encouraging New Canaan residents to engage and speak up at this time. First is to speak up against HB 5002 urging the governor to veto the bill. He is now pausing, as he is hearing opposition from across the state.

Add your voice before June 24th when the bill, if not vetoed by the governor, automatically becomes law. Read the bill here: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/ACT/PA/PDF/2025PA-00049-R00HB-05002-PA.PDF>. The governor’s office may be reached via telephone at: 860.566.4840 or via email: https://portal.ct.gov/governor/contact/email-governor-lamont?language=en_US

ACROSS CT

PowerCore Anker Recall

Anker has recalled over 1.15 million PowerCore 10000 power banks due to overheating risks that have led to fires, minor injuries, and property damage. The affected devices were sold between 2016 and 2022 through major online retailers. Customers are advised to stop using the chargers and can request a replacement or a \$30 gift card at <https://www.anker.com/a1263-recall-form>.

New Canaan Police, students, and community members join forces in statewide Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics Connecticut



Police Lead Special Olympics Torch Run

On Friday, June 6 at 10am, starting at Elm Street and South Avenue in the heart of downtown, numerous officers in the New Canaan Police Department (NCPD) set forth on their part in the three-day 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). New Canaan Public School students and student interns with NCPD joined in on the New Canaan leg, with many students and townspeople, both young and old, cheering on the runners from the sidelines.

According to Lisa Carlone, senior director of Special Olympics Connecticut, “law enforcement is the single largest fundraiser for Special Olympics globally, and Special Olympics here in Connecticut.” In 2024, over \$800,000 was raised in Connecticut, and \$65 million globally. The torch run began in Greenwich, moving on to Stamford and then New Canaan, with the runners from New Canaan racing down South Avenue to the Darien town line for a handover. A phalanx of motorcycle police from several towns and police vehicles led the way for the runners. From there the torch’s path ran through Norwalk, Westport and beyond to SCSU, accompanied by officers from around Connecticut for the opening ceremonies. There,

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the runners take a lap around the field, and light a cauldron for the formal Special Olympics summer games kick-off. “Over 1500 officers run twelve different legs throughout the state,” said Ms. Carlone. The Connecticut Special Olympics competition took place the following Saturday and Sunday at SCSU, Hamden Hall Country Day School and Yale University. Sporting events include track and field, swimming, cycling, tennis, soccer and race-walking. According to Officer Kelly Coughlin, the NCPD’s liaison with the Special Olympics, law enforcement’s involvement

began in the 1980s, and the NCPD has been involved for decades. “There was a chief down in Wichita, Kansas who started this whole movement. So the credit really goes to him for getting law enforcement involved.” Over time “it became a common theme that was spread across the country that law enforcement wanted to build bonds with members of the community that they may historically not have had the best relationship with, or that they may not have a ton of contacts with. So it was an effort to bond those groups together in a positive experience, to get to know each other and to get to

support the Special Olympics organization.” Officer Coughlin stressed the broad community support for NCPD’s Special Olympics involvement, saying, “it’s important to note just how involved the community can get in events like this. For example, we had students from multiple schools, including the high school, Saxe Middle School and South School, that were out watching.” In addition, “we had preschoolers from New Canaan Daycare Center and from the YMCA that were out watching.” People from Town Hall were also there in support, including First Selectman Dionna Carlson. “There were plenty of people that were lining the streets, and coming out to watch and support our efforts.” Fundraising by NCPD for the Special Olympics is a yearlong effort. Some funds come from local business sponsors. NCPD also did a ‘Penguin Plunge’ in

April, when “you get a group of people together and raise money and you run into the ocean and you do a plunge.” That event raised more than \$1000. The mission of Special Olympics Connecticut “is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.” Nearly 14,000 athletes participate throughout the year, according to its website. The Paralympics, a similar organization, focuses on athletes with physical disabilities. The Special Olympics is a worldwide movement, with chapters in every state and around the world. This is also true of the torch run, with similar runs taking place globally. John J Kriz is a 30+ year New Canaan resident.





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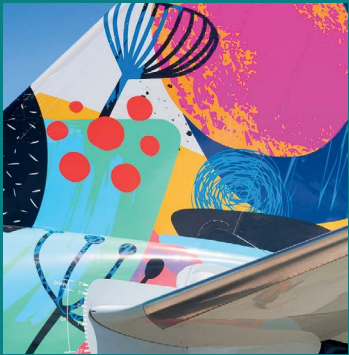


