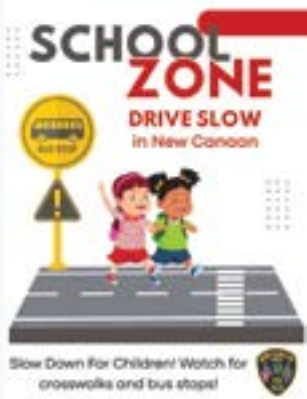


LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

POLICE AND FIRE

Slow Down Near New Canaan Schools



New Canaan schools reopened on August 26, and police are increasing enforcement near campuses during arrival and dismissal times. Drivers are urged to slow down and use caution in school zones. Stopping for school buses remains required. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

Smoke Prompts Evacuation

A New Canaan home was evacuated Friday after smoke from a shorted pump switch was discovered in the basement. Fire officials said residents had previously completed a fire marshal safety inspection and followed standard evacuation procedures before calling 911. Information provided through the town's Community Connect app gave responders additional details about the property.

E-Bike Laws



Starting October 1, Connecticut will require a driver's license for e-bikes without pedals and batteries over 750 watts. E-bikes above 3,500 watts must be registered and insured. Class 1-3 e-bikes remain unchanged, but helmets are required for all riders. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Upgraded Wifi at Library



The New Canaan Library upgraded its Wi-Fi to handle four times more connections, ensuring service during peak demand. The improvement will support use during

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School is in Back in Session and Off to a Great Start



New Canaan Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Bryan Luizzi, Human Resources Director Darlene Pianka, and West Elementary School mascot Westy the Whale welcome students on the first day of the 2025-26 school year. (Photo courtesy of the West Elementary School Parent Teacher Council)

Over 600 Gather in New Canaan for 9th Annual Addiction Awareness Vigil

By AVERY COTTON

On Wednesday, August 27, the New Canaan Parent Support Group held the 9th Annual Community Addiction Awareness Vigil at the corner of Elm Street and South Avenue. Visitors gathered well before the event's official 7:00 pm start time, chatting and enjoying live music performed by New Haven-based band Musical Intervention.

After opening remarks by Paul Reinhardt, founder of the New Canaan Parent Support Group, and the introduction of emcee John Hamilton, three speakers – Alex Smith, Gina Frazier, and Pete Thunem

– shared their stories of overcoming addiction. Each speaker was introduced by their parents in celebration of their victories, recounting tales of resilience in the face of adversity.

Standing bravely at the podium, Alex, Gina, and Pete commanded a magnetic presence over a crowd of six hundred. Their speeches resonated deeply with the audience, the vast majority of whom had loved ones in recovery or were in recovery themselves. Each speaker shared unique stories shaped by different circumstances, yet all brimmed with hope and



determination. Applause broke out as Gina revealed that this September will mark five years of sobriety.

Following their speeches, New Canaan clergymen from churches around town led a candlelit ceremony. With the help of the RAM Council, candles were distributed to the audience, and a moment of silence was held for departed loved ones. For a few hushed minutes, hundreds of candles wavered in the night air – a glittering display of unity and remembrance for the New Canaan community.

A full story will appear in next week's paper.

A Silent Film Comes Alive: 'Down to the Sea in Ships' with Live Score at the Playhouse

On Tuesday, September 9, the New Canaan Playhouse will offer audiences a rare cinematic experience: the 1922 silent film *Down to the Sea in Ships* presented with a brand-new, fully improvised live score by the Brooklyn-based trio The Order of the Illusive.

"It felt fitting to showcase a film from the very year the Playhouse first opened its doors," said Luke Parker Bowles, who has been shaping the Playhouse's mix of art-house and blockbuster programming. "Down to the Sea in Ships is a romantic drama about the 19th-century Massachusetts whaling community, and it carries both a regional resonance and a cinematic legacy worth celebrating."

A Band that Makes Films Sing

The Order of the Illusive—made up of guitarist and electronics player Geoff Gersh, multi-instrumentalist Bradford

Reed, and bassist Zach Layton—has been creating live film scores together for more than a decade.

"We've been doing this kind of live film scoring stuff for about 13 years now," said Gersh. "We don't do it full-time, but all of us are very active musicians in the New York City and Hudson Valley music scene. This is one of several projects we're involved in, and it's one of the most fun."

Their instrumentation is as unconventional as their approach. Reed plays an instrument he invented, called a pencilina—a hybrid of guitar and bass that he plucks, bows, and plays percussively, often while simultaneously handling drums. Layton performs on a massive 17-string bass, while Gersh describes himself as the one with "the most normal instrument" in the group. All three run their instruments through electronic

effects to shape a constantly shifting soundscape.

Improvisation at the Core

Unlike traditional silent film accompaniment, their performances are never scripted.

"One thing I want to be clear about—we improvise," Gersh explained. "Every film we play to is all completely improvised in the moment. We'll watch the film ahead of time just to get familiar with the pacing, but we treat the film as another musician, as if we're playing with it. The images and the rhythms on screen tell us how to play."

The result, Gersh says, is something both rooted in tradition and boldly new. "There's a kind of musical language people expect from silent films—solo piano, organ, music that mirrors every emotion on screen. We honor the past, but not literally. We like to go against the grain sometimes.

It's more about creating an overall mood than telling the audience exactly what to feel in each moment."

A Special Connection to the Playhouse

The choice of film adds another layer of meaning. *Down to the Sea in Ships* was the very first movie shown at the Playhouse when it opened in the early 1920s.

"When the theater approached us, they told me that this film was the one that opened the Playhouse a hundred years ago," Gersh said. "We've never done something like this before playing to the first film ever shown in a theater, now on its centennial. That makes it a really special performance for us."

Parker Bowles agrees. "This is exactly the kind of thing we dreamed of doing when we reopened," he said. "Yes, we'll always have blockbusters and independent films, but the

Playhouse is about art—with a capital A. There are four National Theatre Live movies coming up that will be really sensational. We want to do things that are unexpected, that make people stop and think, 'Wow, I've never seen anything like that before.'"

A One-Night-Only Experience

The screening is expected to sell out quickly, with New Canaan residents encouraged to reserve their seats early. For Gersh and his bandmates, it's a chance to share their adventurous style with a new audience.

"We're very, very excited," Gersh said. "It looks like an amazing theater, and for us, it's a chance to do something unique—to bring a silent film alive in the same place it first played, but in a completely new way."

To purchase tickets please visit: playhouse.cinematlab.com/home/.

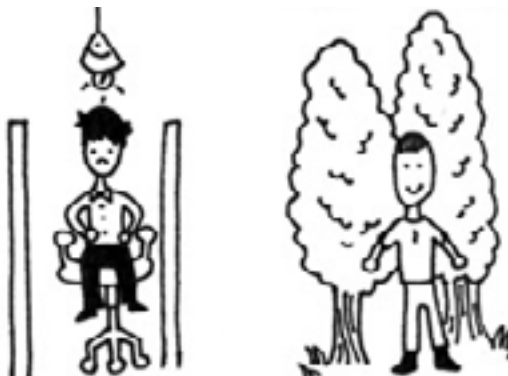
Nature "Right-Sizes" Us

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Indoor spaces can make us forget our true size. We can swell to larger-than-life with a recent accomplishment or shrink to insignificance with a disappointment. When we are indoors, our appearance and our performance are often evaluated, either by ourselves or by others. It is easy to feel too big or too small.

Walking in the woods, in the mountains, on a beach, or even around the block restores us to our true size. Nature does not evaluate us. There is no need to look a certain way or to do more than put one foot in front of the other. Being in nature causes blood to flow away from the parts of our brain that brood over things we cannot change. Solitude, silence, and slowing our pace can restore a sense of well-being.

Brad shuts down his laptop when it needs to



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

reboot. For the same reason, he takes 10 minutes to walk outside every day at lunchtime. Even in the cityscape where he works, fresh air and the occasional tree remind him that there is life beyond his deadlines, his financial concerns, and the challenges of raising children. Nature reboots his brain.



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It is a muggy May evening in 1995. A gas station attendant, in a quiet town in northern New Jersey, scoops up a fluttering green form from the pavement and places it on a gas pump away from immediate danger.



A male luna moth. Photo by Frank Gallo.

BY FRANK GALLO

It is the middle of the night in the Spring of 1964. A small boy stands in a doorway staring in awe at a creature silhouetted against the shade of his parents' bedroom window. Clinging to the screen, in the light of the corner streetlamp, is a giant pastel green moth with long tail streamers. Unaware of the boy, it rhythmically flexes its wings to the pulse of its own needs. Perhaps it is a female in search of a mate slowly wafting her scent on the breeze or a male resting before pursuing a female, scented, perhaps at great distance, by his delicate fern-like antennae. At the time,

the boy cares nothing about the answers to these mysteries. He was merely a child filled with wonder by the rare and delicate beauty of a luna moth. Little does he realize how rare this sight would soon become. He would not see another for more than 30 years. But he would always remember.

The luna moth, *Actias luna*, is a member of the giant silkworm family, *Sturnidae*, the same subfamily as the striking polyphemus moth. Lunas occur in every state east of the Great Plains, and from Canada southward through Mexico and into Central America. They are creatures of deciduous woodlands and are also seen

in suburban and urban areas with suitable habitat. Lunas are common in many parts of their range, especially in the south where they are double brooded. They have become uncommon to rare in many parts of Connecticut for reasons not completely understood. Aerial spraying of pesticides to control spongy (gypsy) moths in the 1960's, 70's, 80's has been posited as a major cause, evidenced by the luna moths continued common presence on unsprayed coastal islands during this period. Habitat loss has also played a part. Others argue that non-host-specific insect parasites, such as the fly *Comptosia concinnata* and

other flies and wasps released by the government to attack spongy moths, also attack and kill luna and other large moths, devastating their populations. Could the ravenous spongy moth caterpillars themselves have outcompeted the other large moths, contributing to their demise. Repeated defoliation by spongy moths certainly reduced the amount of available food in specific areas. Whatever the reasons, luna moths have been scarce or absent in many areas of the state, and with them have gone the large, night flying moth-eaters, Eastern Whip-poor-wills, Common Nighthawks and even some bats. Recently,

however, more frequent reports, especially in the past few years, may indicate some recovery in our area.

After hatching, the male luna moth spends three weeks of the fall munching hickory leaves to store energy for adulthood, before pupating at the base of the hickory tree by creating a silken cocoon hidden in the leaf litter in which to overwinter. After emerging from his cocoon in spring, he expands and dries his wings, then goes in search of a mate. The “ugly duckling” caterpillar has become a beautiful moth, but one without working mouth parts. Unlike many of his close relatives, he cannot sip nectar to replenish his energy. His stored reserves from the fall will have to sustain him on his mating quest. He will only have a week or so to reproduce and pass on his genes to the next generation. Less time if he is discovered by a predator. It will have to suffice.

After three nights of flying in search of a female much of his strength is gone. In two or three more nights the last of his reserves will be spent and he will die. Will it be enough time to mate? The scent of a female reaches him on the breeze...

All that remained were apple-green wings edged in pink, scattered beneath the porch light like rose petals before an emperor. Remains of moths attracted to the glow of a false moon, only to die, in the mouth of a predatory screech owl, nighthawk or bat, or to burn on the surface of this attainable "sun", their bodies singed, and their wings strewn

onto the earth below. Although he had not yet seen one alive, the naturalist remained pleased, for the wings were proof that luna moths were alive at the Nature Center.

It is a muggy May evening in 1995. A gas station attendant, in a quiet town in northern New Jersey, scoops up a fluttering green form from the pavement and places it on a gas pump away from immediate danger. He stares at it with a look of wonder and awe apparent on his face. A birding team of six from Connecticut piles out of a nearby van for a closer look. They too are struck by the beauty of this creature. It is a large moth with wings of a delicate pastel green, edged in pink, eye-spots fore and aft and hind wings sweeping gracefully into long tails. It is new to most in the group as it is rarely encountered in their home state. It is a beauty nearly lost in their area to the battle of the gypsy moth in the 60's, 70 's, and 80's. It is Luna. The six men place it in the woods before speeding off to their destination. But with them, a small boy, now grown, remembers... a shape in the night silhouetted in the glow of a streetlight.

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events such as midterms and power outages. Image credit: New Canaan Library.

Hobbs Speaks to Rotary Club



Recently, Scott Hobbs of the New Canaan Housing Authority spoke to the New Canaan Rotary Club about the \$75 million purchase of the Avalon property, now called Riverwood. The deal was financed primarily through Fannie Mae, with \$4 million in cash required to close. Riverwood will begin by converting 21 units to workforce housing, and its role in meeting the state’s affordable housing moratorium will depend on future developments. Pictured L-R: Tom Ferguson and Scott Hobbs. Photo credit: the New Canaan Rotary Club.

Dog Day at Waveny



Recently, Waveny LifeCare Network held a Dog Day Afternoon event where volunteers and staff brought dogs to visit residents. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

ACROSS CT

New Rule at TSA

The TSA now permits one cordless curling iron powered by gas cartridges or butane in carry-on bags, provided it has a protective cover. Spare cartridges are not allowed.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Norwalk Community College Renovation Approved

Connecticut State Community College Norwalk will receive \$22.1 million to renovate its B-Wing, the campus’s oldest and largest classroom building. The 1966 structure, which houses a third of the school’s classrooms, has significant structural and infrastructure issues. Renovations will update classrooms, replace mechanical and electrical systems, remove asbestos, and install new curtain walls.

Waveny Summer Appreciation Party



Waveny LifeCare Network held its Summer Appreciation Party to recognize volunteers, residents, and staff. Pianist Andy Armstrong performed classical pieces with accompanying commentary, and the evening concluded with an ice cream social. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

SCHOOLS

NCPS First Day



On Tuesday August 26, New Canaan Public Schools opened for the 2025–26 academic year, welcoming more than 4,000 students across all grade levels. The district reported only minor transportation issues as it transitions to a new routing system. Updates this year include new classroom audio systems at the high school and communication boards on elementary and middle school playgrounds. Photo Credit: Courtesy of West School Parent Teacher Council.

