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BRIEFING

Fire Prevention Week The New Canaan Fire Department will mark Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, with a focus on lithium-ion battery safety. Events include an Oct. 3 proclamation at Town Hall and daily public education materials on charging, recycling, and general fire safety. The initiative aims to reduce fire risks linked to everyday battery use.

Do the Right Thing **Campaign**



New Canaan Animal Control has launched the "Do The Right Thing" campaign to reinforce leash laws in public areas and town parks. As part of routine patrols, Animal Control Officer Sean Godejohn will remind residents of the ordinance and monitor compliance. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

Breast Cancer Awareness Patch





The New Canaan Police Department is selling \$10 patches during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with proceeds supporting the Smilow Family Breast Care Center at Norwalk Hospital. The patches are available at police headquarters. For more information, please call (203) 594-350. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

NC EMS New Active Member

Margo Bright, the newest active member of New Canaan EMS, has completed her training and

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Young, aspiring professional artists had a special section to show and sell their creations.

Arts Festival Has Huge Turnout

By John Kriz

"It's just been a beautiful day," observed Hilary Wittmann, Executive Director of the Carriage Barn Arts Center. (https://www.carriagebarn.org)

That aptly describes last Sunday's attendee-, energyand sun-filled Waveny Park Arts Festival, organized by the Carriage Barn. First Selectman Dionna Carlson, who was at the Arts Festival shopping and speaking with residents, called it a "great community event."

Now in its third year, the Waveny Park Arts Festival has grown and grown.

This year's Arts Festival had more than fifty artist volunteers from the National Charity League. vendors, from painters to woodworkers, jewelry crafters, candle-makers and textile artists, plus several busy food Carriage Barn's many programs.

trucks, live music and local theater people putting on

aspiring professional artists were able to show and sell their creations, was one of the Arts Festival's highlights, said Lisa Ferrante, a Carriage Barn board member. Ms. Wittmann added that these young artist entrepreneurs "have everything from handmade ceramics, customized key chains and bats and things that they're making using mixed media. 3D laser printing, jewelry and all kinds of things."

"People really enjoy coming to Waveny Park and wandering around, and experiencing it in a different way. A kids' entrepreneurial area, where around twenty And we just see a lot of happy faces and it's great," said Ms. Ferrante.

> The Carriage Barn's gallery was also open, with 160 forsale pieces on display as part of its Annual Member Show, which continues through October 18. Artwork includes everything from photography to painting, sculpture and

"This [Arts Festival] really represents what our There was also a kids craft project area supported by organization is all about, which is supporting the local arts community, and supporting creative people and Funds raised by the Arts Festival will support the giving them a chance to showcase what they do," said Ms. Wittmann.

Oct. 8, The Dome Opens Doors to Wonder

By Elizabeth Barhydt

On Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m., New Canaan High School will hold the first public showing at The Dome. The evening, called An Evening Exploring Our Solar System, will bring townspeople into the school's reimagined planetarium-now a stateof-the-art, IMAX-style immersive theater. Tickets are \$20. Proceeds will help purchase new shows and support classroom programming throughout the year. Doors open at 6:30.

The Dome is the work of years. In May, the Sentinel told how it came to be. Sara Schubert, a graduate and former teacher, remembered her high school astronomy class. "I could go camping, look up at the stars ...

from the town. Together they remade the planetarium into something new.

At its opening, Superintendent Bryan Luizzi spoke of what it means. "To think big, not small," he said, "by having these shared experiences that than science. It is about community, about wonder, about gathering in one place to see what lies beyond us.

October 8 is an invitation to the theater, lean back, and travel through the solar system without leaving Farm Road. To remember what it is to be astonished.

and feel something," she said. That everyone in mind. Elevator access home here. memory became a mission. She and brings visitors to its third-floor perch.

year from more than four hundred nursing homes, generations young donors, a sum matched by \$500,000 and old, all coming to sit beneath its stars. Outside the theater, memorial stars and sponsor names line the walls-markers of a town that invested not only in a building but in imagination itself.

The first showing is the start. we can remember." His words carried Each ticket sold helps make possible the sense that this project is more new programming for students, new evenings of discovery for the town. The Dome is a place built for learning, but also for wonder, and for joy.

There is a certain grace in it. whole town. To walk into a darkened In a noisy time, New Canaan has chosen to build a place where people can sit together, look up, and see something larger, brighter, lasting. It is not nostalgia. It is faith that wonder The Dome was designed with matters, that imagination has a

On October 8, the doors open. The a committee raised \$350,000 in one Plans envision nursery schools and invitation is simple: come, sit, look up.



Take a **Sabbatical**

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Do you ever wonder if you are addicted to a certain behavior? Can you live without your cell phone for an afternoon, alcohol each night, your shopping habit, video games? If not, experiment with taking periodic "sabbaticals." (One woman refers to hers as "spa vacations.") These timeouts— when framed in positive language-make a change in behavior feel like a privilege, rather than a deprivation or punishment.

Also, share your intent with one trustworthy friend. Talking honestly about the behavior that bothers you are only as sick as our secrets."

If periodic sabbaticals aren't sustainable, you'll have a clue that you need more support to "let go" of the themselves.



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

behavior. Remember, you're choosing to "let it go," rather than to have it "taken away," or "giving it up." Sabbaticals from behaviors give us important information about ourselves while open-ing up productive space to focus on other interests.

James takes periodic sabbaticals from alcohol, reduces its power considerably. The old adage is true: "we Susannah from spending money, and Justin from screen time. Know- ing that they can successfully and happily put boundaries around their behaviors is a gift they give Coffee with The Sentinel UPDATE!!

Next week, October 10th, please join us for our weekly coffee. We're going on a field trip!

the coffee will be held at the Marquis Lounge at the Playhouse

93 Elm Street.

8:30am. to 9:30am.

Free of Charge.

Coffee, Tea and pastries provided by the Playhouse.

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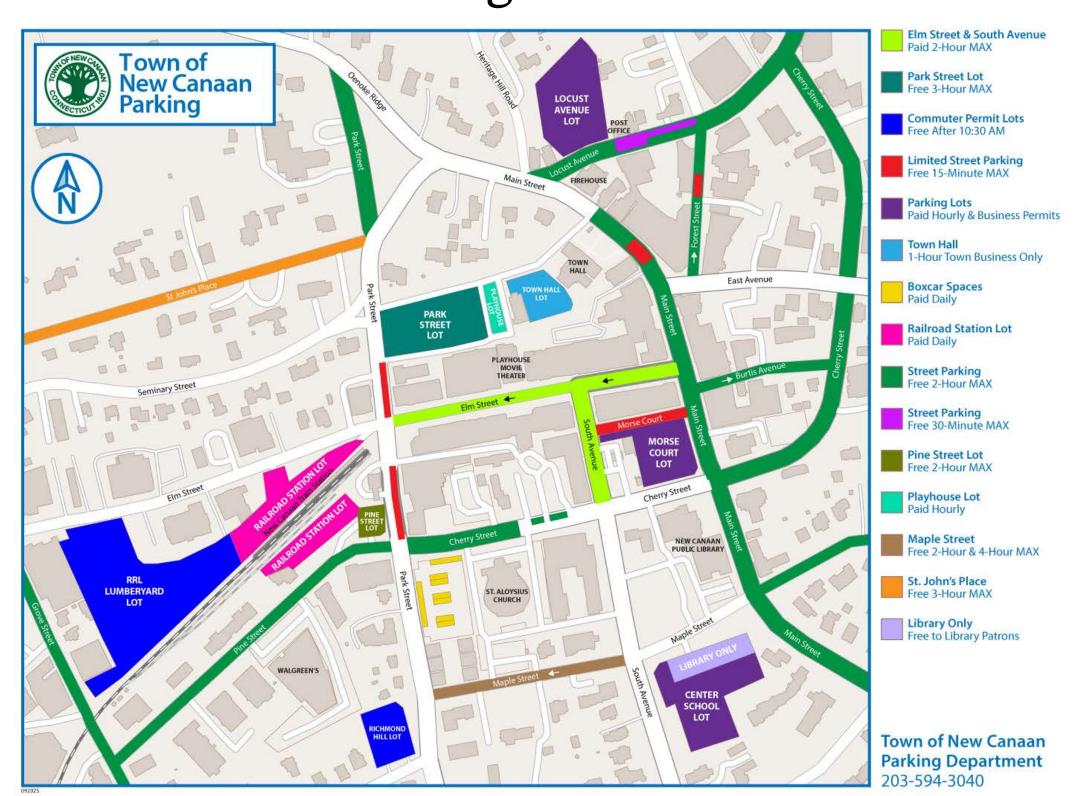
After completing his medical degree at University of Rosario School of Medicine in Argentina, Dr. Puente completed his general surgery residency with St. Francis Cabrini Medical Center at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Dr. Puente has been lauded for his skills, with honors including the "Peer to Peer" Excellence in Medicine award and recognition as
Outstanding Laparoscopic Resident by the
Society of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeons.
He is a fellow of the American College of
Surgeons, past president of Bronx County
Medical Society, and a member of several
professional societies including the Society
of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeons and the
Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic
Surgeons. Dr. Puente is fluent in Spanish and
Italian, and has been a resident of Greenwich
for more than two decades.





Downtown New Canaan Launches New Parking Plan October 6



By Elizabeth Barhydt

New Canaan is about to change the daily rhythm of downtown parking-gently, deliberately, and with an eye toward making it easier to run an errand, meet a friend, or catch a movie without circling the block in

The town's long-planned parking update takes effect Monday, October 6. At the center of the plan are two simple switches. First, Main and Park, and South Avenue, between Cherry and Elm, will shift from free to paid parking. The two-hour limit remains, but kiosks that are interspersed on Elm and South will now run in 30-minute increments. The point is not to punish drivers but to encourage turnover in the prime spaces, so more shoppers can find a spot when they need one.

Second, the large Park Street Lot, at the top of Park Street, directly behind Elm Street retail shops, will move in the opposite direction: from paid to free. With more than 120 spaces available, a three-hour limit, and two walkways leading directly to Elm, this lot is meant to absorb the everyday demand that Elm and South cannot carry alone. The town notes that more free parking will be added here than the number of spaces shifting to paid on the street.

The plan is designed to do something simple and necessary: reduce congestion. For years, the most convenient curbside spaces were free, drawing cars to circle endlessly, while nearby lots sat partly empty. The new approach balances free and paid parking, spreads out the demand, and keeps the heart of downtown from getting jammed.

There are also small accommodations built in for the everyday dash. Seven spaces on Park Street will remain free, but with a 15-minute limit—mirroring the short-stop spaces on Morse Court-so you can pick up dry cleaning or drop off a prescription without worrying about overstaying.

Commuters and late arrivers will see new flexibility, too. After 10:30 a.m., any open spaces in the Lumberyard and Richmond Hill commuter lots will be free to the public for the remainder of the day. That means if you're heading downtown for a mid-morning meeting or an afternoon matinee, you'll have drivers more choices. additional options without charge.





lots and streets, with hundreds remaining free. The town highlights that the plan adds 120 free spaces in the Park Street Lot while converting about 75 curbside spaces to paid a trade that leaves the community with more free parking overall.

Paying for a spot will be straightforward. New Canaan is introducing a Pay-by-Plate system—just enter your license plate at the kiosk or on your phone. Drivers can use the PayByPhone app or pay at kiosks with coins or a card. Elm and South will operate as one zone, so you can pay at any kiosk on those streets and be covered. The rate is \$0.75 per 30 minutes, or \$1.25 per hour, enforced p.m. Other apps, including ParkMobile and

In all, downtown still offers more than way: larger spaces and improved flow in the Court and Playhouse remain paid; Pine Street ,600 parking spaces across 15 different Park Street Lot, a new accessible walkway Lot is free with a two-hour limit; and after and ramp between the Playhouse and Le Pain 10:30 a.m., the Lumberyard and Richmond Quotidien, and a designated loading zone to Hill commuter lots open to everyone for the reduce double-parking during deliveries on rest of the day. Elm Street.

neared. "These parking updates reflect many months of community input and thoughtful that a modest price on the busiest blocks, planning. We know it will take time to adjust, but our goal is to make downtown more them, will keep New Canaan's downtown accessible, less congested and even more humming and hospitable. enjoyable for everyone. We appreciate the community's patience and partnership as we white signs and perhaps, finally, a straighter move forward together."

Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 downtown to help drivers adjust. The ordinary. In a small town, it's community in "Parking at a Glance" guide, available at the action. Passport Parking, will be added soon, giving Parking Department office, lays it all out: Elm and South are paid with a two-hour max;

Cherry Stre

For residents who value routine, the habit "Change is never easy," First Selectman may shift, but the purpose remains the same. Dionna Carlson said as the launch date Downtown should be a place where people can stop in, not give up. The town is betting paired with more free spaces just behind

On Monday, watch for the new green-andshot to the open space you used to miss. That Clear new signage is going up across small relief—a found parking spot—sounds

The Parking At A Glance and all other information can also be found at newcanaan. Physical improvements are also on the Park Street Lot is three-hour free; Morse info under the Parking Department page



METERED PARKING / HOW TO PAY

View the map for the streets and lots that provide metered parking.

- Rate: \$1.25/hour
- Easy to Pay-by-Plate at kiosks or via mobile app









Parking enforced Monday–Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Welcome to New Canaan, Connecticut!