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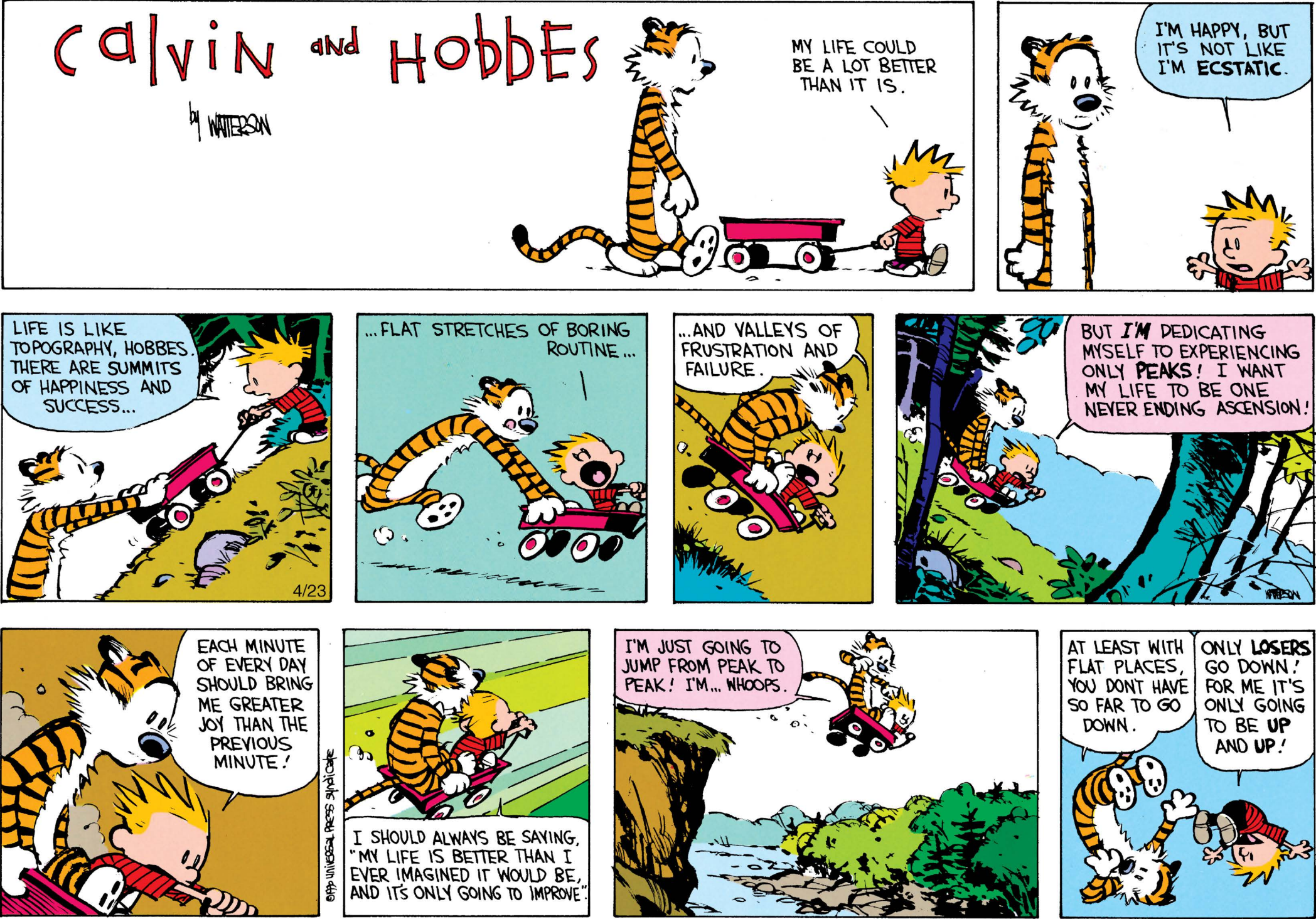
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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE TIGER SALAMANDER

Yellowstone's Sole Salamander Species

By JIM KNOX

Anticipation hung in the crisp morning air. An August Rocky Mountain sunrise came with an arid chill. We squinted, scanning the slopes above Yellowstone's Slough Creek with our scopes to spot the animals we had come more than 2,300 miles to study. There, a mile distant, trotting across the mountain's flank, the famous Mollie's Pack roamed free in the clear morning sunlight. Ecstatic, we could barely contain our excitement as we witnessed the incarnation of the return of the Gray Wolf to the wilds of Yellowstone National Park.

Just moments into our sighting, another squeal erupted from our group of young conservationists. This time, the excitement was sparked by surprise at wildlife in our very midst. "Watch your step! He's right by your boot!" they announced, pointing to a small creature making its way between the cluster of backpacks and binoculars strewn at our feet. There, just one stride from where I stood gazing across the small Slough Creek Valley, crawled a lesser known yet especially significant species of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

The Western Tiger Salamander, *Ambystoma mavortium*, is a remarkable creature with a story to tell. As one of a small assemblage of native amphibians, it stands as Yellowstone's sole salamander species. While amphibians represent a group of creatures, the Class Amphibia, which require pristine habitat conditions and are extremely sensitive to



Tiger Salamander

change, their mere presence is an indicator of environmental wholeness and health. Witnessing this little beast making its journey across this grand landscape represented far more the wanderings of a juvenile five-inch amphibian. In many ways it represented the transformative journey of Yellowstone itself.

With a long stocky muscular build, the Tiger Salamander is a powerful mini carnivore. Like its namesake, it possesses light and dark stripes, or blotches, producing a camouflage pattern, concealing it from predator and prey alike. Exhibiting variations

of black, yellow, orange, and green among its kin, it is among the world's largest terrestrial or land-dwelling salamanders—attaining an eye-popping 13 inches in length! Like a frog, these amphibians depress their protruding eyes downward to push struggling prey down their throats. When it comes to that prey menu, it is not confined to insects, spiders, and worms alone. Tiger Salamanders hunt and ambush vertebrate prey including other salamanders, fish, toads, frogs, and even mice!

When the Gray wolf disappeared from Yellowstone

in the 1940's due to a federal eradication campaign, its howls ceased throughout the region's peak and valleys for the first time since the Pleistocene. In turn, a weakened ecosystem echoed its absence. With a key apex predator removed from nature's intricate assemblage of species—intact for thousands of years—species responded in unprecedented ways. Without the wolf to check their populations, elk numbers exploded, resulting in over browsing of aspen and other tree species, preventing them from reaching maturity. This led to denuded riverbanks, siltation of

ivers, loss of trout populations and other unforeseen effects in what is known as a trophic cascade. With less forest canopy, songbird diversity plunged. With the wolf gone, Coyote populations surged, leading to the decline of key species such as porcupine, beaver, and Red Fox. This cascade of species instability and loss led to habitat alteration, including vernal pools, affecting Yellowstone's amphibians, such as the Tiger Salamander. With this essential predator being squeezed into a marginal role, insects and other prey species exploded, leading to further instability. Thankfully, with the return of the Gray Wolf to Yellowstone in 1995 by The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yellowstone's canyons, valleys, mountains, and meadows resounded with howls and rebounded with the restoration of natural species population levels, among them the Tiger Salamander.