SLS New Faculty



St. Luke’s School has hired 16 new faculty and staff members for the year. They will serve in a range of departments, supporting instruction and student programs. Photo credit: St. Luke’s School.

Freshman Tour NCHS



Last week, incoming freshmen and their families visited New Canaan High School to prepare for ninth grade. Students toured the building with ambassadors, while parents met with administrators for a Q&A session. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

NCPS Convocation



New Canaan Public Schools opened the year with its annual Convocation. The event included updates from Superintendent Bryan Luizzi and remarks from Ronna Van Vegel. Staff milestones were recognized, and the program ended with a breakfast. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.



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Vitamin & Herbal Supplements: What You Need to Know



By TERESA ALASIO MD

Walk into any pharmacy, health food store, or big-box retailer, and you'll likely see shelves packed with vitamins, minerals, and herbal supplements promising everything from a stronger immune system to stress relief. These products come in capsules, powders, gummies, and teas—and their popularity has never been higher.

In the United States, supplements are a booming multi-billion-dollar industry. Many people assume that anything “natural” must also be safe and healthy. However, the reality is more complicated.

Supplements Are Not Strictly Regulated

Unlike prescription medications, most supplements are not regulated or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the same way. Pharmaceuticals undergo rigorous, years-long testing for safety, effectiveness, and quality before reaching consumers.

Supplements, by contrast, are classified as foods under U.S. law.

Manufacturers aren't required to prove their products are either effective or safe before selling them. Instead, the FDA intervenes after problems are reported, often after the product has already reached many consumers.

This doesn't mean all supplements are dangerous or ineffective, but it does mean you should be skeptical of marketing terms like “clinically proven” or “doctor recommended.” Such labels do not guarantee solid, peer-reviewed research behind the product.

“Natural” Doesn't Always Mean Safe

A common myth is that “natural” equals “safe.” Many prescription drugs originate from plants—some can be highly potent or even toxic in high doses.

Examples include:

- Vitamin A: Too much can cause liver damage.
- Vitamin D: Overuse may dangerously raise calcium levels, affecting heart and kidney function.
- St. John's Wort: This herbal remedy can interfere with antidepressants, birth control, and blood thinners.

In certain cases, high doses of vitamins or herbs can actually worsen the condition you're trying to treat.

When Supplements Are Helpful

Supplements aren't always bad. For

A common myth is that “natural” equals “safe.” Many prescription drugs originate from plants—some can be highly potent or even toxic in high doses.

some, they're extremely beneficial—especially when used wisely and under medical guidance.

Examples of appropriate use include:

- Vitamin B12: Can correct deficiencies, especially in people with absorption issues.
- Omega-3 fatty acids: May support heart and brain health.
- Probiotics: Can improve digestion and strengthen immunity.

The key is to use the right supplement, at the correct dose, for the right individual, ideally with professional advice.

Why Professional Guidance Matters

A qualified healthcare provider—especially one knowledgeable in both conventional and functional medicine—can help assess which supplements may benefit you, check for drug interactions, and guide you on safe dosing.

Practitioners often recommend professional-grade supplements, which are held to higher standards of quality and purity than typical store brands.

While these may cost more, they're less likely to contain contaminants or inaccurate ingredient amounts.

The Bottom Line

Supplements can support your health as part of a well-rounded wellness plan, but they are not replacements for medical care and carry potential risks. The wisest approach is to be an informed, cautious consumer—prioritizing evidence-based choices over marketing hype.

If you choose to take supplements, treat them with as much care as every other aspect of your health. The right product can help, but the wrong one—or wrong dose—can be harmful.

5 Tips for Safe Supplement Use

- 1. Check for third-party testing.** Look for seals from organizations like USP, NSF, or ConsumerLab, which verify product quality and purity.
- 2. Be skeptical of big promises.** If it sounds too good to be true (“lose 10 pounds in a week!”), it probably is.

3. Research before you buy.

See if there are credible, peer-reviewed studies supporting the supplement's claims—not just testimonials.

4. Watch your dose.

More is not always better. High doses can cause serious side effects or interact with medications.

5. Talk to a professional first.

Consult with a qualified healthcare provider—ideally one knowledgeable in functional medicine—before starting any new supplement.

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

Dr. Teresa Alasio is the Owner and Medical Director of Intentional Self Aesthetics, located in Downtown New Canaan. In addition to conventional medicine, she has been a student of the field of functional medicine for several years and has found that it has added a great deal to her practice. She lives in New Canaan with her family.

Exchange Club Tees Up 24th Annual Charity Golf Outing

The Exchange Club of New Canaan will gather friends, neighbors, and golf enthusiasts for its 24th Annual Charity Golf Outing on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Woodway Country Club in Darien.

With more than 120 members, the Exchange Club works year-round to strengthen the community through programs in Americanism, youth activities, community service, and the prevention of child abuse. Each year, its fundraising events raise more than \$200,000 to support these causes.

This year's outing promises a full day of camaraderie: registration and practice begin at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30. The 1 p.m. shotgun start leads into 18 holes on Woodway's Willie Park, Jr.-designed course, ranked #15 in Connecticut by Golf Digest and a 2025 U.S. Open local qualifying site.

Golfers will close the day with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner with awards at 6:30.

Registration is available at NCXCgolfouting.com.

Baptist Church Picnic & Charity Backpacks



Rev. Gilbert Burgess with backpacks and various school supplies being packed after the picnic by parishioners to help local children in need.



At the picnic, some of the attendees gathered around the grill. Community Baptist Church's pastor, Rev. Gilbert Burgess (with beard) is on the right. To his left (holding baby) is the church's 'First Lady' Kim Bianca Burgess.

On a bright and sunny Saturday, August 2, New Canaan's century-plus-old Community Baptist Church <http://www.cbcnewcanaan.org> held its summer Friends & Family Picnic and BBQ at the church. In addition to staples such as hamburgers, hot dogs and potato salad, there were delicacies including grilled shrimp and fruit kabobs that the church's pastor, Rev. Gilbert Burgess, prepared. (The pastor is also a trained chef.) The picnic is designed to “strengthen bonds,” said Rev. Burgess,

and is always open to everyone in the community. There were many games for the children as well.

In addition, picnic attendees helped stuff more than two dozen backpacks with notebooks, pencils, crayons and more. The backpacks are destined for the Carver Community Center in Norwalk <http://the-carver.org> to support school children in need to “march into a new year of educational opportunities,” said Rev. Burgess.

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COLUMN



By ICY FRANTZ

Hello September. I can see you peeking out from behind the staked green tomatoes that are beginning to blush a crimson red, interrupting my thoughts, my days, and waking me from the summer solitude.

Some years, it’s a lingering, slow coming-to, and other times it’s a shrill alarm that startles me, coercing me from a long barefooted beach walk back into shoes that are confining, rigid, uncomfortable at the very least. My feet have thoroughly enjoyed the plein air.

But as always, the quiet times allow me to think, and overthink — guilty as charged — and so I share with you some of my thoughts and insights gifted to me from the sandy shores of a small spit of land 30 miles from a Massachusetts coastline.

The island teaches in quiet ways, not from a pulpit, but in a whisper

and I am grateful for the subtle learning. Returning home is always bittersweet. But like it or not, sand is eternal. It follows me into my car, my purse, and back to Connecticut, rubbing the rough edges of the forthcoming season.

In the center of town, the isle’s main street features cobblestones that were laid down in 1837. They were chosen for their durability. It was a good choice — they have endured. But in the early 1900s, with the growth of automobiles, there was a strong progressive movement to pave over the cobblestones for smoother driving. The movement was met with resistance and the stones are still there.

An editor for the Inquirer and Mirror wrote this in 1919: “It may not be next year, or the year after, or the year after that, but it will be smoothed over some year — when the time arrives that common sense takes precedence over sentiment.” One hundred and six years later, sentiment still triumphs.

And there is something deeply instructive about sentiment winning out over practicality. Common sense says: smooth the road, make life

easier, hurry on your way. Sentiment says: slow down, watch your step, put away your heels, remember who came before you. The stones demand attention. They force you to lift your eyes from your phone and notice the rhythm of your walk, the sway of the hydrangeas, the salt in the air.

The cobbles are uneven, ankle-twisting, stroller-jostling, and car-rattling, but they remind us that beauty, history, and even inconvenience are worth preserving. Sometimes the most memorable roads are not the easiest ones — and it’s the bumps, not the smooth stretches, that stay with us.

Not far from the cobblestones lies over 80 miles of beach. I like to go when it’s quiet in the early morning, with our golden retriever, Sailor. He runs. I walk. And looking out at the horizon, that endless sweep of sea and sky, instills perspective.

At the edge of the shore, with waves folding and unfolding at my feet, the horizon becomes more than just a line. It’s an invitation to put down any immediate worries, breathe, and consider the possibilities. I am small. The world is big. From that vantage point,

although I cannot see beyond, the horizon suggests another shore, another chapter, another chance.

Occasionally, on those walks, a deep fog blankets the island and the familiar becomes unfamiliar. I am offered the chance to see what I have grown accustomed to in a fresh way, and in that shift, I realize that places — like people (and dogs) — hold depths I haven’t yet noticed.

And occasionally, on those walks, I come across another doing the same — someone with a dog or two at their side — and instantly, there is connection. We exchange a knowing smile, share the same secret: it was so worth rising early, slipping out of the warmth of bed, to take this all in. We are the lucky ones.

Unlike the beaches that are quiet at the start of day, the island sags from the weight of tourists in the summer. The roads are congested, the stores are crowded, and grocery shopping could be considered an Olympic sport. And yet, I am unbothered by it — nothing like the frustration I might feel on the post road or I-95, sitting in traffic. There is a gentleness to the everyday aggravation, a price to pay to have a very small stake in such a

special place.

Is it the light — not just at sunset, which is stunning, but the way it strokes the harbor throughout the day, or bounces off the mighty masts of moored vessels, or the glow at dawn taken in from a widow’s walk?

Or is it the history that seeps from every plaqued house, where weathered shingles give a nod to centuries gone by, and dogs bark at the ghosts of whaling captains meandering down the narrow roads?

Maybe it’s all of it.

September is coming for me, for us. There is no denying it — back into shoes and schedules. But I bring with me the wise counsel of the island: that beauty is often found in what slows us down, that there is always more to notice, to discover, and that all seasons bring another shore, another chapter, another chance, and a new beginning.

While the island fades behind me, I toss a few pennies overboard as my ferry passes the light house to ensure my return. And if all else fails, at least I know I’ll still be finding sand in my shoes come Christmas — proof the island never really lets you go.

Back to School, Back to Stains: Solutions for Busy Parents

CLEANING TIPS FROM FABRICARE

With summer behind us and the school bell ringing again, it’s time to swap out swimsuits for school uniforms — and get ready for the inevitable: stains, tears, and fast-growing kids outgrowing their clothes.

Here are a few quick tips to help you salvage your children’s clothing this school season — and how Fabricare can step in to save you

time and stress.

Stain Solutions for Busy Parents

A new school year brings new challenges—and new stains. Here’s how to treat the most common classroom culprits:

Markers & Ink: If it’s not washable, blot the stain gently with a paper towel. Then use another towel dampened with rubbing alcohol to blot again—you should see the ink transfer. Repeat until the

stain is gone, then wash as usual.

Grass: Apply a stain remover and gently rub the fabric together. Wash normally. For stubborn stains, try a 1:1 solution of white vinegar and water, then launder again.

Juice: Rinse or soak the item in cold water. Apply stain remover, let it sit for 10–20 minutes, and wash in the hottest water safe for the fabric.

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Staying Put’s 3-Part Series at Library: “Life in Order”

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Designed to help the entire community plan wisely, live intentionally, and create peace of mind for the future, this series offers practical guidance on estate planning, brain health, and decluttering for a more meaningful life.

Each session will feature an expert speaker, engaging discussions, and actionable takeaways. Whether you’re thinking ahead or simply ready to live more deliberately today, this series is an excellent opportunity to take steps toward a well-organized and fulfilling life.

Join for one session or all—this thoughtful and practical series is designed to support your well-being—mentally, emotionally, and practically.

Part 1: Plan with Purpose — Wills, Trusts, Probate & Peace of Mind

Secure Your Legacy – Simplify the Future.

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 6:30-7:30pm at New Canaan Library, Jim and Dede Bartlett Auditorium

Take the uncertainty out of estate planning. Learn how wills and trusts work, how to protect your assets and how to make empowered decisions that offer

clarity and confidence for you and your family. Featuring: Michael Murray, Partner, Diserio Martin, 2011-2015 Probate Judge for Darien-New Canaan Probate District

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Nurture your brain. Enhance your life. Wednesday, October 15, 2025 1-2pm at New Canaan Library, Tate Room

Discover science-backed tips to keep your brain healthy and engaged at every age. From memory-boosting habits to techniques for staying emotionally strong, you’ll gain tools to support lifelong mental clarity and well-being. Featuring: Heather Gately, Lifted Brain Wellness



Part 3: Clear the Clutter — Declutter for Clarity & Freedom

Let go of the excess. Make room for what matters.

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Decluttering isn’t just about tidying up—it’s about creating freedom. Learn simple, actionable ways to clear physical and mental clutter, reduce stress, and build a home environment that reflects your values and goals. Featuring: Chris Palmer, Author of *Achieving a Good Death*

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Self-Government

The genius of American democracy lies not in the distant capital but in the small town hall. The notion that decisions affecting daily life—schools, roads, zoning—should be made as close as possible to the citizens who live with them is not quaint nostalgia but constitutional principle. That principle is now under siege.

Once again we are back here: Connecticut’s “Fair Share” and transit-oriented development (TOD) proposals, again under discussion in Hartford, would eviscerate local authority by permitting developers to bypass zoning restrictions altogether. Under such statutes, a parcel near the New Canaan train station could sprout a tower of 15 stories without heed to density, height, parking, or neighborhood character. To call this planning is to mock the word.