Parking at a Glance

Where and How to Park in downtown New Canaan



PARKING LOTS

Park Street Lot*..... 3-hour FREE MAX

Morse Court Lot*....3-hour PAID

Playhouse Lot 3-hour PAID

Center School Lot* . . 8-hour PAID

Locust Avenue Lot*..8-hour PAID

Pine Street Lot..... 2-hour FREE MAX

Free unlimited parking at Lumberyard and Richmond Hill lots after 10:30 AM



ON STREET PARKING

FREE PARKING

Park Street15 Minutes MAX

Main Street** 2-hour MAX

Cherry Street..... 2-hour MAX

Forest Street** 2-hour MAX

Locust Avenue**.... 2-hour MAX **Burtis Avenue**..... 2-hour MAX

Pine Street 2-hour MAX

Morse Court..... Limited spaces for

15 Minutes MAX

Notes:

- *Includes employee business permits
- **Some limited short term parking available

PAID PARKING

Elm Street 2-hour MAX **South Avenue** 2-hour MAX

Cheering on the Teams



NC Dance Clinics — which specializes in dance and cheer programs for youth — brought big spirit to the New Canaan High School varsity football game Friday night. Their Mini Rams Spirit Squad took the field during halftime to fire up the crowd, delivering an energy-packed performance that ended with a standing ovation! Photo credit Kate McGee

Weekly Scores Roundup

Date	Team	Opponent	Score
9/26	New Canaan – Boys – Football	Bunnell	New Canaan 27 – Bunnell 7
9/30	New Canaan – Boys – Golf	St. Joseph	New Canaan 148 – St. Joseph 163
9/24	New Canaan – Boys – Soccer	Darien	New Canaan 1 – Darien 3
9/26	New Canaan – Boys – Soccer	Brien McMahon	New Canaan 0 – Brien McMahon 1
9/29	New Canaan – Boys – Soccer	Westhill	New Canaan 3 – Westhill 4
9/24	New Canaan – Girls – Field Hockey	Norwalk	New Canaan 3 – Norwalk 0
9/26	New Canaan – Girls – Field Hockey	Darien	New Canaan 6 – Darien 1
9/30	New Canaan – Girls – Field Hockey	Trumbull	New Canaan 6 – Trumbull 0
9/25	New Canaan – Girls – Soccer	Darien	New Canaan 1 – Darien 1
9/27	New Canaan – Girls – Soccer	Brien McMahon	New Canaan 2 – Brien McMahon 1
9/30	New Canaan – Girls – Soccer	Westhill	New Canaan 8 – Westhill 0
9/25	New Canaan – Girls – Volleyball	Fairfield Warde	New Canaan 3 – Fairfield Warde 2
9/27	New Canaan – Girls – Volleyball	Greenwich	New Canaan 0 – Greenwich 3
9/30	New Canaan – Girls – Volleyball	Wilton	New Canaan 3 – Wilton 1
9/27	St. Luke's – Boys – Soccer	South Kent School	St. Luke's 0 – South Kent 3
9/27	St. Luke's – Girls – Field Hockey	Miss Porter's School	St. Luke's 1 – Miss Porter's 3
9/30	St. Luke's – Girls – Field Hockey	Greenwich Academy	St. Luke's 0 – Greenwich Academy 4
9/25	St. Luke's – Girls – Soccer	King	St. Luke's 3 – King 4
9/27	St. Luke's – Girls – Soccer	Canterbury	St. Luke's 3 – Canterbury 2
9/27	St. Luke's – Girls – Volleyball	Canterbury	St. Luke's 0 – Canterbury 3
9/29	St. Luke's – Girls – Volleyball	Greenwich Country Day	St. Luke's 0 - Greenwich Country Day

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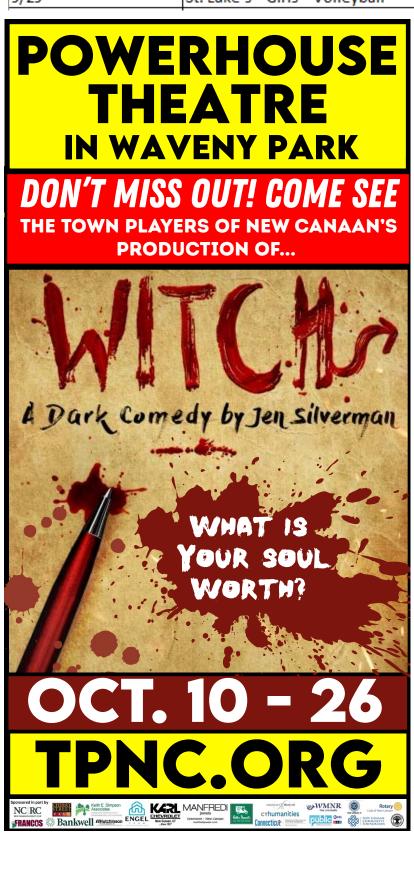
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Girls Varsity Volleyball vs Westhill 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840

Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902

Girls Varsity Swimming vs Wilton High School 564 South Avenue, New Canaan CT 06840

Girls Freshman Soccer vs Fairfield Ludlowe 468 South Avenue, New Canaan CT 06840

Boys JV Soccer @ Bridgeport Central High School 205 Broad Street, Bridgeport CT 06604

By Russell Barksdale, Ph.D.

Every emergency department visit or hospital discharge seems to end the same way: "Be sure to check in with your primary care doctor or specialist tomorrow."

It is sound advice, but it arrives at the end of a dizzying process. After signing pages of discharge orders, accepting new prescriptions, and thanking everyone from nurses to housekeepers, patients are wheeled through the familiar labyrinth of hallways and sent home. There is relief in arriving—after a stop at the pharmacy—to the comfort of a favorite chair or bed. Yet recovery, as countless patients know, is never only medical. It is logistical, financial, and deeply emotional.

For those who also care for others, recovery becomes a puzzle of impossible choices: when to rest, when to heal, when to follow through on the very instructions just handed to them. The distinction between those who return home to supportive networks and those who return to empty kitchens or work obligations is stark.

One study found that 40% of patients over the age of 50 were discharged to an empty home. Roughly one in five patients hospital. These statistics should give us pause.

Checking In

"Recovery, as countless patients know, is never only medical. It is logistical, financial, and deeply emotional."

The challenge is compounded by the realities of modern work. Nearly two-thirds of working Americans live with chronic conditions. Many delay or skip follow-up appointments because they cannot miss work, or because an insurance pre-authorization stalls the process. Others find the next available appointment is weeks away. Almost half admit they continued working even when their health demanded rest. In Connecticut, more than 30% of residents over 65 remain in the workforce, carrying the double burden of age-related health issues and job responsibilities.

The result? More than a third of employees with chronic conditions report skipping or delaying care to avoid interfering with work. Nearly half say they needed time off but felt unable to take it. These patterns can erode individual health and affect organizational productivity.

This growing dynamic requires a different approach from both healthcare providers and employers. Providers must see beyond the diagnosis and ask the harder questions: Who is at home to help? What daily responsibilities will interfere with recovery? Can the care plan be followed at all? It is not intrusive to ask about routines, responsibilities, or emotional resilience. It is essential. Without this curiosity, the best-intentioned care plan risks being experiences an adverse event within three weeks of leaving the discarded the moment the patient walks through their front door or a quick return back to the hospital.

We must also acknowledge the practical barriers: the costs not covered by insurance, the prior authorizations that delay access, the unaffordable co-pays. With healthcare premiums rising at double-digit rates for both employers and employees, these obstacles will only grow more pronounced. Even motivated patients are easily derailed when faced with long waits or mounting out-of-pocket expenses.

Patients juggling recovery with jobs, caregiving, or financial strain inevitably miss appointments. Estimates suggest between one-fourth and one-third of follow-up visits go unattended each day. The next time you are in a waiting room, remember office managers often overbook physicians' calendars to compensate for expected no-shows.

For employers, workplace accommodations through the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should be more than compliance checkboxes. They should be tailored, proactive strategies that allow employees to recover safely and sustainably. Left unchecked, prolonged recovery or unmanaged chronic illness silently erodes productivity and, more importantly, human dignity.

The solution is partnership. Employers, families, and healthcare providers must work together to build systems that support people not only as patients or as workers, but as whole human beings. When employers stand alongside clinicians, employees have a better chance of following through on care, avoiding complications, and returning to work or staying in their home alone with confidence.

In the end, the lesson is simple: as employers and providers, we are only as strong as the people who depend on us. Supporting them through recovery is not just compassionate—it is essential to the health of our communities, our workplaces, and our shared future.

"I Got Rhythm" - A George Gershwin Gala Cabaret

By ROBERT GRIEVES

The Friends of Music at St. Mark's, in collaboration with The St. Mark's Choir, will present "I Got Rhythm" - A George Gershwin Gala Cabaret, on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 6 pm in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan.

Signature Gershwin compositions, including "Embraceable You" (1928), "Summertime" (1935), "I Got Rhythm" (1930), and many more Broadway hits now central to the American songbook, will be performed by the Soloists and Choir of St. Mark's, directed and accompanied by Edward J. "Ned" Tipton, Director of Music Ministries, and pianist/composer/arranger Andrew Kimsey.

Ned, who began his musical studies at the age of four and gave his first recital at the age of six, was called to St. Mark's after seven years at St. John's Cathedral, Los Angeles. Before Los Angeles he spent twenty-one years as Director of Music at the American Cathedral in Paris. He received his bachelor's degree in piano and his master's degree in choral conducting from the Oberlin College organist Maurice Duruflé with the wife of the composer, Marie-Madeline Duruflé-Chevalier, in Paris.

Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 6 pm in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan

"Gershwin's ability to fuse the improvisational energy of jazz with formal classical structures was absolutely groundbreaking," Ned observed. "His works are performed by symphony orchestras, jazz bands, and singers all over the world. We will use, in most cases, Gershwin's own arrangements of these wonderful, memorable songs. While our regular repertoire is, of course, sacred music, we've very much enjoyed working on this music, and we look forward to Saturday evening!"

Anne LeBourgeois Grieves, Chair of the Friends of Music Board Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, Ohio; and studied the works of and a member of the St. Mark's choir, said: "This opening concert of the 2025-2026 season of events presented by the Friends of Music george-gershwin/ or to call the St. Mark's church office at 203 966at St. Mark's is both a fund-raiser and a 'fun' raiser, building off 4515.

the success of last year's Cole Porter Gala. During this Saturday's Gershwin Gala, plans for the full season will be announced. We welcome members of the community to join us for all our concerts and special services throughout the year, each of which is followed by a festive reception."

The St. Mark's Choir and Soloists will perform the Gershwin classics in a cabaret setting, offering a unique and engaging experience for attendees. Guests will be seated at round tables adorned with candles and flowers, and a gourmet buffet along with wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be served, enhancing the intimate atmosphere of the evening. The combination of exceptional music, fine food, and a warm, communal setting makes this an event not to be missed by enthusiasts of classic American music and supporters of the arts in New Canaan.

Individual tickets for the event are priced at \$100.00, and attendance is restricted to those aged 21 and over. Seating is limited. For more information and to purchase tickets, interested parties are encouraged to visit the website page https://www. stmarksnewcanaan.org/event/choir-cabaret-benefit-music-of-



Ballard Park Ridgefield, Ct

For more information go to gordonfinearts.org









The Eero Saarinen-designed Technical Center of General Motors that will be featured in the upcoming New Canaan Museum & Historical Society exhibition 'An American Versailles'. Credit: General Motors Archives

October4Design Is Underway

By John Kriz

October4Design (https:// october4design.org "celebration of architecture, art, design and the community where it happens," is underway. A joint effort by the Town of New Canaan, New Canaan Chamber of Commerce and various local charities, under the leadership of the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society, October4Design features a range of events that highlight "New Canaan's diverse creative community" and provide "a peek into what gives this town its distinct character."

A signature event this year is the biennial Modern House Day Tour, which "celebrates the incredible art, architecture and design, and the community in New Canaan that both supports it and creates it," said Nancy Geary, the Historical Society's executive director. This year's house tour includes homes by Philip Johnson, John Johansen, Bremer Kehm, as that reflects mid-century ideals. The tour also includes

modernism.

this event quickly sold out, and professional people are already inquiring performances,

concludes Ms. Geary.

events, which can be found on the October4Design website, FAIA, with a discussion period. includes:

Inaugural Jorge Otero-Pailos.

in Oslo and celebrates New Canaan's modernist architects' contributions to the US Embassy Program."

well as a newly-built residence Shakespearean Immersive practice, will speak at New

a symposium that explores Theatre of New Canaan, and describe some of SCAPE's On the National Register, this Gallery, curated by Natalie registration.

the evolution and enduring "this one-day, family-friendly influence of mid-century theatrical experience will Reflective of its popularity, Sanctuary and combine live

about securing tickets for 2027. music, and the beauty of

history of innovative art and landscape." and October4Design is the Eliot Noyes Design Story. chance to continue with that history, and how it inspires Playhouse reviews the works the present and the future,"

Onera **Exhibition: Treatises on De-Fences by** transformative Decade of Grace

This event "explores the preservation of Eero Saarinen's moment from world-renowned Cold War-era U.S. Embassy

• The Bard at Bristow - A architecture and urban design

take place at the Bristow Bird Shakespearean "New Canaan has a unique Bristow's natural and restored

This film at New Canaan of Mr. Noves, one of the 'Harvard Five' architects, and The diverse schedule of will be hosted by Mr. Noyes' son, architect Frederick Noyes,

> Grace Farms 10 Year Built' Series. Foundation Afternoon Celebration.

and Peace at Grace Farms with music commemorating the musicians."

• SCAPE: Toward an Urban Ecology.

signature work.

• Matisse at War: Art and Resistance in Nazi Occupied

At New Canaan Library, this is the "untold history of • Nazi-occupied France, their Johnson revolutionary work the artist architectural produced in that time, and how **Dietrich Neumann.** fascism and war permeated French life and culture during "on the occasion of the re-WWII."

Meet Author Illustrator Chris Dusen, Creator of the 'If I

This event celebrates "a this event will "celebrate the historian Dietrich Neumann 20th anniversary of the If I Built series and the launch of If design philosophy and his I Built a Town with renowned author and illustrator Chris Van Dusen. Includes buildinginspired crafts for kids to House, the Lake Shore Drive

Kate Orff, FASLA and • US Modernist Jazz Brunch founder of SCAPE, a landscape at the 1954 Ford House and • Gardens.

"Join George Smart of Canaan Library on SCAPE's US Modernist for a fabulous Museum's Led by The Summer ethos and working method, brunch in the 1954 Ford House. in the Susan

other modernist enthusiasts."

Structure of The when Henri Matisse and his Light: Richard Kelly's family refused to evacuate collaborations with Philip and Ludwig

At New Canaan Library, issue of the iconic floor lamp that Richard Kelly and Philip • The Harvard Five Legacy: Johnson designed in 1953 for The Glass House by the New Canaan-based firm of At the New Canaan Library, BassamFellows, architectural will explore Richard Kelly's collaborations with Philip Johnson and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe at the Glass Apartments, and the Seagram Building."

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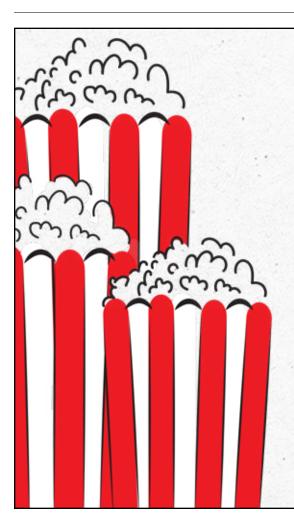
"The New Canaan fall exhibition

house has never before been Morath, contains a selection open to the public. Come of photographs, furniture, explore the house and grounds objects, sculpture, and video and share conversation with from the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, MI, a sprawling campus designed by Eero Saarinen that Look magazine called, 'An American Versailles.' See architecture in its community, • "Modernism, Inc.," The roles in the Resistance, the Mies van der Rohe with Saarinen's innovative vision **historian** and collaboration with artists, including Alexander Calder. This exhibition has been brought to New Canaan by General Motors."

> From Modern Homes to **Diplomatic Landmarks.**

"Presented by the Onera Foundation in collaboration with The Glass House, the evening's conversation will explore the profound influence of the Harvard Fiveparticularly Marcel Breuer and John Johansen-tracing their evolution from designing experimental modern homes in New Canaan to creating visionary U.S. embassies during the Cold War."

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Our Flag Is Pink

Newspapers have their own language. Their top line, that bold declaration across the front page, is not called a masthead in the way most people think. It is called a flag. The word comes from the old printer's trade: the flag is the newspaper's nameplate, its identity, its banner. It is the part you see first, the part you remember, the part that never changes even as the headlines below it shift with each day's news.

For the New Canaan Sentinel, the flag is more than a title. It is a promise that the life of this community will be recorded with care, accuracy, and respect. And each October, the Sentinel's flag changes its color. It turns pink.

That small act—the transformation of black type into pink ink-speaks volumes. It says that a local newspaper is not simply a chronicler of events but a participant in community life. It declares that breast cancer is not an abstract concern but a lived reality in the homes and families of New Canaan. The flag becomes a flag in the truest sense: a symbol under which people gather, a marker of solidarity and remembrance.

There is something almost liturgical about it. Newspapers are secular things, but the ritual of the pink flag has become, in its own way, a civic rite. Every October, readers open their papers and see the same words-New Canaan Sentinel-dressed in the same unexpected hue. And they know what it means. They know it is for the neighbor who endured chemotherapy, for the friend who rings the bell at the end of treatment, for the sister, mother, daughter, or wife who is no longer here.