In addition to being a key species on the landscape, the Tiger Salamander is an outright amphibian superstar. With a lineage dating back 340 million years, these creatures possess a pedigree of resilience. Reaching more than 25 years of age, they outlive the majority of their kin, and their physical adaptations are practically the stuff of science fiction. They can eat prey half their size, breathe through their skin, produce toxic slime to ward off predators, and are capable of autotomy—the astounding ability to regenerate toes, limbs, and even their tails!

There is much these "little tigers" can teach us. Like them, we face imbalance in our lives

and the adversity that it brings. We face challenges in our present and uncertainty in our future. At times we may even find that our surroundings are less hospitable than they once were. We may not possess the salamander's fantastic ability to regenerate a limb, but we humans can summon the resilience to see us through the darkest of times and deliver us to a bright morning brimming with promise.

For me, witnessing this young Tiger Salamander making his way through the vast wilderness of Yellowstone National Park was far more than another wildlife sighting. It was an emphatic exclamation point on the restoration of a species and the success and health it brought to America's most iconic wilderness. Sharing that place and moment with this less well-known, but no less vital member of the wild Yellowstone community reassured me that balance can be restored, and that rarity can be reversed. The presence of this small creature underscored that regardless of our knowledge, every species is essential, contributing to the health of an ecosystem. While the salamander needs the wolf, the wolf assuredly needs the salamander.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo. A Member of the Explorers Club, Jim enjoys sharing his passion for the world's wildlife with audiences in Connecticut and beyond.

Come and see Jim at the Sentinel Award event on Thursday, June 26th!

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TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 24

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

Planning & Zoning Commission
7-9 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom

Wednesday, June 25

Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee TEDAC
7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.

Thursday, June 26

Police Department Building Committee
8-9 a.m., Location not posted at time of publication.

June 19

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

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

June 20

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

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

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June 21

“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

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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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June 22

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

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. There’s a special creative project everyone will enjoy. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/xoPAO>.

The Shawshank Redemption
2 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
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June 23

Drop-in Petting Zoo with Xen’s Critters
10 AM- 12 PM at the New Canaan Library, Anderson Terrace
There will be a playpen filled with baby goats, sheep, bunnies, chickens, ducks, and guinea pigs. Guests can go in and pet all of the animals. There will also be enclosures full of bunnies so that guests can hug a bunny as well. An animal specialist from Xen's Critters will be available to answer questions and there will be countless photo opportunities. This is a drop-in event.

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-117468>.

June 24

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.

Harriet Tubman’s Legacy with Great-great-great grandniece Rita Daniels
6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
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>.

June 25

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

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

Navigating Medicare in 2025: Essential Updates and Coverage Options
1 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
The Father/Daughter Team of Lou and Jessica Pelletier will sort through the Parts, including the significant changes to Medicare drug plans in 2025 introduced by the government. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-medicare-139763>.

Billiards with Mike Bacon
2-4 PM at the Lapham Center
Stop by to learn to play or for a game or two. Free event.

Rummikub Time!
2 PM at the Lapham Center
Stop by for a few rounds of this engaging and social game! Free event.

Journey Into the World of Tea: Eastern and Western Tea Practices
3 PM at Grace Farms
Join for a deep dive into the differences

between Eastern and Western tea culture and practice. As you taste a range of tea varieties from across the globe, learn about the tea itself, the distinct wares in which it’s served, how it’s presented, and more. Tickets are \$25 and available at <https://shorturl.at/1fkvv>.

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. After, the party will continue for adults from 6 to 7pm. Register at <https://shorturl.at/mNGJl>.

June 27

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8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
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Summer Picnic
5:30-7:30 PM at Grace Farms
Enjoy a picnic dinner crafted by the Grace Farms culinary team, extended hours in the garden, and activities designed by the education team. This summer picnic also offer lawn games, trail access, and activities for the whole family. Tickets are \$24/members, \$30/non-members, \$15/children, and are available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/june-2025-picnic>.

June 28

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

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

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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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. To register, visit <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 2

Billiards with Mike Bacon
2-4 PM at the Lapham Center
Stop by to learn to play or for a game or two. Free event.

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 5

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

renowned mindfulness and wellness expert, Pilin Anice. Participants may bring their own mats, towels, props, and water. Tickets are \$20/members, \$25/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/nR3DA>.

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
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.

Billiards with Mike Bacon
2-4 PM at the Lapham Center
Stop by to learn to play or for a game or two. Free event.

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>.

Mocktails

6:30 PM at Grace Farms
Join Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones for an evening crafting and sipping mocktails. Follow Leah's recipes to make three seasonal beverages from ingredients, and broaden your understanding of the complex ways in which food intersects with many aspects of our lives. Tickets are \$28/non-members, \$22/members, and available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/mocktails/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/1Ukcg>.

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>.

Adaptive Circus Program
3 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Join Circus Moves for a special adaptive program for children with special needs and their families. Circus Moves activities are adapted to meet each participant at their developmental level. Register at <https://shorturl.at/roq68>.

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 16

Billiards with Mike Bacon
2-4 PM at the Lapham Center
Stop by to learn to play or for a game or two. Free event.

July 18

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

Afternoon Tea

3 PM at Grace Farms
Gather in the Pavilion to enjoy a pot of warm tea with an assortment of bites that fuse traditional English and Japanese flavors. Tickets are \$48/non-members, \$38/members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/CH9M2>.

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.

Watercolor Botanical Painting with Sarah Crossman
10:30 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
This one-day workshop is designed for all skill levels. Participants will work from a shared reference photo, learning step-by-step how to create a finished painting. Sarah will demonstrate key watercolor techniques such as washes, wet-on-wet, and dry brush, offering plenty of individual guidance throughout the session. Tickets are \$90/non-members, \$75/members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/37770/>.

Move with Grace Farms x lululemon | Barre with Danielle Aviezer
10:30 AM at Grace Farms
This 45-minute barre-less barre class is a no-impact class focused on flexibility and total body strengthening. This unique method blends components of ballet, yoga, and Pilates. Tickets are \$25/non-members, \$20/members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/Alfaz>.