Since 1989, towns like New Canaan have lived with the strictures of 8-30g, the state law that allows developers to override local zoning if 30 percent of their units are “affordable.” The town responded responsibly: Avalon, Canaan Parish, and other projects were built, granting us moratoria against further impositions. This was not obstructionism but prudence—a balance between meeting state requirements and preserving a livable community.

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“Fair Share,” however, discards the balance. It erases the moratorium tool, eliminates local defenses, and hands authority wholesale to developers, whose motives are, understandably, profit—not community. To cloak this in the language of social justice is to confuse the commendable end of affordable housing with the reckless means of dictating from Hartford.

James Madison, in Federalist 45, wrote: “The powers delegated... are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.” In Connecticut, one level lower, the same principle applies: local government is not ornamental; it is substantive. A zoning board hearing in New Canaan is a form of self-rule every bit as authentic as a session of the General Assembly.

What Hartford proposes is not partnership but commandeering. It suggests that the knowledge of wetlands, traffic choke points, or fire safety possessed by local boards can be dismissed. It would render meaningless the years of planning invested in thoughtful growth, and would reward those who see land not as community but as commodity.

Proponents argue that the state faces a housing crisis. That is true. But crises do not suspend the laws of good governance. Communities have been building incrementally, responsibly. To obliterate that framework in favor of one-size-fits-all diktats is neither wise nor necessary. A blunt state mandate will not only fray the fabric of towns but will ignite the very resistance it seeks to overcome.

The issue is not whether New Canaan welcomes newcomers—it always has. The issue is whether a town has the right to decide how best to integrate growth into its own landscape. The town green, the elementary school, the quiet road—all these are not abstractions but the lived environment of citizens. They are the context in which democracy breathes.

When Tocqueville toured America, he marveled that “the strength of free peoples resides in the township.” Hartford would do well to remember that. To destroy local control in pursuit of a housing mandate is to drain away the strength it imagines it is securing.

New Canaan says this plainly: we are not opposed to housing, but we are opposed to losing the right to govern ourselves.

Editorial Page



“This must be the forum we were promised.”

Notes from the Sentinel

Congratulations!

New Canaan High School has once again been recognized among the very best in Connecticut, earning the No. 2 spot in recent statewide rankings that affirm the strength of New Canaan Public Schools and the dedication of its teachers, students, and families.

Two respected education surveys—U.S. News & World Report and Niche—placed New Canaan High School second overall in Connecticut for 2025. Each ranking used slightly different criteria, but both arrived at the same conclusion: New Canaan High School continues to provide exceptional academic preparation and community support for its students.

According to U.S. News, New Canaan placed second statewide behind the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy in East Hartford, a selective magnet program. The school earned a 99 percent graduation rate and was ranked 151st nationally for STEM achievement. In Fairfield County, New Canaan outpaced other high-performing districts such as Darien, Weston, Wilton, and Greenwich, which all landed in the top 10.

The education site Niche also ranked New Canaan No. 2 in its annual survey of the “Best Public High Schools in

Connecticut,” placing it just behind Staples High School in Westport. Niche awarded New Canaan an overall grade of A+ and named it one of the best college-preparatory public schools in the state.

These dual recognitions highlight the consistent excellence of New Canaan’s public schools. Families cite education as a primary reason for moving to town, and the latest rankings reinforce that reputation. Local real estate professionals often note the direct connection between the quality of the schools and the strength of the housing market, with buyers seeking homes in districts where academic achievement is widely respected.

While rankings fluctuate year to year, New Canaan’s continued position at the top is a point of pride for the entire community. It reflects the hard work of administrators, the talent and commitment of faculty, and the motivation of students who pursue excellence in and beyond the classroom.

Congratulations to New Canaan High School, its staff, students, and the broader public school community for this well-deserved recognition.

Come for Breakfast

We invite the community to attend “Breakfast with the New Voice in Journalism in New Canaan” on Wednesday, October 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the Lapham Community Center. Admission is free.

The *New Canaan Sentinel* is committed to delivering trustworthy news, compelling stories, and diverse perspectives. More than just a publication, it is a platform built on the principles of integrity, transparency, and public service.

The Sentinel’s mission is to inform, inspire, and empower readers with in-depth reporting, thoughtful commentary, and a commitment to everything local. With coverage of politics, culture, business, technology, lifestyle, and community affairs—available in print and online—the *Sentinel* continues to serve as New Canaan’s local voice.

Please join us for breakfast, conversation, and community as the *Sentinel’s* editor shares more about the newspaper’s vision and its role in keeping New Canaan connected.

How Lucky We Are

Sometimes you forget how lucky you are until you hear yourself explaining it to someone else. That’s how I feel about the Playhouse in New Canaan. It has been with us a little over a year now since its return, and it has already slipped so naturally into our routines that we almost take it for granted. But we shouldn’t.

Recently we were with neighbors who talked about it the way people talk about a beloved park or a good school: as something that makes living here better. They said how the movies draw different groups each week—families, friends, couples—and how it feels good to walk downtown, see the lights on, and know that inside people are gathered, together. They noted that, yes, you pay your \$20, but you get more than a seat. You get the experience of being part of the town.

There are family movies, more sophisticated movies and

movies just for kids; that the mix of films means you go some weeks and skip others, but the important thing is that the place is alive. And that’s the point: it’s not only about what’s on the screen, it’s about the fact that the Playhouse is ours, a living part of our town center.

Yes, you can stream anything alone at home, but New Canaan has a place where you go out, meet a neighbor in the lobby, sit in the dark with a hundred other neighbors, and share a laugh or a tear. That is a civic experience as much as a cinematic one.

We should be glad—and say it out loud—that the Playhouse is here, that it is thriving, and that it gives New Canaan something more than entertainment. It gives us community.

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Democratic Slate Anchored in Service, Innovation, and Connection to Community

In New Canaan, the municipal election is not simply a civic necessity. It is an expression of stewardship, of neighbors deciding who will guide schools, balance budgets, and keep the character of the town intact. As Meredith Tobitsch, campaign manager for the Democratic slate, put it: “Voters deserve strong choices... local elections are the firewall to keeping New Canaan wonderful.”

That firewall, Democrats argue, is built on service, experience, and a willingness to ask hard questions with kindness. Their candidates this year for the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Education, and the Town Council reflect those qualities.

Board of Selectmen

At the top of the ticket is Amy Murphy Carroll, running for re-election to the Board of Selectmen. With nearly ten years of service on the Board of Finance, Amy brings unmatched expertise in municipal finance and a reputation for careful stewardship. She has long been one of the town’s most trusted voices on budgets and long-term financial planning.

Amy is not merely a numbers person; she is also a community builder. Residents describe her as calm, respectful, and committed to civility in public discourse. “We are one New Canaan,” she has said. “Let’s eliminate the divisive political noise. Let’s return our government to one that is open, civil and transparent.”

Tobitsch, who has watched Amy’s leadership up close, calls her “a great voice for the Democratic Party on the board.” In many ways, Amy represents the Democratic vision of this election: steady, competent leadership grounded in service.

Board of Education

The Democratic slate for the Board of Education is composed of thoughtful leaders who have each invested deeply in the life of the town and its schools.

Erica Schwedel has been an active community volunteer for more than 15 years. Her record is long: board service with the New Canaan Newcomers Club, the Young Women’s League, and New Canaan CARES, as well as co-president of the West School PTC. She currently serves as Secretary of the Board of Education, where she is on the Executive, Communications, and Facilities Committees. She was instrumental in the parent-led fundraising effort to renovate the high school planetarium. A Princeton graduate with an MBA from Wharton, Erica pairs professional rigor with community commitment. Tobitsch describes her as “prepared, thoughtful, and transparent,” someone who brings both skill and heart to the board.

Josh Kaye is another candidate known for his clear thinking and commitment to fairness. He chairs the New Canaan Board of Ethics and also leads the Board of New Canaan Chamber Music. He is a familiar figure on local playing fields, coaching youth sports – most recently, his daughter’s kindergarten softball team. Josh once brought a case before the US Supreme Court and won, a reminder of his tenacity and ability to see issues through. “He does a great job of asking really critical questions,” Tobitsch said. “You need the right people leading those conversations.”

Kate Brambilla is head of member services at Staying Put, a nonprofit that helps older residents remain active in the community. Her gift is connection. She moves easily between new parents with young children in the schools and older residents who have lived in town for decades. She is, in Tobitsch’s words, “a great voice for all residents,” someone who can ensure every population feels represented on the Board of Education.

These three Democrats will run on Row A of the ballot, alongside Republican candidates, for five available seats. There are six candidates in total, which means one will not win. “Great schools need great leaders, and that is a vote for Row A,” Tobitsch explained.

Town Council

The Democratic Town Council slate offers a blend of new and seasoned voices, each with a strong connection to the community.

Lina Lee, Executive Director of the

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Connecticut Bar Association, is a distinguished attorney with years of service in both nonprofit and professional leadership. Earlier in her career, she represented tenants and communities against developers misusing affordable housing laws in New York City. That experience, Tobitsch believes, comes at precisely the right moment, as New Canaan faces pressure from Hartford over affordable housing mandates. “She could be a really good thought partner,” Tobitsch said. Lee represents a sharp legal mind and a steady presence in policy debates about growth and development.

Heather Russell is a working mother of two young girls in the New Canaan schools and a professional at JP Morgan. She speaks for the large demographic of dual-career families trying to balance work and home. “She brings a great voice for a huge demographic in our town,” Tobitsch said. Heather is described as accessible and committed to making sure residents’ concerns are heard at Town Council meetings.

Mike Rodgers has lived in New Canaan for more than 20 years with his wife, raising a son who graduated from the public schools and now studies at the University of Connecticut. Rodgers has volunteered his time on multiple boards throughout town and in nonprofits such as STAR. He represents, Tobitsch said, “an important voice of experience.” A longtime resident with deep roots, he provides historical perspective and balance as the town makes decisions about its future.

Together with incumbent Hillary Ormond, who is running for re-election to her second term, Democrats argue that this team rounds out a slate offering “someone for everyone.” Ormond, they emphasize, has built a record on the Town Council of rolling up her sleeves and doing the work others often avoid. From her early advocacy for security cameras in Waveny Park, to her leadership on the All-Abilities Playground at Waveny, to her committee work on ordinances ranging from leaf blowers to town planning, Democrats frame her as the definition of civic persistence. They say she is equally at home drafting an ordinance, volunteering at a school fundraiser, or leading discussions on long-term infrastructure needs.

“No matter who you are,” Tobitsch said, “you can find yourself in our slate and feel represented.”Community Engagement

The Democratic campaign is built on face-to-face connection. Last Sunday afternoon at candidates gathered at Mead Park, handing out popsicles and meeting families. Children enjoyed the treat; parents had the chance to speak directly with those asking for their vote.

Later in September, the annual Democratic barbecue returns – a tradition and the party’s largest fundraiser – this year at the Carriage Barn Arts Center. These events are less about speeches and more about conversations, designed to meet people where they are.

“We’ll also be around town helping out at local schools, at library events, at neighborhood gatherings,” Tobitsch added. “We’re excited to meet with residents where they are.”

At the close of our conversation, Tobitsch’s words circled back to a theme of unity. “At the end of the day, we’re all neighbors. Voters deserve choices, and we’re excited to give them that this election cycle.”

The Democratic slate’s message is consistent: experience, energy, and empathy. Its candidates are embedded in the community – coaching children, leading nonprofits, guiding finances, fighting for fairness. They are rooted in the conviction that local elections are where the character of the town is preserved.

New Canaan, Tobitsch suggests, thrives not only because of its institutions but because of the people willing to serve them. This election, Democrats argue, is about keeping that promise.



Republicans Emphasize Steady Leadership, Fiscal Discipline, and Local Control

Every town has its own civic DNA. In New Canaan, Republicans say, it has long been defined by a certain balance: strong schools paired with fiscal restraint, a devotion to tradition combined with a willingness to adjust when change is inevitable. This fall’s Republican slate, they argue, is designed around that balance.

As Republican Town Committee chair Melany Hearne put it, “Our leadership has maintained low taxes, defended local control, and delivered one of the best school systems in the state.” For the party, the campaign is less about reinvention than about continuity – less about slogans than about what they describe as a lived record of stewardship.

Board of Selectmen

At the top of the ticket is First Selectman Dionna Carlson, seeking re-election. Republicans highlight her as a leader who has already produced measurable results. They point to her work securing an affordable housing moratorium under state statute 8-30g through 2028, a step they say gives the town space to plan responsibly. They credit her with partnering with the Housing Authority to purchase the Avalon complex, now Riverwood, which they believe positions New Canaan to extend the moratorium through 2032. They note she oversaw the completion of the Police Department headquarters ahead of schedule and under budget, and that she helped reopen The Playhouse with the aid of a \$2 million state grant.

Republicans also emphasize her earlier service on the Board of Education, where she was elected chair, and her professional background in finance. They say this combination of experience reflects what they value in leadership: fiscal seriousness, practical results, and open communication, including her monthly “News from Town Hall” newsletter.

Running alongside Carlson is Selectman Steve Karl, another candidate Republicans hold up as a cornerstone of their slate. They note his family’s long history of civic involvement – his great-grandfather served on the Board of Education for over two decades, and his great-granduncle was First Selectman for 16 years. Karl himself, Republicans say, has given decades to town service, including 16 years on the Town Council, where he chaired and vice-chaired multiple committees.

They describe him as the “neighbor-politician,” someone who has coached youth sports, supported school programs, and remained closely tied to civic institutions. Republicans stress his pragmatism: build consensus, respect traditions, and keep the town livable for families and affordable for retirees. Together, Carlson and Karl are presented as evidence of the party’s message – tested leadership with proven results.

Board of Education

Republicans frame their Board of Education candidates as steady guardians of a school system that is already among the state’s best.

They point to Hugo Alves, the current chair, as a leader who, in their words, has combined fiscal clarity with academic focus. They credit

him with guiding policy changes such as new start times, strengthening security through School Resource Officers, and supporting phone-free policies at Saxe Middle School.

They describe Philip Hogan as a strong advocate for parental involvement and transparency. A father of four, he is praised

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within the party for pressing back against unfunded mandates from Hartford and for helping to shape practical compromises on contentious issues. Republicans highlight his direct style as proof of his conviction that local schools should be governed by local voices.

