



The façade of the Onera Foundation, located at 63 Park Street—also known as the Perkins House—in New Canaan, Connecticut. Photo courtesy of Simon Cherry. © 2025 Onera Foundation.

A House of History Reopens—with Art, Diplomacy, and the Public in Mind

By Peter Barhydt

Walk up the garden path at 63 Park Street and you enter a new public room for New Canaan: a 19th-century home, restored with care, now dedicated to telling big stories about architecture, art, and diplomacy—stories that begin in American embassies and end at a neighborhood doorway that’s open, free, and intentionally welcoming.

“I’m the executive director of the foundation,” Laurence Lafforgue says by way of greeting. “I’ve been working with David Peterson, the founder of the Onera Foundation, for over a year.” Peterson, she explains, “founded the [foundation] in 2018 following a lifelong interest in supporting historic preservation... a preservationist, but also [a] philanthropist and a former finance person.” He wanted to “help educate and advocate for historic preservation in a way that was meaningful, approachable, and scalable.”

The effort is multi-pronged. One arm advances preservation practice through the Onera Prize, an annual \$25,000 award that supports Columbia University’s Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation’s students graduating from the M.S. Historic Preservation program to test new preservation theories and technologies in practice. Another arm extends to publishing. “He... turned his thesis into a large format book, very much image driven,” Lafforgue says. The topic—Embassies of the Cold War—opened archives to the general public: “this award-winning book brings together for the first time images that had never been seen before by the [general] public. They were sort of buried in university archives.”

But the third arm may be the most visible in New Canaan: a physical home where exhibitions and public programs make preservation more tangible to everyone. “[David] bought [63 Park Street] in 2018, [and] took about two to three years to go through restoration... This is our first exhibition here in this space.”

A House With Many Lives—And a New One Now

From the street, the house reads as classical and calm. Inside, it carries the imprint of those who saved it. “We owe it to Richard Bergman and his wife, Sandra Bergman,” Lafforgue says. “They were the owner[s] of the house for 45 years... 1973 to 2018.” When Bergman—a local architect—took it on, “it was four apartments with four different kitchens.” He and Sandra “did all the hard work... restoring the place structurally, stabilizing it.”

Peterson’s restoration made the home usable as a public venue. “What David did is uncover the floor, which is a historic 19th-century [pine]... and also, he opened up the... flow here by changing where the staircase lands... so you can really see from first floor down all the way to the garden, [and] make your way through.”

The garden—Bergman’s own modernist design—remains an essential chapter. “It’s pretty much as it is,” Lafforgue notes. “In fact, we have three sculptures from Richard that we just restored in the garden.”

For visitors, the on-ramp is simple: “This is a space that is going to be open Tuesday to Saturday, 12 to 5 pm—free,” she says. “We hope to bring [schoolchildren]. We hope to bring anyone... We want it to be as inviting as possible.”

An Embassy Fence Becomes Sculpture—and a Conversation

The foundation’s inaugural exhibition presents work by Jorge Otero-Pailos —“an artist and a preservation architect who also directs the preservation program at [Columbia] University,” Lafforgue says—whose long engagement with the U.S. Embassy in Oslo led him to a preservation riddle. After 9/11, a heavy, galvanized-steel security fence went up around the embassy; when the building was later restored to its mid-century character, “the fence... had to be taken down. And no one wanted it... So [he] thought, okay, what can we do about this material evidence of an important... moment as part of the story of the embassy?”

“He thought about [turning] it into art,” she says, “because art as its own ecosystem... allows you to tell a story to a public. It gets picked

up through an ecosystem of museums and institutions.” Those ideas became 51 sculptures forged from the embassy fence itself: “They’ve been exhibited first in London at the Winfield House and in The Regent’s Park... then... here on Park Avenue... [and] the State Department at the National Museum of American Diplomacy.”

Six sculptures are on view in New Canaan, joined by prints, watercolor studies, and an artist’s book that folds into a triangle—“the shape of the embassy in Oslo”—with a mirrored base “where [you] could see yourself reflected in it, because the embassy is the embassy of the [people].”

Just as revealing is the process video: “It was all happening pretty much on site,” Lafforgue says. “The backhoe did the job... [Jorge] worked with very skilled Norwegian workers... He always says that 80% of the job was done on site while the fence was being taken down,” with the remainder composed and refined in the studio.

The prints borrow their titles from the treaties negotiated while the fence still stood—an effort to “parallel [the] work of a diplomat... [who] traces lines of text” with the “work of the architect[s] [who] trace lines of fencing or buildings,” Lafforgue explains. The point is perspective: “Jorge... always says how interesting [the treaties] are... They’re about more than war and peace... [including] space exploration... scientific cooperation and student exchange.”

