

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

AROUND TOWN

New Canaan Republicans and Democrats will hold caucuses on Tuesday, July 22, to choose candidates for the November 4 municipal election. Republicans meet at Saxe Middle School at 6:30 p. m.; Democrats meet at East Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. Voting is in person only for registered party members.

Parking Changes in Town
New Canaan will implement downtown parking changes in mid to late August, including the transition from free to paid parking on Elm Street and on South Avenue between Cherry Street and Elm Street. The Park Street Lot will become free, and several nearby spaces on Park Street will remain free with shortened time limits. Paid parking will operate through a pay-by-plate system, while more than 200 nearby spaces will continue to offer free parking under existing time limits. For additional information, contact New Canaan Parking Manager Stacy Miltenberg at stacy.miltenberg@newcanaanct.gov or (203) 594-3040. Photo credit: Town of New Canaan.

ACROSS CT

Traffic Violation Scam
Officials warn that scam text messages posing as traffic violation notices are circulating, often including payment links and threats of penalties. These messages are not from official agencies, which issue real citations by mail or through verified digital platforms. Residents should avoid clicking links and report suspicious texts to <https://www.ic3.gov/>.

TOWN HALL

NC Adds Parking Notices to Alert System
The Town of New Canaan has added parking-related updates to its existing New Canaan Alerts system. Residents and business owners can now receive notifications about parking permits, lot closures, regulation changes, fees, and other town matters. To sign up, visit newcanaan.info/alerts and select preferred topics. Photo credit: Town of New Canaan.

Prepare for Major Storms
New Canaan officials urge residents to prepare for storms that could lead to prolonged power outages, flooding, and restricted access to roads and communication. Residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts, create a household plan, and stock at least five days' worth of essential supplies. Additional guidance is available at newcanaan.info/alerts and ready.gov.

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Community Generosity in Full Bloom

By Emma Barhydt

More than 600 garden enthusiasts celebrated the beauty of local gardens and the strength of community connections at the New Canaan Garden Club's annual garden tour. The event,

marked by vibrant floral displays, enthusiastic crowds, and meticulous planning, demonstrated the collective spirit and generosity at the heart of the community.

"It really is a wonderful event," said Martha

Lane, Tour Chair. "It was a big community thing, with a huge amount of people doing it, both working at it and coming to it." The tour not only showcased local gardening talent but also

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Republicans, Democrats Announce July 22 Caucuses as Local Campaign Season Kicks Off

By Anne White

New Canaan's two major political parties have both scheduled their 2025 caucuses for Tuesday, July 22, inviting local residents to help choose the candidates who will appear on the November 4 municipal election ballot.

Republican Caucus Details

The New Canaan Republican Town Committee (RTC) will hold its caucus at Saxe Middle School, with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. The caucus meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium, including formal parliamentary procedures, candidate speeches for contested offices, and adoption of rules.

Voting will start at approximately 6:45 p.m. in the gym and continue until 9:00 p.m. sharp. Voters who prefer to skip speeches can arrive after 6:45 p.m. and head directly to the gym after checking in.

Eligibility is limited to registered New Canaan Republicans who are at least 18 years old as of caucus day. There is no absentee voting; participants must attend in person.

Any unregistered or unaffiliated voters that want to vote in the Republican caucus may go to Town Hall to register to vote as a Republican. Forms can be dropped off at New Canaan Town Hall at the Registrar of Voters Office. The last day to register at Town Hall and participate in the Tuesday Republican Caucus is Monday from 7:30AM - 12PM. Voters switching from another party must wait three months before gaining caucus voting rights.

Upon entering Saxe, participants will check in at tables by street address, show a state-issued photo ID, and verify party registration. Qualified voters will receive a paper ballot that serves as an admission pass to the auditorium or gym. Voting is anonymous, using the same tabulators as general elections. No proxy voting is permitted, and children may accompany parents but cannot vote themselves.

After voting, participants must exit the building and may not return to the meeting. The RTC encourages voters to stay for speeches if they want to learn more about the candidates before voting but notes that simply casting a ballot is also an option.

Republicans will endorse candidates for First Selectman, Selectman, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Council, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, and Constables. Some races are uncontested—including First Selectman (Dionna Carlson), Selectman (Steve Karl), Town Clerk (Claudia Weber), and Treasurer (Andrew Brooks)—but the Town Council race is competitive, with five candidates seeking four spots.

In its message to voters, the RTC explains:

"It's important to show up and vote, particularly if you feel strongly about one candidate or another. If you don't attend the caucus, you're letting someone else decide who our Republican candidates are in November. Please join us—your vote may make the difference."

For more details, residents can visit www.NewCanaanRepublicans.org.

Democratic Caucus Details

The New Canaan Democratic Town Committee (DTC) will hold its caucus the same evening at East Elementary School, 54 Little Brook Rd.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., with nominations for municipal offices accepted between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Voting to endorse candidates will follow the nominations.

All registered Democrats in New Canaan are invited to attend. Voting must be done in person, with no absentee or proxy options. Participants will nominate and endorse candidates for offices including First Selectman, Selectman, Town Council, Board of Education, Treasurer, and Constable.

Party leaders encourage Democrats to attend to help choose the local ticket for November's election, shaping the town's leadership and policy priorities.

For more information about the Democratic caucus and local party activities, residents can visit www.NewCanaanDems.info.

Why It Matters

Both caucuses offer local party members a direct say in selecting the candidates who will represent them on the November ballot. While the general election determines who ultimately serves, these summer meetings are where local slates are set—making July 22 an important date for New Canaan's political calendar.

COLUMN

Progress in Motion: Downtown Parking Changes, Parkway Exit Renumbering, and 250th July 4th Planning



By Dionna Carlson

As we move into the heart of summer, I want to update you on important downtown parking changes coming this August. To help reduce traffic congestion from drivers circling for free parking on Elm Street, we'll be implementing paid parking along Elm Street and South Avenue. These spaces will continue to have a two-hour limit and visitors can now pay in convenient 30-minute increments.

To balance this change, we are making the Park Street Lot FREE for three-hour parking by removing the meter there. All other parking lots will remain unchanged at this time.

Additionally, we are converting seven Park Street spaces to free 15-minute spots, and combined with the existing 15-minute spaces in Morse Court, visitors will have quick-stop access at both ends of Elm Street. We're also creating a loading zone at the top of the stairs between the Playhouse and Le Pain Quotidien to reduce truck traffic and double-parked trucks on Elm Street, and we're converting half the stairway from the Playhouse Lot into a ramp to improve accessibility for wheelchairs, strollers, and deliveries.

We understand change can be challenging. Our team will monitor the impact of these adjustments throughout the year and make improvements where needed. Your patience and feedback are greatly appreciated as we work to enhance the downtown experience for residents and visitors alike.

To stay informed and receive notices about local parking matters, including permit updates, lot closures, and fee changes, please sign up at

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COLUMN

Grace Sandwiches

By Jill S. Woolworth, LMFT

All of us have to communicate difficult messages. Rather than avoiding the issue until we escape or explode, we can build a "grace sandwich" with affirmation as bread.

The first slice of bread affirms the other person. Start by noting anything that he or she has done that you appreciate. This could be either a character quality or a specific action. Such statements

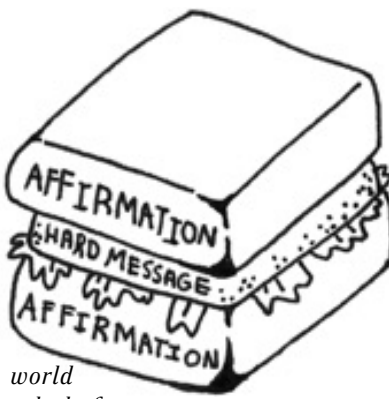
calm our nervous systems and draw the listener's attention. We are all hungry for compliments.

Then add: "What I want to say isn't easy. I'm concerned you may be upset. And I need your help to get this right." Asking for help defuses defensiveness. Once you've done that, state the meat of the issue: the hard message.

The second slice of bread affirms the importance of your relationship, along with your confidence that the other person

will do the right thing. Even if we doubt that he or she will, the odds of it happening increase between two slices of affirmation.

Blake declared to Olivia: "I was proud to tell my parents about the award you got at work. You deserved it. I'm lucky to have such a smart wife. I have an important request and I need your help. // I doubt you know how much it bothers me when I find your dishes in the sink. I feel like your maid. Please put them in the dishwasher. // Our relationship is the most important thing in the



world to both of us.

I know that you want me to be happy. Thanks for listening.

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Legal; Not Harmless: Marijuana in the Age of Legalization



By TERESA ALASIO MD

Over the past decade, marijuana has undergone a remarkable transformation in American society. Once relegated to the shadows of counterculture, it now occupies prominent storefronts in cities and towns across the country. As of 2025, more than half of U.S. states have legalized recreational marijuana, and nearly all permit its use for medical purposes. This shift has brought undeniable benefits—economic growth, criminal justice reform, and expanded medical research—but it has also introduced complex public health challenges that demand our attention.

The New Perception: Safe and Mainstream?

Legalization has sent a powerful message: marijuana is safe. Dispensaries today resemble boutique retailers, and cannabis products are marketed as wellness aids, sleep enhancers, and even productivity boosters. Edibles are packaged in pastel colors, and CBD can be found in everything from lotions to lattes.

But this glossy rebranding comes at a cost. Research from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Monitoring the Future survey indicate that as marijuana

becomes more accessible and socially accepted, perceived risk among teens and young adults declines—and use increases. In 2023, nearly 30% of U.S. high school seniors reported using marijuana in the past year, a rate that has held steady or increased in legal states despite age restrictions.

Today’s Marijuana: More Potent, More Powerful

A crucial but often overlooked fact: marijuana is not what it used to be. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the average THC content in marijuana has tripled since the 1990s, rising from about 4% to more than 15%. Concentrated products like wax and oils can contain THC levels as high as 90%. This dramatic increase in potency has real consequences, especially for young people.

Numerous studies, including those published in JAMA Psychiatry and The Lancet Psychiatry, have found that regular marijuana use during adolescence is associated with impaired memory, reduced academic achievement, and a higher risk of developing anxiety, depression, and, in vulnerable individuals, psychosis. The developing brain is particularly sensitive to THC, and early, frequent use can have lasting effects.

Impaired Driving: A Growing, Underestimated Risk

Legalization has also complicated efforts to keep roads safe. While the dangers of drunk driving are widely understood, the risks of driving under the influence of marijuana are less well known—and harder to measure. THC impairs motor coordination,

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reaction time, and judgment, but unlike alcohol, its effects are not reliably detected by blood tests or breathalyzers.

Data from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the Governors Highway Safety Association show that states with legal marijuana have experienced increases in traffic accidents and fatalities where THC was detected. For example, a 2022 study in JAMA Network Open reported a 16% increase in injury crashes following legalization in several states. The risk is clear: impaired driving endangers not only the user but everyone on the road.

Youth Access: Persistent Challenges

Despite strict regulations, underage access to marijuana remains a significant concern. Child-resistant packaging is not foolproof, and edibles—often resembling candy or baked goods—are particularly attractive to children and teens. The American Association of Poison Control Centers reports that calls related to unintentional marijuana ingestion by children have risen sharply in states with legal access, with thousands of incidents annually. Parents should be aware: legalization does not equate to

harmlessness. Open, informed conversations about cannabis use are as vital as discussions about alcohol and tobacco.

One Size Does Not Fit All

Cannabis is not inherently good or bad; its effects depend on the individual, context, and dosage. For some, especially those with chronic pain or undergoing chemotherapy, medical marijuana offers real relief under a doctor’s supervision. For others, particularly those with a family history of mental illness, marijuana can trigger panic attacks, paranoia, or long-term dependence. The distinction between medical and recreational use is often blurred in public discourse, but it matters.

The Path Forward: Education and Regulation

Legalization is not the end of the conversation—it’s the beginning. Like alcohol and tobacco, marijuana requires ongoing, evidence-based public health education and regulation. This includes:

- Clearer labeling of THC content and health risks.
- Stronger protections to prevent youth access.
- Training for healthcare providers to recognize and address cannabis-related issues.

• Accessible resources for those struggling with cannabis dependence.

Public health campaigns must keep pace with the rapidly evolving cannabis landscape. Scare tactics and glorification are equally unhelpful; honest, nuanced education is essential.

Conclusion: Embracing Nuance

The legalization of marijuana has corrected many past injustices and opened doors for research and medical progress. But it has also brought new risks that we cannot ignore. Marijuana is neither the villain of the “Just Say No” era nor a harmless herbal remedy. As a society, we owe it to ourselves—and especially to our youth—to approach cannabis with the nuance it deserves, weighing both its benefits and its risks.

In this new era, being informed isn’t just wise—it’s essential.

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

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4TH OF JULY

On other matters, I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the 4th of July Celebration! A huge thank you to the New Canaan Fourth of July Fireworks Committee for organizing another fantastic event. This cherished New Canaan tradition is made possible by a dedicated group of volunteers, and I want to emphasize that no taxpayer dollars are used to fund it – pass sales alone make it happen each year.

The 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is July 4, 2026. We are planning festivities between

Flag Day (June 14th) and Veteran’s Day (November 11th) along with an expanded July 4th celebration to commemorate this historic event. Mark your calendars!

MERRITT PARKWAY EXIT NUMBERS

You may have heard that the exit numbers on the Merritt Parkway are changing. It’s true. The Federal Highway Administration is requiring states to number their Limited Access Highway exits to correspond with mile markers of that highway. In New Canaan Exit 36 will become Exit 13, which is approximately 13 miles from the New York State line. Exit 37 will become Exit 14 and Exit 38 will become Exit 15, which are 14 and 15 miles from the state line, respectively.

Reported reasons for the change include helping emergency responders more quickly locate incidents when exit numbers align with mile markers. The hope is to improve outcomes for travelers and emergency personnel. Also, the idea is to help motorists

determine the distance to a desired interchange. For example, if you enter a highway at Exit 10 and your destination is Exit 100 you will know that the destination is 90 miles away. Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) plans to have the number-changing project on our section of the Merritt completed by the end of August.

RUMBLE STRIPS ON OENOKE RIDGE AND SMITH RIDGE

CTDOT, in collaboration with the Town of New Canaan, has scheduled a Public Information Meeting regarding installation of centerline rumble strips on State Route 123 / Smith Ridge Road and State Route 124 / Oenoke Ridge in New Canaan. Rumble strips are grooved sections of pavement that create vibration and sound when vehicle tires pass over them.

The virtual meeting will be Tuesday August 12th at 6 p.m. To register for the meeting and obtain a link to join it, visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT2025CLRS-NewCanaan>

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fostered camaraderie among neighbors, bridging gaps across generations through a shared appreciation of nature.

The tour required extensive planning and volunteer involvement. “We had 40 people actively involved for a year, very actively involved, and another 40 or so volunteers, maybe even more, on the day itself,” Lane noted. This widespread participation significantly contributed to the event’s success, creating an atmosphere of shared accomplishment and joy.

Central to this year’s garden tour was fundraising for Irwin Park, a beloved community green space in need of significant restoration. Wendy Dewey, co-president of the Garden Club, emphasized this meaningful goal: “We’ve been stewards of Irwin Park since its inception...It’s a wonderful way for people to get excited because they know the money is going somewhere treasured.” Julie Marcus, also a co-president, noted the ongoing need: “The park was going to need a lot of work going forward, probably several years of work. So the funding was incredibly in demand.” Proceeds from the event will additionally support various civic projects, from beautifying public buildings during holidays to providing horticultural therapy for local seniors.

The thoughtfully curated gardens offered inspiration suitable for every gardening skill level. “We wanted a really well-rounded group of gardens so that everybody would find something inspiring,” explained Dewey. Visitors enjoyed both achievable home gardening projects and impressive, innovative gardens, some incorporating cutting-edge solar technology.