Julie Toal, seeking a second term, is described by Republicans as the “community connector” on the slate. They note her work as a Newcomers Club president, youth coach, and co-founder of New Canaan Unplugged. They highlight her focus on student well-being, parental rights, and restoring stability post-COVID. For Republicans, her presence underscores their emphasis on education rooted in both academic rigor and family life.

Together, the three Board of Education candidates are presented as proof of what Republicans see as their record: high-performing schools, transparent governance, and careful spending of tax dollars.

Town Council

The Republican Town Council slate, party leaders say, offers a mix of experience and fresh energy, tied together by a shared ethos of stewardship.

They describe Scott Gress as the “steady hand,” noting his decades of service on the Youth Commission, the Board of Education, and Park and Recreation. His professional background as a local business owner is cited as part of his pragmatic approach.

Pavla Levin is highlighted for her financial and technology expertise, as well as her civic roles on the Board of Assessment Appeals and the Utilities Commission. Republicans emphasize her practical concerns: better cell coverage for first responders, improved safety for e-bikes and scooters, and resistance to state housing mandates.

Arvind Bajaj is praised for bringing what Republicans call “global perspective, local grounding.” With a career in real estate finance, three terms as Constable, and service on the Ethics Board, he is described as someone who knows both the stakes of fiscal policy and the rhythms of community life.

Republicans frame Penny Young as their institutional memory. They point to her long tenure on the Town Council, her work on developing the Lapham Community Center, and her involvement in boards focused on aging, culture, and public policy. Her call for a Charter Revision Commission is cited as an example of her attention to governance.

Community Engagement

Republicans describe their campaign not as a directive from above but as a network of neighbors. Hearne has called volunteers “the backbone of our success.” The party underscores that its strength lies in residents who knock on doors, serve on commissions, and show up at meetings. Their strength is also evidenced by their personal commitment to New Canaan, as they are all known by the community for their deep volunteer engagement with civil organizations.

The campaign calendar includes neighborhood coffees, small gatherings, and fundraisers to help support their strong slate of accomplished candidates, which Republicans say is as much about fellowship as politics. The emphasis, they argue, is not on speeches but on listening.

The Republican story in this election, as they tell it, is not about change but about continuity. With Dionna Carlson and Steve Karl at the top of the ticket, a Board of Education team they describe as proven and resolute, and a Town Council slate that blends history with pragmatism, Republicans believe they are offering the town a steady hand and trusted leadership.

The message, understated but firm, is that local government works best when decisions are made by neighbors, not by distant legislators. Fiscal responsibility paired with strong schools; tradition alongside adaptation. Republicans cast themselves as custodians of New Canaan’s civic DNA – the habits, values, and institutions that, in their view, have long kept the town strong.



Pictured below: Julie Toal, Phil Hogan, and Hugo Alves out campaigning for Board of Education.



Obituaries

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

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Pamela Pedersen



Pamela L. Pedersen of Sherman, CT passed away peacefully Wednesday morning, August 21, 2025, surrounded by the love of her children and her son, Christian, by her side.

Pam was a life-long resident of New Canaan, CT, having recently moved to Sherman in 2022 to be close to her children and grandchildren. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend and will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Pam was predeceased by her husband, William S. Pedersen, III in 2023, and is survived by her three children and five grandchildren: William S. Pedersen, IV and his wife Heather and children Amber and Brooklyn, Kasey L. Diotte and her husband John and children John, Hadley, and Kaden, and Christian G. Pedersen.

A private burial service will take place at Lakeview Cemetery in New Canaan.

Rest in peace, Mom. Thank you for all you gave us, we will love you always.

Richard Daniels, III



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rich S. “Rich” Daniels, III, 53, beloved father, husband, son, brother and friend. After a courageous battle with cancer, Rich passed away peacefully on August 15, surrounded by love, music, and the constant reminder of “I love you, Dad” from his three

greatest joys-Charlie, Henry and Edward.

Rich grew up in West Roxbury, MA, the oldest of six children, and attended Boston Latin School, Fordham University and Baruch College. He cherished both his hometown of Boston and his adopted city of New York in equal measure. His professional career in financial services took him to New York and London, where he was fortunate to not only build a career but also lifelong friendships.

Rich is survived by his wife, Nancy E. Walton, and their sons Charlie, Henry and Edward; his parents Richard S. Daniels, Jr. and Martha (Gannon) Daniels, his brothers Greg and Tim (Michelle), his sisters Beth, Christine and Meg; and his beloved nephews Eamonn, William and James.

Rich will be remembered most for his devotion to his family, his love of fatherhood, his humor, and the deep connections he made with those around him.

The family is deeply grateful for the extraordinary support shown by friends, relatives, and the New Canaan community during the last weeks of Rich’s life.

To honor Rich’s memory, the family encourages donations to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, who compassionate care meant so much throughout his journey.

A service to celebrate Rich’s life will be held on Saturday, September 6 at 11:00 AM at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, New Canaan, CT, with a reception to follow.

The Daniels family is being compassionately cared for by the staff at Hoyt Funeral Home, 199 Main Street, New Canaan CT 06840

Richard Montgomery



Richard (Dick) James Montgomery, a resident of Darien, CT for 52 years, passed away peacefully at age 96 in his home on Sunday, August 17, 2025.

Dick was the second son of the late William and Frances Montgomery and was born on April 5, 1929 in the city of Palembang on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia, while his father was stationed there. Dick spent the first 11 years of his childhood in Sumatra, sailing back to the U.S. when the Japanese began expanding into Pacific territories. After his family’s return, Dick graduated from DeVeaux School in Niagara Falls, NY. Dick later earned a B.S. in chemical engineering from Cornell University, where he was a member of the Delta Phi fraternity, graduating in 1952.

Following college, Dick served in the Air Force at various U.S. bases during the Korean War and later went on to work for Mobil Oil. He met his late wife Janet Brendel on a beach in New Jersey, marrying her in February,

1959, and they raised three children, living as a family in Stamford, CT, and then in England, Italy, and finally Darien.

After retiring from Mobil in the mid-1980s, Dick remained active with golf, curling, Darien Community Association meetings, and Mobil’s retirement community. He also attended dozens of Cornell alumni reunions over 50 years and went on many global family scuba diving adventures.

Over the final 17 years of his life, Jan and Dick were looked after by their beloved home aide, Mimi Osei, who provided them with daily care and support.

Dick is survived by his three children, Rick and Susan G. Montgomery of Decatur, GA; Scott and Sarah G. Montgomery of Carmel, NY; and Susan Kammler of New Canaan, CT. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Lucas Montgomery, Matthew Montgomery, Joshua Montgomery, Austin Kammler, Cole Kammler, and Jessica Montgomery. In addition, Dick is survived by a sister, Carolyn Montgomery of Sarasota, FL, and predeceased by his brother Bill Montgomery of Sacramento, CA; and sister Ginny McClain of Dallas, TX.

The family will be observing a private celebration of Dick’s life.

Lawrence Tomaselli



Lawrence “Larry” Anthony Tomaselli, born April 23, 1952 in Norwalk, CT was called to his eternal home on August 18, 2025 in Christiansburg, Va.; passing suddenly but with his family by his side.

Larry was raised in New Canaan, CT by his parents Lawrence and Fisina Tomaselli.

In his early education years he attended St. Aloysius School. He graduated in 1970 from New Canaan High School and attended the University of New Haven where he played Ice Hockey. His love for sports started as a young child playing baseball with his siblings and cousins in the back yard and lasted the test of time through to adulthood where he coached many teams and athletes.

In 1974 he joined the New Canaan Fire Department, one of the proudest accomplishments in his life; where he climbed the ladder to become Chief from 1984 to 1986. He owned his own business; Tomaselli Remodeling and Contracting where he met many clients that he

loved keeping in touch with. He was a beloved Dance instructor from the time he was at Walter Schalk through to his daughter Susan’s studio; Step’N’Out Dance Studios.

Larry met his wife of 43 years, Anne Geruso Tomaselli of Darien Connecticut, in 1980. They worked together in New Canaan at Gates restaurant where Larry was a bartender and Anne was a waitress. He spent the majority of his life giving back to the community he was born, raised, and raised his family in.

In 2020, he and Anne started their long time dream of traveling and settled in Starke Florida where they made many friends who soon became family. In recent years some of his favorite things were RVing with Anne, golfing and spending time with friends and family; but most of all spending time with their five grandchildren who were the light of his life.

Lawrence is pre-deceased by his father Lawrence Francis Tomaselli. He is survived by his mother Fisina Tomaselli; his wife and soulmate Anne Tomaselli; his daughters Susan Tomaselli, Laura (Nicholas) Tomaselli and Michelle (Sean) Everett; his five grand children Marlina (Susan), Wyatt and Cullen (Laura), Liam and Eamon (Michelle); his siblings Laura (Kent) Siladi, James (Sandy) Tomaselli, Maria Tomaselli and Matt Tomaselli; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

There will be a celebration of life, the way Larry wanted it, in mid October 2025. In lieu of flowers please consider donating, in Larry’s name, to either St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

New Canaan Legal Ads

LEGAL AD

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the Town of New Canaan will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025 this hearing is scheduled to be a hybrid meeting and will be both in person in the Board Room at Town Hall, 77 Main Street and virtually via zoom at 7:00 p.m. Zoom link will be posted on the calendar at newcanaan.info.

1. 45 Brushy Ridge Road – Zoning Variance – Upon application of David Rucci, Lampert, Toohey & Rucci, LLC, Authorized Agent for Gavin and Melissa Parker, owner(s) for a Variance of Section(s) 3.5.F.5.b to a 12.5 sq ft. portion of the home to have a side yard height of 27’ and a total height 31.8’, where 20’ and 25’ are the maximum permitted, respectively. In the Half Acre Zone at 45 Brushy Ridge Road (Map 38, Block 93, Lot 748).

Luke T. Tashjian, Chairman
Dated: August 28, 2025

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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

Permit Number (IW-25-22) issued to Adrienne C. Davenport, 310 Greenley Road, Map 26 Block 23 Lot 3. Prepare site for construction activities and install all soil and erosion controls. Demolish existing tennis court. Construct new single story, slab on-grade 40’x24’ pool house, 37’x20’ gunite pool, 60’x34’ pickleball court, patio and outdoor kitchen, all within the removed tennis court footprint. Install new septic tank and make connection to pool house. Trench to make connections for all proposed utilities. Install underground propane tank and make connections. Install pool equipment and fencing. Install stormwater management system and make connections. Fine grade, topsoil, seed and plant all disturbed areas upon completion.

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COLUMN



By SCOTT HERR

Last week I returned from a family reunion in Oregon. I got to see my parents and noticed that both of them have aged significantly even since the last time I saw them in February for my dad’s 90th birthday celebration. My father has always been sociable, but I was getting frustrated this trip because he would stop and talk with just about everyone he met. I’m used to moving along through my day and keeping a schedule. Chop! chop! It was exasperating at times to have to wait as he stopped to engage the people around him. I assumed this is just part of the aging process...

In a recent podcast, David Brooks, one of my favorite social critics and journalists, lists as one of his core values what he calls “epistemological modesty.” I love that phrase, which means Mr. Brooks leans toward humility about what he knows and what he can know. It reminds me of

the adage that the opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty! I would suggest “epistemological modesty” as a value worth employing as we move from summer and into a new season. It requires an open mind and a desire to be a learning leader (don’t we all think we’re leaders in New Canaan?), to approach each day with curiosity and an expectation that there is new knowledge and truth to be discovered.

Brook’s approach is particularly helpful advice for those of us with religious faith. In the Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin there is an interesting quote from correspondence between Michael Welfare and Benjamin Franklin. Welfare was one of the leaders of the Dunkers, a German Anabaptist sect who were berated in the 1700s by vicious critics who were spreading lies about the Dunkers’ beliefs and practices. Benjamin Franklin suggested that Welfare publish the core doctrines and disciplines of the Dunkers for the public to understand better what they were really about. Welfare replied with these words:

“When we were first drawn together as a society, it had

“How Are You?”

Surprise: University of Chicago professor Nick Epley’s research shows people are happiest when they are talking to one another!

pleased [God] to enlighten our minds so far as to see that some doctrines, which we once esteemed truths, were errors, and that others, which we had esteemed errors, were real truths. From time to time God has been pleased to afford us farther light, and our principles have been improving, and our errors diminishing. Now we are not sure that we are arrived at the end of this progression, and at the perfection of spiritual or theological knowledge; and we fear that, if we should feel ourselves as if bound and confined by it, and perhaps be unwilling to receive further improvement, and our successors still more so, as conceiving what we their elders and founders had done, to be something sacred, never to be departed from.”

Franklin describes this sentiment as a “singular instance in the history of mankind of modesty in a sect.” Ha! Indeed, too many religious people are better described as arrogant

religious zealots or fanatics. It’s sad that religious folks are not famous for our “epistemological modesty” or simple humility, but rather dogmatic stubbornness and moral arrogance. I confess I have often confused overconfidence with conviction, and argumentation with giving witness to my faith. I have been too slow to learn that true spirituality requires that we change our minds, and remain flexible to the new truths that God seeks for us to learn and that others can teach us as we move through life.

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). Loving anyone, whether from your faith community, or your neighbor, or even your enemy (the high bar for Christian morality), requires “epistemological modesty.”

Loving another person is not about evaluating the right or wrong of their politics, sex life, work ethic, marital (or legal) status, or level of education or income. Love requires seeking common ground (often times through asking questions) that allows you to recognize the humanity of the other, and to learn what it is they need in order to become more the person God created and calls them to be.

In her book, The Sovereignty of Good, British philosopher Iris Murdoch says too often we only look at people with egotistical and self-serving eyes. We look in order to figure out what we can extract from others, not how we can invest in them. Our goal, Murdoch argues, is to try and cast “a just and loving attention” on others. In fact, she says the act of looking at someone is itself the essential moral act. For Murdoch, paying attention is the central moral act, and I take that to mean by extension that asking questions and showing curiosity

about what (or who) one is noticing is an equally important moral and life-giving act.

