

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

POLICE AND FIRE

Burglaries in New Canaan



New Canaan Police are currently investigating burglaries in which suspects used ladders taken from properties or left by workers to enter second-floor windows. Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity or concerns to the department at 203-594-3500. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

NCPD at CT SWAT Challenge



Last week, the New Canaan Police Department Special Response Team took part in the Connecticut SWAT Challenge. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

Spontaneous Combustion Safety

Two weeks ago, a New Canaan fire was caused by spontaneous combustion after oil-soaked rags and brushes were left in a plastic bucket inside an outbuilding. Officials say such fires occur when flammable materials generate enough internal heat to ignite. Residents are advised to store solvent-soaked materials in water-filled metal containers, dry them on non-combustible surfaces, and discard only once dry.

Linked Autism Safety Project

The New Canaan Police Department participates in the Linked Autism Safety Project, which keeps a database of residents who may have communication challenges or difficulty interacting with first responders. The program gives officers information in advance of calls and includes specialized training. Sensory-friendly bags have also been added to patrol cars. For more information, please visit <https://shorturl.at/sx02j>.

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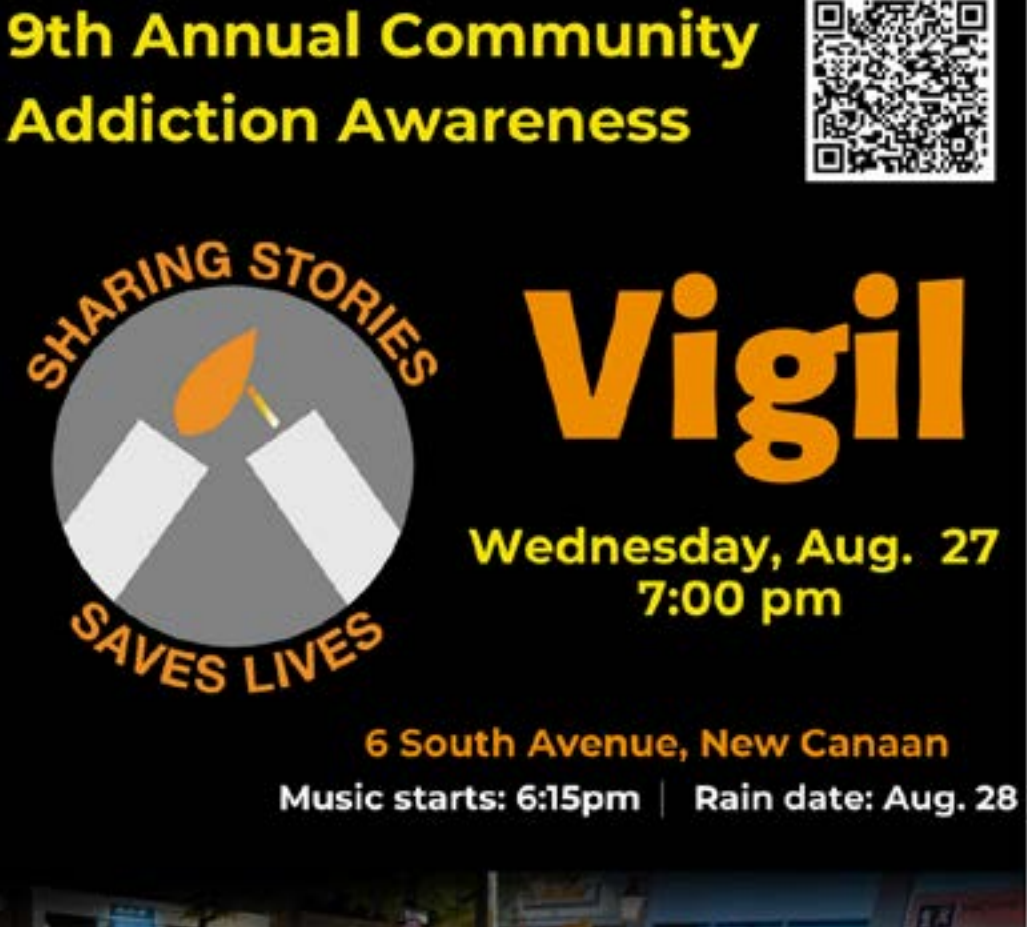
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Fazio's Run for Governor Centers on Local Roots

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

When Ryan Fazio got down on one knee in Waveny Park earlier this month (see page 3), proposing to Amy Orser where they had their first date, it was not just a personal milestone. It was also a decision to build a life together in Connecticut. “She said yes,” Fazio recalled. “And now I’m very happy to announce that she’s my fiancée. We’re over the moon and really happy about the life we get to build together.”

Orser’s roots in New Canaan, combined with Fazio’s role representing the town in the State Senate, frame his gubernatorial campaign around a theme: Connecticut is their home, and its future is worth fighting for.

“Connecticut’s the only place I’ve ever called home. I was born here, raised here, and now I got engaged here,” Fazio told the Sentinel. “Hopefully we can make it a great place for everybody, for the next generation as well.”

8-30g and Local Control

No issue animates New Canaan politics more than zoning, and Fazio has made it central to his message. He has opposed state-mandated affordable housing legislation, including the controversial 8-30g statute, arguing that it erodes the ability of towns like New Canaan to shape their own growth.

“Unfortunately, even though I and other Republicans have said that we are willing to come to the table and negotiate and compromise... not a single Republican has been called to the negotiating table by the legislative leadership or the governor’s office to date,” Fazio said, referring to rumors of a September special session on housing. “We want to negotiate, we want to find common ground. But we’re boxed out of the negotiations and the legislation currently.”

He warned that without

Republican input, the next housing bill “will be only 10 or 20% less worse than Bill 5002.” For Fazio, that exemplifies why he is running: “Voters want their leaders to come to the table and find common ground and common sense.”

Affordability and Guardrails

Beyond zoning, Fazio has built his case around affordability. “Electric bills are too damn high in the state,” he said. This year he co-authored Senate Bill 4, which cuts \$100 million annually from the public benefits charge. Governor Lamont credited him for moving the bipartisan bill forward, a rare acknowledgment across party lines.

But Fazio insists that piecemeal relief will not be enough without larger structural reform. He has raised alarms about fiscal guardrails — the budget controls adopted in 2017 that limit spending and borrowing while directing excess revenue into savings. The Connecticut Mirror has reported the weakening of those guardrails, and Fazio sees the stakes plainly. “If the fiscal guardrails are breached,” he said earlier this year, “it will undo one of the biggest bipartisan successes of the last decade in Hartford.”

Campaigning Ahead

Fazio’s bid for governor will test whether his brand of fiscal conservatism and localism can break through in a blue state. Under Connecticut’s public financing system, he must raise \$350,000 in small donations to qualify for millions in state campaign funds. “We need to finalize the job faster than any other candidate,” he said. “But it’s a very difficult task to raise 350,000 from small and medium dollar donations.”

He said the campaign raised \$20,000 in its first two days, but acknowledged the challenge: “It’s not easy get over a thousand people to donate \$250 each. Even

“Not a single Republican has been called to the negotiating table... and people want common ground and common sense.”

though I think we’re going to win the nomination, we are starting from behind and must earn every vote, Fazio said. “Our campaign will be new and energetic and we will work harder than anyone else.”

For New Canaan, where both Fazio’s legislative work and his personal life now intersect, the campaign is more than politics — it’s local. At community events, he said, “the most special and gratifying support is the support I’ve been getting and hearing from people I’ve known for decades. And I’m just so thankful to them for that encouragement.”

The Political Frame

Strategically, Fazio is betting that the affordability message, coupled with his fight on zoning, resonates beyond Fairfield County. Whether Lamont runs again or Democrats nominate a successor, Fazio says the contrast is clear: “In two terms, Governor Lamont and his radical legislature have increased electric rates and taxes to the third-highest in the country. They’ve undermined law enforcement and driven out jobs, opportunity, and hope. Families are hurting. But it doesn’t have to be this way.”

In New Canaan, the resonance may be even sharper. For residents wary of Hartford mandates on housing, Fazio’s emphasis on local control is not an abstract principle but a lived concern. His campaign, like his engagement, is rooted here.

For more information visit: <https://ryanfazio.com/>

Repairs, Renewal, and Resilience



By DIONNA CARLSON

August is one of the busiest months for our Department of Public Works (DPW), with numerous projects underway across town and in Waveny Park.

Waveny Park

If you’ve visited Waveny House recently, you’ve likely seen scaffolding around the building. This is part of an important project to ensure Waveny remains watertight and protected for years to come. As with any 100-plus-year-old building, the mansion has faced some water infiltration and masonry degradation due to age and exposure to the elements.

A firm specializing in building envelope analysis identified key areas where water and moisture were penetrating the building envelope - particularly around the masonry façade. Their findings were presented to the Town bodies, and there was clear consensus that repairs were necessary to protect Waveny’s structural and historical integrity. Every attempt has been made to minimize disruption to events and weddings hosted at the venue throughout the year.

Also in Waveny, you will notice a number of other upgrades and new amenities. Over 1,800 feet of the Loop Trail were reconstructed from the South Avenue entrance toward the Merritt Parkway. For visitors to Spencer’s Run dog park and the Paddle Tennis courts, an accessible bottle filling station with water bowl for dogs has been installed. There is a new accessible path to the outdoor fitness area to the north of Waveny House, and decorative lampposts in need of replacement are being upgraded to lampposts matching those in the Downtown area.

The entire Waveny Park has been truly alive with activity this summer, especially with the many children who participated in summer camp. We’re thrilled to have welcomed the largest number of campers in recent years. A heartfelt “thank you” to our Parks and Recreation team for providing weeks of fun and memories for so many local families.

Street Projects

One of the most visible infrastructure improvement efforts – the South Avenue Aquarion project – has wrapped up its first summer phase before school resumes next week on August 26th. This project will resume after the school year ends in June 2026. In the business district, it was remarkable to observe Elm Street get completely milled, repaved and striped for parking and the safety of pedestrians over a short five-day period from August 5 to August 9. Most of work was done in the evenings to minimize disruption to business activity.

Smooth Tax Season and Commuter Parking

I also want to recognize the outstanding work of our Tax Assessor’s Office and Tax Collector’s Office in managing another smooth tax season.

As a reminder, commuter parking permit holders must renew their permits by September 2nd. Permit holders should have received both a letter and an email (email sent July 18th) with instructions for renewal. Any renewals past September 2nd will incur a \$50 late fee.

Broader Issues

On broader community issues: First, the proposed sale of Aquarion Water to the Regional Water Authority (RWA) remains a significant concern. Alongside my counterparts in Fairfield, Ridgefield, and Westport, we’ve jointly retained legal counsel and voiced strong opposition during the July PURA hearings. A draft decision is expected in late October, with a final ruling in mid-November.

Second, regarding the three pending 8-30(g) housing cases, the Town continues to pursue all legal avenues to protect the Town’s interests and maintain local control of our affordable housing development. As these matters are still before the courts, I am unable to provide further details at this time.

Enjoy the final month of summer!

Dionna Carlson is the New Canaan First Selectman. Her leadership is guided by a respect for local decision-making and a commitment to keeping residents informed and engaged. Read more from Dionna each month by subscribing to her email newsletter, News From Town Hall. To sign up to receive the newsletter visit [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info) and click on the red bar at top, Sign Up For Alerts. To read the latest issue of the newsletter, visit [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info) and click on the yellow bar at top, News From Town Hall.

Health & Well-Being Grants Available

The New Canaan Community Foundation is accepting applications for grants to support initiatives that address New Canaan’s most pressing health and well-being needs.

These needs, including knowledge of services, access and barriers to care, struggles among adults ages 30-59, and parenting stress and youth mental health concerns, were identified in an extensive Community Health & Well-Being Survey that was presented to the community in January. (See Community Health & Well-Being Survey - New Canaan Behavioral Health for details of the survey and its results. The New Canaan Sentinel’s comprehensive coverage of this initial presentation is at: <https://www.newcanaasentinel.com/2025/02/03/survey-highlights-behavioral-health-opportunities>)

This survey was administered by the New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance which, backed by forty civic and charitable member organizations, “encourages, develops and supports a greater community awareness of behavioral health issues and resources in our area.”

“This survey gave us a powerful look at what New Canaan residents are experiencing—and now it’s time to act,” said Lauren Patterson, President & CEO of New Canaan Community Foundation, which also Co-Chairs the New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance. “Through this RFP (request for proposals), we’re inviting members of our community to help address real needs with practical, creative solutions. Whether it’s expanding awareness, reducing barriers to care, or supporting parents and caregivers, we look forward to funding projects that make a lasting difference.”

Funding is available to support projects that respond directly to the survey’s findings. Grant amounts may range from \$1,000–\$2,500 for smaller-scale initiatives (e.g., speaker events, support groups or awareness campaigns) to \$10,000–\$15,000 for larger efforts, such as nonprofit-led programs targeting adult mental health or parent-focused education. In addition to nonprofit organizations, individual community members or partnerships are welcome to apply.

Grant applications are due by September 19.

The New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance is also working with the New Canaan Public Schools to possibly launch a youth-focused needs survey. Some nearby communities have administered such surveys in recent years, and the Health Alliance and NCPS are taking those experiences into consideration as they plan appropriate next steps.

Full details and submission instructions for grant applications are available at <http://www.newcanaancf.org/bh-grants>. Please contact Meg Soffen at [msoffen@newcanaancf.org](mailto:msoffen@newcanaancf.org) or 203-966-0231 if you have questions or require assistance.

COLUMN

G.E.M.S.

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

G.E.M.S.—Gratitude, Exercise, Meditation and Service—are simple things we can do for ourselves when we’re feeling disconnected or discouraged. G.E.M.S. raise our bodies’ natural levels of dopamine, serotonin, oxytocin and endorphins—our bodies’ feel-good chemicals. Best of all, G.E.M.S. are immediately available and free of cost.

It is impossible to be anxious and grateful at the same time. The neurons in your brain fire in either one direction or the other. If you name three things you are grateful for when you sense anxiety creeping in, you will

gently shift the blood flow in your brain. Do this before you go to bed and you will sleep better.

You don’t have to run a race to get a runner’s high. Exercise in any form works. Dancing, walking, yoga, even climbing a flight of stairs benefits your mind and body. Meditation activates the calming part of your nervous system. It helps you respond to life, rather than react to it. Service—doing something for someone else—activates the parts of our brain that feel connected to others, and purposeful.

G.E.M.S. can travel with you wherever you go. Jenna, a college

student, referred to gratitude, exercise, meditation and service as “the gems in her pocket” during her study abroad, valuable tools she could use to handle the normal fears and anxieties that come from being in a new place.



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# Reimbursement Cuts Threaten Seniors’ Ability to Age at Home



By Russell R. Barksdale, Jr.

For the fourth year in a row, Medicare and commercial insurers are slashing reimbursement rates for home health services. That is not a typo. Four consecutive years of cuts to the very system that enables older Americans to live safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes.