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.

July 24

Sewing Project for Adults: Folded Portfolio Pouch
4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Anderson MakerLab
Using fake leather, create a distinctive folded portfolio pouch, unlined with snap or wind button closure. All materials and equipment provided. Participants must have been certified or already familiar with a sewing machine. For adults. Register at <https://shorturl.at/S8irK>.

July 26

Learning with Nature | Walk with Dragonflies
11 AM at Grace Farms
Dragonflies have been around for over 300 million years and are still considered nature's masters of the sky. Able to fly over 30 miles per hour, dragonflies are one of the fastest flying insects in the world. Follow Grace Farms Horticulture Director Kimberly Kelly on a guided summer walk to experience the awe and wonder of the natural world, dragonflies and all. Tickets are \$16/members, \$20/non-members, and available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/learning-with-nature-walk-with-dragonflies>.

Art in Nature | Pigment Pastels
2 PM at Grace Farms
Join for a hands-on workshop where you'll create your own pastels using brick, slate, and gypsum. Participants will mix their own pigments and craft unique pastels to take home. Tickets are \$50/non-members, \$40/members, and available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/art-in-nature-pigment-pastels>.

July 29

Fairfield County Dance Festival on the Green
6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Merrill Event Lawn
Join for a glorious evening of dance. The Thomas/Ortiz Dance Company and East Coast Contemporary Ballet are coming to the library as a part of a series of free outdoor dance performances throughout Fairfield County to enable greater access to the arts and arts education. Please bring your own chairs, blankets, and food. Register at <https://shorturl.at/ujNrA>.

BLOOD DRIVES

Friday, June 20

Fusion Academy Greenwich
66 Gatehouse Road
Stamford, CT 06902
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday, June 21

Archangels Greek Orthodox Church
1527 Bedford Street
Stamford, CT 06905
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Sunday, June 22

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

Monday, June 23

First Presbyterian Church Stamford
1101 Bedford St
Stamford, CT 06905
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Bruce Museum
1 Museum Dr
Greenwich, CT 0683
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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

Tuesday, June 24

American Legion
60 County Road
Norwalk, CT 06851
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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

Wednesday, June 25

Waveny Lifecare Network
3 Farm Rd
New Canaan, CT 06840
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Friday, June 27

VFW
465 Riverside Avenue
Westport, CT 06880
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Support Services & Meetings

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 21

Swim Across America
6:30 AM at 96 Cummings Point Road, Stamford
Join the fight against cancer at the 19th annual Swim Across America Fairfield County open water swim. This inspiring community event raises critical funds for the Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy (ACGT), a Stamford-based organization at the forefront of cancer research. More information is available at https://www.swimacrossamerica.org/site/TR/OpenWater/Greenwich?pg=entry&fr_id=7872.

June 23

Digging Deeper: Ecological Gardening for Beauty and Biodiversity with Joe Lamp'l
7 PM at the Westport Library, 20 Jesup Rd
Sustainable Westport is thrilled to partner with The Westport Library to welcome Joe Lamp'l (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/qSlsq>.

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.

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 One way to serve prime rib
6 Place to dock
10 Treble or bass
14 Avoid, as work
15 “Next one’s ___!”
16 What stowaways do
17 Anyone can learn it (notice this answer’s first 1 + last 5 letters)
20 Pronoun for Batwoman
21 “The Bridge of San ___ Rey”
22 Apple or potato variety
23 Goodyear product
24 First date no-no, for some
25 Short-winded (first 1 + last 3)
29 Vegas opener?
32 Photo session
33 Austin-to-Kansas City dir.
34 Pants support
35 Disrespectfully brief
36 Fine-tunes
38 Secret retreat
39 Missouri state quarter image
40 ___ de cologne
41 Refinement
42 Cheering fan’s syllable

- 43 TV program with many acts (first 1 + last 2)
46 Wine menu heading
47 Electric Chevy until 2019
48 Cuban woman, perhaps
51 Right-hand person
52 Mincemeat dessert
55 Touch, essentially (first 1 + last 3)
58 Down the drain
59 Real knee-slapper
60 “That’s for sure!”
61 Favorable votes
62 ___ out a living (scrapes by)
63 Full of passion
DOWN
1 Egyptian biters
2 “Nah”
3 See eye to eye
4 www.wikipe-dia.org, e.g.
5 Way up in the mountains?
6 More sluggish
7 Roadside stopovers
8 Angst-filled genre
9 Big jobs for editors
10 Game that can end in two moves
11 Tops at coffee shops

- 12 Slight advantage
13 Word after “flat” or “square”
18 Hold in check
19 Rife with greenery
23 Nail’s partner
24 “Citizen” who said “Rosebud”
25 Award for a movie
26 Shipmate of Sulu
27 It’s held up in New York Harbor
28 The blahs
29 One may guide a guide dog
30 Kagan’s colleague
31 Scatter, as rose petals
34 ___ furnace
36 Source of worry
37 Dinghy propellers

- 41 Pain relief brand
43 Start of Caesar’s boast
44 Forces off the premises
45 Heading for a list of errands
46 Follows a court order?
48 Lydia Ko’s sports org.
49 Greeting at sea
50 Daly of “Judging Amy”
51 Common succulent
52 Hard work ___ off
53 Cool-sounding rapper?
54 Site for crafters
56 NASA approval
57 Day of Thanksgiving: Abbr.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Type of mollusk
5. (K) It can become clear or cloudy
8. (K) After everyone else
12. Nits at a later date
13. (K) Easy number to divide by
14. (K) Hang ___ (keep)
15. Husband of a countess
16. Fried rice ingredient, sometimes
17. (K) Extremely pesky bug
18. Newspaper in Detroit (2 words)
21. Rock miners seek
22. (K) Stat used for baseball hurlers
23. (K) What quizzes lead up to
25. (K) Stuff in a car engine