A highlight for visitors was the warm hospitality extended by garden owners. “It felt very personal to enter someone’s garden and be greeted warmly,” Lane said. “We had so many lovely ladies of all ages welcoming guests. This warmth truly encapsulated the spirit of the event.” Dewey further emphasized the community spirit: “One husband even labeled all the plants before the event, which visitors greatly appreciated.”

The emotional and historical significance of gardening emerged strongly during the tour. Lane highlighted a particularly poignant example of gardens showcasing generational ties, noting one gardener who maintained plantings from her father and past club members, creating what Marcus described as “the pinnacle garden.” Dewey reinforced this sentiment, remarking, “People are attached to their gardens and plants in more ways than somebody who doesn’t think about gardens could even imagine.”

Visitors were encouraged to unwind and soak up the tranquil atmosphere by enjoying picnic lunches at Irwin Park. Lane fondly recalled the scene, remarking, “It was just so lovely being with your friends in this beautiful place on a gorgeous day. I really felt like, wow, this was all worth it.” Many families and friends lingered in the shade of the park’s mature trees,

enjoying the day’s pleasant weather and the vibrant community atmosphere.

Behind the scenes, meticulous planning and dedicated volunteers ensured the event ran smoothly. Marcus highlighted the extensive preparation involved, noting, “Perhaps visitors don’t realize the amount of planning that goes into each garden and each step along the way.” Dewey further emphasized this collective effort, adding, “Both the



Callie Creighton, Ellen Zumbach, Jeanne Shaw and Jennifer Skyrn hosting one of the gardens for the garden tour. Photo by Carrie Deane Corcoran

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One of the featured properties on the New Canaan Garden in Bloom Tour. Photo by Carrie Deane Corcoran



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members and their spouses were incredibly generous with their time and energy, helping make the tour a memorable experience.”

Looking ahead, the Garden Club aims to continue its support for Irwin Park through initiatives such as Friends of Irwin Park. Marcus announced the renewal of this project, underscoring that the success of the garden tour marks just the beginning of ongoing stewardship efforts. “We’ve started something

called Friends of Irwin Park to raise awareness and funds because the park needs an incredible amount of work,” Marcus explained. “This is not just a one-time event; it’s a long-term commitment.”

Ultimately, the New Canaan Garden Tour exemplified the community’s passion for gardening and its remarkable generosity. Summing up the day’s success, Lane beautifully captured the event’s spirit, saying, “That’s what gardening is like—you often find someone shows you how to do it, teaches you, brings you up a little bit. We feel like that in the Garden Club, that people are bringing us all up a little bit.”

New Canaan Police Urge Caution, Compliance on E-Bikes as Youth Ridership Grows

By Anne White

The New Canaan Police Department is expanding efforts to promote safe and legal use of electric bicycles (e-bikes), highlighting concerns about reckless youth riding and a growing number of serious crashes reported nationally.

In a recent op-ed, Police Chief John DiFederico wrote, “In response to complaints about local juveniles on e-bikes speeding, being reckless and nearly colliding with automobiles, and the increasing number of reports from across the country of life-threatening injuries from e-bike accidents, New Canaan Police continues to address the issue in our community.”

He said that local police have been conducting public education work for over a year and a half. “Our patrol officers and Community Impact Officer started working directly with the community to inform them about proper use of electric bicycles and scooters on our local streets. Our efforts have not let up,” DiFederico wrote.

The department’s public relations campaign began in April 2024, using local news media, Town information outlets, and social media to share safety guidelines.

Chief DiFederico also described a new partnership with New Canaan Public Schools. “We are now collaborating with New Canaan Public Schools where administrators are working with middle school students to develop a multi-media program to get the word out to youth e-bike riders about safe and proper use of e-bikes on our roads. This effort is supported by a CT Department

of Transportation grant and should be implemented in the next few months,” he wrote.

In addition, the Town Council’s Bylaws and Ordinances Committee is discussing options for local regulation. “While our public safety awareness and law enforcement efforts continue, the Town Council Bylaws and Ordinances Committee is discussing possibilities for establishing a minimum age for e-bike operators and for utilizing a registration system for the e-bikes. Their meetings are open to the public,” DiFederico said.

Enforcement and Legal Requirements

DiFederico emphasized parental responsibility, writing: “Parents of children who are operating e-bikes and e-scooters have the responsibility to make sure their children understand the risks, the laws and the rules of the road to prevent injury to themselves, pedestrians and other motorists.”

He added: “Enforcement action will be taken seriously regardless of age. Violators of motor vehicle laws pertaining to bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters may receive a ticket with a fine of \$117.”

Connecticut General Statutes 14-286a-d classify electric bikes into three categories:

Class 1: Pedal-assist only, motor stops at 20 mph.

Class 2: Electric power with or without pedaling, also capped at 20 mph.

Class 3: Pedal-assist up to 28 mph.

State law includes these restrictions and requirements:

Helmets are mandatory for all e-bike riders.



“In response to complaints about local juveniles on e-bikes speeding, being reckless and nearly colliding with automobiles, and the increasing number of reports from across the country of life-threatening injuries from e-bike accidents, New Canaan Police continues to address the issue in our community”

Persons under 16 may not operate a Class 3 e-bike on streets, highways, or bike/pedestrian paths but may ride as passengers.

Electric bikes are prohibited on New Canaan sidewalks and limited-access highways.

E-bikes are not allowed on paths designed for non-motorized traffic.

Riders must obey all rules of the road, including yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks.

When the maximum speed of the roadway exceeds the

e-bike’s speed, the cycle must be operated in the right-hand lane or on a usable shoulder.

E-bikes must have a white front light visible from 500 feet, a rear light or reflector visible from 600 feet, and side reflectors. Operating without required lighting can result in a \$92 fine.

E-bike motors may not exceed 750 watts and must disengage when braking.

Broader Injury and Fatality Data

While Connecticut does

not publish e-bike-specific fatality data, health officials have warned of rising risk as use increases. Nationally, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported 104 e-bike fatalities between 2017 and 2022. Annual e-bike deaths grew from 6 in 2018 to 42 in 2022.

Roughly 55% of those fatalities resulted from collisions with motor vehicles, while loss of control and pedestrian crashes accounted for other significant causes. Youth under 24 represented about 10 fatalities nationally during that span.

Injuries have also increased

sharply: more than 53,000 e-bike-related emergency room visits were recorded nationally between 2017 and 2022, with nearly half occurring in 2022 alone.

More Information

For details on Connecticut’s e-bike laws, the department encourages residents to review the Connecticut Office of Legislative Research’s 2024 guide available here.

Questions may be directed to the New Canaan Police Department’s non-emergency line at 203-594-3500. For emergencies, call 911.

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POLICE AND FIRE

Electric Bike Safety



<https://cga.ct.gov/2024/rpt/pdf/2024-R-0154.pdf>

The New Canaan Police Department is reminding families of the safety and legal requirements for e-bike use, particularly among youth. Helmets are required for all riders, and anyone under 16 is prohibited from operating Class 3 e-bikes, which can reach speeds up to 28 mph. E-bikes must also be equipped with proper front lights, rear reflectors, and side reflectors, or riders may face a \$92 fine. Class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on multi-use trails or bike paths, and all riders must follow standard traffic laws. Parents are urged to consider whether their child is ready to operate an e-bike safely and responsibly. For more information, visit <https://shorturl.at/BliMS>. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Use & Misuse Campaign



New Canaan CARES and the New Canaan Police Department have launched their 2025 Use & Misuse Campaign. Student-designed stickers are displayed on coffee cups and to-go bags at Zumbach’s Gourmet Coffee, Pinocchio Pizza, Tony’s Deli, and The Farmer’s Grind. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

Summer Home Security Tips

The New Canaan Police Department is encouraging residents to lock doors and windows, secure keys, and use lighting or cameras to help prevent burglaries. Most recent vehicle thefts involved keys left inside, and many home entries occurred through unlocked doors or windows. Residents traveling for extended periods can request a security assessment or enroll in the department’s Closed House List for weekly property checks by calling (203) 594-3500.

Rotary Club Special Award Presentation



The New Canaan Rotary Club recently awarded the Paul Harris Fellow to Duncan Chisholm and the Paul Harris Fellow with Sapphire Pin to Skip Sisson. Both were recognized for their unwavering commitment and generosity, which have significantly advanced the mission of The Rotary Foundation. Pictured are Rotarian Duncan Chisholm and President Tom Ferguson. Photo credit: the Rotary Club of New Canaan.

Inn Residents Visit Historic Studio



Recently, Residents from The Inn visited the John Rogers Studio and Museum in New Canaan. The site, part of the New Canaan Museum and Historical Society, features sculptures by 19th-century artist John Rogers. His original studio, built in 1878, is a National Historic Landmark. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Smedley Receives Scholarship

Tedrah G. Smedley of New Canaan High School was awarded a National Merit Scholarship sponsored by Emory University. She is one of nearly 800 students recently named as college-sponsored Merit Scholars, joining over 2,900 announced earlier this year. These scholarships are awarded to finalists planning to attend participating colleges and are funded by the institutions themselves.

New Canaan Library Named Finalist for Prestigious International Library of the Year Award

New Canaan Library has been named one of three global

finalists for the 2025 Public Library of the Year Award, presented by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and sponsored by Baker & Taylor.

This esteemed international award recognizes newly constructed public libraries that seamlessly integrate open, functional architecture with innovative, sustainable digital solutions—while staying deeply rooted in local culture and community needs.

See the full story in next week’s issue.

Meg Presents Artwork at The Inn



Artist Meg Le Comte visited The Inn last week to discuss her mixed media pieces currently on display. Her work is part of a seasonal exhibit featuring local artists. During the visit, she spoke with residents about her materials, methods, and artistic approach. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

SPORTS

9U Baseball Places Second



The New Canaan 9U baseball team advanced to the final round of the Baseball Lifestyle 101 World Series tournament. Over three days, the team played six games and finished in second place. Photo credit: New Canaan Cal Ripken Baseball.

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.

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.



Marjorie Cassidy

Marjorie Lawlor Cassidy, longtime resident of New Canaan, Block Island RI, and Vero Beach, FL passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 12 in Darien, CT at the age of 96.

Born in Waterbury, CT to Mary (Hodson) and William K Lawlor in 1929, she was a graduate of Saint Margaret's school at Middlebury CT and Manhattanville College.

Marjorie was married to Thomas Cassidy in 1954. They moved to New Canaan in 1960 where they raised their five children and were active members of the community and St. Aloysius Church.

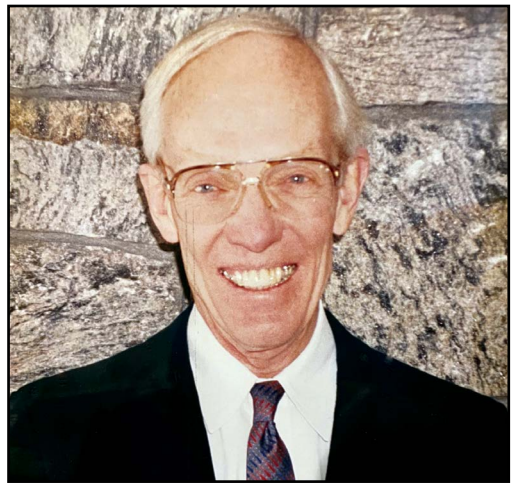
Over the years Marjorie volunteered at the Nature Center, Americares, ABC House, Waveny Care Center, St Aloysius CCD, and was a member of the New Canaan Sewing Group.

She enjoyed sharing her lifelong passions for gardening, tennis, golf and skiing with her family and friends. We will forever cherish our memories of following her graceful and sweeping turns from the Lord's Prayer on Bromley to Seattle Ridge in Sun Valley.

She will be remembered most as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and a kind and generous friend to all who met her, creatures great and small.

Marjorie was predeceased by her husband Thomas and survived by her children Tom (Moira) Cassidy, Mary (John) Finnegan, Anne (Chris) Callahan, Bill (Lisa) Cassidy and Peter (Lisa) Cassidy, fourteen grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and her posse of grand dogs.

A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, July 18, 10am at St. Aloysius Church. Donations in her memory may be made to the Bennet Cancer Center at Stamford Hospital.



Roger Smith

Roger C. Smith, aged 97, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, July 13, 2025. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 11, 1927, the son of Marilyn Maw and Bradford Bixby Smith. His family moved to Scarsdale, NY in 1936 where he graduated from Scarsdale High School. During his high school years, he was active in debating, was on the tennis team, studied piano at Juilliard School of Music in New York City and played baritone in the school band. After high school, he went to Princeton University, where he was on the crew and swimming teams and in the University Glee Club. After half of his sophomore year, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served a year in the occupation army of Japan. Returning to Princeton, he graduated with honors in 1950. Following a motorcycle trip around Europe that summer, he went to Harvard Business School graduating in 1952.

Roger joined Motorola Inc. in Chicago in 1952, working in product financing, credit and eventually in treasury functions. He became the youngest corporate officer not a member of the owner family. During his years in the Chicago area, he renewed his acquaintance with and married his beloved Nell (Nell Joann Becherer of Indianapolis). After a short stint living in north Chicago, they settled in Northbrook, IL where their three children – Jeff, Jennifer and Stuart – were born. They were both generous volunteers to the school systems. Roger was an active member of the Jaycees in Chicago and dabbled occasionally in

suburban politics. The family moved to Glencoe in 1964 where Nell and Roger became active golf and tennis players at Skokie Country Club.

Roger left Motorola as Vice President and Treasurer in 1971 to join Phelps Dodge Corporation in New York City as Vice President – Finance. The family moved to New Canaan, CT where they became active in community life. They joined First Presbyterian Church where Roger joined the choir and the Gentlemen Songsters Group, served on several committees and became Clerk of Session. He was a member of the town's Board of Finance for 17 years, served as chair of the building committee for the first Saxe Middle School expansion and renovation, was a board member and president of the United Way of New Canaan. He was a governor and treasurer of Woodway Country Club and enjoyed and chaired the Fairfield County tennis group Good Old Boys.

Roger retired from Phelps Dodge in 1987 and joined the National Executive Service Corps as a consultant, mostly to school systems in Fairfield County and the Bronx. Throughout his adult life, he enjoyed tennis, golf, traveling and gardening but mostly the time spent with his beloved wife of 70 years and the families of their three children.

Roger is survived by his wife, Nell; his three children Jeff (Janet), Jennifer (Kent), Stuart (Alexa), seven grandsons and five great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan or a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church 178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, CT 06840, on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

The Family is being compassionately cared for by the staff at Hoyt Funeral Home 199 Main Street, New Canaan Ct 06840. For online condolences please visit www.hoytfuneralhome.com.



Robert Evans

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Robert “Bob” Richard Evans, who left us on July 7, 2025. Born on September 18, 1949 in Allentown, PA, Bob was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, son, and friend and a beloved member of the New Canaan community.

Bob grew up in Allentown, PA and attended Parkland High School, playing quarterback for the football team and leading them to a state championship. If you are ever in Allentown, visit the Applebee's and you can see his picture on the wall! He went on to pursue his academic and athletic endeavors at East Stroudsburg University, where he played football and graduated with a degree in Business.

After graduating, Bob began a successful and distinguished career in the technology industry. Over the years, he worked at Xerox, Oracle, and IBM, making significant contributions to each organization earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and peers.

A lifetime fitness enthusiast, Bob loved running and working out and could be found most days at the YMCA and walking his adored dogs Madi and Scarlett. He approached fitness the way he approached everything in his life, with grit, determination, intensity, and dedication. Always one to challenge himself, Bob completed 10 marathons, including the Boston Marathon, which is a testament to his tremendous work ethic and no-excuses attitude. His affinity for competition and sports extended to him being a revered youth football coach in New Canaan.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years Kristin O'Grady Evans, by his children Alison, Kristi and her husband Dave Distenfield, Robert, Abigail, and Katherine, and by his grandsons Connor and Tyler. He was predeceased by his parents Bill and Betty Evans and his brother Bill.