One piece nearby is titled “Documentary Form,” after a treaty on best practices for sharing data. Another, “Holders of Local and Traditional Knowledge,” draws from an Arctic agreement. “You can imagine the amount of work that must have gone on diplomatically,” she says. At the National Museum of American Diplomacy showing—timed with NATO’s 70th anniversary—visiting diplomats recognized signatures on the prints: “Some of them saw their name... I worked on this treaty.”

Cold War Culture, New Canaan Connections

The exhibition extends beyond sculpture to a compact history lesson on America’s Cold War embassy program, which sought to counter Soviet cultural claims through architecture, art, music, and design. Lafforgue shows magazines, catalogs, and a map that make the point: “Time Magazine was reporting on it... [MoMA] curated [a] show on embassies... with the State Department.”

New Canaan’s link is direct. “There is... a connection immediately between the U.S. Embassy program and the Harvard Five,” she says, pointing to a pair of images: the Glass House interior by Philip Johnson and the Havana embassy interior by Harrison & Abramovitz. “Clearly the ideas that were percolating here made their way through...”

The theme continues: “You are looking at an incredible experiment happening in this town,” Lafforgue says—John Johansen and Marcel Breuer are among those who designed embassies abroad and who also lived and worked in New Canaan either during or earlier in their career. The buildings themselves keep finding second lives—landmarked, adapted into cultural centers, and newly interpreted for public use. “They’re fulfilling their mission even after they’re no longer in use,” she notes.

The House as a Teaching Tool

Upstairs and down, the building functions as its own case study. “We have a binder that looks at the entirety of the restoration that David did.” Photographs show the floors “buried,” the baseboards set higher than they should be “because those floors were buried at least [two layers deep].” In the kitchen—still fitted with mid-century appliances—students “felt like they were in a 1950s advertisement...” They were especially taken with a vintage Thermador microwave: “It still works, by the way.”

The restorations are documented in a binder with photographs of artifacts recovered during restoration—pottery, shells, even animal bones—evidence of the lower room’s life as an early cooking hearth. Reuse is visible everywhere: bricks once underfoot now line the back stair; salvaged planks from upstairs serve as treads on the new staircase. “[It’s] in the spirit of preservation... not throwing things away... [but]



A view of the Onera Foundation’s inaugural exhibition, *Treaties on De-Fences* by Jorge Otero-Pailos, on view through March 28, 2026. Photo courtesy of Simon Cherry. © 2025 Onera Foundation.

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deciding on which period you want to highlight, and then finding ways to reuse what you’ve taken out so that it’s there.”

A wall timeline traces the house’s occupants: community school; rental; physician’s office; the arrival of Max Perkins (whose literary legacy helps explain the home’s listing on the National Register of Historic Places); and, finally, the long Bergman chapter that stabilized the structure and created the garden. “What I love about this house is that it has both a very classical architecture... [and] a modernist inspired garden... It shows you that great architecture is great architecture...” Lafforgue says.

Public Programs—and a Public Invitation

The foundation’s first season aligns with New Canaan’s October 4 design. “Now we hope to be a community resource first and foremost. That’s a very important goal,” she says. “We want to make sure that everybody knows it’s here and it’s available for everyone.” “Next year we are showing the work of artist Terrence Gower,” Lafforgue says. The attraction is obvious to her: “Artists... have a sense of wonder... It’s not surprising that many have gravitated towards those buildings because they are masterpieces.”

Why It Matters

The Onera Foundation believes that historic and significant American architecture

is a vital part of the nation’s culture, worth protecting in the same way we do for other national treasures. Lafforgue is careful to define preservation. “Preservation is not necessarily about celebrating, but it’s about recognizing [significance] and saying, if it goes away, we have no more material evidence of that history,” she says. The Cold War embassy program, she argues, is a perfect example: buildings conceived to be open, light, and operate almost as public cultural centers became vulnerable when technology made proximity dangerous. Some were decommissioned. Some were adapted. Many still speak powerfully—especially when their stories are told with objects, images, music, and film that let people recognize themselves in the narrative.

“We hope people enjoy it and see the value,” Lafforgue says simply. For now, the doors are open, the floorboards are glowing again, and the garden—modernist and serene—leads you back to Elm Street with anew map in mind: from Oslo to Park Street, from treaties to prints, from a fence to a forum where anyone can walk in.

The Onera Foundation is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Visitors can schedule their visit and reserve a free timed-entry ticket through the Foundation’s website. <https://www.onerafoundation.org/visit>

Grace Farms Presents Robust Season of Programs to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

On Saturday, October 11, Grace Farms celebrated its 10th anniversary season, which runs through May 2026. The day featured the unveiling of Dancing Trees, new site-specific seating designed by Kazuyo Sejima of SANAA, as well as a conversation between the architect and Grace Farms CEO and Founder Sharon Prince; viewing of a new installation of the With Every Fiber | Pigment, Stone, Glass exhibit, featuring five new commissions inspired by the Design for Freedom movement; artist-in-residence James Florio discussing his new photographic work at Grace Farms, of Haida Gwaii in British Columbia, Canada from which Grace Farms’ new fascia is sourced; viewing of Alicja Kwade’s new permanently installed sculpture, ParaPosition; and musical performances by acclaimed Canadian cellist Arlen Hlusko and GRAMMY® award-winning violinist Joshua Bell.