This may sound too simple, but a great way to start the new academic year is to notice and talk with the people around you. On the commuter train, strike up a conversation. In the grocery store as you move through the aisles, stop to talk with a neighbor. Engage people at your work or school over a coffee. Resist being consumed by your smart phone text messaging, email or latest game. Pay attention to the people around you, and show curiosity about what is going on in their lives. Ask simple questions, like, “How are you?” or “How is your day going?” and genuinely listen. Surprise: University of Chicago professor Nick Epley’s research shows people are happiest when they are talking to one another!

So, maybe my dad hasn’t simply lost his inhibitions, he’s discovered the simple wisdom for a happier life... and maybe we should too?

Worship Directory and Services

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

Congregational Church

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM: Bible Study

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

Upcoming Events:

September 19 at 7 PM: Fellowship Fall Social

First Church of Christ, Scientist

49 Park Street 203.966.0293
christiansciencet.org/newcanaan

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002
fpcnc.org

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

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

Upcoming Events:

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

September 17 from 7-9 PM: Join Open Mic Night to share music and/or poetry. Featured Performance by Frank Critelli. Walk-ins Welcome.

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
Service Schedule:

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

Fridays 7:30am-6pm: Eucharistic Adoration (September-June)

Saturday 8:30am: St. A's Healing Rosary Prayer Group

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

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
www.stmichaelslutheran.org

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

Recurring Events:

Thursday 12 PM: Alcoholics Anonymous

Trinity Church
New Canaan | Darien

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

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

United Methodist Church

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

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

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
www.cbcnewcanaan.org
Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI3O_Syp_XOKDg
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>
Sunday School at 10:00am
Worship Service at 11:00am
Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

Grace Community Church

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

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

Talmadge Hill Community Church

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

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

Recurring Events:

Thursdays at 9:30am: Bible Study

First Saturday at 8am: Men's Group

Second Saturday at 10am: Women's Circle

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center

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

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

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

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903
203.322.1649
www.templestainaistamford.org
Service Schedule:

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

Recurring Events:

Fridays at 12 PM: Torah Study

Second Saturday at 10:30 AM: Mussar

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

First Saturday at 8 AM: Avodat Halev Discussion Group

Temple Sholom

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

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

Recurring Events:

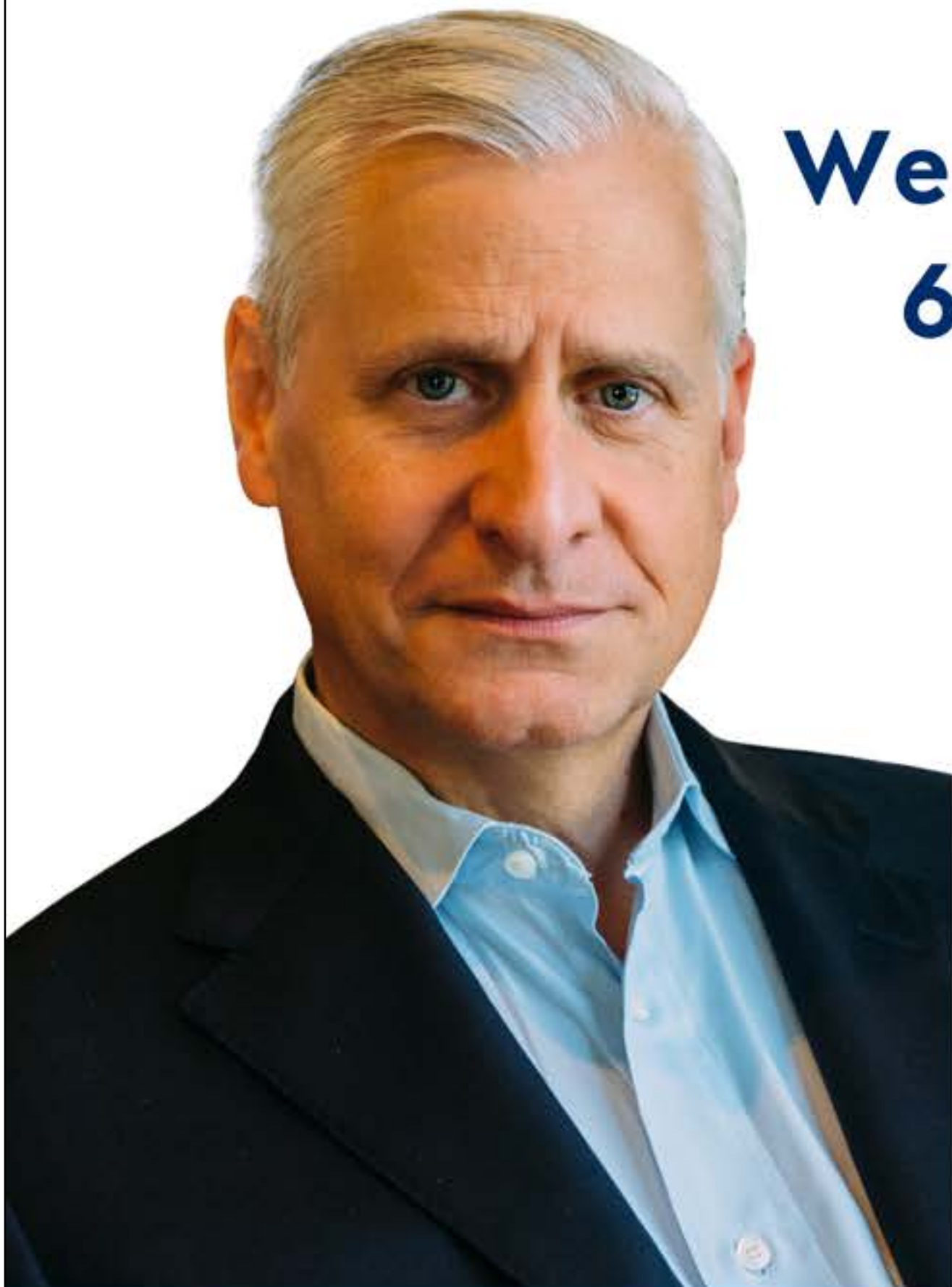
Saturdays at 9 AM: Shabbat Study via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcxU0EzZUM2VENeZmgyUT09#success>

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Obituaries



JOHN CHADWICK

April 12, 1939 – August 5, 2025

John Dearborn Chadwick, a longtime resident of Greenwich, CT, passed away amongst family on August 5, at Yale New Haven Hospital, after a short illness. He was 86 years old.

To the outside world, John was recognized as remarkably successful in the investment arena with a long-term winning record as a growth stock portfolio manager. That was but one facet of the man—among his family and countless friends, he was also admired for his passions as a sailor, gardener, military historian, writer, painter of watercolors, civic volunteer and as a raconteur.

But above all else, John was a devoted father, grandfather, husband, brother and friend. He was exceptionally attentive to his family; they were the center of his universe. The father of five children, born over a span of thirty years, he relished sharing his encyclopedic knowledge with them. With his older three children, he was the ever-present Little League coach on Thursday evenings. And then years later, when he was in his sixties, he had a second go-round coaching for his two youngest. He cherished traveling the world with all his children together. When he turned 75, he whimsically noted, “I’m the only person I know who has had his children living under his roof for a consecutive fifty years.” More recently, he raised that number to sixty.

While John’s renowned humor was wry and intelligent, it could also be—infrequently though memorably—quite ribald. Yet, he was known much more for his quiet elegance—his bearing was gracefully poised, his manner proper but gentle. His wisdom and compassion revealed an inspiring seriousness of purpose. Not mere gravity or dull solemnity. Rather an exacting and helpful intellectual depth with

interests that could be wide-ranging and sometimes quite surprising. He loved nothing more than to be in the company of a small coterie of friends—curious as he was, and always up for an evening of both seriousness and joviality.

John’s avocations became his passion after he retired from the world of investing. Years earlier, when he was dating his wife, Patricia, he shared with her his dream. “When I retire, I’m going to go back to watercolor painting which I loved at St. Albans.” He was true to his word and passion. Even before retiring, he took watercolor classes and reveled in being the only man in the class. For the last twenty-six years of his life, he designed and painted the cover image of the family Christmas card. His other interests included stamp collecting—a lost art—collecting wine, and gardening. He was especially proud to have received an award for “the best small garden in Greenwich” from the Greenwich Garden Club.

In his last decade, after he and Patricia joined a writers’ club (for her enjoyment), he himself took up writing, and could be found for hours at a time at his computer satisfying his writer’s itch. As recently as a couple of months ago, he was scribbling down ideas for his next short story in the middle of the night. He became the best editor for Patricia’s writing and was always her most enthusiastic fan.

John was born in Atlanta, Ga. on April 12, 1939, to Elizabeth Finlay and John Chadwick. His sister, Vaughn, was three years his junior. When John was five years old, the family moved to Bethesda, Md., where his father, a reporter for the Associated Press (AP), was assigned to cover Congress, the White House, and the Supreme Court. John enjoyed telling of accompanying his father when he knocked on the front door of their neighbor, then Vice President Richard Nixon, who opened the door himself. John played with Checkers, the Nixons’ dog, while his father interviewed the Vice President. He also recounted that in the mid-1960s, President Lyndon Johnson blamed the elder Mr. Chadwick for the heart attack he suffered after being questioned intensely.

In the fourth grade John met Chuck Royce, who would become his life-long friend. The boys had countless adventures together throughout their childhoods, at college and at graduate school. Both men moved to New York and entered the world of investing. John moved his family to Greenwich in 1968, and Chuck followed within a year. Some thirty years later, John followed Chuck to Watch Hill, RI. Each relished telling stories about the other’s antics over their long and enviable friendship.

John attended St. Albans School at the National Cathedral for his high school years, graduating with the class of ‘57. The headmaster during his time there was Canon Charles S. Martin, a man whom John credited with giving him his lifelong love of learning, and whom he hailed as his mentor. In his later years, John gave generously to the school he loved.

Among John’s favorite childhood memories were his trips

to his family’s ancestral home in Chattanooga, TN, his family vacations on Wrightsville Beach and his summers at Camp Greenbriar and Camp Carolina.

At Harvard College, he was president of The Speakers’ Club and an avid track and field athlete. He majored in Economics and graduated with the class of ‘61. A summer in Europe with his St. Albans and Harvard roommate, Walter Hanes, gave him the great pleasure of enjoying Berlin only days before The Wall shut off the city.

Upon receiving his MBA from Wharton, class of ‘63, John entered the world of investing in New York City. For the next forty-plus years, he made his reputation as a growth equity manager, his career culminating with his last decade at Bessemer Trust, where he was a Managing Director.

John remained an active investment professional in retirement, as the volunteer head of the Investment Committee for the town of Greenwich Police and Firemen’s Pension Fund. Over a twelve-year period, he catapulted the returns to the top percentile.

John relished the company of his friends and enjoyed his membership in the Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill, the University Club in New York, The Field Club and the Horseneck Club in Greenwich. As an avid sailor and member of the Riverside Yacht Club, he never missed a Thursday evening Vespers race. On his 86th birthday, he enjoyed being welcomed into Honorary Membership at the club, after he reached the magic number of 135—a combination of his age and his years of membership. He was particularly delighted that the honor came with the waiving of annual dues. In the summer at Watch Hill, his favorite pastimes were sitting on East Beach with a book and bodysurfing in the rough waves.

In his last few years, John was happy to have his children still so much in his life. He saw COVID through the lens of having a pod of three that included his son, Jim. When the pandemic receded, he was blessed with constant support from his daughter, Caroline, and her husband who moved back to Connecticut.

John is survived by his wife, the former Patricia Walsh, and their two children Caroline (John Howell) and James (fiancée Anna), and by his three children with his first wife, Nancy Albracht, John Lyne (Tear), Liz, and Paul (Ellie), as well as seven grandchildren (Harold, Benjamin, John, Laila, Kate, Jessica, Finlay) and his sister, and lifelong confidante, Vaughn, and her daughter, Catherine. He was pre-deceased by his parents Elizabeth and John.

Funeral arrangements will be provided by Fred D. Knapp in Greenwich. The burial will be private at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Christ Church Greenwich on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Albans School (Washington, D.C.) www.stalbansschool.org/online-giving and Anchor Health, anchorhealthct.org/donate/ the LGBTQ medical clinic that means so much to Patricia and Caroline, and which he supported from its inception.



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NCPs Communication Playground Communication Boards

SUBMITTED

New Canaan Public Schools is proud to announce the installation of communication boards on the playgrounds of Saxe Middle School and East, South, and West Elementary Schools. These freestanding signs, fully funded by the district’s Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Parent Teacher Councils (PTC), are designed to support students and community members who cannot rely on speech alone to communicate due to a range of conditions such as autism, cerebral palsy, hearing impairments, genetic syndromes, and other disabilities. Their addition reinforces the district’s ongoing commitment to inclusion and accessibility for all students, regardless of ability.

The project was spearheaded by NCPs Assistive Technology Specialist, Ashley Tremblay, whose goal was to ensure students who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) have access to language and communication tools in all

environments, both in and out of the classroom. In March 2023, Tremblay introduced the concept of playground communication boards to Assistant Superintendent of Pupil and Family Services, William Tesbir, along with the district’s cohort of speech language pathologists. In her presentation, she showcased how communication boards have already been adopted by school districts and municipalities across the country, and recent improvements in affordability and accessibility made it the perfect time for New Canaan to bring this initiative to its own schools.

With full funding generously provided by the PTA and PTCs, the boards were officially installed in August 2025 at the middle school and each elementary school. Each building has two available for use and are available to students during the school day and to the broader community during after-school and weekend hours.

“As our playgrounds are open to the public, it’s

important for the community to understand that these spaces are inclusive and welcoming to all,” said Tremblay. “Seeing communication boards as an everyday occurrence makes the idea of them more mainstream and open to use. Parents with students who use communication devices should know that even on the playgrounds, their child can have a voice in what they want—or do not want—to do.”