His legacy will live on through his children and grandchildren who will continue to live their lives with his exuberance, determination, resilience, and commitment to creating fun. His absence leaves a hole that will never be filled.

A funeral mass will be held on July 21, 2025 at 10am at St. Aloysius Church in New Canaan.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Bob's memory to: Tunnel to Towers Foundation or Fred's Team - .

The Evans family is being compassionately cared for by the staff at Hoyt Funeral Home, 199 Main Street New Canaan CT 06840. For online condolences please visit www.hoytfuneralhome.com



Timothy Greer

Timothy Perot Greer, age 68, of New Canaan, CT passed away peacefully on July 2, 2025, in Islesboro, ME, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was born on April 16, 1957, in Seattle, WA to Dr. Alexander and Dorothy Greer.

Tim grew up in Spokane, WA where he attended Saint George's School. His winters consisted of competitive ski racing around the Pacific Northwest, but most notably in Sun Valley, ID. Tim graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from Yale University in 1979 and a Master's Degree in Architecture from Harvard University Graduate School of Design in 1982, where he was a recipient of The Graham Foundation Scholarship Thesis Award. Tim's early architectural career included roles at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Gwathmey Siegel, Philip Johnson / John Burgee, and Butler Rogers Basket in New York City, as well as Roger Ferris & Partners in Westport, CT before Tim founded his own firm, T.P. Greer Architects, in New York, NY and New Canaan, CT in 2010.

Tim had a tremendous passion for his work and always said that he never wanted to retire because he truly loved what he did. His projects spanned both residential and commercial designs in the New York City area, and also included homes, offices, apartments, hotels, and retail stores around the world. Tim donated his architectural services to the clubs he loved, including the Country Club of New Canaan and the Union Club of New York, as well as Christ Church of Dark Harbor, ME.

Tim's artistic talents also extended to painting. He took great joy in creating (and occasionally selling) beautiful abstract watercolors, particularly on weekend afternoons with his daughter. Tim's watercolors regularly decorated the walls of his architectural projects over the years.

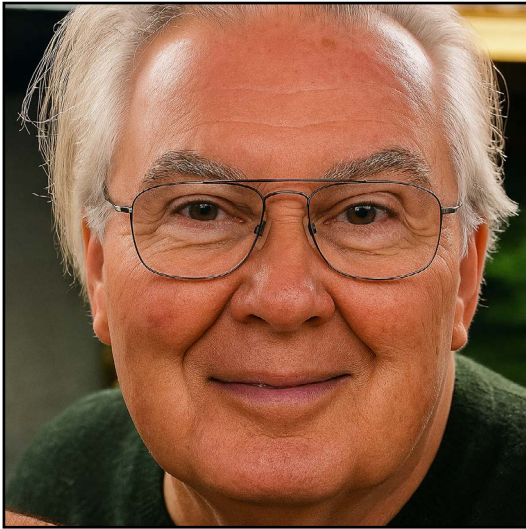
Outside of architectural and artistic pursuits, Tim was a consummate athlete. He grew up playing squash in Spokane, WA on the court that his father built on their property. At Yale, Tim played on the varsity squash team. While in college, he also ran the New York marathon twice and the Boston marathon (finishing in under 3 hours). In his 20s, Tim summited all five glaciated peaks in Washington state (most often with his father or brother). Throughout his life, Tim won many different squash tournaments, both singles and doubles, at the Union Club of New York and the Country Club of New Canaan. He frequently played alongside his sons, his brother, or his nephew. Tim was also an avid cyclist and skier (skiing all over the U.S., Canada, and Europe).

In everything that he did, Tim had a cheerful spirit. He had a playful sense of humor, especially with his three children. They will miss his nicknames, his catchphrases, his terrible accents, his “dad-jokes,” and most importantly his unwavering sense of optimism and support for their endeavors.

Tim is survived by his mother, Dorothy Greer of Spokane, WA, his wife, Caroline Gillespie Greer of New Canaan, CT and Islesboro, ME, his previous wife, Kathryn “Kim” Matthews of New Canaan, CT and their children, William, Henry, and Anne Greer of New York, NY, his brother, Dr. William (Tracy) Greer of Berwyn, PA, and their children, Logan (Oliver) Embry and Alexander (Meshal) Greer of New York, NY, his sister, Elizabeth Greer and her children, Robson, Mathew (Monika) and Kate Edwards of Sun Valley, ID. Tim was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Alexander Greer.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 18, 2025, at 2:00pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan, CT with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN).

Tim will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



Jeremiah Reen, III

August 24, 1942 – June 30, 2025

With profound sadness we announce the passing

to heaven of Jeremiah Joseph Reen III, on Monday, June 30, 2025, with his loving wife Susan by his side.

His legacy will live on through his family; his wife Susan; his son, Jeremiah Reen (Christina) of Pelham Manor, NY, daughter Susan Story of Charleston, SC, son Tade Reen (Kristi) of Pelham Manor, NY, and his eight beloved grandchildren, Lawrence, Charlie, Jeremiah, Callum, Declan, Rosie, Lucy and Teagan.

Jeremiah was born on August 24, 1942 in Queens, New York to Helen and Jeremiah Reen from County Kerry, Ireland. While he lived elsewhere for years, his heart, soul and attitude never left the borough. He graduated from Monsignor McClancy High School and earned his degree from St. John's University. He went on to work in human resources at Grace Line, American Management Association and GTE.

Jeremiah met the love of his life, Susan Wallace, at St. John's and they married the day after she graduated in 1965. In 1977, they moved their family from Forest Hills Gardens, Queens to New Canaan, Connecticut where they resided for 37 years. Jeremiah was a proud member of St. Aloysius Church in New Canaan, CT, and an active member in the Emmaus youth retreat program. Jeremiah enjoyed his final decade in his beloved community of Southampton Shores on Long Island's East End, surrounded by family and close friends.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Susan Reen, and was predeceased by his father, Jeremiah Reen II, his mother, Helen Wenthen Reen and his sister, Maureen McCorry.

A funeral mass will be held to honor and celebrate Jeremiah's life on Wednesday, July 23 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 575 Fowler Avenue, Pelham, NY.

Jeremiah leaves behind so much love in the hearts of so many. He embodied what it means to be a loving husband, father and friend, uplifting all with his humor, sharp wit and caring demeanor.



Charles Hayden

Charles (“Chip”) Lewis Hayden, fondly known first as “Chipper,” then “Chip,” and finally “Grandpa Chippy,” age 72, of Mars Hill, NC, passed away on June 21 at his home with his family. He was born February 1, 1953 during a major snowstorm in New Canaan, CT, where his mother, Betty Peck Hayden and father, Charles Leon Hayden, and his two sisters lived at the time of his birth. His dad was thrilled to finally have a boy. In 1958, a baby brother was born and Chip's dream of having a complete Hayden siblings Beatles cover band was fulfilled.

Chip attended public schools in New Canaan, excelling at everything he pursued, including achieving an almost perfect score on the SATs. He went on to attend Colby College in Waterville, Maine, graduating with an English degree, and receiving the Excellence Award for English majors. After college, Chip received a full scholarship to Boston University to pursue his master's and doctorate. In 1978, he married the girl next door, Deborah Paloian, and their marriage produced the true joys of his life, his son, Seth Charles Hayden (wife Kathleen) and daughter, Annie (Hayden) Petersen (husband Erik), and grandchildren, Eli Charles, Cecily, and Ranger.

After his schooling, Chip pursued his passion in music, performing and recording with his dear friend and musical partner, John Stivers, in New York. However, knowing he would soon have a family to support, Chip began his home building career in Connecticut, then Vermont, and eventually in the mountains of western North Carolina where he resided after marrying his high school sweetheart, Cynthia Fulton.

Chip struggled with bipolar disorder for many years, thankfully finally receiving help to regulate the disease for years thereafter. He was open about his struggles long before discussing mental illness was more widely accepted. Unfortunately, at age 67, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and, at age 71, he was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, having never once smoked a cigarette.

Chip was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Betty Hayden and his sister, Cathleen Elizabeth Hayden. Life was often a struggle, but it was also full of love and joy. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Fulton, his former wife, Deborah Paloian Hayden, his children, Seth Hayden and Annie Petersen, his grandchildren, Eli, Cecily and Ranger, his sister, Mary Hayden Hasenbank, and his brother, John W. Hayden. A memorial service for Chip will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Chip's desire was for donations to be made to a charity of your choice or to the music program at the Mars Hill United Methodist Church.

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

COLUMN

By Rev. Msgr. Robert M. Kinnally

The tragic news of the flash flood in Kerr County, Texas has so many of us praying for those who lost their lives, their grieving loved ones and friends, the heroes who were able to rescue some, the first responders, and the search crews. Once again something happened that just doesn't make sense, and once again we ask questions like "Why?" and "Where was God?" Even the strongest believers wonder how God figures into something so devastating. The truth is that God is present in those moments: answering prayers and helping to heal broken hearts, binding the wounds of loss, and listening to those who are crying "Why!" The "why" is the larger question that looms when bad things happen to the innocent: "Why would God let this happen?"

Throughout the history of salvation God has intervened to rescue humanity, carving a path in the Red Sea, calming storms, and fashioning more than a miracle or two. So why does God seemingly miss some opportunities to rescue

his children? A simple answer is worthless because, as St. Paul says, "Who can know the mind of God?" But while we do not know the answer, we do know God, and God doesn't make bad things happen; but when they do happen, God weeps with us, embraces those who lost their lives, and stays close to those who remain as they suffer the pain of loss. Verse after verse of Sacred Scripture acknowledges that tragedies happen, that suffering is no stranger to the journey of life, and that darkness makes its unwelcome entrance from time to time. But nestled alongside of despair is the light of hope that comes with faith.

In the eighth chapter of his letter to the Roman Church, Paul of Tarsus -- who himself was the frequent recipient of pain, suffering, and imprisonment -- sends a message of hope in the face of suffering and injustice: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

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OK, Paul, that sounds great, but what if I'm not feeling "good" of which you speak? Here's Paul's response to that: "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" So, it starts to make sense: God knows exactly what it's like to suffer: his Son who was handed over for our sake. In other words, God loved us so much that he sacrificed his own for our sake. There is no greater love. There is no one who understands our loss, our pain, our anger, our frustration better than God. There is no one who can console us in our loss, ease our pain, cool our anger, and address our frustration in the face of tragedy better than God.

Paul goes on to say that

the friendship of Jesus is the soothing balm in the tempest: "It is Christ [Jesus] who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us." And the love that God and Jesus has for us is what will rescue us from the darkness of tragedy. Paul states it very plainly: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in

Christ Jesus our Lord."

When the disciples feared the worst as the storm tossed them about in the boat, Jesus reminded them that as long as he's in the boat, all shall be well. He didn't say that storms won't come, but he did promise that as long as he was in the boat with us we have nothing to fear. And when Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, he still had the wounds from his crucifixion. Having conquered death, he bears those wounds as if to say: "I am scarred, but I have risen. I know your pain, and I am the one to raise you up and give you the gift of eternal life." As we continue to pray for Texas, other parts of our country and our world that have experienced natural disasters and violence, we can

take comfort in additional words from our friend, St. Paul of Tarsus: "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7).

Let us pray: Loving God, please send your healing peace to all who suffer from every storm of life. Be present to the brokenhearted, and welcome those who have died into your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Rev. Msgr. Robert M. Kinnally is the pastor of Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in New Canaan and the Vicar General of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Worship Directory and Services

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

Congregational Church

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

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

Recurring Events:

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM: Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 9:30 AM: Bible Study

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist

49 Park Street 203.966.0293
christiansciencet.org/newcanaan

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002
fpcnc.org

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

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

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020
www.starcc.com
Service Schedule:

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

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

Upcoming Events:

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

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515
churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org
www.stmarksnewcanaan.org

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

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

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

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

St. Michael's Lutheran Church

5 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.3913
office@stmichaelslutheran.org
www.stmichaelslutheran.org

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

Recurring Events:

Thursday 12 PM: Alcoholics Anonymous

Trinity Church
New Canaan | Darien

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

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

United Methodist Church

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

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

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

Community Baptist Church

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

Upcoming Events:

July 20 from 3-5 PM: Join in a joyful celebration of the 1st Pastoral Anniversary, reflecting on the faithfulness of God and the loving leadership of the CBC Pastor. Bishop Joseph D. Clemmons will be the guest preacher.

August 2 from 12-4 PM: Friends & Family Picnic. Everyone is welcome to join.

Grace Community Church

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

203-966-7600

info@gracecommunity.info
www.gracecommunity.info

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

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

Upcoming Events:

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

Talmadge Hill Community Church

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center

137 Putnam Rd
info@chabadnewcanaan.org
www.newcanaanjewish.org

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

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

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903
203.322.1649
www.templesinaistamford.org
Service Schedule:
1st, 3rd & 5th Friday -- 6pm in person and via zoom
2nd & 4th -- 7:30pm

Recurring Events:

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

Temple Sholom

300 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830
203-869-7191
www.templesholom.com

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

Recurring Events:

Saturdays at 9 AM: Shabbat Study via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcU0EzZUM2VENEZmgYUT09#success>

New Canaan Legal Ads

LEGAL AD

July 17, 2025
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Selectmen for the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed bids for “Sidewalks, 2025: Lapham Community Center”, New Canaan, Connecticut, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time on Thursday, July 31, 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. **Work must be completed by August 29, 2025.**

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

July 17, 2025
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Selectmen for the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed bids for “Pave, 2025: Pine Street”, New Canaan, Connecticut, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time on Thursday, August 7, 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.

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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

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN

The Selectmen for the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed bids for “Irwin House Abatement and Demolition”, New Canaan, Connecticut, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time on Thursday, August 7, 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. Contract documents must be requested via email - joe.zagarenski@newcanaanct.gov

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. **Work must be completed by October 31, 2025.**

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

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

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 this hearing is scheduled as a hybrid meeting to be held in the Town Meeting Room at Town Hall, 77 Main Street. Access to this Public Hearing will be in person and via an on-line system at 7:00 p.m. to hear and decide the application(s) as follows:

- 1. 12 Nursery Road – Upon application of Christopher Fagan, Christopher Fagan Studio Architecture, Authorized Agent for Daniel Pollock, owner(s), for a Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 3.4.C.7 to permit expansion of a historic timber-frame barn, that will result in an accessory structure with more than 1,000 sq. ft. of building coverage. The proposed use for the structure is a garage, personal-use workshop, and family recreation space in the One Acre Zone at 12 Nursey Road (Map 36, Block 88, Lot 7).
- 2. 14 Richmond Hill Road – Upon application of David Rucci, Lampert, Toohey & Rucci, LLC, Authorized Agent for 14 Richmond Hill, LLC, owner(s) for a Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 5.4.C to allow the nonconforming 4-family to be demolished and replaced utilizing 15’ side yard setbacks and 30% coverage in the APT Zone at 14 Richmond Hill Road (Map K, Block 10, Lot 924).

Dated: July 17, 2025
New Canaan, Connecticut
Daniel Radman, Chairman

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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

Permit Number (IW-25-28) issued to Brian P. and Analia McGuire, 145 Thurton Drive, Map 25 Block 11 Lot 88. Install erosion controls. Construct additions to single-family residence. Replace existing septic tank and construct terrace behind house. Extend garage back-out area of driveway, then replace bluestone walkways. Stabilize site and remove erosion controls once site vegetation has been established.

Members of the public are invited to

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION
MEETING

State Project No. 0173-0544
Installation of Centerline Rumble Strips on
Route 123 (Smith Ridge Rd) and Route 124 (Oenoke Ridge Rd)
in New Canaan

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Learn more & Register:
<https://portal.ct.gov/DOT2025CLRS-NewCanaan>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the proposed project. A Q&A session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of this project involves systemically installing centerline rumble strips (CLRS) to reduce the number of roadway departures and head-on crashes.