In addition, Grace Farms Tea & Coffee CEO Grace Farms Tea & Coffee CEO Adam Thatcher and Ibu Rahmah, Chairwoman of the women-led Ketiara Coffee Cooperative in Sumatra, Indonesia, led a coffee tasting for guests. Grace Farms’ coffees are ethically sourced from women-led cooperatives in Indonesia, Ethiopia, and Colombia, and 100 percent of profits support Grace Farms Foundation’s Design for Freedom initiative to end forced labor in the built environment. Later this fall, Grace Farms will open its first public café at JPMorgan Chase’s new global headquarters in Manhattan.

A series of marquee events throughout the 2025-2026 season under the theme “We all build” will celebrate Grace Farms’ journey, convene people with nature, present visual and performing arts, pursue justice across sectors, foster community with intergenerational activities, and explore faith through workshops and lectures. Programming will feature a new, ground-breaking series, Grace Farms Lectures. The Lectures bring together visionary leaders who have shaped our world, inviting them to share the wisdom they have learned through their distinguished careers. Each lecture is accompanied by a 60-minute concert specially curated by Grace Farms inaugural musician artist-in-residence Arlen Hlusko and performed by some of today’s most celebrated musicians. The pieces these artists perform respond directly to the life’s work of each speaker and the impact they continue to make. On January 10, 2026, Sharon Prince will deliver the inaugural lecture on creating spaces that communicate and catalyze good in the world. Other featured speakers include acclaimed scholar and writer and Founding Director of Yale Center for Faith & Culture Dr. Miroslov Volf and Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, botanist and acclaimed author.

More season highlights include a performance by internationally acclaimed cellist and 19-time GRAMMY® winner Yo-Yo Ma, GRAMMY® Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell, recipient of the TONY® Honors for Excellence in the Theatre, Broadway Inspirational Voices, the return of The Humanity

in Architecture Film Festival, a special concert by Grace Farms artist-in-residence and GRAMMY®-winning Canadian cellist Arlen Hlusko, Grace Farms’ annual Earth Day celebration, a concert with GRAMMY® Award-winning jazz singer Dianne Reeves, a special event for athletes with five-time Olympian Kerri Walsh Jennings, and Lunch with a Purpose – a new Grace Farms series featuring conversations with leaders transforming essential industries. Throughout the season, visitors will also have the opportunity to enjoy Grace Farms Tea & Coffee through unique experiences such as Journey Through the World of Tea and Wellness Retreats. Full programming details are below.

Sharon Prince said, “The theme of our 10-year season ‘We all build’ resonates deeply with the very essence of Grace Farms – recognizing that what we create and how we create it matters profoundly. It matters who we build with. We all can be architects of change, crafting hope, cultivating peace, nurturing art that heals and expands our perspective, and sparking joy that spreads. For such a time as this, Grace Farms is offering a peaceful, hopeful place and creating an active, diverse community to bring about more grace and peace in the world.”

New Sculpture by Alicja Kwade

Now on view is a new acquisition and permanent sculpture by Alicja Kwade, ParaPosition, 2024. Comprised of interlocking steel frames supporting two boulders and an inverted chair made of bronze, ParaPosition’s array of metal and stone draws viewers into the frame of this massive, yet fragile, universe. ParaPosition joins other site-specific public art installations on permanent display at Grace Farms, including Beatriz Milhazes’s Moon Love Dreaming (2016), Teresita Fernández’s Double Glass River (2015), and Thomas Demand’s Farm 56 & Farm 88 (2015).

New Installation of With Every Fiber Exhibit

Grace Farms presents a new installation of the long-term exhibit With Every Fiber | Pigment, Stone, Glass which shines a spotlight on the Design for Freedom movement – launched in 2020 by Grace Farms Founder and CEO Sharon Prince – to elevate human rights and eliminate forced and child labor in the built environment. The new installation reveals the embodied suffering behind pigment, glass, and stone in the construction industry as well as new innovations within those materials that demonstrate that building ethically is possible. The exhibit features five new commissions responding to the Design for Freedom movement.

Chelsea Thatcher, Grace Farms’ Chief Strategic Officer, Founding Creative Director, and curator of the exhibit said, “The new iteration of With Every Fiber is designed to help the public reimagine architecture with fair labor. It brings forward innovative solutions in stone, pigment, and glass – building materials that are typically at high-risk of forced and child labor – and highlights breakthrough approaches to

ethical sourcing that will create a more humane built environment for all.”

