

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

POLICE AND FIRE

E-bike Campaign

New Canaan police and public schools are partnering on a state-funded campaign to educate students about safe e-bike use. The effort follows rising reports of reckless riding and safety concerns. The Town Council is also reviewing possible regulations, including setting a minimum age and requiring registration.

July Fourth Fireworks



The July 4th fireworks took place at Waveny Park with first responders present to manage safety and provide emergency support. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

TOWN HALL

Town Taxes Due

New Canaan tax bills are now open for payment, with no interest charged if paid by August 1. The second installment will be due on January 1, 2026, with payments accepted through February 2. Payments can be made online at <https://www.newcanaan.info/>, by mail, or in person at Town Hall.

AROUND TOWN

Weed Street Denial Overturned

A Connecticut court has overturned New Canaan's denial of a 102-unit housing project at 751 Weed Street, ruling the developer met all legal and safety requirements. The judge found the town's objections—ranging from fire safety to stormwater and pedestrian access—were not backed by sufficient evidence. Two additional proposals from the same developer are still tied up in court.

Section of South Avenue Closed

South Avenue will be closed to non-local traffic between Harrison Avenue and Farm Road until the day before school starts in August. The closure is for Aquarian Water Company's installation of a 36-inch water main connecting Wilton to Greenwich. Construction will run daily from 7 am to 5 pm and is expected to continue over two summers.

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Scott Ready with some of the dozens of photos and other information describing the apparatus

The Man Who Brought 'Aerial 3' Back Home

By JOHN KRIZ

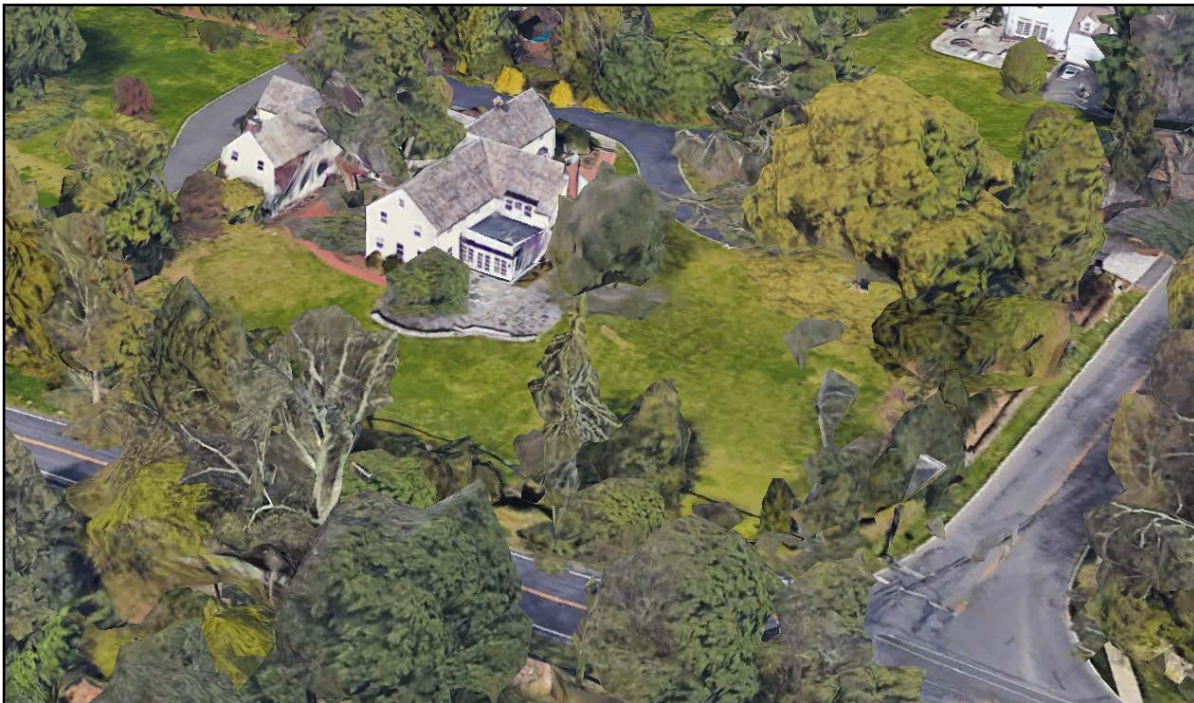
In a barn tucked behind a quiet house in New Canaan rests a red forty-foot aerial ladder apparatus, retired from its life of protecting New Canaan but meticulously preserved. The

apparatus – firefighter-speak for their vehicles – is back on the road when Memorial Day or other charitable community events like the Ice Cream Social roll around – loud, long, gleaming and unmistakably from another time.

Scott Ready owns it. He answers questions about the aerial apparatus with clipped affirmation. “Correct,” he says when asked if it’s his. He bought it and began its restoration in 2002,

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Judge Rules on Weed Street



Weed Street aerial image. Google Earth.

By PETER BARHYDT

A year’s-long legal and civic battle over a proposed affordable housing development at 751 Weed Street took another turn last week when a Superior Court judge sided, at least in part, with developer Arnold Karp. The court decision marks a pivotal moment in a story that has stirred deep emotions and fierce debates across New Canaan.

The ruling, issued July 1, overturned key elements of the Planning and Zoning Commission’s decision to deny Karp’s proposal for a 102-unit affordable housing complex. The judge found that the commission did not provide enough evidence to justify its denial on the grounds of fire safety, pedestrian safety, or stormwater concerns – three major issues that had anchored

the town’s opposition.

The 3.1-acre Weed Street property has long been a quiet corner of New Canaan, once home to a single-family residence and pool house before being cleared for Karp’s housing plan. The proposal, filed under Connecticut’s 8-30g statute, aimed to increase the town’s affordable housing stock – currently at just under 3% – by adding 102 units, including 51 affordable apartments.

For many residents, however, the plan has been a source of anxiety and frustration. The intersection of Weed and Elm Streets is known for tricky traffic patterns and limited visibility. Many feared that a large-scale residential project would worsen congestion and create hazards for pedestrians,

particularly schoolchildren and downtown visitors.

Arnold Karp, known for his bold approach to building projects, he has often challenged traditional notions of what fits New Canaan’s aesthetic and small-town charm. In public meetings and letters to the editor, residents described his Weed Street plan as “overly dense” and “out of character” with the neighborhood.

The commission echoed these sentiments in its repeated denials, citing serious concerns about emergency vehicle access, stormwater runoff potentially impacting nearby wetlands and properties, and pedestrian safety given the busy nearby roads. Even after Karp revised his plans – adjusting the building footprint,

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COLUMN

Big, Ugly Earrings

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Imagine someone says to you, “Those are the biggest, ugliest earrings I have ever seen!” Confronting that person’s rudeness directly or disagreeing with her could easily escalate into an argument. “Oh, I do have on big earrings today” is a response that avoids a confrontation.

Whenever we can agree with even a small part of what someone

else is saying, it calms our nervous system and defuses the energy behind the other person’s comment. It is literally disarming. The other person will feel heard—and perhaps surprised.

We all stumble into saying the wrong thing sometimes. Let’s give ourselves and others a second chance. (Of course, if the hurtful language is abusive, repetitive,

or contemptuous, we need a different strategy.)

Cameron’s teenaged son, Liam, complained, “You are always late to pick me up.” Cameron wisely avoided reacting to the word, “always.” He was late that day. Instead, he countered with, “You’re right. I am late sometimes.” Liam felt heard and was open to hearing the reasons why Cameron sometimes arrives late.

NEW CANAAN VILLAGE FAIR & SIDEWALK SALE

New Canaan’s always anticipated Village Fair & Sidewalk Sale kicks off next weekend, rain or shine, with bargains, food, music and more.

It all starts on Friday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when downtown merchants will have select bargains out on tables on the sidewalks in front of their stores.

On Saturday, July 19, the fair really gets rolling as merchants, food vendors and entertainment for both young and not so young move into the streets. It commences at 9 a.m., ending at 4 p.m.

According to Laura Budd, Executive Director of the New Canaan Chamber of Commerce (www.newcanaanchamber.com) which is the organizer of this 50-plus-year-old community event, the goal is to support the town’s merchants, and provide a venue for them to reduce inventory and make room for new merchandise for the coming holiday season. As well, it gives “people a chance to get some merchandise at a great price.”

One key differentiating feature of New Canaan’s Village Fair & Sidewalk Sale, says Ms. Budd, is that “we can close the street and create a very pedestrian-friendly, family-friendly environment with music and food. And it’s also a chance for our non-profits to reach out and meet people. It has that different atmosphere -- it has that fair atmosphere.”

The Sidewalk Sale runs from around Elm and Park Streets over to Main and Elm Streets, Main Street between Burtis Avenue and East Avenue, and parts of Forest Street, along with the northernmost part of South Avenue.

Around one hundred vendors will participate, including local merchants, non-profits and restaurants, and food trucks.

There will also be lots of entertainment, partly centered at Elm Street and South Avenue, where the Town Band will play from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday, and School of Rock will play from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. New Canaan Music will be on Main Street and will have some of its artists playing. The Connecticut Singing Santas are also planning to join the festivities.

Other offerings include a sensory booth for people with sensory issues, a face painter for children and someone making balloon animals. New Canaan YMCA will be at the Elm and Main Street intersection with a family fun zone for arts and crafts, airbrush tattoos and a Robo-Surfer.

New Canaan’s EMS will be there to help anyone in need. Ms. Budd recommends visitors leave pets at home. People needing restrooms are directed to the nearby Metro-North railway depot, which has two public toilets. Parking is free all Saturday in town in any legal space.

Ms. Budd gives “a particular shout out” to the Department of Public Works. “We literally could not do this event without them,” emphasizing “they do an incredible job.”



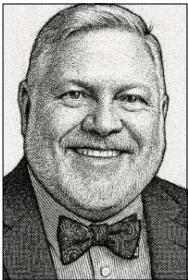
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COLUMN

We Are A Prideful Group



By Russell R. Barksdale, Jr.

If you were raised by parents or grandparents born before 1930, you likely absorbed a profound ethic of self-reliance and personal responsibility. This generation—aptly named the “Greatest Generation” by Tom Brokaw—is remembered for its extraordinary sacrifices during the Great Depression and World War II. Their strength was forged in adversity, their values rooted in service, commitment, and quiet fortitude.

Yet, when members of this generation or those deeply shaped by its ethos become caregivers later in life, especially for a spouse, the very traits that once empowered them can become sources of hidden strain. Research consistently shows that being a caregiver, particularly in later adulthood, can take a heavy toll on one’s physical, emotional, cognitive health, and overall wellbeing.

Caregiving, while an act of deep devotion, is rarely without personal cost. It can be physically strenuous, emotionally draining, and socially isolating. The emotional complexity intensifies when the care recipient is a life partner—a person with whom one has shared decades of memories and mutual support.

Cultural and generational

influences often lead senior caregivers to assume this burden in silence, guided by values that can now inadvertently negatively contribute to their own wellbeing:

1. An Unshakable Sense of Duty

Caregiving is not just an obligation—it’s a sacred vow. The words “in sickness and in health” were taken quite literally. Delegating such care may feel like a betrayal of marital and moral responsibilities and accepting help may equate to personal failure.

2. Stoicism and Endurance

Shaped by hardship, this generation learned to “make do” and “tough it out.” Showing vulnerability or admitting fatigue may be considered a sign of weakness. As a result, even when overwhelmed, many will resist asking for or accepting assistance.

3. Reluctance to Seek Help

Many adults influenced by this era equate asking for help with being a burden. There is a deep-seated fear of being judged or pitied. In their minds, caregiving is an expected role, not something that warrants special attention or assistance.

4. Privacy and Modesty

This generation values discretion and often views outside intervention as intrusive. Medical or personal care issues are regarded as private matters, meant to be handled within the marital bond. Trust in external support is limited, especially if it feels impersonal.

5. Fear of Losing Control

Accepting help may also feel

With patience and understanding gently wrapped in human dignity and respect, we can help remove the barriers, seen and unseen, for even the strongest, self-reliant individual for the benefit of the caregiver and loved one alike.

like relinquishing control—not just over caregiving tasks, but over the household, finances, and even the care recipient’s dignity. The fear of becoming irrelevant or being perceived as incapable may loom large.

For those supporting a caregiver shaped by this generational mindset, the most effective approach is grounded in respect and affirmation. Acknowledge their strength and resilience. Frame offers of help as tools to enhance their loved one’s care—not as a suggestion that they are failing.

Yet, it’s vital to recognize the risks caregivers face for themselves—no matter how committed or resilient they may be:

Declining Physical Health: Prolonged stress elevates the risk of hypertension, heart disease, and a weakened immune system. Sleep deprivation is common, particularly when caring for someone with dementia or mobility issues. Physical injuries from lifting or supporting a loved one are not uncommon, and caregivers frequently neglect their own medical care.

Emotional and Mental Strain: Caregivers are significantly more likely to experience anxiety,

depression, and burnout. Many struggle with feelings of guilt when needing rest, and those fleeting private thoughts of resentment only deepen the emotional burden.

Cognitive and Social Consequences: As social connections wane, isolation takes root. Lack of engagement and intellectual stimulation can hasten cognitive decline and lead to a sense of purposelessness. Social isolation is a known risk factor for dementia among senior adults.

Financial Stress: For seniors, the fear of outliving savings is palpable. Caregiving can interrupt estate planning, delay legal preparations, and reduce oversight of household finances. The economic implications can be both immediate and long-term.

While caregiving is undeniably an expression of love and commitment, no one should bear its weight alone. Acknowledging the toll caregiving can take isn’t a betrayal of values, it’s a necessary act of self-preservation. When caregivers receive adequate support, the quality of care for their loved one can easily improve exponentially.

Fortunately, our community is home to a range of nonprofit, mission-driven providers who offer

compassionate, dignified support tailored to both caregivers and care recipients. There is no one-size-fits-all solution, but thankfully, there is an individualized path forward.

Care plans can include respite care, support groups, adult day programs, and services provided by specially trained home health aides, nurses, and therapists. These resources not only enhance the quality of care but also ensure that caregivers can safeguard their own health and well-being.

Even experienced healthcare professionals may not always know what support services are free, easily accessible, or covered by insurance. Today’s complex healthcare ecosystem is often confusing by design, filled with red tape, pre-certifications, complex terminology, and technological hurdles.

Thankfully, we live in a community where advanced navigation is freely provided. With patience and understanding gently wrapped in human dignity and respect, we can help remove the barriers, seen and unseen, for even the strongest, self-reliant individual for the benefit of the caregiver and loved one alike.

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modifying stormwater systems, and addressing emergency access points – the commission maintained its stance.

In his 99-page decision, Superior Court Judge Edward V. O’Hanlan criticized the commission for not sufficiently backing its claims with concrete evidence. The court noted that Karp’s team had made “substantial efforts” to comply with fire codes and safety requirements and had presented thorough engineering studies on storm-water management.

Arnold Karp, when asked by the New Canaan Sentinel said: “Well, while it took a while, the judge followed the law, they didn’t

follow emotion. We think the 99-page ruling speaks for itself, including all of his footnotes. We hear people saying loudly, that it’s the wrong place (Weed Street), any place but here. Our usual typical answer is, ‘okay, if not here, then where’? Well, they can’t tell us, it’s just not here. With this ruling the Judge has decided here, Weed Street works, it works here. We look forward to working with Planning & Zoning moving forward.”

However, the ruling was not an outright win for Karp. The judge ordered parts of the proposal to be revised further, including changes to a proposed sidewalk connecting the property to Kimberly Place and refinements to the stormwater management plan. The application will now return to the Planning and Zoning Commission for final consideration, leaving the door open for continued local input and scrutiny.

While the ruling could ultimately allow Karp to move forward,

it also reignites a larger conversation here in town: How much development is too much? Where should New Canaan draw the line between preserving neighborhood character and meeting state mandates for affordable housing?

For many, this case has become a symbol of that struggle. Connecticut’s 8-30g law, designed to push towns with low affordable housing rates to build more inclusive communities, has long been controversial in New Canaan. Supporters argue that the town has a moral obligation to provide more diverse housing options. Critics worry that large developments could erode the unique charm and strain town infrastructure.

As Karp’s Weed Street project heads back to the commission, residents can expect more public hearings, more letters, and more heated discussions.



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COLUMN

Theater All Around Us

By TOM NISSLEY

There are two shows already running that everyone should know about this week.