Right-of-way impacts with the proposed project are not anticipated.

Construction is expected to start in 2026, depending on funding, right-of-way acquisition, and permits. The estimated cost is \$13,000, with 100% state funds.

The public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Direct comments and questions by Tuesday, August 26, 2025, to DOT2025CLRS-NewCanaan@ct.gov or (860) 594-2020.

ACCESSIBILITY

Non-English translation options will be available on Zoom. The recording will also be posted immediately following the meeting in the list of CTDOT virtual public meetings at portal.ct.gov/ctdotVPIMarchive.

For limited internet access, call (877) 853-5257 with Meeting ID 825 6773 3363. Project information can be mailed within one week by contacting Balazs Szoke at TrafficSafety.DOT@ct.gov or (860) 594-2745.

For hearing/speech disabilities, dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). Request language assistance from CTDOT’s Language Assistance at (860) 594-2109 at least five business days before meeting.

Smarter Parking

In the perennial struggle between the needs of progress and the comfort of routine, parking in a New England town may seem a modest theater for civic experimentation. But in New Canaan, the coming changes to downtown parking this August represent not merely the rearrangement of asphalt and signage, but a considered attempt at reconciling commerce, convenience, and community civility.

Elm Street, the commercial spine of our village, has long borne the burden of its own popularity. Drivers circle its length in pursuit of one of the town’s few remaining free on-street parking spaces, an endeavor as fruitless as it is familiar. The solution, now at hand, is a modest shift toward structure: the introduction of paid parking on Elm Street and South Avenue. Spaces will retain their two-hour maximum but will now offer a flexible pay-as-you-park model, with increments available as short as 30 minutes.

The purpose is not to generate revenue, though it will doubtless yield some; it is to reduce the aimless circulation of cars that increases congestion, emissions, and frustration. Or, as Winston Churchill once observed, “To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.” Town Hall, it seems, has taken that dictum to heart.

But let us not fear that order will trample generosity. To offset this imposition, the town is doing something both rare and intelligent: giving something back. The Park Street Lot will become a haven of gratis convenience—free for up to three hours, no meters, no app, no wallet required. The reallocation of value from high-demand street frontage to nearby lot spaces is a classic move in urban planning, meant to keep the town core flowing while providing incentive to park and walk.

Quick errands too are being accommodated. Seven Park Street spaces will be converted to free 15-minute spots, a thoughtful gesture toward those who only need a scone, a script, or a scarf. When combined with the existing quick-stop spaces at Morse Court, the effect will be bookends of convenience on both sides of Elm.

Further south, a new loading zone—placed with surgical precision between Le Pain Quotidien and the Playhouse—will replace the ad hoc chaos of delivery trucks clogging Elm Street. And in a nod to accessibility and aesthetics, half the Playhouse stairs will be transformed into a gently graded ramp, serving those with wheelchairs, strollers, or a simple desire to traverse downtown with dignity.

The plan, in its totality, reveals itself to be less a disruption than a clarification. A downtown should invite us in, not challenge our patience. It should allow the leisurely stroll and the purposeful errand to coexist. What this reconfiguration of space offers is a more rational equilibrium.

Of course, such transitions are not without their critics. And as with all civic improvements, their merit will ultimately be judged not in design but in experience. To that end, town officials promise ongoing assessment and public input. As Cicero once said, “The welfare of the people is the highest law.” This initiative aspires to that standard, if only in matters of feet and fenders.

New Canaan is not imposing change for change’s sake, but rather, is responding with agility to the rhythms of modern life in a village setting. The changes beginning this August represent a humble but meaningful investment in a downtown that works—for all who live, shop, visit, and believe a Main Street can still mean something important.

To stay current with parking alerts, permit updates, and any future adjustments, residents are encouraged to sign up at newcanaanalerts.gov.

Let us now meet this moment not with horns but with the kind of neighborly optimism that has always marked New Canaan.

Editorial Page

Letter of Endorsement - New Canaan Town Council Slate

To the Editor:

As a former Chairman of the Town Council, I know what works. Experience matters—but so does collaboration. A Town Council functions best when its members engage in healthy deliberation and speak with one voice of consensus to an issue’s resolution. Without unity, all you get is noise.

That’s why I proudly endorse the Republican slate: **Penny Young, Scott Gress, Arvind Bajaj, and Pavla Levin.**

Penny Young is irreplaceable—her institutional knowledge, civility, and ability to build consensus are unmatched. Scott Gress brings valuable Board of Ed and

Park & Rec experience and sound judgment. Arvind Bajaj, from our Ethics Board, offers a thoughtful, principled approach. And Pavla Levin, serving on our Utilities Commission, brings critical technology expertise and a forward-thinking mindset.

Each offers a unique perspective. Together, they speak with one principled voice—and that’s exactly what New Canaan needs. Join me in casting a vote for each of them at the Caucus.

Sincerely, John Engel

Town Council Chairman emeritus

Many Contribute to Success of July 4th Fireworks

Editor:

On behalf of the Fireworks Planning Committee, I would like to thank all who supported the 44th Annual New Canaan 4th of July Independence Day Fireworks Celebration at Waveny Park by purchasing an entrance pass and attending.

We enjoyed spectacular weather and had a most memorable afternoon and evening with lots of family fun, great music, gourmet food and a fireworks display that was one of the best in recent memory. The residents of New Canaan are solely responsible for making this tradition possible by buying an entrance pass or making a donation. No taxpayer funds are used to stage our fireworks celebration. The Waveny Fireworks is the gift New Canaan gives itself.

The Committee would like to extend a hearty thanks and gratitude to the following organizations for whom this celebration could not be enjoyed:

- Fire Department & Fire Marshall
- NC Police Department
- Civilian Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- NC Volunteer EMS

- Emergency Response Team
- Volunteer Firefighters
- Public Works Department
- The Exchange Club of New Canaan
- The Benko Pool Crew
- Master of Ceremonies Dan Taylor
- The Town Band (2nd oldest in the US)
- The volunteers that sold passes in town and at Stewart’s Market

As usual the NC Police department and CERT did a fantastic job of parking and exiting approximate 1,100 cars at Waveny and also managing the overflow to NCHS, South and Saxe school lots.

A special thank you to our longtime partner Walter Stewart’s Market for helping sell entrance passes in and at the exit of their store. Their contribution and cooperation with this event cannot be overstated.

And lastly, the Town of New Canaan Parks and Recreation Department, led by John Howe with a special shout out to Beatrice Watkins, Anna Krolikowski, Steve Dayton and Zach Philipppas.

David Shea – New Canaan July 4th Fireworks Chairperson.

Another Masterpiece from Summer Theater Team

To the Editor:

The New Canaan Summer Theater production of The Little Mermaid now playing at the New Canaan High School is a treat for people of all ages who love musical theater.

It is filled with beautiful singing, lively, dancing, and incredibly imaginative costuming depicting all manner of deep sea creatures.

It is another masterpiece of creative theater from our

own Summer Theater team, who have been enriching the summers in New Canaan for over 20 years. Don’t miss it.

Thank you.

Best regards, Keith Simpson

Editor’s Note, Performances:

Friday, July 18 @ 7PM

Saturday, July 19 @ 1PM

Saturday, July 19 @ 5PM

Sunday, July 20 @ 2PM

Friday, July 25 @ 7PM

Saturday, July 26 @ 1PM

Saturday, July 26 @ 5PM

Sunday, July 27 @ 2PM

Penny Young is the Right Person to Serve Our Community

To the Editor:

In every election, we’re asked to choose leaders who reflect our community’s values and who will act in its best interest. As a longtime advocate for older adults and their families, I believe it’s time we acknowledge a simple truth—our seniors deserve a stronger voice in the decisions that shape our future.

Today, over 17% of our town’s population is now over the age of 65, a proportion that continues to grow. They built the foundation we stand upon, the schools we take pride in, the emergency services we rely on, and the healthcare infrastructure that supports us all. Their values—resilience, service, sacrifice—have long anchored this community.

Penny Young has served with distinction on not only the town council, but in support of the town’s Health and Human Services Commission and its charter. The health and safety of our community has always been Penny’s lifelong mission. We need leaders who bring institutional knowledge, measured judgment, and a steady hand.

Unfortunately, public discourse has become increasingly polarized, with too much attention on personal attacks and too little on policy, integrity, and experience. But if we look beyond the noise, we will find candidates who have quietly and consistently devoted themselves to volunteering, caregiving, healthcare, education, and civic life.

Leadership should be about wisdom, perspective, and commitment to the common good. Penny Young brings those qualities in abundance.

I encourage my neighbors to look closely at every candidate—at their record, their values, and the depth of their experience. Let’s not allow baseless rhetoric to distract us from what truly matters. Our community deserves thoughtful leadership, and Penny Young is the right person at the right time to continue to serve our community.

Sincerely,

Russell Barksdale, Jr.

a New Canaan resident

Rich Townsend for Penny Young and Pavla Levin for Town Council

To the Editor:

As a former member of the Town Council, I want to encourage all Republicans to vote for both Penny Young and Pavla Levin. Having worked closely with both in various town positions, I feel obligated to make my opinion known. I sat next to Penny for 4 years on the Town Council. Penny, has the ability to use her exceptionally long history of accomplishment as a Councilor to address the issues of today. Pavla and I worked together on

the Utility Commission. Upon joining the Commission, she immediately took a leadership role in leveraging the cell phone coverage data that we collected into meaningful action. Her programming has made it accessible by our residents and will be the basis for discussions on increased investment in New Canaan by the cell phone service providers. It would be a mistake to not put both Pavla and Penny on the ballot.

Richard Townsend

RTC Caucus on July 22

Next Tuesday, July 22, registered Republicans will gather at Saxe Middle School to select candidates for the November general election. While most of the town races are uncontested, the race for Town Council has five Republican candidates vying for four seats. These are important seats: town council members vote on a myriad of town issues, big and small.

Incumbent Kimberly Norton is seeking one of those seats.

I’ve gotten to know Kim since she was elected to the Town Council in 2021.

Kim is not a rubber-stamp Republican. Her goal is to make sure town government is responsive and accountable to residents and local businesses.

She has been a constant presence at Town Council meetings, attending all meetings in

person. She is known for doing her homework and asking the uncomfortable questions when necessary. She puts a priority on fiscal concerns, recognizing that we pay for every new project or line item approved by the Town Council with our tax dollars.

On affordable housing, one of the biggest issues facing New Canaan, Kim played a key role in crafting the ordinance to establish the Affordable Housing Committee. She pushed to have five residents, rather than three, included on that committee, so residents would have a say in how the town meets the state’s affordable housing requirements.

On the issue of cell coverage, Kim challenged conventional thinking that large, unsightly towers were the only solution. She was among the first to call for re-establishing the Utilities Commission, which

went dormant under former First Selectman Kevin Moynihan. She worked to reinstate the Commission to make sure that the town government addresses cell coverage gaps transparently, and that it considers small-cell and satellite solutions. Kim worked tirelessly with West School families and neighbors to stop a proposed cell tower behind the school playground.

Kim and her husband, Bill, have lived in New Canaan for nearly 20 years. They have raised their four children here and are current NCHS parents.

I’m grateful to Kim for her dedicated service to residents and New Canaan. I’m proud to support her re-election and know how important her contributions will be to the Town Council over the next four years.

Vanessa Lowry

From Mrs. McKinley to Kim Norton!

My family has supported Republicans for over one hundred and thirty years, starting with my great grandmother who was a dress maker for President McKinley’s wife. So we don’t make endorsements lightly. Kim Norton has done an excellent job on the Town Council for four years and I have every confidence she will continue to do so for the next four years. New Canaan

residents have benefited from Kim Norton’s energetic work on the Town Council.

Kim helped steer the Town Council through several budget cycles. She made suggestions to better shape the new Plan of Conservation & Development. She supported residents to keep a massive cell tower from scaring the West School landscape.

Kim has a four-year track

record of providing team work and critical thinking to the Town Council. She listens to resident concerns. She does her research and is eager to get involved.

Kim will constructively challenge projects when they present risks and costs that are unacceptable.

She will continue to support policies that protect homeowners, advance New Canaan schools and

enhance living in New Canaan.

Each candidate should be voted for based on his or her own merits, track record, and insights.

Kim has earned my vote and we need her energy and experience on the Town Council as we face the next round of challenges to our town.

Sincerely, Joseph D Palo

CONGRATULATIONS!



Submitted by Liz Whitney:
Congratulations to the New Canaan YMCA's Livestrong Class of Spring 2025! In honor of National Cancer Survivors Month in June and for the last 12 years, the New Canaan YMCA has supported over 200 cancer survivors through its life-changing Livestrong at the YMCA program. The 12-week physical activity and well-being program is offered at no cost to cancer survivors in the community, thanks to donations to the New Canaan YMCA. To learn more about the Livestrong at the YMCA program at the New Canaan YMCA, visit www.newcanaanymca.org.

Submitted by Mike McGlinn (at right): Today, Friday, July 11, at 11:30 AM, James Bakal (at left), a future Eagle Scout, from Scout Troop 70, is bringing an American Flag Drop Box for retired flags, to the New Canaan Fire Dept. This is part of his Eagle Scout project for the VFW. James built this drop box for the VFW and the Town of New Canaan. The VFW has tried to get a drop box for flags for years and James came up with the idea about a year ago as part of his project.

Editor's note: We decided to do a full story on this. To see the full story turn to page 3.



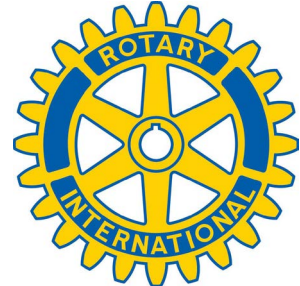


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Over 40 Non-Profits Receive Grants from Rotary Club



The Rotary Club of New Canaan celebrated with local non-profits including those detailed below at two annual luncheons where the Club donated the proceeds of last year's Lobsterfest. This year will be the 40th Anniversary Lobsterfest and club members are preparing now for the two day event on Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26 from 4 to 8pm. It is being reenvisioned now with a new venue, at Waveny House, live entertainment, an expanded menu including beef tenderloin and kids meals all available for take-out plus festive dine-in opportunities on the Waveny Terrace!

Overseeing the donation of last year's Lobsterfest proceeds, Grant Allocations chair Charles McCool was joined by 2024-25 Club President Amy Gildea and 2025-26 President Tom Ferguson in awarding 40 grants to support health and education programs to the recipient organizations, each of whom was invited to the podium to say a few words about the purposes for which the grants will be used. Recipients included:

ABC House (Dana Connelly)-provides full support (housing, host families, activities) for eight inner city boys to attend four years at NC High School.

Blossom Hill: Shiva Sarum: operates 14 schools for refugee children in conflict areas around the globe

Building One Community: Claire Turner thanked Rotary for the grant that will help fund their most sought out program learning the English language for the immigrant community.

Carver Center: Nikki Lafaye described the program in Norwalk to partner with schools and community centers to offer K-12 after school programs. This grant will be applied to the summer programs which will enroll 1400 participants.

Danbury Grassroot Academy: Lynn Radford, the program serves 52 at risk youth 8-18 in Danbury. This grant will go to the Art program.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center: Stella Clarke. They offer free and confidential counseling to over 3,000 women and children in lower Fairfield County.

Future 5: Peg Atchue and Alex Ambroise, since 2009 they have supported over 800 students from Stamford to find their path to college.

Girl Scouts of CT-Morgan St John. Teaching a range of leadership skills to girls including STEAM education; outdoor experiences; and entrepreneurial training

Horizons at NC Country School: Leigh Kennedy A full year program targeting Stamford and Norwalk students with social and financial needs. They serve 400 students each year and through high school.

LIVE Girl. Isabella Madrid. Provides leadership training and support for middle and high school girls in New Canaan.

Malta House: Leslie Lopez. Provides shelter and support to pregnant and homeless women

Mercy Learning: Provides a comprehensive education program for low-income women in the Bridgeport area.