New to the exhibit are commissioned works by John Sabraw, artist and professor at Ohio University; Nina Cooke John, principal of Studio Cooke John Architecture & Design and designer of With Every Fiber; and artist Hannah Rose Thomas, PhD., who unveiled a life-size portrait of social entrepreneur Nasreen Sheikh. Webb Yates Engineers’ sustainable prototype for truss work demonstrates an engineering solution that replaces unethically sourced carbon-producing steel with stone. The London Philharmonic Orchestra, which has a long partnership with Grace Farms recorded Woven in Tears, composed by Evan Williams, which is featured in the exhibit.

New Commission by Photographer James Florio

Grace Farms artist-in-residence James Florio has created a new photographic work, Haida Gwaii, 2025, on permanent display in Grace Farms’ Library. Florio was inspired by his trip through Taan forest in Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, Canada, where Grace Farms procured the Western red cedar wood which was used for their fascia that was installed last spring. The cedar was selected for its longevity, as well as its alignment with the Design for Freedom principles: the Taan forest is ethically and sustainably maintained by the Haida Enterprise Corporation (HaiCo), a company owned 100% by the Haida, the First Nations people who live there.

- November 1: The Way of an Athlete | A Workshop with Kerri Walsh Jennings
- November 1: Aldrich Museum Tour for Grace Farms Members
- November 6: Mocktails
- November 8: Rest House Workshop with Slade Architecture
- November 8: Nature Workshops | Garlic Workshop
- November 14: Afternoon Tea
- November 15: Move with Grace Farms x lululemon
- November 16: Music at Grace Farms: Mon Rovia
- November 19: Journey into the World of Tea
- November 28 and 29: Songs of the Season
- December 3: Candlelight Yoga and Movement with Pilin Anice
- December 5: Gifting for Good
- December 7: Cookie Decorating
- December 12: Afternoon Tea
- December 13: Music at Grace Farms: Broadway Inspirational Voices
- December 13: Holiday Market
- December 13: Nature Workshops | Sustainable Holiday Décor
- December 17: Journey into the World of Tea
- December 20: Move with Grace Farms x lululemon
- December 27 and 28: Songs of the Season
- December 31: Wellness Tea Retreat 2026

- Jan-May (monthly): Move with Grace Farms x lululemon & Yoga Series
- January 10: Sharon Prince Delivers Inaugural Grace Farms Lecture
- January 10: Rest House Workshop with Slade Architecture
- January 11: Yo-Yo Ma, cello and Solon Gordon, piano
- January 16: Afternoon Tea
- January 22: Origin Stories: The Empowerment Collective with Nasreen Sheikh
- January 28: Journey into the World of Tea
- January 29: Mocktails
- January 30: Humanity in Architecture Film Festival Reception for Grace Farms Members
- January 30 and 31: Humanity in Architecture Film Festival
- January 31: Rest House Workshop with Slade Architecture
- February 7: Grace Farms Lectures | Dr. Miroslov Volf
- February 7: Life Worth Living Workshop led by Drew Collins, Yale Center for Faith & Culture
- February 7: Nature Workshops | Seed Starting
- February 13: Afternoon Tea
- February 20: Cookie Decorating
- February 20: Polar Bear Picnic
- February 21: Music at Grace Farms | Arlen Hlusko, cello
- February 25: Journey into the World of Tea
- February 28: Wellness Tea Retreat
- March 5: Origin Stories | Protia Fiori with Jennifer Stucko
- March 7: Grace Farms Lectures | Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer
- March 7: Nature Workshops | Introduction to Permaculture
- March 12: Mocktails
- March 13: Afternoon Tea
- March 18: Journey into the World of Tea
- March 26: Design for Freedom Summit
- April 10: Afternoon Tea
- April 11: Nature Workshop | Berry Fruit Gardening
- April 18: Music at Grace Farms | Dianne Reeves with Romero Lubambo
- April 25: Earth Day
- April 29: Journey into the World of Tea
- May 7: Lunch with a Purpose | Julie Wainwright
- May 9: Shop with a Purpose | Mindful Market
- May 15: Afternoon Tea
- May 24: Wellness Tea Retreat
- May 27: Journey into the World of Tea
- Weekly Children and Family Programs
- Imagination Playground – Daily
- Bunny Book Group – Fridays, 11 – 11:30 am
- Studio Beginnings – Thursdays beginning January 9, 10 am – 12 pm
- Open Arts Studio – Thursdays, 3 – 5 pm; Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm
- Tours
- Grace Farms Tour – Saturdays, 10:30 am – 12 pm
- Private Architecture Tours – Tuesday – Friday, 10:30 am – 12:45 pm



NEW CANAAN FAMILIES: You Are Not Alone

When someone you love is living with Alzheimer’s or another form of dementia, the journey can feel overwhelming. That’s why we created **The Navigator Program** — an exclusive **FREE** service for **New Canaan residents**, offering personalized guidance, comfort and support every step of the way.

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Support Row B and Keep Schools excellent and the Character of our Town Unique

To the Editor:

As a proud resident of New Canaan since early 1998, I have been actively involved in local, statewide and federal elections—whether supporting others’ campaigns, serving on the Town Council, or now as your State Representative.