28. (K) Bug in the grass
30. The stuff of bats?
33. Gold is one, dearly (2 words)
36. (K) High male voice
37. (K) Make a knot
38. (K) Finish line’s place
39. Cut, as coupons
41. Antelope of Africa
43. Burnt briquette remnant
45. (K) Target on a pool table, sometimes (2 words)
50. Court jester
52. (K) Orchestra’s place, or cherry part
53. Mixture of odds and ends
54. Moisturizer ingredient, often
55. (K) Lady No. 1
56. (K) At the peak of
57. (K) Operated a moped

58. Bloodshot, as eyes
59. (K) Anagram of note, fittingly
DOWN
1. Sheet music’s bass
2. (K) Person claiming one plus one is three
3. Nice chunk of land
4. Bench-clearing brawl at a baseball game
5. (K) High female voice
6. A proposal may be made on it
7. Bread’s riser
8. (K) Part of Abe Lincoln’s cabin
9. Add footnotes
10. (K) Bright heavenly body
11. Type of bag that can hold a lot
19. “Little House on the ___”
20. (K) Part or section
24. Buddy Holly’s “Peggy ___”

25. Make a choice between two things
26. Deep rage or anger
27. Photographer’s cover? (2 words)
29. Egyptian boy king, for short
31. (K) Bert Bobbsey’s twin
32. (K) Ancient
34. Jailbird
35. Having vision
40. (K) The Pied ___
42. WWII submarine
43. From whence some worship
44. (K) Sing with no backup whatsoever
46. (K) Make a donation
47. Low female voice
48. (K) Mighty jungle beast
49. Run easily
51. “To Kill a Mockingbird” author Harper

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?
Elevators for cakes?
Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

D	E	N	S		I	T	E	M		A	R	E		
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Previous riddle answer:
Shutters closed inside the house?
11-D) EYES

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Broken Promises by George Jasper

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61					62					63				

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

The Sun’s entry into Cancer on June 20 shifts your focus to home and family matters. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your productivity, making it an ideal time to tackle domestic projects. Be cautious of the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day, which may introduce challenges requiring patience. The New Moon in Cancer on June 25 offers a chance to set new intentions related to your living situation or familial relationships.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Communication becomes a central theme as the Sun enters Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports productive conversations and learning endeavors. However, the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23 may cause misunderstandings; strive for clarity. The New Moon on June 25 is an opportune moment to initiate new writing projects or educational pursuits.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Financial matters come into focus with the Sun’s transition into Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 encourages strategic planning for income growth. Be mindful of the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day, which may present obstacles requiring careful navigation. The New Moon on June 25 is a favorable time to set financial goals and reassess your budget.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

As the Sun enters your sign on June 20, personal growth and self-reflection are highlighted. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 boosts your confidence and motivation. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may bring challenges that test your resilience. The New Moon in your sign on June 25 offers a powerful opportunity to set intentions for the year ahead.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

The Sun’s move into Cancer on June 20 encourages introspection and rest. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports behind-the-scenes efforts and spiritual practices. Be cautious of the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23, which may blur boundaries; maintain clarity. The New Moon on June 25 is an ideal time to release past burdens and focus on inner healing.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Social connections are emphasized as the Sun enters Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your ability to collaborate effectively. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may introduce tensions in group settings; approach with diplomacy. The New Moon on June 25 presents an opportunity to set goals related to community involvement and friendships.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Career and public image take center stage with the Sun’s transition into Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports strategic planning and professional growth. Be aware of the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23, which may cause confusion; seek clarity in communications. The New Moon on June 25 is a favorable time to set intentions for career advancement.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

The Sun’s entry into Cancer on June 20 encourages exploration and learning. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your drive to pursue new knowledge or travel. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may present challenges that require adaptability. The New Moon on June 25 offers a chance to set goals related to education or spiritual growth.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Financial planning and shared resources become focal points as the Sun enters Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports collaborative financial endeavors. Be cautious of the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23, which may lead to misunderstandings; ensure transparency. The New Moon on June 25 is an opportune moment to reassess joint financial goals.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Relationships are highlighted with the Sun’s transition into Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your ability to connect deeply with others. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may introduce challenges that test your commitment. The New Moon on June 25 offers a chance to set intentions for strengthening partnerships.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Daily routines and health come into focus as the Sun enters Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 supports the implementation of beneficial habits. Be mindful of the Sun’s square to Neptune on June 23, which may cause confusion; maintain clarity in your goals. The New Moon on June 25 is an ideal time to set intentions for wellness and productivity.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Creative expression and leisure activities are emphasized with the Sun’s move into Cancer on June 20. The Mars-Jupiter sextile on June 22 enhances your inspiration and motivation. However, the Sun’s square to Saturn on the same day may present obstacles that require perseverance. The New Moon on June 25 offers an opportunity to set goals related to artistic pursuits or hobbies.

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 science of crime detection (9)
2 veered off course (7)
3 handles the day-to-day work (7)
4 polished (6)
5 person who guides others (6)
6 respectful awe (9)
7 exam overseer (7)

SOLUTIONS

OC	FOR	ICS	LEA	NA
SH	REV	MA	PR	SW
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Previous Answers: 1. HONKED 2. SCULPTOR 3. CHIPPING
4. CACKLED 5. EARNED 6. OUTFIT 7. PICKUP