The timing could not be more perilous. America's senior population is swelling, and their preference is unambiguous: they want to age in place. Surveys confirm that more than 90% of older adults would rather receive care at home than in an institutional setting if given the choice. This is not merely a preference, it is a right earned after decades of contributing to the very system now narrowing their options.

Home health care was once heralded

as the most cost-effective alternative to hospitals and long-term care facilities. But relentless reimbursement reductions are transforming that advantage into an illusion. Consider the nurse who now spends time commuting between dispersed patients, reducing their caseload to four or five visits a day. The inefficiency is staggering, the costs are mounting, and the model is fast becoming unsustainable.

To their credit, many mission-driven providers remain committed to offering a full continuum of care and placing patients at the most appropriate level. Yet when financial pressures limit options, too often sales imperatives begin to drive placement decisions—resulting in costly and, at times, suboptimal settings.

Governing policies are both shortsighted and inverted. Instead of reinforcing a cost-effective model of care, policies are steadily undermining its viability. Each cut forces home health agencies into impossible triage: reduce staff, curtail services, or deny patients altogether.

The statistics are sobering. A recent industry report revealed that agencies are now declining nearly one-third of

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their referrals—most often patients with complex medical needs or those covered by low-paying insurers. Longer commutes combined with extended care times for patients with multiple comorbidities have eroded productivity. The result: fewer patients served, families left scrambling, and a workforce stretched past its limits. In simple terms, agencies are paid less to care for patients whose needs are more demanding and whose care is more expensive.

Policymakers often cloak these cuts in the sterile language of “budget neutrality” or “utilization adjustments.” But stripped of jargon, the reality is this: both government and commercial policymakers are demanding that home health agencies deliver more care with fewer resources, a persistent workforce shortage, and mounting regulatory

burdens.

To be sure, the industry has not been without its bad actors—providers who have manipulated and upcoded diagnoses or billed for phantom visits, siphoning hundreds of millions of dollars from taxpayers. These abuses warrant strict enforcement. But sweeping, across-the-board reimbursement cuts punish the many for the sins of the few, leaving honest providers gasping for air.

The consequences are not theoretical. They are borne out in families' lives every day. Without adequate reimbursement, loved ones are left in unsafe conditions, placed prematurely in assisted or long-term care institutions, or forced to rely on exhausted family caregivers who often jeopardize their own health and financial security.

What we are witnessing is not a modest policy adjustment. It is the systematic dismantling of a model that can be both compassionate and cost-effective. The preference of seniors is clear. The data confirms it. Yet another year of cuts threatens to transform aging at home from a cherished American ideal into an unaffordable luxury.

If we continue down this path, the results will be predictable: hospital stays will be longer than necessary and more costly, long-term care facilities will continue to be overcrowded and overstretched, and fewer older Americans will be able to spend their final years where they most want to be—at home.

*Russell R. Barksdale, Jr., PhD, MPA/MHA, FACHE is President and CEO Waveny LifeCare Network.*

## Culture Guide

New Canaan is pleased to announce its latest edition of The Culture Guide, a glossy brochure highlighting the amazing non-profit cultural organizations that shape this Town. Available in both a digital and paper version, it provides information on Carriage Barn Arts Center, New Canaan Chamber Music, The Glass House, Grace Farms, New Canaan Land Trust, New Canaan Library, New Canaan Museum & Historical Society, New Canaan Nature Center, New Canan YMCA, Onera Foundation, Silvermine Arts Center, Summer Theater of New Canaan, and Town Players of New Canaan.

The guide was developed by the Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee, and was funded in large part through the Town of New Canaan. It was designed by Gina Federico.

“It is astounding to see all the cultural organizations together, and to appreciate the diversity of offerings here in New Canaan,” said Tucker Murphy, Town Administrator. “Visual and performing arts, programs and education, architecture and architectural history, and performances and exhibitions make this Town a wonderful place for residents and a fabulous destination for visitors.”

Paper guides are available throughout Town and at the cultural institutions listed. The digital version is available at <https://indd.adobe.com/view/b2f4e6be-74d4-4d31-b0db-50f3cc6617b>.

## Leo Karl updates Men’s Club on EVs

Leo Karl, the president of Karl Chevrolet, will speak to the New Canaan Men's Club Friday, August 22, about advances in electric vehicle technology and how federal policy may affect the auto industry overall. The meeting will be in Morrill Hall in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge, beginning at 10 a.m. with Karl's presentation set to begin around 10:40 a.m., following the business portion of the meeting.

With improvements in battery technology, electric vehicles have seen a steady rise in the distance they can travel between charges, with many models now achieving more than 300 miles between charges, equivalent to a gasoline-fueled vehicle between fill-ups. Currently, EVs purchasers are eligible for a \$7,500 federal tax credit, which expires at the end of September. In addition, the auto industry generally is expected to feel the impact from tariffs, as even American-made vehicles may have imported parts. Karl is active in New Canaan as a member of many civic and community boards, among them the Waveny Life Care Network as its past chair. He's also a member of the New Canaan Rotary Club and is its past president and serves on the New Canaan Community Foundation board.

The New Canaan Men's Club invites new members, men 55-years and older to join. For information about membership email [ncmens@ncmens.info](mailto:ncmens@ncmens.info).

## Back to the Future for Rotary's 40th Anniversary Lobsterfest

This year will mark the 40th anniversary for the New Canaan Rotary Lobsterfest. The event will take place 4:00-8:00pm on Thursday September 25 and Friday September 26 at Waveny House. Organizers have made changes that preserves the current take-out format and adds a dine-in option. In addition, menu choices have been freshened to ensure a choice for everyone.

Rotary Club President Tom Ferguson points out that Lobsterfest is the most important fundraiser the club sponsors. Rotary returns all the profit to the community in the form of grants to over 40 charitable organizations. Over the 40 years of Lobsterfests, over \$1 million has been donated.

The event has evolved over the years. In 2020, Covid protocols forced Rotary to give up its picnic tables and volunteer chefs on the grounds of the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society to become a drive through experience at the Steve Benko pool. This year sees a change to the venue and a return to the dine-in option with a very festive atmosphere. Co-chairs Amy Murphy Carroll and Kathleen Corbett have moved the event to the historic Waveny House for curbside pick-up while the Veranda and House will host on-site dining, indoors in case of poor weather.

Carroll and Corbet are excited to provide both



options and , new this year, LIVE entertainment by local bands! On-site dining will give New Canaanites the opportunity to again experience Lobsterfest as a shared community event one with friends and neighbors. While the menu features lobster and lobster rolls there is also beef tenderloin, surf and turf, chicken tenders, vegetable lasagne and a kid's meal.

Thursday afternoon now replaces Saturday as a dining choice and was selected in part to appeal to families engaged in after school programs. Friday will repeat with the same full menu.

For those wishing to support but unable to attend there is an opportunity to purchase meals for First Responders. Reservations for the event are at the website, [www.newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.org](http://www.newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.org).

## Engagement of Olivia Linnartz and Sean McCafferty



Mr. and Mrs. John Linnartz are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Olivia Linnartz, to Sean McCafferty, son of Mrs. Patricia McCafferty and the late Edward McCafferty.

Olivia was raised in New Canaan, Connecticut, and attended The School of the Holy Child in Rye, New York. She went on to Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where she met Sean. Although Sean, originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, was recruited to Denison to play football, the couple didn't meet until his final semester.

Olivia earned her degree in Education and graduated with honors in the spring of 2022. Sean completed his degree in Economics in the fall of 2021 but proudly walked alongside Olivia and the Class of 2022 during commencement. Following graduation, Olivia moved to Arlington, Virginia, to pursue her Master's in Teaching at American University.

Now both living in Arlington, Olivia is a third-grade teacher in the Fairfax County Public School System, and Sean works for CommScope.

The engagement was joyfully celebrated with a garden party at The Roger Sherman Inn in Olivia's hometown of New Canaan, surrounded by close family and friends.

A June 2026 wedding is planned in Newport, Rhode Island.

## Engagement of Amy Orser and Ryan Fazio



Ryan Fazio and Amy Orser at Waveny Park. The moment was captured by photographer Bob Capazzo.

Mr. and Mrs. Henson and Susan Orser of New Canaan, CT are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Orser, to State Senator Ryan Fazio, son of Mr. Michael Fazio and Ms. Madeline Fazio.

Mr. Fazio proposed to Miss Orser in Waveny Park in New Canaan, the place of their first date. The couple shared that the setting made the occasion especially meaningful.

“We’re over the moon and really happy about the life we get to build together,” said Senator Fazio. “We’ve been touched by all the well wishes, and announcing this was the most special thing I’ve ever done.”

Senator Fazio represents Greenwich, Stamford, and New Canaan in the Connecticut State Senate.

The couple has not yet set a wedding date.

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AND NONPROFITS

Dr. de Moll Spoke to Rotary Club



At the end of July, Dr. Elle de Moll, founder of Elite Dermatology Physicians, spoke to the New Canaan Rotary Club about skin cancer prevention. She reviewed melanoma, basal cell carcinoma, and squamous cell carcinoma, highlighting risks from repeated sunburns. She advised sunscreen use, protective clothing, and annual skin exams. Pictured L-R: Amy Gildea, Dr. Elle de Moll, and Tom Ferguson. Photo credit: the New Canaan Rotary Club.

Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity



On July 26, New Canaan volunteers, including Rotarian Rich Townsend, the Cooperative Parish, and the New Canaan Men's Club, joined Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County. Photo credit: the New Canaan Rotary Club.

McPhillips Received Dorrico Scholarship



New Canaan High School graduate Julia McPhillips recently received the Rotary Club's Dorrico Scholarship, established in honor of former Rotary president and postmaster Joseph Dorrico. She has been active in community service, athletics, and advanced academics. McPhillips will attend the University of Virginia this fall. Pictured (L-R): Amy Gildea, Julia McPhillips, and Julia's mother, Angela. Photo credit: the New Canaan Rotary Club.

Rotary Club's New Member



Recently, the Rotary Club of New Canaan welcomed Robin Bates-Mason, executive director of the New Canaan Land Trust, as a new member. She gave a presentation on the Land Trust's trails, history, and goals. Bates-Mason has lived in New Canaan for over 25 years and held multiple community leadership roles. Pictured L-R: Robin Bates-Mason and Keith Simpson. Photo credit: the New Canaan Rotary Club.

Ivan Turns 100



At the end of July, Ivan S., a resident of The Inn, celebrated his 100th birthday with a gathering organized by family and staff that included pizza, cake, and balloons. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

Students Play for Waveny Residents



On Friday, August 1, New Canaan High School students Kaleb Tan, Sofia Giammarco, Nancy Nan, and Sachi Malhotra performed on Main Street in the Village. The string quartet played a program of classical and contemporary music for residents and staff. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

Kogan Spoke at Waveny



On August 12, Waveny hosted artist Alana Rockland Kogan, who spoke about her abstract acrylic paintings on display at The Inn. She began painting in 2023 following a kidney transplant. Her work features layered textures and color. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

Waveny Visits North Salem



Last week, residents visited Balanced Rock in North Salem, New York. The 60-ton granite boulder rests on limestone pillars, with debated origins ranging from glacial activity to human construction. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

Garden Club at Waveny Walled Garden



On August 14, New Canaan Garden Club members worked in the Waveny Walled Garden. Photo credit: New Canaan Garden Club.

SCHOOLS

NCPS Communication Boards



New Canaan Public Schools installed communication boards at Saxe Middle School and East, South, and West Elementary Schools, funded by the PTA and PTCs. Each school has two boards with symbols and words to support communication for individuals who cannot rely on speech.

Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

NCPS New Teacher Induction



On August 18, New Canaan Public Schools held its New Teacher Induction to introduce incoming staff to district leaders, colleagues, and resources. The program serves as the starting point for new teachers entering the district. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

SPORTS

NCPS Football Alumni



On August 8, Former New Canaan High School players Lucas Niang and Jack Conley played in the New England Patriots-Washington Commanders preseason game, after beginning their football careers at Dunning Field. Photo credit: New Canaan Football.

Hoffman Commits to Northwestern

Maddox Hoffman, a New Canaan baseball player, has committed to play at Northwestern University.

Morris Joins Team Israel



Drew Morris, a 2017 graduate of New Canaan High School, is representing Team Israel in the 2025 European Men's Lacrosse Championships. Photo credit: New Canaan Lacrosse.

LOCAL POLITICS

Candidate Kimberly Norton

Incumbent Town Councilman, Kimberly Norton, is now a nominated Republican-endorsed candidate after successfully completing a primary petition to appear on the November ballot. She received 306 signatures from registered republicans in town, 20 percent more than required by CT State Statute. All signatures were verified by Republican Registrar of Voters, Joan McLaughlin. Her candidacy was certified by Town Clerk Claudia Weber, who notified the CT Secretary of State.

ACROSS CT

New Canaan's NCTV79

On August 21, New Canaan's NCTV79 moved from Channel 79 to Channel 1310 as part of Optimum's lineup changes. The station will continue to air town meetings and community programming, with livestreams and archives available on its website, YouTube, and Zoom.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Plates with Purpose Gala

Filling in the Blanks will host its Sixth Annual Plates with Purpose Gala on September 27, 2025, in Stamford, featuring dishes from local chefs. The event will honor Shonda Rhimes for supporting the group's Mobile Food Pantry. Proceeds will fund programs that provide weekly meal bags to 10,000 children and operate a mobile pantry distributing fresh food in Fairfield County.







Theresa, her first husband James Byrne of 28 years and her second husband Anthony Mirti of 18 years.

A viewing was held on August 20 at Hoyt Funeral Home in New Canaan. A Funeral Mass was held at St Aloysius in New Canaan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Cancer Society in her memory.

Daniel DePatie



Daniel Wolcott DePatie, 56, passed away on August 6, 2025, after a valiant three-year battle with thymic carcinoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

Dan's early years were spent in Barrington, RI, followed by Buffalo, New York, Winnetka, Illinois, and New Canaan, Connecticut. However, his cherished summer home in Quonochontaug, Rhode Island, remained a constant presence in his life. He spent all his childhood summers there and later resided permanently in his beloved Quonnie.

Dan had a diverse range of hobbies and talents. He loved fishing, photography, cooking, loud cars, perfect beach days, and nights under the stars.

Dan attended The White Mountain School (NH), New Canaan High School (CT), St. Leo's College (FL) and Denver Automotive & Diesel College (CO) before pursuing various careers using his skilled hands. He worked at the Watch Hill Boat Yard, BMW Darien, and painted many local houses from top to bottom. He also worked for Endries International, a pool supply and parts company.

He is survived by his loving parents, Dick and Molly DePatie, of New Canaan, Connecticut, and Quonochontaug, Rhode Island, as well as his brother, John, of Los

Angeles, California. He also leaves behind a large number of devoted cousins on both sides of the family and many close friends.

