

LOCAL NEWS
BRIEFING

POLICE AND FIRE

Officer Vartuli Earns
Award



On June 12, New Canaan Officer Nicole Vartuli received a 2024 scholarship for police officers pursuing education in criminal justice. She is currently working toward a master's degree in forensic accounting. The award marks her second consecutive scholarship, following a similar honor in 2023. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND
NONPROFITS

Rotary Club Receives
District Award



The Rotary Club of New Canaan received the Governor's Achievement Award of Excellence during a recent meeting that also featured remarks from John Howe, Director of New Canaan Parks and Recreation. Howe reflected on his 27 years with the department, including the last three as director, along with the staff and volunteers who maintain the town's parks and programs. Photo credit: New Canaan Rotary Club.

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issue of the
Greenwich
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week and no
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Conversation
in honor of
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holiday!!



A large crane mounted on a massive truck displays the U.S. flag near the corner of Elm Street and South Avenue, surrounded by specialty cars. Photo by John Kriz.

Caffeine & Carburetors Draws Crowds

BY JOHN KRIZ

Some early rain didn't deter 'gearheads' from twice-yearly Caffeine & Carburetors www. caffeineandcarburetors.com event. What started as a small gathering of enthusiasts led by Doug Zumbach at his coffee roastery on Pine Street twenty years ago has evolved into one of the

Lamont "Reluctantly" Vetoes 5002



Governor Ned Lamont speaks at a June 23 press conference in Hartford, announcing his veto of House Bill 5002 just hours before it would have become law.

BY ELIZABETH BARHYDT

With Hours to Spare, Lamont Said He Would Veto the Housing Bill That Divided Connecticut. In a press conference on Monday morning, June 23 — just one day before House Bill 5002 would have automatically become law — Governor Ned Lamont said he would veto the wide-ranging housing reform bill, halting what had become one of the most contentious legislative efforts in recent Connecticut memory. The decision capped weeks of public outcry and lobbying from local officials, grassroots organizations, and bipartisan lawmakers who warned that the 92-page omnibus bill, passed swiftly at the end of the legislative session, would upend

long-standing traditions of municipal land-use control. "I am glad to hear of the governor's last-minute veto to H.B. 5002, which several of my colleagues and I called for as soon as it passed the Senate and tens of thousands across the state petitioned the governor's office for," said State Senator Ryan Fazio (R-New Canaan, Stamford, Greenwich), who personally urged the veto in conversations with the governor last week. "This should never have been in question. H.B. 5002 was a historic attempt to undermine local control of decision-making for towns and cities." Governor Lamont's veto was not limited to housing reform. In tandem, he rejected Senate Bill 8, which would have extended unemployment benefits to workers on strike — a move he described as "a bridge too far." But it was H.B. 5002 that galvanized sustained and organized opposition, particularly from suburban and small-town leaders across Fairfield County. The bill's provisions — which included "as-of-right" commercial-to-residential conversions, transit-oriented rezoning mandates, relaxed parking requirements, and affordable housing production quotas tied to infrastructure funding — drew criticism for being both sweeping and hastily introduced. Released just days before its passage, the legislation quickly became a symbol of what opponents

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Juneteenth in New Canaan



L-R: New Canaan Police Officers Roy Adams and Nicole Vartuli, with S.T.A.R. Award recipient Susanna Rittenberry and S.T.A.R. founder Fatou Niang, as the "Star Spangled Banner" is played.

BY JOHN J. KRIZ

Local charity Stand Together Against Racism www.star-ct.org held its annual 'Hearts of Freedom' Juneteenth community celebration on Thursday, June 19, on the lawn of partner organization the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society www.nchistory.org. Juneteenth is a combination of two words: June and Nineteenth. The Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln on New Year's Day, 1863, declared that "all persons held as slaves ... shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free." However, the Civil War was still being waged, and "persons held as slaves" in places still under Confederate control remained enslaved. On June 19, 1865, Union troops reached Galveston,

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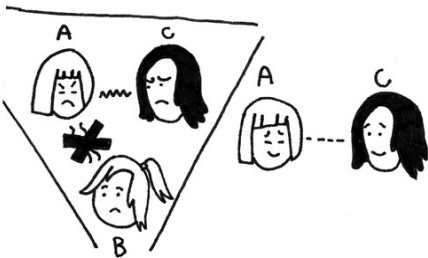
BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Amanda and Casey argue. Amanda calls Beth to complain about Casey. Beth's best bet is to duck the triangle and avoid being sucked into a "helper role." When she suggests that Amanda work it out directly with Casey, everyone benefits. Exceptions would be if Amanda is truly powerless to help herself, or if Beth has a professional responsibility to manage the relationship between Amanda and Casey.

Avoiding Triangles

Triangles are unhealthy in most relationships, but they are especially dangerous in nuclear families with siblings and adult children. When you need advice or a place to vent, it's helpful to limit sharing to the smallest possible number of trustworthy friends. This limited sharing can help calm your mind and reboot your perspective. Then your work is best done directly with the offending party.

After years of feeling obligated to help, Anthony, the eldest in a family of six, realized that he was not helping and refused to participate when his siblings called to complain about each other. His siblings continued to try to bring him in, but he was firm. When he avoided family triangles, his life became more peaceful. Nadia believed she had to be the go-between for disputes between her adult daughter and her ex-husband. When she gave up this role, her daughter grew stronger.



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Choosing and Using Binoculars

By FRANK GALLO

Points to consider when selecting binoculars

Ergonomics - how it feels in your hand, and weight - do you want to hold it all day. Check if the focus is smooth, especially in low temperatures (high-end optics focus smoothly in the cold). Does it have a wide field of view, high eye relief (a wide ocular lens - especially important if you wear glasses), good depth of field, edge to edge sharpness (prevents eye fatigue), and close focus of less than 8.5 ft. If you're into butterflies, close focus to less than 6.5 feet can be helpful.

Eyeglass wearers keep eyecups down. Eyecups act as spacers between your eye and the ocular lens of the binoculars. If you wear glasses, then your glasses function as the spacer.

When it's time to buy binoculars, I recommend 8 x 40 or 8 x 42. They offer a wide field of view, good depth of field, and decent magnification. Binoculars with 10x or higher magnification are harder to hold steady, have a narrower depth of field and field of view, and let in less light making it difficult to see detail in lowlight. However, if you are mainly viewing distant birds such as hawks, 10 x or even 12 x binoculars can be useful.

Compact binoculars, especially ones with 10x or higher magnification, or with a smaller than 30 mm objective lens should be avoided. There are 8x30/32 high-end binoculars such as from Swarovski or Zeiss with superior optical coatings that are quite nice.

While using binoculars, keep your eyes on the bird, and lift the binoculars to your eyes. Do not look at the binoculars before lifting them to your eyes and expect to see the bird.

Binoculars Under \$750

Binoculars in the \$150 to \$750 range do surprisingly well optically and are often made in China or Japan. They are generally not as durable nor perform as well under suboptimal conditions, such as low or harsh lighting or in extreme cold but



L to R: Poro Prism Vortex 6.5x32, Roof Prism Kowa 8x33, Roof Prism Kowa 8.5x44. Photo: Frank Gallo

perform well for the price.

Vortex is a popular midrange brand that offers an unconditional lifetime guarantee.

- 1. Vortex Optics Crossfire HD 8x42 Binoculars at Amazon \$149

- 2. Vortex Optics Diamondback HD 8x42 - \$250ish

- 3. Vortex Optics Viper HD Roof Prism Binoculars (Highest Image Quality) - \$400-\$475 range

Although a bit heavy with a stiffer focus, these are one of the best midrange binoculars.

- 4. Celestron Trailseeker ED 8x42 Binoculars - Cornell's overall pick under \$650 (some edge distortion) 7 ft close focus. \$380

- 5. Kowa BD II XD 8x42 Binoculars tied with Nikon M7 for #2 in Cornell's review: \$450 (upper end) very close focus under 5.5 ft, are sharp, bright, and well made.

- 6. Nikon Monarch M7 8x42 Binoculars: tied with Kowa - good edge to edge sharpness. \$489. They are a little heavy. Close focus is about 7 ft. Optically, they rival Vortex Vipers.

- 7. Zeiss Terra ED 10 x 42 Binoculars. \$450 get good reviews and are a trusted brand.

- 8. Athlon Midas & Midas G2 UHD 8x42: The G2 was rated third on Cornell's optics review. \$299. Sharp edge to edge with 6.6ft. close focus. I like the standard Midas at \$250. It's sharp and has good close focus for less. Good choices with a guarantee.

- 9. Nikon Monarch M5. The 8ft close focus is on the long end, but acceptable, and it gets good reviews for the \$250 price.

High-End Binoculars \$1500-\$3500

If you're serious about birding and think this will be a lifelong pursuit, then buy the highest quality binocular you can afford and skip buying several pairs of lower-end optics. You'll likely save money

in the long run, and high-end optics come with a lot of benefits. They're more durable, are waterproof, have better optics, and cause less eye strain. Their warranties are for 5 or more years.

- 1. Swarovski NL Pures 8x42, 10x42, & 12x42 (12s need forehead rest).

Swarovski's flagship binoculars, the NLs are superbly balanced, sharp edge to edge, with an extremely wide field of view, and butterfly smooth close focus. Although I generally recommend 8x42 binoculars, the 10x NLs have a field of view equal to their 8.5El's. \$2950ish. The 8x32 is quite small and bright for a 32 (\$2500). There are 10x52 and 12x52 in the series for \$3450. 10-year warranty.

- 2. Swarovski EL's 8.5x42. Excellent optically, these are bright, sharp, slightly lighter than the NLs, and well balanced. The 8x32 is small and light for those with smaller hands. \$1995. Recent models have 13.5 close focus. Older models focus under

- 6.5. and are excellent for birding at this price point!

- 3. Zeiss Victory SF 8X42. SFs are Zeiss's flagship binoculars. Although large, they are well balanced, have a buttery smooth focus wheel, close focus, and are comparable optically with NL Pures. \$3000. 5-year warranty.

- 4. Zeiss Victory SFL 8x40. The SFL is a new line that is smaller than the SFs, lightweight, with close focus, and optically like the SFs. Great for those with smaller hands, and excellent optics at the lower end of the price range. \$1500-\$1800. This is probably the best deal at this price range.

- 5. Leica Noctivid 8 x 42. Their flagship model, the Noctivids are extremely bright, with a wide field of view, smooth close focus, and are great in low light. (Coma distortion was mentioned in bright light.) 30-year warranty. \$3000

- 6. Vortex Razor UHD 8 x 42. Optically a good choice at the lower end of the price range. \$1750, and with a lifetime warranty.

*Prices may vary.

Where to try and buy binoculars locally

Both the Audubon Shop in Madison and Fat Robin in Hamden have knowledgeable staff, offer a wide range of optics, and allow you to test binoculars in their stores. The Audubon shop also sells used equipment, making it possible to get higher end binoculars at a reduced cost. Of course, binoculars can also be purchased online, but if you use local expertise, I recommend purchasing from them. In the next month's issue, I'll discuss spotting scopes in more depth.

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Cardboard, Buckthorn, and Birdsong: A Summer Stroll at the Nature Center

By DAN FRAZIAR

If you go for a walk this week at the New Canaan Nature Center—and really, why wouldn't you?—you might find yourself viewing transformed cardboard boxes, and then wondering, quite reasonably, if the local raccoons are redecorating. They are not. This is part of a larger botanical conspiracy. It's called cardboard mulching, and it's how the Nature Center is waging war on invasives this summer. Herbicides are out. Brown corrugated boxes are in.

"Cardboard mulch, buckthorn baggies, solarization—these are the methods we're using," says Executive Director Bill Flynn, who sounds very calm for a man trying to outwit entire species of stubborn plants. The goal is not just to clear the land, but to make it welcoming again—for pollinators, native flora, and the bugs and birds that call them dinner. "As areas are cleared of invasive species, we are planting native plants that attract pollinators and provide a rich habitat for insects and other small wildlife," Flynn writes in the Center's recent summer update.

So far, it seems to be working. Monarch butterflies have been spotted fluttering through milkweed stands, and bees the size of popcorn kernels have been heard buzzing with what one can only assume is native Connecticut joy. It's a small ecological miracle happening right off the trail, and all without a drop of Roundup.

That said, it's not all bugs and weeds at the Nature Center this summer. There's also the matter of the Audubon House, a structure that once stood between the Visitor Center and the Education Building. It's now gone—"removed by the Town," as Flynn puts it—and in its place, the Center is creating a bird sanctuary with feeders and seating areas. No walls. No roof. Just feathered tenants and chairs for their admirers.

"Visitors can enjoy watching our feathered friends," Flynn writes, which is an understatement really.

Meanwhile, the gardens up front—the formal 13-acre stretch near the main entrance—are being maintained by Pennington Gray, a local landscaping firm that shares the Nature Center's minimalist ethos. That is: no herbicides, all native plantings, and a soft-spoken war on crabgrass. "We are using the same land management strategy for this area as we do for our natural habitats," Flynn notes. Meaning: if a plant can't thrive on its own under the gaze of a Connecticut squirrel, it's probably not going in.

These projects, Flynn emphasizes, are funded by community support—the kind that arrives by check, by donation box, or by enthusiastic hand-raising at the annual appeal, which runs through June 30. "If you have already contributed...thank you so much! If you haven't yet had the chance to give, it's not too late."

There's an earnestness to the whole operation that's hard not to love. It's deeply New Canaan in its own slightly stubborn way: thoughtful, particular, and driven by the quiet conviction that things like ladybugs and coral bells do matter.

And if that's not enough to draw you out, consider this: the trails are open, and the temperatures have dropped.

The Nature Center is a good place to go slow, maybe sit a while, and watch a downy woodpecker do its thing. Just don't trip on the cardboard. That's part of the plan.

Fireworks Coming on July 4



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, 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.