New Canaan Chamber Music: Ben Bilus. Next year is the fifth anniversary of the founding of NCCM by Andy Armstrong a New Canaan raised prodigy.

New Canaan Parent Support Group (Nick de SpoelBerch)-offers weekly parent support group meeting and annual community vigil focused on treating and preventing substance abuse and addiction among young people.

STAR - Stand Together Against Racism: Susan Borst thanked Rotary and invited all to support the Juneteenth celebration Wednesday 6/19 on the lawn at NC Museum. A national holiday since 2021, it recognizes the end of slavery in the United States.

Stepping Stones Museum (Norwalk). Cynthia Brandt. Provides a wide range of interactive learning experiences for children up to age 10,

Town Players of New Canaan. Patricia Spugani, Produces six full length professional quality plays annually at the Powerhouse Theatre.

VOICES (Frank Fetchet)-provides social support and training when tragic events occur; also provides community training in crisis preparedness.

Dignity Grows, Lisa Popper. Dignity Grows is a national organization that provides hygiene support for women and girls. One program, "Hope in a Backpack" is a large-scale direct product support program that strengthens communities by enabling women and girls to attend school, maintain employment, and achieve their goals.

Filling in the Blanks, Jennifer Mason. Their mission is to reduce food insecurity for children. The Norwalk based group distributes ten thousand meals each weekend to children from 2-18 years old. They purchase 99% of the food and the grant will go toward that purpose.

Food Rescue, Laney Lloyd.

Volunteers who "rescue food" from bakeries, restaurants, commercial kitchens and more and bring it to social services for distribution. They have over 800 volunteers in Fairfield county.

KEYS, Karen Scott. Kids Empowered by Your Support (KEYS) provides free music education to children in the Bridgeport schools. This past year 650 students took part in their program.

Liberation, Richard Liverano. Liberation programs provide treatment and prevention services for substance use and mental health disorders. Their residential program is the only one in CT that enables a mother to stay with more than one child.

NC YMCA, Margaret Riley. Rotary's grant will go to supporting the "Live Strong" program. This is a 12-week program for cancer survivors who find themselves in the transitional period between completing their cancer treatment and feeling physically and emotionally strong enough to return to their normal or new "normal" life.

Staying Put, Gina Blum.



Grant Recipients at June 5th Luncheon



Grant Recipients at June 12 Luncheon

Helping older residents of New Canaan to "stay put" in town. Rotary funds will go to a dues scholarship fund to ensure any senior will have access to their programs.

Americares, Cornelia Brefka. Americares operates four clinics in Fairfield County clinics provide free, high-quality healthcare to

low-income, uninsured residents, offering primary care services, medications, and lab work. Last year the Norwalk clinic served 2,200 patient visits.

Catholic Charities, John Guttman. Rotary's grant will go to supporting the Meals on Wheels program covering Stamford, Norwalk and Bridgeport. The are delivering over 400 lunches and dinners 7 days a week.

CT Burns Camp, Dominic Mantuano. They provide a no cost one-week summer camp for children who are burn survivors. It is staffed by volunteer medical professionals from East Coast burn centers and retired and active-duty firemen.

Kids in Crisis, Erica Bates. Kids in Crisis provides a hotline and temporary housing, medical and therapeutic support for children of all ages in Fairfield County. It is CT's only agency that house children of any gender from newborn to 18.

Little Free Pantry, Irene Hendricks. The pantry operates at the St John Lutheran church in Stamford. They offer 24x7 access to shelf stable food, small laundry detergent jugs, bar soap, shampoo, hand soap, toothpaste, diapers, toilet cleaner, and feminine care products.

New Canaan Cares, Colleen Proster. This is a 45-year-old health and wellbeing not-for-profit organization focused on New Canaan residents. Their focus will shift with the times, today many of the programs is aimed at preventive substance abuse.

Wavney Lifecare, Gabriel Mondesir. Wavney Lifecare provides a range of services to seniors including assisted living, skilled nursing and rehab, home healthcare, memory and dementia care and hospice.

Get About, Bill Post. Get About has provided free transportation (a donation is requested) to NC residents who are no longer driving. This is offered within New

Canaan and to surrounding towns for medical appointments. Last year they provided 8,000 rides for 150 residents. Rotary funds will provide residents of the School House apartments free rides for one year.

Inspirica, Rebecca Gatz. They offer the largest homeless shelter in Stamford with 12 facilities for 500 people per night.

Laurel House, Rebecca Gatz. Provides resources for individuals and families with mental health issues. Our grant will be used for a program aimed at the younger clients age 17 and up to have the support and programs that would enable them to complete a degree, earn a certificate or otherwise succeed at completing schooling.

Meals on Wheels, Leslie Crowley. Meals on Wheels counts on volunteers to deliver meals to New Canan residents not able to provide their own. Volunteers are not only vital to delivering the meals but also to provide some social interaction to people otherwise isolated.

Rowan Center, Sharon Epps. For 45 years they have provided lower Fairfield County with sexual violence crisis counseling, support for sexual assault victims, and rape kit counseling. They now also offer appropriate educational material for the K-12 population.

Ram Council Foundation, Andrew Brooks. Founded over 20 years ago to model substance free living. The program provides two groups; high school students and a 7th - 8th grade group an avenue to substance-free activities, healthy alternatives to substance abuse, and an opportunity to build leadership skills through hosting educational forums.

For information about becoming a member of the Rotary Club of New Canaan, becoming a sponsor or attending Lobsterfest 2025, the 40th Anniversary Event, please contact www.newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.org



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NEW LISTINGS

Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
84 Parade Hill Road #84	\$760,000	1,361	\$558.41		3	1
312 Elm Street #9	\$1,299,000	1,680	\$773.21		3	2
11 Old Kings Highway	\$1,299,900	3,922	\$422.71	0.57	4	2
2 Hampton Lane	\$1,749,000	3,073	\$569.15	0.60	4	3
70 Fitch Lane	\$1,950,000	3,370	\$578.64	2.19	4	2

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

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Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker
48 Rural Drive	\$1,499,000	SAT & SUN	12:00-2:00PM	William Raveis
11 Old Kings Highway	\$1,299,900	SUN	1:00-3:00PM	Brown Harris Stevens
2 Hampton Lane	\$1,749,000	SUN	1:00-3:00PM	Compass
106 Kimberly Place	\$1,895,000	SUN	1:00-3:00PM	William Raveis
317 Park Street	\$3,895,000	SUN	10:00AM-2:00PM	Willam Pitt Sothebys
26 Pequot Lane	\$5,495,000	SUN	1:00-3:00PM	Coldwell Banker

NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
101 Heritage Hill Road #101	\$649,000	\$649,000	\$665,000	4	2	1	
172 Summer Street D	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,050,000	14	4	3	
99 Woodland Road	\$2,680,000	\$2,530,000	\$2,490,000	30	4	3	0.51
208 Canoe Hill Road	\$3,950,000	\$3,950,000	\$3,750,000	31	6	6	3.00
361 Frogtown Road	\$2,950,000	\$2,950,000	\$4,110,000	9	5	5	2.57
652 Ponus Ridge	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000	\$4,325,000	14	6	5	2.00
168 Proprietors Crossing	\$4,495,000	\$4,495,000	\$4,600,000	8	7	7	4.07
183 Hemlock Hill Road	\$7,200,000	\$7,200,000	\$7,200,000	11	6	6	2.07
727 Smith Ridge Road	\$7,295,000	\$7,295,000	\$7,295,000	21	7	9	4.55

How's the Market?

Mid-Year Report on New Canaan and Fairfield County



BY JOHN ENGEL

To cut through month-to-month noise, I looked at rolling 3-month data on median sales prices, supply, and closed sales.

Prices

All four towns — New Canaan, Darien, Westport, and Wilton — saw strong price increases through the first half of 2025. New Canaan and Darien both posted 28% year-over-year gains in median sale price. Wilton was up 9.3%. Westport peaked earlier and ended the period flat, giving back gains in June. (Top chart at right.)

I checked four more towns. Stamford, Fairfield, and Rowayton were all up year-over-year. Only Norwalk declined, down 6.9%, with that drop occurring entirely in the past six months.

Supply

Most towns remain undersupplied. New Canaan sits at 3.0 months of inventory, down 21% year-over-year. Darien is at 2.0 months, Wilton at 2.7. Westport is the outlier at 4.4 months, up 22%. A balanced market is 6 months. This is still a seller's market. (Middle chart.)

Sales Volume

New Canaan had 259 sales in the last 12 months, down 5.8%. There were 120 closings in the first half, down 3.2% from the same period last year. Darien saw 239 sales over 12 months, up 10.6%, with 109 closings in the first half, up 38%. Monthly sales still range from 10 in the winter to around 40 in peak months. In June, New Canaan had 32 closings, down from 39 and 41 in the same month the prior two years. (Bottom chart.)

Dollar Volume

Total dollar volume in the first six months was up 59% in Darien, up modestly in New Canaan and Westport, and down slightly in Wilton. Higher prices are offsetting lower transaction counts.

Stock Market Comparison

The S&P 500 dropped 4.3% in Q1. In Q2, it rose 10.9%. That puts the first-half return at +6.2%. The turning point came April 2 — “Liberation Day” — when new tariffs triggered a 20% intraday decline from the February peak. The index recovered quickly, but the volatility was extreme.

In the housing data, there is no visible April inflection point. Median prices in New Canaan, Darien, and Wilton continued rising uninterrupted through Q2. Only Westport shows a reversal in June, which may be seasonal. There's no evidence of a sharp drop in buyer confidence or pricing in April. If tariffs rattled stock investors, they didn't affect real estate demand in Fairfield County.

Conclusion

Through June, the New Canaan market is up — on pricing, dollar volume, and relative performance. Inventory remains low, demand steady, and pricing resilient despite interest rates and macro uncertainty. If anything, the data shows housing moving independently from financial markets, with local fundamentals still in control.

Things I Heard in the Monday Meeting

“I didn't agree to marry you.” This was a funny reflection on a weak offer to purchase within the context of a multi-bid scenario. Sometimes the listing agent replies to a weak offer and tries to bring it up. But in this case, offer 2 came in much stronger, and offer 3 came in stronger still, and the listing agent didn't feel like she needed to go back to the original offer.

“It's not going to be crazy.” This is a case of a seller saying too much. Why would he tell me, the buyers agent, that the other offers are not coming in strong and encourage me to limp in? We speculated that maybe he's trying to head off buyer fatigue, but we agreed as a general rule sellers should not be coaching buyer's agents on what to offer.

“Doesn't know what he wants to do.” Why is he putting more money into it instead of accepting a lower offer? We debated the wisdom of putting money into a listing without a clear objective or timetable. Some improvements are aligned with a rental strategy, while others make sense if you intend to move in and enjoy it for a long time.

“Things are softening up, huh?” We tend to look for reasons when a house has been on the market awhile. The local market is not soft. Not every house sells in the first month, and sometimes it's not a reflection of the house or the market; it just takes longer.

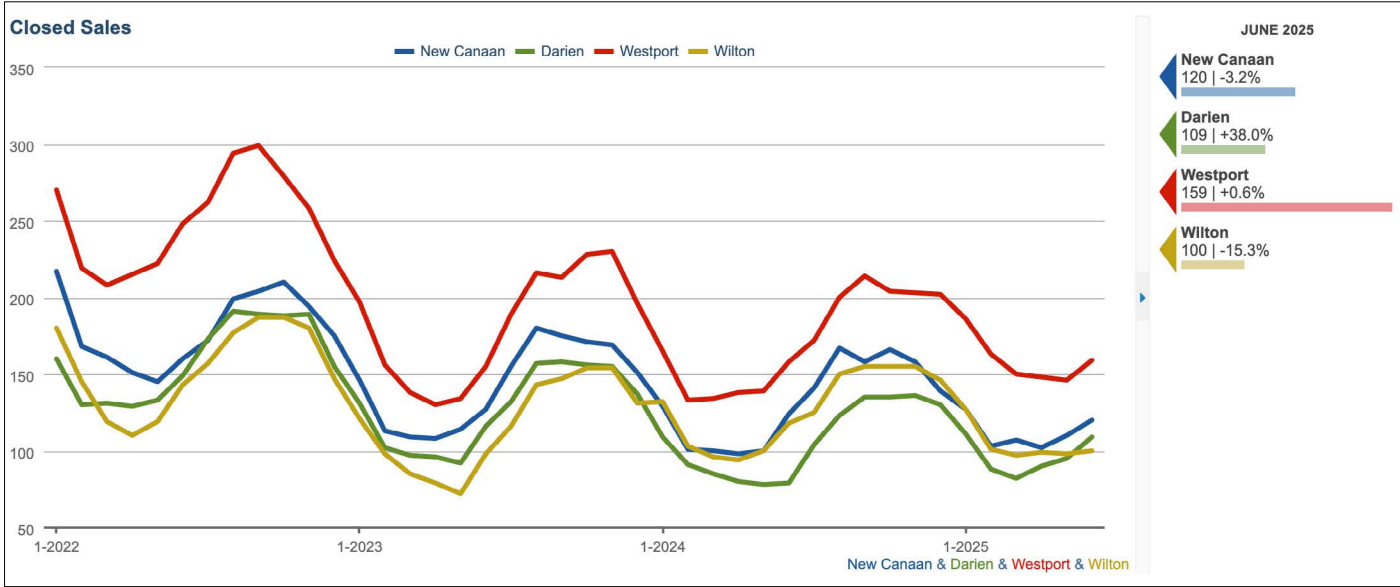
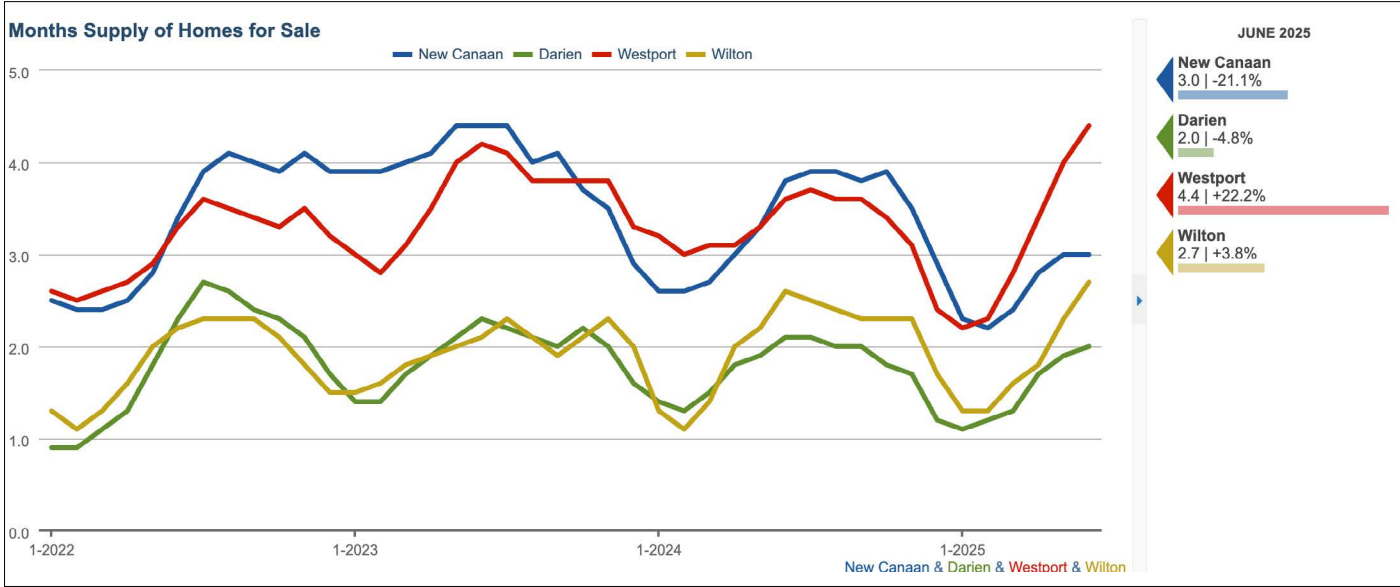
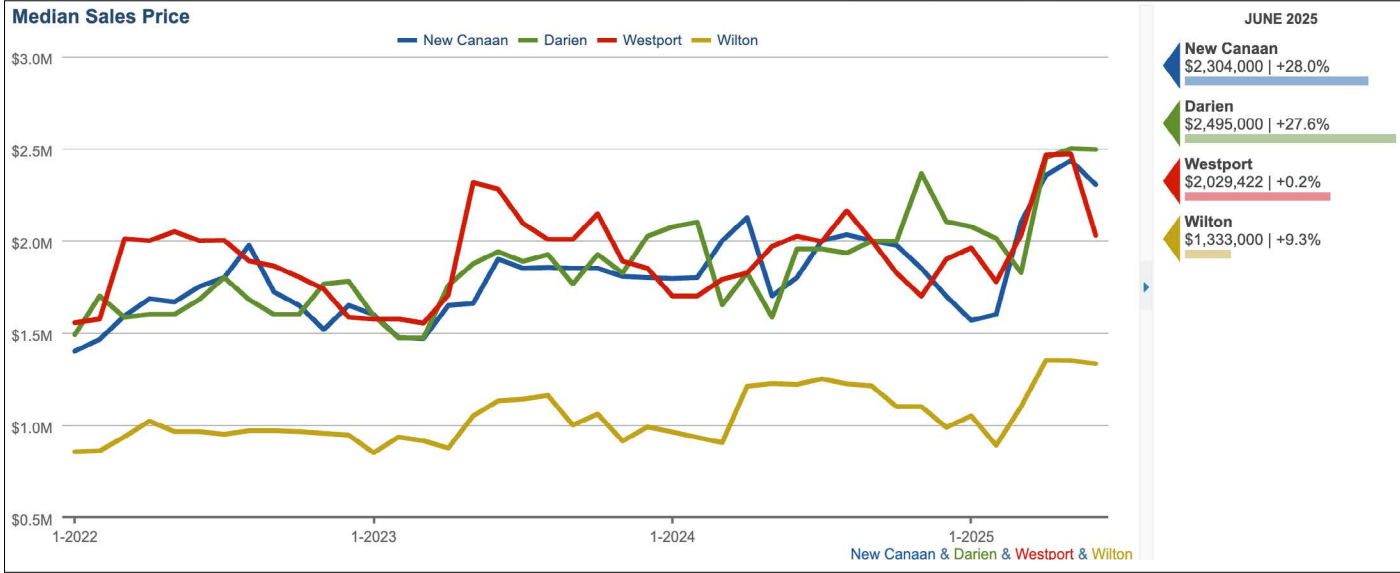
“The mean streets of Easton.” This is irony; there are no “mean streets” in Easton, Connecticut. I am always surprised when people talk about lack of crime as a reason for moving here, but I shouldn't be because peace and security remain some of the main unspoken reasons people move. It was the trigger that caused my parents to move to Connecticut 45 years ago.