The first one is the Summer Theatre of New Canaan’s long-awaited *The Little Mermaid*, playing at New Canaan High School through July 27.

Because it’s indoors, you and your family, from old to young, can be sure of good seats and a good production.

Go to STONC.ORG or call 203-966-4634 for tickets. There are special discounts for Seniors and Children — it’s a no brainer.

Everyone should go! You should go!

The other nearby show, just across the border in Stamford’s Sterling Park, is the annual summer treat of free Shakespeare at Curtain Call’s Shakespeare on the Green.

You may have read that a real tragedy struck in the middle of a windstorm a few weeks ago, when their twenty-year-old stage was blown down and smashed apart.

It’s too soon to rebuild, but the park has created a circular stage

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that will allow the show to go on!

King Lear is playing through July 20. Remember that this is a masterpiece of a play for all ages, but it describes how difficult it is for persons who are aging to determine or control how their estate — or, in this case, kingdom — shall be divided, as they become diminished or confused. King Lear intends to find out which of his daughters loves him more — what a foolish thing to attempt, and what a powerful story.

July 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, and 20, all at 7:30 p.m.

The park opens for seating at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own chairs or blankets and your own snacks and drinks, too.

Hats off to the Theatre around us!

Tom Nissley writes at *The Ridgelea Reports on Theatre*.

CURTAIN CALL’S



Shakespeare
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KING LEAR

July 10-20

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New Canaan Residents Call for Summer Restrictions on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

By PETER BARHYDT

During a passionate and well attended town council meeting, New Canaan residents, environmental advocates, and local landscaping business owners voiced strong — and at times opposing — views on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in town. The public comment session, focused on whether to introduce a seasonal restriction or possible ordinance, revealed deep community concern over health, environmental, and quality-of-life issues associated with the machines.

Public Voices: Health, Noise, and Environmental Risks

Multiple residents cited scientific research and national health guidelines to advocate for curbing gas leaf blower (GLB) use. A Green Avenue resident noted that GLBs routinely emit noise levels exceeding 90 decibels, surpassing thresholds considered safe by health organizations like the WHO and OSHA.

“These machines are not just loud — they’re harmful,” she said. “They emit toxic pollutants, including carbon monoxide, benzene, and formaldehyde, that impact respiratory health and can increase the risk of heart disease, dementia, and cancer.”

Several speakers emphasized the cumulative impact of gas blower emissions on children and the elderly, citing their contribution to ground-level ozone and poor air quality, especially during Connecticut’s hot summer months.

Carl Mason of Parish Road humorously described the relief he felt during 16 straight rainy Saturdays when GLBs were silenced — only to be “assaulted” by their roar on sunny Sundays. “It’s not about a few blades of grass,” he said. “It’s about peace — and frankly, these are grass blowers, not leaf blowers.”

The council did not vote on any specific ordinance, but committed to further study

Calls for Leadership and Legislative Action

Irene Hendricks of Spring Water Lane drew attention to worker safety, pointing out that many laborers using GLBs lack adequate hearing protection. “There’s a moral responsibility here,” she said, urging the council to show leadership by modeling policy after peer towns that have already enacted restrictions.

Indeed, several speakers referenced a growing list of nearby communities — from Greenwich to Westport to multiple towns across Westchester County — that have already imposed seasonal or full bans.

“The town shouldn’t wait to be the last to act,” said a caller named Chris. “Let’s not be a haven for outdated, high-pollution equipment.”

Greenwich’s ban went into effect this spring and in the first week, the Greenwich Police

Department received 71 complaints about GLB usage.

Landscapers Respond: Cost and Practicality Are Real Concerns

While many speakers supported restrictions, local landscapers raised alarms about the feasibility and cost of switching to electric equipment. One New Canaan resident, and landscaping business co-owner, cited upfront costs of over \$2,500 per electric blower, plus additional costs for dual battery systems and charging infrastructure.

Camilo Rosati and Lewis Castanada echoed those concerns, saying the current generation of electric blowers lacks the power and battery life needed for full workdays.

“We’re not against change,” said Castanada.

“But you can’t expect a small business to overhaul its entire fleet overnight without major financial burden. Any restriction needs to be phased and realistic.”

Council’s Response: Acknowledging Complexity and Seeking Balance

Council members expressed appreciation for the informed and civil discourse, with many acknowledging the strength of the case made for action — particularly in regard to summertime noise pollution.

“I think we all hear the community loud and clear — literally,” said Councilmember Jennifer Zonis. “Let’s start by exploring seasonal compromises that protect residents’ health and peace while keeping our local landscapers in business.”

Several council members floated the idea of restricting the use of GLBs on weekends or during summer months, rather than imposing a year-round ban. Town Council Chairman Mike Mauro offered to continue discussions at the next council meeting and suggested future input from public safety and DPW departments to explore enforcement and policy logistics.

Councilmember Tom Butterworth commented on wanting to take a thoughtful, non-hurried approach, “We’re going to listen to as many constituents as we can and look around to other towns to find out what they’re doing.” He also spoke of his desire to ensure there is transparency and community involvement throughout the process. He is hopeful the Town Council will have a progress report in September.

The council did not vote on any specific ordinance, but committed to further study, with a potential draft regulation to be developed in the coming months.

Editor’s Note: Residents are encouraged to submit feedback or attend upcoming meetings as the town council continues its deliberations on the matter.

Chabad: Building Faith and Community

By John Kriz

God’s Acre is arguably the heart of New Canaan – an integral part of the town’s precious historic district, graced with three houses of worship, important antique buildings and a memorial to our veterans.

But New Canaan’s centers of faith extend beyond there, and include not only the Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran, Christian Science, Mormon and Baptist churches, but also worship services held in Saxe Middle School by Trinity Church, and in New Canaan High School by Grace Community Church.

And last, but very much not least, is Chabad New Canaan (www.newcanaanjewish.org), led for fifteen years by Rabbi Levi Mendelow, in partnership with his wife Michal – an increasingly active fulcrum for Jewish education, worship and community.

Rabbi Mendelow

Born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa, Rabbi Mendelow’s parents became more observant during college, eventually meeting and marrying, and becoming affiliated with the Lubavitch, or Chabad, branch of orthodox Judaism. In 1998 Rabbi Mendelow came to the United States to study in various rabbinical schools, where he met his American-born wife, marrying in 2003. Today they are the parents of seven children, with ages ranging from two to twenty.

“I didn’t always know I’d be a rabbi,” recalls Rabbi Mendelow. “I did want to study Judaism in depth after high school. So I went to rabbinical schools to study. I didn’t even know if I would complete the course and become a rabbi.” However, as he was studying “I was fascinated, and intrigued, and was inspired to share the knowledge that I had with others.”

Rabbi Mendelow traveled extensively during rabbinical school, visiting every country in Central America, as well as Russia, Korea, Japan and Vietnam, calling on often-isolated Jewish communities who were seeking ways to stay connected to their faith. “People in remote places don’t necessarily have access to resources,” he observes, going on to note that gaining an understanding of Jewish traditions and theology is very important for the Jewish people. These meetings with worldwide Jewry helped inspire Rabbi Mendelow to make it his “mission in the world to make sure that every Jew everywhere should have access to Jewish education and Jewish opportunities.”

After his ordination, the Rabbi and wife Michal moved to Connecticut in 2004, starting in Stamford where they both worked at the Chabad center there on adult education, children’s programming and a preschool. “And then about five years later we became aware that there was a growing Jewish community in New Canaan -- still very small but growing,” remembers Rabbi Mendelow. “And the idea came to start a Chabad in New Canaan, to move to New Canaan and start doing services for the local Jewish community. Which is what we did.”

Lubavitch/Chabad

In the 1700s a rabbi named Israel ben Eliezer, who lived in what is now Ukraine, founded the Hasidic movement within Judaism, a religious movement emphasizing mysticism, strict devotion to Jewish law, and a close relationship with God. Over time, various branches of



Rabbi Mendelow teaching a student at the New Canaan Hebrew School.

“The Jewish community -- the general community in New Canaan -- is really a very special community.”

Hasidism emerged, often based on geography. One of those branches was the Lubavitch group, founded in the late 1700s by Rebbe (or Rabbi, the term ‘Rebbe’ being reserved for the group’s leader) Shneur Zalman. The second leader was Rebbe Dovber Shneur, who moved the group’s center to the town of Lubavitch, which is now in Russia near the border with Belarus.

The Lubavitch Hasidic group is also known as the Chabad. This word is an acronym of the Hebrew words “Chochmah” (wisdom), “Binah” (understanding) and “Da’at” (knowledge). These three concepts represent the core philosophical foundations of the group. The words Lubavitch and Chabad are often used interchangeably.

At the beginning of the Holocaust the sixth Chabad Rebbe and many congregants left Europe for the United States, with leadership eventually falling to Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson, with the Chabad’s global headquarters now being established in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Since the 1994 passing of the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Chabad-Lubavitch has grown exponentially. The network of Chabad institutions continues to be run by the leadership infrastructure that the Rebbe established. Unlike some other Hasidic groups, the Chabad is dedicated to assertive outreach to Jewish communities globally, large or small, the goal being to bring Jewish knowledge and community to all regardless of how they define their level of observance or Jewish identity.

There are around two dozen distinct Chabad centers in Connecticut, New Canaan being one. Each Chabad is separately incorporated as a religious community, and is supported by local contributions, which stay in the local community. Rabbi Mendelow is in regular contact with Chabad centers, as well as synagogues, in the area.

New Canaan resident and former town elected official Pavla Levin, who was born and raised in the Soviet Union, recalls fondly outreach from local Chabad rabbis during times of Soviet repression

of Jewish life. The Chabad was “a very much underground type situation,” and “the rabbis -- they risked their lives to teach kids Torah and to give us Jewish education.”

Being New Canaan’s Rabbi

“The ultimate goal is to provide local resources for people,” stresses Rabbi Mendelow, those resources being “the opportunity for people to study and practice Judaism in the community.”

Rabbi Mendelow does not do this alone. He regularly emphasizes that he and his wife Michal, who has teacher training as well as extensive theological education, are very much a partnership, running New Canaan’s Chabad center as a team.

New Canaan town treasurer and Chabad congregant Andrew Brooks concurs, saying “she (Michal) is incredibly involved,” and that “it really is a team effort.” Michal Mendelow is very active with social and community-building efforts, with Mr. Brooks noting that “he and his wife have always established a wonderful service at the end of (the)... fasting period [after Yom Kippur], and with a spread of food and a social gathering afterwards for people to mingle, reflect on the year ahead.”

Ms. Levin agrees, noting that Michal Mendelow teaches Sunday School, where children “learn about Judaism and Torah traditions and all sorts of great stuff.”

Says Rabbi Mendelow, “Before we moved to New Canaan, there was no local synagogue group doing this kind of thing, so if anyone wanted to do anything, they really had to travel to Stamford or Norwalk or another place. Now the goal is to provide something local.”

Have things changed over the years? “The answer is - absolutely it’s changed. It’s changed because the community has grown. When we moved here we knew a handful of people. Now we’re connected with many more, so the services have grown, and the people joining and the programming and everything has grown in all kinds of ways.”

Ms. Levin notes that the congregation “certainly has come into its own. There are a lot more congregants.” In addition, “there

are a lot more children that are involved. The services are getting quite a bit younger, which is great to see.” Mr. Brooks concurs, stressing that Rabbi Mendelow’s efforts have continued to gain traction. “I definitely am seeing more people involved today than when he first came to New Canaan. I think a part of that has been both just the work that he has done to reach out to New Canaan Jews and let them know that they have a home here, that they can come to local services.”

What sort of services are held? It varies. Sabbath services might not be held every week, depending on demand. But holiday observances such as Yom Kippur, Shavuot and Purim are emphasized, and the gathering on God’s Acre for the lighting of the Menorah during Hanukkah is the major Jewish community event. “It’s very special. It means a lot that here in America we can openly and publicly celebrate our Judaism without persecution. That’s always a wonderful thing.”

And then there is the personal touch. Mr. Brooks recalls fondly Rabbi Mendelow, Michal and family driving around town, dropping off menorahs, gift bags and Hanukkah ‘gelt’ to congregants’ homes. Ms. Levin notes that Rabbi Mendelow “prepared our kids for their bar mitzvahs.” Furthermore, after the October 7 attack in southern Israel, the Rabbi collected donations of physical items needed by those directly affected from the congregation as well as the wider community. Members of Chabad centers delivered them.

Much of Rabbi Mendelow’s and Michal Mendelow’s time is devoted to education – adult and children – on topics ranging from Jewish history to the Talmud. Events can be held in numerous places: The Rabbi’s home, the Nature Center, Waveny House, the Library or the YMCA.

As is common with clergy, Rabbi Mendelow is also called on to provide spiritual support to his congregation on matters including grieving after loss of a loved one, family problems, emotional distress and even addiction. Recalls Ms. Levin, “he was helping out my husband when he was dealing with the illness of his

mother and when she also passed away. So he has seen us through all sorts of family [issues]: the good, the bad, whatever happens.” Rabbi Mendelow even organized a minyan (group of ten Jewish men) to offer special prayers. The rabbi is periodically called on by Silver Hill Hospital if a patient specifically requests Jewish clergy for support, and he visits Waveny Life Care on holidays and when called upon.

One thing that has particularly impressed Mr. Brooks about Rabbi Mendelow is that “he’s developed a really tight-knit, welcoming community.” In addition, “he welcomes everyone from all walks of life. Doesn’t matter how religious you are.” Concludes Mr. Brooks, “he has this contagious personality that just makes you feel special.” Says Ms. Levin, the rabbi and his family are “welcoming to all,” and that “we want you just the way you are.”

“At the end of the day,” concludes Rabbi Mendelow, “it’s a question of what the community’s looking for, and we try to serve people where they’re at.”

New Canaan Life

“New Canaan is really a special community. The people here are very friendly,” he tells the New Canaan Sentinel, during which time someone stops by to say hello. “You see, we know a lot of people. Everybody’s warm, everybody’s friendly. It’s a community. It’s a lovely town. The Jewish community has been very receptive. The non-Jewish community has been very welcoming and friendly. It’s been beautiful to be in New Canaan. And one of the things that’s really special is how the community has responded to what we are doing, by engaging and participating. It’s a very special thing.”

As well, “one of the things that’s really been beautiful is to see how we’ve been able to facilitate friendships -- people meet at the Chabad, and wonderful and beautiful friendships have risen from members of the community amongst themselves. And it’s really special to see. Community is very special to us.” A few years ago someone donated a new Torah scroll to the community, which was a particularly joyous occasion. Challenges? “Especially in

the beginning when we were first here, we didn’t know as many people and so we would’ve liked to have had more participation, but it wasn’t really realistic. It took time to build things up. Even now ... I would love to have services every week, but it’s not yet something...people are looking for in the community. It’s a challenge to compete with all the other interests that people have, which is understandable. I think that probably all religious groups have to compete in the world for participation.”

Rabbi Mendelow goes on to remark that another challenge “is providing engaging programming that people want to participate in. And the wonderful thing is that people do participate. As I mentioned before, the funding comes from within the community. So fundraising is always a challenge because we’re not getting supported by outside groups. So fundraising is a challenge.”

What’s Next?

Before getting there one must deal with ‘What Now?’ Getting children to school. Morning prayers. Administration. A hospital visit. Preparing for holy days. Teaching a class. Teaching another class. Visiting with children’s parents. Preparing for Sabbath. Fundraising. Being a rabbi means you’re constantly busy and keep odd hours.

It seems ‘What’s Next?’ is ‘More of Everything’. “We’re not going anywhere else. This is where we are. We’re here to stay. Generally speaking, in the Chabad community, you move to a community with a one-way ticket, you go there to stay and one spends one’s life in that community,” Stresses Rabbi Mendelow, “We’re absolutely committed to New Canaan,” and to deepening and broadening the outreach to the town’s Jewish residents to further build their Jewish knowledge and sense of community.

“We’ve been here for 15 years,” he concludes. “And we have tremendous gratitude to the community for embracing us, welcoming us, supporting the Chabad because it’s really a testimony to the fact that it’s a wonderful community. The Jewish community -- the general community in New Canaan -- is really a very special community. We’ve only had the most wonderful interactions with Jews and non-Jews in the community.”