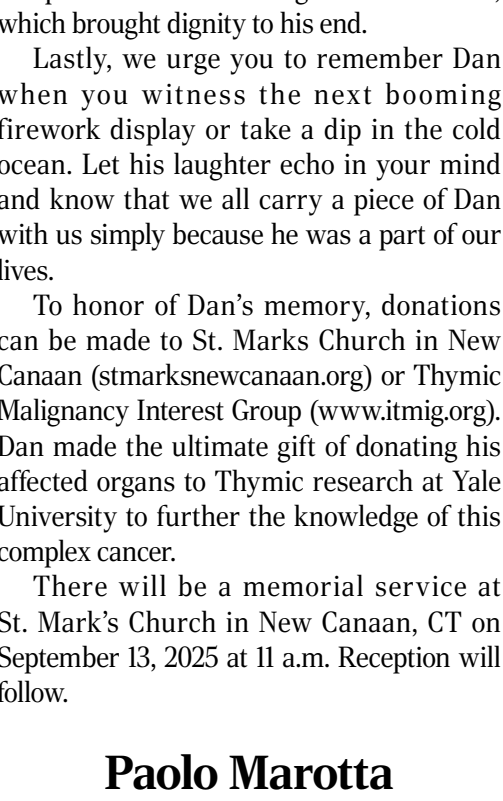
We want to express our deepest gratitude to Dan's oncology team for their constant support throughout this challenging journey. Their dedication was unwavering-Dr. Chris Azzoli, Dr. Tom DiPetrillo, and their teams were truly remarkable. Additionally, we want to thank Hope Hospice for their compassionate care during the final weeks, which brought dignity to his end.

Lastly, we urge you to remember Dan when you witness the next booming firework display or take a dip in the cold ocean. Let his laughter echo in your mind and know that we all carry a piece of Dan with us simply because he was a part of our lives.

To honor of Dan's memory, donations can be made to St. Marks Church in New Canaan (stmarksnewcanaan.org) or Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (www.itmig.org). Dan made the ultimate gift of donating his affected organs to Thymic research at Yale University to further the knowledge of this complex cancer.

There will be a memorial service at St. Mark's Church in New Canaan, CT on September 13, 2025 at 11 a.m. Reception will follow.

Paolo Marotta



Paolo Marotta, a 50-year resident of New Canaan, passed away peacefully on the morning of July 26, 2025. A master craftsman and devoted family man, Paolo leaves behind a legacy of artistry, resilience, and love.

Born August 31, 1932, in Lucera, Italy to parents Raffaele Marotta and Elisa Sasso, he was one of seven children. Paolo is survived by his brother Gino Marotta, of Turin, Italy, and sister Pompea Ricci, of Lucera, Italy.

Paolo honed his craft as a custom cabinet maker, creating exquisite furniture that showcased his skill and passion. He learned the art of fine wine making from his father, Raffaele, who tended to the family's vineyard in Puglia, Italy. This tradition continued throughout his life, bringing joy to family and friends. He was an avid outdoorsman, skeet shooter, and hunter, sharing this passion with his son Raffaele and beloved friends.

In his retirement, Paolo took great pride working for the Town of New Canaan, as school crossing guard. While he took this role very seriously, he thoroughly enjoyed his interactions with the children and their parents.

In 1957, he married the love of his life, Elvira DeVivo. Paolo's life was profoundly shaped by their 68-year marriage. Together, they raised five beautiful children and enjoyed many cherished memories. They endured the hardships of WWII, surviving aerial bombings and skirmishes in their homeland, emerging with a deep appreciation for life and family. Their bond was a testament to unwavering love and partnership.

Paolo was the proud father to Raffaele Marotta, Mary Cognetta (Frank), Laurie Longo (Carmine), Joe Marotta, Sara Carlo (Chris), and cherished grandfather to Brooke DeMarzo (Vinny), Kristen Granito (Frank), Kelsey Cognetta (Erica), Nicholas Longo (Allegra), Brittany Longo, Timothy Longo, Alyssa and Olivia Marotta. His legacy extends to his seven great-grandchildren, all of whom he adored.

Paolo's life was a tapestry of hard work, tradition, and devotion to family and God. He will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts.

Mass was held at St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT on Thursday, July 31. Paolo was laid to rest at Lakeview Cemetery.

John is survived by his son, Colin Rogers, of Lithia, FL; four siblings: Candace O'Brien of New Canaan, CT; Lee Rogers (Nancy) of Great Barrington, MA; Julie Bullard (Lyman) of Needham, MA; and his fraternal twin Matthew Rogers (Krista) of Ansonia, CT; five nieces and nephews, and five great-nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Courtenay and Shirley Rogers.

Donations in John's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231.

John Rogers



August 1960 to May 2025

John Armistead Rogers died unexpectedly at age 64 in Budapest, Hungary.

He grew up in New Canaan, CT. He graduated from Princeton University with a B.A. in History, and from Northeastern University in Boston with an M.S. in Accounting and an MBA. He earned a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license, and primarily specialized in tax work for U.S. citizens living abroad (expatriates). His personal interests included music, family genealogy, and foreign travel.

COLUMN



By JUSTIN CRISP

Do you remember the days when we answered phones by picking them up rather than tapping a piece of glass? Well, I do. I particularly remember the days when, as a teenager, I would compete with every other member of my nuclear family for time on the one and only phone line in our home. It's unimaginable now: a house full of phones, capable, as a whole, of making only one call at a time. My mom couldn't be on the phone with my aunt at the same time as my dad was on the phone with a contractor at the same time as my sister was on the phone with her boyfriend at the same time as I was on the phone with my girlfriend. And that was a problem. An hour and a half into my nightly phone call with my girlfriend, someone else would come into my room, tell me to get off the phone, and say, "What in the world are you doing anyway?" And I'd say, "Oh, nothing. Just hanging out."

It was true. Hours would pass, little conversation, just hanging out on the phone, monopolizing the line.

Teenagers are experts in "Oh nothing. Just hanging out." (At least, we were in my day—which is another sermon.) I "just hung out" with my girlfriend on the phone, with my friends at the mall, with my buds in their basements during LAN parties (that's 1990s nerd-speak for video game sleepovers). Hanging out was the thing to do, which is to say, the thing to do was to do a whole lot of nothing.

Interestingly enough, this is exactly what Jesus wants to do with his disciples after He's resurrected from the dead. John 21 states a first-century hangout. The events take place shortly after the tomb is found empty. The disciples have spent the whole night fishing on the water but have caught nothing. Jesus, unrecognized by them, comes to them and instructs them to let down their net on the other side of the boat. The disciples, famously, catch more than they can hoist up into the boat. Simon Peter, stunned into recognizing Jesus and delirious with joy, jumps into the water, fully clothed. Jesus brings Peter to his senses, and then, wonderfully, looks at His friends and "says] to them, "Come and have breakfast" (John 21:12). Jesus grills up the fish, toasts some bread, and serves it to them. They eat together. There's

Hanging Out with God

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no particular agenda. Sure, "when they had finished breakfast," Jesus addressed his relationship with Peter, the fact that Peter had denied him before He died, but up to that point—the whole point of this scene for every disciple other than Peter—is just to hang out.

There were these retirees in my hometown of Seymour, Tennessee who would go to McDonalds, every morning of the world, eat sausage biscuits, drink their senior-discounted coffees, and just sit around. That's what Jesus and the disciples are doing. This is shocking.

There are just 40 days between Jesus' resurrection and His ascension to the Father's right hand. There are just 40 days between when Jesus is brought back to life, and when He is "absorbed" fully, body and soul, into the Heavenly realm, never to walk the earth in the same way again. Just 40 days. That's today to the beginning of October. That's nothing. And Jesus decides the best use of His time, that morning anyway, would just be to hang out.

You'd think that Jesus, the man who was God, the God of the universe, would have spent that time more efficiently: He could have been healing people, correcting people, fixing things. Instead, He just hangs out. Which is exactly what He wants to do with us.

There is this peculiar thing infants do, developmentally, where babies are constantly scanning the room, looking for someone who's looking at them, looking for someone to meet their gaze, to recognize them. We do this as infants, certainly, but I think the truth is, we do it our whole lives long. We are looking for something, someone, anything to meet our gaze, to recognize us, look at us, and know us, with love. We crave recognition, and we pursue it with reckless urgency anywhere we think we might find it.

One of my favorite writers, David Zahl, will speak and preach at St. Barnabas on September 21 as part of our Courage & Faith series with Christ Church. David is an amazing observer of modern life,

and he recently said this: "Maybe it's my current stage in life (the middle part of middle age), maybe it's our historical moment (2025 and the rise of the algorithm), maybe it's geography (blue state coastal America), maybe it's just L-I-F-E, but everywhere I look I see ladders getting longer and treadmills getting faster. We are carrying so much these days, and the accelerating pressure to achieve, to improve, to be happy, to stand out, to thrive, only compounds the burden. The result is ... [an] impossible way of life."

If you're exhausted of it, friends, unplug the treadmill. Kick the legs out from under the ladder. Act like a '90s teenager. Just hang out. Take time in these last days of summer. Hang out with each other, with your friends, your families, your kids. Prememinently, and ultimately, hang out with Jesus, in Whom we have to do with the only Power or Person Who will ever meet our gaze perfectly and unconditionally.

It can be hard for us to believe God just wants to hang out with us,

full stop, no agenda. I suspect we think God only ever invites us over to His house to make us a pitch, to ask us to do something, or give something, or become something. The fact of the matter, though, is that the God of the Bible just loves to hang out. At the beach, as I said, but also in the Garden of Eden where, the book of Genesis suggests, God liked to walk with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening (Genesis 3:8). The truth is, that's the church's real reason for being: to be a place where you can hang out with God, a supernatural mall, an old-fashioned phone line, a living room, a front porch, where you and God can just chill, and you can rest in the love of the One who will always meet your gaze. In these last days of summer, may you too hear the call of our Lord, "Come and have breakfast."

*The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp is a husband, dad, music lover, and priest. He is Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and lives with his wife, Jewelle, their pug, Val, and their daughter, Beatrice, on the St. Barnabas hilltop in backcountry.*

Worship Directory and Services

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

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
682 South Avenue 203.966.5849  
[www.ComeUntoChrist.org](http://www.ComeUntoChrist.org)  
Sunday Service: 12:00 PM

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

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

**Upcoming Events:**  
September 19 at 7 PM: Fellowship Fall Social

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
49 Park Street 203.966.0293  
[christiansciencct.org/newcanaan](http://christiansciencct.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  
[fpnc.org](http://fpnc.org)  
Sunday Service: 10am in person or via LocalLive. All are welcome. Coffee Hour after the service is also available in person or via Zoom. Dedicated childcare is available for all children via Wee Care Nanny Agency from 8:45-11:30am in the Nursery School. Transcripts of previous sermons are also available via the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan's website. Recurring Events: Every Saturday 9:15am (closed) and 10:30am (open): Alcoholics Anonymous. Every Tuesday 8pm: Men's A.A.  
Third Wednesday from 6-7:30 PM: Wednesdays at the Well are intergenerational opportunities to learn and grow in faith together. Dinner will be served and all ages are invited.

**Upcoming Events:**  
September 7 at 11:30 AM: Rally Day Picnic. Join for food, fellowship and fun directly following worship service.

September 21 at 10 AM: Join guest preacher and adult forum speaker Chris Hays. He will be discussing the Widening of God's Mercy: Sexuality Within the Biblical Story.

**Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church**  
21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020  
[www.starcc.com](http://www.starcc.com)  
Service Schedule:  
Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Sunday 8:30 a.m. mass is live-streamed and recorded.  
Monday-Friday: 7:00 am and 5:30 pm  
Saturday: 7:00 am

**Recurring Events:**  
Last Monday of every month 7pm: Women's Praise & Worship Holy Hour  
Fridays 7:30am-6pm: Eucharistic Adoration (September-June)  
Saturday 8:30am: St. As Healing Rosary Prayer Group

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515  
[churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org](http://churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org)

**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

**Upcoming Events:**  
October 4 at 6 PM: Morrill Hall will be a candle-lit and delicious venue for some of the most enduring and familiar works of the 20th century master of his genre, George Gershwin. Reserve seats by calling the St. Mark's office.

**St. Michael's Lutheran Church**  
5 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.3913  
[office@stmichaelslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmichaelslutheran.org)  
[www.stmichaelslutheran.org](http://www.stmichaelslutheran.org)  
Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. Following the service there is coffee, cookies and conversation' in the Fellowship Hall.

**Recurring Events:**  
Thursday 12 PM: Alcoholics Anonymous

**Trinity Church, New Canaan / Darien**  
468 South Avenue 203.618.0808  
[info@trinitychurch.life](mailto:info@trinitychurch.life)  
[www.trinitychurch.life](http://www.trinitychurch.life)

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

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

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

Sunday School for ages 3 through high school resumes September 7. Child care is available for children from infancy through age 5.

**Upcoming Events:**  
September 7: Rally Day. Join after the Sunday service for a family picnic with great food, a bounce house, and games! Everyone is welcome.

**Community Baptist Church**  
174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711  
[cbcnnewcanaan@gmail.com](mailto:cbcnnewcanaan@gmail.com)  
[www.cbcnewcanaan.org](http://www.cbcnewcanaan.org)  
Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8H130\\_Syp\\_X0KdG](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8H130_Syp_X0KdG)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>  
Sunday School at 10:00am  
Worship Service at 11:00am  
Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

**Upcoming Events:**  
September 21 at 3-5 PM: Women's Day  
**Grace Community Church**  
9:30am Service @ New Canaan High School, 11 Farm Road, New Canaan 203-966-7600  
[info@gracecommunity.info](mailto:info@gracecommunity.info)  
[www.gracecommunity.info](http://www.gracecommunity.info)

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

**Talmadge Hill Community Church**  
870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT 203.966.2314  
[talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com](mailto:talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com)  
[www.talmadgehill.org](http://www.talmadgehill.org)  
Ministers: Rev. Carter Via and Rev. Cheryll Bundy Sunday worship service at 10:00am in person. All are welcome! We encourage everyone to stay for coffee hour after the service. Sunday School is every Sunday during the service and uses the Godly Play curriculum. Please reach out with any questions utilizing information listed above!

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

**Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center**  
137 Putnam Rd  
[info@chabadnewcanaan.org](mailto:info@chabadnewcanaan.org)  
[www.newcanaanjewish.org](http://www.newcanaanjewish.org)

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

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

**Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)**  
458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903 203.322.1649

**www.templetsinaistamford.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=bFJQem9HWFcU0EzZUM2VENEZmgYU0709succi>

**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 (1W-25-32) issued to Ivone da Conceicao Borlido de Lima Miranda and Rui Filipe Guedes de Lima Miranda, 54 Rocky Brook Road, Map 47 Block 124 Lot 15. Prepare site for construction activities and install all soil and erosion controls. Install temporary construction access pad. Abandon existing septic system. Construct 20' x 37' pool with patio. Construct 26' x 26' pool cabana. Install pool equipment and make all connections. Install stormwater retention system as designed. Install septic system as designed. Add deck and balcony to existing structure. Install landscaping plants as indicated. Grade, topsoil and seed disturbed areas upon completion.