In July, I had the honor to serve as caucus Chair when New Canaan Republicans gathered for our traditional biannual caucus. Before the caucus, all candidates for Town Council pledged to support its outcome. Caucus voters selected Arvid Bajaj, Scott Gress, Pavla Levin, and Penny Young for Town Council, and endorsed Hugo Alves, Phil Hogan, and Julie Toal for the Board of

Education. Our outstanding uncontested candidates, First Selectman Dionna Carlson, Selectman Steve Karl, Treasurer Andrew Brooks, and Town Clerk Claudia Weber also received strong support. I encourage you to vote for these dedicated individuals—whom I have known personally for many years—who represent the best of our community.

For those newer to our town, I invite you to reflect on what drew you to New Canaan. Chances are, like so many of us, you were attracted by the excellence of our schools and the unique character of our town.

Having worked in every municipality in Connecticut

“I encourage you to vote for the most dedicated individuals—whom I have known personally for many years—who represent the best of our community and vote row B.

over the past 34 years as a trial attorney or in my capacity as a state legislator, I can state with certainty that New Canaan is unique and special - I believe the best town in the state if not country - but that distinction is no accident. For decades, Republicans have provided steady leadership on the Board of Selectmen, Town Council, and Board of Education. That governance has made New Canaan’s town government and

schools among the best run in the state.

As you review the candidates for local office, I urge you to consider not only their platforms, but also their history of local service and commitment to New Canaan. Have they devoted years volunteering for local causes, or are they recent arrivals pursuing political agendas from elsewhere? In my view, those seeking elected office should demonstrate a long-term commitment—

ideally, at least a decade living in and serving our town—and a willingness to unite, not divide, our community.

Recently, supporters of Row A circulated a negative mailer piece about a Row B candidate, alleging attendance issues. This claim was false and misleading, as the limited absences resulted from serious private health matter. Ironically, the most frequent absences have occurred on the other side of the aisle. Bringing up

this issue was inappropriate and should be condemned by all sides; our discourse should remain respectful and focused on what’s best for New Canaan.

I respectfully urge you to vote for the caucus-endorsed Row B candidates named above. Additionally, please consider Giacomo Landi, an unaffiliated Board of Education candidate who deeply cares about our children’s future, acts without a hidden agenda, and has my personal trust and respect, as do all the Row B candidates.

Sincerely, Tom O’Dea
State Representative, 125th District

Actions, Not Words, Define Leadership in New Canaan

Actions and elections matter. Talk is cheap during election season. Actions reveal priorities. For example, Democratic legislators State Senator Ceci Maher and State Representative Lucy Dathan voted to pass housing bill HB5002. The Governor was right to veto it, recognizing that it failed to address legitimate concerns from municipalities. Their votes were not in New Canaan’s interests. Have the New Canaan Democrats who ran these candidates—campaigning on “local control” and New Canaan’s representation in Hartford—held them accountable for supporting

HB5002? No.

I urge every resident to vote Republican for the proven, trusted leadership by New Canaanites who serve New Canaan. Under Republican leadership on the Board of Education, our schools have ranked among the top in Connecticut and the nation. Re-elect Hugo Alves, Phil Hogan, and Julie Toal—leaders who have consistently supported students and families. They led efforts to return children to classrooms, remove masks, address learning loss after COVID, and reduce cell phone distractions. They resisted passing fads and national talking

points, keeping their focus on core academics and the wellbeing of students. Each has given deeply to this community through youth sports, non-profits, and school involvement. They listen to families, work collaboratively with teachers and administrators, and remain proven steadfast advocates for academic excellence and local engagement.

Republican leadership on the Town Council has kept taxes low, fully funded top-ranked schools, and defended New Canaan’s local interests in Hartford. The four Republican-endorsed Town Council candidates—Penny Young,

Arvind Bajaj, Scott Gress, and Pavla Levin—bring decades of experience across town boards, commissions, and volunteer roles. Their service spans the Town Council, Assessment Appeals, Parks & Recreation, Ethics, and the Board of Education. They are active in numerous local non-profits and civic organizations. They have lived here for many years, raised families here, and continue to invest their time and expertise back into this town. Their dedication is proven, long-standing and measurable.

I have worked closely with Town Council candidate Pavla

Levin through CT169Strong, advocating for workable housing policies, true local control of zoning, and improved affordability for residents statewide. Pavla is a disciplined thinker and a steadfast advocate for our community. She would be an outstanding addition to the Town Council. Please vote for Pavla Levin, Arvind Bajaj, Scott Gress, and Penny Young.

What distinguishes the Republican candidates is not rhetoric, but record. They have long demonstrated a commitment to serving this town—through action, not slogans. Their advocacy for New Canaan’s interests is

consistent, not opportunistic. They are proven leaders who collaborate, listen, and place community over politics.