‘Next Station’

New Canaan’s tag line is ‘Next Station to Heaven’ – a particularly apropos phrase in an article on a clergyman and his congregation. But keeping that tag line fresh means work, and the hard, but obviously gratifying, work that Rabbi Levi Mendelow and Michal Mendelow perform daily are certainly supportive.

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“*May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy.*”

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From the letter written by George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, 1790.

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

## NEWS RELEASE



**NEW CANAAN**  
REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

**The New Canaan RTC Republican Candidates’ Debate of Town Council & Board of Education Candidates will be held on Tuesday, July 15th, 2025**  
**New Canaan Town Hall Meeting Room**  
**Starting at 7:00 p.m.**

*Admission is open to registered Republicans from New Canaan only.*

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# Lawmakers Head to Stamford to Deconstruct Session, Preview Housing Fight Ahead

By ANNE WHITE

New Canaan and Stamford residents will get their turn this Thursday evening, July 10, when State Senator Ryan Fazio and State Representative Tom O'Dea hold a public forum in Stamford, offering a chance for voters to press them on Connecticut's budget, housing policy, and the next steps in Hartford's simmering zoning fight.

The event follows two high-profile—and very different—sessions in the district: a Greenwich Town Hall meeting led by Fazio last week that drew a full crowd and sometimes heated questioning, and a New Canaan Library event where Senator Ceci Maher and Representative Savet Constantine made the case for what they described as a balanced, forward-looking state budget.

Both gatherings revealed how divided opinion remains over spending caps, debt repayment, local control of housing, and the best path to affordability in Connecticut.

## Fazio's Stark Warning in Greenwich: "The Guardrails Are Broken"

At Greenwich Town Hall, Fazio faced a packed audience keenly focused on the budget deal passed this spring—and what he saw as its betrayals of the bipartisan fiscal guardrails negotiated in 2017.

Opening the night, Fazio called it "such a great honor" to represent his home district in Hartford, telling residents he wanted to give an honest, detailed view of what the session produced.

"The budget is the most important piece of legislation that passes every two years," he said. "It's a \$57 or \$58 billion piece of legislation authorizing tens of billions of dollars of taxes and spending."

He traced the origin of the guardrails to an eight-year bipartisan effort to restrain spending to match inflation plus household income growth—

saying that limit "sounds like a very modest and reasonable policy." But he accused the new budget of blowing past those limits through accounting maneuvers and weakening the volatility cap by \$600 million per year.

"It significantly lifted and changed that volatility cap to the tune of \$600 million per year, meaning that we will probably be paying down \$600 million less of debt every single year in the state when you have \$90 billion of unfunded liabilities on the backs of taxpayers," he warned.

Fazio called it the worst budget he'd seen in his years in Hartford, telling residents bluntly that it will trigger tax hikes down the road.

## Maher and Constantine's New Canaan Message: "A Balanced Budget with Real Investments"

Meanwhile, at the New Canaan Library forum, Maher and Constantine took a very different stance.

Maher described the final budget as delivering over \$4 million in direct investment for the district and paying down state pension debt by \$10 billion—while also funding vital social priorities.

She singled out the \$200 million Early Childhood Endowment Fund as a signature achievement, the first of its kind in the nation.

"Parents can't go back to work if they can't afford childcare," Maher said. Even if they can afford it, "if they can't find a qualified place for their child to go," families are left in the lurch.

The new fund aims to add 16,000 childcare spots for children from birth to age five over five years, giving more parents a path to employment and boosting early learning.

"Children benefitting from having early childhood education are able to hit the ground running," Maher added.

Constantine, in her first term, pointed to \$780 million in energy cost relief over three years through reforms of the public benefits charge and grid

STATE SENATOR RYAN FAZIO  
STATE REPS. TINA COURPAS & TOM O'DEA

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RYAN FAZIO



TINA COURPAS



TOM O'DEA

Thursday, July 10

6:30 PM

Long Ridge Fire Co.  
Station 1 Hall  
366 Old Long Ridge Road,  
Stamford, CT 06903.

Stamford delegation:  
Senator Maher Rep. Delany Rep. Collins Main Rep. Jacobson  
Senator Miller Rep. Paris Rep. Blumenthal

Event is Open to the Public  
For more information Contact: Jackson.Shostak@cga.ct.gov



*Remember, it's a temporary victory. The governor and legislative leadership promise... there will be a special session to reconstitute 5002...likely in September.*

modernization—an initiative Gov. Lamont credited Fazio with negotiating successfully.

She called it a "great balanced budget" that invests in childcare, special education, nonprofits, and reduces pension debt by \$1 billion.

Among the specifics they highlighted: \$250 tax refunds through the Earned Income Tax Credit expansion for tens of thousands of working families; \$80 million in additional special education savings and \$75 million more in new special education funding; \$76 million in nonprofit wage support; \$7 million for Connecticut Foodshare and \$3 million for heating assistance; Fully funded Medicaid with over \$400 million in new support.

And despite the new spending, Maher and Constantine insist Connecticut still expects a \$462 million surplus and continued growth of the Rainy Day Fund.

## Housing Bill 5002: Fazio's "Temporary Victory" Warning

If budget discipline was one

major fault line, the fight over HB 5002—the sweeping housing bill vetoed by Governor Lamont—was the other.

Fazio didn't mince words about why he considered the bill such a threat to local zoning control.

"The most significant affront to local control of decision making, especially planning and zoning and housing that we've seen in this state in a generation."

He recounted how the bill's threat of withholding state funding would have forced towns to up-zone around transit hubs to allow up to 10 units per lot by right.

"Anyone think parking is a really good situation in Greenwich? You can raise your hand," he said wryly, drawing laughter from the crowd.

He described pressing the bill's Senate champion on whether mandates would follow if towns resisted.

"She actually said, 'I don't

know."

But he credited public outcry—including "people who personally texted the governor"—for securing Lamont's veto.

"Ultimately after two weeks of all of you and people like you all over the state sending messages, emails, calls, I know people who personally texted the governor and there was a veto one day before it would've gone into law."

Yet he warned the fight is far from over.

"Remember, it's a temporary victory," he said. "The governor and the legislative leadership promise that they would negotiate and bring us into a special session to pass something else, which in my mind will probably take away the fair share and maybe water down some of the parking requirements."

Pressed for specifics, he predicted: "It'll come sooner. The governor and the legislative leadership promised and has negotiated the fact that there will

be a special session to pass some sort of housing legislation. My guess is my prediction... is that 70 or 80% of what was in the bill will be passed into law. Maybe the fair share part will be rolled back or taken out. It's still going to be a bad bill."

## Residents Speak Out: Thanks—and Tough Questions

Audience members in Greenwich repeatedly thanked Fazio for fighting the housing bill, describing the difficulty of pushing back against Hartford's majority.

"Thank you again for both of you for 5002. Appreciate it," said one.

Another underscored the challenge: "I just really want to thank you both for fighting the fight to really protect local zoning... I know it must be really aggravating to really fight against the tide, but please continue to do that."

One local who commutes to New York three days a week praised Fazio's bill targeting double-taxation of remote workers: "Hearing this news about the tax bill is just, I mean music to my ears... I know it's tough to get the positive press for all the work you're doing."

## A Chance to Press Them Directly in Stamford

Thursday's Stamford meeting is being billed as an opportunity for voters to hear all of this firsthand—and to press Fazio and O'Dea on where they see the next fights in Hartford going.

Will fiscal guardrails be restored? What will the next version of the housing bill look like? What reforms are possible on local control, special education costs, or energy pricing?

As Fazio told the Greenwich audience, public engagement matters: "Don't give up. Don't stop speaking out. Don't stop advocating for what is right."

Residents will have that chance again Thursday in Stamford, with the next round of Connecticut's biggest debates on the table.

## Kimberly Norton runs for Re-Election to Town Council

Kimberly marching in the Memorial Day parade next to Town Council Chair, Mike Mauro; along with Rita Bettino far right, Eric Thenum and Janet Fonss

SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLY NORTON

Kimberly Norton announces that she will run for re-election to Town Council. Elections will be held on July 22nd at Saxe Middle School from 6:00-8:30pm at the Republican Caucus. Kimberly was elected to the Council in 2021 and is honored to have earned residents' trust over the past four years. Chairing the Health and Human Service Committee, and as an active member of Bylaws and Ordinances and Recreation/ Land Use/Conservation Committees, her focus is always on responding to residents' concerns and finding

solutions to better serve them.

She's been happily married to her husband Bill for thirty years, having moved to New Canaan with their four children from New York City almost 20 years ago. She truly believes that New Canaan is one of the best places in the country to live, work, raise a family, attend public school and age in place. Kimberly strives to maintain New Canaan's excellence in her work on the Council.

She attended Connecticut College, a small liberal arts college in New London CT and earned a

doctorate in Behavioral Health from Fordham University. As a behavioral health provider, she's worked in college counseling centers, state hospitals, private hospitals, assessment centers and as a NYPD forensic psychologist. Recently, she wrote a book and narrated an audio book of the same title aimed at helping young adults succeed in college admissions and career entry. As a descendant of Italian Immigrants, she was awarded a Fellowship at the Longfellow-Washington Headquarters National Park Services (NPS) archives in

2024 to research her grandfather's stewardship of the house from 1950-1972, resulting in its designation as a NPS National Historic Site.

Kimberly believes her background brings unique perspectives to the Town Council and informs her effectiveness to serve you in an honest, straightforward manner, always keeping you, the resident, at the forefront of her advocacy and voting on the Council.

*Editor's note: We could not fit Kimberly's entire release in this issue. Please visit [www.NewCanaanSentinel.com](http://www.NewCanaanSentinel.com) to see her full release.*

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### LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

#### Summer Reading Kickoff

The New Canaan Library hosted a kickoff event for its Summer Reading Program with activities including games, crafts, and treats. Photo credit: New Canaan Library.

### SCHOOLS

#### STEAM Fair Hosted by Horizons

Recently, Horizons at New Canaan Country School hosted its first STEAM fair, giving over 300 students from Norwalk and Stamford the chance to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math through hands-on activities. Students from kindergarten through ninth grade took part in sessions like chemistry with Play-Doh, gardening, and swimming safety.

### SPORTS

#### Grip It and Rip It

New Canaan is hosting the 18th annual Grip It and Rip It 7-on-7 football tournament July 11-12, featuring 29 teams. The event includes several top Connecticut programs and guarantees each team at least six games. Pool play begins Friday, July 11, with a double-elimination bracket on Saturday.

#### Zach Allen Makes NFL Top 100

New Canaan High School graduate Zach Allen has earned his first spot on the NFL's Top 100 Players of 2025, coming in at No. 90. Now in his seventh NFL season, the Denver Broncos defensive lineman recorded 61 tackles, 8.5 sacks, and led all

interior linemen with 67 quarterback pressures during the 2024 season.

#### NC 9U Baseball Tournament

The New Canaan 9U baseball team finished as runners-up in the Cal Ripken State Tournament. They advanced through several rounds before securing second place. The tournament marked the end of their state-level competition. Photo credit: New Canaan Cal Ripken Baseball.

#### ACROSS CT

#### Connecticut Crew Deployed to Alaska

Connecticut has deployed a 20-person crew of firefighters, including two members from Rhode Island, to support wildfire suppression efforts in Alaska. The deployment is part of a national mutual aid program coordinated by the U.S. Forest Service.

#### Honda Accord Recall

Honda is recalling over 65,000 2013 Accord vehicles due to potential drive shaft failure from corrosion linked to road salt exposure. The defect could result in a loss of power or vehicle rollaway if the parking brake isn't used. Owners will be notified by August 11, and affected vehicles will be inspected and repaired at no cost. More information is available at <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rc/2025/RCLRPT-25V422-9951.pdf>.

#### NC Rotary Club's New President

Recently, the Rotary Club of New Canaan marked a leadership transition as members gathered to celebrate the end of Amy Gildea's term and welcome Tom Ferguson as the new president. Above is the photo of Amy swearing in Tom. The event took place at the New Canaan Museum and Historical Society, featuring a

reception with refreshments. Photo credit: the Rotary Club of New Canaan.

#### Blood Drive at Waveny

On June 25, Waveny LifeCare Network and the American Red Cross held a blood drive at the Village of Waveny. With over 37 people pre-registered, the event exceeded last year's turnout. The drive helped support blood supplies during a period of seasonal shortages. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

#### Waveny Updates with CEO

Recently, Waveny Inn residents met with CEO Russell R. Barksdale, Jr. to hear updates on operations and future plans. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

#### Flower Arranging at Waveny

On July 8, Waveny Inn residents took part in a flower arranging session led by Sarah Magrino, daughter of resident Mary Cross. The finished arrangements were placed in both resident apartments and shared dining areas. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

# Obituaries

*The New Canaan Sentinel does not charge for obituaries. Every member of the community deserves to be remembered and honored without families facing added financial burdens. Obituaries may be sent to [Caroll@GreenwichSentinel.com](mailto:Caroll@GreenwichSentinel.com).*

*The cost of publishing obituaries is covered by The Sentinel Foundation, a nonprofit that supports the local Top 5 Things to Do Today daily email, obituaries, education and entertainment pages, worship pages, and sponsorship of charitable organizations and events.*

## Mary DiFederico

Mary Pauline DiFederico, 86, formerly of Waterford, entered eternal life June 21, 2025, in New Canaan. Pauline was born May 20, 1939, in St. Stephen, New Brunswick Canada, the daughter of the late Wilfred and Mary Boutin.

She married her beloved husband, Dr. John DiFederico, May 16, 1964, who predeceased her after nearly 57 years of marriage.

Mary graduated from nursing school in 1961, at St. John's Hospital in New Brunswick, and then worked alongside her husband as a dental assistant at their practice in New London.

She is survived by her three devoted children, Cynthia and Herb Williams of Kodak, Tenn., Dee and Kevin McCurry of Winchester, Mass., and John and Lucia DiFederico of Sandy Hook; also her sister Frances and Stephen Auyeung of Toronto, Canada. Mary had seven loving grandchildren: Kyle Williams, Ryan and Lyndsay Williams, Hannah McCurry and Henry McCurry, Gina DiFederico, Anthony DiFederico and Dominic DiFederico.

A private Committal Service will be held at a later date at East Neck Cemetery in Waterford. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research ([michaeljfox.org](http://michaeljfox.org)). The Impelitteri-Malia Funeral Home, 84 Montauk Avenue, New London has been entrusted with her care.



## Ann Schneider

Ann Lenore Schneider passed away peacefully on June 2 after a three-year battle with ovarian cancer.

Lenore was born on March 11, 1948 to the late Walter H. and Ann B. Schneider. Dr. Schneider earned her undergraduate and master's degrees from Duke University, and her doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University: all degrees were in history. Lenore's natural curiosity, coupled with her family's value of education fostered her desire to teach and travel.

Over the course of her fifty-three-year career, she taught middle school, high school, and college students. Wherever she taught, she looked forward to each day, urging students to share her fascination with history, her earnest desire to help them learn to think deeply and write effectively, and delighting in offering numerous activities to engage them in applying their learning. Their simulations of events such as the Trial of the French Revolution brought lighthearted but meaningful opportunities for students to be engaged in their learning. It was her deep desire to bring out the best in her students, no matter the level of their skill, and to help the thousands she taught to thrive.

She adored her students. Although Lenore began teaching in the middle school in New Canaan, after she earned her doctorate, she taught at Wheaton College (near Chicago) for a one-year term, replacing a professor who was on sabbatical. She found it rewarding, and was offered several other college opportunities, but she found

her niche at New Canaan High School.

Eventually she specialized in Advanced Placement European History and Advanced Placement World History. The College Board invited Lenore to be one of three teachers nationwide, as well as three professors, to be on the AP European History Test Development Committee. She also helped to score the essays of the national AP exams for both history courses, served on a College Board Advisory Board, and trained AP teachers in fifteen states, and overseas in countries as varied as China, Japan, Switzerland, Colombia, and Slovakia. She contributed to several textbooks, published articles in history journals and gave numerous presentations, including at national conferences. Dr. Schneider also mentored teachers in the New Canaan School District. She contributed to the development of the Connecticut State Certification Programs, BEST and TEAM, and over the course of her career helped New Canaan district mentors to guide hundreds of beginning teachers to success. She helped to develop and served in the New Canaan High School Writing Center and the Independent Study program. She also served in several administrative positions.