New Canaan Legal Ads

**LEGAL AD**

**Department of Public Works**

**Request for Bids**

The Public Works Department of the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed Bids for "NEW COLD STORAGE BUILDING" until 10:00AM Local Time on Tuesday September 9, 2025 at the Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT, 06840, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

There will be a mandatory site visit required for this project. Please contact Bill Oestmann at 203-594-3710 to make an appointment.

No contractor may withdraw his Bid within 90 days after the actual date of the Bid opening. Additionally, the contract documents require the prompt commencement of the work.

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 Bid or any part thereof deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut.

All contractors 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**



# COURAGE & FAITH

**REV. DR. CHUCK ROBERTSON**

CANON & SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDING BISHOP

**"BY LAND AND SEA: PAUL'S TRAVELS IN ACTS"**

**FREE SPEAKER SERIES**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 - TUESDAY, SEPT. 23**

**(COME TO ONE OR ALL)**



Paul was a fierce enemy of the early Church until a blinding encounter with Christ utterly transformed him into Christianity's most passionate and tireless messenger. Through maps and photos, these will be informative talks.

**Sunday Forum with breakfast , Sept. 21, 11:15 am**

**"By Land and Sea: Paul's Travels in Acts"**

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 6 pm**

**"In His Name: The Disputed Letters"**

**Monday, Sept. 22, 6 pm**

**"Paul and Women" plus a Greek dinner for attendees with Rev. Dr. Robertson.**



The talks are free but please register  
Scan or go to  
[christchurchgreenwich.org](http://christchurchgreenwich.org)



**"Courage & Faith" is a collaboration between  
St. Barnabas and Christ Church Greenwich**

**Event location:**

**254 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT**



## Obituaries



**MARY STOLLENWERCK LYNCH**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 1941 - AUGUST 14, 2025**

Mary Stollenwerck Lynch lived her life the way she played bridge. A Life Master, she achieved that honor through dedication, hard work, a love of the game, and an ability to handle whatever cards she was dealt with strength and persistence. She brought a similar spirit to the golf course, always working toward a second hole in one. In her youth, she rode horses with the same passion—showing annually at Madison Square Garden—and in her later years, when she could no longer play golf, she committed herself to learning croquet, not as much fun she would say, but still a game to love.

Born on February 7, 1941, Mary passed away on August 14, 2025, at the age 84, surrounded by her three daughters. She died from a neurodegenerative disease that gradually diminished her world but allowed those around her to return the deep care she had

shown so many throughout her life.

Mary was educated at Greenwich Academy and graduated from Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills, Maryland, where she played field hockey, hunted, and spent countless hours with her beloved horse, MooCow. She maintained close ties to both schools and treasured the friendships made there. Maryland always held a special place in her heart as she spent time there with her grandmother, Mrs. Clifton Miller, at Hingham and in Chestertown, on the banks of the Chesapeake River.

She attended Sweet Briar College before marrying William Lee Hanley Jr. After their divorce, Mary, then a young single mother, devoted herself to raising her three daughters. She returned to school, finishing her degree at Sarah Lawrence College—an achievement her daughters proudly witnessed at her graduation in May 1978.

Mary built a successful career in real estate in Greenwich, first at Lee Weld,

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Properties and later at New England Land Company. She had a keen eye for design and was ahead of her time in buying, renovating, and reselling homes.

Mary opened her doors—and her heart—not only to people but to animals in need. Among her many rescues was "Honey," a dog thrown from a car on the Merritt Parkway, who to Mary's great surprise gave birth to three puppies shortly after her rescue.

Her philanthropic spirit was inspired by her parents, E. Carroll and Mary Joe (Wood) Stollenwerck. She volunteered for years with Community Answers in Greenwich, USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming. Her contributions earned her the Connecticut Swimming Volunteer of the Year Award, the 1996 USA Swimming Outstanding Service Award and an induction into the inaugural class of the Greenwich Aquatics Hall of Fame—alongside her youngest daughter. Mary gave of her time, energy, and resources



**Mom with her three daughters and their husbands on her 84th birthday.**

to the communities and causes that mattered to her.

Yet her greatest joy was family. A devoted mother, she was an even more devoted "Grammy" to her ten grandchildren. She needlepointed each of them a beautiful Christmas stocking, celebrated birthdays, attended graduations, games, meets, and plays, and took each grandchild on a special trip after their 11th birthday. She shared a special bond with her seventh grandchild, who was born with a terminal disease, even spending one Christmas with him in the hospital so his siblings could have a "normal" holiday at home. She later recalled that it was one of her best Christmas memories ever.

Her caregiving extended across generations. When her own mother became elderly and frail, Mary stepped in to care for her with kindness and love until her mother's death at the age of 102.

In her later years, Mary divided her time between Gulf

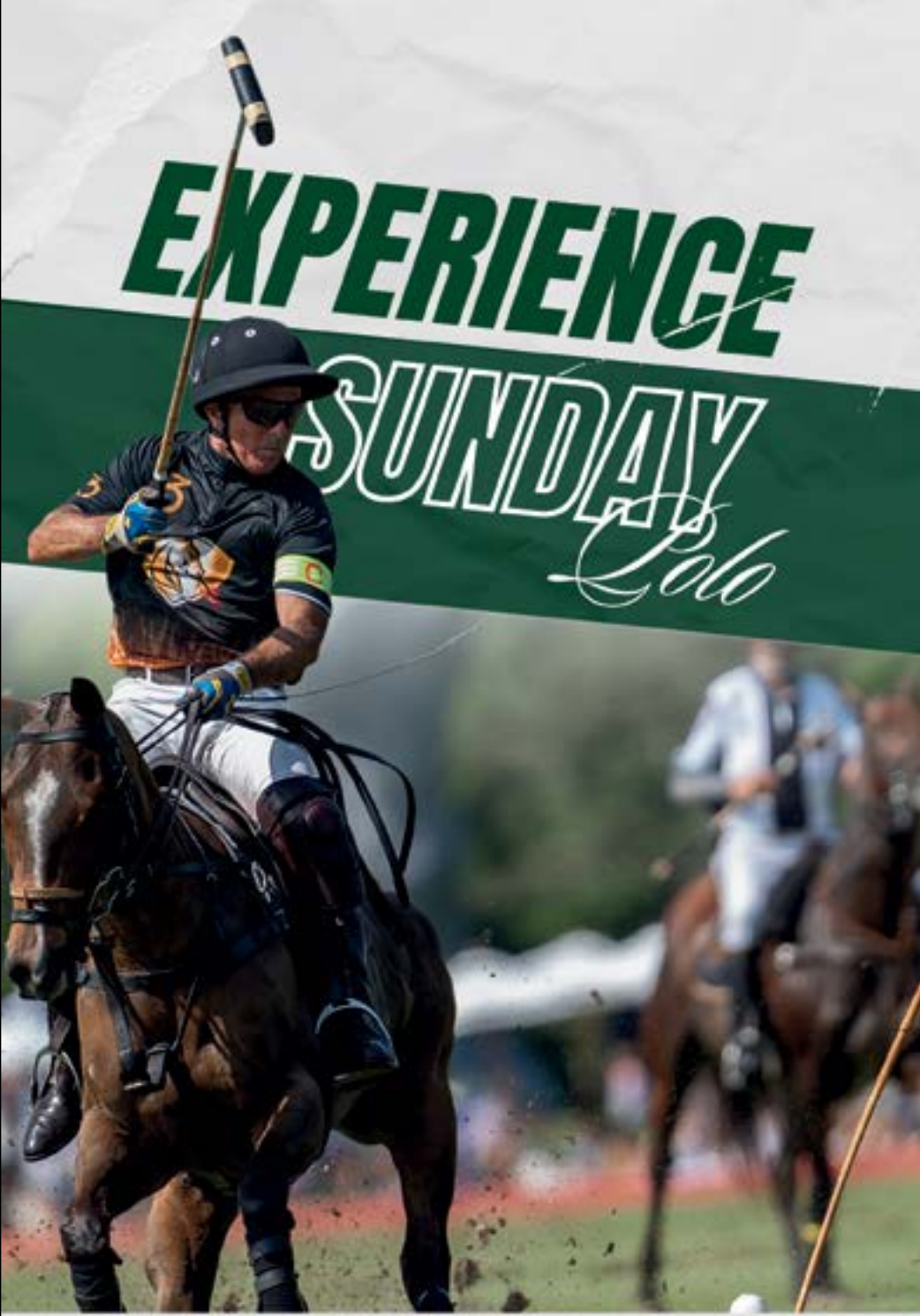
Stream, Florida, and Dorset, Vermont, both communities she dearly loved. A lifelong UConn Huskies women's basketball fan, she could be found in those homes glued to her TV—not just for the championship games, but for the entire season. She also cheered on UT Swimming and Diving (her granddaughter swims there), professional golf, Wimbledon, the US Open, and always the Olympics. When there was no sport to watch, Mary was a voracious reader.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, her first husband, William Lee Hanley Jr., her second husband, John P. Lynch, and her grandson, William Sargeant Frantz. She is survived by her daughters, Carroll Hanley Goggin (David), Allison Hanley Prantz (Scott), and Brooke Hanley Davison (Rob); her brothers, Richard Stollenwerck (Stephanie) and James Stollenwerck (Steve); and her beloved dog, Ollie. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild, who were her

constant source of pride and joy.

Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched—she was unapologetically Mary— she liked things a certain way— her way—and she never sugarcoated the truth. But those who knew her best understood that beneath her strength and candor was a deeply generous and loving soul. Mary knew that in life as in bridge, it isn't just the cards you hold that matter, but how you play them—and with whom.

Carroll, Icy and Brooke are sincerely grateful for the wonderful aides who cared for their mom in her last year. A celebration of Mary's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the PSP&CBD Foundation, a not for profit that assists with funding for research toward a cure and other social programs for the betterment of people suffering with neurodegenerative diseases.



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# Come Together for Fall Programs at the YMCA

The New Canaan YMCA offers opportunities for kids, teens, and adults of all ages to come together, learn something new, and stay active this fall. Registration for fall programs and activities is currently available on the Y's website at [www.newcanaanymca.org](http://www.newcanaanymca.org) and Member Services Desk (203-966-4528). Fall classes begin on Tuesday, September 2. Several programs are open to both members and non-members of the Y, with members receiving a program discount as a benefit of their membership. Financial assistance is also available for membership and program fees thanks to donations to the Y.

**Youth Programs**

In addition to returning popular programs, the Y is also excited to introduce new youth programs this fall, including Bouncing Bears classes, sports, and recreation classes.

This fall, the Y's beloved Bouncing Bears programming expands to offer a Jr. Parkour Ninja for preschoolers and a Master Builders program for school-age children. Jr. Parkour Ninja features high-energy activity with creative ways to move, tumble, roll, and swing in an action-packed class of parkour-based movements. Master Builders combines the creativity of building LEGO structures while also providing kids with the opportunity to enjoy staying active in the Y's Kid Zone space. Additional Bouncing Bears offerings include mommy and me classes, Book and Bounce, and Music and Movement.

The Y will offer an Elite Eight Sports Club for middle schoolers, featuring lesser-known, yet exciting sports such as kickball, wiffleball, handball, floor hockey, badminton, gaga, and more. Coming together through play, participants of all skill levels are encouraged to join this fun class. Additional returning sports programs this fall include Backyard Sports for preschoolers, dodgeball and volleyball for middle schoolers, as well as the Y's popular recreational Youth Basketball (Y-Ball) league for kids in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

New recreational offerings for preschoolers this fall include "Falling" for STEM, Space Explorers, and Storybook Art, in addition to the returning

Creative Minds art class. The Y's new STEM class introduces science, technology, engineering, and math concepts through age-appropriate experiments, building activities, and problem-solving skills. Space Explorers participants will have fun learning about different planets, stars, moons, and galaxies. Storybook Art will combine the fun of arts and crafts with the magic of storytelling, resulting in a creative class that allows participants to bring their stories to life. Archery will be returning this fall for school-age children, in addition to a new Paint & Smoothies class for this age group, which fosters creativity and expression through painting and making delicious smoothies.

### Inclusion & Support Programs

This fall, the Y expands its inclusion and support programs for kids, teens, and adults with varying abilities. New programs include story time and tumbling for preschoolers and Junior Dance Jam for school-age kids of all abilities. Sensory Tales & Tumbles will offer an interactive storytelling session, followed by open play in the Y's Kid Zone tumbling space for ages three to six. Junior Dance Jam is all about movement to the music we know and love, open to ages six through twelve. These new programs join the broad offering of inclusion and support programs available at the Y, including swimming, drumming, a running club, theater, yoga, fitness, and recreational nights in the community.

**Swim Lessons for All**

The Y continues to offer swim lessons for all ages and abilities, guided by the YMCA's national swim lessons program, designed to teach safety, confidence, and strength in the water. Swim lessons will be available for ages six months and older in a supportive and nurturing small-group or private lesson environment.

The organization is also excited to announce that it will be offering adaptive private swim lessons, led by the Y's highly trained and compassionate staff, certified by Swim Angelfish. Through the Swim Whisperers® Adaptive Aquatics Training,



New Canaan YMCA Inclusion & Support Junior Swim Instruction Submitted photo.

Y instructors are equipped to teach individuals with disabilities, confidently guiding swimmers of all abilities toward swim success. The program is designed to support swimmers with ADHD, Autism, Down Syndrome, or any type of emotional, physical, or sensory challenge.

### Adult & Senior Programs

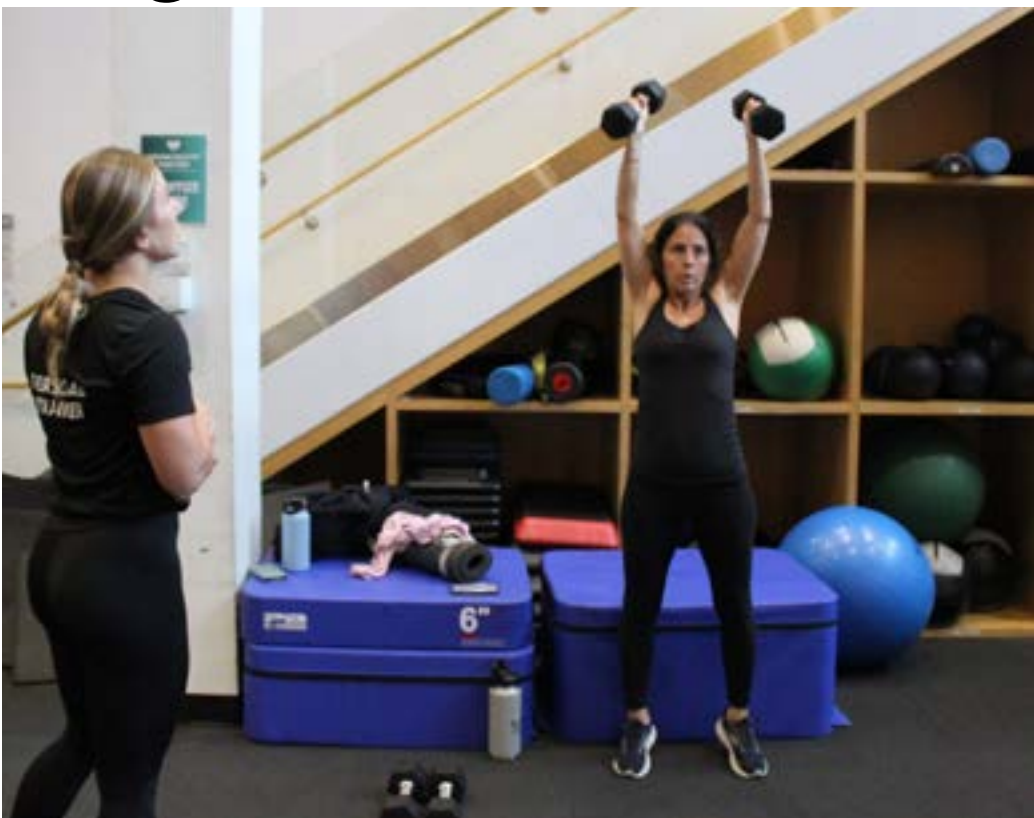
This fall, the Y offers a variety of programs for adults to stay active and healthy. The Y's wellness department continues to offer personal training for those looking for individualized training, as well as small group training with the Y's certified personal trainers. The Y's reformer Pilates program is also available this fall in a small-group or private class environment, with additional days and times available for members and the community. The program is offered in a level format to accommodate all skill levels, including introductory classes, level one/beginner, level two/intermediate, and level three/advanced. Basketball lessons are also available this fall for adults looking to improve their skills.