A state special session is scheduled for shortly after November’s local elections, with housing legislation expected to be on the agenda. There will be no opportunity for public hearings before passage, and residents have been given no details about what will be included. Ask your local and state Democratic representatives what’s in the bill and whether they intend to stand up for New Canaan’s interests.

Maria Weingarten

LEGAL AD

NOTICE OF WARNING OF TOWN ELECTION

The Electors of the Town of New Canaan are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said Town on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025, for the following purpose, to wit:

To cast their votes for First Selectman, Selectman, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Town Council and Constables.

Notice is hereby given that the locations of the polling places are as follows:

District 1	New Canaan High School, 11 Farm Road
Districts 2 & 3	Saxe Middle School, 468 South Avenue
Districts 4, 5 and 6	East School, 54 Little Brook Road

Absentee Ballots will be counted at a central location – Town Hall
77 Main Street, New Canaan.

The polls will be open from 6:00AM until 8:00PM.

Dated at New Canaan, Connecticut, this 8th day of October, 2025.

CLAUDIA A. WEBER, CMC
Town Clerk
Town of New Canaan

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
INLAND WETLANDS
COMMISSION

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

Permit Number (IW-25-42) issued to Silver Hill Hospital, Inc., 143 Valley Road, Map 44 Block 115 Lot 14. Remove a portion of existing asphalt walkway on eastern side of Valley Road of the Silver Hill campus. Install new asphalt walkway as indicated and connect to existing walkway. Off existing driveway, install back-up bay for turnaround maneuver. Install 3 separate 9” deep bio-filtration basins with 4:1 slopes, as indicated on plans. Install driveway gate and make underground utility connections. Fine grade, seed and plant disturbed areas. A portion of the proposed activities are within the 50’ upland review area.

CLASSIFIED LEGAL ADS

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TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
INLAND WETLANDS
COMMISSION

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

Permit Number (IW-25-46) issued to Marjorie Marie Percy, 105 Kimberly Place, Map L Block 20 Lot 814. Install soil and erosion controls. Perform construction activities to existing single family structure. Add addition, partially within 50’ upland review area and new attached patio. Fine grade and landscape disturbed areas upon completion.

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON NEW SEWER IMPACT FEE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Finance, acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of New Canaan, will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room or Virtual, to hear public comment on proposed new Sanitary Sewer Impact Fee for users who are connected to the New Canaan Sewer System who propose to add additional sewer flows to said System.

While regular maintenance of the existing infrastructure is included in the annual budget, it is prudent to consider an impact fee for applications before the Town that result in an increase in anticipated sanitary sewer flows conveyed by the New Canaan Sewer System and then treated by the Wastewater Pollution Control Facility (WPCF).

Public Works and Engineering Departments recommend that a Sanitary Sewer Impact Fee be created that applies to any non-municipal project that results in added projected sanitary sewer flows to the Town Sanitary Sewer System. The estimated projected sanitary sewer flows shall be based on methodology outlined in the Connecticut Public Health Code On-site Sewage Disposal Regulations and Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems, dated 2024, or most current version.

For the consideration of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), it is suggested that a Sanitary Sewer Impact Fee in the range of \$10 to \$50 per gallon of added estimated sewer flow be considered for approval. As this is a new fee, Public Works and Engineering Departments recommend considering \$10 per gallon of added estimated sewer flow, with the understanding that in the future this fee per gallon may change.

The proposed Sanitary Sewer Impact Fee is a one-time fee to be paid as part of the Building Permit process when filing building permit applications, should the proposed improvements add sanitary sewer flows to the system. If there is no projected increase, no Sanitary Sewer Impact Fee would be applied. Note that Sewer Use Fees are separate annual fees for all users of the New Canaan Sewer System, and not part of the proposed Sanitary Sewer Impact Fee.

Keep Compounding New Canaan's Success

As a member of the NCHS class of 1980, I grew up in New Canaan and attended East & West Elementary Schools as well as Saxe and the High School. My wife, Tracey, and I moved back to town to start a family and raise our three children here. I was relieved to embrace New Canaan's

continued growing prosperity as we left a New York City in 1991 where David Dinkins was Mayor, Crime was spiking, and the City's finances were deteriorating rapidly. I have been fortunate to have been actively involved in the town's governance, having been a member of the Town Council

and having served on the Board of Finance since 2019. New Canaan's success comes from many sources, including its myriad volunteers, dedicated educators, professional public safety departments, hardworking town employees and generous benefactors. This

unique and powerful blend has been steadfastly guided by uninterrupted Republican leadership during my residency. The gains in Education (to the top in Connecticut), our low levels of tax increases (below CPI over the last two plus decades) and maintenance of

local control of our unique high quality of life (Irwin Park added to our inventory), did not happen by chance. New Canaan has had a continued compounding of improvement. Warren Buffet has called compounding, "The Eighth Wonder of the World". I urge new and longtime residents alike to

vote the Republican Slate for the Board of Education and Town Council to continue this success.