After traveling with her family in Europe when she was a child, Lenore decided to explore the world. She felt fortunate to be awarded several grants to travel, including studies at Princeton, Oxford, Yale, a special award to travel in East Africa, and another to Germany. She won two Fulbright awards, one to China and the other to the Netherlands. The East Africans and Chinese were fascinated with her height, blond hair, and blue eyes. She visited China in 1986, at the cusp of their transformation from Communist economics to capitalism, and she observed that the Fulbright group was always accompanied by "security guards." She encountered young Chinese women reading magazines and trying lipstick for the first time. Return visits to China in the mid-2000s certainly revealed a startling modernization!!! She extended her trip to the Netherlands in 1990 into newly opened East Germany and Eastern Europe, after the Berlin Wall fell in late 1989. She noted how quickly the newly freed people in Prague and Budapest tore down statues of Communist "heroes" and changed the names of many streets...although they hadn't had time to change the maps and did not speak English yet! In total she visited sixty countries, and with a wry smile, she admitted getting lost in fifty-seven of them. Such adventures enabled her to combine her love of history, art history, music, literature, and each country's culture, always considering how she could incorporate her new knowledge into her teaching.

In addition to her professional teaching career and her extensive travels, Lenore also enjoyed culture, including numerous trips to New York City to see plays, theatre, opera, and visit museums, even unusual ones such as The Tenement Museum on the Lower East Side.

Another passion was her interest in sports, including tennis, racquetball, paddle tennis, squash, basketball, and pickleball.

Lenore was a strong woman of faith, whose belief in God was the anchor of her life from a young age. Regardless of the church she attended, Lenore actively pursued a personal connection to God, not only through attending Bible studies, but also leading Bible studies and small groups. She sought numerous ways to serve as well. One way she demonstrated her faith was to join a group from Women of Vision to travel to Rwanda to support microfinance projects for the local women. The group was also able to visit their sponsored children, which was a highlight of the trip. Lenore lived her life radiating the Lord's love to everyone around her through her gifts of hospitality, listening, and caring for others with grace and compassion.

She will be sorely missed by her friends, family, colleagues, and students as well as those she was not even aware she touched with her kindness and goodness. During her diagnosis and treatment, Lenore responded to each new challenge with courage and faith. The medical team and staff at the Whittingham Cancer Center were exceptional, not only in their skills, but in their compassion and patience. They contributed to Lenore's peace and joy in the midst of her uncertain path. One way she found to express her appreciation was to contribute to the special Ovarian Cancer Research Project at Norwalk Hospital. She was also immensely grateful for her friends and family members who supported her

through this journey with prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, rides, food, and visits. Her faithful friend Roger Mitchell provided support and comfort throughout her journey in spite of his own disabilities.

Lenore is survived by her brothers Barry Schneider (Tracy), of Houston, Texas, and Richard Schneider (Barbara) of Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina. She was predeceased by her sister Jane Schneider who passed away on December 22, 2023. She loved her nieces Elizabeth (Geoffrey) Sahs, Mary Carlin Schneider, Ann Schneider, Allison Bogesse (AJ), Katy Broadwater, her nephew Steven Broadwater (Lauren) and her great nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will be received on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Kane Funeral Home; 25 Catoonah Street, Ridgefield. A Celebration of Life Service will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Jesse Lee Memorial United Methodist Church; 207 Main Street, Ridgefield. A reception in the church fellowship hall will follow the service. Interment will take place privately.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Norwalk Hospital Foundation Ovarian Cancer Research - Nuvance Health Foundation, P.O. Box 22539, New York, NY 10087-2539, or online at <https://www.nuvancehealth.org/giving/support-your-community-hospital>



## John Forlivio, Sr.

John Anthony Forlivio, Sr. passed away on June 27, 2025. Mr. Forlivio was born on November 13, 1948 in Norwalk, CT. He was the son of the late James J. Forlivio of New Canaan and Frances I. Nicastro of Norwalk.

Mr. Forlivio grew up in Norwalk and moved to New Canaan where he graduated from New Canaan High School in 1967. Following high school Mr. Forlivio enlisted in the United States Marine Corps for two years. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 and was decorated for his actions having taken part in numerous major combat operations.

After the service, Mr. Forlivio joined the Stamford Police Department, a career that spanned nearly 37 years from 1972 until his retirement in 2008. He spent the vast majority of those years in the Major Crime Unit, which was his passion. In 1998 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned as Commander of the Major Crime Unit, a position he held for ten years until his retirement. Lt. Forlivio held an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Norwalk Community College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from UCONN, Stamford and was a graduate of the FBI National Academy. During his career with the Stamford Police Department, he received many awards and commendations, including the coveted Police Officer of the Year Award in 1984. He served as Treasurer for the Stamford Police Association and as a Board Member and Founder of the first Haitian Community Center in Stamford. Lt. Forlivio was a member of the first Honor Guard, Instructor in Criminal Investigations Stamford Police Academy and the Community Policing Entertainment Group, "Cops on the Beat". After a brief retirement period, Mr. Forlivio returned to law enforcement in 2011 as an Investigator with the State's Attorney's Office in Stamford and then as an Inspector for the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District until his retirement in 2021.

As a young Stamford Police Officer, Mr. Forlivio met the love of his life, Diane "Chicatell" Forlivio. "Chickie" was from a wonderful Stamford family and the two were married in Stamford on October 8, 1977. They have two sons, John A. Forlivio, Jr. of Norwalk and Michael J. Forlivio of Stamford. Mr. Forlivio loved spending time with his family. He coached Little League Baseball in Stamford and Bambino Baseball in New Canaan and was an avid Yankee fan. He

enjoyed playing golf, though he admittedly felt, he was not very good at it. He also loved music, singing and playing guitar.

Mr. Forlivio is survived by his wife, Diane, his two sons John, Jr. and Michael, his sister, Carmae Cossuto of Norwalk, his brother, James O. Forlivio of Phoenix and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Jean Iazzi Black of Wilton.

Visitation hours were held Tuesday, July 8, at Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, Stamford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, July 9 at The Church of St. Cecilia, Stamford, CT. Burial followed at Fairfield Memorial Park, Stamford, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stamford Police Association, Stamford Hospital, Tunnel To Towers Foundation or Folds of Honor.

If you wish to make an online remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com)



## John Kyles

John Morrow Kyles died on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at his New Canaan home at the age of 88. John, "Pop-Pop," was a devoted father, grandfather, and proud New Canaan resident of 50 years.

Born on May 9, 1937, in Queens, NY, John was the only child of Mae Granneman Kyles and John Glass Kyles. He was raised in Floral Park, New York. John graduated from Sewanhaka High School in 1955 and went on to attend Bucknell University, where he earned his degree in 1959 and was a proud member of Theta Chi fraternity.

Following in his father's footsteps, John ran the family business, John G. Kyles, Inc.-originally founded in 1945-until his retirement at the age of 85.

John was a man of many interests-he was a licensed ham radio operator and a passionate cook. He was an avid reader, a lifelong New York Mets fan, and a lover of jazz music. John was also a U.S. Army veteran. He cherished summers at Basin Harbor Club on Lake Champlain in Vermont, both in his youth and later with his family. As a child, he also attended Forest Lake Camp in the Adirondacks, which held a special place in his heart throughout his life. He was known for his wealth of knowledge, sharp wit, keen sense of humor, and devotion to his family and friends.

John was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Karin Ringwald Kyles. He is survived by his loving children, his daughter, Amy Kyles Sullivan, and her husband, Michael Sullivan, and their children, Matthew John Sullivan and Abigail Teresa Sullivan, all of Old Greenwich, CT, and his son, John Morrow Kyles Jr., and his wife, Stefanie Kyles, and their children Charlotte Maye Kyles and John Morrow Kyles III, all of Ridgefield, CT.

The family extends its heartfelt gratitude to John's caregiver at The New Canaan Inn, Helena, for her dedicated care and companionship.

A private burial will take place at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan. A celebration of John's life will be held at The New Canaan Inn, where he lived in recent years, located at 73 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, CT, on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Waveny LifeCare Network, 3 Farm Road, New Canaan, CT 06840.

COLUMN

By The Rev. John Kennedy

At the end of his letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul reminds us of a truth so universal it hardly needs to be taught: “You reap whatever you sow” (Galatians 6:7). Farmers know this, of course: plant wheat, and you’ll harvest wheat. Plant corn, you’ll harvest corn. No one expects to sow one thing and harvest something else.

The truth of this ancient wisdom applies far beyond agriculture; it’s also true for our character, families, communities, and even our nation. What we put in, we get out. A life of kindness, honesty, and sacrifice yields trust and respect. Good work, over time, builds skill and wisdom. A healthy body, a fruitful spiritual life, a just society — none of these come from nothing. They grow from seeds sown patiently and tended over time.

Therefore, this is not just good advice; it’s woven into creation. It holds whether we like it or not. Ignore this truth, and reality will remind us eventually. “God is not

mocked.” (Galatians 6:7)

We see this pattern all over Scripture: “Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity.” (Proverbs 22:8); “Sow righteousness, reap steadfast love.” (Hosea 10:12) Jesus says, “Every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit... You will recognize them by their fruits.” (Matthew 7:17, 20) He calls his disciples branches abiding in him, the true Vine, bearing the fruit of life in Him (John 15).

But here’s where it gets interesting: Paul is also the apostle of grace. Just before this saying in Galatians, he’s passionately insisting that we are saved not by our works but by grace through faith: “We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.” (Galatians 2:16). Elsewhere, he writes: “By grace you have been saved through faith... not the result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8)

So which is it? You reap what you sow, or salvation by grace?

It’s both. We do not earn our

# You Reap What You Sow

“Grace isn’t an excuse to drift through life unchanged – it’s the call to bear good fruit.”

way to God by our own virtue. If anything, Jesus reaps what we sowed: our sin, violence, and estrangement — and we, by sheer grace, reap life and reconciliation through his death on the cross. That’s the Gospel: the unearned, undeserved harvest of mercy.

And yet, once we’re reconciled by grace, we are called to respond; to abide in Christ and bear fruit, and to cooperate with the Spirit’s slow, transforming work. Paul says, “If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life.” (Galatians 6:8)

Grace isn’t an excuse to drift through life unchanged. It’s the invitation to grow into the likeness of Christ; to become the kind of tree that bears good fruit.

That takes time, patience, effort, and commitment — all on the foundation of grace.

But patience is in short supply these days. Last week we celebrated our country’s birth, and so it might be worth asking: are we, as Americans, patient or impatient? The answer, again, is both.

There is real American patience: our Revolution took years of sacrifice and endurance. Generations of farmers and settlers cleared fields, built towns, and planted seeds. Many still live this out: parents caring for children, children caring for aging parents, neighbors building up communities that outlast them.

But alongside that, there’s an unmistakable American

scarcity. When we trade depth and reflection for constant distraction, we reap anxiety and emptiness.

Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” (Luke 10:2) There is a rich harvest waiting in the life of your soul — a harvest that asks for steady tending: prayer, study, service, sacrifice. “Do not grow weary in doing good,” Paul writes, “for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

The French Jesuit and scientist Teilhard de Chardin put it this way: “Above all, trust in the slow work of God.” Not everything good is quick. Some things take root deep underground. Some harvests ripen only through seasons of waiting. But in the end, we do reap what we sow.

May we sow in patience, hope, and in trust that the One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.

*The Rev. John Kennedy serves as Associate Rector at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in New Canaan, CT.*

# Worship Directory and Services

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

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

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

**Congregational Church**

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

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

**Recurring Events:**

**Tuesdays at 9:30 AM:** Women’s Bible Study

**Wednesdays at 9:30 AM:** Bible Study

**Fourth Thursday from 12-2:30 PM:** Meet at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk to serve a meal.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

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

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

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**July 13: Peaches on the Patio.** Contact the Church for more information.

**Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church**

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

**Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** The Sunday 8:30 a.m. mass is live-streamed and recorded.  
**Monday-Friday: 7:00 am and 5:30 pm**  
**Saturday: 7:00 am**

**Recurring Events:**

**Last Monday of every month 7pm:** Women’s Praise & Worship Holy Hour

**Fridays 7:30am-6pm:** Eucharistic Adoration (September-June)  
**Saturday 8:30am:** St. A’s Healing Rosary Prayer Group

**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/>.

**St. Mark’s Episcopal Church**

111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515  
[churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org)  
[www.stmarksnewcanaan.org](http://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org)

**Sunday Services: 8:00am:** Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite I; **9:00am:** Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II; **10am:** Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite II (Live Stream also available on the St. Mark’s website). Coffee Hour follows the 10am service.

Church School during the 10am service: Godly Play for children in kindergarten through second grade; Holy Moly for third and fourth grades; Meet in the Middle for fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Professional childcare is offered for children ages four and under. Families with children who are not yet ready to separate for childcare are invited to use the rocking chairs at the rear of the chapel.

**Weekday Services: Monday-Friday, 8:30am:** Morning Prayer/Rite II by Zoom.

**Wednesday at 12:05pm:** Noonday Eucharist in the chapel.

**Recurring Events:**

**First Wednesday at 1pm:** Laundry Love volunteering opportunity to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry.

**First & Third Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm:** Youth Group

**St. Michael’s Lutheran Church**

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

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

**Recurring Events:**

**Thursday 12 PM:** Alcoholics Anonymous

**Trinity Church**  
**New Canaan | Darien**

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

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

**United Methodist Church**

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666  
[frontdesk@umcofnewcanaan.org](mailto:frontdesk@umcofnewcanaan.org)  
[www.umcofnewcanaan.org](http://www.umcofnewcanaan.org)  
Join us for Sunday Worship!  
Sunday Service begins at 10:00 a.m.

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

Child care is available for children from infancy through age 5.

**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 friends — light refreshments provided. For questions, please contact the church office.

**Community Baptist Church**

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

Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI3O\\_Syp\\_X0KDg](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!

**Grace Community Church**

9:30am Service @ New Canaan High School,  
11 Farm Road, New Canaan  
203-966-7600

[info@gracecommunity.info](mailto:info@gracecommunity.info)  
[www.gracecommunity.info](http://www.gracecommunity.info)

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

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**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](mailto:bo@gracecommunity.info).

**Talmadge Hill Community Church**

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

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

**Recurring Events:**

**Thursdays at 9:30am:** Bible Study

**First Saturday at 8am:** Men’s Group

**Second Saturday at 10am:** Women’s Circle

**Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center**

137 Putnam Rd

[info@chabadnewcanaan.org](mailto:info@chabadnewcanaan.org)  
[www.newcanaanjewish.org](http://www.newcanaanjewish.org)

The Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center is dedicated to strengthening and building the New Canaan Jewish Community by offering local Jewish resources that bring more positivity, Jewish education, charitable activity, good deeds and blessing to our lovely town.

We are about Judaism, not affiliation. Regardless of your background, and however you choose to define your level of Jewish observance or identity, the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center can add spirituality, joy, study, community and connection for you and your family. The programs of the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center are held in various locations, all located in New Canaan.

**Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)**

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903  
203.322.1649  
[www.templecinaistamford.org](http://www.templecinaistamford.org)

**Service Schedule:**

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

**Recurring Events:**

**Fridays at 12 PM:** Torah Study

**Second Saturday at 10:30 AM:** Mussar

**First and Third Fridays at 5:30 PM:** Shabbat Service for Families with Young Children

**First Saturday at 8 AM:** Avodat Halev Discussion Group

**Temple Sholom**

300 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830  
203-869-7191  
[www.templesholom.com](http://www.templesholom.com)

**Services:** In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am.

**Recurring Events:**

**Saturdays at 9 AM:** Shabbat Study via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcXU0EzZUM-2VENEZmgYUT09#success>

# Maritime Rowing Club wins Gold, Bronze at Youth Nationals

SUBMITTED BY DAVE DeVITO,  
MARITIME ROWING CLUB

New Canaan Crew's Maritime Rowing Club won a National Championship in the Women's Youth U16 Coxed Quad recently at the 30th USRowing Youth National Championship in Sarasota, FL. The club also came away with a Bronze in the Men's Under 17 Quad. This win marks the 20th national championship won by the club in its 29 year history and the 1st win in the women's U16 coxed quad event.

With 881 entries and just over 4,000 athletes representing 230 clubs from all over the country, the event was the largest ever. All crews had to qualify for the regatta

through regional regattas held last month. Maritime Rowing qualified 16 crews, the 2nd highest highest in Nation in the Youth, U17, and U16 age categories.