The New Canaan YMCA is adding a new program to its chronic disease support offerings this fall. In addition to the LIVESTRONG at the YMCA cancer survivor program, Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), and classes for individuals with Parkinson's Disease, the Y will be launching a blood pressure monitoring program this fall. According to the American Heart Association, nearly half of all adults have high blood pressure in the U.S., which is a key and modifiable risk factor for both heart disease and stroke. Research shows that the process of recording

blood pressure at least twice per month over a period of four months has been shown to lower blood pressure in many people with high blood pressure. Additional program information will be available this fall. Those interested in learning more about the program can contact Eva Saint, New Canaan YMCA Wellness Director, to learn more at 203-920-1623 or [esaint@newcanaanymca.org](mailto:esaint@newcanaanymca.org).

**Registration**

A complete listing of fall programming is available at [www.newcanaanymca.org](http://www.newcanaanymca.org). For additional information



New Canaan YMCA Personal Training Submitted photo.



New Canaan YMCA Middle School Volleyball Submitted photo.

about fall programming or registration, call 203-966-4528. For additional information about membership at the Y and to schedule a tour, contact George Bennett, Membership Director, at 203-920-1630 or [gbennett@newcanaanymca.org](mailto:gbennett@newcanaanymca.org). Thanks to donations made to the New Canaan YMCA, financial assistance is available for both membership and program fees. To learn more about financial assistance at the Y, contact Diana Riolo, Assistant Director of Development & Community Impact, at 203-920-1653 or [driolo@newcanaanymca.org](mailto:driolo@newcanaanymca.org).

Founded in 1954 by a group

of community volunteers, the New Canaan YMCA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose mission is to enrich all people in spirit, mind, and body. As an inclusive community service organization, the YMCA turns away no one for reasons of race, religion, or economic background and each year awards approximately \$250,000 in direct financial assistance. Serving the communities of New Canaan, Pound Ridge, and South Salem, the YMCA also strives to partner with a variety of outside organizations to further its role as a community service provider.

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202 Weed Street	\$2,195,000	3,442	\$638.00	0.51	5	2
42 Sturbridge Hill Rd	\$2,399,900	4,085	\$587.00	2.01	6	5
48 Silver Ridge Rd	\$2,495,000	3,360	\$743	1.13	4	3
136 South Ave	\$2,999,000	3,892	\$771	0.27	6	3
44 Reeder Lane	\$4,195,000	6,502	\$645	2.09	5	4

# What Manhattan's Flat Market Means for Connecticut and How I Know



BY JOHN ENGEL

As co-host of *Boroughs & Burbs*, a weekly real estate show with over one million YouTube views, I've spent five years tracking the high-end property markets that matter: Aspen, Palm Beach, Hilton Head, Marbella, Dubai. Co-host Roberto Cabrera and I also bring in experts: architects, economists, designers, even the governor of Connecticut.

Recently, Roberto and I were invited on the *Property Profits* podcast to talk about where luxury markets are headed next. Here are some of the key takeaways along with a few of our quotes from the episode.

### Connecticut Moves When New York Moves

"Southern Connecticut is entirely dependent and related to New York," I explained on the show. Buyers leave Manhattan in search of more space, better schools, and lower taxes, but they don't leave New York behind. They relocate to Fairfield County with one foot still in the city, often keeping their job or apartment there.

That's why tracking NYC trends isn't optional; it's essential. What happens in Manhattan directly influences demand in Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, and Westport.

### Why I Partnered With a Manhattan Insider

To serve buyers in Connecticut, you need to understand what they're leaving behind in New York. That's why I sought out Roberto. He's one of the most knowledgeable brokers in Manhattan, and he knows how to decipher the early indicators of what's coming to Fairfield County.

"I needed to know what was going on in Manhattan to understand what's coming to my market," I explained.

I had already been reading Roberto Cabrera.com for years to anticipate where New Yorkers are in their real estate cycle. He's been my co-host on *Boroughs & Burbs* since the beginning. He and I also refer business back and forth; he sends me clients looking in the suburbs, and I have sent him clients who are looking in the city.

### How Manhattan's Co-ops Drive Buyers to Connecticut

"Our marketplace is about 70% rentals and 30% purchased property," Roberto explained. "And of that purchased property, 60% is co-ops, something most cities don't even know much about."

That's a key reason buyers turn to Connecticut. Co-ops in Manhattan come with restrictions: board approvals,

financing limits, use rules. By contrast, Fairfield County offers freedom — larger properties, fewer strings, and a simpler path to ownership. For many New Yorkers, that flexibility is the tipping point.

### Why Foreign Buyers Are on Pause

Foreign investment has cooled, not because of pricing, but because of uncertainty. A major driver of international real estate demand is university enrollment. When families secure a spot at an elite U.S. school, they often buy nearby. But shifting visa policies have disrupted that pattern.

"A big driver of foreign investment is when their kids get into U.S. universities," I explained. "Uncertainty around visas has caused foreign buyers to hit pause."

Roberto added a telling example: "Their children got into stellar universities, but they weren't sure they'd be able to attend, so they didn't buy."

### NYC Is Flat. Connecticut Isn't.

Roberto summed it up bluntly: "If you bought in 2011 and sold in 2021, you'd be at the same price... pricing went up into 2015, then came back down. We're really flat."

Manhattan's luxury market has been range-bound for nearly a decade. Meanwhile, Connecticut's high-end properties have surged, driven by lifestyle migration, remote work, and buyers seeking space, privacy, and schools.

"NYC's pricing may be stagnant," I noted, "but Connecticut has been lifted by the exodus of buyers looking for more flexibility. They're not just leaving the city; they're trading up."

### When Manhattan Doesn't Cash Flow, Investors Look Elsewhere

Even with record-high rents, Manhattan's numbers often don't work. "Even though rents are at all-time highs," Roberto said, "you'd have to subsidize the investment to break even."

That's why many of our clients are shifting capital to markets like Dallas and South Florida, where price-to-rent ratios make more sense. "New York doesn't pencil out right now," I told the audience. "That's not just an opinion; it's what smart investors are doing."

### Newspapers, Newsletters, and 80,000 Touchpoints

In a world obsessed with social media, I still get calls from people who read my weekly newspaper column. "I'm constantly amazed by the number of baby boomers who call and say, 'I cut your column out of the paper,'" I shared.

But print is just one piece of the funnel. Each week, I repurpose the column — along with new video and podcast content — into an email newsletter that reaches over 80,000

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31 Selleck Place	\$1,550,000	SUN	1:00-4:00PM	William Pitt Sotheby's
136 South Ave	\$2,999,000	SUN	1:30-3:30PM	William Raveis
26 Pequot Lane	\$5,495,000	SUN	2:00-4:00PM	Coldwell Banker
52 Garibaldi Lane	\$3,495,000.00	SUN	2:30-4:30PM	William Raveis

## NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
177 South Unit #6	\$1,295,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,280,000	25	3	2	
587 Carter Street	\$1,495,000	\$1,495,000	\$1,625,000	10	4	3	2
19 Orchard Lane	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	\$1,675,000	35	3	3	0.4
50 Parish Rd N	\$2,295,000	\$2,099,000	\$2,012,500	58	4	2	1.33
247 Mill Road	\$2,650,000	\$2,450,000	\$2,415,000	174	4	3	1.18
93 Adams Lane	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$2,800,000	8	6	4	2.01
49 Dogwood Lane	\$2,895,000	\$2,895,000	\$2,700,000	29	4	3	1.41
92 Oak Street	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000	\$3,000,000	8	5	4	0.46
51 Oenoke Lane	\$4,395,000	\$4,395,000	\$4,100,000	13	6	5	1.15
68 Woods End Rd	\$7,750,000	\$7,750,000	\$7,750,000	5	6	7	1.97

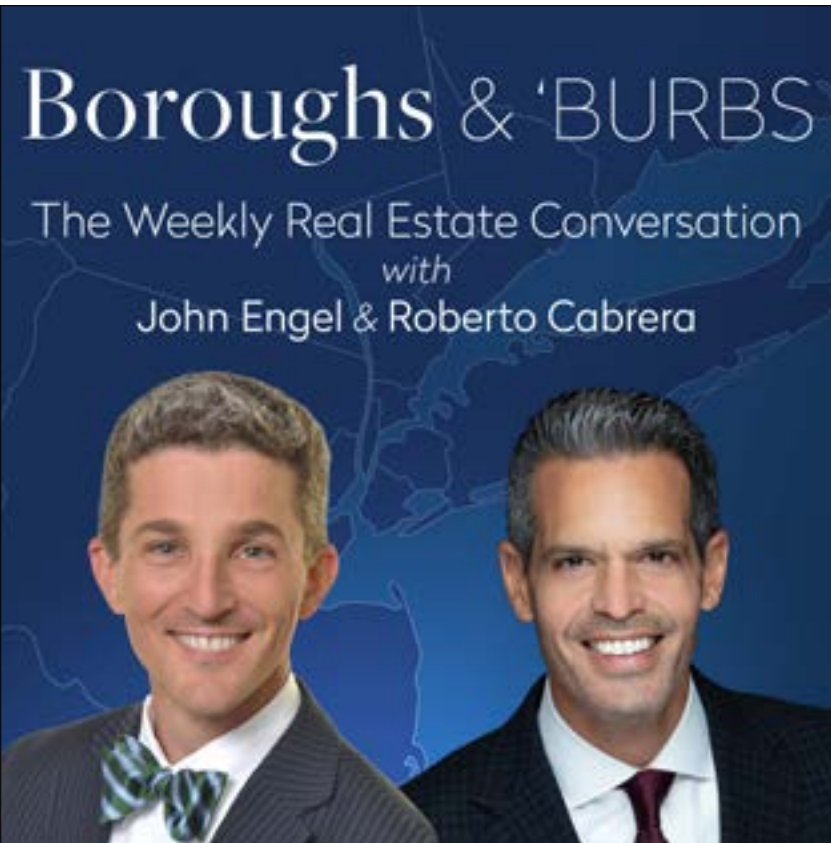
across print, video, and audio, designed to attract both buyers and sellers.

Whether I'm writing, recording, or walking a property, my job is to connect the dots: between markets, between media, and between what buyers want and where they're heading next. That's why I watch Manhattan so closely. When things stall there, momentum often shifts to places like Fairfield County. And when foreign buyers pause, local buyers move faster. Understanding these patterns isn't optional; it's the edge.

### Notes from the Monday Meeting

So many things that should be automatic aren't. Cases in point: Is the asbestos remediation complete? (No, must be encapsulated.) What's the state standard for mold? (There isn't one.) Are there any three-month rentals? (Yes, it turns out.) Schedule the open house for 1-3 on a Sunday. (Nobody came the first hour, the second hour was packed.) Can I repair a leaking septic tank, or do I have to replace it? (still discussing). It was a reminder to me of the value of experience, team discussions, and how hard a buyer's agent works to complete a deal.

John Engel is a broker on the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman in New Canaan, and he is caught up with the latest parlor game: monitoring sleep patterns with the Apple Watch, analyzed by ChatGPT. Core Sleep, Deep Sleep, and REM sleep: all sleeps were all called on in the writing of this column, credited with strengthening memory and recall. ChatGPT reads the watch each morning, spots the trends, and suggests how to improve each kind of sleep. But its not rocket science. Its recommendation: No alcohol, food or TV before bed. Read a book, AI says. Ironic, says I.



people. "Every Friday, I send a curated market update," I explained, "with everything from foreign investment trends to local listings. That's how we stay top of mind."

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An empty street at sunrise in the Soho district of Manhattan.