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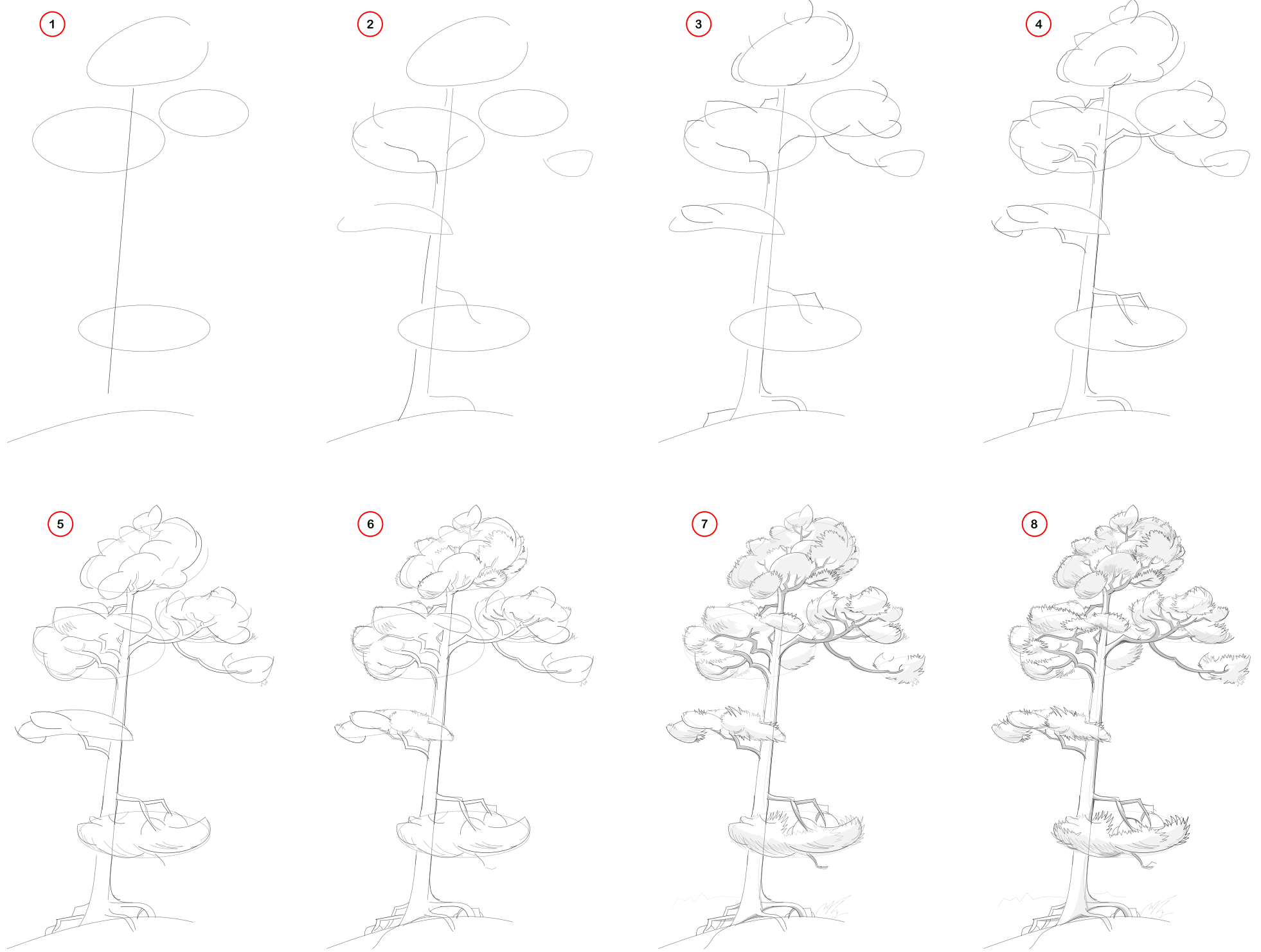
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The answers to this week’s puzzles can be found in next week’s issue.

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How To Draw Many Ways: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