“You are a product of your environment, and we have worked very hard to make Maritime a supportive, healthy and exciting place to be. These girls are so young and have a long rowing career ahead of them, they love going fast and I've no doubt that these girls will unlock even more speed together.” Said Sorcha O'Donnell JV/Novice Girls Coach

“It was a privilege to coach this group of highly motivated and competitive athletes. The practice and racing conditions were challenging in the afternoon

with delays and cancellations and the boys handled it with incredible maturity. Competition was very tight with time differences very close for the 8 boat final. The boys produced a superior result of which we are all tremendously proud.” said Laura Rauchfuss, High Performance Boys Coach.

This regatta was also the final High School event for the club's graduating class of 2025. The class consists of: Matthew Greco (Rowayton, CT) - Georgetown University; Robert Vine (Greenwich,CT) - Harvard University; Jacob Robertson (New Canaan,CT) - Belmont University; Will Sexton (New Canaan,CT) - St. Lawrence University; Zach Santiago (New Canaan,CT) -

Northeastern University; Charlie Williams (New Canaan,CT) - Vanderbilt; Luis Palomeque (Norwalk,CT) - LaSalle University; Gael Lugo (Wilton,CT) - UConn; Luke Pittaro New Canaan,CT) - MIT; David Thompson (New Canaan,CT) - Columbia University; Sam Ronen (Easton ,CT) - Kansas State University; Samantha Sieber (Norwalk, CT) - Fordham University; Ella Trudeau (Norwalk ,CT) - Harvard University; Avery Sommerville (Wilton,CT) - Union College

Maritime winning crews include:

Women's Youth U16 Coxed Quad - 1ST Place;

Lexi Spergel (Norwalk, CT), Coral Ludwig-Cabrera (Norwalk, CT),

Roxi Goodwin (New Canaan, CT), Charlotte Edwards (New Canaan, CT), Sophia Voyko (Norwalk, CT)

Men's Youth U17 Quad - 3rd Place;

Andrew Quaglino (Stamford, CT), Tristan Gemelli (Stamford, CT), Alex Yang (Trumbull, CT), Declan Crotty (Fairfield, CT)

Other top Maritime finishes include:

Men's Youth U16 Coxed Quad - 4th Place;

Robert Vine, John Squitieri, David Thompson, Matthew Lupinacci

Men's Youth 2V Quad - 6th Place;

Roberto Toraty, Dean Metropoulos, Henry Brauweiler, Cameron Morey

Men's Youth 2V Quad - 9th Place;

Jacob Robertson, Theo Kambas, Maksim Kolarich, Tal Aluf-Medina

Men's Youth U16 Coxed Quad - 5th Place;

Elizabeth Zyarska, Alexander Shurba, Thomas Whipple, Antonie Engel, Benson Snider

Men's Youth U16 Coxed Quad - 8th Place;

Mason Wang, Eric Haidautu, Orion Berman, Isaac Marshall, Jack Thompson

Men's Youth U17 Quad -5th Place;

Declan McClure, Chase Hasan, Noah Peterkin, Charles McGillion-Moore



Women's Youth U16 Coxed Quad - 1ST Place (NATIONAL CHAMPION); Coach Sorcha O'Donnell, Lexi Spergel (Norwalk), Coral Ludwig-Cabrera (Norwalk), Roxi Goodwin (New Canaan), Charlotte Edwards (New Canaan), Sophia Voyko (Norwalk). Contributed photo.



Men's Youth U17 Quad - 3rd Place; Coach Laura Rauchfuss, Andrew Quaglino (Stamford), Tristan Gemelli (Stamford), Alex Yang (Trumbull), Declan Crotty (Fairfield), Head Coach, Yan Vengerovskiy. Contributed photo.

## Announcing New Associate Minister of Children, Youth, and Families

On Sunday, June 1, members of The Congregational Church of New Canaan unanimously voted to call Kelly Antonson as the church's Associate Minister for Children, Youth, and Families. Kelly will begin in her new role effective immediately.

Antonson preached a sermon, “Write It on Their Hearts,” at the 10:00am service of worship that morning. Immediately after the service, a special meeting of the

Congregation was convened, and members voted to affirm the nomination of Antonson and call her as the Associate Minister for Children, Youth, and Families.

Kelly Antonson received her Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School in May 2025. While at Yale, she also earned a diploma from Andover Newton Seminary, the embedded seminary at Yale that forms ministers for congregational

life. During her studies, Kelly was honored to serve as a Raymond Preaching Fellow for three consecutive years, an opportunity that equipped her with tangible preaching skills as she preached regularly in churches throughout Connecticut.

Kelly has been a part of The Congregational Church of New Canaan community since 2010 and has served as Senior Youth Director since 2019. Her ministry here has focused on walking with youth and families through life's joys and challenges, leading meaningful service opportunities, and creatively shaping worship and spiritual formation. She now seeks to continue her pastoral call within this beloved church as the Associate Minister of Children, Youth, and Families.

Originally from New Jersey, Kelly first

felt a call to ministry through service – both in her active church involvement and volunteering with Michael's Feat, a nonprofit that supports seriously ill infants. She graduated from St. John Vianney High School in

2007 and subsequently earned a B.A. in Political Science and Religious Studies from Sacred Heart University in 2011. While at Sacred Heart, Kelly served as Student Body President, led numerous service initiatives, and first discovered the vibrant community of The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

After graduation, Kelly was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Albania, where she piloted a literacy program using e-readers in local schools. Upon returning home, she worked in nonprofit development with Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County and Inspirica,



Inc. in Stamford, before stepping into full-time church ministry.

Kelly brings a warm, thoughtful presence to her ministry and is passionate about helping people of all ages explore

their faith, deepen their relationships, and live out God's love in community. She believes ministry begins with listening—creating space for people to show up as they are, loving them as they are, and helping them discover that they are already held by grace. Kelly seeks to lead with authenticity and a deep conviction that the Church is where lives are transformed, and love takes tangible form.

She lives in New Canaan with her husband, Steve, and their three young children.

Outside of the ministry, you will find her chasing her toddlers, cooking dinners for friends alongside Steve, sneaking in time at the Jersey Shore for salty air and soulful rest, and every so often, humbly working her way through a beginner's golf swing.

# New Canaan Legal Ads

### LEGAL AD

July 3, 2025

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Selectmen for the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed bids for “Pave, 2025: Elm Street (Business District)”, New Canaan, Connecticut, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at the Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT, 06840, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract documents are available for review at the Department of Public Works Office, TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840. Copies of the contract documents for the work may be obtained in person during business hours from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the following location: Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840.

Bidders attention is called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment to be observed and to the requirements for the prompt commencement and completion of the work.

All Work Shall Be Completed at Night between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am

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

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

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

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

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

### LEGAL AD

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

The Public Works Department of the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed Bids for “Exterior Lamp Post & Fixtures” until 10:00AM Local Time on Tuesday July 29, 2025 at the Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT, 06840, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

No supply vendor may withdraw his proposal within 90 days after the actual date of the RFP opening. Additionally, the contract documents require the prompt commencement of processing the order.

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

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

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

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

### LEGAL AD

#### TOWN OF NEW CANAAN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Senior Zoning Enforcement Officer has issued the following permit:

Permit Number ZP 25-6 issued to New Canaan YMCA at 564 South Avenue, Map 36 Block 232 Lot K62. Expansion of the existing parking lot on the south side of the building to add 20 new parking spaces for use by YMCA staff pursuant to P&Z Commission's January 28, 2020 Special Permit approval and Site Plan approval. Install new fencing and stormwater management improvements for the parking lot expansion. Enlarge dumpster pad and install dumpster screening fence. Expand sidewalk at front building entrance. Mill and repave entire parking lot and replace curbs as necessary. Restripe parking lot and install new signage and pavement markings.

# Thank You ACME!

On behalf of the New Canaan Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), I would like to thank the ACME Store supervisor Nancy Layman along with the rest of New Canaan Store team for their generous donation of sandwiches, cookies and water in support of the NC CERT volunteers during the Family Fourth Celebration on Friday, July 4th. CERT has been assisting the New Canaan Police for several years with traffic and pedestrian control within

Waveny Park during the July 4th Celebration. Our mission is to provide a safe and steady flow for vehicle traffic and provide safe crossings for pedestrians. ACME's kind donation of food and much needed water helped to sustain 26 volunteers who worked this event over 5 hours in the heat of the late afternoon and early evening on Friday, July 4th.

Once again we appreciate ACME's support of this New Canaan community event and our CERT volunteers.

Best Regards,  
Jim Davis  
Co-Executive Director  
New Canaan CERT



## CT Realtors Foundation Awards Scholarships to Two New Canaan Recipients

SUBMITTED

The Connecticut REALTORS Foundation recently awarded their 2025 Raymond F. Gates, Jr. Memorial Scholarships. The Raymond F. Gates, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1976 in memory of Raymond F. Gates, Jr. following his tragic death in an automobile accident. Mr. Gates was the

Executive Vice President of the Connecticut REALTORS. Over the past 49 years, children of REALTORS have been awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1,000,000.

For the 2024-2025 academic year, the Connecticut REALTORS Foundation is proud to announce that 51 outstanding children of CT REALTORS were selected to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

New Canaan Board of Realtors is excited that 2 New Canaan recipients were among the 51 selected:

Julia McPhillips, daughter of REALTOR Angela Abate with William Raveis Real Estate in New Canaan.

Ethan Goormastic, son of REALTOR Kristen Baldwin with William Raveis Real Estate in New Canaan.



Julia McPhillips (recipient), Joe Scozzafava, President New Canaan Board of Realtors, Ethan Goormastic (recipient). Contributed photo.

## Talented Local Musicians, Annie Meyer and Sophie Seaver, Honored by YoungArts and Grammy Camp

Two of the country's most selective arts and music programs recently honored talented young New Canaan musicians, Annie Meyer and Sophie Seaver.

The GRAMMY Museum recently announced that 172 talented high school students from across the country have been selected to participate in its GRAMMY Camp programs this summer. Annie was selected for Jazz Guitar and Sophie for Songwriting. Campers in prior summers have gone onto success across the industry, including recent Grammy winners Chappell Roan, Maren Morris, and Ryan Lewis. Annie and Sophie were also YoungArts Winners this year.

YoungArts is the premier national program that identifies, celebrates and supports the most promising young artists across the United States. Annie was selected for Jazz Guitar and Sophie was selected for the Singer-Songwriter category. Recent YoungArts alumni include musicians Josh Groban, Jon Batiste, Nicki Minaj, actor Timothée Chalamet, poet Amanda Gorman and many more.

It is rare for two musicians from a community as small as New Canaan's to be selected for both of these highly selective programs – and at such young ages.

### About Annie and Sophie

Sophie and Annie first met through their participation in New Canaan School of Rock's selective Houseband, and as students at St. Luke's School in New Canaan. They quickly became friends through their love of music. Sophie and Annie both aspire to careers in music.

Annie, a rising 12th grader at Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan, is a graduate of West Elementary and St. Luke's Middle School. In addition to guitar, Annie plays piano, drums, bass, and violin, and has been a featured artist for Brandy Melville and Norman's Rare Guitars.

Annie participated earlier this month in The Jazz Institute at Brevard Music Center in North Carolina and in July will perform at the Brubeck Jazz Summit in Lake Tahoe, NV. Annie honed her guitar skills at School of Rock New Canaan and by teaching herself jazz standards through YouTube. "The more I ventured into the world of guitar, the more interested I became in music theory and how it connects to improvisation," she explains of her route to studying jazz. "Jazz is all about collaboration, and I am so excited to learn from my peers at Grammy Camp -- and especially to be playing with Sophie again!"

Sophie Seaver, a rising 10th grader, currently attends St.

Luke's School and is a graduate of West Elementary. She has been playing music since she moved to New Canaan in 2013 and has been writing songs since she was 9 years old. She is a multi-instrumentalist.

Her main instruments are piano, guitar and vocals. "I have always loved making music and performing", Sophie says. "Music brings connection and it has the ability to articulate situations and emotions in new and meaningful ways. I am so honored and excited to be a part of these communities and I'm so happy that I get to be at Grammy Camp with Annie!"

### About YoungArts

For this year's program, YoungArts selected more than 800 of the most accomplished young artists from across the country, heralding the next generation of artists to watch.

YoungArts award winners are selected through a highly competitive application, which is reviewed by panels of esteemed, discipline-specific artists in a rigorous adjudication process.

YoungArts award winners have demonstrated exceptional technique, a strong sense of artistry, and an extraordinary commitment to developing their craft. This year, winners were selected from nearly 11,000 applications across 10



Annie (left) and Sophie (right)

artistic disciplines – classical music, dance, design, film, jazz, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing.

YoungArts award winners are eligible for exclusive creative and professional development support throughout their careers including microgrants and financial awards and presentation opportunities in collaboration with major venues

and cultural partners nationwide. 2025 YoungArts winners also have the opportunity to participate in YoungArts Labs, all-expenses-paid learning intensives with field-defining artists in Los Angeles, New York and Nashville.

### About Grammy Camp

The GRAMMY Museum recently announced the guest artists participating in GRAMMY

Camp 2025 across all three host cities, which include: CimaFunk, DARUMAS, and GALE in Miami; Braxton Cook, Chloe Flower, and Renée Elise in New York; and Alexander Stewart, Aly & AJ, Daniel Seavey, D'Mile, India Shawn, and Reneé Rapp in Los Angeles. Each artist will share insights from their career journeys and help prepare students for careers and future success in the music industry.

Guest artists in prior years have included Maren Morris, Lizzy McAlpine, Gracie Abrams and many more. Now in its 21st year, GRAMMY Camp focuses on all aspects of commercial music and will feature various career tracks in all three locations, including: music business, instrumental performance, electronic music audio production, songwriting, and vocal performance.

Each location will incorporate a curriculum tailored to its unique musical heritage. Each track is taught by GRAMMY-winning and -nominated professionals, Recording Academy members, industry experts, and notable guest artists, offering participants an exclusive glimpse into real-world music career pathways. Students are selected for one career track, but have the opportunity to collaborate with all students.

## Documentary producer will highlight 1950s styles at Men's Club

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL DORFSMAN, NEW CANAAN MEN'S CLUB

Documentarian Jake Gorst will speak to the New Canaan Men's Club Friday about the design styles that influenced a range of daily life in the 1950s, whether it was in furniture, appliances, toys, architecture

or the automobiles of the day, known for their stylish tail fins.

Gorst is president of Mainspring Narrative Films which produces documentaries that explore art, architecture and cultural history. During his presentation, Gorst will present a documentary his firm remastered that showcases the prevalent American design and

style of the period, highlighting the planning and design that went into manufacturing the 1959 Chevrolet Impala.

The Men's Club meets in Morrill Hall at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge, at 10 a.m. Gorst's remarks are expected to begin at 10:40 a.m., following the club's business session.

Another documentary produced by Mainspring Narrative Films, Leisurama, described the unique style of Mid-Century Architecture and the home designs of his grandfather, Andrew Geller. The style was so influential at the time, Geller-designed homes were sold in kits through Macy's and are still lived in by

residents largely in Long Island, as described in one of Gorst's documentaries.

Geller, along with his also well-known colleague, Raymond Loewy designed the homes to be affordable as second homes for average middle-class families in the 1960s. As described in press reports at the time, the homes were also furnished by Macy's

and sold for about \$13,000 to \$17,000.

Gorst, and his wife, Tracey Rennie Gorst, have been producing films since 2002.

The Men's Club has openings for new members, men 55-years old and above. For information, ncmens@ncmens.org.

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# “I could faintly see ‘New Canaan’ written on the hood through the rust, and I knew I had it.”



Scott Ready in the driver's seat of Aerial 3. Note the convertible roof over the cab. John Kriz Photos.

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but that wasn't the beginning.

Mr. Ready has spent most of his life in and around firehouses. "First I was in New Canaan's volunteer fire department, which was really our primary fire department until recently. And I went to the rank of Assistant Chief eventually in New Canaan," he says. His professional work was in Norwalk. "I overlapped my time as a career fireman, a volunteer fireman—career in Norwalk, volunteer in New Canaan. And then I did my time in New Canaan. So overall about 35 years as a fireman." His family goes back to the Hoyts, who were among the earliest town residents.

He also works as a plumber – his former side gig and now his full-time trade. "I did that the whole time to pay my bills," he notes. "You don't make really great money as a fireman. It's okay money, but you can't get ahead."