Each board displays a variety of symbols and words that help individuals communicate through gestures, pointing, or other forms of interaction. This is especially meaningful for younger students who are still developing essential communication and social skills through play.

In today’s educational landscape, where equity and access are fundamental to student success, the implementation of communication boards reflects a broader understanding of what it means to educate the whole child. “I have a strong belief in accessibility for all



Close Up of Newly Installed Communication Board

children, regardless of their abilities,” Tremblay added. “I firmly believe everyone has the right to communication, regardless of location. Knowing that we [the district, PTCs, and PTAs] worked together to

meet the communication needs of any student who may use these boards at some point in their lives makes me proud to be part of this truly inclusive district.”

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Schools extends its deep appreciation to all who helped bring this project to life and their dedication to helping our district create inclusive learning environments where every student has the opportunity to

After 32 years, New Canaan Dental Care has a new home on Pine Street

SUBMITTED

Dr. Anthony T. Festa’s New Canaan Dental Care practice is excited to announce its relocation to a new, state-of-the-art facility located at 43 Pine Street, Unit 4 in New Canaan, across the street from Walgreens.

The move marks an exciting new chapter for New Canaan Dental Care and its patients. “After 32 years on South Avenue, my landlord informed me that he was selling the property,” says Dr. Festa. “In searching for a new space, I was most fortunate to find and purchase the beautiful Pine Street location, given its proximity to my old office and its well-known address in town.”

This premiere New Canaan location provides a new, cutting-edge dental practice for all your family’s needs. Conveniently located on the first floor of this recognizable and renowned stately brick building, New Canaan Dental Care has an abundance of patient parking and walkability to the train station and the center of town.



Dr. Anthony T. Festa's NEW CANAAN DENTAL CARE practice is excited to announce its relocation to a new, state-of-the-art facility located at 43 Pine Street, Unit 4

Dr. Festa continues, “We will be expanding is already up and running and fully operational our space in two stages. To begin, our practice at 43 Pine Street, Unit 4. Very soon, we will be

renovating the adjacent space at 41 Pine Street, Unit 5 so that, combined, we will be able to provide our wonderful patients with a spacious practice, fully equipped with all the latest technology and treatments.”

He concludes, “We are incredibly excited about this new chapter and look forward to welcoming existing and new patients to our new home. Our highly talented, dedicated, and warm staff remains intact, as does the superior level of personalized and caring attention given to each and every patient. We are confident that you will appreciate the improved experience.”

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment at the new location, please call 203.966.9696 or email newcanaandentalcare@gmail.com

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Democratic BBQ shines a light on politics, music and candidates

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Under the theme of “Light the Way Forward,” the New Canaan Democrats will be hosting its annual BBQ fundraiser, complete with live music and meaningful conversations, Sunday, Sept. 14, at the New Canaan Carriage Barn Arts Center from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

As in years past, the special afternoon is a way to cement long-term friendships while making new ones at a gathering to support and build a brighter, stronger New Canaan. By attending, attendees will get a chance to meet and talk with the outstanding roster of Democratic candidates

running to serve the town in this year’s local elections, such as the Board of Selectmen, Town Council and Board of Education.

The barbecue is also expected to draw notable federal and state officials, based on experience in previous years. In prior years, U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal, Chris Murphy and Rep. Jim Himes made appearances and spoke to the crowds. Similarly, state officials, including Sen Ceci Maher and Reps. Lucy Dathan and Savet Constantine have been joined by town officials and local candidates to share in the event, describe their accomplishments and mix with

the crowd.

“In addition to having a great time among friends,” said DTC Chair Tim Klimpl, “now more than ever is the time to show up. Your support and presence at this year’s barbeque will lay the foundation for supporting our Democratic officials in local office and provide momentum to expand the roster of Democrats serving as town leaders. We know they will do the hard work, stand for shared values and further New Canaan’s future. But we can’t do it without your support.”

The donation to attend the BBQ is \$90 per

person, with free admission for anyone under 18-years-old. To purchase Light the Way Forward BBQ tickets, or just make a donation, go online to: www.newcanaandems.info.

“Together, let’s light the way forward,” Christina Fagerstal, DTC vice chair, said. “The barbecue is a way to spotlight our roster of candidates who have shown a commitment to working for their communities and a devotion to making them better for everyone. This barbeque is always a good time while making it possible for our candidates to do good for our communities.”

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15 Mill Road	\$2,495,000	\$2,495,000	\$2,400,000	55	5	4	
1071 Oenoke Ridge	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	16	5	6	
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213 Marvin Ridge Road	\$2,350,000	3,846	\$611.00	2.14	4	3
48 Silver Ridge Road	\$2,495,000	3,360	\$743.00	1.13	4	3
35 Church Street	\$2,695,000	3,176	\$849.00	0.46	5	3
105 Clearview Lane	\$3,995,000	5,482	\$729.00	3.03	4	4

Their Take, My Take

Why such a negative take, when home prices are rising at roughly the same rate as inflation – a healthy and sustainable level?



BY JOHN ENGEL

“According to the latest S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Home Price Index, U.S. home prices continued to decelerate in May 2025, recording a 2.3% year-over-year gain. The 10-City Composite Index rose 3.4% y/y, while the 20-City Composite rose 2.8%. Among the 20 cities tracked, New York led with a robust 7.4% price increase, followed by Chicago (+6.1%) and Detroit (+4.9%).” – Matthew Gardner, real estate economist.

Why such a negative take, when home prices are rising at roughly the same rate as inflation – a healthy and sustainable level? New York City’s price increase is good news for our Connecticut market. Our buyers are more confident and getting even moreso when they sell their New York real estate, and evidence of that optimism is the fact that deal volume there is increasing.

“While home prices remain relatively stable on a national level, underlying market dynamics point to a sector in transition. With affordability stretched, inventory still below the long-term average, and transaction volumes subdued, the housing market is recalibrating under the ongoing weight of elevated mortgage rates and increasingly localized demand-supply conditions.” – Matthew Gardner, real estate economist.

Inventory in Fairfield County remains at 20-year lows. Transaction levels are moderately subdued despite the profound lack of inventory. Yes, here, too, the market is recalibrating as sellers get the message that we are in a healthy, if no longer frothy, market.

“The Case-Shiller index for May shows that the strongest home price growth continues to be in markets in the Northeast and Midwest, where supply is still limited or where homes are more affordable. By contrast, home prices in some Southern markets are slowing as inventory has been climbing. And home prices are also weaker in some West Coast markets where affordability has

been a major constraint.” – Lisa Sturtevant, Housing Economist.

Much has been made of the impact of interest rates on affordability because it’s easy to measure and accessible. But, in markets such as New York City and New Canaan, where most purchases are cash, there are a host of factors. We can blame rising HOA fees, insurance rates, utility charges, commodity prices, labor costs, and maintenance if we want a true picture of the affordability equation.

“It is no longer a seller’s market in many places, but that doesn’t mean it is a buyer’s market or even a balanced market. The housing market is stuck, with both prospective buyers and sellers increasingly concerned about the economy and their own personal financial situations. Home sales activity is likely to remain slow in the second half of the year and overall sales could end the year at or below last year’s historically low levels.” (Lisa Sturtevant, housing economist)

Another negative headline, and she’s not wrong, but I think the housing market is not so directly linked with consumer’s sentiment over the economy. Despite rising real estate prices in both Connecticut and New York, and a return to a more balanced market across most of America, consumer confidence has been relatively stable (at 97.2) for the three months since the April scare (when it dipped to 85). It’s also only ten points below last year’s optimism (around 108), with tariffs and jobs as the most oft-cited reasons for the decrease.

While it is easy to see dips in consumer confidence when GDP is negative, the current level is significantly below the average consumer confidence of 101.9. We need that confidence as badly as we need low rates if builders are going to build, businesses are going to invest, and consumers consume. Consumer confidence is not a great predictor of recessions, however. The last

recession began while confidence was at the 132.6 level.

The national housing market is indeed in transition, as economists point to stretched affordability, low inventory, and elevated mortgage rates as forces slowing overall sales. But the local picture in places like New York City and Fairfield County is more nuanced. Price gains in the Northeast reflect strength, not instability, and in our high-equity, cash-driven markets, traditional affordability metrics like mortgage rates don’t tell the full story. Rising carrying costs – HOA fees, insurance, and maintenance – are the new pressure points. While economists emphasize buyer and seller uncertainty, I see a market that’s moving toward balance, not stagnation. In Connecticut, tight inventory and stable consumer confidence suggest that demand remains resilient, even if the froth has cleared.

Notes from the Monday Meeting:

Given the low inventory, we have several clients asking what is the likelihood that they will be able to downsize in New Canaan, Greenwich, or Darien this year. Twenty-five luxury condos sell per year across the three towns, about two per month. There are super-aggressive clients who treat this as a job, elbow their way to the front of the line, and put in the first strong offer before anyone else has a chance to see it. Conversely, there are buyers who have been looking for several years. They might makes offers but always find a reason not to move forward. These are extreme examples to illustrate a point. Some people find “the one” on the first try. Others reject “the one” because they haven’t seen enough yet, and then come back to it. A good agent educates the client sufficiently well on the last 25 sales so that the client knows exactly where the market is;



Source: www.advisorperspectives.com/dshort/updates/2025/07/29/consumer-confidence-improves-slightly-in-july



The Pearl at Rowayton Seafood will be available to charter next summer. No jumping off the boat.
(Photo: Katherine Calderwood for Moflly Media)



Norm Bloom's Cultivator dragging the bottom of Norwalk Harbor and sorting for market.



New Canaan YMCA "Princess" on board the Norwalk Maritime Center's Marine Life Study Cruise, circa 2003.

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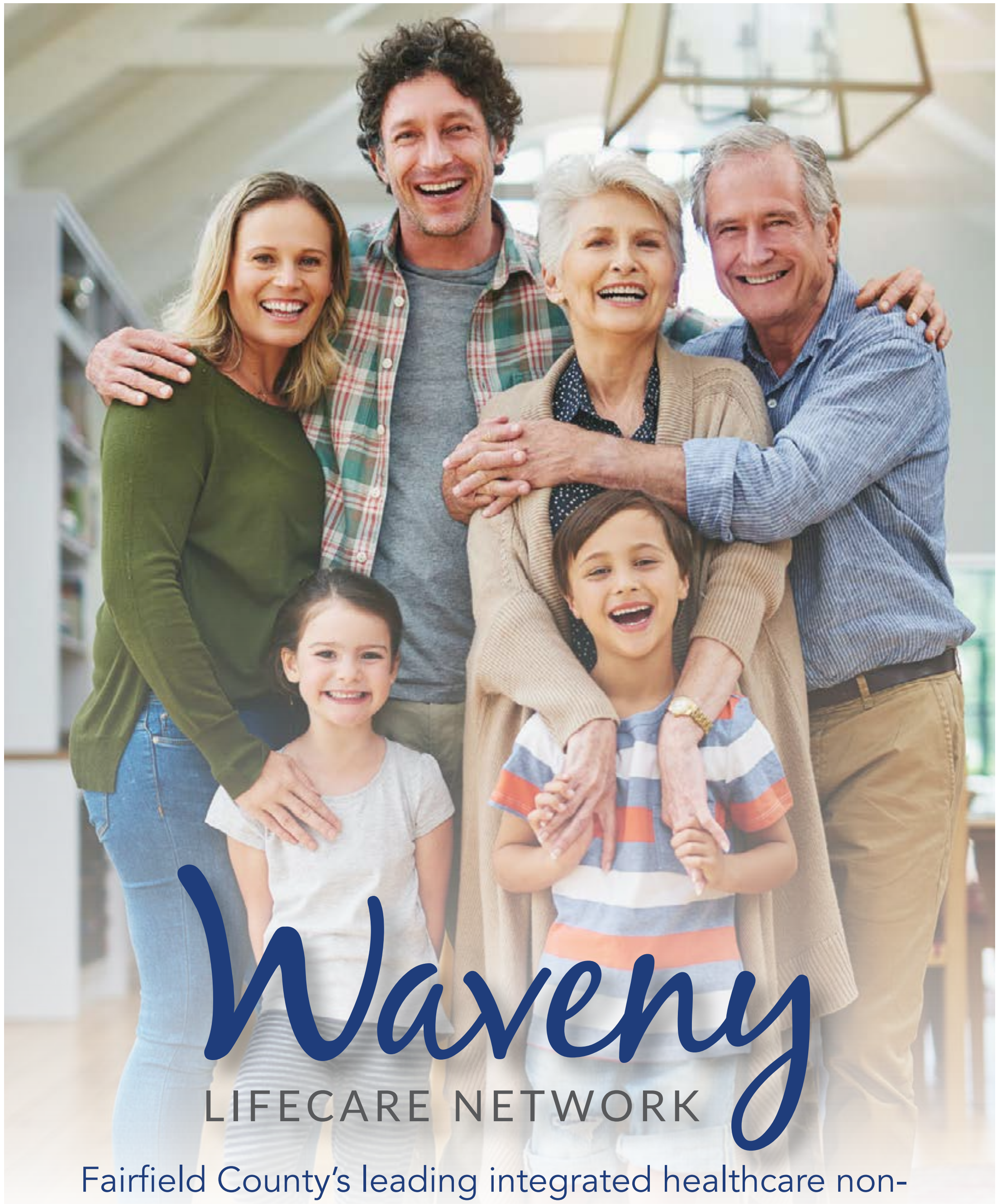
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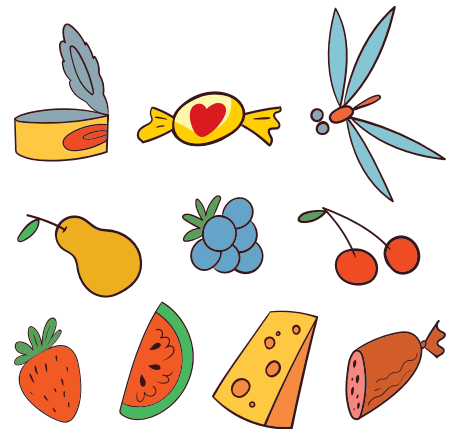
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TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 26

[Planning & Zoning Commission](#)
7-8 p.m., Town Hall & via Zoom

August 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 Put to present a 3-part series for living well now—and later. Find peace of mind, protect what matters, and create space for a life you love. Support your well-being—mentally, emotionally, and practically. Register at <https://shorturl.at/reFEh>.