The pink flag is not a stunt. It is not branding. It is remembrance and resolve, folded into the daily habit of reading the news. It makes the personal public. It says what the headlines cannot: that even as we report on town budgets, high school sports, zoning debates, and the texture of daily life, we know there is a deeper story, the story of health and illness, of life and loss, of courage in the face of fear.

In this, the Sentinel continues a long tradition. Newspapers have always been more than detached observers. At their best, they reflect the communities they serve, not from a distance but from within. They speak in the first person plural: we. By turning its flag pink, the Sentinel says simply, we are in this together.

In our time of division, that "we" matters. A pink flag is not partisan. It does not divide by ideology. It unites across the lines that so often fracture us. Everyone knows someone who has fought breast cancer. Everyone has a story. And so the pink flag becomes a gathering place, a reminder that the things we share are stronger than the things that separate us.

There is also hope in it. The pink is not only the color of awareness but the color of progress. It is a reminder of the strides made in research, the lives saved by early detection, the treatments that have turned what was once a sentence into a survivable struggle. Each October, as the Sentinel's front page arrives in homes across town, it quietly carries that hope into kitchens and onto breakfast tables.

In the end, a newspaper is a mirror. It shows us to ourselves. The Sentinel's choice to raise a pink flag each October is part of that mirror. It shows New Canaan as a town that remembers, that honors, that hopes.

So let the flag fly. Let it remind us that newspapers are not just about what happened yesterday but about what endures. And let us be grateful that in New Canaan, the local newspaper's flag is not only a name but a banner-black most of the year, pink when it matters most.

Our flag is pink. And it belongs to all of us.

Editorial



"The judges prefer it if you catch the fish without splashing so much."

Kimberly Norton Cares About New Canaan Seniors

To the Voters of New Canaan,

I am honored to offer my endorsement of Republican Endorsed Candidate Kimberly Norton for re-election to the New Canaan Town Council. As a lifelong Republican born in 1921, I have had the privilege of calling New Canaan my home for over four decades. As one of the first residents of the Schoolhouse Apartments when they opened in 1992, I have experienced the benefits of living independently in senior housing and continue to thrive in this wonderful community.

New Canaan is one of the best places in the country to age in place, and the Schoolhouse Apartments are a shining example of successful in-town senior housing. Kimberly Norton understands this well. As Co-Chair of Health and Human Services, she has been a strong advocate for seniors and for policies that help us remain active, engaged, and

supported in our community.

She visits with us often and takes the time to speak with residents, listening to their concerns, and gathering suggestions to strengthen our senior community. Her dedication, compassion, and hands-on approach make her an invaluable leader. We need her vision and care to guide us as our local senior population continues to grow and requires housing and services.

It is with great confidence that I endorse Kimberly Norton for re-election. I believe she will continue to serve with integrity, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to the growing senior population of New Canaan.

Respectfully, Rose LaViola Republican, New Canaan

Global Poverty Effects

My name is Matthew Dabrowski, and I am volunteering with The Borgen Project, a nonprofit devoted to addressing extreme poverty and hunger worldwide. The organization works to ensure that poverty reduction is a focus of U.S. foreign policy and supports smart, costeffective programs that save lives and strengthen global stability.

One of the biggest myths surrounding foreign aid is that the United States spends a large portion of its federal budget on it. In truth, foreign aid accounts for less than one percent of the budget. Despite its small size, this investment has an enormous impact. It prevents famine, fights disease, and stabilizes fragile regions. These programs improve lives abroad and make America safer by addressing the root causes of conflict, forced migration, and global instability.

Two areas especially worth highlighting are food security and

education. Access to nutritious food strengthens health, reduces childhood stunting, and helps communities become self-sufficient. Stable food systems also support international markets that directly benefit our economy here in Connecticut. Likewise, education, particularly for children. breaks cycles of poverty, promotes peace, and fuels long term economic growth.

By supporting these initiatives, the U.S. helps build healthier, stronger societies while creating opportunities for global trade and cooperation. Small investments abroad deliver significant returns at home, making our communities safer and our economy stronger.

Sincerely. Matthew Dabrowski Borgen Project Ambassador

Thank You

We are deeply grateful for the New Canaan Sentinel's members to serve with dedication. generous and ongoing support of our work in New Canaan and across Greater Fairfield County. In your own way, you truly embody the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self." The proceeds from this year's Lobsterfest will benefit more than 40 nonprofit organizations and help reach thousands of individuals in need.

It was an unforgettable experience for our Rotarians, tireless volunteers, and the many guests who joined us. The joyful smiles—whether from Dine-In, Takeaway, or Home Delivery—warmed our hearts and continue to inspire our

Our next step is organizing the preparation and delivery of meals to over 150 First Responders by mid-October, continuing the spirit of Lobsterfest.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, guests, donors, and volunteers. Your collective support makes all the difference!

> Warm regards, Jen Chieh Jen

New Canaan YMCA Awards \$400,000 in Financial Assistance Thanks to Community Support

The New Canaan YMCA proudly awarded the equivalent of \$400,000 in financial assistance this past year, thanks to the generous support of donations from the community. These awards demonstrate the Y's continued commitment to providing every individual, regardless of their financial circumstances, with the opportunity to enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of a YMCA membership and programs.

Last year, the Y introduced a new financial assistance application, offering a simpler process, including a fast-track option to increase accessibility for those who participate in certain qualifying Connecticut assistance programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Husky A or D, and the SNAP program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). New Canaan residents who participate in any of these programs are eligible to receive a New Canaan YMCA membership and swim lessons at no cost. Non-residents who participate in these programs can also take advantage of the fasttrack application process to receive financial assistance toward membership and program

A recent financial assistance recipient shared, "Thanks to the generosity of donors, my son was able to attend the amazing Camp Y-Ki this summer! Something I could not have afforded on my own, as I am going through a very difficult financial situation. This experience has been truly life-changing for him. At camp, he had the chance to interact with other children in a supportive environment, which helped him develop important social skills, build confidence, and feel included. For a child on the autism

spectrum, these opportunities are so valuable and don't come easily. The financial assistance program did more than cover a cost; it gave my son the chance to grow, learn, and experience joy in a way he otherwise could not. Donors, your support truly changes lives, and I am forever thankful to those who make this possible."

Financial support from donors of the New Canaan YMCA provides opportunities and makes a meaningful difference in the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds. Adults can improve both their physical and mental health, seniors can remain physically active and socially connected, working families are provided safe and reliable childcare, and children participate in programs through which they build confidence and character, make lasting friendships, develop healthy habits, and have fun.

"With all my heart, I want to thank the donors for the support they give to families like mine. Thanks to your generosity, my daughters and I have benefited from assistance every year that we have qualified for, and it has made a profound difference in our lives. My younger daughter has been able to attend YMCA summer camps for the last six years. This opportunity has not only allowed her to develop discipline, selfconfidence, and healthy habits through exercise and sports (something that we would not have been able to afford otherwise), but it has also allowed me to work with greater tranquility and stability. Personally, the YMCA has allowed me to work more hours while my daughters are in a safe environment, in addition to giving me the opportunity to take care of my physical and emotional health through exercise, which has been vital to managing daily stress. All of this has been possible thanks to you. Your generosity not only supports programs; it transforms lives. And mine and my daughters' lives are proof of it," shared another financial assistance recipient.

In addition to the Y's broader financial assistance program, thanks to a grant from the Kashulon Foundation, the Y was also once again able to provide swim lessons at no cost for students in the Horizons at CT State Norwalk camp this summer, helping them to learn lifelong water skills and safety.

The New Canaan YMCA also partners with many community organizations to provide affordable access to membership and programs. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to contact the Financial Assistance office at 203-920-1653 or driolo@ newcanaanymca.org. Financial assistance applications can be obtained at the Y's Front Desk or online at www.newcanaanymca.org.

Visit www.newcanaanymca.org/donate to make a donation to the New Canaan YMCA, which supports the financial assistance program as well as other programs supporting individuals with special needs, cancer survivors, seniors, teens, and others within our community.

Founded in 1954 by a group of community volunteers, the New Canaan YMCA is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich all people in spirit, mind, and body. The New Canaan YMCA is dedicated to strengthening community through programs and services that promote youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

is preparing to begin work in the field. Photo credit: New Canaan EMS.



TOWN HALL

Human Services Holiday Program

New Canaan Human Services is collecting Walmart and Target gift cards by October 30 for its Holiday Gift Card Program. The department is also accepting food, hygiene items, and financial donations to support families in need. All contributions can be dropped off or mailed to 77 Main Street in New Canaan.

Town Hall Parking

Parking at New Canaan Town Hall will be limited for several weeks during roof work on the Annex building. Construction vehicles and equipment will be in the lot, so visitors are asked to use caution when walking through the area.

AROUND TOWN

Pizza Trail

On the newly launched Connecticut Pizza Trail, New Canaan is represented by Dante's Pizza on Pine Street, celebrated for its Neapolitan style.

Hope Rocks Around Town



For Suicide Prevention Month, New Canaan residents painted rocks with supportive messages that are being placed around town as reminders that no one is alone. Photo credit: New Canaan Health Department.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Sgaglio Reads to Residents



Waveny employee Richard Sgaglio read from his novel When The Road Narrows to Inn residents, highlighting its themes of love, loss, doubt, discovery, and redemption. The story is set in the 1980s, framed by political conservatism, the Cold War, and the AIDS epidemic. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare Network.

Howard & Gay Opens New Office



Howard & Gay Insurance held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of its new office in New Canaan. Photo credit: Howard & Gay Insurance

Critters Visit the Library



Christine's Critters presented a program at the New Canaan Library featuring raptors and reptiles, highlighting how each animal survives and adapts. Photo credit: New Canaan Library.

NCNC Hiking Group



The New Canaan Nature Center's hiking group started its season with a hike at Rockefeller State Park. Photo credit: the New Canaan Nature Center.

NCPS South School Buddies



SCHOOLS

South School fourth graders were paired with kindergarten students in a buddy program. The groups will meet throughout the year for reading, activities, and projects, giving fourth graders practice in leadership while supporting kindergarteners' literacy and confidence. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

SLS Care Club

St. Luke's CARE Club, led by seniors Jared Gordon and Finn Kaplan, hosted a Volunteer Fair with more than 20 nonprofits and hundreds of student participants.

SLS 9th Grade Field Trip



St. Luke's School ninth graders took a class trip to Camp Getaway in Kent, Connecticut, where they participated in obstacle courses and problem-solving activities focused on teamwork and leadership. Photo credit: St. Luke's School.

LOCAL POLITICS

October 8 Forum



State Representatives Lucy Dathan and Savet Constantine will hold a forum on October 8 at the Comstock Community Center, Room 12, in Wilton to discuss ongoing Route 106 construction between Wilton and New Canaan. The project has led to traffic delays, delivery problems, and discolored water. Representatives from local utilities will be on hand to share updates and respond to residents' questions.

Rep. Dathan & Rep. Constantine To Host Community Forum

the ongoing construction project along Route 106, also known as New Canaan Road. The work, which stretches from Belden Hill Road in Wilton to Little Brook Road in New Canaan, has caused disruptions ranging from heavy traffic delays and missed deliveries to reports of discolored water in nearby homes.

To address these issues, State Representatives Lucy Dathan (D-Wilton, Norwalk, New Canaan) and Savet Constantine (D-Norwalk, Wilton, New Canaan) will host a community forum on Wednesday, October 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Comstock Community Center, Room 12, 180 School

The meeting will bring together local residents with representatives from Aquarion Water Company, Eversource, and Yankee Gas, all of whom are directly involved in or impacted by the

Residents of Wilton and New Canaan will soon have the chance to voice concerns about construction. Attendees will hear an overview of the project, learn about anticipated timelines, and have the opportunity to raise questions and receive answers from officials on hand.

> "This project has touched daily life for so many families, whether through increased traffic or utility concerns," said Rep. Dathan. "We want to make sure everyone's voice is heard and that clear information is available."

> Rep. Constantine added that the forum is about ensuring accountability and communication: "When major projects like this happen, it's essential that residents are kept informed and that their concerns are addressed directly."

The forum is free and open to the public.

Rep. O'Dea to report on General Assembly at Men's Club

State Rep. Tom O'Dea, R-125th District, will update the New Canaan Men's Club Friday about the General Assembly's 2025 session, the plans for a special session in the coming month and what may get the General Assembly's session when it meets in the winter.

The Men's Club meets at 10 a.m. in Morrill Hall at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke explore ways to protect immigrants facing detention and potential deportation. Ridge. Rep. O'Dea will begin speaking around 10:40 a.m., after the business portion of the meeting.

Republican leader.

During the special session, the General Assembly is likely to consider affordable housing legislation, following the veto of a bill in the regular session; address federal funding cuts, and

The Men's Club has openings for new members, men 55-years old and above. For information O'Dea is in his 7th term serving New Canaan, Darien and Stamford, and serves as deputy house about joining, email ncmens@ncmens.info

A century of creativity at Silvermine's new exhibition

Silvermine Arts Center, in partnership with New Canaan Library, continues to expand access to the arts today. presents The Silvermine Effect: A Century of Creative Community, an exhibition celebrating more than one hundred years of artistic innovation, education, and cultural impact. The exhibition will be on view at New Canaan Library from September 15 through March

For over a century, Silvermine has been a place where art is made, taught, and lived. Founded in 1922, Silvermine has grown into one of the nation's leading independent art centers-home to a distinguished Guild of more than 300 professional artists, an award-winning School of Art with over 4,000 annual enrollments, and nationally recognized outreach programs that reach thousands of children and adults across Fairfield County.

We are honored to partner with Silvermine Arts Center on this exhibition," said Miki Porta, Exhibitions & Community Engagement Coordinator at New Canaan Library. "Silvermine's legacy of creativity and education is woven into the fabric of our region, and this exhibition allows us to share that story with a broader audience in a meaningful way."

The Silvermine Effect traces this remarkable story through the work of Guild artists past and present, archival photographs that capture Silvermine's rich history, and artwork by instructors, students, and outreach participants that reflects its dynamic present. Visitors will encounter a vibrant narrative of creativity—one that demonstrates how Silvermine has shaped lives for generations and

"This exhibition is about more than history," said Barbara Linarducci, CEO of Silvermine Arts Center. "It's about celebrating the ways Silvermine continues to thrive-from inspiring artists in the discovery of new ideas, to giving students of all ages and backgrounds the chance to find their creative voice. We are grateful to New Canaan Library for hosting this exhibition and helping us share the Silvermine Effect with the broader community."

Silvermine Arts Center, one of the oldest artist communities in the United States, recently celebrated its centennial (1922-2022). Its fiveacre campus in New Canaan, Connecticut, consists of a nationally renowned artist guild, an award-winning school of art offering classes for all ages, an arts and fine crafts shop, a permanent print collection, and a gallery offering over 20 contemporary and historic exhibitions annually. Silvermine is a nonprofit 501c3 organization that also offers an Outreach Education Program, Art Partners, and hosts lectures, film screenings, and special events. Silvermine Galleries are open 10am - 4pm, Tues. to Sat. and closed Sun. and Mon. For more information, visit www.silvermineart.org.

New Canaan Library is a vibrant cultural hub, serving as a center for knowledge, creativity, and connection. Hosting The Silvermine Effect: A Century of Creative Community reflects the Library's commitment to offering exceptional cultural and educational experiences.