White Plains Hospital Named to “Best Workplaces in New York” by Fortune for Third Straight Year

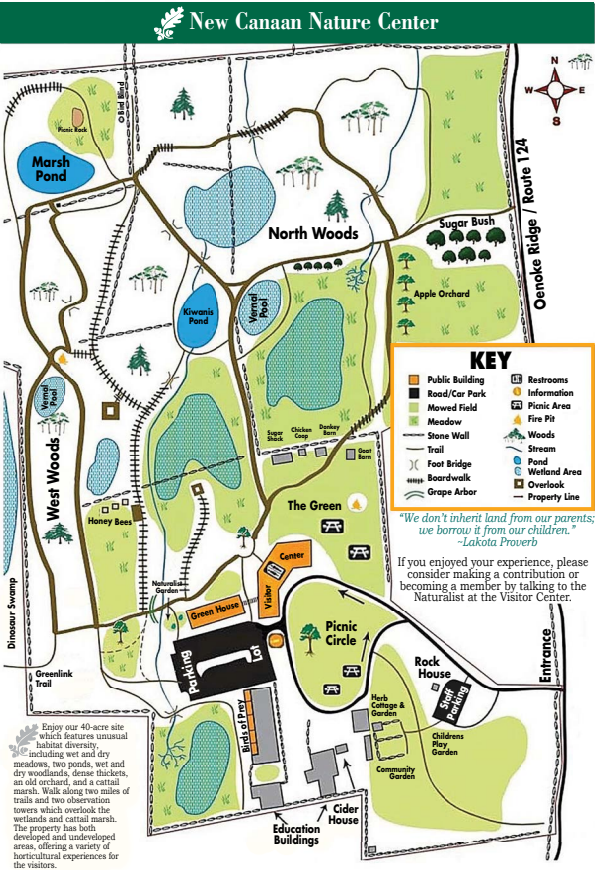
White Plains Hospital announced today that it has been named to Fortune's 2025 list of Best Workplaces in New York™. This is the third consecutive year that the Hospital has been named to the prestigious list. White Plains Hospital is the only hospital in New York and one of just 35 large companies (1,000+ employees) to be recognized.

White Plains Hospital became eligible for the honor following its designation as a “Great Place to Work” in 2024, a recognition it has received multiple times for exceeding national benchmarks for employee satisfaction. To determine the Fortune Best Workplaces in New York List, confidential survey responses were analyzed from employees on leadership



effectiveness, respect, fairness and employee pride in the organization. White Plains Hospital scored significantly above the benchmark required to be certified as a Best Workplace. Read the full methodology.

“To be the only Hospital named to Best Workplaces in New York proves our consistency when it comes to maintaining strong, two-way communications with our staff, addressing their needs and concerns, and working together to create an exceptional patient experience,” said Diane Woolley, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer at White Plains Hospital. “We remain proud of our employees and celebrate this success with them for the third consecutive year.”





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Doug Zumbach, C&C founder, speaks with a fellow 'gearhead' at the event. John Kriz Photo.



Pine Street was crowded with rare and antique vehicles and their enthusiasts. John Kriz Photo.



Elm Street is often crowded, but not usually this way, as a mini fire engine joins antique, sports and collector vehicles of all descriptions during C&C. John Kriz photo.



New Canaan's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was deployed during C&C to assist visitors in need, support first responders and help with traffic control -- and there was lots of traffic! John Kriz photo.



Seeing one Lamborghini is rare enough (even in New Canaan), but here are two, with a DeLorean in the rear, a short-lived stainless steel sports car from the early 1980s. John Kriz Photo.



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Children and adults gather to color the 24 individual canvasses that will, together, create the new community artwork.

Texas, the westernmost state in the Confederacy, and announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state were free.

President Joseph Biden declared Juneteenth a federal holiday in 2021.

S.T.A.R. founder Fatou Niang opened the celebration, remarking, “It’s wonderful to see so many of you here ready to honor this important day together. Today we gather to commemorate Juneteenth, a powerful reminder of freedom, resilience and journey toward justice and equality for all. This celebration is a testament to the strength and unity of our community.” After thanking attendees “for your passion and commitment to building a more inclusive world,” she charged everyone to let this “memorable and inspiring afternoon be the start of a great journey for you.”

Two food trucks -- Thelma’s Soul Food www.thelmassoulfood.com offering Soul food with a twist of Caribbean flavor, and Twentynine Markle www.29marklect.com offering an eclectic cuisine, with everything from poutine to ribs to Korean fried chicken, made by Chef Damon Sawyer – ably fed attendees. There

were games for children and picnics on the lawn.

New Canaan Police Officers Roy Adams and Nicole Vartuli raised the American flag, with the red, black and green Juneteenth flag below it. Ms. Niang and New Canaan High School graduating senior Susanna Rittenberry, who received the charity’s S.T.A.R. Award, given to those who advocate for other students and stand in the face of injustice, looked on. The “Star Spangled Banner” and “Lift Every Voice and Sing” were sung. This latter song is often referred to as the Black National Anthem.

S.T.A.R.’s mission “is to equip residents of New Canaan, CT and neighboring communities with tools and resources to understand systemic racism – including its history, root causes and the structures that perpetuate it– and to proactively advocate for racial equity and bias elimination. We believe that by working together, we can drive transformative and sustainable social change in our community and beyond.” It seeks to achieve this mission through education, community outreach, and advocacy and policy.

S.T.A.R. sponsors and has sponsored a range of activities, including a monthly youth social justice book group that meets at New Canaan Library www.newcanaanlibrary.org Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month events, film screenings, lectures, an annual ‘Through Your Looking Glass’ Social Justice Youth Art Showcase, and a food drive.

Music

Music was provided by the ‘Misfits,’ a group of musicians and friends who have played at every one of S.T.A.R.’s Juneteenth celebrations. They all serve in the music ministry at Norwalk’s Calvary Baptist Church www.calvarynorwalk.org a sister church to New Canaan’s Community Baptist Church www.cbcnewcanaan.org Said bandmember Lorenda Robinson, who attended New Canaan Country School, “it’s always our pleasure to be here and to participate in a wonderful event. And especially in New Canaan.” She went on to say, “It’s cool to be here under this context, and at this time, and to have people here for such a unifying moment.”

Creating Art

The creation of a community artwork was among New Canaan’s Juneteenth events. Led by artist, muralist and graphic designer Lauren Clayton of Stamford’s Studio 162 www.studio162.com the goal was to “create a piece that could be contributed by other members of the community,” she says. The work is a composite of 24 canvases that come together and read the words: ‘It’s not just history, it’s our story.’ As the celebration continued,



Artist Lauren Clayton displays in her right hand one of the 24 as-yet-unpainted canvasses that will comprise the completed community artwork, and in her left hand is a black & white model of the artwork.

more and more of the canvases were colored by attendees, many of whom were children. It’s “almost like a large coloring book,” Ms. Clayton observed. “And then at the end, all of the pieces will come together and make one piece -- together.” Reflecting on her Juneteenth project, Ms. Clayton remarked, “the minute you can create a piece of artwork that’s collective is always something really special.”

The finished work will be kept by S.T.A.R. and used as an art exhibition at its events.

Town Proclamation

In recognition of the importance of Juneteenth in the New Canaan community, First Selectman Dionna Carlson issued a Proclamation declaring June 19, 2025 as Juneteenth Day in the Town of New Canaan, in which she encouraged “all citizens to join in celebrating this important day, to reflect on the meaning of freedom and justice, and to work together toward a more equitable and inclusive community.”

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decried as “top-down” policy-making.

CT169Strong, a grassroots coalition of local officials and zoning volunteers, blasted the process as undemocratic.

“The 92-page omnibus bill was an ill-conceived attempt to usurp local control on zoning matters, stifle public input and instill unworkable provisions,” wrote co-founders Alexis Harrison and Maria Weingarten. “Good intentions are no excuse for poor policy.”

Yankee Institute President Carol Platt Liebau echoed those sentiments, calling the veto “a win for residents, businesses, and Connecticut’s affordability.” The group credited others – including the Council of Small Towns (COST) and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) – for helping “raise statewide awareness of the potential harm the bill would have inflicted.”

For Governor Lamont, the decision underscores the difficult balance between statewide planning and municipal autonomy – a tension that has become central to Connecticut’s housing discourse. While he acknowledged the need for reform, he signaled a desire to revisit the issue, possibly in a special legislative session this fall.

Yankee Institute and others are urging caution, warning that any future legislation should be debated “through an open and transparent process during the regular legislative session.”

Senator Fazio, for his part, said he remains open to bipartisan collaboration. “We can still find common ground... to pass a compromise that reforms 8-30g, respects local control, and finds reforms that increase housing affordability and availability,” he said.

Lamont used the moment to lay out a broader vision that emphasized partnership with local governments and pragmatism over political ideology.

“Fair share is make or break,” Lamont said early in the press conference. “If you’re going to dictate or suggest or imply a certain number of units, I don’t think that’s going to work for me.”

The governor was referring to the “fair share” formula in H.B. 5002, which would have assigned housing production targets to each municipality based on data compiled by state consultants. While Lamont acknowledged the state’s housing crisis and affirmed support for more supply, he said the provision – and the perception it created – was too provocative.

“I can explain till I’m blue in the face that these are just suggested numbers,” he said. “But if 169 mayors and first selectmen think it’s a dictate, we’re not going to get buy-in – and without buy-in, we won’t make progress.”

Lamont also took issue with the rollout of the bill, which he said came too fast and lacked the careful public engagement required for a policy of such scale. “I probably should have focused on this one sooner,” he admitted. “There’s a lot of misinformation out there, but also some real concerns.”

Still, Lamont defended many aspects of the bill, including provisions to allow “as-of-right” conversions of commercial properties into residential units and relaxed parking mandates near transit zones. “Those make sense to me,” he said. “But I want towns to take the lead.”

The governor confirmed that a revised version of the legislation could appear in a special session this fall, with changes negotiated directly with legislative leaders and municipal stakeholders. “We’re going to put together a better bill,” he said. “I want to be a partner to towns – not an adversary.”

Second Veto: Striking Workers Bill

Earlier in the press conference, Lamont also announced he had vetoed Senate Bill 8, which would have extended unemployment benefits to workers on strike after two weeks. The bill, backed by labor unions, had drawn fierce opposition from business groups and prompted concerns about economic competitiveness.

“I’ve been there on the picket line,” Lamont said, citing his past support for organized labor. “But paying striking workers is a bridge too far. I’m pro-jobs. I don’t want to do anything that jeopardizes our growing manufacturing base.”

He referenced recent job gains and ongoing recruitment efforts from other states – such as Georgia – to lure Connecticut companies away. “I was at the Paris Air Show,” Lamont noted. “I

saw other governors pitching Pratt & Whitney to relocate. I told them we have the best workforce in the world – and we’re going to protect those jobs.”

Both vetoes drew mixed reactions. Labor leaders criticized the decision on S.B. 8, while housing advocates decried the loss of what they called a thoughtful and long-negotiated compromise on H.B. 5002. On the other side, local officials and free-market policy groups applauded Lamont for defending municipal sovereignty and avoiding what they saw as overreach.

What Comes Next

What comes next is expected to unfold in the form of a special legislative session, likely this fall, where lawmakers will attempt to reconstitute House Bill 5002 into a version that can command broader support. Governor Lamont has signaled that a revised bill will need to directly engage local officials from the outset and offer more flexibility to municipalities in determining how they meet housing goals. The guiding principle, according to Lamont, will be a “towns take the lead” framework – one that preserves local planning authority while still advancing the state’s housing supply agenda.

Legislative leaders have expressed openness to returning to the table, though some were disappointed by the veto after months of negotiations and stakeholder input. According to the governor, the most contentious provisions – particularly the “fair share” housing targets, parking mandate relaxations, and as-of-right conversions – will need to be redrafted or significantly softened. The expectation is that the new bill will provide incentives rather than perceived mandates, and offer clearer guidance for towns willing to submit specific, good-faith development plans.

If a special session is called, it will likely occur in September, though the governor has left open the possibility of an earlier date. Until then, municipal leaders and planning commissions across the state are expected to begin internal discussions about how best to position themselves in the restructured process. “We’re going to put together a better bill,” Lamont said. “And I think we’ll get there – especially if we work together soon.”

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Joan Rouleau

Laurie Saggese, beloved wife, mother and Grammy dieSeptember 29, 1925 – November 17, 2024

Joan Rouleau, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on November 17, 2024, at the age of 99 in Princeton, New Jersey. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, she lived a full and vibrant life, marked by intellectual curiosity, boundless creativity, and deep devotion to her family and friends.

Joan grew up in Scituate, MA and was a graduate of Smith College, where she earned an undergraduate degree in history. She went on to earn a master's degree from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. Throughout her life, she maintained an unwavering commitment to education and the arts, nurturing both her own intellectual pursuits and the minds of those around her. Joan was a lover of music and the arts, and enjoyed summer travels to Tanglewood, Caramoor, and Nantucket.

Joan worked for many non-profits throughout her life. She also worked in Library Science for many years and retired from the New Canaan Library at the age of 91. Her colleagues remembered her spirited personality with great fondness.

An accomplished painter, Joan studied at the Silvermine Guild of Artists and The Art Students League in New York City. She found joy in expressing herself through art. Whether working with oils or pastels, her love for painting brought beauty into her life and the lives of her loved ones. Her works were often inspired by nature and the people she cherished. Her creativity continued to bloom well into her later years.

Joan was predeceased by her brothers, Louis and Robert Rouleau, and her sister, Patricia Mahoney. She is survived by her five children with her former husband, Lewis R. Scanlan: Ellen Scanlan (Princeton, NJ), Lewis Scanlan (Westport, CT), Christopher Scanlan (Honolulu, HI), Jane Chapman (Princeton, NJ), and Peter Scanlan (Belmont, MA); six grandchildren: Kathryn, Maxwell, Jasmine, Alexander, Abigail, and Caroline, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who will be cherished for her legacy of love and warmth. Joan's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her and her influence will continue to be felt for many years to come.

A private memorial service celebrating her life and work will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to a charity of their choice. Arrangements were made under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home in Princeton, NJ.



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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

A Place to Grow and Grow and Grow

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

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
682 South Avenue 203.966.5849
www.ComeUntoChrist.org
Sunday Service: 12:00 PM

Congregational Church
23 Park Street 203.966.2651
office@godsacre.org
www.godsacre.org
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. The 10:00 am service is also live streamed and recorded, the video replay will be available throughout the week. Church School is available on Sundays for children ages 3 through 7th grade each Sunday from September through mid-June.

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

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515
churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org
www.stmarksnewcanaan.org
Sunday Services: 8:00am: Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite I; 9:00am: Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II; 10am: Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite II (Live Stream also available on the St. Mark’s website). Coffee Hour follows the 10am service. Church School during the 10am service: Godly Play for children in kindergarten through second grade; Holy Moly for third and fourth grades; Meet in the Middle for fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Professional childcare is offered for children ages four and under. Families with children who are not yet ready to separate for childcare are invited to use the rocking chairs at the rear of the chapel. **Weekday Services: Monday-Friday, 8:30am:** Morning Prayer Rite II by Zoom. **Wednesday at 12:05pm:** Noonday Eucharist in the chapel.

Recurring Events:
First Wednesday at 1pm: Laundry Love volunteering opportunity to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry.
First & Third Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm: Youth Group

Grace Community Church
9:30am Service @ New Canaan High School, 11 Farm Road, New Canaan 203-966-7600
info@gracecommunity.info
www.gracecommunity.info
Welcome to Grace Church, where we strive to build a church of action, founded on Biblical truth, characterized by faith, grace, community, service, authenticity, clear thinking, and cultural relevance. Grace Community Church is an exercise in knowing God, knowing truth, and building community that extends to our full lives, not just to our Sunday mornings. Join us **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** or via GCC’s Facebook page or YouTube page. Nursery care and Sunday school/teen programming is available for babies through 12th grade. Coffee and bagels available in the lobby after the service, all are welcome.