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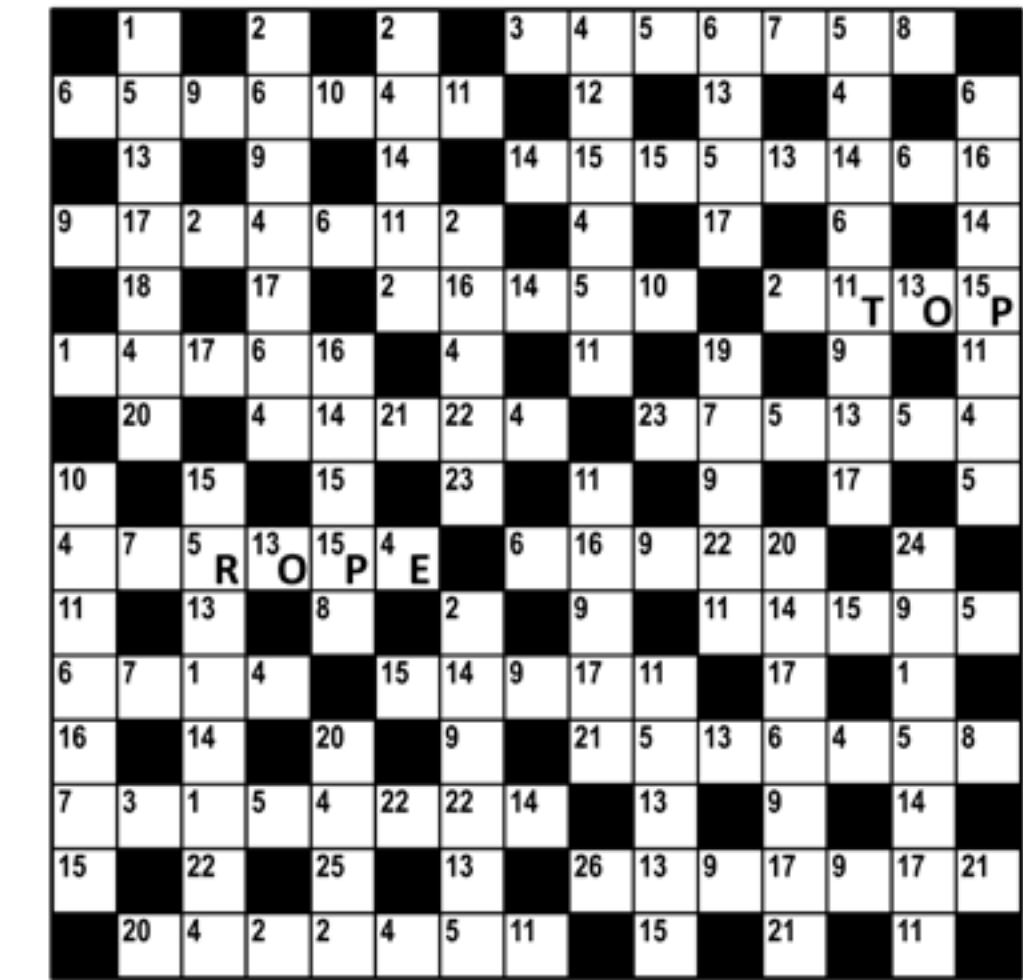
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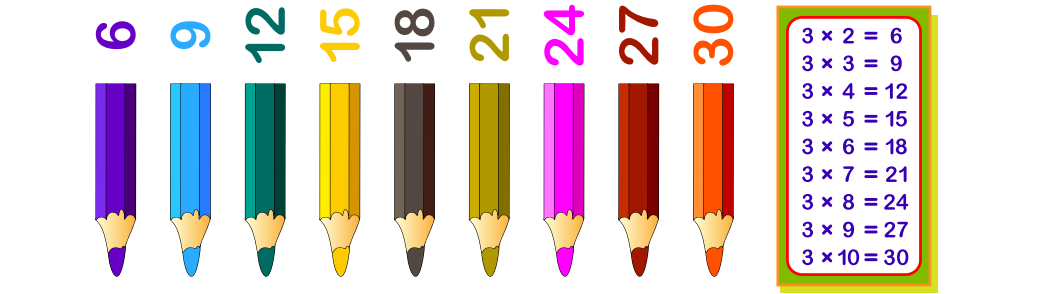
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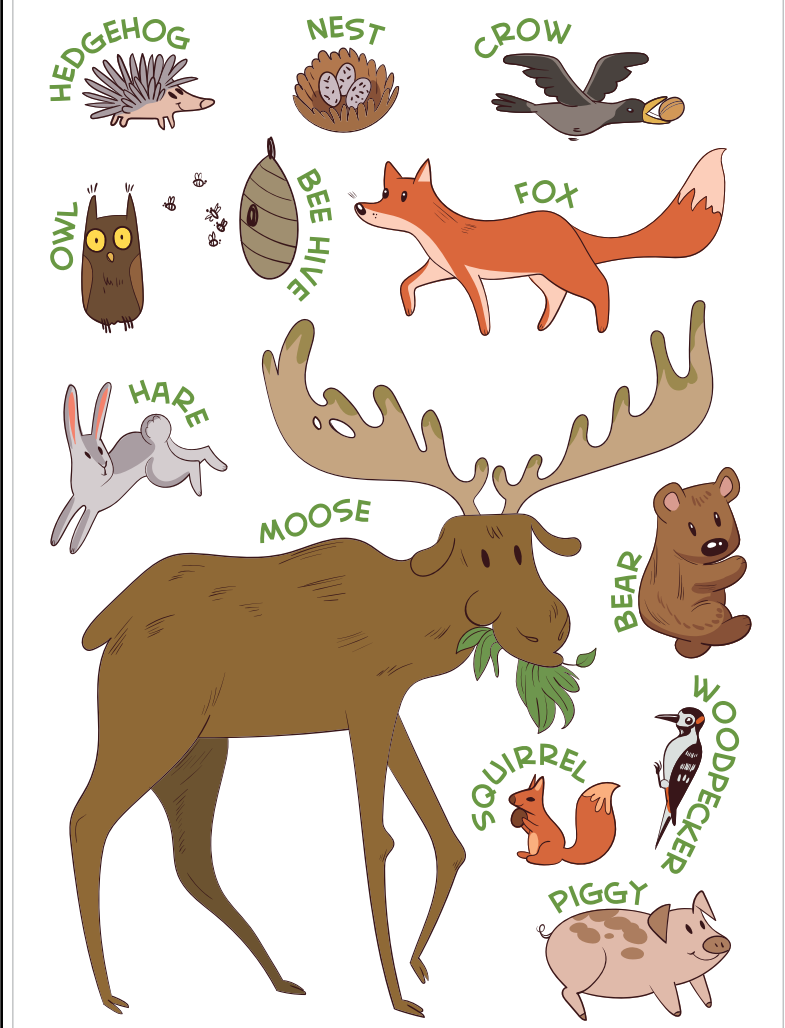
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TOWN MEETINGS

**Tuesday, August 26**

Planning & Zoning Commission  
7-8 p.m., Town Hall & via Zoom

**August 28**

**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.**

**August 23**

**Learning with Nature | Look at Butterfly Life**  
11 AM at Grace Farms  
In this indoor-and-outdoor workshop for all ages, you will learn about how butterflies indicate a healthy ecosystem, look at host plants for caterpillars, and enjoy summer moments watching butterflies in the landscape. Register at <https://shorturl.at/ymwBR>.

**Back to School Ice Cream Social**

11 AM- 1 PM at New Canaan Pediatric Dentistry  
Join New Canaan Pediatric Dentistry for a back to school ice cream social with the college creamery ice cream truck.

**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 24**

**Mommy & Me Tea Party**

4-5 PM at the Spice & Tea Exchange of New Canaan  
Join for a fun afternoon of Tea Tastings, Finger Sandwiches, Sweet Treats and Crafts. Tickets are \$35/one adult and one child. Each additional child \$25. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/Pu4bZ>.

**August 26**

**Open Tech**

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
If you need help with email, smartphones/tablets, social media, or accessing the digital library, stop by for one-on-one support from a tech librarian. All technology-related questions are welcome. Tech assistance is limited to 20 minutes per session and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

**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.

**Wavenny Summer Concert | Royal Kings**

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

**August 29**

**THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
**8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center**

**September 2**

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**September 3**

**Living Well Now & Later Series: Wills, Trusts & Peace of Mind**  
6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim and Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
The library has partnered with Staying

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**Wavenny Summer Concert | The Short Bus Band**

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

**September 4**

**The Effect**

7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre  
THE EFFECT, by Lucy Prebble, 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 identity, love, and the limits of medicine. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

**September 5**

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
**8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center**  
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**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/>.

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**September 6**

**Opening Reception for 75th A•ONE**

5-7 PM at the Silvermine Arts Center  
Join the opening reception for the 75th A•ONE Exhibition. Established in 1949 as the New England Exhibition, a regional exhibit, it later became known as Art of the Northeast and is now a national exhibition.

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**The Frick Re-Opens: An In-Depth Zoom Lecture with Page Knox**

6:30 PM on Zoom  
Join art historian Page Knox for a one-hour Zoom lecture on the long-awaited reopening of The Frick Collection in New York City. Closed since 2020, the Frick has reopened its doors with a beautifully renovated building and an exciting expansion. Registration is \$15/Carriage Barn members, \$20/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/thefrickreopens/>.

**September 10**

**Mac vs. PC**

3 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
Want to learn the differences between a Mac and a PC? Join Reference librarian James to compare and contrast both computer types. Register at <https://shorturl.at/7kCsq>.

**Author Alka Joshi and Six Days in Bombay**

7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Bestselling author of The Henna Artist Alka Joshi returns with Six Days in Bombay, a sweeping story of identity and self-discovery inspired by the iconic Indian painter, Amrita Sher-Gil, known as the “Frida Kahlo of India.” Joshi delves into her subject with a riveting presentation that teases filmed scenes from this epic novel. Register at <https://shorturl.at/vs2Gw>.

**September 11**

**Make Mocktails**

6:30 PM at Grace Farms  
Enjoy an evening of crafting and sipping delicious mocktails. Follow Chef Leah's recipes to create three seasonal beverages, while discovering connections between food, culture, and community. Tickets are available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/mocktails-2/2025-09-11>.

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**September 13**

**Be in the Humans of New Canaan**

**Portrait**  
10-11:30 AM & 2:30-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Kontulis Family Storytime Room

Celebrate the transformative power of human connection by participating in this community portrait. During these sessions, local photographer Dutch Doscher will first capture you alone or with others, and then you'll fill out a brief questionnaire of fun and meaningful writing prompts to accompany your image. Finished pieces will be displayed in our pop-up photo show at the Library. To register for the morning slots, visit <https://shorturl.at/tabCm>. For the afternoon, visit <https://shorturl.at/IFzgF>.

**Flower Bouquets**

11 AM at Grace Farms  
Adults of all experience all invited to learn about the various cultural practices that rely on nature, including flower bouquets, the impact of seeds, permaculture, and holiday décor. This hands-on workshop promotes seasonal and sustainable cut flowers and emphasizes the importance of knowing the origin of your flowers. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/paegK>.

**Art as Identity: Exploring Personal Experiences, Dreams, and Memories**  
12-3 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
In this immersive workshop, participants will delve into the intricate relationship

between art and identity. Through engaging activities and discussions, explore how art is a powerful metaphor for encapsulating who we are. Workshop fee includes all materials. Tickets are \$130/members, \$145/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/X3F7k>.

**Alicja Kwade | ParaPosition Sculpture**

3 PM at Grace Farms  
Experience the opening of ParaPosition, a remarkable sculpture by Alicja Kwade, made of slim interlocking steel frames supporting four boulders and a blue chair made of bronze, in celebration of Grace Farms' 10 Year. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/KBvEP>.

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**September 16**

**Lunch & Learn: Jake Gorst, on his grandfather, Andrew Geller**

12 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society  
Bring your brown bag lunch, snack or soup and learn from film maker and frequent Museum presenter, Jake Gorst, who will talk about his grandfather, Andrew Geller. Geller was an American architect, painter and graphic designer and was credited for bringing modernism to the masses. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/SN67S>.

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**September 17**

**Chelsea Gallery Tour with Merrily Kerr of New York Art Tours**

10:45 AM, location will be announced one week before event  
Join for an inspiring two-hour walking tour of Chelsea's premier contemporary art galleries with NYC art insider Merrily Kerr, founder of New York Art Tours. On this private tour, visit approximately seven of the most important and talked-about exhibitions in New York. Tickets are \$85/Carriage Barn members, \$100/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/chelseagalleries/>.

**September 18**

**Food Influencer Diane Morrissey Presents "You Got This!"**

6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Diane Morrissey is coming to the library to demo some of the recipes from her new cookbook, You Got This!: Recipes Anyone Can Make and Everyone Will Love. The cookbook is designed for novice cooks who need confidence and for seasoned home cooks who need new ideas and inspiration. Register at <https://shorturl.at/n6XOP>.

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**September 20**

**Chess Fest**

10 AM- 2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Arlene H. Grushkin Children's Program Room  
Chess Fest is a celebration where players of all ages and skill levels come together to



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watch, learn, play, and enjoy chess. More information is available at <https://www.32pieces.com/home>.

**Autumn Troll**  
11 AM at Grace Farms  
Notice nature as seasons change with a guided fall walk among the trees at Grace Farms. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/NrsOF>.

**September 24**  
**Prospective Member Lunch | Staying Put**  
12 PM at Waveny  
Join Staying Put for their prospective members lunch. To register, call (203) 966-7762.

**Journey into the World of Tea | Oolong and Pu-erhs**  
3 PM at Grace Farms  
Explore the fascinating world of oolongs and pu-erh, tasting samples of green oolongs, dark oolongs, and compare the stark differences between a raw and a cooked pu-erh. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/Cokei>.

**Glass House Presents Women, Modernism, and Philip Johnson**  
6:30 PM at 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>.

**September 25**  
**The Rotary Club of New Canaan's 40th Annual Lobsterfest**  
4-8 PM at Waveny House  
How would you like to enjoy your lobster and other meals? Dine in at the Waveny House veranda or order curb-side take away. The menu will include lobster, lobster rolls, beef tenderloin, chicken, vegetarian cheese lasagna and a kid's meal. More information and tickets are available at <https://www.newcanaanrotarylobsterfest.org>.

**Author Jane O'Connor and illustrator Robin Preiss Glasser: Fancy Nancy Besties for Eternity**  
4:15 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium  
Join to celebrate the launch of Fancy Nancy Besties for Eternity with author Jane O'Connor and illustrator Robin Preiss Glasser. More information and registration is available at <https://tinyurl.com/mr394y97>.

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**September 28**  
**Waveny Park Arts Festival**  
10 AM- 4 PM in Waveny Park  
The Waveny Park Arts Festival will feature 50 artist & artisan vendors, live music & entertainment, food trucks, and more. For more information visit <https://carriagebarn.org/2025-artsfest-application/>.

## SAVE THE DATE

**October 1**  
**Movie Screening, Dinner and Conversation with Claire Ayoub**  
5 PM at the Lapham Center  
Join for dinner, a screening of Empire Waist, and conversation with New Canaan's own Claire Ayoub. Empire Waist is a heartfelt comedy about teens learning to love their bodies through fashion design and friendship. Claire will discuss the film after the viewing. Registration required, call 203-594-3620.

**October 4**  
**"Unleash the Artist In You" Painting Workshop with Melissa Benedek**  
12 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Join this small group workshop to explore self-expression and a deeper connection with your creative side. It is not about creating a perfect piece of art, it's about creating from within and finding your own style and direction. Materials included, BYO lunch. Spaces are limited—sign up early to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$135/members, \$150/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/unleash-the-artist-in-you/>.

**October 9**  
**Staying Put Annual Meeting**  
4:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
Join Staying Put for their annual meeting. Step Into Wellness: Foot Care Essentials with Dr. Tauber. To register, call (203) 966-7762.

**October 10**  
**Opening Night of Witch**  
7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre  
A charming devil arrives in the quiet village of Edmonton to bargain for the souls of its residents in exchange for their darkest wishes. Elizabeth should be his easiest target, having been labeled a "witch" and cast out by the town, but her soul is not so readily bought. More information is available at <https://tpnc.org>.

**October 11**  
**Faster Things - Allman Brothers Tribute**  
7 PM at 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 12**  
**Library Orientation with Inclusive Together**  
11 AM at the New Canaan Library, Kontulis Family Storytime Room  
New Canaan Library is partnering with Inclusive Together to offer an exclusive Library Orientation for parents/caregivers and their children. This event is designed for those who appreciate a quieter, less crowded environment. Register at <https://shorturl.at/LNcky>.

**October 18**  
**Modern House Day Tour + Symposium**  
9:15 AM- 4:30 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society  
This year's tour includes homes by Philip Johnson, John Johansen, Bimel Kehm, and a newly-built residence reflecting mid-century ideals through modern innovation, open plans, and nature integration. Attendees will tour in small buses, guided by knowledgeable architects. A catered boxed lunch will be provided. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/hDVcf>.