2		4	
	4		2
		2	
4	2	3	

1		4	
4		1	
	4		1
3		2	

2		3	
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3			2
	2	1	

	3	1	
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SUDOKU

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

Easy

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Hard

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Very Hard

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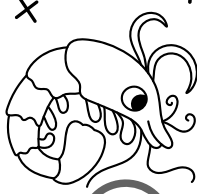
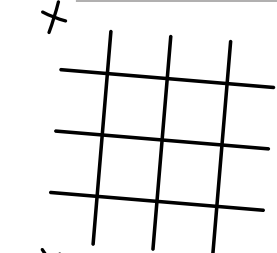
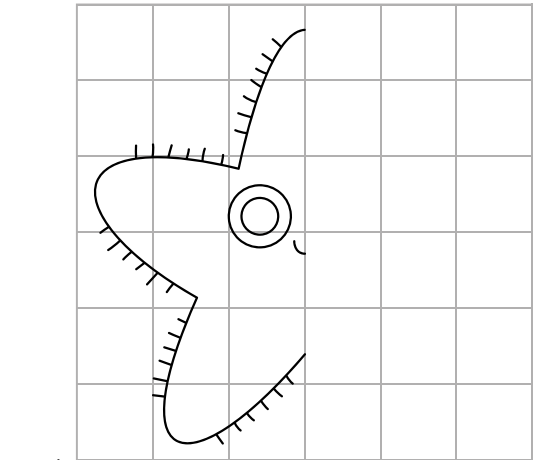
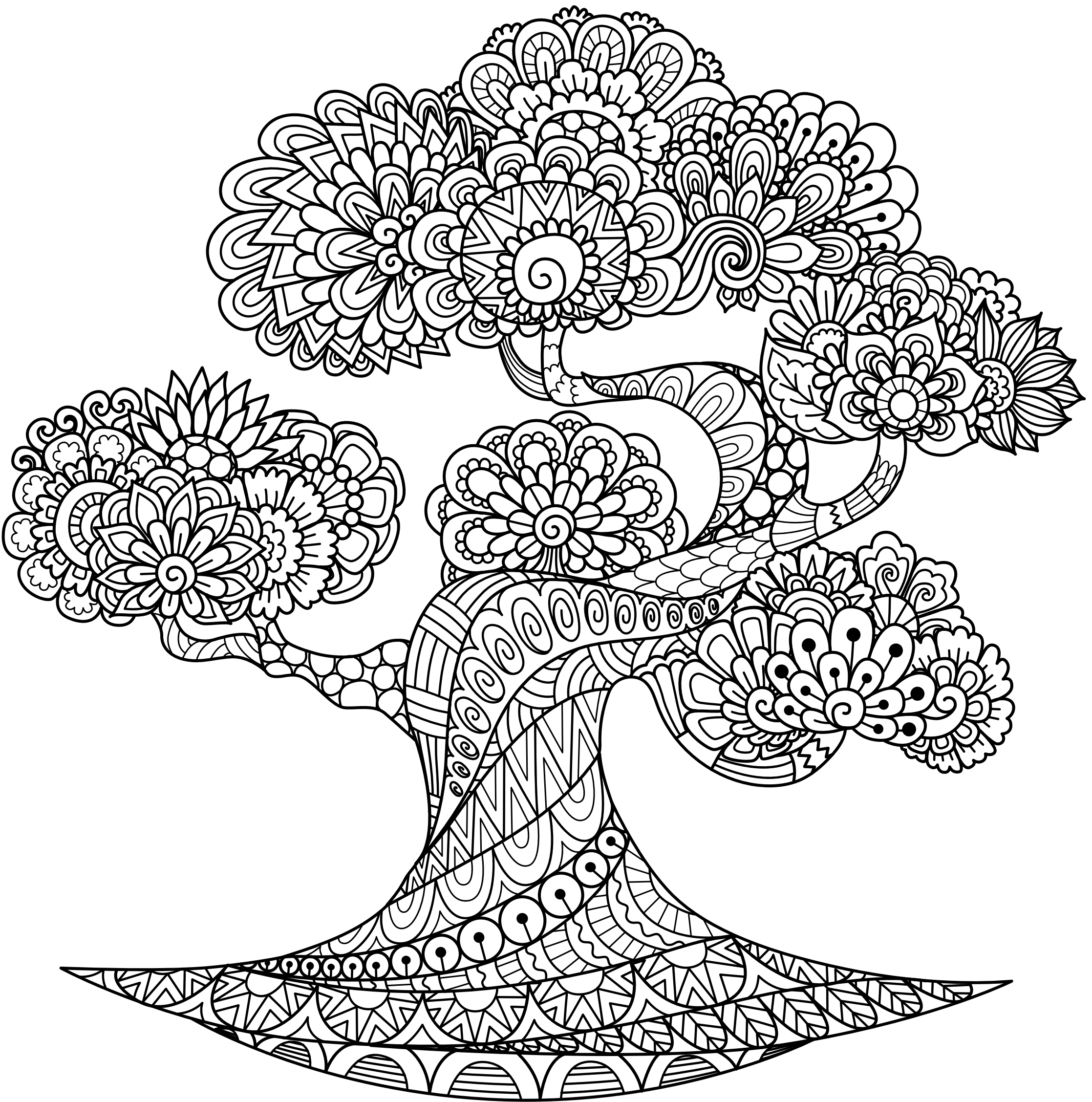
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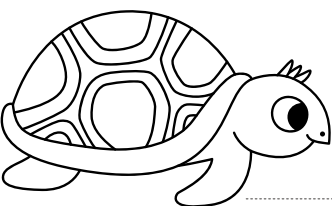
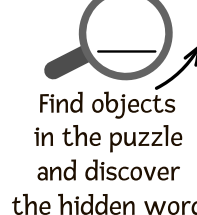
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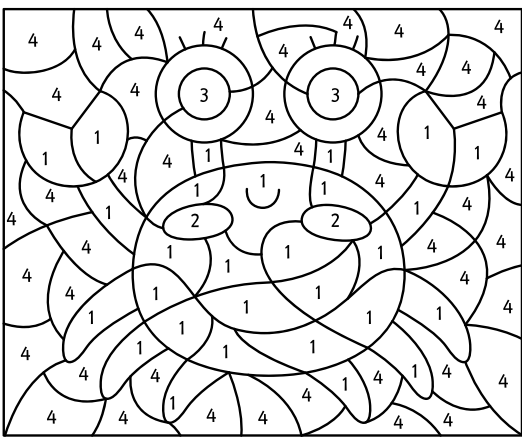
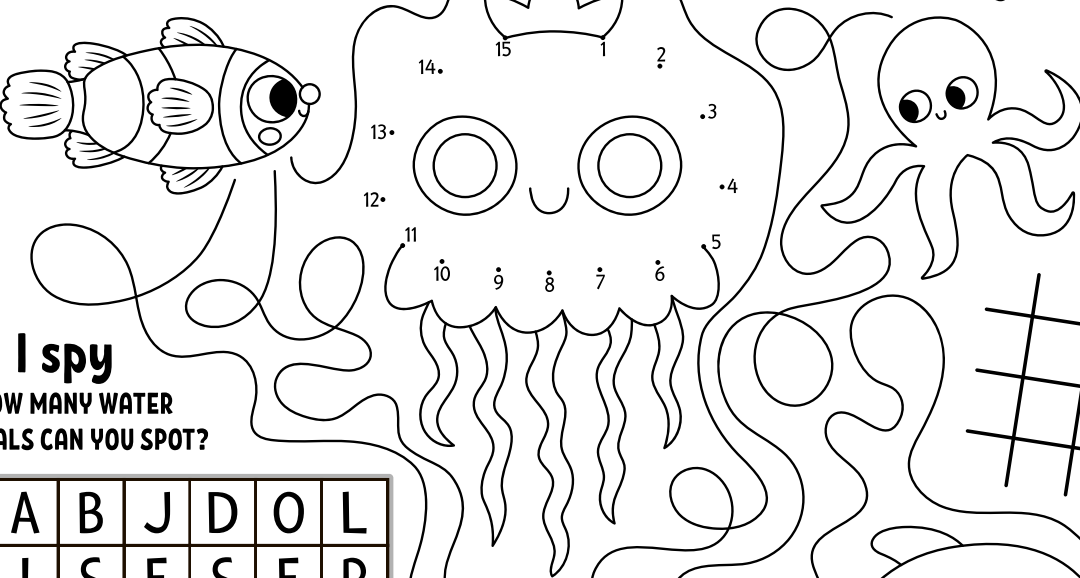
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- DOLPHIN
- FISH
- JELLYFISH
- OCTOPUS
- SEAHORSE
- STARFISH
- TURTLE