Upcoming Events:
July 26 from 4-6 PM: Join for an afternoon of pickleball in Mead Memorial Park. Questions or to RVSP, email Bo at bo@gracecommunity.info.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
49 Park Street 203.966.0293
christiansciencect.org/newcanaan
Sunday 10:30 AM, in person only. Sunday School is available during Sunday Service and is open to children and young people up to the age of 20. There is also childcare available for children too young for Sunday School. **Wednesday Testimony Meeting:** 1st Wednesday of each month, join by zoom or by phone 646 558 8656. Reading Room Hours: Open Mondays 11-2, Call to confirm hours 203-966-0293. All are welcome to the Sunday and Wednesday services, Sunday School, and the reading room.

First Presbyterian Church
178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002
fpcnc.org
Sunday Service: 10am in person or via LocalLive. All are welcome. Coffee Hour after the service is also available in person or via Zoom. Dedicated childcare is available for all children via Wee Care Nanny Agency from 8:45-11:30am in the Nursery School. Transcripts of previous sermons are also available via the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan’s website. **Recurring Events:** Every Saturday 9:15am (closed) and 10:30am (open): Alcoholics Anonymous. Every Tuesday 8pm: Men’s A.A. **Third Wednesday from 6-7:30 PM:** Wednesdays at the Well are intergenerational opportunities to learn and grow in faith together. Dinner will be served and all ages are invited. **Upcoming Events:**
July 13: Peaches on the Patio. Contact the Church for more information.

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.

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.

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

Upcoming Events:
July 17 from 10 AM- 7:30 PM: Rising high school freshmen to graduated seniors are invited to Summer Mission Day. The event will be held at St. Matthew Church, 216 Scribner Avenue in Norwalk. More information is available at <https://starcc.com/event/youth-ministry-summer-mission-day-2025/>.

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.

Upcoming Events:
July 1 from 7:30-8:30 PM: Join for a summer Bible study for young adults at the church. Explore faith and spiritual growth through Three Simple Rules by Rueben Job. Free and open to everyone – light refreshments provided. For questions, please contact the church office.

Community Baptist Church
174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711
cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com
www.cbcnewcanaan.org
Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI3O_Syp_X0KDG
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>
Sunday School at 10:00am
Worship Service at 11:00am
Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

Upcoming Events:
June 28 from 12-4 PM: Join a Friends & Family Picnic. Everyone, members, family, friends, and community are all welcome!

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)
458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903 203.322.1649
www.temple sinaistamford.org
Service Schedule:
1st, 3rd & 5th Friday – 6pm in person and via zoom
2nd & 4th – 7:30pm

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

Temple Sholom
300 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830 203-869-7191
www.templesholom.com
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=bFJQem9HWfCzU0EzZUM2VENEZmgyUT09#success>



Congratulations!

The Knights of Columbus Council 2287, based out of St. Aloysius Catholic Church held its annual College Scholarship Awards dinner event recently. Seven college bound teens were selected and a total of approximately \$12,000 was awarded in scholarships. Grand Knight Andy Mank (far left) and Scholarship Committee Chairperson Robert Schott (far right) are pictured with the scholarship recipients left to right Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Theodore Goetz, Andrew J. Mank, Anna Mary Berchermann, Elizabeth Besgen, Ciara Bell, and Sarah Steele (not pictured). Anna Mary Berchermann received the Father John H. Stapleton Award and Theodore Goetz received the Kevin Johnson Memorial Award. For information on joining the Knights of Columbus, please email KofC2287@gmail.com.

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Hawaiian Party at Waveny



Recently, Waveny LifeCare Network held a Hawaiian-themed event featuring live music and food for residents, families, and staff. Deuces Wild performed songs from the 1960s and 1970s as part of the program. The event supported the facility’s ongoing efforts to promote social interaction. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

SCHOOLS

Transition to NCHS



A ceremony was recently held to mark the transition of eighth grade students from Saxe Middle School to New Canaan High School. The event signified the completion of their middle school education and the beginning of their high school enrollment. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

SPORTS

IOU Red Baseball Wins Championship



Recently, the New Canaan 10U boys baseball Red team won the Al Leonard Championship. Photo credit: New Canaan Cal Ripken Baseball.

NCHS Girls Lacrosse



Seven New Canaan High School girls lacrosse players were recently recognized at the All-State banquet. Three earned First Team All-State honors, while four were named both All-American and Academic All-State. Photo credit: New Canaan Girls Varsity Lacrosse.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Long Island Sound Improvements

Connecticut, New York, and EPA officials have introduced a 10-year plan to improve water quality, restore habitats, boost climate resilience, and expand public access to Long Island Sound. The plan outlines clear targets, including buffer zones, habitat restoration, and removal of outdated infrastructure. While progress has been made, recent beach closures due to runoff show that challenges remain.

New Canaan Legal Ads

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission at a regular meeting held via hybrid and in person on June 24, 2025 duly adopted the following resolution(s). Approved Applications become effective upon the filing of a copy thereof in the office of the Town Clerk.

- RESOLVED, Burtis & Cherry – administrative approval of a modification to the Special Permit & Site Plan approval dated November 9, 2022 pursuant to Sections 4.3.D.1, 6.12, and 7.6 to make minor alterations to the facades of select buildings and alter the size of certain units in the Business A Zone at 11 Burtis Avenue is approved with conditions.
- RESOLVED, 63 Park Street – that the application of Stephen Finn, Wofsey, Rosen et al, Authorized Agent for 63 Park Street, LLC, c/o Peterson Management LLC, owner(s), for a Sign Site Plan approval of Section(s) 8.2.A and 6.3.C.3 to allow two temporary banners and the replacement of an existing sign with a sign measuring 4 sq. ft. sating the name of the occupant and the street address in the B Residence Zone at 63 Park Street (Map L, Block 18, Lot 81) is approved with conditions.
- RESOLVED, 140 Elm Street – that the application of Lorena Egan-Alvarado/CP 14, Core Burn Pilates, Authorized Agent for Downtown New Canaan, LLC, owner(s), for a Site Plan approval pursuant to Section(s) 4.2.C.7 to allow a Pilates studio in the Retail A Zone at 140 Elm Street (Map T, Block 44, Lot 910) is approved.
- RESOLVED, Discussion and consideration of the request of David Rucci, Lampert, Toohey & Rucci, LLC to amend the Zoning Regulation dated June 16, 2007, amended December 6, 2024 to amend Section(s) 5.4.C to allow the Planning and Zoning Commission to reduce certain requirements for legally non-conforming lots in order to facilitate redevelopment in the Apartment Zone is approved, effective date July 7, 2025.
- RESOLVED, 14 Richmond Hill Road – that the application of David Rucci, Lampert, Toohey & Rucci, LLC, Authorized Agent for 14 Richmond Hill, LLC, owner(s) for a Site Plan and Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 8.2 and 5.4.C to allow the nonconforming 4 family to be rebuilt utilizing 15’ side yard setbacks and 30% coverage in the APT Zone at 14 Richmond Hill Road (Map K, Block 10, Lot 924) is denied.
- RESOLVED, 20 Richmond Hill Road – that the application of David Rucci, Lampert, Toohey & Rucci, LLC, Authorized Agent for 20 Richmond Hill, LLC, owner(s) for a Site Plan and Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 8.2 and 5.4.C.6 to allow a nonconforming 4 family site to be replaced with a 3 family consisting of 30% coverage and 15’ side yard setbacks in the APT Zone at 20 Richmond Hill Road (Map K, Block 10, Lot 93) is approved, effective date July 8, 2025.
- RESOLVED, 95 Country Club Road – that the application of Stephen Finn, Wofsey, Rosen, Kveskin, 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) is approved.

Krista Neilson, Secretary
Dated June 24, 2025

LEGAL AD

Republican Caucus—July 22, 2025, at Saxe Middle School

New Canaan Republicans will hold a caucus starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, in the Auditorium at Saxe Middle School, 468 South Ave., New Canaan, Connecticut. The caucus will endorse candidates for the following elective offices to be voted upon in the municipal election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

In accordance with the bylaws and rules of the New Canaan Republican Town Committee (RTC), the following named persons have filed timely petitions, duly signed by twenty-five (25) enrolled Republicans residing in New Canaan, seeking endorsement at the caucus as candidates for the following elective offices.

First Selectman (1 seat):

Dionna Carlson, 29 Father Peters Ln

Selectman (1 seat):

Stephen Karl, 9 Whiffle Tree Ln.

Town Clerk (1 seat):

Claudia Weber, 523 Main St.

Town Treasurer (1 seat):

Andrew Brooks, 43 Park Pl.

Town Council (4 seats):

Arvind Bajaj, 149 Parish Rd.
Scott Gress, 258 Dans Hwy.
Pavla Levin, 74 Clapboard Hill Rd.
Kimberly Norton, 17 Green Ave.
Penny Young, 52 Indian Rock Rd.

Board of Education (3 seats):

Hugo Alves, 36 Parish Rd.
David Cannon, 60 Pepper Ln.
Phil Hogan, 50 Old Studio Rd.
Julie Toal, 55 Running Brook Ln.

Board of Assessment & Appeals (2 seats):

Tony Calanca, 40 Conrad Rd.
Kevin McIntosh, 38 Mead St.

Constable (4 seats):

Alberto Gonzalez, 377 Main St.
Jill Guzzetti, 106 Lakeview Ave.
Bob Naughton, 14 Bob Hill Ln.
Greg Pepe, 36 Fitch Ln.

Contact Information:

Jonathan Cheng, Chairman
New Canaan Republican Town Committee
chairman@newcanaanrepublicans.org

LEGAL AD

Notice of Permit Application

Town: New Canaan

Notice is hereby given that the Town of New Canaan (the “applicant”) of 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut will submit to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection an application under section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes for a permit to initiate, create, originate or maintain a discharge of water, substance or material to the waters of the state.

Specifically, the applicant proposes to continue to treat wastewater at the New Canaan Water Pollution Control Facility and discharge its effluent. The proposed activity will take place at 394 Main Street in New Canaan. The proposed activity will potentially affect the Five Mile River.

Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from Nick Colabella, WPCA Superintendent, 394 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06480.

The application will be available for inspection at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Planning and Standards Division, Municipal Facilities Group, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 860-424-3704 from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. Please call in advance to schedule review of the application.

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NEW LISTINGS

Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
302 Gramercy Park , Unit# 302	\$11,000.00	2,417			3	3
120 Briscoe Road	\$1,200,000	1,193	\$1,005.87	2.01	1	1
16 Grace Street	\$1,495,000	2,328	\$642.18	0.34	4	2
91 Fox Run Road	\$1,749,000	3,664	\$477.35	2.01	6	3
106 Kimberly Place	\$1,895,000	1,501	\$735.92	0.28	4	2
133 East Ave Unit A	\$2,495,000	3,796	\$657.27		3	3
289 Wahackme Road	\$2,750,000	3,056	\$899.87	1.21	4	3
882 Silvermine Road	\$2,950,000	6,280	\$469.75	2.60	6	4
39 Louises Lane	\$4,295,000	8,317	\$516.41	4.94	5	6
474 Ponus Ridge	\$6,495,000	8,392	\$773.95	4.83	6	6

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

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Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker
1580 Ponus Ridge	\$3,998,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	William Raveis
48 Rural Drive	\$1,499,000	SAT & SUN	2:30-4:30PM/12-2PM	William Raveis
50 Harrison Avenue	\$2,200,000	SAT & SUN	12-2PM/2:30-4:30PM	William Raveis
50R Harrison Ave Unit WH	\$13,200	SAT & SUN	12-2PM/2:30-4:30PM	William Raveis
29 Down River Rd	\$1,598,000	SAT & SUN	12-2PM/10-12PM	William Pitt Sotheby's
289 Wahackme Road	\$2,750,000	SAT & SUN	10-12/1-3PM&1-3PM	Compass
1187 Smith Ridge Road	\$2,995,000	SUN	2:00-4:00PM	William Raveis

NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
208 Park St. #21	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$397,500	30	1	1	
388 Main Street	\$729,900	\$679,900	\$640,000	210	3	1	
34 Anthony Lane	\$1,299,900	\$1,299,900	\$1,232,000	9	4	3	0.98
38 Heritage Hill Road #38	\$1,325,000	\$1,325,000	\$1,440,000	11	3	2	
760 Valley/Gravel Island Rd	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000	\$1,800,000	19	4	4	2.28
47 Old Norwalk Road	\$2,095,000	\$2,095,000	\$2,175,000	7	4	2	0.6
38 Old Rock Lane	\$2,495,000	\$2,495,000	\$2,500,000	8	4	2	2.29
91 4 Winds Lane	\$4,495,000	\$4,495,000	\$4,495,000	8	5	4	2

Why We Stay in New Canaan



BY JOHN ENGEL

A friend sold his business and set out to do everything he'd dreamed of. He did it all. Then one April morning, walking off the golf course, he checked his scorecard: 40 rounds – and it wasn't even May. He said, "I'm going back to work." Not for money; for meaning.

That's what people miss when they leave: not just the place – the purpose. The kind you find chairing a building committee, running a nonprofit, or serving on an allocation panel – fifteen site visits in two weeks.

New Canaan's move rate is 7.8%. Connecticut's is 11.1%. That's no accident. We looked at ten years of home sales; most of our homes sold once. For single-family homes, it's 1.16 sales per decade. Condos were 2.2 – a slightly higher turnover, often by downsizers. Looking at the years 2014–2019, it was 1.10. Then, between 2020–2024, it rose to 1.19, a slight post-COVID bump. The longer stays means deeper roots. More people stay to see things through.

Connecticut averages 23.4 volunteer hours per person per year. At \$34.79/ hour, that's \$813 in civic value. In New Canaan, it translates to \$16.7 million a year. I think that number is almost certainly low. New Canaan volunteers more, gives more, stays longer. This is what community stability looks like: measurable, local, and built to last.

I'm working with half a dozen downsizers. All are staying in town or close by. I asked why. "Our friends are here." That's what they say, but it's more than that. They're on the boards (17), commissions (11), advisory groups (8), and committees (10) listed on the town website, or in the 83 nonprofits that our service clubs support. Altogether, I count about 250 volunteer seats in town government alone.

A friend was asked to run again for office. She told me, "My work here isn't done." She's chaired building committees and managed big projects. People trust her to get things finished. That's the theme: We stay because we have purpose.