Waveny Summer Concert | The Short Bus Band

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

September 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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September 8

Beethoven: Ways of Listening Presented by David Stein

2:30 PM at the Lapham Center
Focusing on a single masterpiece as a doorway into a great composer’s mind and music. Using performance videos and illustrations at the piano, we delve into the emotional and spiritual meanings expressed in the work. Listeners will gain a deeper understanding of the music. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

September 9

AARP Safe Driving Course with Phil Swan

9:30 AM- 1:30 PM at the Lapham Center
Refresh your driving skills with The AARP Smart Driver™ course. Learn more about driver safety strategies, accident avoidance, and defensive driving. Completion of the course may help you save on your auto insurance! Class size limited to 15. Pre-registration may be made online at aarp.org/drive (which allows credit card payment). Or, register by calling 203-594-3620 and pay the day of by cash or check made payable to AARP.

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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

Stay Safe, Play Smart—Pickleball Tips for Injury-Free Fun Presented by Carl M. Cirino, MD, Sports Medicine Surgeon

11 AM at the Lapham Center
Playing pickleball is a great way to stay active and boost both your physical and mental health—but like any sport, it comes with its fair share of bumps and bruises. Join Dr. Cirino as he shares expert tips to help you stay injury-free and safe. Coffee and breakfast treats will be served. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

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>.

Nature Workshops with Kimberly Kelly | Slow 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 14

The Effect

2 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
THE EFFECT, by Lucy Prebble, centers

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New Canaan Dems Family BBQ

4-7 PM at the Carriage Barn
Join the NC Dems annual BBQ fundraiser with live music and kids activities. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/2ZexJ>.

September 15

Social Security Basics: What Every Individual Should Know presented by Benjamin Rhodes, Social Security Administration, via Zoom

1 PM at the Lapham Center
Join us for answers to your questions about social security. The Zoom presentation will be available for viewing only at Lapham. Registration required. To register, call (203) 594-3620. Free event.

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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Understanding AI: What It Is, What It Isn’t, and Why It Matters | Dinner and Program

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center
Join for an engaging overview of the current state of Artificial Intelligence (AI). This presentation will explore what AI is—and what it isn’t—while looking at how different socio-demographic groups are using it, its expected impact on jobs, its everyday applications, and its risks, particularly around fraud and misuse. To register, call (203) 594-3620. Free.

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/>.

Trivia Bingo, Appetizers, and Drinks with Mike Bacon

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center
Back by popular demand, Mike returns with his fun and fast-paced nine-category Trivia Bingo. If you’ve played before, you know it’s always a great time. Bring your friends, test your knowledge and enjoy some laughs—you might even win a prize. To register, call (203) 594-3620. Free.

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/n6X0P>.

September 19

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8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
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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 watch, learn, play, and enjoy chess. More information is available at <https://www.32pieces.com/home>.

Autumn Stroll

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/Nrs0F>.

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/xLEiQ>.

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>.

September 26

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8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center

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Lunch with a Purpose | Citizens of Humanity and west-bourne

11 AM- 2 PM at Grace Farms

Join for a lunch and conversation featuring Amy Williams, CEO of Citizens of Humanity Group and Camilla Marcus, chef and founder of west-bourne. They discuss how the essential pillars of food, clothing, and shelter are driving change toward a more sustainable and ethical future in a conversation moderated by Karen Kariuki. Lunch will be a 4-course vegetarian meal. Register at <https://shorturl.at/4tpYg>.

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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 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=ccjune2025>.

October 22

Breakfast with the New Canaan Sentinel

10:30 AM at the Lapham Center

Join for breakfast with the Sentinel! In an era where facts matter more than ever, the New Canaan Sentinel, is committed to delivering trust-worthy news, compelling stories, and diverse perspectives—more than just a publication—it's a platform built on the principles of integrity, transparency, and public service. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

October 29

Preserving Nature Close to Home: An Intro to the New Canaan Land Trust

Presented by Robin Bates Mason, Executive Director

12 PM at the Lapham Center

Discover the New Canaan Land Trust: Past, Present, and Future. Join Executive Director Robin Bates-Mason for an insightful lunch and learn detailing the history of the NCLT and its strategic vision for the future. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

October 30

Halloween Bingo

12-2 PM at the Lapham Center

Join for lunch, BINGO, and prizes for the best costume! Costumes encouraged. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

November 6

Fraud Prevention Tips with the New Canaan Police Department

Presented by Officer Adams and Officer Coughlin

11 AM at the Lapham Center

Financial scams and identity theft are constantly evolving. Staying informed helps you recognize and avoid the latest schemes. Reduce your risk of becoming a victim by attending this presentation. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

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

Friday, August 29

Norwalk Hospital

34 Maple Street

Norwalk, CT 06856

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, August 30

The Rowayton

Community Center

33 Highland Ave

Norwalk, CT 06853

8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Sunday, August 31 & Monday, September 1

Greenwich Blood

Donation Center

99 Indian Field Road

Greenwich, CT 06830

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wednesday, September 3

Stamford Church of Christ

1264 High Ridge Road

Stamford, CT 06903

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Wilton Library

137 Old Ridgefield Rd.

Wilton, CT 06897

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

St. Philip's Church

25 France Street

Norwalk, CT 06851

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Thursday, September 4

Merritt 7

501 Main Avenue

Norwalk, CT 06856

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Support Services

& Meetings

September 3

Back-to-School Resource Fair with Inclusive Together

12-2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

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. Arrive any time between 12 and 2, and stay as long as you are able. Register at <https://shorturl.at/k2doA>.

Back to School Together: From Struggle to Strength--Tools to Support Your Child with Learning Differences

12:15 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room

Join Jake of Superpower Mentors for a dynamic workshop designed for parents and caregivers of neurodivergent children or those with learning differences. Walk away with practical tools to foster affirming, strength-based communication—and set your child up for lasting success at home, in school, and in life. Register at <https://shorturl.at/gZWYj>.

Alzheimer’s Support Group with the Waveny LifeCare Network

12 PM at the New Canaan Library, Lydee Hummel Study Room (#223)

Family members, caregivers, and friends are invited to meet for informative and supportive group sessions to help navigate changes related to memory loss and cognitive decline. Register at <https://shorturl.at/FowDU>.

October 12

Library Orientation

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>.

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 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@atriaseniorliving.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/Ji0/>.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Pig's home
4 Bit of parsley
9 Fluid ounce or foot
13 Figurehead's place on a ship
15 Quintet within "facetious"
16 Fancy-schmancy
17 Hamster's home
18 Desert flora
19 Alone
20 Not quite right
22 Worker in a pit
24 Heavy book
26 They ebb and flow
27 '90s workout system
29 Crowd size?
31 Intense craving
32 Outdoor event
contingency
36 Beethoven's German birthplace
37 In days gone by
39 Baby's boo-boo
40 Monarch, perhaps
42 Prosper
44 Mini-____ (convenience stores)
45 Name ending in four consonants
46 He-Man's twin sister
48 Where to see stock footage?

- 49 Concern for parents of young kids
52 Greet someone
56 Like the White Rabbit
57 Devices for smoothing sheets
59 Fortified tower in a castle
60 Tons
61 Unfamiliar with
62 "Blondie" boy
63 Pigs' homes
64 Feeling bloated
65 Acid
DOWN
1 Org. concerned with boxers' safety?
2 Airport transport
3 Classic cartoon bear
4 Anatomical pouch
5 Lack of conflict
6 Puerto ____
7 Itty-bitty bit
8 Suffering severe remorse (see letters 8 to 5 in this answer)
9 Dessert "topped" with fruit, and a theme hint
10 Everybody's opposite
11 Keys in the ocean

- 12 Superhero with a hammer
14 Egggy breakfasts containing ham and peppers (... 11 to 7)
21 Breaks down in tears
23 Appearance
25 Track sport, to Brits (... 8 to 3)
27 Ten Commandments pronoun
28 "Say it ____ so!"
29 Moderate paces
30 "2001: A Space Odyssey" computer
31 As yet unscheduled: Abbr.
33 Amazes

- 34 Leaning Tower of Pisa feature
35 Slippery fish
38 What workouts "burn"
41 Really funny person
43 Globes
46 Oil source
47 Unintentionally discover
48 Tenths of dimes
49 Applaud
50 Square footage
51 Column crossers
53 Shout
54 Bottom lines?
55 Apple product with a Touch model
58 Kind of sauce in a stir-fry

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

B	A	B	A	R		S	C	A	B		T	W	A	S
A	G	I	L	E		C	O	L	E		H	O	M	E
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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Something read in a restaurant
5. Covering for a pillow
9. It can hold mortar
12. (K) Atop
13. (K) Fish decoy
14. Bauxite, for example
15. (K) Get the lumps out of flour
16. Help a criminal commit crime
17. Like a face that's gone pale
18. (K) It tells actors where to stand
20. Support meeting
22. (K) Feeling very poorly
23. (K) Delete wrinkles
25. (K) What 100% is
27. Good steak rating?
29. (K) Marching band big 'un
33. Where manicurists store their records? (2 words)

36. (K) It can reveal what you really know
37. (K) U-turn from polite
38. (K) Grow into bigger clothes
39. (K) "It was the most fun ____!"
41. Road rescue
43. (K) Part of a long sentence, sometimes
46. Loose rocks, to a mountaineer
49. Eggs, at a clinic
50. (K) Building block brand
53. (K) Cookie in some sleeves
54. (K) Hot roofing material
55. (K) Meat from a calf
56. Within striking distance
57. (K) Caribou relative
58. (K) "Is anyone ____ eating frog legs like me?"
59. Catch sight of
DOWN
1. Put in disarray, as someone's hair

2. (K) Cast-of-thousands movie
3. Bare-bones, in offers (2 words)
4. (K) Up to the time of
5. Thin strip of wood
6. Spokes' center
7. (K) "So there you ____!"
8. D.C. public transportation
9. (K) Sound from a wolf
10. Doctorate exam
11. (K) Say, "No, it wasn't me"
19. (K) Lesson ____ (teacher's offering)
21. Voting no on
23. Arouse, as one's wrath
24. (K) Not just use a book for decoration
25. (K) Toward the rear, on a watercraft
26. (K) Give a ridiculous alibi
28. Beast in some fairy tales

30. A way that the unprepared are caught?
31. (K) Plead, as for money
32. (K) Had boiled eggs dipped in honey
34. Thing on an agenda
35. Videotape format of long ago
40. Part of the human heart
42. (K) Layer way up high
43. (K) A place for doves
44. (K) The shape of a high school track
45. (K) Writer Twain
46. (K) You can dig it
47. Collect your crop
48. (K) Fish in "Finding Nemo"
51. (K) Slippery as an ____
52. (K) Fewer cars need this than 20 years ago

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

Brass button?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

B	A	L	O	R		S	C	A	B		T	W	A	S
A	G	I	L	E		C	O	L	E		H	O	M	E
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S	C	A	L	D		R	E	N	D		W	E	E	
Q	H	S	I	O		F	T	U	D		S	F	W	N
C	A	M		S	L	O	B		G	A	S	S	Y	
K	I	R	S		I	E	A	L	L	E	Y			
			L	A	T	S		E	A	T	S	R	A	W
D	A	S	A	N	I		P	E	C	S		C	P	A
A	L	O	T		S	A	L	L	Y	F	I	E	L	D
M	O	L	E		T	H	E	E		I	S	S	U	E
S	E	E	S		S	I	D	E		T	R	E	S	S

Previous riddle answer:

Fire water thing?
17-A) GUN

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That's Sweet! by Paul Coulter

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12
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63					64						65		

Horoscopes

Key Astrological Features:

Sun in Virgo (all week): Focus on analysis, health, routines, service.

Mercury Retrograde in Virgo (all week): Careful review, editing, revisiting old work, delays in communication.

New Moon in Virgo on August 29: Fresh start for practical goals, wellness, work habits.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

The New Moon in Virgo on August 29 highlights your daily routines and health habits. It's a powerful time to start a new wellness plan or organize work tasks. Mercury retrograde urges you to review schedules and clear lingering tasks before taking on more. Simplify where you can.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Creative pursuits and joy are at the heart of this New Moon. Rekindle old hobbies, plan fun with children, or revise artistic projects. Mercury retrograde suggests delays, so use the week to refine ideas rather than launch them. Careful planning pays off.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

The New Moon energizes home and family matters. Consider reorganizing your living space or addressing lingering domestic tasks. Mercury retrograde may bring old family conversations back to the table—listen carefully and clear misunderstandings with patience.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Communication is front and center. The New Moon supports revising plans, restarting old writing projects, or clarifying ideas. Mercury retrograde can complicate travel or schedules—double-check details. Use the week to reconnect with neighbors or siblings.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Finances and personal values are highlighted by the New Moon in Virgo. It's a good time to review budgets and reconsider priorities. Mercury retrograde asks for care in transactions—avoid major purchases if you can. Look to clear debts or streamline spending.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

The New Moon in your sign offers a personal reset. Set intentions for self-improvement and new approaches to your goals. Mercury

retrograde in Virgo asks you to reflect on old habits and refine plans before committing. Use this energy to realign with what matters.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

This week brings introspection. The New Moon encourages you to set intentions around spiritual growth, rest, or ending cycles that no longer serve you. Mercury retrograde may surface old worries—process them gently. Prioritize quiet time to recharge.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Friendships and group goals are the focus. The New Moon is ideal for reconnecting with old friends or refining plans with teams. Mercury retrograde can stir past conflicts—work toward resolution with honesty. Collaborate thoughtfully to avoid crossed wires.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Career and public image come under the New Moon's light. Set goals for professional refinement or revisiting old projects. Mercury retrograde can cause delays with authorities or plans—triple-check details before submitting work or signing contracts.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

The New Moon supports learning, teaching, and travel plans—especially revisiting past studies or refining goals. Mercury retrograde may delay trips or complicate paperwork. Be thorough and patient, focusing on research and preparation.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Financial partnerships and shared resources are highlighted. The New Moon can help you address debts or renegotiate terms. Mercury retrograde asks you to read fine print carefully and revisit old arrangements for clarity. Take a measured approach.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Relationships take center stage. The New Moon is ideal for recommitting to shared goals or improving communication with partners. Mercury retrograde may bring back old issues—use this time to clear the air. Listening and empathy are key.