<u> Obituaries</u>

Leonard Ceccacci



Leonard V. Ceccacci, known to many as either Len, Lenny, or Dino, was a New Canaan, CT, resident for the last 10 years. He passed away at home peacefully on September 26, 2025 after 2.5 years in hospice. He received wonderful care from his loving wife of 53 years, Nina (Consoli) Ceccacci, and his excellent hospice nurse, Teresa.

Len was born in Guarcino, Italy, to Gregorio Gori and Luigia Santurri in 1935. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1947 where he was adopted by his aunt, Rosaria Gori, and her husband, Camillo (Frank) Ceccacci of Queens, NY. Len graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in 1954 and Manhattan College in 1966 with a degree in math. Although he held many jobs in his working career, his most interesting job was at Grumman in Bethpage, NY, where he was a member of the team that built the lander portion of the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM) that remained on the moon for the Apollo 11 mission.

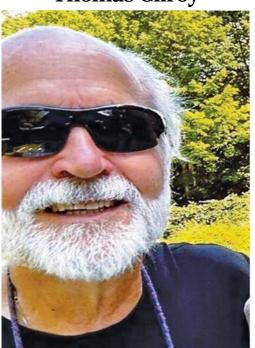
Len and Nina were married in 1972 and moved to Somers. NY. in 1979 with their two children Elizabeth (Orelup) and Gregory. Len was a volunteer soccer coach, founder of the Somers indoor soccer league, long-time AYSO soccer commissioner for Somers, Somers Ballet School videographer, and eventually a member of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department after he retired. He loved being a member of the fire police directing traffic around accidents and fire calls. If it glowed,

five years as a town-elected fire commissioner beginning in 2000.

Len is pre-deceased by two of his brothers, Pierino and Franco Gori. He is survived by his wife, Nina, brother, Maurizio Gori, children Elizabeth (Christopher) and Gregory (Joan), and grandchildren Timothy, Samantha, and Alessandro.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Somers Fire Department (https://www.somersvfd.com/) or a local firehouse of choice.

Thomas Gilroy



It is with broken heart that I share with you that my beloved Tom passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the age of 75 years old.

Tom graduated from NCHS in a work study program. His trade of study was done at Village Body Shop in New Canaan. He continued working there for 30 years.

After retirement he began his work at New Canaan Public School transportation department. He made many connections with children and colleagues over the 21 years. He left behind his smile and kindness to everyone he met.

Tom is survived by his wife of 45 years Judy. He is survived by his nephews, Jimi and Matt Gilroy and 3 nieces and two granddaughters, Celeste and Stephanie, and 4 great grandchildren, Sissy, Cooper, Joshua and Tierney. He was predeceased by his parents and his four brothers, Bob, Mike, Billy and

A celebration of life will take place on October 4, 2025, at The New Canaan Nature Center, 144 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, from 11 am to 2 pm. Please wear bright colors, this is a celebration of an exceptional man.

Special thank you to everyone who prayed for us, sent beautiful cards and caring messages, and special friends who stopped by, we are so grateful for your support. A grateful thanks to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for the care given to us.

Please no flowers. Donations may be made to Gilroy/Weeks Scholarship Fund, New Canaan High School, 11 Farm Road, New Canaan, Ct 06840.

Sarah Napoletano



Sarah DiPanni Napoletano passed away in the early morning hours on September 5, 2025. Born and raised in New Canaan, CT, she was the daughter of Giuseppe and Annantonia (Bianco) DiPanni.

After graduating from New Canaan High School, Sarah began a career at Katzenbach and Warren as an executive secretary until her marriage to her husband of almost 68 years, Alfred "Doc" Napoletano. She lived in Stamford, CT prior to moving to Weston, CT

where she remained for many years raising her family. Sarah's family was extremely important to her, as she was to them. She dedicated her life to her husband and children. and will be remembered as a wonderful cook, meticulous homemaker and selfless caregiver to several family members.

Sarah was a long-time parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi in Weston, CT where she had been an active member of the women's group, a eucharistic minister and St. Augustine medal recipient. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, crosswords, word games and the occasional game of golf.

Sarah will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother and loyal friend. She was predeceased by her husband, and is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Joseph DePanfilis, Lisa and Richard Albertelli, her grandchildren, Sarah, Joseph (wife Shari), Matthew (wife Ashley), Adam (wife Nicole), great-grandchildren, Nicholas, James and Emilia, her brother and sister-in-law, Anthony and JoAnn DiPanni, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 27 at St. Francis of Assisi in Weston. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Trumbull, CT. The Raymond Funeral Home in Historic Norwalk has been entrusted with arrangements. Please visit www.Raymond.care to leave an online condolence for the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: http://fundraising.stjude.org/goto/ SarahDNapoletano

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reflected, or lit up, he owned it. He also served DLAYING THIS WEEK 47 THE PLAYHOUSE ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND ELEANOR THE GREAT 93 Elm Street New Canaan And Join Us in the Pub! CINEMALAB.COM for showtimes and tickets



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When the World Scapegoats, Christ Saves

people, and as a nation, we remain in a spiral of sacrificing one another on the altars

We may no longer practice animal sacrifice, but scapegoating continues. As a

By The Rev. John Kennedy

One of the very earliest figurative representations of Christ that we have-one of the earliest artistic depictions of Jesus-is Christ the Good Shepherd, carrying a lamb on his shoulders.

This image is drawn from the Parable of the Lost Sheep in the Gospel of Luke, which was the Gospel passage for Sunday, September 14 in the Episcopal Church (and other churches that follow the Revised Common or Roman Catholic lectionaries.)

In it, Jesus says: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices."

The earliest known example of this image of Jesus is found in the Roman catacombs from the early third century. It is a moving depiction that can inspire deep love for Jesus, just as it powerfully conveys his deep love for us. At the same time, it was a way of portraying Christ in a symbolic, non-threatening, and slightly coded form. Christianity

of political and cultural allegiances and agendas. was not yet legal in the Roman

made sense. The image was rooted in biblical references familiar to us: Jesus' Good Shepherd discourse in John chapter 10, Psalm 23 ("The Lord is my shepherd..."), and, as we have seen, the Parable of the Lost Sheep. But it also drew upon a familiar Greco-Roman image: the kriophoros—literally, "ram-bearer." This was often an image of the god Hermes, or simply a shepherd, carrying a ram or lamb (or sometimes a bull) on his shoulders.

In this context, the animal carried on the shoulders was often a sacrificial victim. Sacrifice was central to ancient religious life, seen as a way of gaining divine favor, averting divine anger, purifying a community after a crisis or hardship, or marking festivals or solemnities such as Passover.

Empire, and Christians routinely group identity and cohesion, political and cultural allegiances good to those who hate us. He faced persecution. To portray in part by projecting and Christ in a discreet manner transferring feeling of guilt, shame, or grievance onto a victim that would be sacrificed or cast out, taking away communal conflicts and tensions with it. A striking example of this is the Day of Atonement scapegoat ritual found in the Book of Leviticus. The high priest would confess the sins of the people over a goat's head (the scapegoat), and then send it into the wilderness, thus bearing away the people's sins. Similar practices of transference and projection existed throughout

> The underlying message was something like this: someone, or some animal, must die so that the community can live.

the ancient world.

We may no longer practice meat consumption aside), but scapegoating continues. As a people, and as a nation, we remain in a spiral of sacrificing

and agendas. Too often, we taught that the greatest will be preserve our group cohesion the servant of all, that those by excluding or condemning who exalt themselves will be others. Too often we, imagine humbled, and those who humble the problem lies with "them," whoever "they" are. We deceive sacrificed no one; he excluded no ourselves into believing that one; he did violence to no one. peace comes by getting rid of Instead, Jesus himself became them, banishing them, cancelling the sacrificial lamb—the Paschal them, sometimes even attacking Lamb, the scapegoat—so that or destroying them. The horrific we might stop scapegoating and political violence of recent weeks sacrificing one another. and months makes the reality of this problem all too clear.

I find it striking that early the Church exists to witness Christians adopted the image to another way. The Church of a man carrying an animal is where we hear the Good on his shoulders not as a sign Shepherd's voice, where we are of sacrifice, but as a sign of saved, rescued, and healed from salvation. The lamb is no longer violence, hostility, and division. a victim but a beloved sheep-Kingdom of God inverts the ways of the world.

Sacrifice helped preserve one another on the altars of our enemies, to forgive, to do themselves will be exalted. Jesus

> Of course, scapegoating in our national and political life Against this backdrop, is unlikely to stop soon. But

This is not only about our sought, found, carried, and own personal salvation, as animal sacrifice (our excessive rejoiced over by the shepherd. important as that is. The Good The image is inverted, just as the Shepherd is also an image of the of love in a broken world. Church itself. We are Christ's Jesus taught us to love We are called not to judge Episcopal Church in New Canaan.

and exclude, but to embrace and seek the good of all. Jesus discriminated against no one. Neither should we.

It may seem, especially in times like these, that there is little cause for rejoicing. Yet in the parable, when the shepherd finds the lost sheep and lays it on his shoulders, he rejoices. calling friends and neighbors to rejoice with him. Jesus says there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine who need no repentance.

So too, there is cause for rejoicing in the Church. For here we find a community in which our many and deep differences are held together by a deeper, wider love—a love that transcends what divides us. We can rejoice that we are lost sheep whom the Good Shepherd has found and carried, gathered together with all the other lost sheep into one flock, one body, one people of God. Together, we are called and equipped to witness to another way: the way

The Rev. John Kennedy serves body, his presence in the world. as Associate Rector at St. Mark's

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: 9:00 AM**

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:

October 18 from 4-7 PM: Come Bake, Pray, and Be Fed. A Workshop with Kendall Vanderslice. \$20/person. Register online.

First Church of Christ, Scientist 49 Park Street 203.966.0293 christiansciencect.org/newcanaan

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002 fpcnc.org

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

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:

October 12 at 10 AM: Blessing of the Animals. Bring your furry, scaly or feathery friends for a blessing. All creatures great and small are welcome.

October 19 at 11:30 AM: Adult Forum Speaker. Kathleen Benevento, will be discussing Waveny LifeCare Network Alzheimer's and Dementia Navigator Program.

October 26 at 10 AM: Join for Cantata 79 Accompanied by Baroque Orchestra (300th Anniversary of Premiere Performance).

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 PrayerRite 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.

October 5 at 5 PM: Blessing of the Animals. This annual service, in observance of the Feast of St. Francis, will take place under the Arcade.

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

1800 E. Putnam Ave, Old Greenwich 203.618.0808

info@trinitychurch.life

www.trinitychurch.life Join us Sundays at 10 a.m. at Greenwich Hyatt Regency 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. The service is also available on livestream via Youtube, Sundays at 10:00 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.

Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711 cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com

www.cbcnewcanaan.org Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/

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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.

Upcoming Events:

October 4 from 1-3 PM: Fall Picnic. Join for an afternoon of fun at Compo beach in Westport. For more info or to RSVP, email Bo at bo@gracecommunity.info.

October 15 at 6:30 PM: Grace Trivia Night at Dry Dock Grille, Norwalk. RSVP to Bo at bo@gracecommunity.info. October 25 at 3 PM: Trunk or Treat. Call for more information.

Talmadge Hill Community Church 870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT 203.966.2314

talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com www.talmadgehill.org

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

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

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center 137 Putnam Rd info@chabadnewcanaan.org

www.newcanaanjewish.org The Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center is dedicated to

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

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

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue) 458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903 203.322.1649 www.templesinaistamford.org

Service Schedule:

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

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

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

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

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

Recurring Events:

Saturdays at 9 AM: Shabbat Study via zoom at https://zoom. us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcxU0EzZUM2VENEZmg yUT09#success

How a Triangle Becomes a Thing of Beauty

By Geri Rhoades

In New Canaan, the New Canaan Beautification League (NCBL), in collaboration with the town, meticulously maintains thirtyfour triangles. Each triangle has its own unique character and requires extensive hours of care throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

As the seasons change, some triangles may need a makeover when plants die, wilt, or become overrun with weeds. One such triangle is located at the intersection of Bald Hill and North Wilton Road.

The improvement process begins with recognizing the triangle's need for care. Initially, this triangle featured a dense landscape of pachysandra and vinca, along with eight barberry shrubs-plants that are not particularly ecoamidst the greenery.

opportunity to enhance the area's appearance by replacing non-beneficial plants with native, ecofriendly varieties and repositioning the bench to create an inviting space," explained Sarina Vetterli, NCBL member who leads the triangle committee.

After identifying the need for improvement, the NCBL turned to member Ty Tan of Ty Tan Designs to develop a landscape that is both beautiful and environmentally beneficial. The town then handled the heavy cleaning, while NCBL members continued with additional weeding to prepare the space.

In early September, Ty and her team selected thirty-one mostly native plant species, planting a total of 450 plants. The centerpiece of this new landscape includes three American fringe trees, the bench, and a curved gravel walkway (gravel courtesy of the town) running through the center. This was a significant investment for NCBL and required over 100 volunteer hours to complete.

Some may question why the NCBL devoted substantial time and resources to transforming a triangle located away from the town center. Several reasons justified their efforts. The original design offered nothing worth preserving, allowing for a fresh start. In addition, North Wilton Road is a busy thoroughfare, ensuring that many people will notice the triangle. In fact, our Director of Public Works, Tiger Mann, drives that route daily. The site is also easily accessible,

This triangle serves as an exemplary model for incorporating eco-friendly plants into a visually appealing public space.

with sufficient nearby parking for anyone interested in visiting to gather ideas for their own gardens or public spaces.

A key factor in the ongoing success of the Bald friendly-and an old bench that seemed to float Hill planting will be its maintenance over the next critical growing seasons. NCBL member Jill Miller "This triangle presented an excellent" will lead these efforts, but support from town departments and community members is crucial for long-term success. The Department of Public Works will assist with watering and hardscaping, while community volunteers will contribute their time and resources to help the NCBL continue its mission.

> Although Bald Hill is not a historic monument, it was named by early settlers due to its lack of trees. North Wilton Road is part of an older highway. The bench in the triangle bears the inscription: "In Memory of Our Friend and Neighbor Bill Novak. May 27, 1915 - July 20, 1999."

> This triangle serves as an exemplary model for incorporating eco-friendly plants into a visually appealing public space. "It is hoped that this initiative will inspire and educate the community to pay closer attention to the public areas we all enjoy, and share the responsibility of caring for them," added Sarina.

> The New Canaan Beautification League has been working hard since 1939 to help enhance the beauty of our town. They rely entirely on donations and volunteers. Please consider supporting this fantastic organization by donating at www.newcanaanbeautification.org.

> Geri Rhoades, PhD, is a New Canaan resident and Board Member of the New Canaan Beautification League. Since retiring from the field of Communications, Geri has concentrated on helping to make the world a better place.





The traffic triangle before makeover (above) and after makeover (below).



Triangle Stewards, NCBL members Mo Flanagan, Faith Kerchoff, Jill Miller, Fanny Moran and Ty Tan.

The Rotary Club of New Canaan

is grateful to the community for their generous support of our 40th Anniversary Lobsterfest! Funds raised will be donated to the many deserving non-profit organizations which serve this area's needs.