Each year, Rotary, the Exchange Club, and the New Canaan Community Foundation give more than \$1 million

to nonprofits in our region. That's not the interesting part. The interesting part is how they give it. They don't just write checks. They ask for help deciding who gets what. They form allocation committees. Dozens of residents volunteer. They divide up the applicants. They make site visits. They take notes. They report back. I've seen the list: KEYS, AmeriCares, Meals on Wheels, Staying Put, LiveGirl, KidsInCrisis, etc.

We reviewed three sets of 2024 grants: Rotary, Exchange, and the New Canaan Community Foundation. The result: 83 nonprofits received funding. Around twenty-five are based in New Canaan. The rest serve Stamford, Norwalk, Bridgeport, and Danbury. Eighteen focus on youth, 12 on seniors, 11 on food insecurity nine on health or mental health. Others support housing, education, addiction recovery, or the arts.

At least 21 nonprofits were funded by more than one organization. These include: KEYS, AmeriCares, Meals on Wheels, Staying Put, Getabout, Future 5, Filling in the Blanks, Rowan Center, Town Players, and Waveny LifeCare, among others.

Many operate with volunteers, some out of church basements. These are the groups allocations committees visit, the ones donors choose year after year, the ones board members quietly sustain. This is what people stay for.

People move here for the schools. They stay for the work – not their jobs, but the *real* work. Coaching. Fundraising. Visiting a nonprofit. Chairing the next thing. Running for office when no one else will.

We've talked for years about what draws people in – test scores, ease of commute, curb appeal – but no one tracks what keeps them here. It's not just friends; it's being useful. Once you've helped get a theater built, or a trail maintained, or a grant distributed, you want to see what happens next. That's the civic fabric.

Some towns are too large. Some are too small. A few are just right. Towns like New Canaan, Darien, Wilton, Ridgefield, Westport – populations near 20,000, covering 20–40 square miles – have a kind of civic gravity. They're big enough to support nonprofits, theaters, museums, and volunteer programs but small enough that you'll see people you

know at all of them. In larger towns – Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk, Fairfield – populations hit 60,000 or more. So does sprawl. It takes 20 minutes to get from backcountry to downtown.

We talk about sense of place: This is it. Not the Green. Not the real estate. Not the schools – not anymore. It's a Tuesday night at Town Hall. It's the Rotary lunch. It's your neighbor dropping off a meal for someone else's parent. And if you're paying attention, it's the reason they stayed.

Notes from the Monday Meeting: Marketwatch reports today, "The Housing Market is Finally Buyer-Friendly as More Sellers Slash Prices" Fake news: not one of the 10 places they list are within 1,000 miles of here. The closest is Jacksonville. According to NAR, New Canaan is a seller's market, with 2.59 months of inventory (down 16%), a sold-to-list price ratio of 105.7%, 23 days on market, and a median sold price of \$2.79 million.

John Engel is a broker on the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, and he is on a list. This is the time of year when

Non-Profit Organizations of New Canaan

Funding codes:

F = New Canaan Community Foundation
R = Rotary Club of New Canaan
E = New Canaan Exchange Club

YOUTH

Adam J. Lewis Academy (F)
Provides educational programs for underserved youth in New Canaan.

Children's Learning Centers (F)
Offers early education and care services for children in need.

Circle of Care for Families (F)
Supports families affected by cancer with resources and assistance.

Connecticut RISE Network(F)
Assists refugees with legal support and job placement.

Domus Kids (F)
Offers after-school and mentoring programs for urban youth.

Earthplace (F)
Focuses on environmental education and conservation.

Exchange Club Center (F)
Educates and counsels parents to prevent child abuse in lower Fairfield.

Fairfield County Trauma (F)
Provides therapeutic services for children and adults recovering from trauma.

Family Centers (F)
Delivers family support services across multiple communities.

Food Rescue US (F, R)
Volunteers rescue surplus food from local sources for distribution.

GetAbout (F)
Provides public transportation in New Canaan for seniors and non-drivers.

Girl Scouts of Connecticut (E)
Teaches leadership skills, STEAM education, and outdoor experiences.

Grassroots Tennis (F)
Provides tennis and educational programs for youth.

Horizons at NCCS (N/A)
Year-round programs for Norwalk and Stamford students.

Help for Kids (E)

Supports children's welfare initiatives.

Kids Helping Kids (N/A)
Encourages youth-led community service projects.

Kids in Crisis (R)
Offers a hotline and housing for children in Fairfield County.

LiveGirl (F, F, R)
Leadership training for middle and high school girls.

NC Ram Council (F)
Substance-free activities for high school and 7th–6th graders.

New Canaan Youth Sports (N/A)
Supports youth sports organizations.

Six Love Tennis (E)
Provides tennis programs for youth development.

STAR - Stand (R)
Supports the Juneteenth celebration and anti-racism efforts.

Stepping Stones Museum (N/A)
Offers interactive learning for children up to age 10 in Norwalk.

SENIORS

Staying Put (E, R)
Supports seniors to remain in their homes with dues scholarships.

Waveny LifeCare (E, R)
Provides assisted living, skilled nursing, and memory care for seniors.

MENTAL HEALTH (Light Purple)

Laurel House (F)
Programs for young adults with mental health issues.

Rowan Center (N/A)
Offers sexual violence-crisis counseling and educational programs.

Community Health Center (F)
Provides mental health services for children and families.

HEALTH

AmeriCares Free Clinics (F, R)
Operates four clinics in Fairfield County offering free healthcare.

Blossom Hill (R)
Operates 14 schools for refugee children in conflict areas globally.

ElderHouse (F)
Provides community-based support for seniors.

Fairfield County Hospice (N/A)
Supports end-of-life care and hospice services.

Filling in the Blanks (E, R)
Distributes 10,000 weekend meals to reduce food insecurity for children.

HELP for Kids (N/A)
Supports children's welfare and health initiatives.

Liberation Programs (R)
Offers treatment and prevention services for substance use.

Little Free Pantry (E, R)
Operates a 24/7 pantry at St. John Lutheran Church with shelf-stable food.

Person-to-Person (F)
Provides emergency assistance including food, clothing, and financial aid.

Pivot Ministries (F)
Renovates homes to support men recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.

Shepherds (F)
Offers substance-free activities and support for recovery.

EDUCATION (Light Pink)

Bridgeport Rescue Mission (F)
Provides summer courses for better chance scholars at New Canaan High.

Caffeine and Carburetors (N/A)
Funds a program to help locals with auto repairs and maintenance.

College Scholarships (F)
Awards scholarships to local students.

Human Services Council (F)
Supports educational and social service programs.

INTEMPO (F, F, E)

Offers music education and cultural programs for children.

KEYS (E, R)
Provides free music education to 650 Bridgeport schoolchildren annually.

New Canaan Beautification (N/A)
Promotes horticulture and community beautification.

New Canaan Community Fdn (N/A)
Facilitates charitable giving and community investment.

New Canaan DAR (N/A)
Preserves and shares New Canaan's historical legacy.

New Canaan Exchange Club (N/A)
Supports community service and youth activities.

New Canaan Field Club (N/A)
Offers recreational and educational programs.

New Canaan Historical Soc (N/A)
Preserves local history through exhibits and programs.

New Canaan Land Trust (N/A)
Focuses on environmental education and nature programs.

New Canaan League of Women (N/A)
Hosts weekly meetings and an annual vigil on youth substance abuse.

New Canaan Nature Center (N/A)
Supports local artists and cultural events.

New Canaan Parent Support (N/A)
Parent support and community vigil on youth substance abuse.

New Canaan Preservation (N/A)
Preserves local history and heritage.

Old Faithful Engine Co (F)
Renovates residences to help the hungry, homeless, and addicted.

PEHT (E)
Funds extra meals and snacks for students on free/reduced-price meals.

Planet New Canaan (E)

Promotes sustainable community initiatives.

Rotary Club of New Canaan (N/A)
Raises funds for local nonprofits and international projects.

Silver Hill Hospital (N/A)
Supports a new behavioral health assessment model.

Town Players of New Canaan (E, R)
Produces six professional-quality plays annually.

Touch A Life (N/A)
Provides confidential emergency financial assistance for New Canaan residents.

United Way Stamford (N/A)
Organizes college exposure trips for students.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice (N/A)
Provides healthcare and hospice services.

Voices of September 11th (N/A)
Offers social support and training after tragic events.

WEE-ACT Co (E)
Organizes college exposure trips for students.

Women's Mentoring Network (N/A)
Supports women's leadership and empowerment.

Young Women's League (N/A)
Offers programs for young women's development.

ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES

American Legion Post 30 (N/A)
Honors military service and supports veterans.

Country Club of New Canaan (N/A)
Provides recreational facilities and community events.

Encore Club of New Canaan (N/A)
Offers social and cultural activities for members.

Grace Farms Foundation (N/A)
Supports community and environmental initiatives.

Harmony Lodge No. 67 (N/A)

Provides fraternal and community support.

Kiwanis Club of New Canaan (N/A)
Supports youth and community service projects.

Lake Club (N/A)
Offers recreational and social programs.

Men's Club of New Canaan (N/A)
Provides social and community engagement opportunities.

New Canaan Chamber of Comm (N/A)
Promotes local business and community development.

New Canaan Ice Rink (N/A)
Offers ice skating opportunities for all ages.

New Canaan Lions Club (N/A)
Supports community service and vision programs.

New Canaan Winter Club (N/A)
Provides winter sports and recreational activities.

Newcomers Club of New Canaan (N/A)
Supports new residents with community integration.

Woodway Country Club (N/A)
Offers recreational and social facilities for members.

Notes:

The list includes 83 unique nonprofits, consolidating data from the specified websites and removing duplicates based on name and primary function.

Funding sources (F, E, R) are assigned where explicitly mentioned; "N/A" indicates no specific funding source was detailed in the sources.

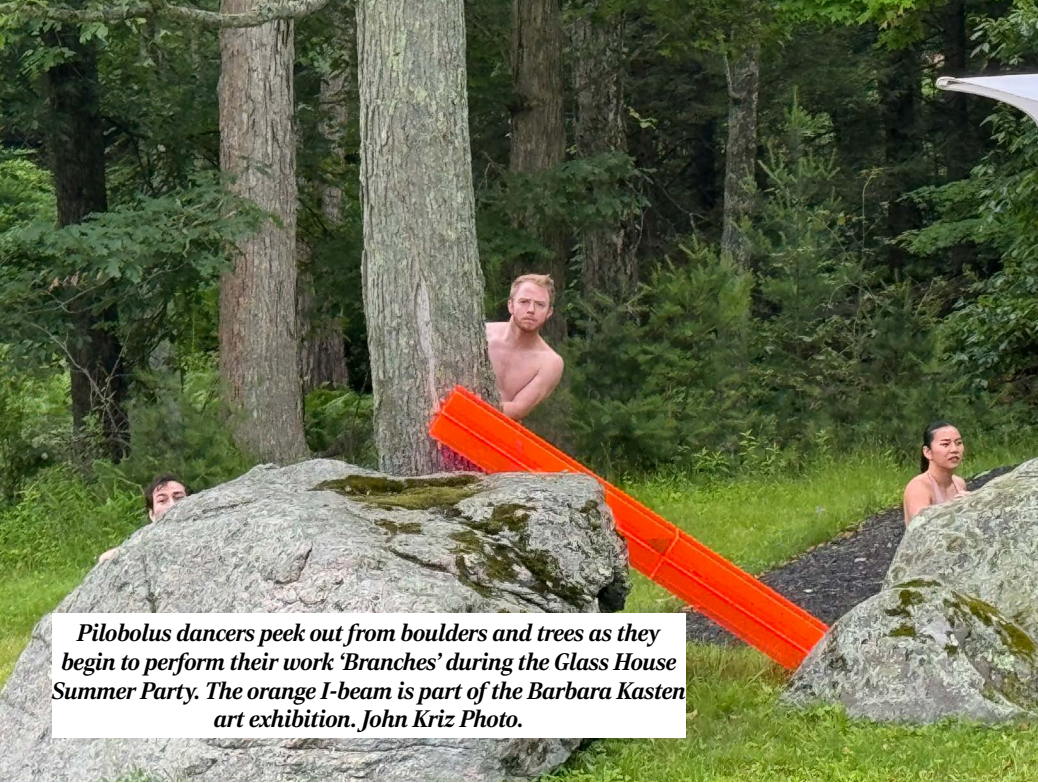
Categories are assigned based on the primary focus of each nonprofit's activities as described on the websites.

Some organizations (e.g., Rotary Club, New Canaan Community Foundation) are included as they support other nonprofits, aligning with their community service roles.

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—Kirsten Reoch, Executive Director



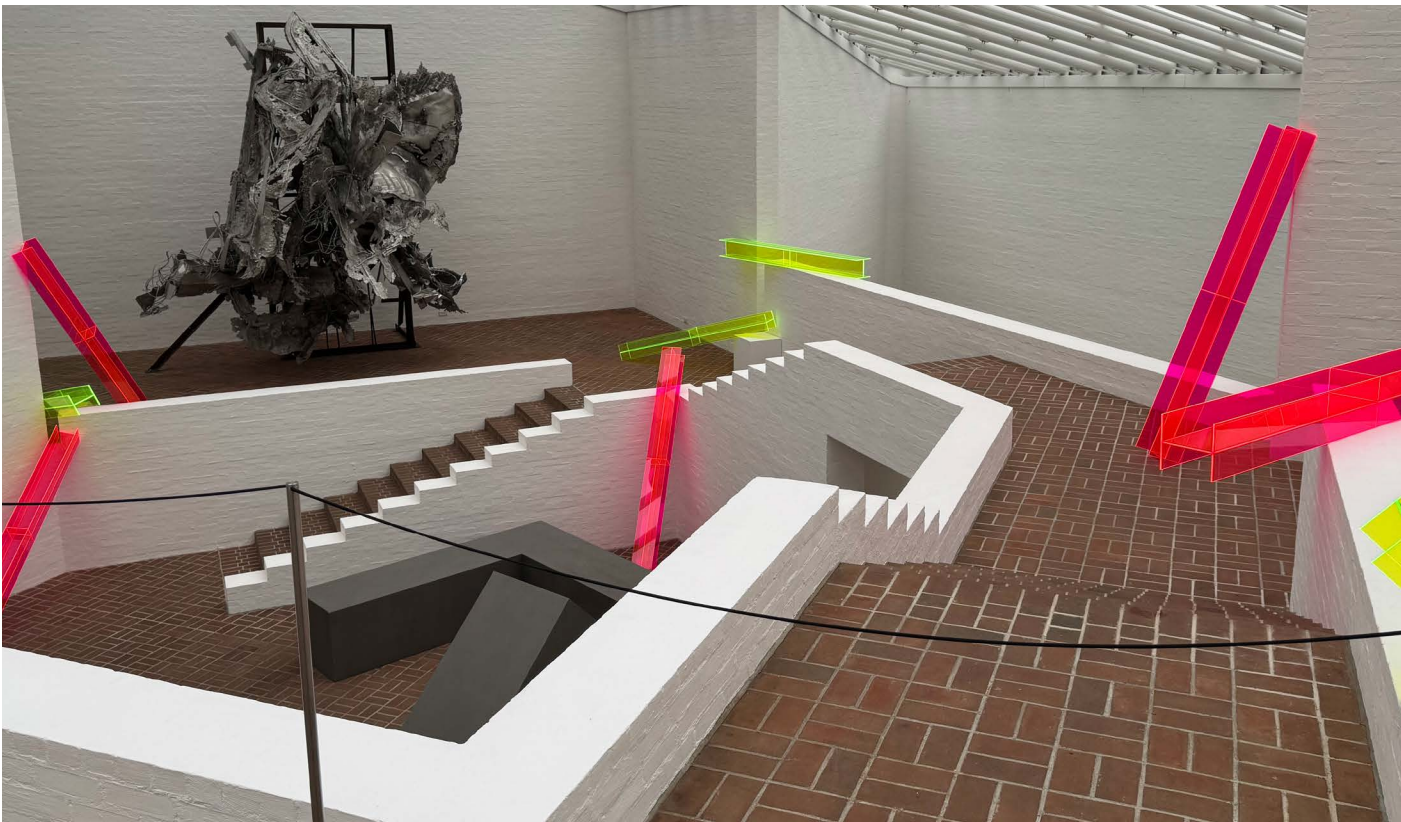
Pilobolus dancers peek out from boulders and trees as they begin to perform their work 'Branches' during the Glass House Summer Party. The orange I-beam is part of the Barbara Kasten art exhibition. John Kriz Photo.