“Nowhere to go.” This is a recurring theme, expressed by sellers who want to downsize but don't want to compromise. They are all convinced their own house will sell in the first month listed, so what holds them back is not interest rates but the perception that there are no good options AT ANY PRICE. While the economics of downsizing might be a factor, it is a small one. I think that many downsizers in this area are simply looking to live smaller, with less complication and maintenance, and for many, our current condo offerings are not sufficient. They want a luxury small, new house, and what they find is that its more economical for builders to build

a large new house, and that's what's out there. If you want a small house, you buy an old one and renovate it. And the people I'm referring to don't want to renovate.

“Still have Dad's report cards” was in reference to the process of letting go while getting a home ready for sale. Letting go is the absolute biggest obstacle for most of us. Nobody wants dad's report card from 1950, but we simply can't throw it away. We also have to accept that the contents of our homes did not grow in value like our homes did. The contents of our homes are just not worth what we paid for them. Stephanie Radman of Mayflower Organizing is an expert at helping sellers with the transition, and I can't recommend her highly enough.

John Engel is a broker on the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, and he just got back from Los Angeles. Real estate is expensive there, but it just didn't look like the most exclusive zip code in America. A little dirty, fading, and gardens neglected. Welcome to New Canaan, where we never miss a mowing cycle. Roadside plantings are spectacular, everywhere — a real feast for the senses. A shout-out to New Canaan's Public Works department, the best in the business. Imagine if Beverly Hills had a Tiger...

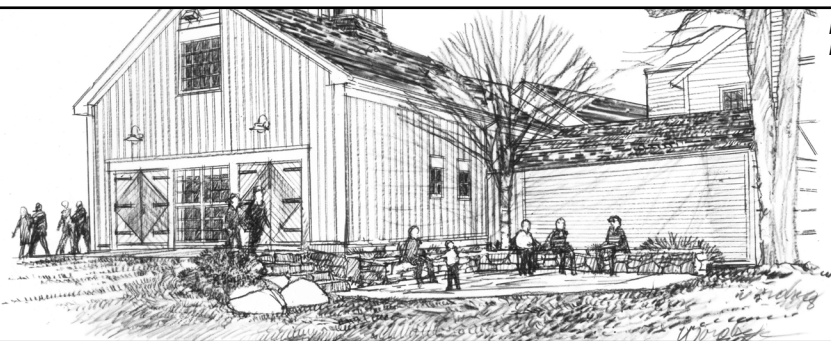


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The Effect centers on two volunteers, Tristan and Connie, who fall in love during a clinical trial for a dopamine-based antidepressant. Their romance disrupts the trial, leaving their doctors, Dr. James and Dr. Toby, to grapple with ethical questions about their work. The play explores questions about sanity, love, and the limits of medicine.

Auditions at the Carriage Barn Arts Center in Waveny Park on July 22nd & 23rd from 7-9pm. All roles available. Please prepare a short monologue in any style; it does not need to be memorized.

- Dr. Lorna James, Female 40+
 - Dr. Toby Sealey, Male 40+
 - Connie Hall, Female 20+
 - Tristan Frey, Male 20+
- The Effect* performance dates: September 4 - 14

More information and sides available at tpnc.org/audition/
Town Players of New Canaan (TPNC) is a non-profit community theatre, producing six main stage shows annually at the Powerhouse Theatre in Waveny Park. Tickets for their 80th Season will be on sale August 1 at TPNC.org.



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Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at Saxe
6:30pm-9pm (Doors open 6pm)

Scan to learn more about the candidates & New Canaan RTC:

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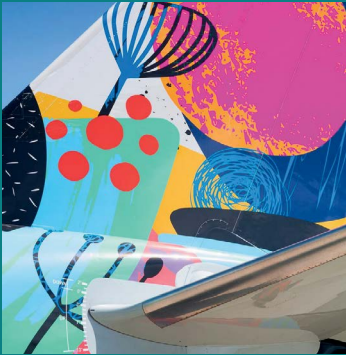


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JULY 19

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TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, July 21

Inland Wetlands Commission
7-8 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room

Tuesday, July 22

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

Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee TEDAC

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

Thursday, July 24

Board of Finance
7-9 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom

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

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

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

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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2 PM at 11 Farm Rd
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July 21

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/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
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July 23

Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinics

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

Billiards with Mike Bacon

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

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.

Waveny Summer Concert | Finster: 70's to Today's Hits

7:30-9:30 PM on the lawn behind Waveny House
Bring a chair or blanket and go enjoy a free Waveny summer concert featuring FINSTER (70's to Today's Hits).

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>.

July 25

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
Sponsored by the New Canaan Sentinel for a weekly community coffee and conversation.
This will be our last coffee and conversation until August 22.

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7 PM at 11 Farm Rd
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J. Edmond Live

7:30-9 PM at the Spice & Tea Exchange
Join for an evening of music and entertainment with J.Edmond. He will be performing live, bringing his unique blend of soulful tunes and energetic beats. Tickets are \$12.51 and available at <https://shorturl.at/fgITY>.

July 26

Last Saturday on the Trails: Butterfly Walk

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

Learning with Nature | Walk with Dragonflies

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

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Art in Nature | Pigment Pastels

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

Night of 1,000 Fireflies

7:15 or 8:30 PM at New Canaan Nature Center
Go and enjoy the magic of a midsummer night. Join the NCNC Naturalists as you search for woodland creatures (wiggly worms & aquatic amphibians) and other enchanted mysteries of the night. Delight in the awe-inspiring beauty of the meadows aglow with the soft light of 1,000+ fireflies. Tickets are \$15/person and available at <https://www.classy.org/event/night-of-1000-fireflies-july-26-2025/e692663>.

July 27

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2 PM at 11 Farm Rd

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Fairfield County Dance Festival on the Green

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

July 30

Waveny Summer Concert | The Geoff Hartwell Band

7:30-9:30 PM on the lawn behind Waveny House
Bring a chair or blanket and go enjoy a free Waveny summer concert featuring the Geoff Hartwell Band (Rock and Roll).

SAVE THE DATE

August 1

NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
Coffee and conversation will be on summer hiatus beginning August 1. We look forward to seeing everyone again beginning August 22.

August 2

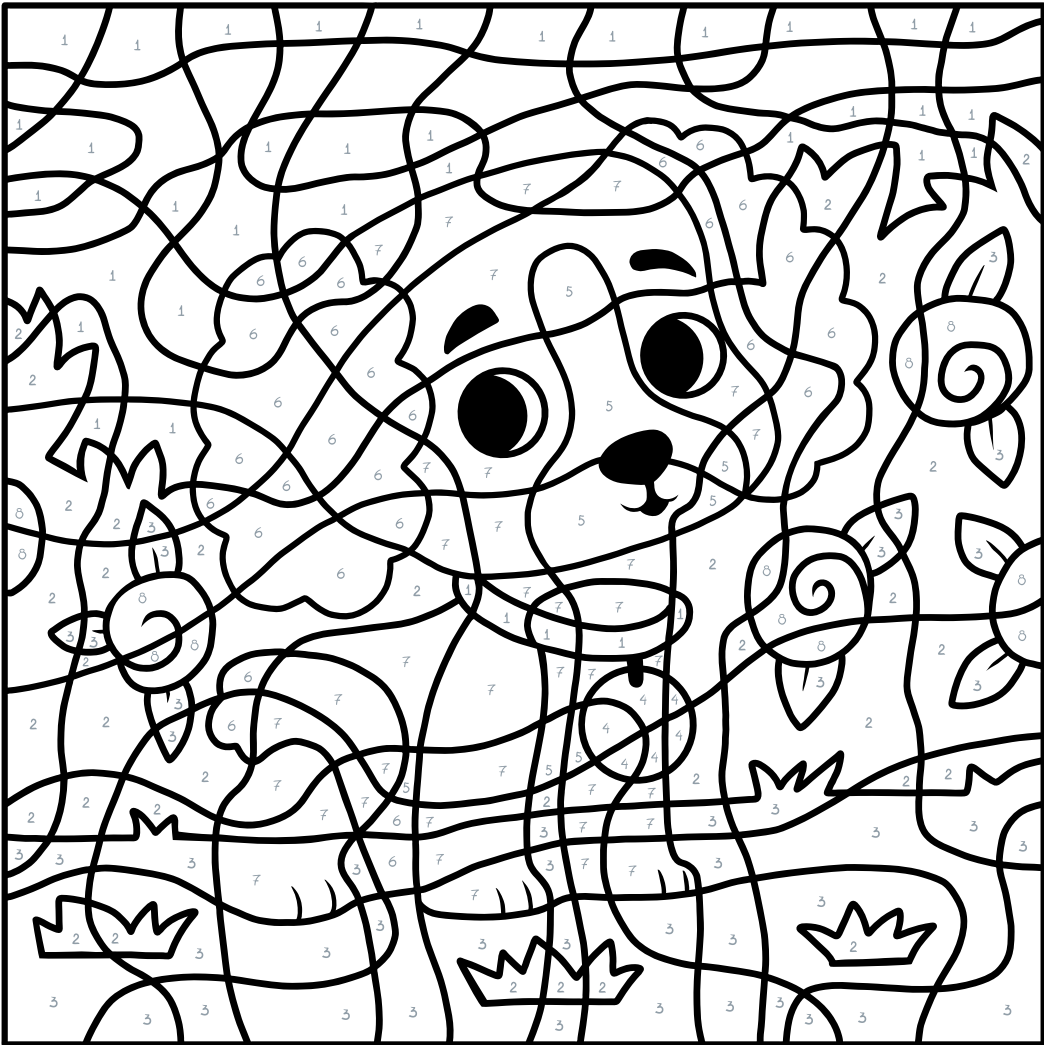
Family Field Trip to Weir Farm National Historical Park

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

August 5

Charles Ives Music Festival Chamber Music Concert

7 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center



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5 - light yellow 6 - brown 7 - orange 8 - pink

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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 <https://carriagebarn.org/event/charles-ives-chamber-music/>.

August 6

Shop Smarter With Consumer Reports
1 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
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 reviews, compare products, read informative articles, find helpful guides for major purchasing decisions, and more. Register at <https://shorturl.at/bCWCD>.

Waveny Summer Concert | Dreamin’
7:30-9:30 PM on the lawn behind Waveny House
Bring a chair or blanket and go enjoy a free Waveny summer concert featuring Dreamin’ (50’s and 60’s songs).

August 8

NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

August 13

Waveny Summer Concert | Otis and the Hurricannes
7:30-9:30 PM on the lawn behind Waveny House
Bring a chair or blanket and go enjoy a free Waveny summer concert featuring Otis and the Hurricannes (New Orleans Funk, Delta Blues).

August 15

NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

August 20

Waveny Summer Concert | Fairfield Counts Band
7:30-9:30 PM on the lawn behind Waveny House
Bring a chair or blanket and go enjoy a free Waveny summer concert featuring Otis and the Fairfield Counts Band (Miller, Dorsey, Goodman, Big Band).

August 22

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION 8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
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August 23

Creatures of the Night...Hike
7:30-9 PM at New Canaan Nature Center

Join for an interactive sensory night hike adventure and try your hand at our naturalist-led challenges. This program will also include the opportunity to meet a couple of the nature center’s nocturnal animal ambassadors up close and personal. The night will wrap up with roasting marshmallows around the campfire. Registration will be available at <https://newcanaannature.org/night-hikes/>.

August 27

9th Annual Addiction Awareness Vigil
6:15 PM at 6 South Avenue, New Canaan
This outdoor event features live music, tributes, recovery testimonials, resources, and a candlelight vigil led by local faith community leaders. Speeches will begin at 7 pm. Town parking available at both Morse Court and Park Street lots.

Waveny Summer Concert | Royal Kings
7:30-9:30 PM on the lawn behind Waveny House
Bring a chair or blanket and go enjoy a free Waveny summer concert featuring Royal Kings (Doo Wop Music).

August 29

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION 8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
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September 3

Waveny Summer Concert | The Short Bus Band
7:30-9:30 PM on the lawn behind Waveny House
Bring a chair or blanket and go enjoy a free Waveny summer concert featuring The Short Bus Band (70’s songs to Today’s Hits).

September 5

Guided Tour of The Armory Show with LG Art Advisory
10:45 AM- 1 PM on the lawn
Join for an exclusive 2-hour guided tour of The Armory Show with Lauren Gargiulo, founder of LG Art Advisory and a respected contemporary art specialist. Held annually at the Javits Center, The Armory Show is one of the most significant international art fairs—bringing together leading galleries, artists, and collectors from around the world. Meet at the check-in desk at the Javits Center. Tickets are \$110/members, \$125/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/armoryshow/>.

September 24

Glass House Presents Women, Modernism, and Philip Johnson
6:30 PM on the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Learn about architect Philip Johnson's overlooked associations with some

of the women who embraced and promoted modernism from the 1930s through the 1950s. Register at <https://shorturl.at/xLEiQ>.