**"Exploring Your Vision In Paint" Workshop With Landscape Artist Jonathan McPhillips**  
10 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
Join renowned landscape artist Jonathan McPhillips for a one-day workshop that is open to artists of all levels working in any paint medium. Spaces are limited—sign up early to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$155/members, \$180/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/jonathanmcphillips/>.

**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=cjune2025>.

**November 22**  
**Holiday Market**  
10 AM- 5 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center  
The New Canaan Nature Center will kick off the holiday season by hosting our Holiday Market! There will be unique gifts items including jewelry, clothing, candles, and much more. School of Rock will also be playing some holiday cheer!

## BLOOD DRIVES

**Saturday, August 23**  
Archangels Greek Orthodox Church  
1527 Bedford Street  
Stamford, CT 06905  
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center  
99 Indian Field Road  
Greenwich, CT 06830  
7:00 AM – 3:15 PM  
  
**Sunday, August 24**  
Greenwich Blood Donation Center  
99 Indian Field Road  
Greenwich, CT 06830  
7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Monday, August 25**  
Stamford Church of Christ  
1264 High Ridge Road  
Stamford, CT 06903  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
  
Strong Comstock Community Center  
180 School Road  
Wilton, CT 06897  
10:30 AM - 4:30 PM

American Legion  
60 County Road  
Norwalk, CT 06851  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
  
Greenwich Hospital  
5 Perryridge Road  
Greenwich, CT 06830  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Wednesday, August 27**  
VFW  
465 Riverside Avenue  
Westport, CT 06880  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
  
orfield Church  
64 Norfield Road  
Weston, CT 06883  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Friday, August 29**  
Norwalk Hospital  
34 Maple Street  
Norwalk, CT 06856  
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

## Support Services & Meetings

**September 3**  
**Back-to-School Resource Fair with Inclusive Together**  
12-2 PM at the New Canaan Library  
Join Inclusive Together and New Canaan Library at a Back-to-School Resource Fair for parents and caregivers of neurodiverse children. Meet representatives from local organizations that offer valuable services and programming for children with disabilities and neurodivergent children. Ask questions, make connections, and learn what these organizations can do for you. Register at <https://shorturl.at/k2doA>.

**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

**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>.

**September 10**  
**Women and Money Roundtable: How to Make Sense of Today's Financial Markets**  
1 PM via Zoom  
Join Financial Advisors Julia Strayer and Liz Maccarone for a series of easy-to-follow discussions on how to make sense of today's financial markets. They will cover the latest market news and how that might affect your financial decisions. Register at <https://shorturl.at/HAE9E0>.

**September 25**  
**Art With A Purpose Fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association**  
5-7 PM at Atria Darien, 50 Ledge Road  
Join a special art show and wine reception showcasing the talents of featured resident artists, partnering with the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, please contact [monica.lynn@atriaseniordliving.com](mailto:monica.lynn@atriaseniordliving.com).

**September 27**  
**Plates with Purpose**  
5-7 PM at Serafresca at the IC, 1620 Newfield Ave. Stamford  
Join Filling in the Blanks for food, fun, and festivities. Enjoy specialty cocktails, a silent auction, and celebrate their Philanthropist of the Year, Shonda Rhimes. The evening will help raise funds to support Filling in the Blanks' mission to fight childhood hunger in local communities. Tickets are available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/j0/>.

## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

**ACROSS**

1 Storybook elephant

6 Striker's bane

10 "\_\_\_\_\_ the night before Christmas ..."

14 Like a yoga instructor

15 Old King of rhyme

16 Blog's main page

17 "Girls Trip" actress who could aptly be a pool star?

19 Writer Bombeck

20 Put the kibosh on

21 Where to turn off

22 Sitcom star, say

24 Famous slapstick trio

26 Woos

27 "Night Court" actress who could aptly be a softball star?

32 Burn with hot water

35 Tear up

36 Tiny

37 Really, really

38 Musical practice piece

40 Tailor-made?

41 Video recorder, for short

42 Untidy one

43 Like Neptune's atmosphere

44 "Cheers" actress who could aptly be a bowling star?

48 Back muscles, in gym slang

49 Doesn't cook

53 Aquafina rival

56 Chest muscles, in gym slang

57 Org. that approves disinfectants

58 Zillions

59 "Lincoln" actress who could aptly be a soccer star?

62 Pest that may uproot a plant

63 What you used to be?

64 Academic journal edition

65 Recognizes

66 Fries or mashed potatoes

67 Rapunzel's lock

**DOWN**

1 Uncovers

2 Follower of "special" or "talent"

3 Huge celebration

4 Boxing legend Laila

5 Went back (on)

6 Deep divide

7 Garment that surrounds "cowboy hat"

8 Everyone

9 It encircles the waist

10 Belief in a god or gods

11 Promise, or part of a promise

12 Foam darts, perhaps

13 Marine animal with an elephant variety

18 Skating jump

23 Nickname that drops "imi"

25 Norway's capital

26 Carded

28 Oranjestad's Caribbean island

29 Must pay

30 What fills Time

31 Opposite of admit

32 Wallop

33 Indian tea

34 Spine-tingling video letters (RAMS anagram)

38 Snobs

39 Stocking stuffers?

40 Utters

42 Ollie's partner in old comedy

43 Tones up

45 Adds to a schedule

46 Retired actress

47 Like delicate fabric

50 \_\_\_\_\_'s Pieces

51 Top grade

52 Gets one's feet wet?

53 Stops up, as a river

54 Succulent in a trendy juice

55 Flat fish

56 Responded in court

60 Yellowfin tuna

61 Syr. neighbor

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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## Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

**ACROSS**

1. (K) Physicians, informally

5. (K) "For kids \_\_\_\_\_ 3 and up"

9. (K) Grassy square for your bald spot

12. (K) Quite an amount (2 words)

13. (K) It can get into deep water

14. (K) "Are there other bunnies in the rabbit hole?"

15. Frost or hoar

16. Teachings from the family elders

17. (K) BB weapon

18. (K) Overturn

20. (K) Backspace over

22. "Miss" with a crown

23. Gambling factor

25. Type of goose you want to cook

27. Longtime boyfriend

29. (K) Flowers stand tall in it

33. Had deep regrets

35. (K) Make inquiries

36. (K) Place to push off your 13-Across

37. South side?

38. Food for a worrier?

40. (K) Clean-up cloth

41. Pampered persons?

43. Hath, today

45. It keeps a watch on you?

48. (K) Husband and wife, together

51. Promise-to-pay letters

52. Abbr. on some research papers

55. Surprise from the FBI

56. (K) First double-digit number

57. Intentionally annoy

58. (K) Highest point

59. (K) Suffix with "swift"

60. "In your dreams" (2 words)

61. (K) Not stand up straight

**DOWN**

1. (K) Little missile with feathers

2. Medley

3. (K) PC or Mac

4. (K) Use these instead of the escalator

5. Having the skill

6. (K) Thick, slimy substance

7. Temple organ?

8. Powerful horse

9. (K) Epic tale

10. Tremendous burden

11. Common unit of force

19. (K) Place for experiments

21. Request to an invitee

23. Brewers' kilns

24. College in the ACC

25. Away from to?

26. Arctic bird

28. (K) The sun rises in this direction

30. (K) What all planes fly in

31. (K) Final word of "America, the Beautiful"

32. Unit of work

34. (K) What you feed your 3-Down

39. (K) Which person?

42. Richard Wagner production

44. Pertaining to hearing

45. (K) Spot to build a new mall

46. (K) Stocking stuffers

47. Wee puppy

48. C, F or G, in music

49. (K) Big city in Peru

50. (K) Where Adam was created

53. "\_\_\_\_\_ the season to be jolly"

54. Subject of a Ken Burns documentary

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

Fire water thing?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

**PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER**

Previous riddle answer:  
Creature of habit? 16-D) NUN

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5/14 **Women's Sports Venues by Gary Larson**

## Horoscopes

Key Astrological Events:

Sun in Leo until August 22, then enters Virgo: A shift from bold self-expression to detail-oriented practicality.

Mercury Retrograde in Virgo (all week): Careful review of plans, potential communication errors, revisiting old projects.

Waning Moon Phase: Ideal for closure, refinement, and letting go before the next cycle.

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)**

Early in the week, Leo's influence keeps creativity and romance highlighted. As the Sun moves into Virgo, your focus turns to routines and health. Mercury retrograde suggests reviewing your schedule carefully. Avoid overcommitting, and use this time to simplify tasks.

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)**

Home and family matters get attention under the waning Leo Sun. When Virgo season begins, creative projects and personal joy take priority. Mercury retrograde calls for revisiting unfinished artistic pursuits or clarifying plans with loved ones. Patience smooths miscommunications.

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)**

The week begins with social energy but shifts toward home and personal foundations. As Virgo season starts, focus on domestic repairs or family discussions. Mercury retrograde in Virgo can bring past family topics back for resolution. Keep communication clear and gentle.

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)**

Financial themes occupy you early in the week. As the Sun enters Virgo, your communication zone lights up. Mercury retrograde here suggests double-checking emails and conversations. It's an excellent time to revise writing or reconnect with old friends carefully.

**Leo (July 23 – August 22)**

Your season wraps up by August 22. Use early-week energy to celebrate your accomplishments. As the Sun moves to Virgo, focus on finances, budgeting, and resources. Mercury retrograde here favors reviewing spending habits and planning long-term security.

**Virgo (August 23 – September 22)**

The Sun enters your sign on August 22, marking your personal new year. Expect a reflective, slow start as Mercury retrograde advises patience and review. Use the week to refine

goals and reconsider your approach. Embrace self-care before acting boldly.

**Libra (September 23 – October 22)**

Early Leo energy supports social outings and networking. As the Sun enters Virgo, you may feel drawn inward, craving solitude or quiet analysis. Mercury retrograde suggests tying up old projects and tending to your mental health. Rest before your season approaches.

**Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)**

Career matters are in focus as the Sun ends its time in Leo. Recognition or leadership opportunities are possible. When Virgo season begins, attention turns to teamwork and shared goals. Mercury retrograde encourages revisiting group projects and clarifying expectations.

**Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)**

Early-week Leo Sun inspires big-picture thinking and travel plans. As Virgo season begins, your career and reputation take the spotlight. Mercury retrograde here urges you to review professional strategies, polish your resume, and refine goals before launching anything new.

**Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)**

The waning Leo Sun spotlights shared resources and intimate bonds. When the Sun enters Virgo, learning, travel, or teaching may appeal. Mercury retrograde asks you to review plans carefully. Use the week to research and edit before finalizing commitments.

**Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)**

Relationships remain important under the Leo Sun. As Virgo season begins, shared resources and deeper connections come into focus. Mercury retrograde suggests revisiting old agreements or clarifying debts. It's a time to heal lingering issues with partners.

**Pisces (February 19 – March 20)**

Work and health matter as Leo's season ends. When the Sun moves to Virgo, your partnership zone becomes active. Mercury retrograde there calls for thoughtful discussions and reviewing commitments. Avoid big decisions, and focus on listening.

**Summary for August 21-27:**

The week begins with Leo's confident, celebratory energy, then transitions to Virgo's grounded, meticulous vibe on August 22. Mercury retrograde in Virgo continues to demand review, patience, and editing—perfect for fine-tuning plans before taking decisive action.

## 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	SOLUTIONS
1 ill-advised (6)	_____
2 periodic (8)	_____
3 hiding nothing (11)	_____
4 study of old age (11)	_____
5 it may be fresh-squeezed (8)	_____
6 unverifiable tale (4)	_____
7 French philosopher René (9)	_____

CAR	UNW	CYCL	LEM	NT
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Previous Answers: 1. ELEGANT 2. OMNIPRESENT 3. DICTATES  
4. LEANER 5. LARGE 6. BEASTS 7. BANG