A bit of light rain did not impede the enjoyment of the Summer Party at the Glass House. John Kriz Photo.



Kirsten Reoch, Executive Director, The Glass House George Smart, US Modernist Radio Laurie Wheatley. Photo credit- Matt Borkowski, BFA.



In the Sculpture Gallery. The I-beam objects are part of the year long Barbara Kasten art exhibition. Though they seem to be glowing, they are not electrified. The large silver-colored sculpture is 'Raft of Medusa'. John Kriz Photo.

The Glass House: Much More Than That

By JOHN J KRIZ

The Arrival

One of the great misnomers about New Canaan's iconic Philip Johnson, The Glass House is embedded in the name of this historic, art-and-design-filled site: Glass House. It's much more than that sole building, though it's also that. Once having entered under the raised, thick silver metal tube that guards the main entrance (this tube conceals an old wooden ship's mast inside – Mr. Johnson was creative and quirky, if nothing else) you find yourself enmeshed in an undulating vista of unique buildings, sculpture and stone walls, punctuated by meadows, gardens and wetlands seemingly under occupation by butterflies, turkeys and bobcats -- a carefully curated landscape that both reveals and hides its treasures.

“This Glass House is so

widely reproduced and printed that they come with just that in mind,” laments Executive Director Kirsten Reoch, “and then they are shocked to find the riches that there are to explore here. They don't know that there are art galleries full of huge names in the arts, whether it's Andy Warhol or Robert Rauschenberg or Frank Stella. I mean, there's so much to see. They also are very surprised to find that the Brick House and the Glass House were built together at the same time -- that truly this original footprint is two buildings here across this connected courtyard, and that this should be thought of as one composition and not one single glass house.”

The Glass House campus www.theglasshouse.org is a National Historic Landmark situated to the northwest of West School on Ponus Ridge Road,

and owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation www.savingplaces.org. It is locally managed by its staff, whose office is across the street from New Canaan's historic mid-1800s railway depot.

Philip Johnson

Philip Cortelyou Johnson was born in 1906, son of a wealthy lawyer. His family origins go back centuries in North America. As an example, his partial namesake, Jacques Cortelyou, was of Huguenot (French Protestant) background, who created the first map of Nieuw Amsterdam (later New York City) and assisted in the construction of a wall across lower Manhattan as protection against

attacks from indigenous groups. Over time this wall transformed into Wall Street.

After completing his undergraduate studies at Harvard (later pursuing graduate architectural studies there), he developed his interest in architecture and design, helping to establish the architecture and design department at the Museum of Modern Art, becoming its curator.

In the mid/late 1930s Mr. Johnson shifted his focus, devoting himself to politics and journalism, which included pro-Nazi sympathies and anti-Semitic commentary.

According to the biography of Mr. Johnson in The Glass

House's website, fifth paragraph: “Johnson became a lightning rod for criticism, not only for his stylistic inconsistency, architectural formalism and his oft brash statements, but also for his embrace of fascist politics early in his life. While he did not appear to maintain these attitudes lifelong, he espoused pro-Nazi and American fascist sympathies during 1934-1940, which his biographer Franz Schulze referred to as the ‘inglorious detour.’ This period was bookended by Johnson's early work at MoMA and his return to Harvard for graduate studies in architecture. Briefly working as a journalist at that time, he made statements that included not only pro-fascist attitudes but also anti-Semitic commentary. Although Johnson would attempt to distance himself from these early beliefs and statements from the 1940s on, these activities brought condemnation and criticism throughout his life.”

During the post-World War II years, Mr. Johnson's prominence

in modern architecture and design came into its own, with New Canaan becoming a center of this movement. Mr. Johnson was one of the so-called ‘Harvard Five’ Modernist architects who settled here, and they and other architects launched much of what we know today as modern architecture. As an example, dozens of modern houses were built in New Canaan, many of which remain, including a Johnson-designed, privately owned house on the east side of Ponus Ridge across from The Glass House campus. Mr. Johnson was also interested in landscape architecture, and how the land a building sits on should be integrated with the building itself.

Fast becoming one of the giants of his profession, Mr. Johnson became a sought after and trend-setting architect, helping to design such prominent structures as the AT&T Building at 550 Madison Avenue and the Lipstick Building on Third Avenue in New York City, and the Gate of Europe Towers in Madrid. A gregarious and social man, Mr. Johnson was friends with many people in the arts, hosting numerous parties at his New Canaan home.

In 1960 Mr. Johnson, who was gay, met David Whitney, an art



People having a picnic in the Pavilion, or Folly. John Kriz Photo.



In the modest kitchen area of the Glass House. The brick structure on the right contains the fireplace and bathroom. John Kriz Photo.



Kirsten Reoch, Executive Director of the Glass House, speaks at the Summer Party on the doorstep of the Glass House. John Kriz Photo.

curator and his partner for the rest of his life. The vernacular house at the far southeast corner of the property (today being the site manager’s home) was used by Mr. Whitney as his own residence, should he choose so.

Mr. Johnson died in his sleep in the Glass House in 2005, age 98. Mr. Whitney died several months later. Mr. Johnson bequeathed The Glass House property to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1986, with life rights of residence for him and Mr. Whitney.

The Origins

Mr. Johnson bought five acres of mostly wooded land on Ponus Ridge in New Canaan in 1946, later purchasing more, adjacent land and building a range of structures. The Glass House, Mr. Johnson’s residence for much of his life, was built along with the Brick House in 1949 – the first buildings, designed to exist symbiotically. The Brick House has the same length as the Glass House, though it’s half as deep, with Mr. Johnson’s and Mr. Whitney’s visitors using it as a guest house. It sits approximately kitty-corner from the Glass House, with a round swimming pool, built in 1955, adjacent to them.

Today, The Glass House campus is 49 acres, with 14 very distinct buildings and al fresco art installations. Major structures besides the Glass and Brick Houses include the Sculpture Gallery, Mr. Johnson’s studio/office, the Painting Gallery and several vernacular buildings highlighting his and Mr. Whitney’s interest in preservation. One such building – Grainger, circa 1783 – is the small, black-painted house on the east side of Ponus Ridge across from the main Glass House campus and just north of West School.

Preservation Challenges

Simply maintaining and operating such a complex and large site is no small, or inexpensive, task. Add in the need for major restoration of several buildings, as well as periodic ‘big ticket’ homeowner-type capital expenditures such as new roofs and heating, ventilation and cooling systems (HVAC), and the numbers get very big -- fast. “Maintenance is a constant thing with a historic building. There’s no doubt,” noted Ms. Reoch.

Annual basic operating and programming costs are \$3 million to \$3.5 million. “We have about ten full-time staff, and then another roughly 25 to 30 seasonal staff working as educators, visitor center associates, landscaping, groundskeeping and such,” she said.

“Our assistant director of sites and maintenance...has been working here since he was seventeen. He’d started working for Philip Johnson and David Whitney towards the end of their life and he has been here ever since. He is an amazing caretaker and there’s nothing he doesn’t know about this site and about all the buildings. He really is a steward. It comes through his love of the site.”

And then there are the costs of full restorations. The Brick House, for example, was in bad shape when the National Trust took over, riddled with mold and a ceiling caving in. Costing \$1.8 million to properly return it to its original glory, the Brick House only reopened last year. Said Ms. Reoch, “we had to take down, obviously, all of the drywall and interior finishes and replace all the fabrics and things like that. So you really have to start from scratch with that.” Fortunately, many of the original suppliers of carpet and fabrics were very helpful. “Fortuny in Italy made the new fabric for the walls just as they did for Johnson in the 1950s, which is amazing.” Local firm Hobbs Inc. was general contractor, and did an excellent job repairing the Italian marble in the bathroom.

“Johnson never built anything that would’ve been available through Home Depot,” emphasizes Ms. Reoch. “Everything is very custom and very finely crafted, and there’s a real artistry to his work. And that comes through, I think, in also our care of it and our maintenance.”

The Painting Gallery is another major restoration and repair example. Bermed into the hillside, with its V-shaped entrance looking a bit like an army munitions bunker, there was substantial water infiltration and humidity – not good for artwork on canvas. In 2013, all the soil over the structure had to be removed, the roof sealed tightly, and then the soil put back and reseeded. Now, the building’s HVAC is reaching the end of its natural life and needs to be replaced.

A big project that’s soon to be tackled is the lower landscape on the western side of the property, which consists of substantial wetlands, a stream, a small pond that Mr. Johnson installed, and the 1963 Pavilion, also known as the ‘Folly’ – a small art installation by the pond that looks like a columned exterior of an ancient Greek building. The Pavilion, originally clad in white concrete, has darkened over the years. As well, some of the concrete is disintegrating from exposure to the elements. The plan includes cleaning and repairing the structure, restoring the small fountains in the middle of the pinwheel-shaped structure, reinstalling lighting, and perhaps applying fresh gold leaf to the ceiling. The pond needs dredging and the shoreline of the pond has shifted, affecting the artistic juxtaposition of the Pavilion to the pond. “The stream that feeds into the pond actually needs more collection ponds so that the sediment, when there’s torrential rains, doesn’t wash into the pond and build up and allow more growth,” said Ms. Reoch.

A bit southwest of the Pavilion is a large sculpture Mr. Johnson installed to honor his friend Lincoln Kirstein, co-founder of the New

York City Ballet. It needs some care, as well.

Opportunities

Perhaps the major opportunity is simply making people aware of all that The Glass House contains: not just one special building, but a collection of world-class architecture, accompanied by world-class art and sculpture. Many of these artworks are part of the permanent collection, and are not just impressive themselves, but are staged in situ, where Mr. Johnson purposely placed them, in curated juxtaposition to other rotating works, to the building in which they’re housed and to the landscape – an integrated whole.

In addition, “we change programs, change exhibitions every year,” said Ms. Reoch, these exhibitions featuring both established and emerging artists. But it’s not just ‘art for art’s sake.’ “There’s a large component of education-based mission there, as well as the curatorial,” she notes.

This year’s artist is Barbara Kasten, the title of the exhibition being ‘Structure, Light, Land.’ Her works include “photographs and sculptural installations that reorient our sense of perception and explore the dynamic relationship between space, material, and form,” according to The Glass House announcement. “Her artistic influences are deeply rooted in modernist architecture, the principles of Constructivism, and the interdisciplinary legacy of the Bauhaus, particularly the photograms of László Moholy-Nagy and Lucia Moholy.”

“Placing my work in and around The Glass House campus is an opportunity for me to take on a canonical modernist site. Each of the structures on the grounds is like a monument to one of many aesthetic phases of architectural history. Abstraction allows us to consider possibilities that are not the norm,” said Ms. Kasten.

In addition, there are a few occasional special programs. One program planned for later in 2025 is a talk and dinner with a prominent architect in the Painting Gallery. This is a new program, launched in 2024 with Japanese architect Shigeru Ban.

Some programs are held offsite, such as various concerts. For these, The Glass House strives to partner with other local landmarks of Modernist design, such as First Presbyterian Church in Stamford. “It is mission-driven for us to raise awareness about Modernist architecture, but also about historic preservation because the church was undergoing preservation activities and restoration. And so we wanted to amplify that,” said Ms. Reoch. She continued, stressing, “our work is more than just this site. We represent Modernism and we represent historic preservation worldwide. And so we want that voice to go out, and we want to be an advocate for others who are doing the work of restoration, and conserving significant historic sites like this.”

Another effort to ‘get the Modernist word out’ is October 4 Design www.october4design.org a New Canaan-focused celebration of art, architecture and design led by the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society, in partnership with the Town of New Canaan, The Glass House and other local groups. Events can include tours, lectures and concerts, showcasing the creative abundance that earmarks New Canaan.

It is also less well known how keen Mr. Johnson and Mr. Whitney were for landscape design and gardening. The succulent and peony gardens Mr. Whitney created still stand. “They’re just magnificent still to this day,” beamed Ms. Reoch. Mr. Johnson often said, according to Ms. Reoch, that he might have been a better landscape architect than he was an architect for buildings. The Glass House campus sports an array of landscapes: lawns, meadows, wetlands, forest glades, bridges traversing small brooks, with fieldstone walls and sharp natural slopes (it’s not called Ponus Ridge for nothing) adding further texture. Ms. Reoch is considering development of a tour specifically focused on the site’s flora and fauna. As well, The Glass House is on the Pollinator Pathway.

A new addition is a director of interpretation and education. Efforts underway include “outreach to all of the middle schools and high schools in the area,” notes Ms. Reoch, in order to expand education about the site and Modernism, as well as to boost educational visits. An anonymous supporter recently made a donation to fund that effort. In addition, with Ponus Ridge arguably being a former Native American trail, with the burial site of Chief Ponus about a mile down the road, an exploration of the Indigenous history of the site is planned.

Money, Money

Fundraising is a major focus for The Glass House, as it is for any charity. Virtually all of the funds and services needed are generated by The Glass House staff’s efforts. As a practical matter, said Ms. Reoch, “we operate as an individual nonprofit with the support of a larger organization,” that being the National Trust. As noted, it takes millions every year to keep the site running and to preserve its architectural, artistic and landscape assets. And funds raised are “put back into the site, into the staff, into the programs that we feature, and into making it more accessible for the public.”