Bob Hamill, A New Canaanite

since 1970.

The View of the Election From a Senior

As a senior, it is important to me that the Democrats running for Town Council and the Board of Education win. The schools in New Canaan are a source of tremendous pride to me. I marvel at all that they do, and the success that they

have achieved. The schools have flourished despite budget cuts made in beneficial programs by the Republican led Town Council. Democrats need to have more of a voice on the Board of Education. I have heard too much about the inclination by some to

ban books in recent months, and I think of the books that I read as an adolescent and the impact that they continue to make on me. They gave me the impetus to question the status quo in a thoughtful manner. It is worth noting that some of the books targeted for

banning in the country are now classics of American literature such as The Grapes of Wrath, To Kill a Mockingbird and Catcher in the Rye. Other seniors might not feel the same way about our schools, but if they think about property

values, they will. Many young families move to New Canaan precisely because of the schools. The New Canaan DTC amassed an excellent group of candidates. I have seen their resumes and met them in person. We are fortunate to have such well

qualified people willing to give their time and expertise to New Canaan. When you go to vote on November 4 or earlier, vote Row A. You will not be disappointed.

Ruth Rothseid

Hilary Ormond Deserves Re-election to Town Council

New Canaan is extremely fortunate that Hilary Ormond is seeking a second term on Town Council, and I encourage all citizens to support her candidacy. During her tenure on Town Council, Hilary has consistently demonstrated leadership and a willingness to get into the

weeds and do the work needed to move issues forward. Hilary was instrumental in working with Town Council member Tom Butterworth in establishing the Affordable Housing Committee to help position the town to meet mandated housing obligations in the future. Most recently, she

was the one member of Town Council who actually put pen to paper and put forth a draft ordinance addressing the much-discussed potential leaf blower use restrictions. While many talked, Hilary worked. While we so often hear board and commission members put forth that "we" need

to do XYZ, very few step up and put that "me" behind that "we" and do the work. Hilary does. Hilary is measured, balanced and committed. Her strong intellect, combined with her legal training, will be critical in the Charter Review Process - ensuring that as a town we focus

on legitimate areas of review, and not distractions that pertain to random issues such as specific party caucus rules. Supporting fellow candidates Lina Lee, Mike Rogers, and Heather Russell will significantly improve the bench of Town Council with committed members

who are engaged, prepared and eager to work collaboratively with all members, to make our legislative body effective, focused and trusted.

Sincerely

Amy Murphy Carroll

Keep New Canaan Strong: Proven Republican Leadership Matters

Dear Editor, New Canaan is truly special – a town defined by its strong schools, vibrant civic life, fiscal responsibility, and deep sense of community. For more than a century, Republican leadership has preserved these values through steady oversight, prudent financial management, and a steadfast respect for local control. That legacy of responsible governance is why our town continues to thrive today.

This election, we face key decisions that will shape New Canaan's future – from the North School project to the Town Charter revision and state-driven affordable housing mandates. These issues demand experienced, thoughtful leaders who balance fiscal prudence with vision and who understand the importance of both progress and preservation. Through disciplined budgeting and transparent governance, Republicans have protected the

quality of our schools, kept our tax rate among the lowest in Fairfield County, and ensured that New Canaan remains a place where current residents can afford to stay – and future generations can afford to come home. The Republican caucus-endorsed (caucus winners) candidates are ready to continue this tradition of strong, responsible leadership. For Town Council, the slate includes Arvind Bajaj, Scott Gress, Penny Young

(Incumbent), and Pavla Levin – individuals with deep experience in finance, community service, and town governance. For the Board of Education, Hugo Alves, Phil Hogan, and Julie Toal, all Incumbents, have demonstrated their commitment to academic excellence, student well-being, and parental partnership. Together, these candidates embody the balance, accountability, and civic-minded leadership that have long defined New Canaan's success.

Unfortunately, the recent DTC mailers singling out Board of Education member Julie Toal and labeling Caucus winners Town Council candidates as "MAGA Republicans" reflects a kind of political divisiveness that has no place in our community. New Canaan residents expect their leaders – and those who aspire to lead – to focus on ideas, solutions, and constructive dialogue, so we can all stay focused on what truly matters: good governance,

accountability, and preserving what makes New Canaan exceptional. I respectfully ask that residents remain engaged in this election and continue trusting Republican leadership with their vote to keep New Canaan strong, affordable, and well-governed – the town we are proud to call home.