### Finding the 'Lost' Aerial Apparatus

The aerial apparatus has a long lineage. "This was the first—not our first hook and ladder, because we did have one that had just regular ladders loaded on it—this is the first hydraulically raised ladder truck," Mr. Ready explains. Purchased new by the Town of New Canaan for \$23,000, the contract was signed in 1946, though the apparatus didn't arrive until 1949 due to post-war production delays.

"After World War II, there was a backlog of fire apparatus for all the communities because the factories were building military equipment for five years," he said. The aerial apparatus remained in service until the early 1970s, and was sold to a private collector. It changed hands several times after that.

"It went through about five private collectors," Mr. Ready recalls. Eventually, he suspected it had made its way back to the region—Orange, Connecticut. "Being in the fire service, I put feelers out through a lot of different departments." A lead came in. He followed up. "I got the guy's phone number. I went up and looked at it. Sure enough, I could faintly see 'New Canaan' written on the hood through the rust, and I knew I had it."

"I asked the owner of it for about four years if he was interested in selling it," Mr. Ready says, making just one 'ask' per year. "Didn't want to bother him... we didn't want to push



Scott Ready with Aerial 3. Several of the apparatus' compartments are open, displaying some of the firefighting equipment the rig carries.

him too much and have him turn away from us."

The turning point came without ceremony. "They notified me with a note in my mailbox that he was trying to get ahold of me," he recalls. "So I called him up and I figured that's what the call was. He wanted to sell to a fireman." The apparatus needed to come home.

The deal came together quickly after that. Mr. Ready drove there and bought it.

### Restoration

The restoration of the aerial apparatus was slow and painstaking. It took ten years. "We tore it down and then built it right back up again," Mr. Ready notes. The hardest part wasn't mechanical—it was cosmetic. "Getting a painter. Nobody wanted to paint the parts. They want you to roll a car in a garage and roll it back out again. They don't want to paint things in pieces." The truck had been disassembled. Each piece was heavy, requiring careful handling. Eventually, a painter agreed to do the work. "It was painted at a residence actually in Norwalk, and this guy was terrific."

Asked whether it was a labor of love, Mr. Ready doesn't hesitate. "Totally," he says. "It was my favorite rig when I was a kid... this is the one that used to come to the schools on Fire Prevention Day."

Restoration was far from a solo effort, he acknowledges. Other key participants in the restoration's success were Sven Englund who, like Mr. Ready, is a former assistant New Canaan fire chief, and is current chairman of the town's Utilities Commission; Mike Tiani, another New Canaan fireman; and Ed Karl, who works at Karl Chevrolet and is a former New Canaan fire chief when the department was mostly volunteer. It was a team.

A true handyman, Mr. Ready's home shop (remember, he's a plumber) for his business and maintenance of the

apparatus is a master class in good order and cleanliness. The apparatus itself is fully equipped with helmets, boots, hoses, extra ladders, grass fire brooms, power saws, a smoke ejector, a generator, axes, a life net to catch people jumping out of windows – you name it. It looks like it just rolled out of the showroom, prepared for action, with surfaces so clean you could eat off them.

"There's enough equipment on this truck to actually use it at a fire if you had to. I wanted the truck to look like it was alive," stresses Mr. Ready, "not a static empty piece of hardware driving around, but it has a life. It's breathing. There's men that are working with this truck that are on it, and pretty much the equipment that was on there that would've been there in the early 1960s." He goes on to say, referencing the three men who worked with him on the restoration, "we were all around the same age when we restored this," going on to note "we wanted to get it back to where our childhood memories had it."

The aerial apparatus appears occasionally—at parades, shows such as Caffeine & Carburetors and local charitable gatherings. "I might just do a couple spins around town throughout the warm weather," he says. Though he avoids taking it out in winter due to dangers of corrosive salt, there were exceptions. "I did pick Santa Claus up a few times up at Waveny that came in on the helicopter."

The barn in which the apparatus is housed is attached to a small Cape Cod house built from a Sears house kit. Yes, even in pre-IKEA times you could buy a 'build it yourself' home.

For Scott Ready, Aerial 3's return to its hometown is more than nostalgia. It's the culmination of a decades-long effort -- a commitment to a piece of New Canaan history, and a kind of unspoken covenant between a veteran firefighter and his favorite rig.



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| 601 Old Stamford Road      | \$1,729,000  | 4,030  | \$429.03   | 0.62  | 5  | 4  |
| 392 Hoyt Farm Road         | \$2,695,000  | 3,830  | \$703.66   | 2.00  | 5  | 3  |
| 52 Garibaldi Lane          | \$3,495,000  | 8,000  | \$436.88   | 1.01  | 6  | 5  |
| 354 South Avenue           | \$5,995,000  | 7,505  | \$798.80   | 0.37  | 5  | 5  |
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# Why Houses Sell (or Don't): The Three Levers That Matter



BY JOHN ENGEL

Why do some houses sell in a weekend while others linger? It's not interest rates or inventory. It's about pulling the right lever, and we only have three: Price, Presentation, and Time.

Sellers often justify prices with what they've spent or point to unsold neighbors, but the market doesn't care about your sunk costs, and active listings are just that: still active. The market speaks through sold data, and trend lines reveal which levers to pull.

### LEVER 1: Price When Less Is More

When a house gets showings but no offers, it's probably the price. Did it show beautifully in the photos and then disappoint? When we can't improve presentation, we cut price, typically at the 25-35 day mark. In Fairfield County we wait longer; the pattern is between 30 and 50 days.

#### Case Study: The \$3M Stall-Out

A high-end colonial launched in the low \$3 millions, drew interest, and got an accepted offer above \$3M, but inspection issues killed it.

Showings slowed, but because he saw an offer over \$3M, the owner stayed with the old price for months. At last, a cut to just under \$2.9M revived activity and sparked multiple bids, closing at \$2.8M. Price was the block.

#### Case Study: Condos and Clarity

In larger condo complexes, we have enough sales history to set clear pricing benchmarks. Twenty-eight condos have sold in New Canaan this year, same as last year, very predictable. Like single family houses, condos have been averaging less than 20 days on market for the last five years. They sell for 100% of asking price more consistently than do houses, and they do so after 8-10 showings, while houses average 12-14. Where an efficient market exists, price is the decisive factor.

### LEVER 2: Presentation When the Product Needs to Change

When price fits but offers don't come, even though showings are steady, presentation's the problem. Buyers want to feel some excitement with their new purchase, and often that hinges on presentation. It's hard for an owner to see the problems, harder still to address them with urgency, "Nothing wrong with a brown dining room, it's always been

brown."

NAR reports that 36% of agents recommend painting the interior in every listing, and 53% of sellers repaint at least one room. Why not paint? Cash-strapped sellers skip presentation upgrades, seeking liquidity and speed over ROI.

#### Case Study: From Tarp to Bidding War

We priced the property at around \$2 million. The blue tarp on the roof, half-finished cottage, and some outdated spaces were a half-million dollar problem, and most sellers don't have the luxury of time, energy, and money.

Well, this client attacked it with gusto. After a new roof, kitchen, bathrooms, garage, staging, and details, the house was magazine-ready. It sold over asking in a bidding war, \$800,000 over our initial projections. Presentation won.

### LEVER 3: Time When the Market Isn't Ready

When price and presentation are solid but the house sits, time's the lever. Agents favor speed, but with inventory tight in some areas, waiting often beats slashing.

#### Case Study: Patience in a 1940s Ranch

A modest, original ranch has been on and off the market for nearly a decade. The seller rejected \$2.0M offers, holding out for land value. No changes, no price drops, no painting. The property recently sold at full asking, unrenovated, over \$2.6, and nearly double its tax assessment.

#### Case Study: The Midcentury Modern That Waits for a Match

A restored midcentury modern has lingered for over a year. Midcentury moderns often do. If priced right and presenting well, the theory is that the home's niche appeal will find a buyer; it just needs more time.

Moderns are tougher to price, coming in and out of style, relying on abstractions like pedigree and authenticity, and they are a far more emotional sale. My study of 50 midcentury modern sales reveals few patterns: a market often behaving independently of the typical real estate cycles; a market where it is possible to sell a house sight-unseen.

#### Case Study: The Landowner's Long Game

When one New Canaan landowner holds 11 of the 14 active land listings, it results in prices staying firm or rising, because cutting devalues the portfolio. Consider the Forst family in

Nantucket, owners of 60% to 70% of downtown commercial storefronts. Consolidated ownership stabilized rents for decades. Recent sales to Blue Flag Partners between 2019 and 2023 has upended the market, igniting debates over the island's affordability and character.

#### Market Timing as a Signal: When to Wait, When to Cut

Decide based on conditions. Rising inventory with flat pendings? Cut price. Low supply with no showings? Wait.

Examples: In Wilton, early 2024, supply rose while showings fell; price cuts worked. In New Canaan, early 2025, supply dipped and pendings slowed; waiting until April paid off. In Westport, spring 2024, low supply and strong pendings rewarded timed listings; latecomers cut prices. Track the data. The market sets value, not your past costs.

#### Darien, July: A Case Without a Clear Lever (Yet)

At mid-year, Darien's inventory is low, favoring sellers, but the peak season has passed. A well-staged, right-priced property hasn't sold. Feedback highlights outdated paint and cosmetics. With steady traffic, the cash-limited seller faces a choice: invest in presentation, cut price, or wait. A small refresh could work. If traffic drops, which it should, price may need adjusting.

### Conclusion: Strategy Begins With Context

Price, presentation, time: each fits a moment. Showings but no offers? Adjust price. Visitors but no bites? Fix presentation. Nothing moving? Wait. Sellers ignoring market signals — clinging to expenses or unsold listings — miss the point. Watch the data, and pull the right lever.

As of June 30, 2025, the month's supply is 20% lower than it should be, and homes-for-sale is 24% lower, while sales volume remains unchanged and price-per-foot rises. All this is encouraging seller resolve.

### Notes from the Monday Meeting:

June and July were record months for our team, at over \$20M. Agents are reporting strong activity: showings, offers, and sales.

Governor Lamont did the right thing, vetoing HB 5022, but New York's democratic primary results shook things up a bit, making phones ring in Connecticut and Florida.

Canadian tariffs and a dip in foreign travel are killing the NYC and Florida gulf coast markets. Canadians represent 13% of foreign buyers of U.S. real estate, and we saw their April visits to Florida

drop 35.2%. New York City will experiencing 800,000 fewer tourists this year, a 17% drop. But New Canaan might build a hotel for 40 of them. Stay tuned.

### One last thing:

In last week's column, I included a chart of many of New Canaan's non-profits. New Canaan Nature Center boardmember Tom Turrentine sent me the following note:

*Great article in NC Sentinel, your data supports what I've always sensed. I have one nit to pick:*

*New Canaan Nature Center, oldest nature based pre-school in US and environmental center, doesn't "support artist and cultural events" (unless you include Fall Fair and*

*Maple Syrup production in that category). Just sayin'...otherwise, great chart!*

Thanks for the gentle reminder, Tom!

*John Engel is a broker on The Engel Team at Douglas Elliman in New Canaan, and his daughter just got engaged. Back in the old days, engagements were not photographed. John bent the knee in Mead Park but you'll have to take his word for it; only the geese and Melissa saw it.*

*July feels like it should be a good month for weddings, but it doesn't even make the top five (October 16%, September 15%, June 13%, May 11%, and August 10%).*

*Susan Engel got married 60 years ago this week, sporting a pill box hat and a suit she made herself. Of course.*



Above, the well-documented engagement of Lillian Engel and Mathieu Giazzi. Below, a rare photo from the 1965 wedding of Susan and Jack Engel.

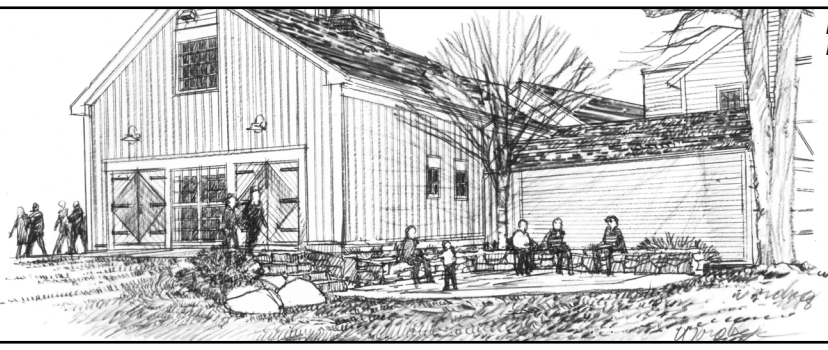


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## TOWN MEETINGS

**Monday, July 14**

Affordable Housing Committee  
7-8 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom

**Tuesday, July 15**

EMS Commission  
6-7 p.m., NCEMS Headquarters

**Wednesday, July 16**

Police Commission  
6-7 p.m., Town Hall

Town Council  
7-8 p.m., Town Hall

July 10

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By appointment at the Lapham Center  
Dick Neville, a CHOICES certified Medicare counselor, provides free, objective, person-centered assistance about Medicare options and related benefits including: enrolling, choosing a supplemental plan and Part D prescription drug plan, and understanding Medicare Advantage plans. Available to New Canaan residents and Town employees. Call 203-594-3620 to schedule appointment.

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

**Mocktails**  
6:30 PM at Grace Farms  
Join Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones for an evening crafting and sipping mocktails. Follow Leah’s recipes to make three seasonal beverages from ingredients, and broaden your understanding of the complex ways in which food intersects with many aspects of our lives. Tickets are \$28/non-members, \$22/ members, and available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/mocktails/2025-07-10>.

July 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/IUkcg>.

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

**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>.

**The Summer Theatre of New Canaan presents Disney’s The Little Mermaid**  
1 and 5 PM at 11 Farm Rd  
Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen’s most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney’s The Little Mermaid is a classic story of love and adventure for the ages. Tickets are available at <https://stonc.org>.

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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!

**The Summer Theatre of New Canaan presents Disney’s The Little Mermaid**  
2 PM at 11 Farm Rd  
Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen’s most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney’s The Little Mermaid is a classic story of love and adventure for the ages. Tickets are available at <https://stonc.org>.

July 14

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

**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 15

**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.

**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 Candlelit Sound Bath**  
6:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Step into a realm of tranquility and profound relaxation at this candlelit sound bath experience with Diane & Catherine of Grounded Meditation. Sound Baths have been shown to reduce stress and anxiety; improve sleep; help with depression; lower blood pressure and bring on an overall sense of calm and inner peace. \$40/person. Register at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/candlelit-sound-bath-7/>.

July 16

**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.

**Women and Money Roundtable: How to Make Sense of Today’s Financial Markets**  
1 PM via Webinar  
Join Financial Advisors Julia Strayer and Liz Maccarone for a series of easy-to-follow discussions on how to make sense of today’s financial markets. They will cover the latest market news and how that might affect your financial decisions. Register at <https://shorturl.at/PWnJ5>.

**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.

**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 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.

**Entry Deadline for 75th A•ONE Exhibit**  
Online at the Silvermine Arts Center  
75th A•ONE is an international competition/exhibition highlighting the diversity of work currently being made by established and emerging artists. Open to all artists 18 years of age and older. Original artwork in any media will be considered. Eligible artwork must have been completed after January 1, 2023. Apply at <https://www.silvermineart.org/online-exhibition/75th-a-one/>.

July 18

**New Canaan Village Fair & Sidewalk Sale**  
9 AM - 4 PM in Downtown New Canaan  
Join New Canaan for their 2025 Sidewalk Sale. New Canaan’s local merchants will kick off the fun by placing all of their great bargains on the sidewalk out in front of their stores.

**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>.

**The Summer Theatre of New Canaan presents Disney’s The Little Mermaid**  
7 PM at 11 Farm Rd  
Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen’s most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney’s The Little Mermaid is a classic story of love and adventure for the ages. Tickets are available at <https://stonc.org>.

July 19

**New Canaan Village Fair & Sidewalk Sale**  
9 AM - 4 PM in Downtown New Canaan  
Join New Canaan for their 2025 Village Fair & Sidewalk Sale. Local merchants will move out to the street and be joined by close to 100 other vendors and organizations from all over Fairfield County on Elm, Main and Forest Streets. A family friendly pedestrian mall is created by closing these streets to vehicles so you can come and shop with ease. School of Rock and Town Band will be playing at the South/Elm intersection. The New Canaan YMCA will be hosting a Family Entertainment area at the Elm/Main Intersection.