There are several funding sources: The annual Summer Party, the largest fundraising event of the year, ticket sales for tours, corporate and individual donations, an endowment from Mr. Johnson and Mr. Whitney, sales of items from the Design Store, and membership fees.

Tours occur from mid-April through mid-December, and are the

second-largest source of revenue. A side benefit of these, and of the Summer Party, said Ms. Reoch, is that people from both near and far get to see New Canaan and (naturally) fall in love with it. Some even are motivated to move here. In addition, people on tours start at The Glass House’s office on Elm Street, often shopping downtown and enjoying a meal at one of New Canaan’s many restaurants. The tours are also integral to the educational aspect of The Glass House: Introducing and explaining modern architecture, and building a supportive community. Said Ms. Reoch, a tour “bridges both the mission as well as our livelihood here.” In 2024, more than 15,000 people toured the site – a record.

Tours include three different guided tours of varying lengths, a self-guided tour and a group tour. Tickets can be reserved well in advance at <https://ci.ovationtix.com/419>

Donations are sought as well, with two annual solicitations. There are a few big donors. The endowment helps, too. Design Store sales generate funds, and support the artists and craftspeople producing the items.

The Glass House itself and the Painting Gallery can also be rented for certain private events on a very limited basis – another funding source, albeit modest.

Membership is a new effort The Glass House development team has launched, and is designed not only to generate funds, but also promote a sense of stronger affiliation. Membership price points range from \$75 to \$10,000+, with each of the eight membership levels having different benefit packages. It’s still early days on this initiative, but Ms. Reoch is hopeful it will catch on.

Fundraising for major capital and restoration needs, such as the lower landscape on the western side of the property and the Pavilion, require specific capital campaigns, which are separate from fundraising for day-to-day maintenance and operations.

One major financial, program and moral support group is The Glass House’s seventeen member Advisory Council. Ms. Reoch had this to say: “They’re giving their time and they are supporting us with financial donations, and they are attending our events and they are often very well connected and notable out in the architecture and design and publishing world.” She stressed that “they’re not just a board that meets and puts in some money. They actually are doing things with us and helping our programs.”

The Summer Party

The Summer Party is quite the posh affair, with all manner of wine and cocktails, dance, special art installations, a silent auction of art, plus Max Mara merchandise. And the attendees are, shall we say, sophisticated fashionistas.

A bit of drizzle did not dampen the energy and conviviality of the attendees at this year’s party on June 14. In addition to being able to freely wander the property and its many nooks and crannies, as well as its buildings, this year’s Summer Party included a special tribute to Mr. Johnson’s friend Gaetano Pesce, an Italian architect and industrial engineer, and an exhibition of some of his works. Picnic baskets created by New Canaan’s Elm Restaurant were on offer. Pilobolus, a not-for-profit dance company based in Washington, Connecticut, provided two outdoor performances – ‘Awaken Heart’ and ‘Branches’ -- utilizing The Glass House’s lawns and vistas to excellent effect.

What to Remember

What should people remember about The Glass House? Said Ms. Reoch: “I think that I would like them to gain an understanding of the later 20th century architectural forms of Modernism and Post Modernism and to see how the highest and most ideal forms of these styles then went out into the world and into the consciousness of architecture and design to this day. I’d also like them to understand what it was like for Philip Johnson and his longtime partner David Whitney to live here as partners, as people in a relationship in a glass house and in New Canaan. There’s a social history to this site that I think is really important to convey. I would also like them to go away with an understanding of what historic preservation does for our country and our culture.”

And what does historic preservation do? “It is bringing us architecture. It is bringing us art. It is bringing us together as a community. It is hiring conservators and artisans to practice their craft, and inspiring artists themselves to create new works. I think historic preservation is sometimes thought of as a very sort of static thing of ‘Save That Building’ as if you’re just putting it into a glass box. Here we get to enter and touch and talk about it, and think about how to live in these spaces. And I think that that is important for people to think of as they go home and they look at architecture and art in their communities differently. And then when historic preservation as a topic comes up, they embrace it, they champion it. Let them go away thinking historic preservation is really important to our lives and world. And then we’ve done our work.”

One Last Word: “It’s a wonderful place to have such a variety and such history of this innovation that happened at this particular time period in American architecture in one little town.”



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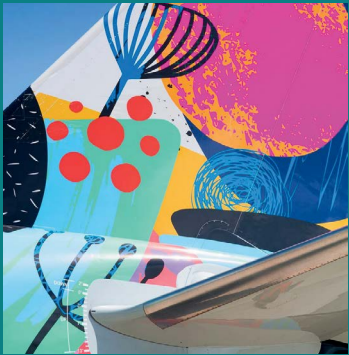


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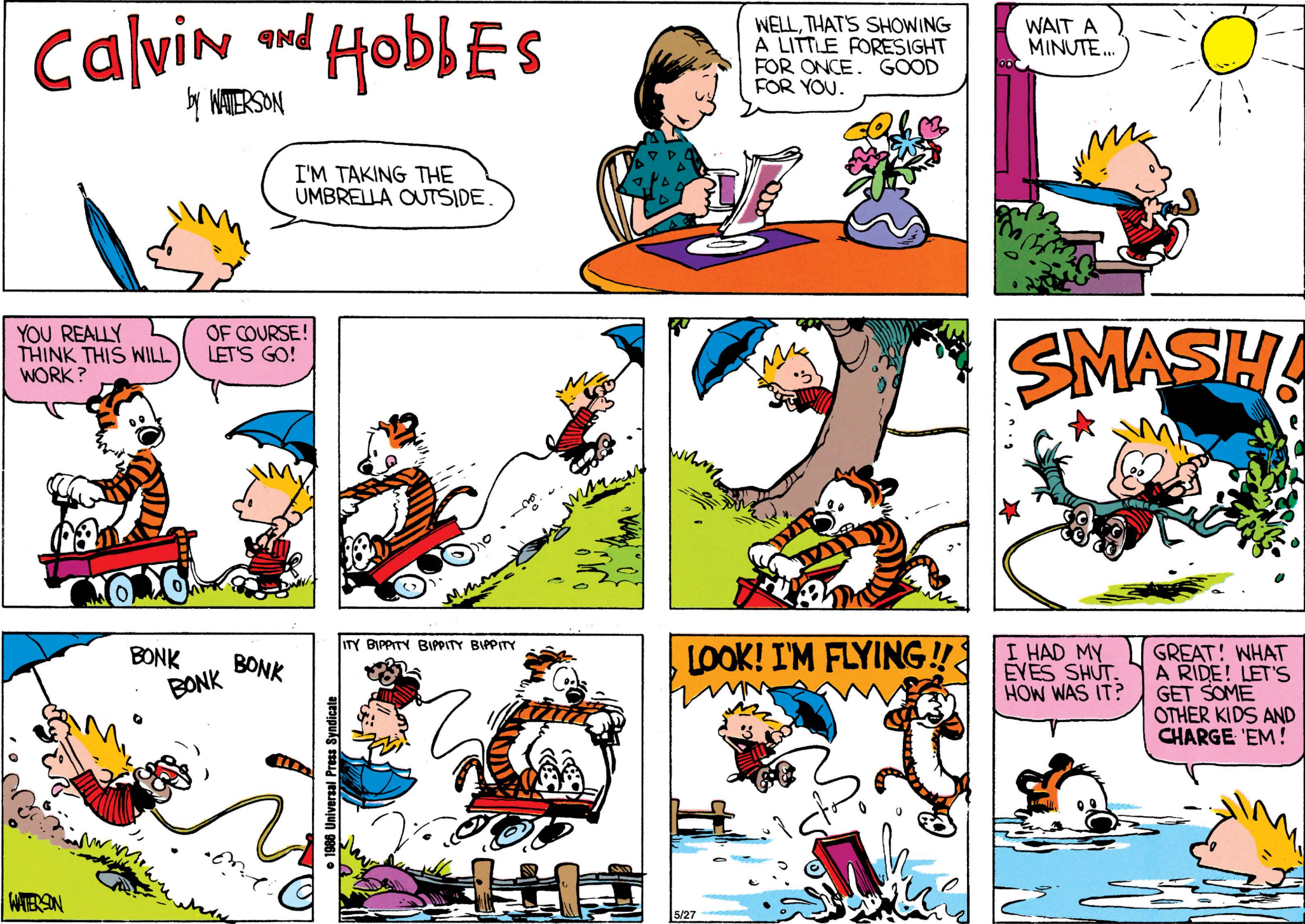
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EDUCATION

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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE FIREFLY

99 Million Years of Magic

By JIM KNOX

“We got one!” my older siblings called out excitedly. Laser focused—undeterred by fleeting opportunities gliding around us, my brother Bruce and I locked on the location of the last yellow-green flash we saw and held our breath in excitement. Virtually invisible in the growing June darkness, our quarry too had gone dark, seeming to taunt us in our effort as we scanned our yard close to the inky wood line. After what seemed like minutes, another brief yellow-green glow blinked on no more than 10 feet away and climbed toward the edge of our reach before blinking out once more. With the aid of a slightly brighter indigo sky as a backdrop, we spied the small creature rising ever higher. Without hesitation, we stretched up and—with a quick scoop—whisked it into our Mason jar. With a quick downward screw of the fork-punctured lid, we brought the jar to our 6-to-8-year-old eye-level and excitedly awaited confirmation. After another few seconds it happened. The soft unmistakable glow illuminated our faces, sparking another glow—that of our smiles. For a few brief moments that June night we beheld one of nature’s wonders. A harmless, beautiful, and ethereal creature—it mesmerized us in that moment, just as its kin have mesmerized our species through recorded history.

With a pedigree extending back 99 million years in the fossil record, and known worldwide in many guises, the Firefly is not just one—but a family of some 2000 species. Members of this family, Family Lampyridae, include the Glowworms and the Lightning bugs with most bearing the hallmarks of nocturnal lives and bioluminescence (the ability to generate light). Of the 15 or so species native to New England, the most common and well known is the Eastern or Big Dipper firefly, Photinus pyralis. For generations, chasing Lightning bugs has been a rite of childhood in New England—the unofficial start of summer marked by kids joyfully running across their yards in search of these harbingers of the season.

Lighting up the night.



The Firefly

Beckoning us. Lightning bugs capture our fascination and seem to spawn a new question with each flash of light. What are they exactly? Why do they light up? How do they light up? While we know these answers, with more species being discovered, new questions emerge.

Lightning bugs are soft bodied flying beetles. While

the strategy varies by species, most Lightning bugs flash their light display to attract a mate. Typically, males flash their signals in flight, while the flightless females signal back to locate one another. The signaling flash characteristics are quite complex. Color, duration, timing, frequency, repetition, direction, and flight height vary among species and by geography.

Possessing the remarkable ability of bioluminescence, Lightning bugs “light up” due to highly specialized adaptations. These insects utilize luciferase, a collective class of enzymes which function in light producing organs in their abdomens. Ranging from red, to yellow, green, and even pale blue, Firefly “cold light” does not produce any infrared or

ultraviolet frequencies and is used in medical research and forensic science.

Favoring wetlands and forests throughout the planet’s tropical and temperate regions, Lightning bugs thrive in these insect-rich habitats. Feeding on soft-bodied prey such as worms and slugs, Lightning bugs spend much of their time underground or in leaf litter. In the larval Glowworm phase, Lightning bugs prey on insects and other invertebrates and true to their name—they all glow. This is a form of aposematic or warning coloration and display to all potential predators. Many Lightning bugs produce a steroid known as lucibufagin. With a chemical signature similar to bufotoxin—a potent toad poison, this compound protects Lightning bugs from most predators...but not all.

Certain “femme fatale” Lightning bugs in the genus Photuris mimic the light signaling patterns of the distasteful, lucibufagin-laden male Eastern Fireflies, luring them in. When a male touches down next to the false female—she strikes, eating the male and sequestering his toxin to use for her own protection from predators, including amphibians, birds, and mammals!

Though tested by time, Lightning bugs suffer from habitat loss, climate change, light pollution, and a host of factors. Yet, in areas where conservation measures are stringent, their populations remain strong.

Beautiful, potent, timeless, beneficial, Lighting bugs have a lot to offer us. By refusing to conform to any one conventional description, these fascinating creatures teach us that we too can perform beyond any narrow definition. Armed with this knowledge, and this example, we humans can strive to exhibit our personal beauty, strength, and resilience simultaneously. We too can utilize our unique abilities to innovate, advancing knowledge and benefit to those around us. With a 99-million-year model of success to study, we’ve got a running start. It’s not always easy, but anything’s possible...when you follow the light.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo where he directs education efforts for Connecticut’s only zoo. A proud Member of The Explorers Club, Jim enjoys sharing his passion for wildlife conservation with audiences in Connecticut and beyond.



Catching fireflies.

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

Submit your events at:
newcanaansentinel.com/submit-an-event/

TOWN MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 2

[Inland Wetlands Commission - Site Visit](#)
7:30 a.m., Start at Town Hall

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
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.

Little Mermaid & Friends Sing-Along with Summer Theatre of New Canaan
3 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
The Summer Theatre of New Canaan invites you to meet Ariel and her costumed friends for a sing along performance. The 30 minute event is the perfect introduction to a theatrical experience designed for children 4-8 and will have your child excited to return to see the full length production of The Little Mermaid beginning July 12. Register at <https://shorturl.at/T8TFN>.

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

June 28
Plant Clinic with UCONN Master Gardeners
10 AM- 12:30 PM at Outside the front of the New Canaan Library
Do you need help with plant identification? Insect Damage and disease diagnosis? Invasives management? UCONN Master Gardeners of Lower Fairfield are standing by to solve your garden issue in this weekly plant clinic.

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

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

The Great American Campout 2025
3:30 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center
Join for an evening full of camp tunes, animal show, a night hike, and s’mores. Take part in the Great American Campout, 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>.

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

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

July 1
Crafty Tuesdays
9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
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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
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.

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
NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION THIS WEEK. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

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>.

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July 8
Crafty Tuesdays
9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
This group works on a variety of crafts, including Landmark Ornaments, to be sold to benefit local charities. Free. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

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.

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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.

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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.

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

July 10
Free Medicare Counseling
By appointment at the Lapham Center
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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>.

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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

July 11

Health Talks with Shannon and Ellen

11 AM at the Lapham Center
Meet up with Shannon and Ellen from the Health Department for coffee, conversation and snacks. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

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/ujNra>.

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/ulJ3E>.