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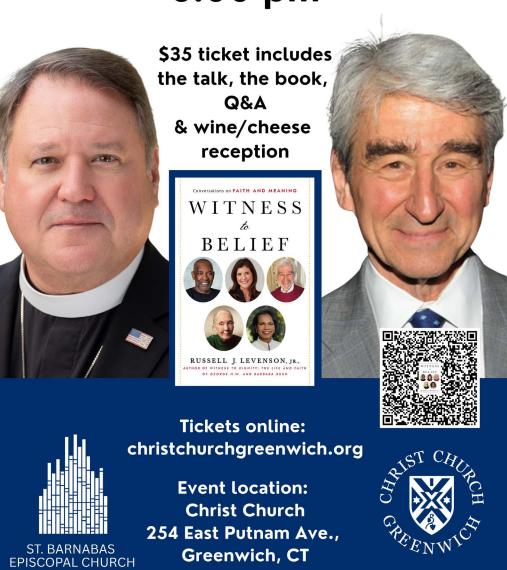
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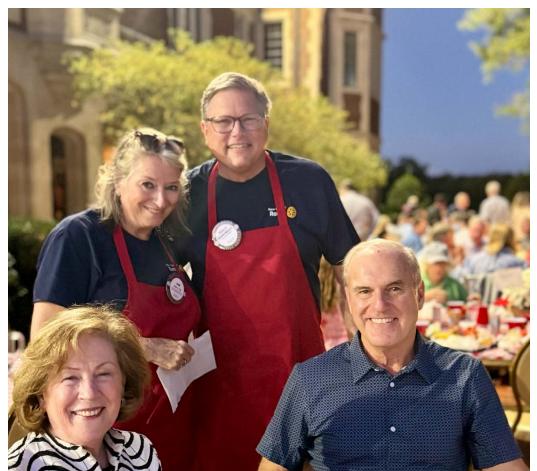
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Saturday, Oct. 4 6:00 pm



WOW! Rotary Lobsterfest a Huge Success!!





The proceeds from this year's Lobsterfest will benefit more than 40 nonprofit organizations and help reach thousands of individuals in need.

It was an unforgettable experience for our Rotarians, tireless volunteers, and the many guests who joined us. The joyful smiles—whether from Dine-In, Takeaway, or Home Delivery—warmed our hearts and continue to inspire our members to serve with dedication.

Their next step is organizing the preparation and delivery of meals to over 150 First Responders by mid-October, continuing the spirit of Lobsterfest.

The Rotary extends its heartfelt thanks to sponsors, guests, donors, and volunteers whose collective support made all the difference!

















By John Kriz

Families, sun and, of course, apples were the order of the day on Saturday at the New Canaan Nature Center's (https://www. newcanaannature.org) Cider Saturday - a traditional 'kick-off' for many of its Autumnal events.

With a bouncy house for kids, an apple slingshot – a large slingshot that shoots apples at distant targets - apples baked in an open fire, cider donuts, corn on the cob, crafts and more, it was a fun family event for many in the community.

There was also a demonstration of how to make cider, led by Aidan Murphey, NCNC's Director of Environmental Education. Using a traditional 'human-powered' cider press in the fieldstone Cider House, Mr. Murphey, with the help of several children, showed how whole apples are shredded using a hand-



Aidan Murphey of New Canaan Nature Center stands at the cider press among families learning about how apple cider is made. Photo by John Kriz.

cranked mill, with the shredded apples then fresh cider. pressed to extract the juice.

The Nature Center has several old apple Everyone also had the opportunity to taste trees on its property, though most of the fruit some for baking and others for making cider.

ends up as deer and squirrel food.

Cider Saturday "brings the New Canaan community together here at the Nature Center," said Mr. Murphey. "One of our main goals as a Nature Center is to bring the community out here, enjoy our space and see kind of what we have to offer."

Fun Apple Facts

- Apples aren't native to North America. They originate from Central Asia.
- Only the crabapple is native to North America.
- There are more than 7500 varieties of apples worldwide.
- It takes about forty apples to make a gallon of cider.
- It takes 4-7 years before an apple tree
- Some apples are best for eating fresh,

Big Food Drive at Mormon Church

By John Kriz

New Canaan's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church for short, or colloquially the Mormons) held its huge, annual food drive late last week. Three tons - 6,000 pounds - of food was delivered to the New Canaan LDS Church, which had been trucked in from Utah, much of it produced on LDS Church-owned farms.

Church members took responsibility to ensure that the donated food was delivered to the receiving charities. A large truck full of food boxes was parked in front of the church after Sunday services, with church members -- especially children - loading up cars for 'last mile' delivery.

The New Canaan Food Pantry, which is housed at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, received more than half a ton of food from New Canaan's LDS Church. The rest of the



LDS Church youth took the lead in loading cars with donated food for final delivery to local food banks and charities. Photo by John Kriz.

donated food went to other local food banks and charities.

Donated items ranged from refried beans to cake mixes, rice, peanut butter, tomato sauce, pasta, flour, pancake mix and jam.

In addition, 'family boxes' of food were put together to go directly to New Canaan LDS Church members in need.

Chris Bailey, who led the food drive, said "we do it so that our kids can see the gospel of Jesus Christ in action, and understand we don't just sit in the pews and listen to sermons." Bishop Allen Zimmerman, the New Canaan LDS Church's senior clergyman, echoed that thought, stressing as well that sometimes the service focus is within the church community, and other times "it's like, no, no, no. We need to be much bigger than that. And we touch everyone that we possibly can, and the community becomes a big focus."



Young members of New Canaan's LDS Church were active in unloading donated food from a truck, Young members of New Canaan's LDS Church took the lead in the delivery of donated food to the and reloading it into cars for final distribution to local food pantries and charities.



New Canaan Food Pantry, literally doing the 'heavy lifting'.

Sold Out Tenth Anniversary Party

On September 6th, the Waveny Park Conservancy proudly marked its 10th anniversary with a spectacular evening that drew a sold-out crowd of 315 guests. The reception and tented dinner on Waveny's lawn was only the second gala in the Conservancy's history. The celebration reflected the community's deep appreciation for Waveny Park and raised over \$200,000 to support the Conservancy's mission of preserving and enhancing this historic jewel of New Canaan.

The event featured the premiere of a short documentary capturing how the community experiences Waveny Park - from Pops in the Park and July 4th fireworks to tranquil woodland walks, family gatherings, and the mental and physical benefits of scenic open space. The video was warmly received and will soon be made available to the broader community through the Conservancy's website: http://wavenyparkconservancy.org

Event emcee Christian Murphy orchestrated presentations by Conservancy and town leaders and later led guests through a rousing set of paddle raise donations in support of the Conservancy's future.

'Waveny is more than just open space it's central to the culture and identity of New Canaan," said Fell Herdeg, Chairman of the Waveny Park Conservancy. "It's where generations gather, connect, and celebrate. Without Waveny, our town would be markedly different. The Conservancy exists to make sure Waveny continues to thrive for decades to come."

"The Waveny Park Conservancy is an extraordinary example of community partnership," commented New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson. "Thanks to their leadership and the generosity of residents.

continually enhanced as a living resource amenities and more.

for all. This anniversary is a celebration of both what has been achieved and the exciting future that lies ahead."

Since its founding in 2015, the Conservancy has worked closely with the Town to preserve, restore, and enhance Waveny Park's historic landscapes and features. Major accomplishments include the restoration of the Eberle Fountain, meadow and woodland transformations supported by the Jeniam Foundation, the revival of Anderson Pond, extensive landscaping around Waveny House Waveny is not only preserved, but and Park entrances, upgraded maintenance,

commissioned plans for the Merritt Trail Network. Project, which could transform one of the Park's most challenging areas by reducing underscored how deeply New Canaan values highway noise and improving the overall trail Waveny Park, and how vital community experience.

thanked the many patrons and partners who restoration, and enhancement projects. make the Conservancy's work possible. Event sponsors included Bankwell (lead sponsor), Caffeine & Carburetors, Earth Garden, Karl Chevrolet, the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, New Canaan Community Foundation, Rucci the Conservancy at Law Group, Silver Hill Hospital, Town

Looking ahead, the Conservancy has Players of New Canaan, and Waveny Lifecare

September 6th celebration support is to its future. Donations of any Executive Director Michelle Crookenden size directly sustain park maintenance,

> For information on tribute giving, legacy gifts, matching gifts, and other ways to give, donors may go to http:// wavenyparkconservancy.org/donate or reach

info@wavenyparkconservancy.org

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312 Elm Street Unit #9	\$1,299,000	\$1,299,000	\$1,425,000	41	3	2	
37 Woodridge Circle	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,982,000	13	4	2	2.15
105 Clearview Lane	\$3,995,000	\$3,995,000	\$4,000,800	4	4	4	3.03
44 Reeder Lane	\$4,195,000	\$4,195,000	\$4,600,000	8	5	4	2.09
1227 Ponus Ridge	\$7,695,000	\$7,695,000	\$7,550,000	51	7	8	2

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52 Putnam Road	\$2,995,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	Houlihan Lawrence
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1580 Ponus Ridge	\$3,499,000	SUN	2:00-4:00PM	William Raveis
928 West Road	\$8,995,000	SUN	2:30-4:30PM	WPSIR
63 Middle Ridge Road	\$3,895,000	SUN	2:30-4:30PM	WPSIR

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Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
180 Summer Street	\$1,800,000	2,747	\$655	0.43	4	3
100 Spring Water Lane	\$2,399,000	4,516	\$531	2.11	7	4
52 Putnam road	\$2,995,000	4,080	\$734	1.25	5	4
565 Oenoke Ridge	\$4,400,000	5,693	\$773	1.67	5	4

The Best Photos Are Current Photos



By John Engel

Photos are the #1 factor when selling a house. For 87% of buyers, the photos determine their initial assessment of a property, and 83% cite it as the most useful resource for evaluating. That's why we must get this piece right.

It is a common misconception that summer photos are the best photos. The best photos are current photos.

Susan Engel points out that Fall listings that show Summer pictures have probably been on the market too long. That's a clear signal that it's

Now, with the newfound interest in "private listings," the risk of using old photos is doubly high, signaling that a house might have been out there in the private market for some time.

There is a subconscious reaction against the summer photo in winter, kind of like the assault on our senses when we encounter Christmas decorations in October. We want what is appropriate for the season. Now is the time for apples, not oranges, and since Connecticut houses look beautiful in every season, let's celebrate seasonality. On a side note, in Connecticut we put our white pants away after Labor Day and rediscover them next Spring.

Some photos are timeless: the architectural ones, full of right angles, surfaces and textures, solidly grounded with a horizon line. For example, the kitchen photo, a symphony of wood and stone and stainless steel, might include a bowl of lemons for color, resisting any effort to reveal to the viewer when it was taken.

Include fresh flowers to introduce a splash of color on photo day. Long after the flowers have expired, they'll live in our memory and in our listings. I once sneaked a chocolate labrador into a listing shot and was promptly reprimanded. Cat people buy houses, too.

Can I take a moment to rage against bad drone photography? Don't misunderstand. there's a place for it; we need a drone shot to tell the story and give some context to the story we're telling. The problem is that most drone shots are abstract, and roofs are ugly. People don't fly (yet), so we're not trained to grasp most homes from the sky, all roof and asphalt, a patchwork of greens. Without (superimposed) property lines, we're lost, wondering what's included. A drone shot, preferably from a low angle, showing off the relationship between house and pool, and relative privacy of the setting, is a good thing. Houses with drone shots sell 68% faster. Make it a good one.

How many photos is enough? There are two schools of thought on this.

The first says, if the system let you upload 40 photos, then upload all 40. More is better. This school believes the Internet is like shopping in a supermarket, where more shelf space means occupying more of a shopper's attention.

The second school of thought, Miller's Principal, says that we absorb and remember about seven images, so limit yourself to maybe a dozen. This is a hard rule to follow when the house is large and the property complicated.

The sweet spot, according to Zillow, is 20-27 images. Buyers perceive listings with few pictures as incomplete or suspicious.

Agents will complain, "Why are there no bathroom photos? Is it because the bathrooms are awful?" Maybe it's because it's hard to get a good picture in the bathroom, maybe it's misplaced modesty. I say, put it all out there.



Alan Barry is a masterful photographer, pushing boundaries, evoking a mood. Here, on Brushy Ridge Rd.

marketing the house.

We always need a full set of what I call documentary photos to, well, document the house. Every room, probably from more than one angle, reminding us of everything we saw on the tour of the house; reinforcing, detailing. Sometimes buyers will ask what happened to this or that, something they saw in the photos. Better to remove any fixture you don't want included before it becomes part of the record and a potential pain point.

Every iPhone now comes with an ultrawide lens that provides a 120-degree field of view. Please, fight the urge to use it: that lens was never meant for real estate. It is a natural human tendency to try and get the whole room in the shot. The first thing we do is find a corner and shoot to the opposite corner, so that we can

the best of them will make a difference when between. And if we can't capture everything, How do I stand out in the crowd?" Buyers we switch to the ultra-wide lens on our phone. clicking through think, "Seen it, seen it, seen it, What I have just described is the worst possible oh, is that a new listing?" photograph in real estate, a photograph that is all floor and ceiling, with the subject matter pushed further away and the edges distorted. Nikon introduced the ultra wide lens in 1976, but in 50 years, you've never seen it used in the pages of Architectural Digest or Country Living. Pick up any house magazine and you'll notice that most of the shots are straight on, with a clear horizon line.

> This is also true of many family photos of any large group. You don't want to be on the edges of a wide-angle photo because the edges are distorted and make us look fat.

> Some photos are moody. That's not the first set of photos. That's the second set of photos, where you're asking yourself, "How do I cut



LEFT: Bill McDonald collects seed pods. Visit his FireflyConservation.org website and read his Firefly Conservation Handbook. RIGHT: Goldenrod.

Bathrooms are no longer private spaces, and capture two of the four walls and everything in through the clutter of houses that all look alike?

We use photos to breathe new life into a listing that everyone has seen. They allow us to present it in a different way or to call attention to some quality we think the world missed.

Above is a moody photo from my listing on Brushy Ridge by a photographer we affectionately call "the prince of darkness." Alan Barry's signature style relies on high contrast in his photos with a direct light on specific features. It's cool, but it's not for everybody. It's risky to set your listing apart with a theatrical

Notes from the Monday Meeting

Why are we always surprised at the seasonal slowdown in activity? It happens every year. There are fewer listings coming out, fewer open house visitors, fewer showings. But this does not necessarily mean wait till Spring. In January, we compete with the anticipation of new listings, and by April, we are competing with the actual abundance of new listings. Only then does the energy start to change, where buyers begin to think they've seen everything that's coming. All of this suggests that there is no bad time of year to list or buy, only trade-offs.

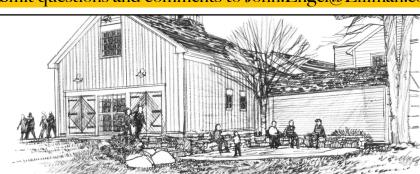
John Engel is a broker on the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, and he wants more fireflies, bees, and butterflies. A wildflower meadow is a long-term commitment that firefly expert Bill McDonald says starts with no pesticides and clean water. When native pollinator plants flourish, the bees, butterflies, and fireflies will follow. This month, the New Canaan Garden Club is gathering seed heads from the meadow, preparing for Spring, and so can we. John is planting Joe-Pye weed, Ironweed, Milkweed, and Asters, and he wants to try native Connecticut Blue Flag Irises. Wildlife thrives on native plants, and it's got to be healthier for the rest of us, our children, and our pets, as well.