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

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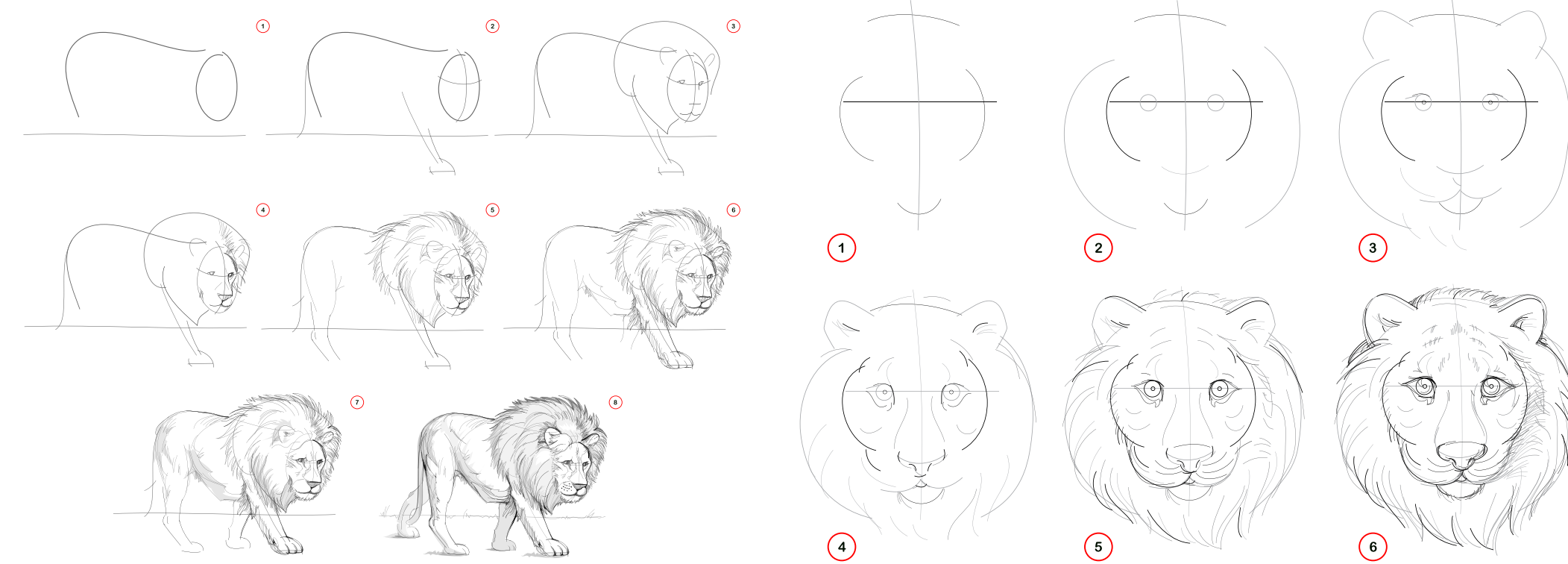
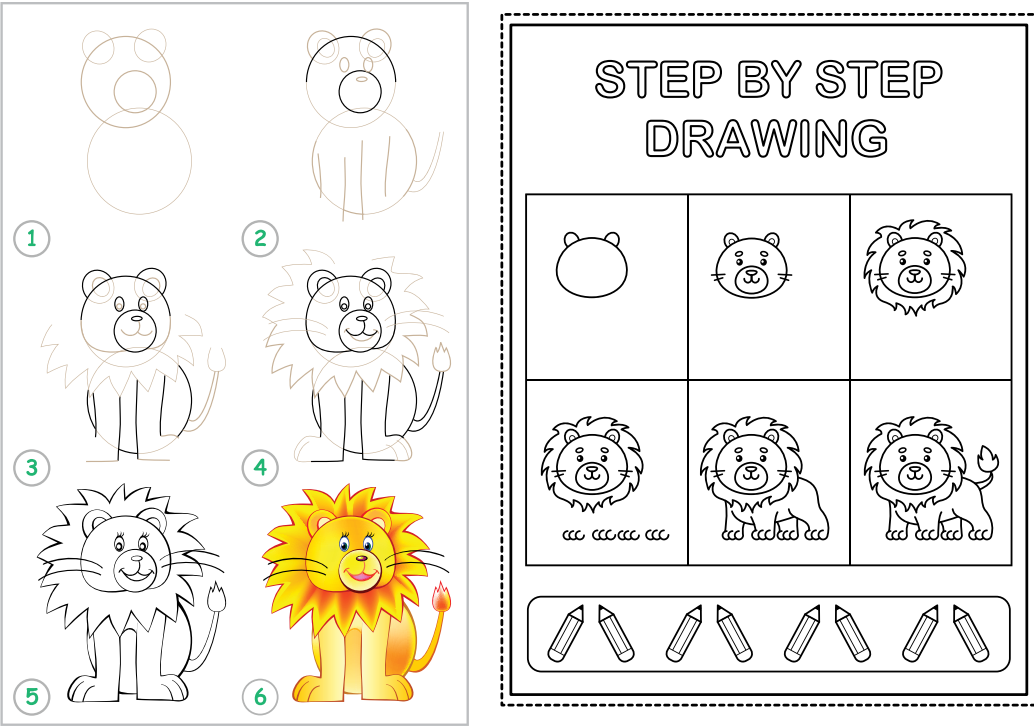
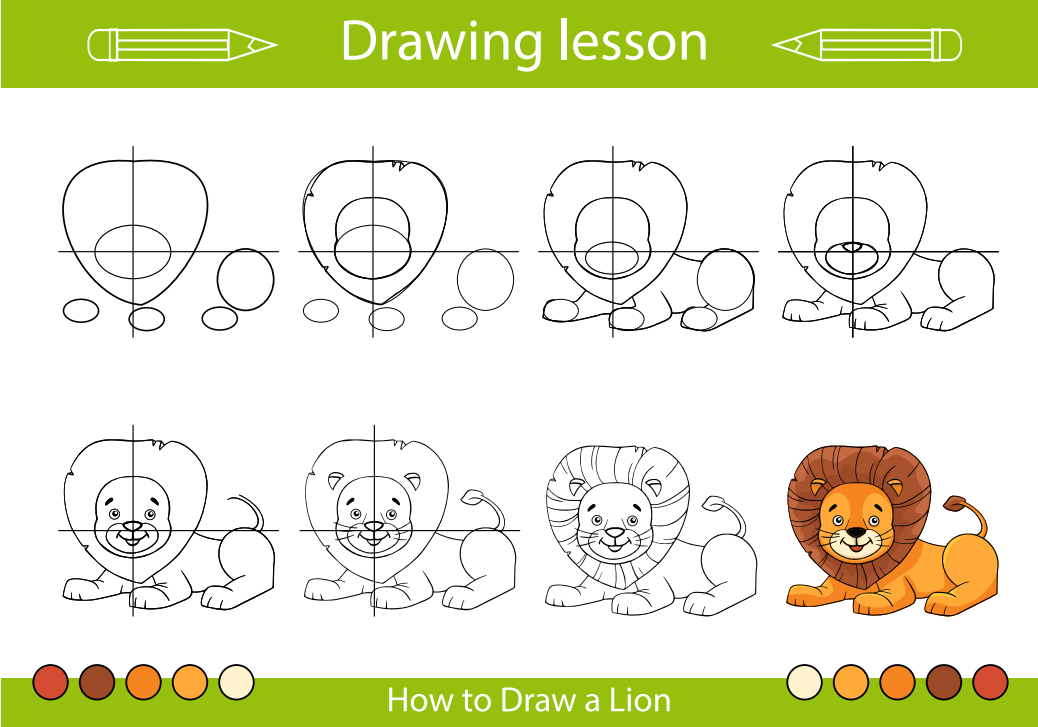
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Sudoku answers

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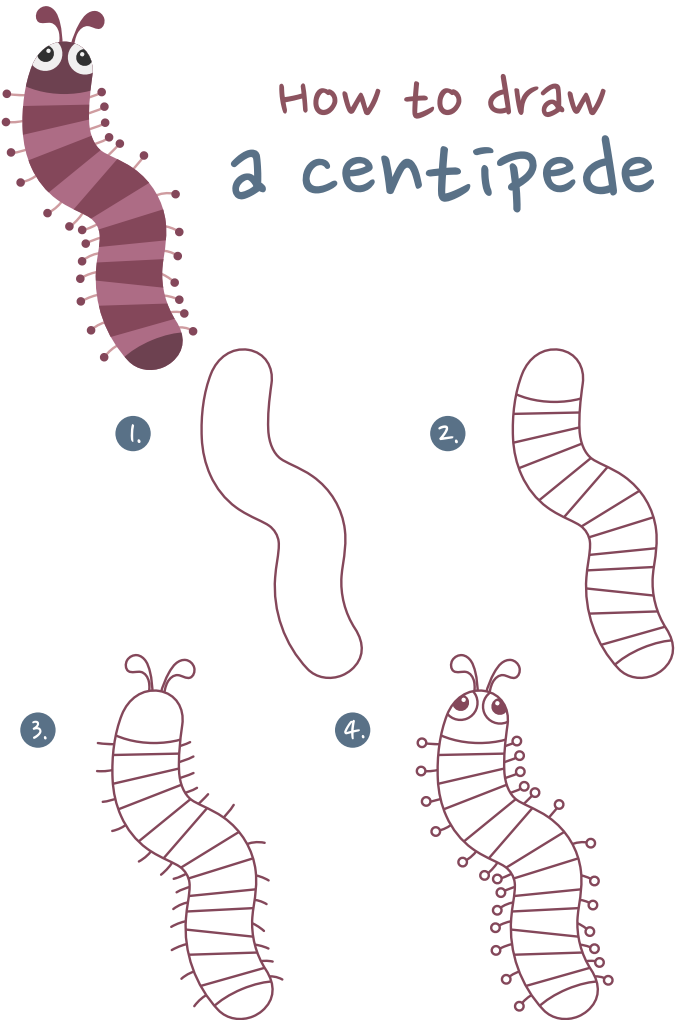
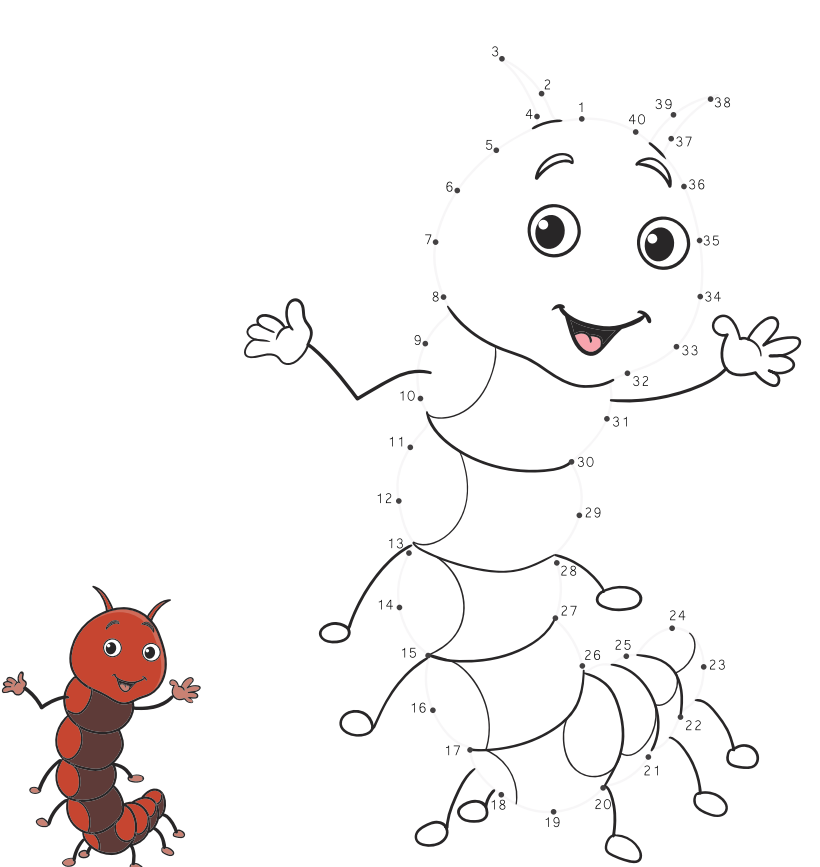
Sudoku for Kids

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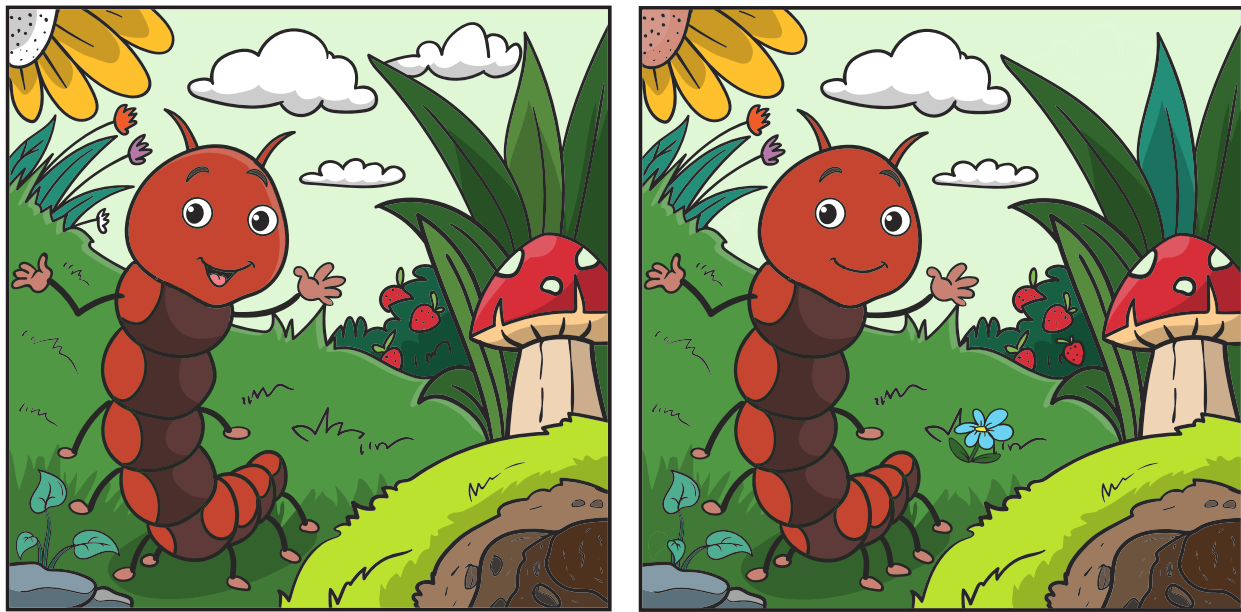
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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE AFRICAN GIANT MILLIPEDE

An Animal Super Hero

By JIM KNOX

If the great Stan Lee were to create an animal superhero in his time, he would have stayed true to the formula which propelled so many of his creations into super sci-fi stardom. The most essential quality for nearly all of his characters was an unassuming, humble nature. He would then add an incredible array of unique powers to his evolving creation. Lastly, he would wrap his character in a cloak of goodness—which they would in turn bestow upon the planet...or perhaps the galaxy.

With this unbeatable formula in mind, it seems that Stan Lee, rather than Mother Nature, created Archispirostreptus gigas, otherwise known as the African Giant millipede. This beast from the African rainforest is indeed a humble, unassuming creature. Far from flashy, the millipede is colored a blackish purple hue, and is incapable of climbing, running, flying or swimming, its mode of locomotion is simply, walking.

Within the African rainforest, its specific habitat is the rainforest floor. As a detritivore, this beast roams the leaf litter searching for meals—mostly decomposing plant matter—all the while churning through the top layer of soil with its bulldozer approach.

Its unique superpowers seem to leap off the pages of a comic book or graphic novel. As an invertebrate, an animal without a backbone, it's not surprising that these beasts possess an exoskeleton. What is unusual is that it possesses a multilayered exoskeleton which is comprised of dorsal calcareous plates or reinforced body armor. It is this unique design that confers both proportional super strengths to mix the rainforest soil and great defense from predators.

It is this soil mixing that enables the rainforest to grow and flourish...hence the goodness to the planet. Yet



the African Giant millipede has far more to it than a few extra legs. For starters, these creatures are true giants of the invertebrate world. Reaching lengths of up to 13 inches, they dissuade most amphibian, reptile and bird predators, and nearly all invertebrate predators, by their size alone.

In addition to their size, they utilize their armored exoskeleton for defense—curling up into a defensive ball position. If a predator is not deterred by their size, or their defensive posture, the millipede can launch a chemical attack. Any predator foolish enough to sniff or bite the millipede, will receive a snout-full of repugnatorial fluid which is a potent cocktail of cyanide and hydrocyanic acid.

Yet the Giant millipede's superpowers don't end there. Possessing multiple legs per segment, the millipedes travel their rainforest home on up to 400 legs. Utilizing their simple eyes known as ocelli, as well as a pair of antennae, they can navigate the dense rainforest to find food and each other. Equipped with two sets of internal organs per segment, giant millipedes are designed like no other creatures on the planet.

Found on every continent other than Antarctica, and just one of the 7,000 known species of millipedes on the planet, there is more

than one millipede species for every one of the world's 6,000 + known mammals. In The U.S. and Canada alone, we have more than 1,400 native millipede species. This exceptional diversity enables the world's forests

and grasslands to benefit from these soil engineers, which in turn distribute nutrients from their waste, mix nitrogen into the soil, and aerate it for optimal plant growth, in the process.

The millipede is no

overnight success either. These animals have been plowing through the planet's forests and grasslands for an astounding 420 million years! With a track record of survival like that and the ability to flourish on all but one of the world's continents, the millipede is one of nature's most successful creatures.

With such a resume of success to its credit, the millipede shouldn't lack fans, yet its humble, behind-the-scenes nature, assures this planetary superhero is often overlooked. Having worked with them for years, I can assure you, that they can wow an audience just as much as any falcon or tiger cub. For most, the initial sight is familiar, but the size throws most people off. With our largest Connecticut species, the American Giant millipede, topping off at a

very respectable four inches, the African Giant adds a new dimension and sense of wonder to all of those who witness its "chorus kick line" up close.

When we shine a light on creatures like the African Giant millipede, we realize that nature might be ruled by the bold, but it is run by the old—the ancient creatures who have not had to change over millions of years because Mother Nature got it right so many years ago.

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