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 14

Woodcarving

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July 15

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July 17

Life Reimagined

1 PM at the Lapham Center
Purposeful living promotes happiness, longevity, a healthier heart and reduces the risk of Alzheimer’s and other diseases. This will be an informal and friendly group discussion of who we were, who we are, and the creative ways to explore our interests, abilities, knowledge, and activities in connection with the community around us. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

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.

Enchanted Creations at Still Pond: Fairy House Building

10 AM at Still Pond Preserve
Join for a family-friendly morning of fairy house building. Using large stones, natural materials, and eco-friendly paint, create fairy homesteads for the fairies that live at Still Pond. These magical structures are meant to stay outdoors and bring joy throughout the season. Register at <https://newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/>.

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>.

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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.

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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

Last Saturday on the Trails: Butterfly Walk

10 AM at Livingston-Higley Preserve
Join for a guided Butterfly Walk with guest lepidopterist Victor DeMasi, an expert in butterfly conservation and ecology. Learn about local pollinators, enjoy a walk through the preserve, and experience butterflies in their natural habitat. Please wear closed-toe shoes and dress appropriately for the trails. Register at <https://newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/>.

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

Crafty Tuesdays

9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
This group works on a variety of crafts, including Landmark Ornaments, to be sold to benefit local charities. Free. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

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>.

August 2

Family Field Trip to Weir Farm National Historical Park

10 AM at Weir Farm
New Canaan Library is hosting this family-friendly field trip to Weir Farm National Historical Park. Weir Farm National Historical Park is a National Park for Art, a place that has been inspiring artists since 1882 when America’s most beloved Impressionist, Julian Alden Weir, made this his summer home. Families are welcome to pack a picnic lunch and stay after the activities to have lunch and explore the park more if they wish. Registration will be available July 1 at <https://shorturl.at/gUGru>.

BLOOD DRIVES

Friday, June 27

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

Saturday, June 28

The Rowayton
Community Center
33 Highland Ave
Norwalk, CT 06853
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday, June 22

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

Monday, June 30

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

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

Tuesday, July 1

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

First Presbyterian Church
1 West Putnam Ave
Greenwich, CT 06830
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Wednesday, July 2

Stamford Church of Christ
1264 High Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06903
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Greenwich Blood
Donation Center
99 Indian Field Road
Greenwich, CT 06830
9:00 AM – 5:15 PM

Saturday, July 5

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

Greenwich Blood
Donation Center
99 Indian Field Road
Greenwich, CT 06830
7:00 AM – 3:15 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 Teepea 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 26

The Sentinel Event

6 PM at Christ Church
254 E. Putnam Avenue, 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.

September 5, 6, & 7

2025 Norwalk Seaport Association Oyster Festival

Times Vary at Veteran's Memorial Park and Marina
42 Seaview Avenue, Norwalk
Three days of fun, food, and entertainment on multiple stages, plus a myriad of special events for families and friends. More information and tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/U9LAI>

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 True statement
5 Improvise in jazz
9 Strongly suggests
14 ____ vera gel
15 Scandinavian furniture store
16 Medieval Scandinavian language
17 *What studying many pages makes you good at?
19 Old-timey chalkboard material
20 “Code Switch” network
21 Totenberg or Simone
22 Alternative to a ballpoint
23 U.S. Poet Laureate Joy
25 Wipe clean
26 *Chores assigned by a spouse, collectively
30 Lrk
33 Closing musical passage
34 Miley Cyrus’ musical sister
36 Chest muscle, informally
37 Bicycle brand
40 Bert and Ernie, e.g.
41 “____ the night before ...”
43 Move like sap
- 44 Make a speech
46 *Tool with inch marks
49 April payments
50 Stevie of Fleetwood Mac
53 42-Down calls
55 Not that?
57 Haven’t yet paid
59 Archaeological city in Jordan
60 Words of encouragement that also hint at each starred answer’s start
62 Mete out
63 “Jane ____”
64 Priority Mail org.
65 Ejects forcibly
66 Treble, for flute music
67 ____/them pronouns

DOWN

- 1 Bambi, for one
2 Hebrew letter before bet
3 Serpentine yoga pose
4 ____ Talks
5 Eyesight
6 Related (to)
7 Humongous: Prefix
8 Word after “frying” or “pie”
9 Steam open, say
10 Arrives like fog

- 11 Drink that might turn your tongue purple
12 East of Spain?
13 “I feel ____ and heard!”
18 Delights in (That was corny!)
22 Greek P
24 Circular currents
25 Reverberates
27 “Holy guacamole!”
29 Stretched tight
30 Like the name Joe, for a barista
31 Little salamander
32 One of 11 for the UConn women’s basketball team
35 Tool stored near a shovel
38 Tags along

- 39 Completely safe
42 Bird with a house variety
45 “Parks and ____” (2009-15 TV show, informally)
47 Americans living abroad, for short
48 Youth-assisting org.
51 ____ ball (toy with strands)
52 Make a choice on Tinder
53 Pros at 49-Across
54 “Rescue me!”
55 Texter’s “Bye for now!”
56 Bring on board
58 Site with handmade Mother’s Day gifts
60 “Just a ____!”
61 Chiding syllable

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Chain piece
5. Shed item for breaking dirt
8. (K) Jab in the ribs
12. (K) Brilliant notion
13. Quaint little home away from home
14. Like the desert
15. (K) Lion’s bellow
16. “And breakfast” go-with, on vacay
17. (K) Like tea in the summer
18. (K) Camel-like animal you can pet
20. (K) Powerful fighting force (2 words)
22. Recurring facial twitch
23. (K) One coming up to Santa’s knee?
24. (K) Creature with three toes
27. Reserved in public
29. One-up, as a verb
33. What many people draw at night (2 words)
36. Banish from one’s country
37. (K) A large, noisy crowd
38. (K) Place for notes or a mouse
39. Like the desert
41. (K) Hamster doc
43. Incredibly calm and peaceful
46. Like a wild throw
50. (K) One way to roll
51. No amount at all
53. Certain sandwich cookie
54. What a bargain hunter wants
55. Training-pants wearer
56. (K) Thin glass container in a laboratory
57. Another powerful fighting force

58. (K) “Do you have ____ more licorice?”
59. ____ Grey of tea fame
- DOWN
1. Type of money once spent in Rome
2. (K) “False” thing placed on a pedestal
3. Type of tide
4. Gold measurement
5. Grill alternative
6. (K) First number you learned
7. Provide with a quality or ability
8. Like some dental work
9. Seal consumer
10. Ukraine capital
11. Miniature whirlpool
19. Water storage tank
21. (K) Dribble like a baby
24. (K) Adam’s lady
25. Tex-____ (cuisine type)

26. (K) Prefix for “cycle” or “verse”
28. (K) Sweet potato
30. (K) Waiter’s reward
31. Now-common genetic letters
32. (K) Even plus 6-Down
34. (K) Like anyone 97 years old
35. Kind of shop that’s not the norm
40. Gossipmonger
42. With “treasure,” a very valuable find
43. (K) Common thirst quencher
44. Eternally, before “after”
45. (K) 500 sheets of copy paper
47. Opera solo
48. (K) Standing right next to
49. (K) Payment to cross a bridge
52. (K) Suffix with “affect”

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

Side of turkey?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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57				58			59			

Previous riddle answer:

Elevators for cakes?
7-D) YEAST

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65						66					67			

Horoscopes

Horoscope: June 26 – July 3, 2025

This week, the celestial landscape shifts as Mercury enters Leo on June 26, enhancing bold communication and self-expression. The Sun continues its journey through Cancer, emphasizing emotional connections and introspection. These planetary movements encourage a balance between expressive communication and emotional sensitivity.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Mercury’s entry into Leo on June 26 enhances your creative expression and communication skills. This is an opportune time to share your ideas and engage in artistic pursuits. The Sun in Cancer encourages you to focus on home and family, fostering deeper emotional connections.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

With Mercury entering Leo on June 26, your attention turns to domestic matters. This transit supports open communication within your household and may inspire home improvement projects. The Sun in Cancer emphasizes nurturing relationships with siblings and neighbors.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Mercury’s move into Leo on June 26 boosts your confidence in communication, making it an ideal time for negotiations and presentations. The Sun in Cancer highlights financial matters, encouraging you to assess your resources and spending habits.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

As the Sun continues its journey through your sign, you experience heightened self-awareness and personal growth. Mercury entering Leo on June 26 shifts your focus to financial planning and resource management. This is a favorable period to set new financial goals.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Mercury’s entry into your sign on June 26 enhances your communication skills and self-expression. This transit supports initiating new projects and sharing your ideas confidently. The Sun in Cancer encourages introspection and attending to your emotional well-being.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

With Mercury entering Leo on June 26, you may feel

inclined to reflect on past experiences and engage in introspective practices. The Sun in Cancer emphasizes your social connections, encouraging you to strengthen friendships and community ties.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Mercury’s move into Leo on June 26 enhances your networking abilities and may bring new opportunities through social interactions. The Sun in Cancer highlights your career and public image, making it a suitable time to focus on professional goals.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

With Mercury entering Leo on June 26, your focus shifts to career advancement and public recognition. This is an opportune time to showcase your skills and take on leadership roles. The Sun in Cancer encourages you to expand your knowledge through education or travel.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Mercury’s entry into Leo on June 26 inspires you to explore new philosophies and engage in higher learning. This transit supports academic pursuits and broadening your horizons. The Sun in Cancer emphasizes shared resources and emotional intimacy in relationships.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

With Mercury entering Leo on June 26, discussions around shared finances and joint ventures become prominent. This is a favorable time to address debts and investments. The Sun in Cancer highlights your partnerships, encouraging open communication with significant others.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Mercury’s move into Leo on June 26 enhances communication within your relationships, making it an ideal time for collaborative projects. The Sun in Cancer emphasizes health and daily routines, encouraging you to establish balanced habits.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

With Mercury entering Leo on June 26, your focus turns to organizing daily tasks and improving work efficiency. This transit supports clear communication in the workplace. The Sun in Cancer highlights creative pursuits and encourages you to engage in activities that bring joy.

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 energize (10)
2 walk like a penguin (6)
3 chips in (11)
4 trumpet-like red flower (9)
5 cover stories (6)
6 herb in Italian sausage (6)
7 in a scathingly biting way (9)

SOLUTIONS

- _____

INV	RYL	DLE	ORA	TRI
WAD	BIS	TLY	LIS	MOR
ALI	NEL	TES	CON	TE
BU	DAN	IG	FEN	AMA

Previous Answers: FORENSICS 2. SWERVED 3. MANAGES
4. SHINED 5. LEADER 6. REVERENCE 7. PROCTOR

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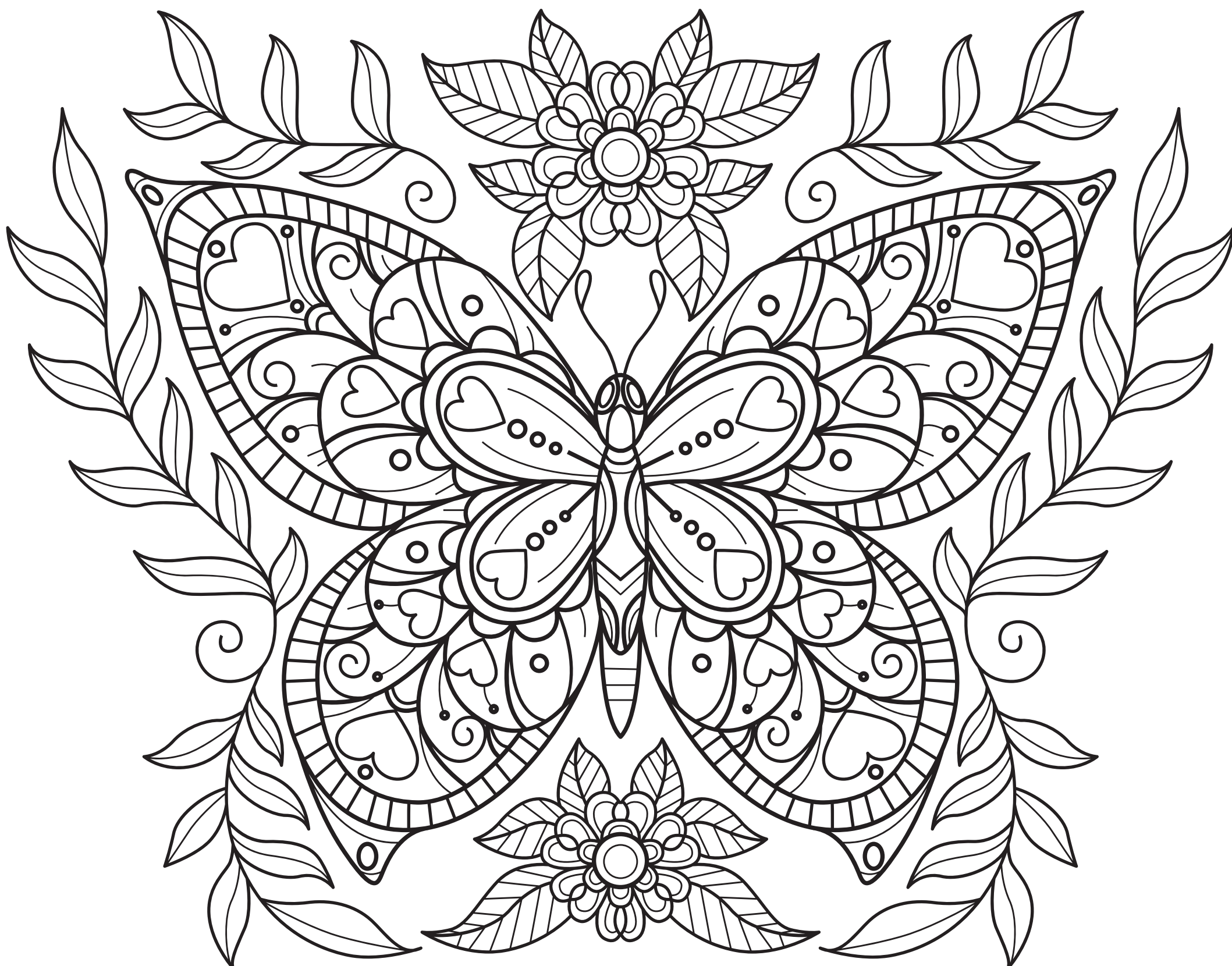
The answers to this week’s puzzles can be found in next week’s issue.