Submit questions and comments to John. Engel@Elliman.com



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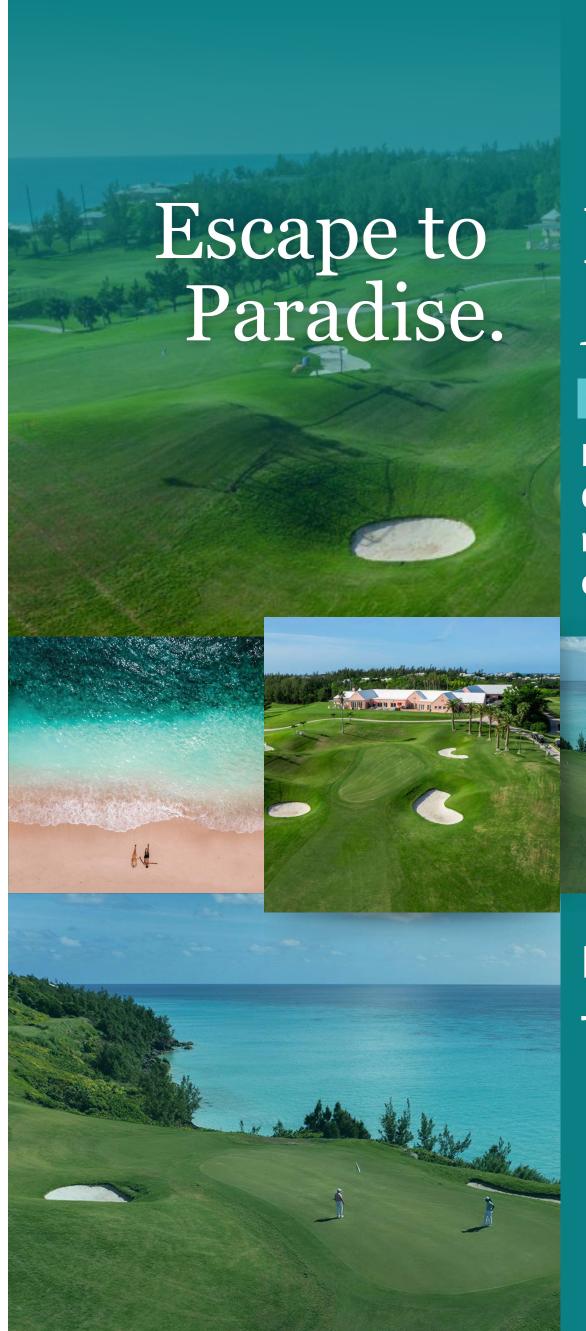
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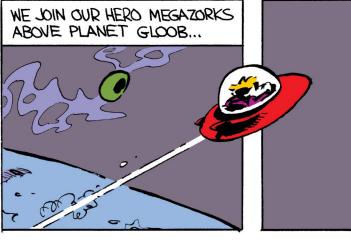


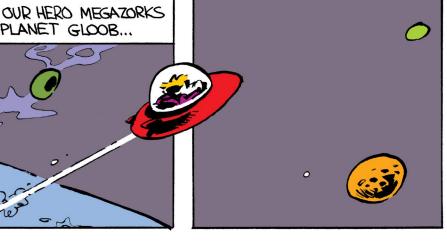
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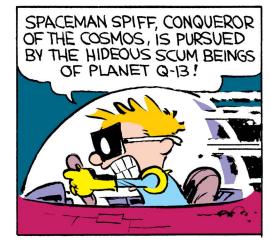


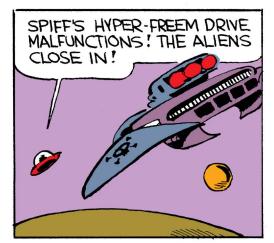
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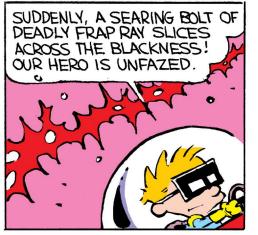






















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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: The Red Bat

Our Neighbor with The Bright Red Coat



I caught movement darting in and out of the illuminated patch of night sky beneath the stadium lights. The football game was a back-and-forth battle which commanded the attention of nearly all. Still a few fans looked up at the

movement and remarked. "What is that?" "Is that a bird?" "It's a funny color."

The animal they observed was not a bird and its unusual color grabbed one's attention. The animal they witnessed was a native Connecticut species seen by few. Inhabiting the entire Eastern United States and Southern Canada, the species is as widespread as it is unique.

Though small, the Eastern Red Bat, Lasiurus borealis, is an eye-catching creature. With a wingspan of just 13 inches, a body length of just four and a half inches, and a weight of

Attaining flight speeds of 40 miles per hour, this agile little bat can overtake its insect prey in flight.

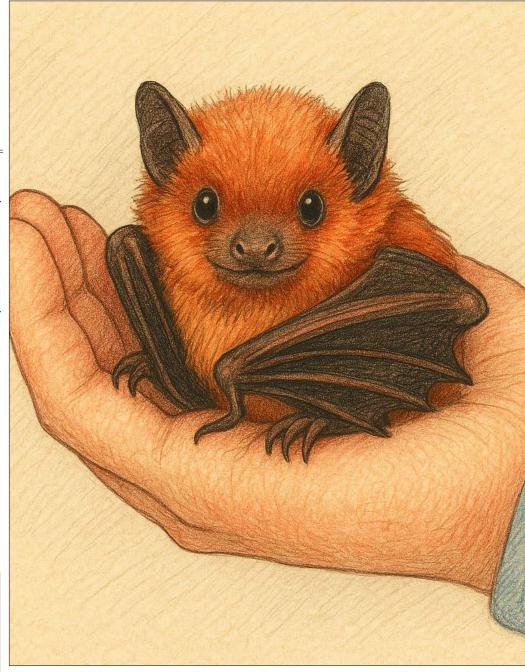
or brick red coats. This bright savings of more than 500%! coloration is thought to aid the bats in camouflaging their form among potential predator encounters, the leaf litter.

within leaf litter? The answer widespread and common bats. might surprise you. Though Red Far from alone, the Red Bat's kin Bats roost in trees—where they resemble dead leaves-when the mercury plunges, they adapt to the New World from Southern the cold in a novel, and highly efficient manner. These adaptable

¼ to ½ ounce, this species is the fall nights drop below freezing, understandably classified as a the real savings come when the microbat. Yet its diminutive form bats "dig deep." In deeper leaf cannot conceal its visual effect. layers the bats gain an energy While females display red silky fur saving of between 200% to 300%, highlighted by frosted gray tones and when roosting under leaf litter and white shoulder patches, the with snow cover, they can gain males possess dense, cinnamon an astounding metabolic energy

Though risky in terms of the strategy pays off for the Red Why would bats possibly hide Bat-one of North America's most represent no less than half a dozen closely related species inhabiting

Canada to Cuba to Argentina. Far from just another pretty mammals nestle within the fallen face, the Red Bat earns its keep leaves of the deciduous forests. in terms of predator / prey While even shallow layers of equilibrium. As an extremely fast leaves enable the bats to save $\,$ flyer attaining flight speeds of 40





can overtake its insect prey in flight. Prey species include many regarded as agricultural, forest and human health pest species. Gypsy moths, beetles, spittlebugs, and mosquitoes all find themselves on the menu.

Though most bats raise a single offspring or sometimes a pair, known as pups, as the only known bat species with four teats, the Red Bat can raise 2-4 young. It is this prolific ability that enables the Red Bat to counter the many hungry predators within their vast range. With Opossums, Great Horned Owls, Screech Owls, Sharp-shinned Hawks, and even Blue Jays to avoid, the Red Bat will wield every survival advantage it

Though singular in its survival strategy, this small mammal possesses one more trait which sets it apart from the competition, and it is no small matter. Though

the Red Bat can carry the spores of the deadly White-nose Syndrome fungus Pseudogymnoascus destructans, biologists have yet to discover a Red Bat with symptoms of the disease. With this disease reducing some bat populations by more than 90%, it represents a serious threat to bat survival. Though mammalogists have made progress in combating this disease in terms of habitat modifications and a vaccine, nature may already have found the solution in the genetics of this modest creature.

With bats representing nearly ¼ of the world's 6,400 known mammal species, you can't argue with success. This incredibly diverse order of mammals has successfully colonized all the world's major land masses with the exception of the polar regions, the world's only flying mammals, bats can migrate with greater Connecticut and beyond.

ease, over greater distances, than their earthbound cousins. They can also simply access better habitat more readily. It is this adaptability that serves them well in a world modified by human activity. This diversity/adaptability aspect makes bats excellent study

So, the next time you're out for a hike and you look up at that single leaf among the greenery, or the thousands of leaves at your feet, consider our neighbor with the bright red coat. Whether you seek beauty, scientific knowledge, or natural equilibrium, she might just have the answer. Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo and as a Science Adviser for The Bruce Museum. A member of The Explorers Club, Jim enjoys sharing and isolated island groups. As his passion for wildlife conservation with audiences throughout

Submit your events at: newcanaansentinel.com/submit-anevent/

TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, October 6

Zoning Board of Appeals

7-8 p.m.,

Tuesday, October 7

Board of Selectmen

8:30 a.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via

Wednesday, October 8

Parks and Recreation Commission 7-8 p.m., Lapham Community Center

Thursday, October 9

Conservation Commission 12-1 p.m.,

Utilities Commission 7-8 p.m., Town Hall Board Room

October 3

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

Taylor Swift - Release Party of a Showgirl

Showtimes Vary at the Playhouse Celebrate The Official Release Party of a Showgirl in theaters only October 3rd - 5th. See the exclusive world premiere of the music video, "The Fate of Ophelia", along with behind-the-scenes footage from the music video shoot, brand new lyric videos, and Taylor's never-before-seen personal reflections on songs from her 12th studio album, The Life of a Showgirl. Tickets are available at https://playhouse.cinemalab. com/home.

Crafty Kids Grand Opening

4-7 PM at 91 Main Street

Join for an afternoon of creativity, fun, and hands-on activities as Crafty Kids opens their doors to the community.

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The Bard At Bristow -**An Immersive Stroll**

11 AM- 3 PM at Bristow Bird Sanctuary Immerse yourself in William Shakespeare's timeless tales on a scenic stroll through Bristow Bird Sanctuary. Professional actors and musicians bring to life beloved scenes and songs inspired by Shakespeare's greatest works. Groups of 15-20 will depart every 15 minutes for a 45-50 minute traveling experience. Tickets available at https://stonc. org.

October 7

Open Tech

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room

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Author Talk: Clare Leslie Hall, "Broken Country"

6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

Clare Leslie Hall talks about her New York Opening Night of Witch Times bestselling novel, Broken Country with fellow author Martha Hall Kelly. A love story with the pulse of a thriller, Broken Country, is a heart-pounding novel about impossible choices and devastating consequences. Register at https://shorturl.at/LQQW3.

October 8

Fall Prevention Presented by Nicholas Rutigliano, DPT, ATC

10 AM at the Lapham Center

Join Nicholas Rutigliano to learn practical steps to stay safe, steady and independent. Falls are a leading cause of injury-related deaths among adults aged 65 and older. Rutigliano is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and Certified Athletic Trainers, affiliated with Yale New Haven Greenwich Hospital. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinic

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center

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Ellen Samai from New Canaan's Department of Health provides in-person blood sugar and blood pressure testing. Walk-ins welcome. If you plan to have your blood sugar level tested, it is recommended you fast for four hours prior to testing. For more

Glass House Presents: Manresa Wilds

6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

Kate Orff, FASLA is the founder of SCAPE, a landscape architecture and urban design practice. Kate will share SCAPE's ethos and working method and describe some of SCAPE's signature work including Oystertecture and Living Breakwaters in New York Harbor, Tom Lee Park in Memphis, TN, and the new Manresa WILDS Park in Norwalk, CT. Register at https://shorturl.at/RfZZZ.

October 9

and Beyond

Free Medicare Counseling

By appointment at the Lapham Center Dick Neville, a CHOICES certified Medicare counselor, provides objective, personcentered assistance about Medicare options and related benefits. Available to New Canaan residents and Town employees. Call 203-594-3620 to schedule an appointment.

Ask the Attorney with Nedder and Associates

2-4 PM at the Lapham Center

An attorney from Nedder and Associates, LLC will be available for a free, private, fifteen-minute consultations to answer your legal or financial questions. Please call (203) 594-3620 to schedule your appointment.

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.

Wine Tasting with Francos Wine Merchants

6-8 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society

Kick off October4design with wine tasting. Enjoy French, Italian and American wines and champagnes. There will be passed hors d'oeuvres to compliment the wines. Space is limited. Tickets are available at https:// shorturl.at/lL0gZ.

Backgammon Night

7-9 PM at the Playhouse, Marquis Lounge Go play and learn the classic game of backgammon. Featuring lessons for newbies from Claudia Peterson. Entry is \$20 at the door, Bravo members are free. Register at https://shorturl.at/ngUrP.

October 10

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Fall Fair

5-9 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center Join this years Fall Fair! For more information, call (203) 966-9577.

"Runway by S.T.A.R" - United the worlds of fashion, culture & social impact

6-8:30 PM at Waveny House

"Runway by S.T.A.R. - Connecting Threads, the Fabric of Us" in partnership with The New England Fashion + Design Academy (NEF+DA) is an inspiring event dedicated to uniting the worlds of fashion, culture, and social impact. The event features innovative runway presentations, dynamic panel discussions, and interactive experiences. Tickets are available at https://shorturl. at/8FoqU.

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

Fall Fair

10 AM- 6 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center

Join this years Fall Fair! For more information, call (203) 966-9577.

10 Year Celebration of Grace Farms

2 PM at Grace Farms

Celebrate with music commemorating the moment from world-renowned musicians, and a can't-miss discussion. More information and tickets are available at https://shorturl.at/sxkRc.

10 Years of Grace Farms | Benefit Sunset Dinner

5-9 PM at Grace Farms

Join Grace Farms for their Benefit Dinner, curated by renowned culinary creator Peter Callahan. Acclaimed artists will guide you through a progression of discovery, transforming each course into a captivating moment that awakens your senses. Tickets are available at https://shorturl.at/nqAgm.

Faster Things - Allman Brothers Tribute 7 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

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

October 12

Fall Fair

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October 14

Medicare 2026: Understanding Changes and Coverage Options

1 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room

Lou and Jessica Pelletier will help you **Screening** 2026, including the Parts and the important new changes to Medicare drug plans rolling out in 2026. Register at https://shorturl.at/ rftLq.

Open Tech

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October Candlelit Sound Bath

6:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center After a brief grounding meditation, you'll be enveloped in a symphony of harmonious vibrations, produced by an assortment of crystal and Himalayan singing bowls, chimes, gongs, drums and more. \$40/person. Register at https://shorturl.at/RLCMR.

The Sandwich Generation, presented by Waveny

6:45 PM at the New Canaan Library Join a presentation by Waveny LifeCare Network and New Canaan CARES, "The Sandwich Generation". More information will be available at www.newcanaancares.

Trivia Night

7-9 PM at the Playhouse, Marquis Lounge Bring a team (2-6 people) and compete for trivia glory, hosted every other Tuesday by Rachel Lampen. Entry is \$20 per guest, with free popcorn & soft drinks for all, plus prizes for first, second, and third-place teams. Register at https://shorturl.at/2eSES.

7 Ways to Support Your Student's **Studying & Executive Functions**

Online at 7 PM

In this webinar, you'll discover proven strategies to help your child develop the study skills, organization, and focus they need to succeed, while keeping your own stress in check. Register at https://shorturl. at/bGYg0.