Summary for August 28 - September 3:

This week's New Moon in Virgo on August 29 offers a chance to set practical, grounded goals, particularly around organization, health, and routines. But with Mercury retrograde in Virgo, progress is best made slowly, through careful review, editing, and tying up old loose ends.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 evasive (6)
2 more gaunt (7)
3 sounding like a hungry belly (8)
4 without any detours (8)
5 marionettes (7)
6 Canadian sprinter De Grasse (5)
7 your parents' children (8)

SOLUTIONS

SHI	LY	RUM	LA	ING
ER	TS	NGS	PUP	SI
PE	RE	RE	BL	NKI
DI	BLI	FTY	AND	CT

Previous Answers: 1. UNWISE 2. CYCLICAL 3. TRANSPARENT
4. GERONTOLOGY 5. LEMONADE 6. MYTH 7. DESCARTES 8/4

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

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How To Draw Two Ways: step by step



Sudoku for Kids

		3	
	3		1
2		1	
3	1	4	

		1	
	2	3	
4			3
		4	1

4		3	2
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1		2	
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SUDOKU

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

Easy								
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Very Hard								
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Easy								
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Sudoku answers

Bottom row – Very Hard

3	1	2	4	5	6	7	8
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9	7	5	4	3	2	8	1
8	3	7	2	9	4	5	6
4	5	1	3	7	6	9	8
6	2	9	5	8	1	3	4
7							

Bottom row – Hard

8	4	9	5	6	1	2	7	3
4	1	2	6	8	3	7	5	9
1	2	6	8	3	7	5	9	4
5	3	7	4	2	9	1	8	6
9	8	1	6	5	3	7	4	2
3	6	2	9	7	4	8	1	5
7	5	4	2	1	8	3	6	9
2	9	5	4	3	6	9	7	8
6	7	8	3	4	2	9	5	1
4	1	3	7	9	5	6	2	8

Bottom row = Easy

5	2	3	4	7	1	6	3	9	8
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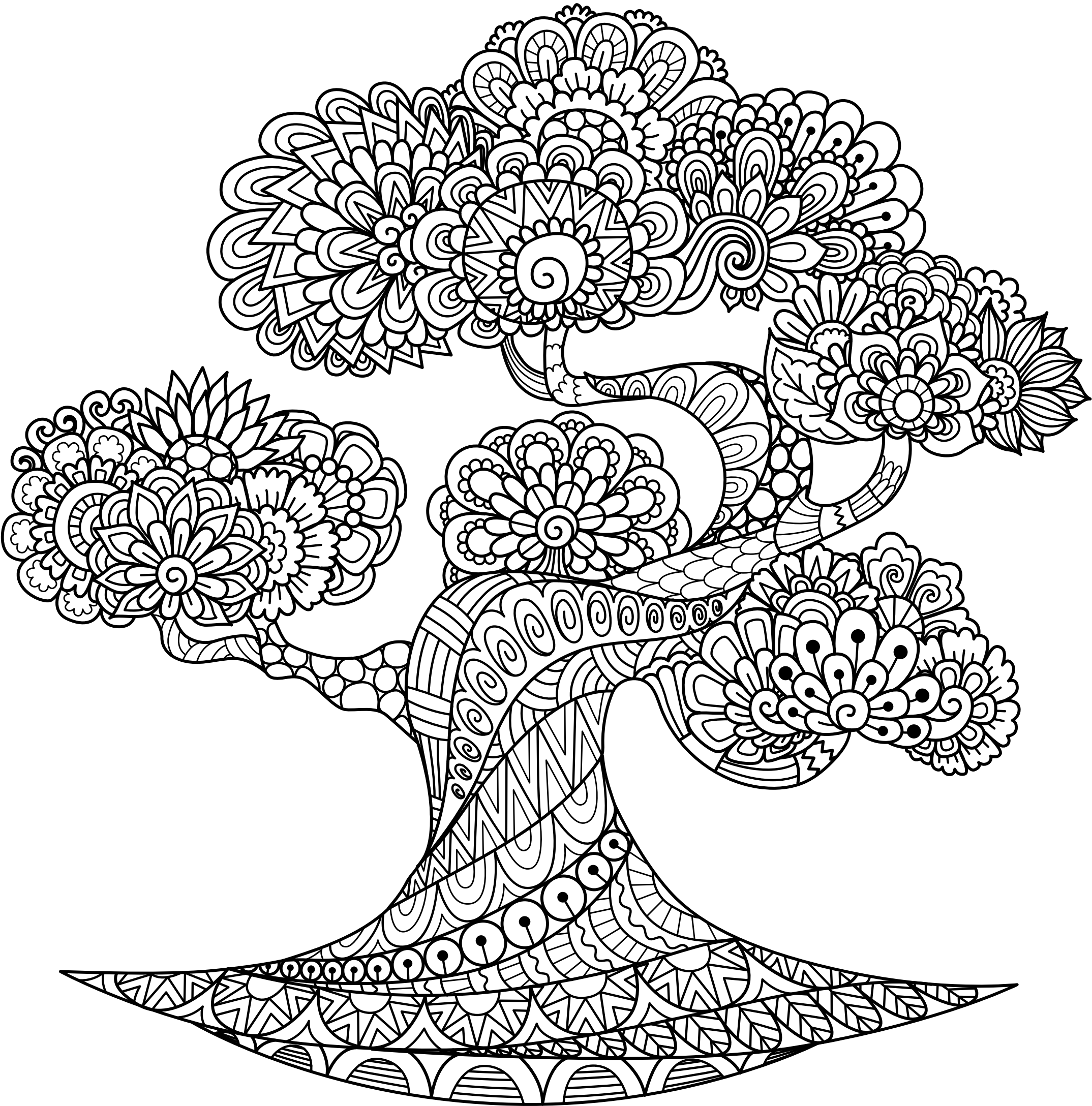
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MANDALA

coloring mandalas is good for your brain!



Word Search Puzzle

Forest Animals

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How Many ?

Count the similar animals and write the number



FIND THE MISSING LETTER



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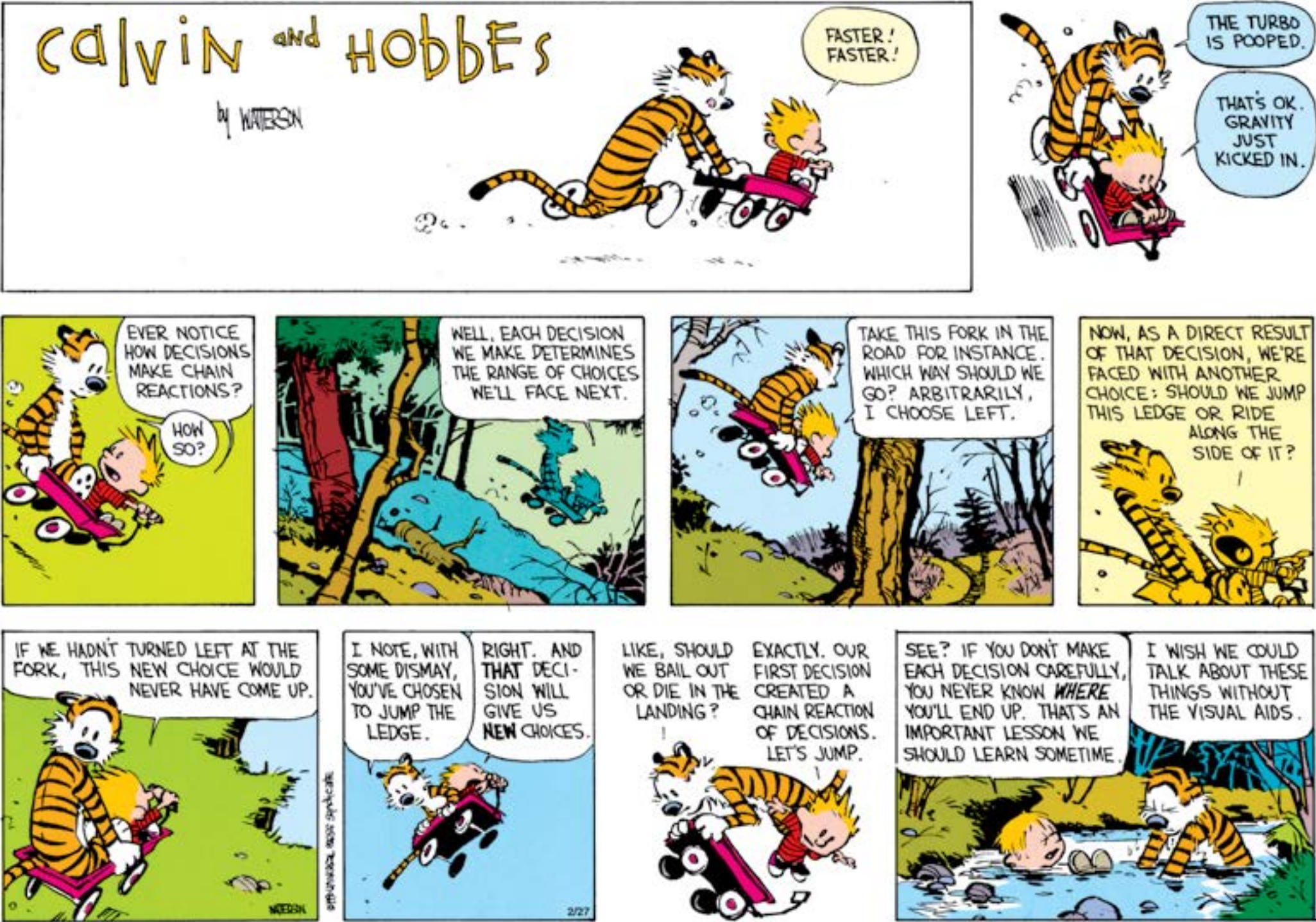
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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE TAPANULI ORANGUTAN

Tapanuli Orangutan; a New Breed

By JIM KNOX

“Hey, what do you think about the new orangutan?” my friend asked.

Knowing his sense of humor, I cocked my head and smiled, waiting for the punchline.

“Go ahead...” I encouraged him to finish the joke.

The roar of the crowd under the Friday night lights pulled us from our conversation to focus on the game.

“Seriously. What do you think?” he asked earnestly, after the next set of downs.

“I haven’t heard,” I responded in surprise.

Now it was his time to smile.

“You’re not kidding...” he replied.

“Nope. Tell me. I haven’t read anything about it,” reflecting on an especially busy week gone in a flash.

It was the fall of 2017. Our boys were good friends and teammates, so our friendship had grown as well, our conversations ongoing, wide-ranging, and always fun.

Now confident neither was pulling each other’s leg, he began. I listened and learned of an amazing discovery.

Though initially described as unique as far back as 1939 when a population of the animals was discovered in Northern Sumatra, it wasn’t until the result of a phylogenetic study was published in 2017 that the Tapanuli Orangutan had a new identity and a new name. While the name is new, the story of this great ape, and the tale behind its lineage, goes back far longer than the twentieth century. Tracing its origins back nearly 3.5 million years ago when it diverged from its closest relative, the Sumatran Orangutan, the Tapanuli orang set off down a path shaped by a living planet. Episodic sea level rises, which flooded land bridges between Borneo and



Sumatra, further isolated the apes, and the massive Lake Toba volcanic eruption 75,000 years ago, all but cut off the apes for good. This isolation drove specialization.

Differing significantly enough from the Bornean and Sumatran Orangutan species, the Tapanuli Orangutan was declared a distinct species by virtue of its genetics. This difference is seen by the naked eye in terms of certain anatomical features such as smaller heads, wider faces, and longer upper canines than their cousins. Behaviorally, these animals differ markedly from their relatives as well. A single aspect of their nascent study offers tantalizing glimpses into the hidden world of this primate. After thousands of hours of meticulous observations by field biologists, these great apes have never been observed on the ground, leading scientists to conclude they are purely, or virtually arboreal! This in turn has led to theorizing that they have adapted to an entirely arboreal lifestyle to evade the

predations of the Sumatran Tiger, which though capable of climbing, is not as adept in the trees as the great apes.

The timing it seems, is both fortuitous and critical for the orangs. With the discovery of this single known population of just 800 animals, comes the imperative to protect their limited habitat, its quality as well as quantity. Likewise, given the proverbial thimble of knowledge we have amassed on these newly discovered great apes, who knows what we will uncover of their behavioral and physical aspects through rigorous field work among the trees in their rainforest home?

Though I work with wildlife both under human care and in the wild, what astounds me is the discovery of a great ape well into the 21st century. With an astonishing 20,000 new species discovered each year, I fully expect new species of insects, scorpions, crabs, birds, frogs, and lizards to receive scientific description. Even mammals are not unexpected. Mice, bats, marsupial possums, and small

monkeys turn up each year. Yet, the idea that a 200-pound ape has been living on our planet for our entire existence and has just blipped on our radar in the past few years staggers me.

I think that’s what is most

significant about this discovery. On the surface, it’s just another species—a new mammal. Yet, in a sense, it is far more. The Tapanuli orang reminds us not just about the pace and scope of discovery in our planet’s

rainforests, on its mountain slopes, and beneath its waves each year. It emphatically proves that we have so much to discover about our world and its nearly unimaginable biodiversity. It also stokes the incentive of potential discovery to usher in a new golden age of exploration. In addition to the great ape, discoveries of the last few years include a great cat and a great whale!

The most significant discoveries are those which spawn others in their wake. With the Tapanuli Orangutan, we have just such a discovery. Let’s explore together and see what we uncover.

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