**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. 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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July 20

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With the support of a chair, this gentle Chair Yoga class will help you improve postural alignment, maintain pelvic mobility, reduce muscle tension and gain strength through flowing movements and focused breathing. Register at <https://shorturl.at/ykMWU>.

**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.

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

July 22

**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.

**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.

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July 24

**Free Medicare Counseling**  
By appointment at the Lapham Center  
Dick Neville, a CHOICES certified Medicare counselor, provides free, objective, person-centered assistance about Medicare options and related benefits including: enrolling, choosing a supplemental plan and Part D prescription drug plan, and understanding Medicare Advantage plans. Available to New Canaan residents and Town employees. Call 203-594-3620 to schedule appointment.

**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>.

# Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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Register at <a href="https://newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/">https://newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/</a>.</p> <p><b>Learning with Nature   Walk with Dragonflies</b><br/>11 AM at Grace Farms<br/>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 <a href="https://gracefarms.org/event/learning-with-nature-walk-with-dragonflies">https://gracefarms.org/event/learning-with-nature-walk-with-dragonflies</a>.</p> <p><b>The Summer Theatre of New Canaan presents Disney's The Little Mermaid</b><br/>1 and 5 PM at Il Farm Rd<br/>Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's The Little Mermaid is a classic story of love and adventure for the ages. Tickets are available at</p> | <p><a href="https://stonc.org">https://stonc.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Art in Nature   Pigment Pastels</b><br/>2 PM at Grace Farms<br/>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 <a href="https://gracefarms.org/event/art-in-nature-pigment-pastels">https://gracefarms.org/event/art-in-nature-pigment-pastels</a>.</p> <p><b>July 27</b></p> <p><b>The Summer Theatre of New Canaan presents Disney's The Little Mermaid</b><br/>2 PM at Il Farm Rd<br/>Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's The Little Mermaid is a classic story of love and adventure for the ages. Tickets are available at <a href="https://stonc.org">https://stonc.org</a>.</p> <p><b>July 28</b></p> <p><b>Chair Yoga</b><br/>11:30 AM at the New Canaan Library, Jim &amp; Dede Bartlett Auditorium<br/>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. 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Register at <a href="https://shorturl.at/ujNrA">https://shorturl.at/ujNrA</a>.</p> <p><b>August 2</b></p> <p><b>Family Field Trip to Weir Farm National Historical Park</b><br/>10 AM at Weir Farm<br/>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 <a href="https://shorturl.at/gUGru">https://shorturl.at/gUGru</a>.</p> <p><b>August 5</b></p> <p><b>Charles Ives Music Festival Chamber Music Concert</b><br/>7 PM at the New Canaan<br/>Opening with a beautiful piece by Ralph Vaughan Williams, "Vocalise", and the first movement of Beethoven's String Quartet No. 14, Op. 131, CIMF Artist-Faculty will perform additional solo and chamber works by Nina C. Young and Aleksandra Vrebalov. The CIMF Artist Chamber Orchestra, led by Jacob Joyce will perform works by Paul Frucht and John Adams, all of which traverse multiple musical and emotional spaces. Register at <a href="https://carriagebarn.org/event/charles-ives-chamber-music/">https://carriagebarn.org/event/charles-ives-chamber-music/</a>.</p> <p><b>August 6</b></p> <p><b>Shop Smarter With Consumer Reports</b><br/>1 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room<br/>This class will show you how to use Consumer Reports to take your shopping skills to the next level. You'll learn how to access the database from anywhere, browse</p> | <p>reviews, compare products, read informative articles, find helpful guides for major purchasing decisions, and more. Register at <a href="https://shorturl.at/bCWCD">https://shorturl.at/bCWCD</a>.</p> <p><b>BLOOD DRIVES</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, July 10</b></p> <p>Stamford Church of Christ<br/>1264 High Ridge Road<br/>Stamford, CT 06903<br/>8:00 AM - 1:30 PM<br/>Greenwich Blood Donation Center<br/>99 Indian Field Road<br/>Greenwich, CT 06830<br/>7:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p> <p><b>Friday, July 11</b></p> <p>American Legion<br/>60 County Road<br/>Norwalk, CT 06851<br/>8:00 AM - 5:30 PM</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 12</b></p> <p>Darien YMCA<br/>2420 Post Rd<br/>Darien, CT 06820<br/>8:00 AM - 1:00 PM</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 13</b></p> <p>Greenwich Blood Donation Center<br/>99 Indian Field Road<br/>Greenwich, CT 06830<br/>7:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p> <p><b>Monday, July 14</b></p> <p>Greenwich Blood Donation Center<br/>99 Indian Field Road<br/>Greenwich, CT 06830<br/>11:00 AM - 7:00 PM</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Stamford<br/>1101 Bedford St<br/>Stamford, CT 06905<br/>11:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 15</b></p> <p>Saint Mark's Church<br/>111 Oenoke Ridge Road<br/>New Canaan, CT 06840<br/>1:00 AM - 6:30 PM</p> <p>Greenwich Blood Donation Center<br/>99 Indian Field Road<br/>Greenwich, CT 06830<br/>11:00 AM - 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 16</b></p> <p>Green's Farms Church<br/>71 Hillandale Road<br/>Westport, CT 06880<br/>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM</p> | <p>Greenwich Blood Donation Center<br/>99 Indian Field Road<br/>Greenwich, CT 06830<br/>9:00 AM - 5:15 PM</p> <p><b>Support Services &amp; Meetings</b></p> <p><b>August 6</b></p> <p><b>Alzheimer's Support Group with the Waveny LifeCare Network</b><br/>2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room<br/>Family members, caregivers, and friends are invited to meet for informative and supportive group sessions to help navigate changes related to memory loss and cognitive decline. This event will be facilitated by Chris DiElsi, a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and an Alzheimer's Navigator at Waveny LifeCare Network. Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2mcpxwme">https://tinyurl.com/2mcpxwme</a>.</p> <p><b>Every Friday</b></p> <p>AA Speaker Meeting<br/>Wheelchair Access<br/>Fridays at 7:30 AM<br/>Congregational Church of New Canaan</p> <p><b>Every Saturday</b></p> <p>AA Meeting-Sober Citizens Group<br/>Saturdays at 9:15 AM<br/>First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan</p> <p>AA Meeting-Laundry and Dry Cleaning Group<br/>Saturdays at 10:30 AM<br/>First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan</p> <p><b>Lost Then Found NA Meeting</b><br/>Wheelchair Accessible<br/>Saturdays at 7 PM<br/>United Methodist Church (back entrance)<br/><b>Every Monday</b></p> <p>AA Meeting<br/>Wheelchair Access<br/>Mondays at 7:30 AM<br/>Congregational Church of New Canaan</p> <p><b>Adult Child Al-Anon Meeting</b><br/>Mondays at 12 PM<br/>St. Mark's Church, Youth Room</p> | <p><b>Every Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>Adult Child Alanon Meeting</b><br/>Tuesdays at 12 PM<br/>St. Mark's Parish House, Conf. Room</p> <p><b>Every Wednesday</b></p> <p>AA Step Meeting<br/>Wheelchair Access<br/>Wednesdays at 7:30 AM<br/>Congregational Church of New Canaan</p> <p><b>Al-Anon Parent's &amp; Newcomer's Mtg.</b><br/>Wednesdays at 7:30 PM<br/>Silver Hill, Jorgenson House<br/>208 Valley Rd., New Canaan</p> <p><b>Every Thursday</b></p> <p>AA Big Book Meeting.<br/>Wheelchair Access<br/>Thursdays at 7:30 AM<br/>Congregational Church of New Canaan</p> <p><b>New Canaan Parent Support Group</b><br/>7- 8:30 PM<br/>St. Mark's Episcopal Church<br/>New Canaan</p> <p><b>Our Neighbors</b></p> <p><b>July 13</b></p> <p><b>Cars and Coffee Darien</b><br/>7-10:30 AM at Goodwives Shopping Center<br/>25 Old Kings Highway, North Darien<br/>Join for Cars and Coffee, featuring vehicles made by Ford and those that are Ford powered. All makes and models are welcome. Gates open at 6:30 am. To be eligible for an award, your car must be on the field by 7:30 am. Judging begins at 8 am. Awards will be awarded at 10 am.</p> <p><b>September 5, 6, &amp; 7</b></p> <p><b>2025 Norwalk Seaport Association Oyster Festival</b><br/>Times Vary at Veteran's Memorial Park and Marina<br/>42 Seaview Avenue, Norwalk<br/>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 <a href="https://shorturl.at/U9LAI">https://shorturl.at/U9LAI</a>.</p> |
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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Regenerist skin care brand  
5 Allude (to)  
10 Begged earnestly  
14 Word after “dirty” or “sticky”  
15 Love so much  
16 Party with a light show, perhaps  
17 Military branch whose logo has two anchors  
19 Setting for rising action?  
20 “Inuyasha” genre  
21 Instruments to shake  
23 Prefix for “social”  
26 Like lemon bars  
27 Model who co-authored “Becoming”  
32 Was victorious  
33 Largest fencing sword  
34 Genuine  
36 Worker in an ambulance: Abbr.  
37 Turned  
41 Feeling after witnessing injustice  
42 One may tweet a lot  
44 Name that sounds like a fossil fuel  
45 “\_\_\_ to the point!”

- 46 Deep-voiced YouTuber known for horror stories, music and “Among Us”  
51 Currency in Beijing  
52 Gather, as crops  
53 Pair of cellphone accessories  
56 \_\_\_ Bay  
60 Popular streaming service  
61 Stop subscribing to cable, or what 17-, 27- and 46-Across literally do?  
64 Omani or Yemeni  
65 Backspace over  
66 Feature of a certain sweatshirt  
67 Fuzzy stuff in a forest  
68 Aired again  
69 Concludes  
DOWN  
1 Ocean predator  
2 Jungle predator  
3 Berry in a cold bowl  
4 Sycophantic gush  
5 Dishcloth  
6 www.more-house.\_\_\_  
7 Squishy mat-ress material  
8 Mistakes in a text?  
9 Change, as boundaries

- 10 Person who says “Pencils down!”  
11 What spews from a volcano  
12 Nights before holidays  
13 TV room  
18 Chicken finger  
22 (I want my biscuit NOW!)  
24 Mistake in a text  
25 Rapper/actor on “Law & Order: SVU”  
27 Stand-up performer  
28 Opening segment, for short  
29 Arrive at  
30 Queen’s time in power  
31 Had the courage  
32 The last “w” in www  
35 Give permission to  
38 Go from stop to stop

- 39 Something \_\_\_ entirely  
40 High school activity with pros  
43 Barbecue spice blends  
47 British bar  
48 Small dish  
49 Put up with  
50 Geronimo’s tribe  
53 Currency in Berlin  
54 “Unfortu- nately ...”  
55 \_\_\_ of David (Jewish symbol)  
57 It has been new many times  
58 Poke  
59 Finds the sum of  
60 Easter meat  
62 Baggage- inspecting org.  
63 Female turkey

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword  
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Pins on violins  
5. Leather punchers  
9. (K) Like a 1901 penny  
12. In \_\_\_ of (substituting for)  
13. Like a fashionista’s best stuff  
14. (K) Lamb’s cry  
15. Huge containers for hot beverages  
16. Teeny amount  
17. (K) Suffix with “bass” or “tour”  
18. Way of operating  
20. Flexible, as a ballerina  
22. (K) Top for a plastic container  
23. (K) Anyone’s chances of winning  
25. (K) Billiards necessity  
27. Color that’s close to beige

29. Things worn on Hawaiian Islands  
33. KGB’s country, once  
35. (K) Letters learned first  
36. (K) Every single one  
37. (K) Computer’s contents  
38. (K) Singer’s device, informally  
40. (K) Activate one’s eyeballs  
41. (K) Extend a hand and say, “My name is ...”  
43. Type of instinct  
45. Like a mouth hanging open in shock  
48. (K) Critter that might play dead  
51. Place for a bio class  
52. (K) Safety device for stair climbers  
55. (K) Bring onto the staff  
56. Rapid-fire weapon  
57. (K) 17 \_\_\_ 612 is 36

58. (K) A blade has one  
59. Successfully reached, as a deadline  
60. Like 35-Across  
61. (K) Smell like rotten cabbage  
DOWN  
1. (K) Purple fruit  
2. Dublin’s land  
3. (K) Least harsh  
4. Fishy meal  
5. (K) Metal-eating liquid  
6. (K) A simple question  
7. (K) Like a light-providing candle  
8. Accidentally spill hot coffee on  
9. Column of a lifetime?  
10. Mascara’s host  
11. (K) Feb. 3, 1998 is one  
19. Poetic tribute  
21. Place for a castaway  
23. (K) Circle a planet  
24. (K) “Move your big head lower!”

25. (K) A cow chews it  
26. Forever stamp letters  
28. (K) Arrived  
30. Big part of Manhattan (2 words)  
31. (K) You can skate on it  
32. “\_\_\_ Loves You”  
34. (K) Skate-boarder’s elevator?  
39. Reason stars might collide?  
42. Seriously spooky  
44. Person keeping the bride’s family together?  
45. Grad returning to school  
46. (K) Stare off into the distance  
47. Just slightly (2 words)  
48. Deceptive maneuver  
49. (K) Desire to do something  
50. Mild-mannered  
53. Santa place?  
54. (K) “\_\_\_ all over now”

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

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

|    |    |   |   |   |    |   |   |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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| 67 | 68 | D | E | A | 69 | L | T | 70 | O  | 71 | T | 72 | V  | 73 | I  | 74 | A |
| 75 | 76 | A | R | M | 77 | Y | A | 78 | N  | 79 | Y | 80 | E  | 81 | A  | 82 | R |

Previous riddle answer:

Side of turkey?  
28-D) YAM

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String Trio by Sebastian L.

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Horoscopes

The week of July 10–17, 2025, is marked by significant astrological events:

Full Moon in Capricorn on July 10, emphasizing career and long-term goals.

Saturn Retrograde begins on July 13 in Pisces, prompting introspection and reassessment of responsibilities.

Mercury Retrograde starts on July 18 in Leo, affecting communication and self-expression.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

The Full Moon on July 10 brings career matters to the forefront. Reflect on your professional goals and consider necessary adjustments. With Saturn turning retrograde on July 13, reassess your long-term plans and ensure they align with your personal values.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

This week encourages you to broaden your horizons. The Full Moon highlights educational and travel opportunities. Saturn’s retrograde motion prompts a review of your belief systems and philosophical perspectives.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Financial matters come into focus. The Full Moon urges you to evaluate shared resources and debts. Saturn’s retrograde invites you to reconsider your career trajectory and long-term ambitions.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Relationships take center stage. The Full Moon illuminates partnerships, prompting discussions about commitment and shared goals. Saturn’s retrograde encourages introspection about personal growth and learning.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Focus on health and daily routines. The Full Moon emphasizes the importance of self-care and organization. With Saturn retrograde, reassess your financial strategies and investments.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Creative pursuits and romantic relationships are highlighted. The Full Moon encourages you to express yourself and embrace joy. Saturn’s retrograde motion prompts a reevaluation of partnerships and collaborations.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Home and family matters come into focus. The Full Moon urges you to address domestic responsibilities and emotional well-being. Saturn’s retrograde invites you to refine your daily habits and health routines.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Communication and learning are emphasized. The Full Moon highlights the need for clear expression and information sharing. Saturn’s retrograde encourages you to revisit creative projects and hobbies.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Financial stability is a key theme. The Full Moon prompts a review of income and expenditures. Saturn’s retrograde motion invites you to reflect on family dynamics and home life.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Personal identity and self-expression are in focus. The Full Moon in your sign encourages you to embrace authenticity. Saturn’s retrograde prompts a reassessment of communication styles and learning approaches.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Introspection and spiritual growth are highlighted. The Full Moon urges you to explore inner beliefs and subconscious patterns. Saturn’s retrograde invites you to reevaluate financial priorities and self-worth.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Social connections and community involvement come into focus. The Full Moon encourages you to engage with groups and networks. Saturn’s retrograde in your sign prompts a deep review of personal goals and responsibilities.