October 15

Lunch and Learn with Tiger Mann State of the Streets and Future Public Work Projects 2025/26

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center

Tiger Mann, Director of Public Works, will present an update on the current condition of our streets and share details on upcoming infrastructure projects. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Living Well Now & Later Series: Brain Health & Mental Fitness

1 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room

Nurture your brain. Enhance your life. 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 wellbeing. Register at https://shorturl.at/wZaMl.

Fall Candle Making workshop with Oh **D'Luxe Candle Company**

6:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center Join for a fun and interactive Fall Candle Making Workshop. In this hands-on class, you'll create your own 9 oz pure soy wax candle-from picking the perfect wick and blending your signature scent, to swirling it into the wax and designing your custom label. Register at https://shorturl.at/NwNhK.

October 16

Sip and Paint with Clever and Crafty | **Appetizers and Drinks**

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center

Join for a fun evening of painting, appetizers and wine. Space limited, reserve early. \$10/ person at the door. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

October 17

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

Introduction to LinkedIn Learning

3 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room

In this class, learn how to get started with LinkedIn Learning, a resource that you can use to learn new skills at your own pace, with over 16,000 professionally designed courses available for free. Register at https:// shorturl.at/wjxUA.

The Harvard Five Documentary Film

navigate the complexities of Medicare in 7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

> New Canaan Library is delighted to share the incredible film by New Canaan's own Devon Chivvis. "The Harvard 5: a story of love, architecture, and a design revolution" documentary film tells the little-known story of five ground-breaking architects and designers who ignited a modern design revolution from the least likely place colonial New Canaan, CT. Register at https:// shorturl.at/LPLio.

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 at Waveny

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.



New Canaan Opener Squash Tournament

2-6 PM at New Canaan **Country School Courts** Open to adult and junior

players who live, play, or go to school in New Canaan. Must be able to serve and keep score. This not a US Squash santioned event. Register at: https://forms.gle/ dxH3ZHsHVqWBtomL6.

October 20

Chair Yoga

11:30 AM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

With the support of a chair, this gentle Chair Yoga class will help you improve postural alignment, maintain pelvic mobility, reduce muscle tension and gain strength. Register at https:// shorturl.at/YhhGf.

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 publicationit's a platform built on the principles of integrity, transparency, and public service. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Blood Sugar & Blood **Pressure Clinic**

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four hours prior to testing. For more information, call (203) 594-3620.

Safe and Sound: Home **Modifications for Aging in Place Presented by Kevin Finn**

12:30 PM at the Lapham

This presentation explores practical, affordable and effective modifications and assistive devices that can make our homes safer and more comfortable as we age. Lunch sponsored by Staying Put in New Canaan. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Investing with Intention: How to Build a Smarter, **More Strategic Portfolio**

6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room

In this session, break down what asset allocation really means and how to use it to reduce risk, grow your wealth, and avoid emotional decision-making. Whether you're just getting started or refining your strategy, this session will help you invest with more confidence. Register at https://shorturl. at/yMNF9.

October 25

In the Heights | A staged concert

7 PM at the New Canaan Library

universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood - a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. Tickets are available at https://www. connecticutstagecompany.

October 26

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October 28

Night Driving Tips for Safety and Confidence | A Virtual AARP Driver **Safety Workshop**

11 AM at the Lapham Center This AARP Driver Safety workshop offers practical tips for safe, more confident nighttime driving, along with insights on age-related vision changes, updated headlight technology and helpful driver-assist tools. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Carnegie Hall to New Canaan

The season opening concert, Carnegie Hall to New Canaan" will feature internationally acclaimed violinist James Ehnes with New Canaan Chamber Music Artistic Director and Founder, pianist Andrew Armstrong. Tickets are available at https:// newcanaanchambermusic. org.

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.

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In the Heights tells the Mattering in the Modern World presented by New **Canaan CARES**

7 PM at Saxe Middle School Join Jennifer Wallace in conversation with Kelly Corrigan. Open to ALL Community Members. More information will be available at www.newcanaancares.

October 30

Halloween Bingo

12-2 PM at the Lapham

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

Halloween Graveyard Tour with Dede Bartlett

3 PM at 352 Main St., New Canaan

Join for a guided walking tour at Lakeview. Learn about the history of the cemetery, and of the fascinating individuals whose lives impacted New Canaan and beyond. Meet in the parking area near the administrative building. Treats will be served. Tickets available at https://shorturl. at/WcW6Q.

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November 1

The Way of an Athlete | A Workshop with Kerri **Walsh Jennings**

3 PM at Grace Farms Join for The Way of an Athlete with three-time Olympic Gold Medalist and five-time Olympian Kerri Walsh Jennings/ This threepart experience is designed for student athletes in every sport, ages 12+. Tickets are available at https://shorturl. at/soPc0.

November 4

Medicare: What's New for 2026 | Presented by **Southern Connecticut Agency of Aging**

11 AM at the Lapham Center Learn more about your Medicare options, including changes and updates for 2026. 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 8

Nature Workshops by Kimberly Kelly | Garlic Workshop

11 AM at Grace Farms Learn how to prepare, plant, and care for garlic. Leave with a hand-selected head of garlic to plant this autumn for summer harvest. Tickets are available at https:// shorturl.at/ds9fZ.

November 12

Thanksgiving Lunch at

Lapham

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12 PM at the Lapham Center Enjoy traditional Thanksgiving favorites from Walter Stewarts, followed by some great music and entertainment from Tommy and Cuz. \$10/person. Call 203-594-3620 to reserve your

November 16

Acclaimed Author Dorie Greenspan Presents 15th Cookbook, "Dorie's **Anytime CAKES**"

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

Five-time James Beard winner and New York Times bestselling author Dorie Greenspan will discuss her 15th cookbook, Dorie's Anytime CAKES with Anna Francese Gass. Register at https://shorturl.at/9Uays.

November 20-22

Legally Blonde the Musical

Times Vary at New Canaan High School

Join for an unforgettable night of music, laughter, and girl-power energy as Elle Woods takes the stage on her journey from sorority queen to Harvard Law star. Tickets will be available at https:// shorturl.at/ks5Uh.

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 their Holiday Market! There will be unique gifts items including jewelry, candles, and much more. School of Rock will also be playing some holiday cheer!

December 5

Holiday Market

4 & 6 PM at Grace Farms In the spirit of giving, gather with friends, family, and fellow community members to assemble care packages. This night offers festive music, warm tea, and engaging winter crafts for all ages to enjoy. Register at https://shorturl.at/F6IMn.

December 10

Annual Holiday Party

Waveny House Save the date for the Lapham Center's Holiday Party. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

BLOOD DRIVES

Saturday, October 4

New Canaan Community YMCA 564 South Ave New Canaan, CT 06840 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

United Church of Rowayton 210 Rowayton Ave Norwalk, CT 06853 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Tully Health Center 32 Strawberry Hill Court Stamford, CT 06902 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Monday, October 6

Greenwich Reform Synagogue 92 Orchard St Cos Cob, CT 06807 1:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 7

Greenwich Blood

Donation Center 99 Indian Field Road Greenwich, CT 06830

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 8

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

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

Support Services & Meetings

October 8

Narcan Training by New Canaan Cares

12:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Community Room Join for a vital community training session on the proper use of Narcan (naloxone), a life-saving medication that can reverse opioid overdoses. No medical background required. Register at https://shorturl. at/vvh9J.

October 9

Panel Discussion: Advancements in **Dementia Research**

6 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim and Dede **Bartlett Auditorium**

Join our dynamic and interactive panel discussion to explore the connection between metabolic syndrome and dementia. Q & A session will follow the discussion. Register at https://tinyurl.com/ yhjm7zvp.

October 12

Library Orientation with Inclusive Together

11 AM at the New Canaan Library, Kontulis Family Storytime Room

New Canaan Library is partnering with Inclusive Together to offer an exclusive Library Orientation for parents/caregivers and their children. This event is designed for those who appreciate a quieter, less crowded environment. Register at https://shorturl. at/LNcky.

October 14

Legal Essentials for Caregivers with Michael Nedder from Nedder and Associates

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center

This presentation will cover the key legal documents every caregiver should understand-such as powers of attorney, advance directives, guardianship, will and HIPAA authorizations. You'll also learn how to advocate for your loved one's rights while protecting yourself legally. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

November 4

Medicare: What's New for 2026 | Presented by **Southern Connecticut Agency of Aging**

11 AM at the Lapham Center Join if you would like to learn more about your Medicare options, including changes and updates for 2026. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Every Friday

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

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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

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Neighbors

October 12 2025 Cannonball Reunion

7-11 AM at 25 Old Kings Highway North, Darien Join for the annual gathering of automotive outlaws at the sacred launching grounds of the final Cannonball Baker Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash. Tickets are available at https://shorturl. at/e9kUD.

October 3-5 & 9-11

Come From Away Times Vary at Curtain Call

Come From Away is a heartwarming musical based on the true story of the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, and its residents who opened their hearts and homes to 7,000 stranded airline passengers after the 9/11 attacks. Times and tickets are available at https://curtaincallstamford. ludus.com/index.php.



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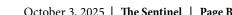
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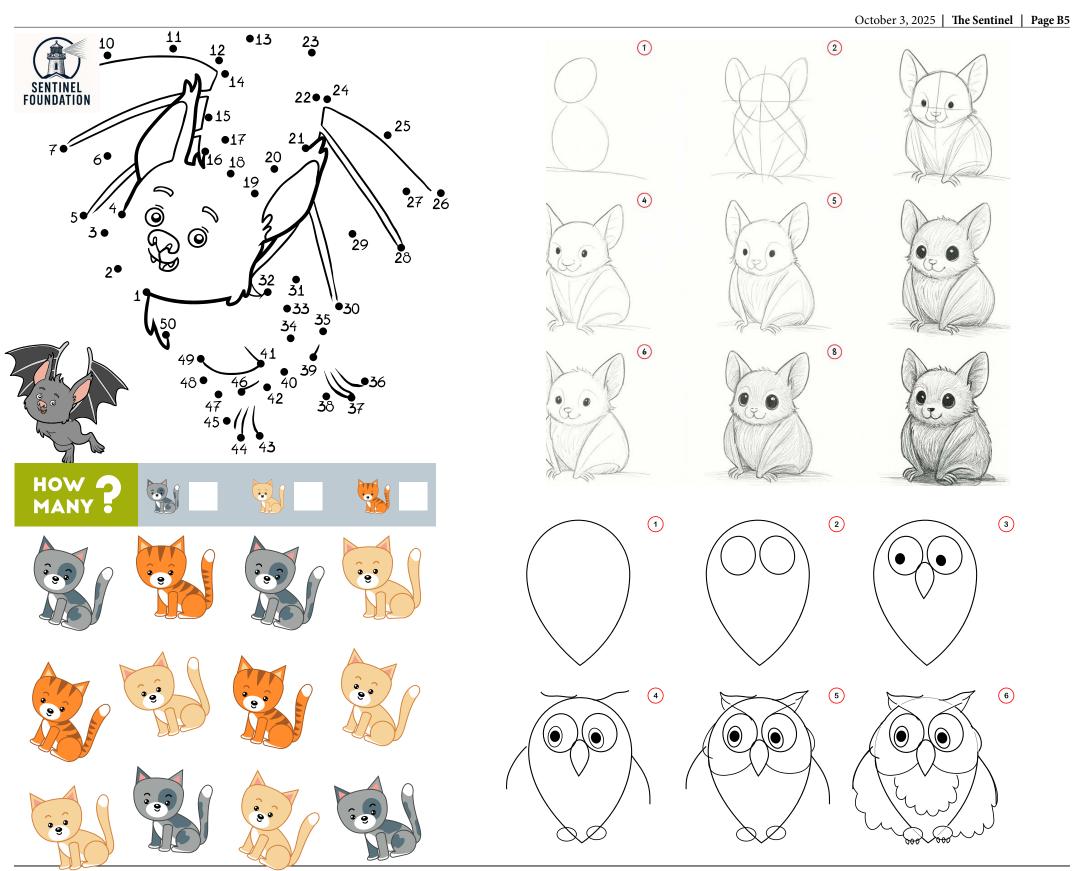
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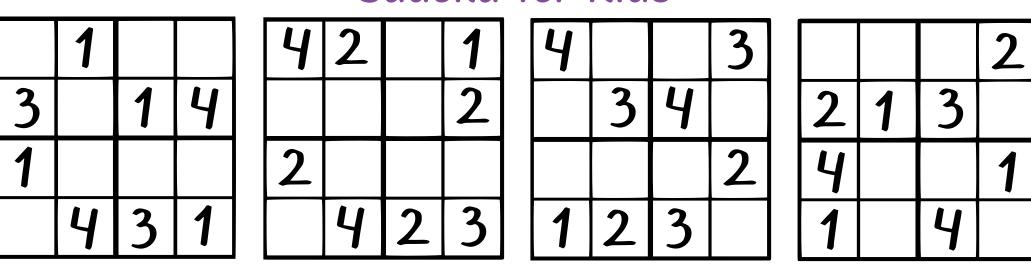
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Sudoku for Kids



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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinbera

ACROSS Lyft rival Complete the

- final details on
- Big race sponsor Church's
- center Make fizzy
- "Lookie
- here!" Late-week schusser, say? (Before: Like a more playful
- puppy) Protrude
- 20 Altogether AARP Bulletin readers: Abbr. of Maine
- (toothpaste brand) Org. that
- handles a lot of baggage 24 Fella
- 26 Smear on Coffee dispensers for a weekend brunch? (Before: Former cars with a planetary
- Flash of light "Touched by an Angel' co-star Della

name)

- Forty winks 37 Billionth:
- **Prefix** 38 Bum, as
- a ride Golda who was Israel's first female leader
- Alias lead-in Be dishonest with

- **42** Heavily built 43 Midweek H.S.
- equivalency test? (Before: Crammed) 46 Love all, say
- **47** Mr., in Mumbai
- 48 Parenthesis, essentially 51 Buddy, in
- Brisbane Sweetie 55 Branched
- horn "That feels
- great!' **58** Honking bird seen at the start of the week? (Before: Meerkat,
- e.g.) 60 Boot part 61 On the move
- **62** "Beg pardon 63 Pronoun within
- 64 Sampled 65 Word after "due" or

"She-Ra"

"double" **DOWN**

- 1 III-suited 2 Farm buildings "Don't Crv
- for Me Argentina" musical
- 4 Completely change Exit, for
- a building 6 Higraphics
- Biblical boats Two queens, but not a kina

- 9 Salt Lake City collegians
- 10 Part of mpg **11** Truth who said "Ain't I a woman?"
- sketch **13** Kitties that arow immediately

12 Kind of

- when fed **18** Up, in
- baseball T. to Socrates 25 Interred
- 26 Turn red, perhaps 27 -Cat (winter
- vehicle) 28 She played Donna on "Parks and
- Rec' Hunters' lures 30 Blond shade
- **31** Agile Chew like a rodent

- 33 California/ Nevada
- attraction 34 All worked gu
- 38 That fellow's 39 Gunk in a
- child's "pie" Called the shots
- 42 Existence 44 Once named 45 Aged like hair 48 Hilo hello
- 49 Change back to 00:00, say
- Cadbury egg filling Calc or trig
- Raton, Florida Aardvark's
- snacks 54 Make less
- wordy, maybe 56 Warty hopper
- **58** "Welcome" site
- Pennsylvania, e.g., in D.C.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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WIME Grossyord The (K) Clues Are for Kids

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Created by Timothy E. Parker

- **ACROSS** 1. Caps worn by bagpipers 5. A historical
- Peron 8. (K) Informal 'mother'
- 12. (K) Ear-related 13. Abbreviation
- near a PC input "Too bad for little old me"
- **15.** (K) "What!" to your greatgrandfather
- 16. (K) Insect with a stinger
- 17. (K) Thing in your dresser that needs a mate
- 18. (K) Eye doctors daily
- bread" 22. (K) Sound from a sheep
- 23. Burn with steam **26.** Easy
- undertakings or sure things 30. Brewer's oven 31. (K) A friend of

Snow White

riddle within the solved puzzle?