October 11

Faster Things – Allman Brothers Tribute
7 PM on the Carriage Barn Arts Center
If you love the music of the original Allman Brothers Band, you will love Faster Things – the Allman Brothers Tribute Band. Faster Things conjures the twin guitar harmonies and searing slide guitar sounds, hammond organ, harmony guitar and unusual time signatures of the original Allman Brothers band with passion. Advance tickets are \$25 and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/faster-things/>.

October 19

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

BLOOD DRIVES

Sunday, July 20

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

Monday, July 21

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

Tuesday, July 22

Stamford Church of Christ
1264 High Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06903
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM

St. Matthew Church
216 Scribner Ave
Norwalk, CT 06854
9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Wednesday, July 23

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

Friday, July 25

American Legion
60 County Road
Norwalk, CT 06851
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Temple B'nai Chaim
82 Portland Avenue
Georgetown, CT 06829
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Support Services & Meetings

July 23

VOICES Preparedness Workshop: Preparing Individuals and Families for an Emergency
12 PM Online
VOICES is offering regularly scheduled, online workshops to provide individuals and families with strategies to prepare in advance of an emergency. Participants will learn the basic components of how to be better prepared at home, work and in the community, whether sheltering in place or evacuating. Register at <https://voicescenter.org/events/preparedness-workshop/07-23-2025>.

August 6

Alzheimer’s Support Group with the Waveny LifeCare Network
2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
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 <https://tinyurl.com/2mcpwxwme>.

Every Friday

AA Speaker Meeting Wheelchair Access
Fridays at 7:30 AM
Congregational Church of New Canaan

Every Saturday

AA Meeting-Sober Citizens Group
Saturdays at 9:15 AM
First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

AA Meeting-Laundry and Dry Cleaning Group
Saturdays at 10:30 AM
First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

Lost Then Found NA Meeting
Wheelchair Accessible
Saturdays at 7 PM
United Methodist Church (back entrance)

Every Monday

AA Meeting
Wheelchair Access
Mondays at 7:30 AM
Congregational Church of New Canaan

Adult Child Al-Anon Meeting
Mondays at 12 PM
St. Mark’s Church, Youth Room

Every Tuesday

Adult Child Alanon Meeting
Tuesdays at 12 PM
St. Mark’s Parish House, Conf. Room

Every Wednesday

AA Step Meeting
Wheelchair Access
Wednesdays at 7:30 AM
Congregational Church of New Canaan

Al-Anon Parent’s & Newcomer’s Mtg.
Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
Silver Hill, Jorgenson House
208 Valley Rd., New Canaan

Every Thursday

AA Big Book Meeting, Wheelchair Access
Thursdays at 7:30 AM
Congregational Church of New Canaan

New Canaan Parent Support Group
7- 8:30 PM
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
New Canaan

Our Neighbors

August 15

VOICES Preparedness Workshop: Preparing Individuals and Families for an Emergency
1 PM Founder Hall
193 Danbury Road, Ridgefield
VOICES is offering regularly scheduled, online workshops to provide individuals and families with strategies to prepare in advance of an emergency. Participants will learn the basic components of how to be better prepared at home, work and in the community, whether sheltering in place or evacuating. Register at <https://voicescenter.org/events/preparedness-workshop/08-15-2025>.

September 5, 6, & 7

2025 Norwalk Seaport Association Oyster Festival
Times Vary at Veteran's Memorial Park and Marina
42 Seaview Avenue, Norwalk
Three days of fun, food, and entertainment on multiple stages, plus a myriad of special events for families and friends. More information and tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/U9LAl>.



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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Des Moines' home
5 Texting format, briefly
8 Convert into a movie script, say
13 Mall business
14 ___ Lane (Superboy's mom)
16 Sidestep
17 Insignificant amount (notice letters 5 to 8 in this answer)
20 Scold loudly
21 Where a child may learn canoeing
22 "Alas ..."
23 Hasbro game with voice commands
24 Number of capitals Bolivia has
27 Approx- imately
28 Reporter's retinue (6 to 9)
30 Positive or negative particles
31 "Common Sense" author Thomas
32 Develop a plot?
36 Offers bait to
37 Texas' Battle of the ___
38 Money plant?
40 Not be yourself (3 to 5)
43 Gala who inspired a surrealist

- 47 Visualize
48 "Home ___" (film about a failed burglary)
49 Exorcist's target
50 Lambs' fathers
51 "Very neat!"
52 Colby, for one (8 to 11)
57 Disney's "Little Mermaid"
58 Painter Francisco
59 "Yeah, sure!"
60 Drive back
61 Not gross, financially
62 Covers, as a highway
DOWN
1 "Because ___!" (parental justification)
2 "Good heavens!"
3 Earthlike planets
4 Moon landing program
5 Narrow cut
6 Day after Sun.
7 "Friends" and "Modern Family"
8 Program that finds homes for cats and dogs
9 Medic
10 Suffix with "Gator"
11 Drivers' grp.?
12 What half the letters of "twenty" spell

- 15 Square, usually, for a crossword grid
18 ___ through the nose
19 Middle Eastern ruler
23 Prohibition
24 "Journey" for your ego
25 Came and ___
26 Is under obligation
28 Liberal arts college in 1-Across
29 Surveillance device, briefly
30 Boast heard at the roulette table
32 Drains of strength
33 Pointer to an answer
34 Really, really dislike
35 Brooding rock subgenre

- 36 Mine explosive's letters
38 Large, imposing house
39 Word before "cream" or "crystal"
41 Comedian King
42 Menu reassurance
43 Good liar's skill
44 One-celled organism
45 Slacker?
46 Features along a coast
49 Play-___
51 "Go away!"
52 All's fair in love and this
53 Anger
54 Taste of a beverage
55 Average grade
56 12/31: Abbr.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Vessel with a flat-bottomed, rectangular hull
5. Towel inscription for milady
9. (K) Wooden pin for a hat
12. (K) Make a blacktop
13. "In a short time," in a time long past
14. (K) Primate with no tail
15. Like fancy cheese
16. (K) Concept for an invention
17. (K) Score more than the other team
18. It makes two companies one
20. (K) Barrier for your pooch
22. (K) Part of a skirt
23. Touch or border on one side
25. Incredibly fierce anger
27. (K) Desire to sneak a cookie, for example
29. (K) Potato product
33. Rookie

35. Decorative 43-Across holder
36. (K) Place next to a bedroom
37. (K) Look for friends, in a kids' game
38. Distribute (with "out")
40. (K) Shade of blue
41. (K) Like a delicious grape
43. Wood type for many baseball bats
45. Fancy seat in a living room
48. (K) Where you should be during your curfew (2 words)
51. (K) Big-time Olympics team
52. Rich soil
55. Like a football fan with a "D" and a fence
56. (K) Amount needed to complete a set
57. Relatively new monetary unit
58. Rip apart, as notebook paper
59. Sheltered side

60. (K) Long, difficult trip
61. (K) Lion's potential meal
DOWN
1. Meat product in a can
2. (K) Thing you'll see at a zoo
3. Arm-waver's shout with "Hey" (2 words)
4. (K) Pie slice
5. (K) Eyebrow makeup?
6. (K) Call off
7. (K) Eggs of fish
8. Chaotic mix-up
9. (K) Weak chess piece
10. Movie with hundreds of extras
11. Basic unit of heredity
19. (K) Huge Australian ratite
21. (K) Cut into gold
23. (K) Find common ground
24. (K) Like U-shaped pipes
25. (K) "___ a Wonderful Life"
26. (K) Certain type of bread

28. Type of roast
30. Keep bringing up for discussion (2 words)
31. "Kind" that's almost silk?
32. (K) Tissue layer
34. Cajun stew ingredient
39. (K) Finish off some chocolate marshmallow pie
42. Cove
44. (K) Like a good knife
45. Type of exhaust
46. (K) It may have a tiny beach
47. (K) Long depression that might contain a river
48. How a wild, crazy mob might run
49. (K) One place to go for the gold
50. Current happening?
53. "Pardon ___ dust, we are renovating"
54. (K) "... all men ___ created equal"

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

Play It?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

P	E	G	S		A	W	L	S		O	L	D	
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Previous riddle answer:
Stereotypical parts for pirates?
1-A) PEGS

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Measured Words by Prasanna Keshava

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Horoscopes

Cosmic Highlights

Mercury Retrograde in Leo begins on July 18, signaling a period for introspection, careful communication, and refining ideas

Mars conjunct the South Node in Virgo on July 21-22 can stir up past habits or unfinished work, prompting release or integration

The Sun enters Leo on July 22, shifting energy toward self-expression, confidence, and creative leadership

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19)

Mercury retrograde may prompt you to rethink recent bold moves. Revisit conversations before pushing ahead. Mars and the South Node could unearth old routines—let go of what drains you. As the Sun enters Leo, lean into genuine self-expression.

Taurus (Apr 20-May 20)

A slow, careful pace serves you best now. Reflect before making financial or career decisions. Bold passion may reemerge midweek—balance it with practicality. The Sun's entry into Leo boosts your visibility.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Creative ideas may benefit from review. Be patient with digital mishaps or miscommunications. Mars-South Node urges you to clear lingering tasks. With the Sun moving into Leo, spotlight your creative talents.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Emotional insights may arise through conversations—choose your words. Mars may push up old emotional patterns; release unhelpful ones. As the Sun enters Leo, your caring nature shines in domestic or creative settings.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)

Mercury retrograde urges you to reflect before speaking or launching new projects. Past habits may resurface—highlighting growth areas. When the Sun enters your sign later in the week, step into renewed confidence and leadership.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sep 22)

You may feel pressure to wrap up lingering work or health routines. Mars-South Node calls for breaking outdated habits. Mercury

retrograde suggests reviewing systems. The Sun in Leo encourages balance between work and self-care.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22)

Relationships may require clarity—double-check messages before sending. Key partnerships could revisit old dynamics to heal or release. The Sun's entry into Leo shifts focus toward your sense of self in partnerships.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)

Mercury retrograde favors soul-searching—revisit ideas before communicating. Mars with the South Node may trigger subconscious patterns; journal to process. The Sun in Leo illuminates your inner world and dreams.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)

Mercury retrograde nudges you to rethink plans involving long-term goals, travel, or education. Mars may unearth old career-related habits—evaluate carefully. The Sun in Leo boosts your professional presence.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)

Financial reflection is key—review budgets carefully. Mars-South Node may stir up spending habits or values; release what no longer fits. The Sun's move into Leo brings focus to shared resources or intimate bonds.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)

Health and daily routines benefit from recalibration under Mercury retrograde. Mars prompts clearing of outdated habits. As the Sun enters Leo, purpose-driven work and personal routines may flourish.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)

Home matters or family conversations may require tact under Mercury retrograde. Mars invites you to let go of domestic patterns that no longer serve. With the Sun in Leo, bring warmth and creativity to your personal environment.

Summary:

This week favors reflection, clearing old patterns, and intentional communication. The Mercury retrograde (July 18–August 11) advises caution and review. Mars-South Node (July 21–22) urges release of outdated habits. With the Sun entering Leo on July 22, step into heartfelt expression and creative renewal.

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 well-rounded (8)
2 common jam flavor (5)
3 without dissent (9)
4 1973 Eagles classic (9)
5 defeat (8)
6 like lightning storm noise (10)
7 not these (5)

SOLUTIONS

- _____

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Previous Answers: s: 1. TRUDGES 2. SAFDIE 3. PORTENTOUS
4. SKITTISH 5. CHEEKBONES 6. POLICE 7. LUMINARY 7/31

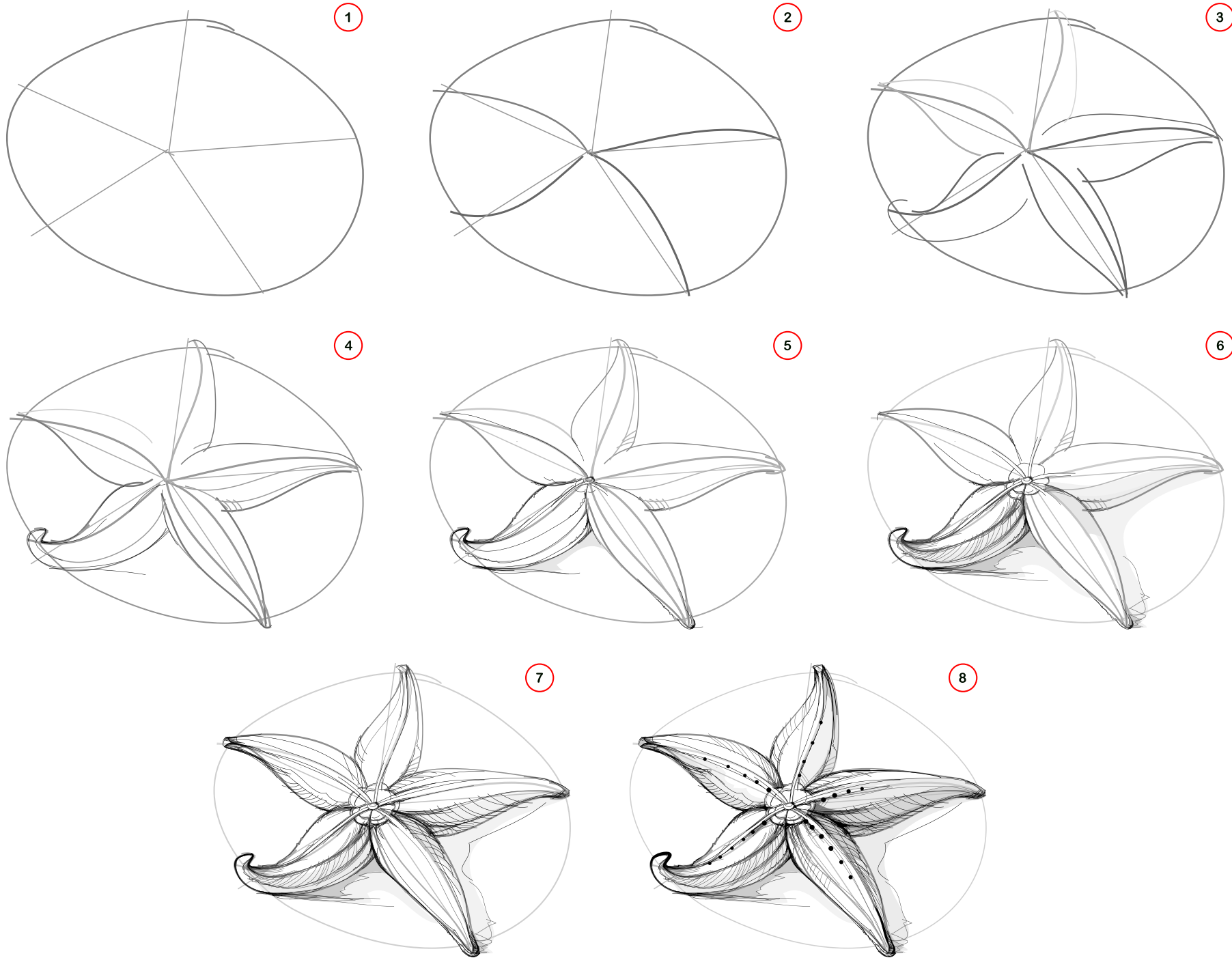
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The answers to this week's puzzles can be found in next week's issue.