UNDER THE SEA

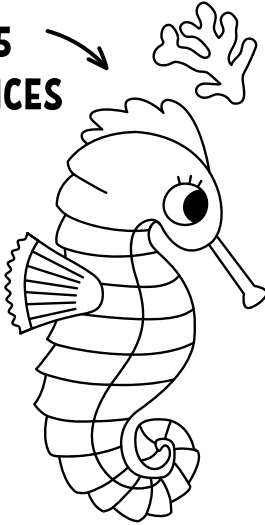
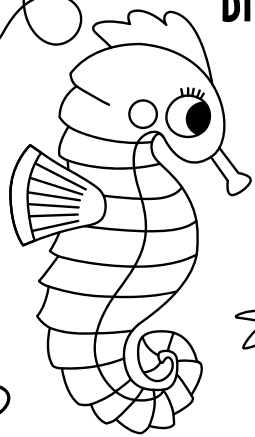
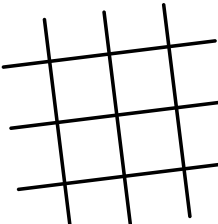
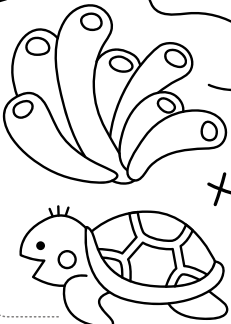


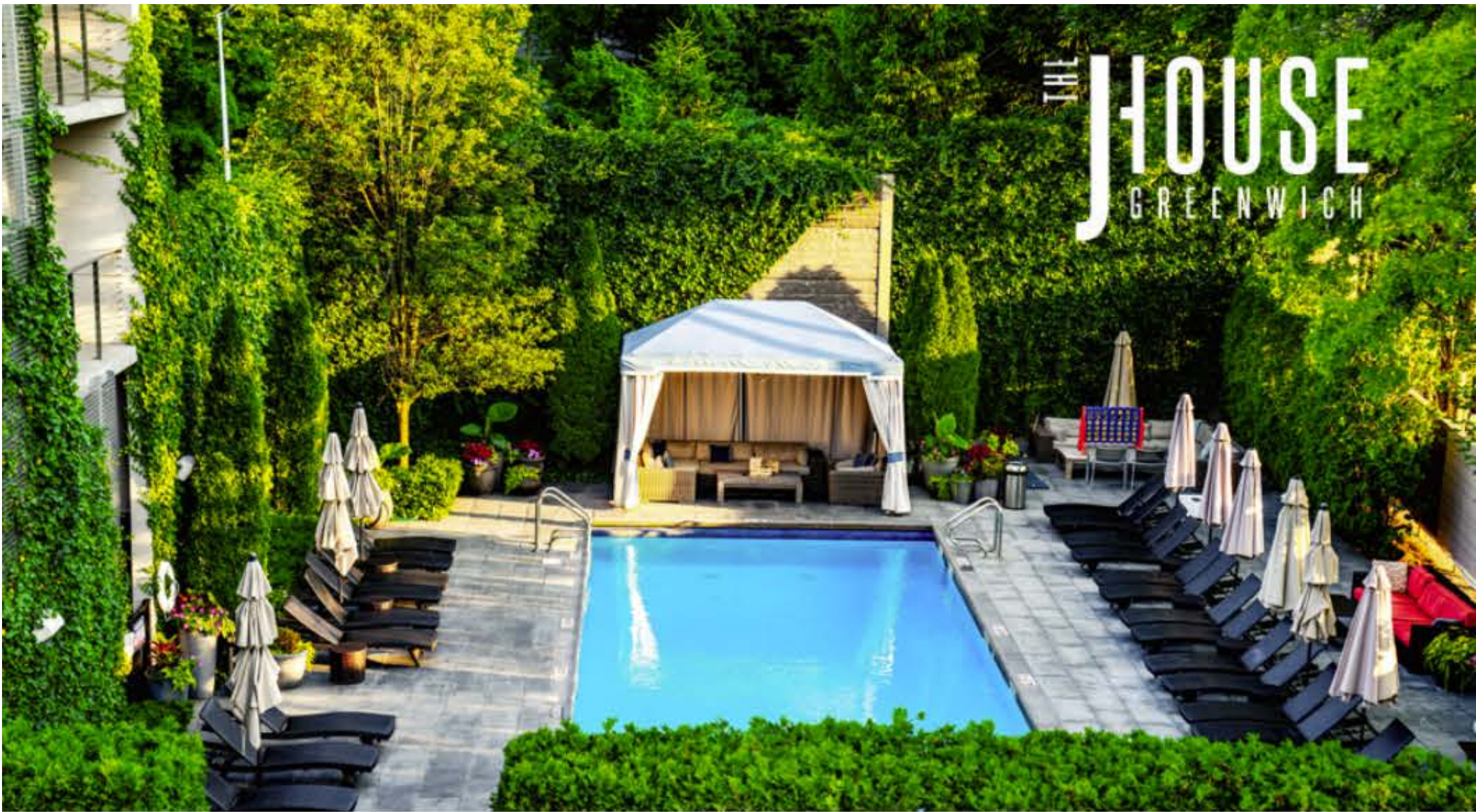
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Friday, July 4th: Yoga Class poolside with Alessia at 11am
S'mores will be served poolside at 3pm

Saturday, July 5th: Ice Cream Truck Experience 1:30pm – 2:30pm
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