Sleepy co-worker?

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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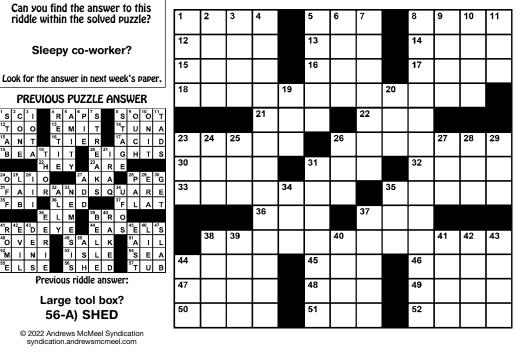
- 32. (K) Clue or tip 33. Prepare for
- printing a newspaper 35. (K) Pal or friend
- 36. Feel prolonged discomfort 37. (K) **Angeles**
- **38.** Spies
- (2 words) 44. (K) "How
- will it hurt?" 45. Historical
- boy king 46. (K) Needle-nose pliers, for one
- 47. (K) Be sore from a crosscountry run
- 48. (K) Tennesseeto-Maine direction
- **49.** (K) British goodbye
- 50. (K) Marvel superhero
- **51.** Jazzy instrument **52.** (K) Talent _
- DOWN 1. (K) Like many Wendy's orders

(2 words)

- 2. (K) Resting on 3. (K) Wet thing caused by Niagara Falls
- 4. (K) Elementary VIP? (2 words)
- 5. (K) Leftover bit of burned coal 6. Nam lead-in
- 7. Bitterly harsh 8. Harvard
- is there **9.** (K) Quite an amount
- (2 words) 10. Some Apple Store products 11. (K) "Can I
- you a simple question? **19.** (K) Fun thing
- to off-road through 20. Fleming who
- created Bond 23. Drinker like Barney on "The
- Simpsons" 24. (K) Coral island 25. Snake along

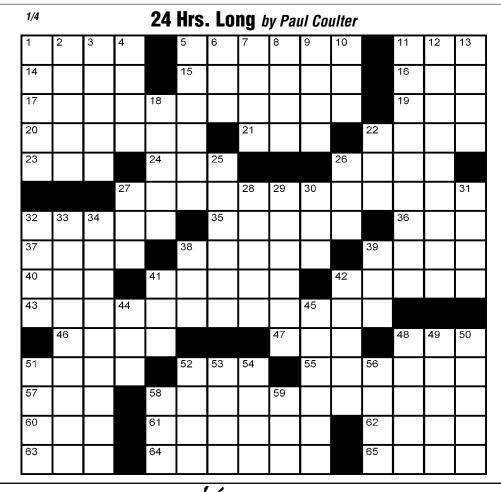
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- 27. (K) Avoided being found
- 28. Wrap up, as a production
- 29. (K) Abode for pigs
- 31. (K) Completely erases
- **34.** (K) Mister alternative
- 35. (K) Wetland for cranberries
- 37. Paint choice 38. (K) "You did a great job!"
- 39. (K) Sound that can bounce off surfaces back to you
- 40. (K) Sandwich
- or salad type 41. (K) World's first mariner
- 42. (K) "The Wizard of Oz" dog 43. (K) Cole
- (side dish) 44. "Welcome" thing that might the Nile River 26. (K) Portable have 19-Down on it



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

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Toroscopes

Horoscope: October 3-9, 2025

Mercury continues its transit through Libra, sharpening your diplomatic instincts. Venus in Scorpio encourages emotional depth in connections. On October 7-8, the Moon forms a tense square with Saturn, requiring balance between obligation and intuition. By week's end, a trine between the Sun and Neptune softens energy, inviting imaginative insight.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Speak clearly this week – your words carry weight. Early in the week, misunderstandings could arise if you rush conversations. On October 7–8, you may feel pressured by responsibilities; set boundaries so you don't overextend. The Sun-Neptune trine later in the week gifts you with compassionate vision — listen to your instincts.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Financial matters take center stage. Reassess budget lines, and resist impulsive purchases. On October 7-8, you may need to make tough choices about shared resources or joint agreements. The closing days bring a creative angle – envision new ways to increase security without sacrificing peace of mind.

<u>Gemini (May 21 - June 20)</u>

Professional dynamics undergo a shift. You may be asked to take on extra tasks or to defend a position. Use diplomatic flair to navigate tensions, especially midweek. The Sun-Neptune trine aids you in seeing your work through a wider lens — what impact do you want to leave?

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

early week asks you to give voice to emotions you've held back. On October 7-8, tensions in your close relationships could emerge — avoid blame and instead aim for honest exchange. The trine later offers healing energy: rest, reflect, and reconnect with your deeper self.

values.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Connections with groups and friends come envision more balanced routines: what practices into focus. You might feel drawn to causes or communal activity. Midweek squares test your loyalty – some people may not live up to expectations. By week's end, the Sun-Neptune alignment helps you see shared purpose more clearly – align your social goals with your inner

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

the early part of the week to express yourself

a little vulnerability works in your favor. The coming week brings subtle shifts in The midweek Moon-Saturn tension asks you communication, relationships, and inner alignment. to ground fantasies into reality: commitments that cannot be sustained must be pared away. Closing days bring inspiration — take quiet time to imagine and plan.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Your sign is receiving matching energy from Mercury's presence. Use it to negotiate, mediate, and bring harmony to tension spots. Midweek you may face criticism or structure demands; choose your battles wisely. By the weekend, trust rising intuition – creative ideas may emerge that reconcile structure and freedom.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Home and family matters may need your attention. Unspoken emotional undercurrents can surface. On October 7-8, there's pressure to act. Proceed gently, not forcefully. The Sun-Neptune trine gives you a sensitive insight into what truly needs care - let intuition guide your decisions.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Learning, travel, or expanding your worldview are themes this week. If you're considering a new course, journey, or project, early days are best for planning. Midweek irritations might disrupt your rhythm. Use the trine toward the end to recover clarity – allow your curiosity to lead without haste.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Partnerships are spotlighted. You might sense a need for readjustment in one-on-one connections. Early in the week, heart-to-heart talks can set the tone. Midweek friction warns against power struggles – aim instead for Your inner life is more active than usual. The mutual respect. The closing days bring intuitive clarity about which ties deserve investment.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Work, health, and daily routines get stirred. You may be pushed to reorganize or simplify. On October 7-8, you might feel blocked by obligations. Use patience, and don't force solutions. The Sun-Neptune trine helps you restore rather than drain?

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Communication and mindset are on your radar. You may discover new ways of expressing yourself. Early week warnings: weigh your words – avoid overpromising. Midweek, limitations might feel heavy; manage expectations. Toward week's end, the Sun-Romantic and creative avenues beckon. Use Neptune trine blesses you with luminous ideas and deeper clarity.

7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses $\frac{1}{8}$ 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.

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2 pillowy s'mores ingredient (11)		2
3 1970s TV cop Barney (6)		J. W.
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5 hard at work (8)		ò
6 measurement for leg length (6)		
7 Lions Tigers and Bears (8)		000

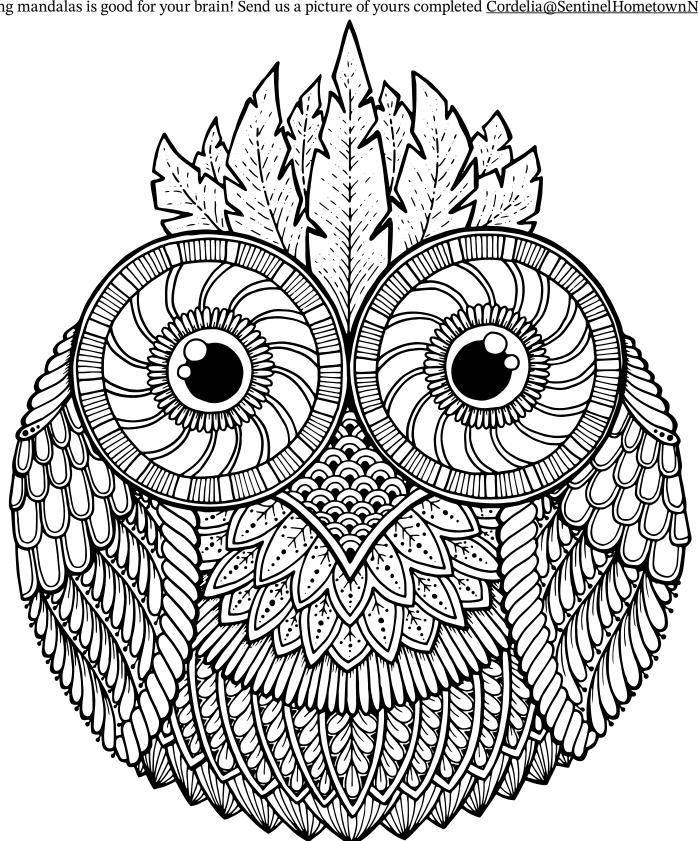
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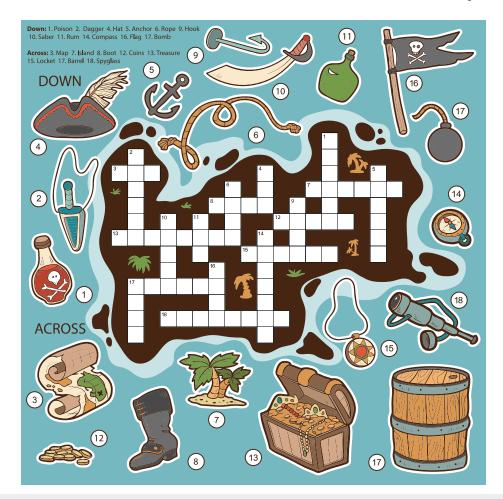
Previous Answers: AVOCADO 2. POWERHOUSE 3. POOLS

4. GAMES 5. HOVERS 6. GEORGIA 7. SPENDING



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Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions from the box

next to behind under near on



The owl is _____ the bed.

The ball is _____ the table.

The gift is _____ the dog.

The dog is _____ the table.

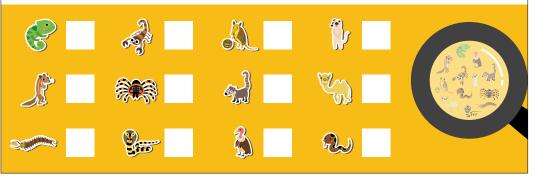
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The cat is hiding _____ the bed.

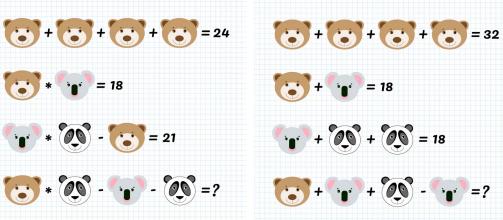
The bag is _____ the table.













seas (and screens) safe!"

Read it Outloud Captain Clam and the Treasure of Kindness

Captain Clam was no ordinary pirate. Sure, he had the usual things: a wooden leg, a ship that creaked, and a hat so big it sometimes fell over his eyes. But instead of dreaming about treasure chests and gold doubloons, Captain Clam had one dream: to save all the ocean's creatures

"Arrr, I'll rescue ye, fishies!" he declared, swinging his mop like a sword.

His crew thought he was a little... odd. First Mate Pickles the parrot squawked, "Treasure, not turtles!" But Captain Clam was determined.

When dolphins got tangled in seaweed, Clam leapt in with a hairbrush and styled them free.

When crabs argued over seashell property rights, Clam drew up tiny pirate treaties.

And when a whale had the hiccups, Clam performed a dramatic jig until the whale laughed so hard the hiccups disappeared.

The crew tried to steer toward gold, but Clam's heart kept pulling them toward creatures in need.

One quiet day, the ship drifted inland on a magical tide, and where did they pop up? Right in front of the New Canaan Playhouse! Captain Clam waved his mop at the children gathered outside for a matinee and shouted, "Arrr, even pirates love a good show—keep these

Then one afternoon, they spotted what looked like a sunken treasure chest. The crew cheered, "Finally!" The crew pulled it up and—shiver me timbers!—it was a treasure chest stuffed with gold and jewels.

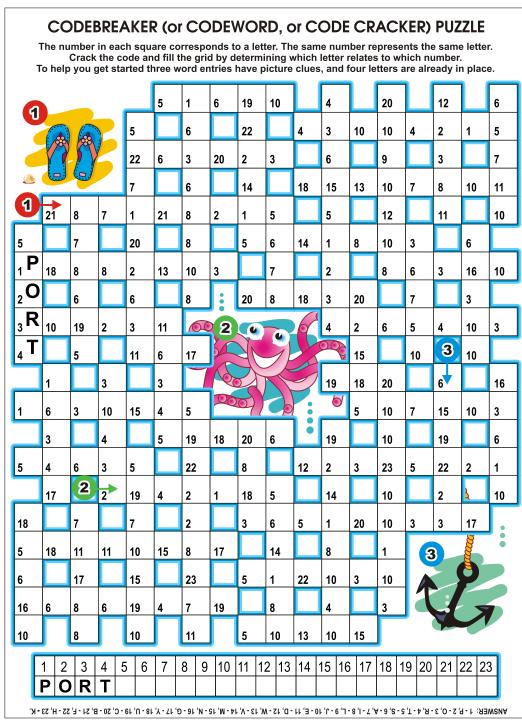
"Arrr... well, that was unexpected," Clam mumbled, glittering coins stuck to his beard.

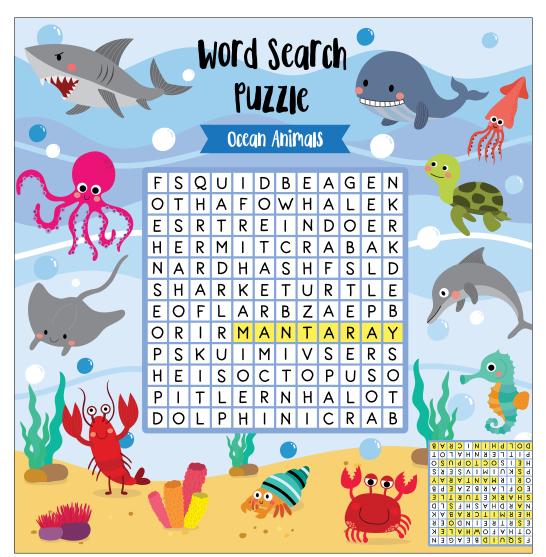
Then, Clam had an idea. He used the treasure to build coral playgrounds for clownfish, seaweed hammocks for sea turtles, and seashell libraries for octopuses who liked bedtime stories.

The crew couldn't help but laugh as they delivered "pirate aid packages" all across the ocean. They became the only pirates known for handing out treasure instead of stealing it.

Word spread quickly: "Captain Clam! He'll rescue you, feed you, and then throw you a party with gold-funded snacks!" Captain Clam puffed out his chest. "Arrr, me hearties! Who needs treasure when ye can spend it helping friends?"







Write in the first letter of each image in the attached square to solve the puzzle.