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 walks laboriously (7)  
2 Habitat 67 architect Moshe (6)  
3 foreboding (10)  
4 wary (8)  
5 rouged spots (10)  
6 maintain order (6)  
7 bright light in one’s field (8)

SOLUTIONS

- \_\_\_\_\_  
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Previous Answers: INVIGORATE 2. WADDLE 3. CONTRIBUTES 4. AMARYLLIS 5. ALIBIS 6. FENNEL 7. MORDANTLY

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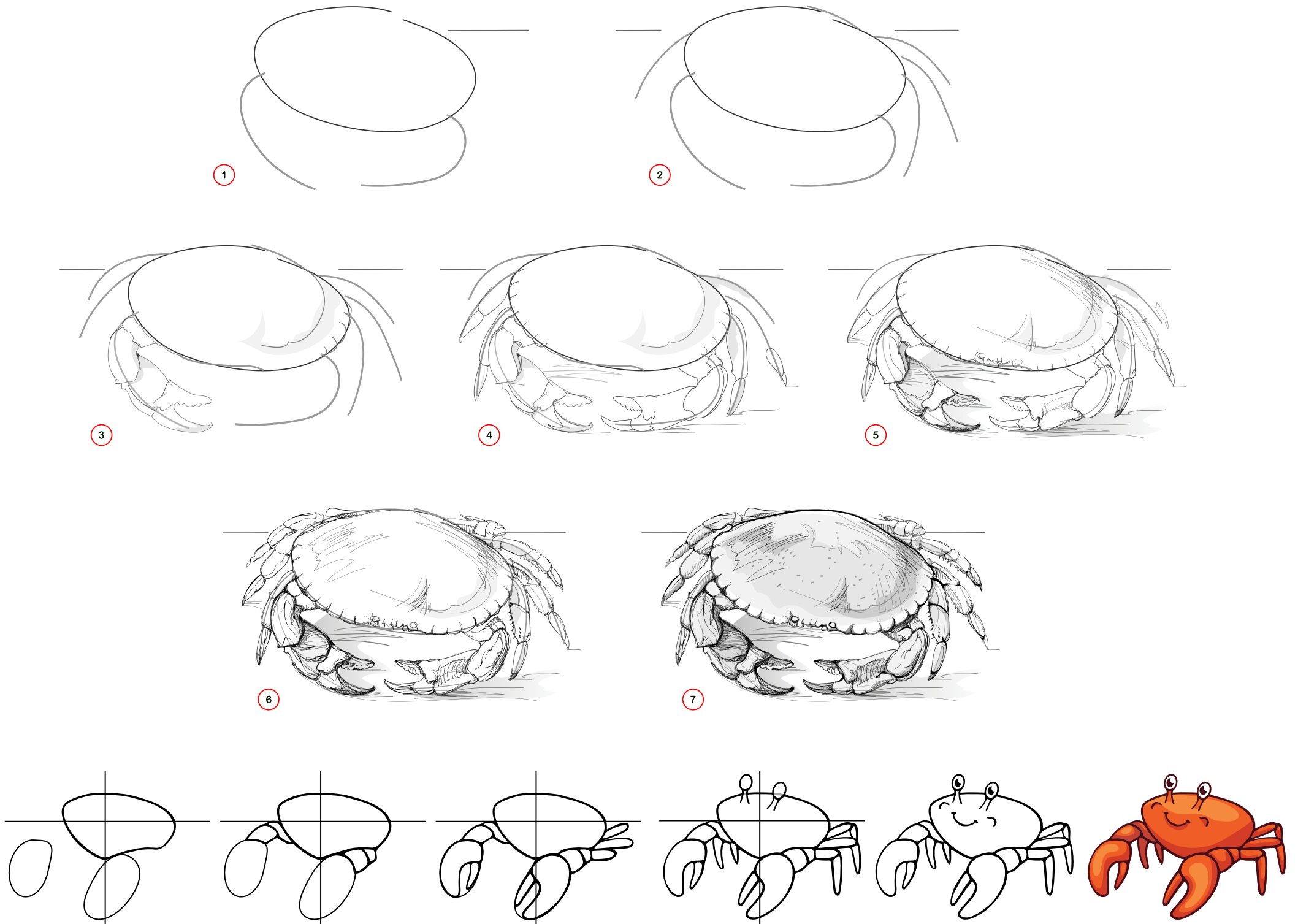
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The answers to this week’s puzzles can be found in next week’s issue.

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# How To Draw Two Ways: step by step



## Sudoku for Kids

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## SUDOKU

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

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Sudoku answers

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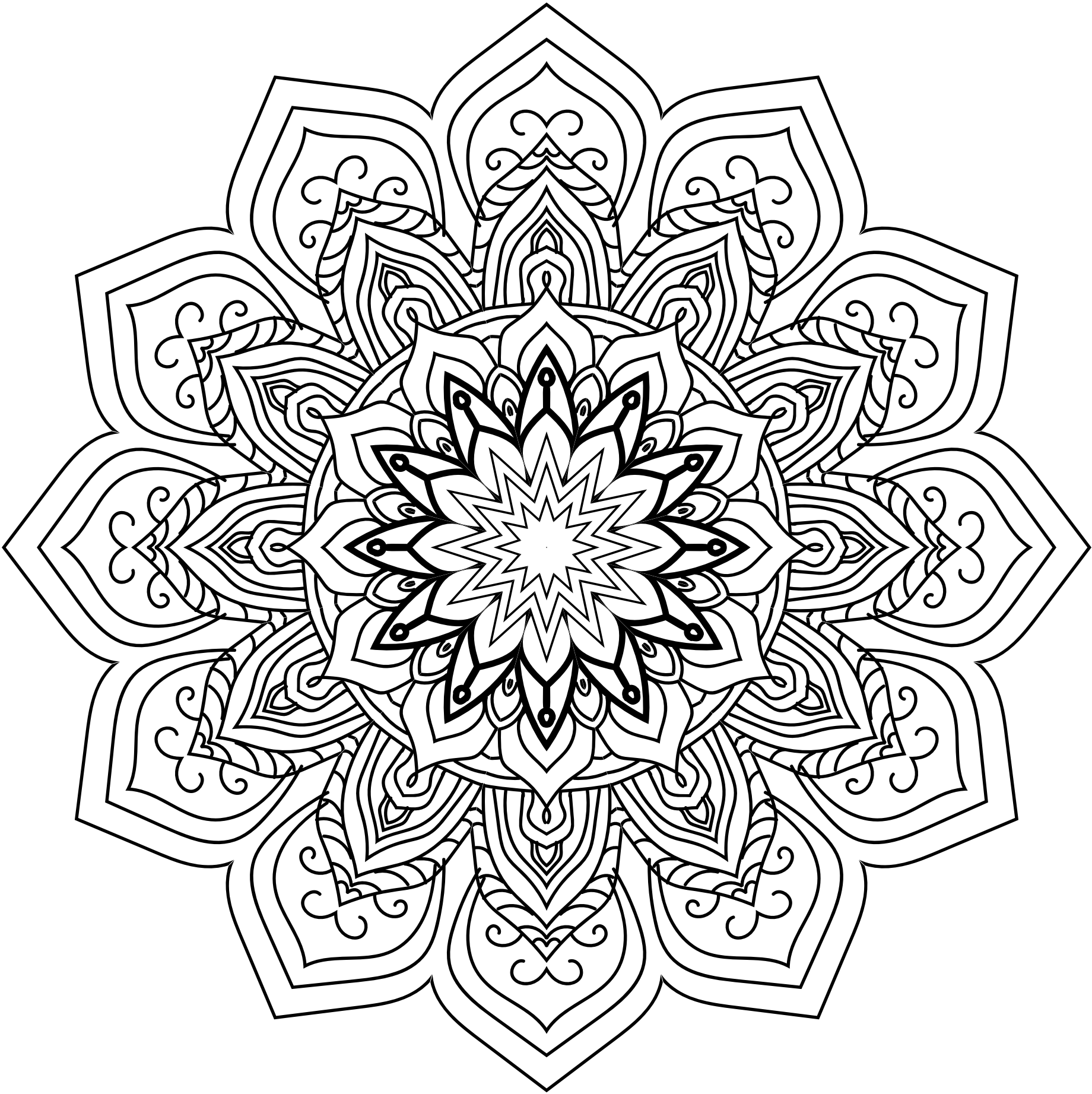
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# SNOW MANDALA

coloring mandalas is good for your brain!



## HOW MANY ARE THERE?

COUNT ALL THE CRABS

9

8

7

10

6

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4

5

7

8

10

9

Find 2 same butterflies

What is capybara eating?

Where does capybara live?

Spot 5 differences

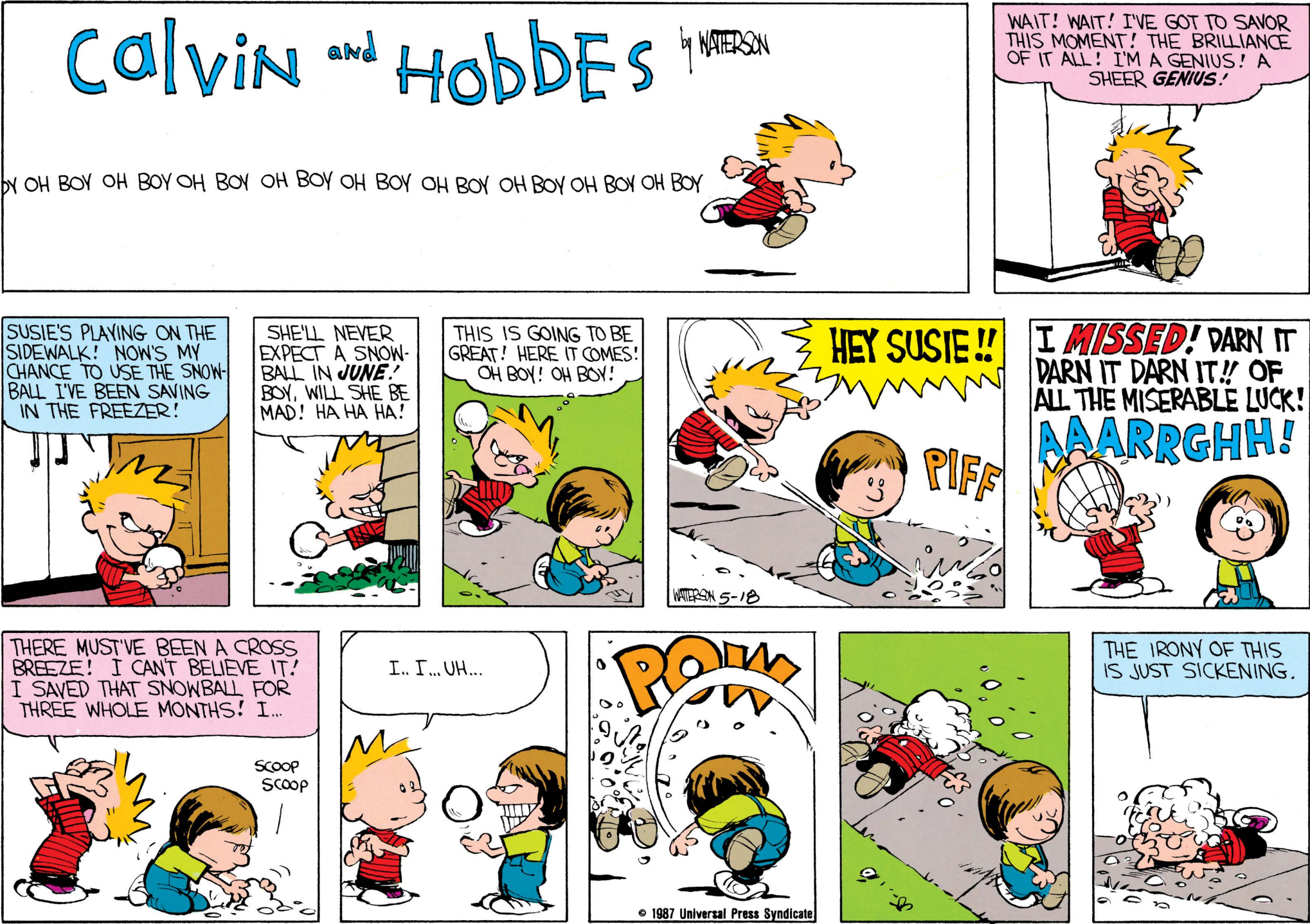
Find the words in the puzzle

BUTTERFLY  
CAPYBARA  
DRAGONFLY  
FROG  
POND  
REED  
TANGERINE

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17  
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| ? |   | ? |   |
|   |   |   |   |

1 brown  
2 purple  
3 green  
4 orange  
5 yellow  
6 red  
7 beige  
8 dark green  
9 blue



WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE GLACIER ROCK CRAWLER

# Extremophiles Are a Hardy Bunch

By JIM KNOX

Extremophiles are a hardy bunch. By definition there are none hardier than these creatures which call the planet's most extreme habitats home. Swimming in Yellowstone's scalding 450 degree fahrenheit hot springs, colonizing Kilauea's fresh lava fields and crawling within the ice-bound recesses of glaciers, these life forms prove that where there's a habitat, there's a way.

Among this cohort of ultimate survivors are a family of creatures discovered little more than a century ago. Inhabiting remote, isolated mountaintops, glaciers and ice caves in Siberia, Japan, China, Canada and the United States. These small life forms astound us with each discovery of their emerging life history.

Glacier Rock Crawlers, also known as icebugs or ice crawlers, represent a little known and ancient lineage of insects which have survived undetected among the planet's most remote and barren glacial regions. With the first species discovered in 1914, the Grylloblattidae Family, also known as "cricket cockroaches" for their shared features with both insect families, are considered to be the ancestors of many modern insect species.

When I first learned of these slender little creatures inhabiting glaciers, I wondered how in the world they did that. How did they survive, quite ably, within high altitude glaciers devoid of growing plants, native animals and water? The climate is forbidding enough but until the discovery of these little beasts, the habitat was not even considered habitat in that it lacked food and constant access to water. Although this was incorrect, it underscores the fact, and that notion, and their existence was completely overlooked by science for centuries.

So how do they do it? Just how do these insects do what others cannot? To properly answer that, we need more information about them, but in essence, their success is built upon the fact that they exploit habitats that are nearly inhospitable. In short,



they succeed because they completely avoid competition by ecologically venturing where others cannot follow.

Topping out at a mere one inch in length, Glacier Rock Crawlers are slender, light brown insects resembling crickets and cockroaches. A key feature of these little beasts, like their namesake cousins, is their adaptability in diet. Though they prefer animal matter, Glacier Rock Crawlers are omnivores, surviving off plant matter when available. In fact, although their lifestyle is predatory by nature, when insect or arthropod prey is in short supply, they simply scavenge. These strictly nocturnal wingless insects venture out under the cover of darkness to avoid predatory birds and hunt and scavenge glacier fields for aeolian deposition—the insect and plant matter deposited by high altitude winds. Lacking eyes, their elongated antennae provide them with powerful scent detection capability, enabling them to find a meal delivered by wind, exposed by melting snow and ice, or beneath stones at the edges of

glaciers.

A casual look reveals species in need of even more study. Given that each one of the 26 known species of Glacier Rock Crawlers is classified as a cryophile—vitaly linked to constant near-freezing temperatures—the more we know about these remarkably hardy yet environmentally sensitive creatures, the better informed we are about the health of our highly variable planet.

Like many wild creatures, they embody a powerful irony in their survival capabilities. These are creatures which can withstand a lifetime of greater than five years—an incredibly long lifespan for an insect—subjected to high velocity glacial winds, prolonged cold, darkness, and variable access to food. Yet, this same tougher-than-tough micro beast can perish due to exposure to the heat of a human hand!

Even older than their ancient cockroach descendants, who have been thriving on Planet Earth for no less than 320 million years, these living fossils have pioneered a strategy

for success which relies upon their own unique strengths, rather than on competition with legions of their fellow insect kin.



One of the world's rarest and least understood insects, a grylloblattid ice crawler (*Grylloblatta* sp.). Photographed live at night on an ice field, Northern California, USA. By Alex Wild.

Although an inevitable aspect to our existence is the need to compete. In some instances at least, doesn't it make sense to emulate those who thrive by dispensing with competition—by endeavoring to operate where others wouldn't attempt?

I have made certain promises to myself, not for the new year, but for all years ahead. Aside from the more typical promises of improving fitness and learning new skills, I have made one more. I have promised myself I will venture into realms others fail to consider. Like these little-known creatures which inhabit

the planet's most remote and inhospitable regions, I will explore and I will utilize the strengths nature has given me. I'm certain it won't be easy, but I invite you to join me. If you take that parallel path, I am confident, neither you nor I, will regret it.

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