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How To Draw: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

Four 4x4 grids showing different arrangements of numbers 1-4:

- Grid 1:

	2		4
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	3	4	
		2	3
- Grid 2:

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	4	1	2
2	1		3
- Grid 3:

2		3	4
			1
1		4	
4	3		
- Grid 4:

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2	4	3	
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		4	

SUDOKU

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

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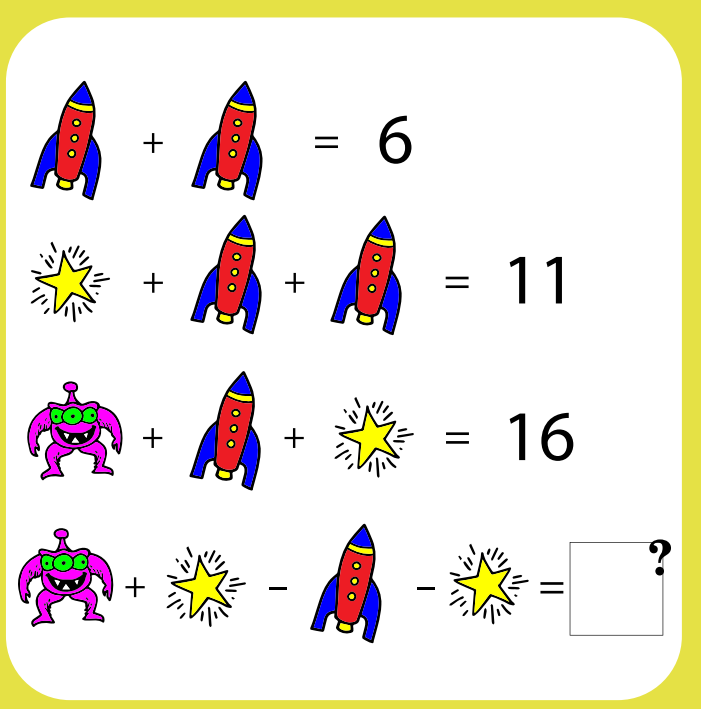
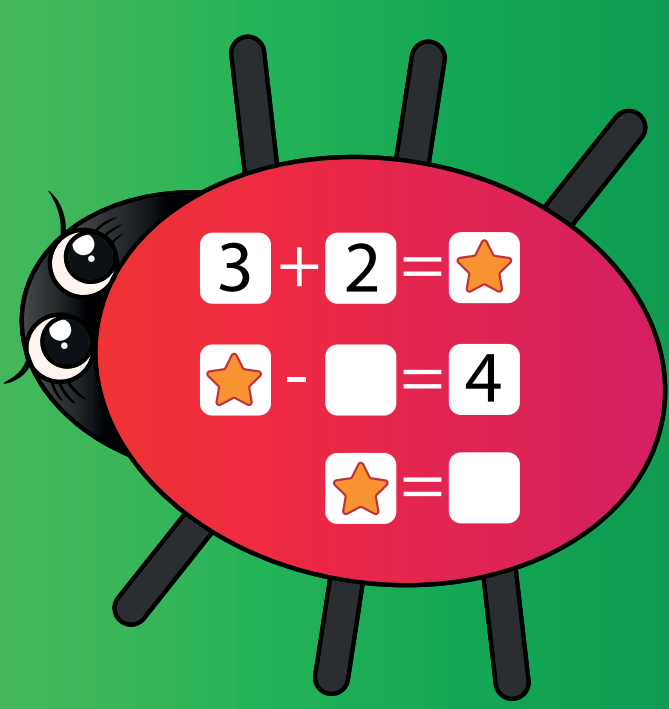
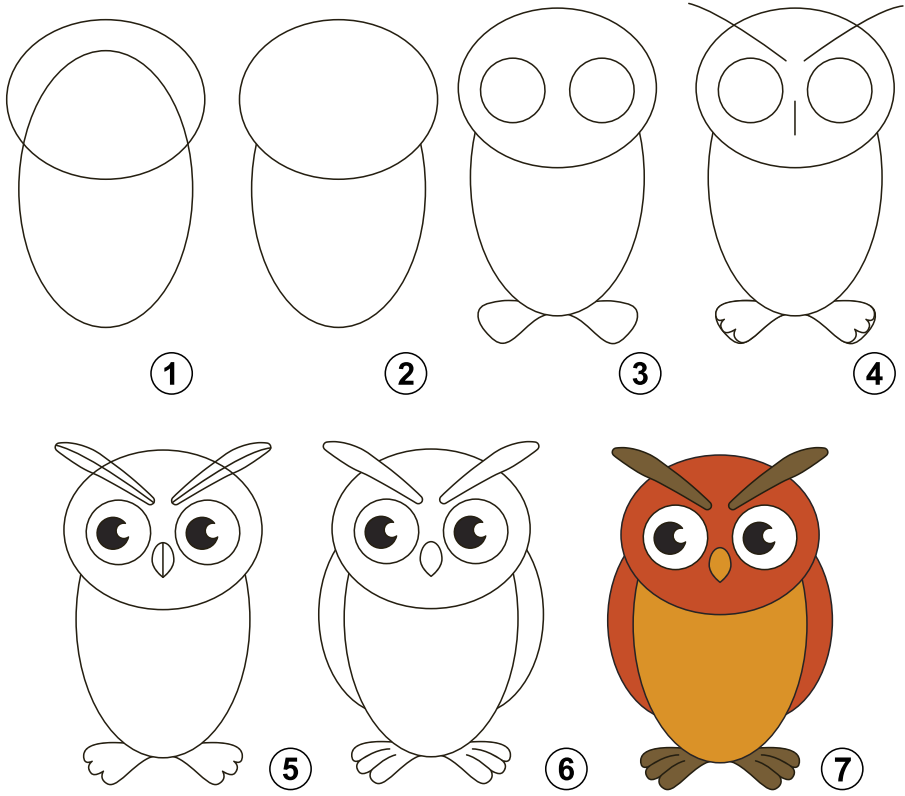
Sudoku answers

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OWL MANDALA

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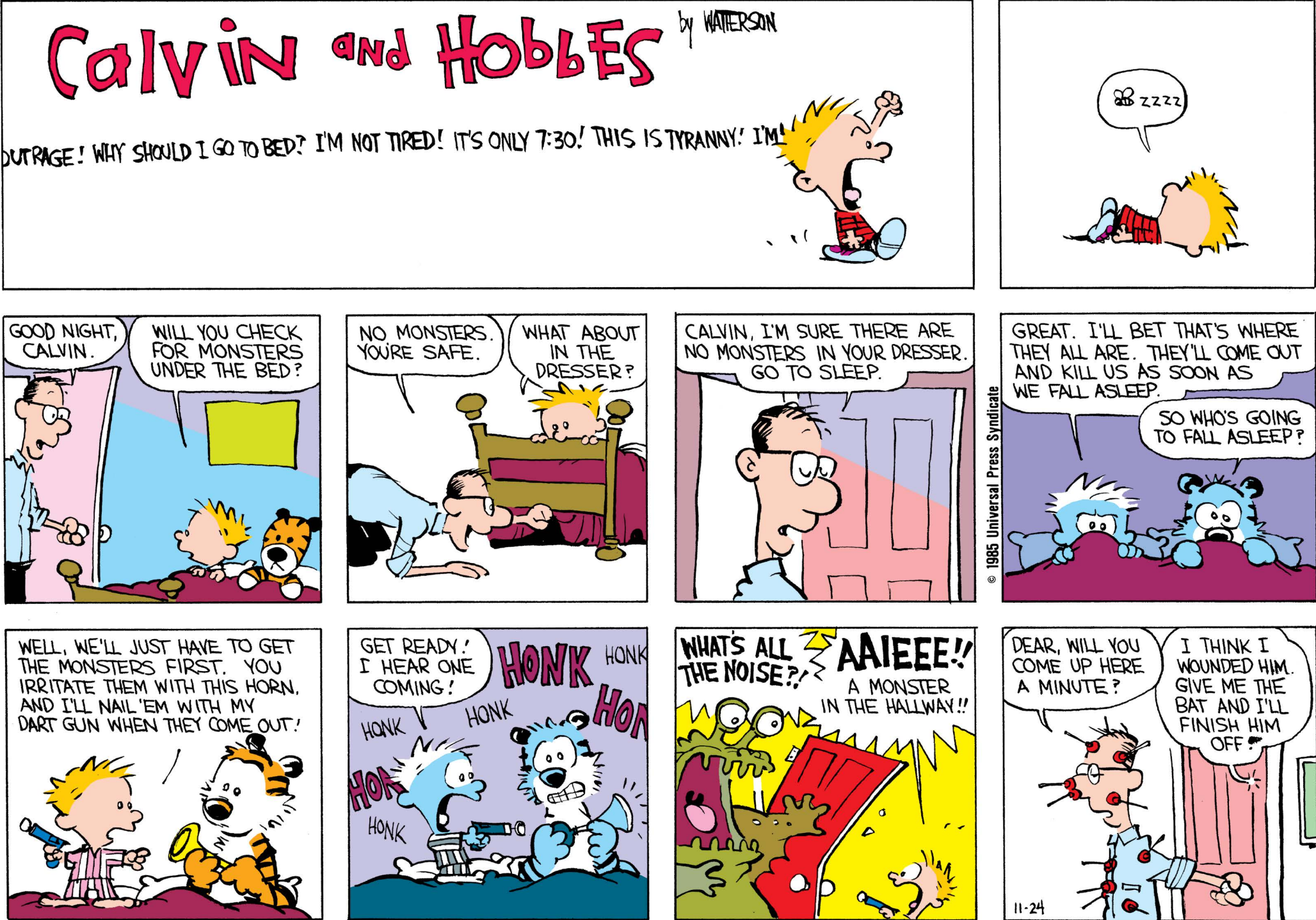
FARM CROSSWORD

ON THE FARM

WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

pig	bird	dog	rooster

kennel	chicken coop	nest	pigsty



WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE HONEY BADGER

An Internet Favorite That is Always Trending

By JIM KNOX

There are few animals that garner internet celebrity on the scale of the Honey Badger. So, is all the online hype deserved? What exactly is a Honey Badger and more importantly, where does the real creature end and the fictional beast begin? The Honey Badger (*Mellivora capensis*) is a modest-sized member of the weasel or Mustelidae family, averaging just two and a half feet in length and twenty five pounds in weight. While it owes its named to its fondness for honey and protein-rich bee brood, that's where the sweetness abruptly ends.

Compact and muscular with a thick, leathery hide, long claws, anal spray gland and disproportionately powerful jaws, the Honey Badger is designed for life on the offensive. Ranging from Africa to the Middle East, India and western Asia, this black and white, short-furred carnivore routinely crosses paths with the "Who's Who" of the predatory elite. Encountering African Lions, Cape Leopards, Spotted Hyenas, Rock Pythons, Nile Crocodiles, Martial Eagles, Gray Wolves, Bengal Tigers and Sloth Bears, the Honey Badger holds its own quite handily. How does it go toe-to-toe with these mega predators? It does so by projecting a larger-than-life presence.

This strategy serves the Honey Badger remarkably well, enabling it to thrive in diverse habitats and successfully compete against the world's apex predators across multiple continents. The badger's achievements are the stuff of legend. They are credited with: sporting bullet-proof hides, killing adult male lions and invulnerability to the world's deadliest snakes—including the feared Black Mamba! Other alleged badger feats include: biting cleanly through steel traps, battling leopards head-to-head and shrugging off the effects of scorpion stings.

Also known as Ratel, likely from an Afrikaans word for rattling, referring to its tooth-snapping growls, this carnivore's carnivore is renowned for its sheer, unrivaled toughness. So tough in fact, the South African Army has bestowed the name of Ratel on its Armored Personnel Carriers. Like its namesake, it is no ordinary creation. This Infantry Fighting Vehicle is equipped with 6x6 drive configuration and

an armored steel hull specially designed to withstand devastating land mine damage. If needed, the Ratel can travel over all terrain with two wheels missing. It boasts formidable offensive capabilities as well, with configurations featuring antitank cannon weaponry. All of this firepower—inspired by a mammal the size of a terrier. Given this resume of ferocity under its belt, it's not surprising the Guinness Book of Records has described the Honey Badger as, "The World's Most Fearless Animal."

With such a reputation, a layperson's legend spawns a scientist's conundrum. With expansive ranges, seminomadic nocturnal habits, low population densities and perpetual foraging tendencies, the creature is notoriously hard to observe. To coax the true beast out from the shadows of myth into the light of day requires rigorous research, years in the bush, and a n extra helping of plain old luck. The sum of these factors has yielded findings which are nearly as extraordinary as the legends. Badgers have been documented: defending home ranges of nearly two hundred square miles (more than twice the area of Martha's Vineyard), fighting off prides of lions, stealing Steenbok Antelope from Brown Hyenas, preying upon Nile Crocodiles larger than themselves, as well as 10-footlong African Rock Pythons, and withstanding envenomation from more than 300 bee stings! With this partial list of exploits, the Honey Badger seems determined to exceed even its own hype.

The synergy of multiple physical and behavioral adaptations enables the badger to achieve these feats. Its aposematic or warning coloration of contrasting black and white, gives fellow creatures bold warning of its on-demand chemical attack. With a range of up to twenty feet, the badger's anal gland defense can temporarily blind an adversary, burning its nose and mouth with clinging, acrid spray. It's low-slung, densely muscled design minimizes opportunities of attack to its relatively vulnerable ventral side or belly. If a predator does hazard a risk—and I do emphasize the risk here— of seizing the badger within its jaws, the badger has an anatomical trick up its sleeve. The animal's skin is extremely thick (approximately ¼ inch), and both exceptionally leathery and



Honey badger chasing a black backed jackal in Etosha National Park, Namibia.

loose. This results in a bodily covering which can thwart most teeth (not to mention claws, quills, stingers, fangs and talons). When mouth meets badger, badger instantaneously spins to latch onto its aggressor with a clamping grip of stout canines. Vulnerable eyes, vascular lips, tongues and noses, packed with nerve endings, are all within striking range.

Underlying these prodigious physical traits is the badger's mythic behavioral mode. Consider it a strategy o f savagery. While many creatures settle for survival the badger seems to demand dominance, or least, vigilant respect. Rather than bypass larger adversaries or potential challenges, the Honey Badger often courts these situations as opportunities to exploit. Lions, leopards, wolves and tigers are dominant predators. Such beasts are unaccustomed to other creatures—let alone creatures a fraction of their bulk—standing their ground or advancing on them. Mega predators are often confused by such behaviors... and when the badger launches its all-out, snarling, slashing, lunging offense, it further unsettles the top tier carnivores. Though the badger may ultimately forfeit its life, it will engage the mega predator. While the big carnivore may prevail, it may come at the cost of a wound or paw injury which hampers it sufficiently that it loses its keen edge in the hunt or within the dominance structure of its society. This is indeed a risk it will often avoid. Leopards are one of the badger's few known predators and even they only target young, old, sick or injured badgers. Predator confrontations yield opportunities

for the badger to project its presence, assert its dominance, make an escape or secure a hard-won meal. Ultimately, what the Honey Badger is doing, is forcing its competitors to favor its strengths by playing its game by its rules.

The badger is nature's equivalent of a street fighter—an in-your-face, no-holds-barred brawler who will bloody you regardless of the outcome. What's more, other animals seem to recognize this, and regardless of the mismatch, often give the black

and white dynamo with the skunk-spray power a very wide berth. Such armament coupled with the badger's Blitzkrieg offense is simply potent. While the badger's strategy of savagery is imposing, it further possesses a covert weapon which has long been concealed from science, and it is striking.

Countless generations of indigenous people have long described their intelligence through anecdote. Tales abound. Accounts include: Honey Badgers chewing down saplings to manipulate them to access

kingfisher nests with chicks, aiming their rectum toward a targeted breeze to enhance the speed and range of their spray toward an enemy and prying open latches to gain access to domestic stock. These are just a sampling of the more calculating feats ascribed to the creature. It seems that the badger's brawn and bravado in battle have entirely eclipsed an aspect of its fundamental makeup which makes the already imposing badger an even greater adversary. We now know that Honey badgers are more than mere fighting, biting machines. There's an equally powerful brain driving that powerful body. It's a nimble brain... an inventive brain.

Given its daunting ferocity, game-changing offensive strategies and uncanny problem-solving abilities, the bone and sinew badger stares down its internet ego without blinking and introduces us to a creature all the more remarkable when stripped of its folkloric guise.

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