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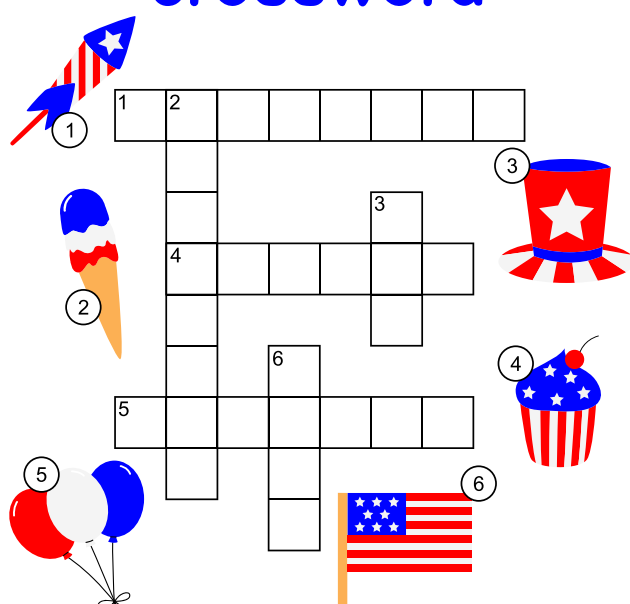
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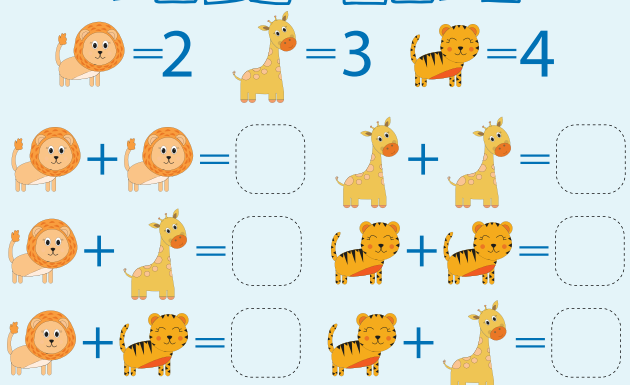
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Independence day crossword




MATH GAME



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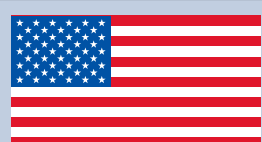
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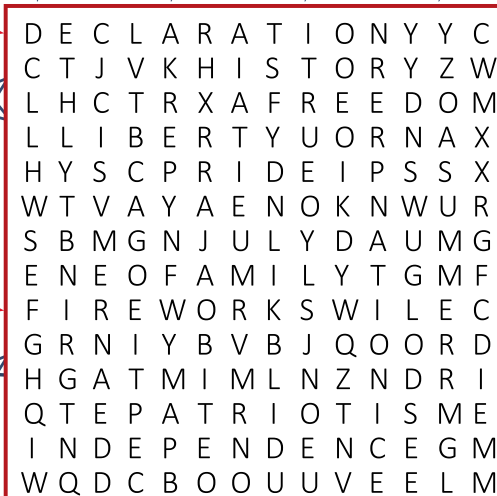

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HOW MANY?



July 4th

Word Search Puzzle



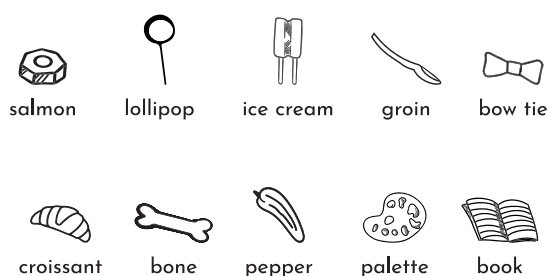
FIREWORKS
HISTORY
JULY
PRIDE



LIBERTY
DECLARATION
FAMILY
INDEPENDENCE

NATION
SUMMER
PATRIOTISM
FREEDOM



FIND ALL HIDDEN



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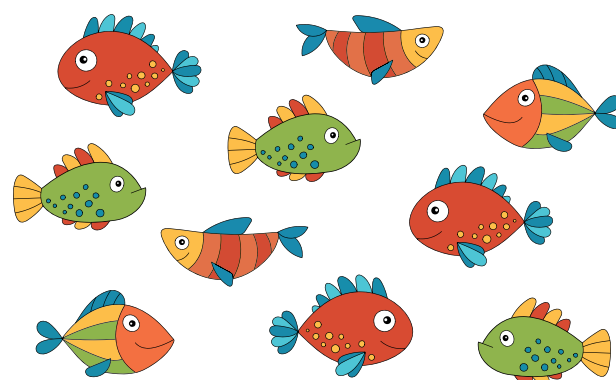


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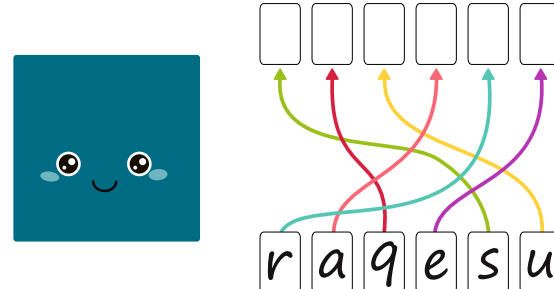
How many ?

left ☐ right ☐



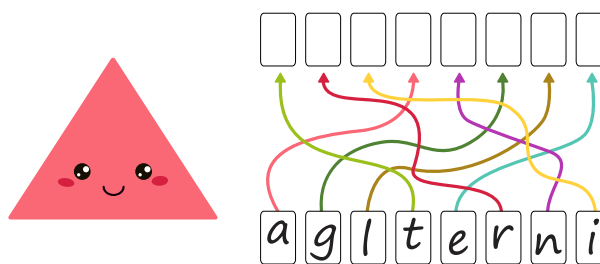
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Geometric shapes



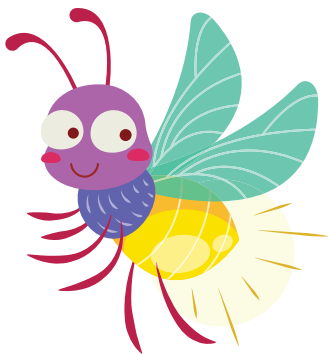
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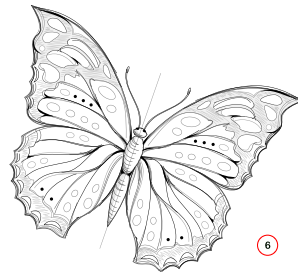
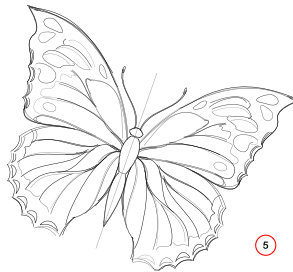
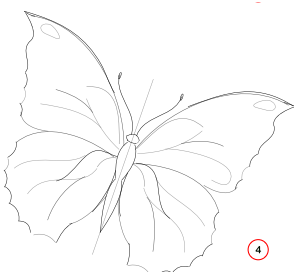
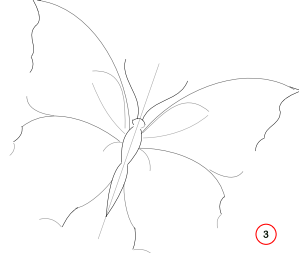
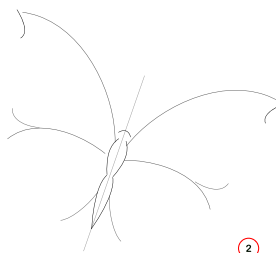
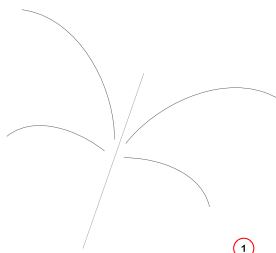
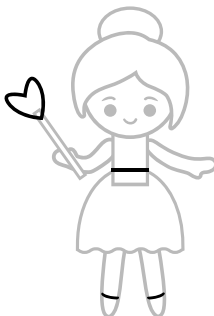
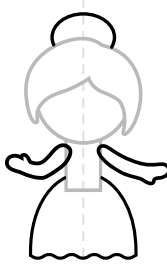
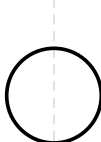
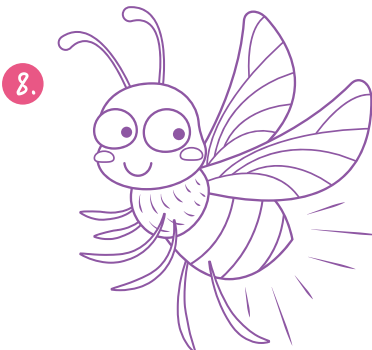
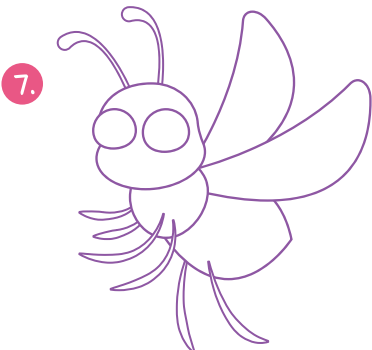
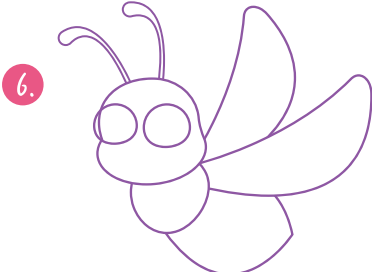
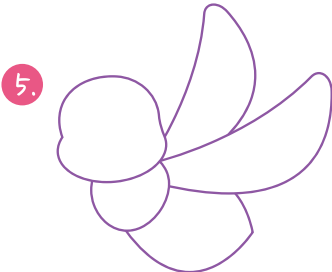
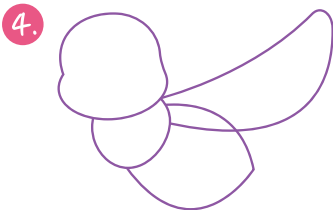
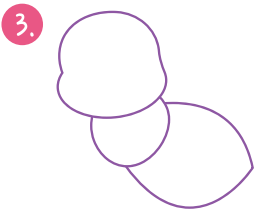
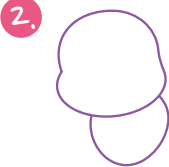


How To Draw Many Ways: step by step

FAIRY



How to draw
a firefly



Sudoku for Kids

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SUDOKU

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

Easy

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7	6					8		

Hard

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Very Hard

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Easy

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Hard

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Very Hard

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Sudoku
answers

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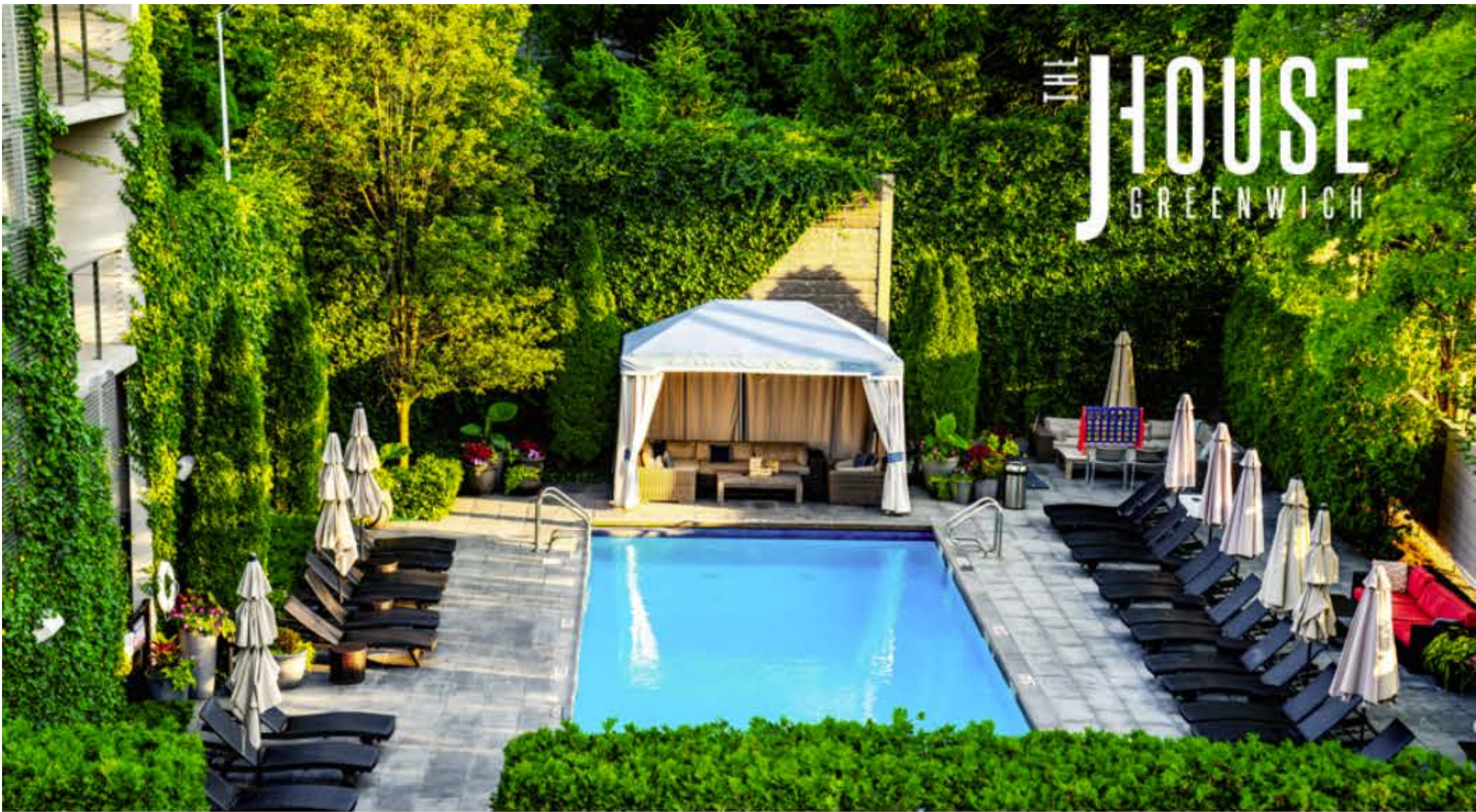
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SUMMER SAVINGS & 4TH OF JULY PERKS AT THE J HOUSE!

Summer is finally here and what better way to celebrate the holiday than with a relaxing staycation or a fun trip for the whole family!

From June 23 - July 6th, receive 12% off your booking!

Experience our luxurious outdoor heated pool & indulge in Tony’s poolside bar & food menu - including a selection of burgers, salads, wraps, sushi & specialty summer cocktails. Elevate your poolside experience with available Cabana Rental options featuring a new outdoor TV!

POOL PASSES:

1-Day Pool Passes Available for purchase now for the Summer!

Adults: \$50, Children 10 & under: \$25

(call Front Desk to purchase, based upon availability)

4th of July Weekend Activities:

(families that stay anytime between July 4th thru July 6th will receive a complimentary Children's Welcome Gift)

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
Complimentary Poolside Mini-Massages 11am – 1pm

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