Sincerely,

*Melany Hearne
Chairman, Republican Town Committee*

Kim Norton Puts Residents and Fiscal Responsibility First

Over the past four years, I've gotten to know Republican incumbent Kim Norton. She is one of the few public officials with a genuine record of responsiveness to residents. If you email her, she replies. If you call, she calls you back. And if you raise a concern, she works with you to find a solution. That level of accessibility

– regardless of the issue – is exactly what New Canaan needs in its elected leaders. Kim comes to Town Council meetings well-prepared and unafraid to ask tough questions. She does not rubber-stamp proposals, particularly when taxpayer dollars are at stake. To date, she is the only Town

Council candidate from either party to publicly state that she does not support the proposed \$300–\$350 million North School project and elementary renovation plan. A NCPS parent herself, Kim believes upgrades should certainly be considered, but they must be done in a financially responsible way that preserves New

Canaan's competitive tax rate and minimizes disruption for students and families. The current proposal would create an enormous and long-term tax burden on all residents. In addition, large-scale redistricting would be disruptive for families. Many families move to New Canaan for

the schools, choosing their homes with the understanding of which elementary district – East, South, or West – they'll belong to. Because enrollment projections are uncertain beyond the next few years, Kim believes it's risky to commit hundreds of millions of dollars based on assumptions that may not hold

true. After four years of service on the Town Council, Kim has proven herself to be a thoughtful leader who can be counted on to do the right thing. New Canaan needs Kim Norton on the Town Council.

Vanessa Lowry

Support for Incumbent Kimberly Norton

Please join me in voting for Incumbent Kim Norton for New Canaan's Town Council on November 4th. On Town Council, Kim has consistently demonstrated many qualities that make her a valuable member of the Town Council. Her ability to

listen and understand challenges, her willingness to work hard to represent her constituents, and her expertise in bringing people together for positive change will be a huge benefit to New Canaan. Kim has shown an ability to listen to all perspectives, and has the ability to

objectively evaluate issues to help maintain our wonderful town. Having worked with Kim on the Student Data Privacy bill, I was able to witness first-hand her commitment to protecting students and parents, and the fortitude to follow through on the process that

resulted in the creation of one of the earliest state laws to protect students' private information. Her other accomplishments include the "Slow Down in Our Town" effort which was aimed at public safety, and her continued commitment to Health and Human Services

Commission and the Bylaws and Ordinance Committee of the Town Council. While Kim's background is extremely impressive, with a Ph.D from Fordham, work as an NYPD Psychologist, her private practice, as well as being a published author,

she maintains an unrelenting dedication to local service to our town through her community and school involvement. I am proud to support Kim Norton for Town Council and hope you will join me on November 4.

Maria Naughton

Support Kim Norton for Town Council

Dear Residents of New Canaan, Having served on the Town Council and other Town bodies for several years, I have had the privilege of working with many strong public servants dedicated to our community's well-being. It is with genuine enthusiasm that I write to endorse Kimberly Norton for re-election to the Town Council. From my experience, Kimberly brings a thoughtful blend of civic responsibility, informed judgement, and heart for our town. She understands the unique character of New Canaan and its traditions, while also recognizing the need to meet the challenges of

changing times like wants for new schools, 8-30g challenges, P&Z regulations overhaul, opening of the Town Charter and budgetary pressures. Her commitment to open communication, fiscal prudence, and preserving what makes New Canaan special are all qualities I believe are essential for effective governance. As we approach the opening of the Town Charter, Kimberly has stated on numerous occasions how important it is that we provide FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) training for all Charter Review Commission members and adhere to FOIA regulations,

so we do not repeat past mistakes and incur legal bills. She attended the first public session of Planning Zoning's overhaul of our Town's Zoning Regulations and continues to provide feedback on how to engage the public in this process. Kimberly has also been talking to voters a lot over the past five months and learning what's important to them, as well as informing them about what's happening in Town Government. She's a natural when it comes to campaigning and has the energy and fortitude to meet voters where they are – at your front door canvassing, Early Voting,

the train station, the transfer station, Farmer's Market, non-profits events, her own scheduled campaign events, and on the pickleball courts. In a year with no election debates, it's more important than ever to know who you are voting for and see them in action. Kimberly has gone that extra mile to meet you and share who she is as a person. During her current term, Kimberly has demonstrated a willingness to listen—to residents, business owners, and fellow officials alike—and she has shown that she is not content merely to maintain the status quo. She asks

questions, seeks input, and works collaboratively toward solutions. That kind of approach builds trust and leads to better outcomes for our entire town. In these upcoming months, as we face decisions about land use, infrastructure, budgeting, and the future of our schools, we need someone who can look beyond the immediate and keep one eye on the horizon. Kimberly has the experience, the temperament, and the resolve to serve effectively. Therefore, I strongly recommend that you re-elect Kimberly Norton to the Town Council. I believe she will continue

to serve with integrity, intelligence, and a genuine concern for our community. She has my support, and I hope she has yours too. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

*Roger Williams
Former Member, New Canaan Town Council
Former Constable
Former Fire Commission Chair
Former RTC Member
Former Saxe Building Committee Member*

Vote Kim Norton for Fiscal Responsibility

This summer, the Board of Education unveiled a proposal to spend \$328 million on constructing a new North School elementary school and extensive renovations of the three existing elementary schools and Saxe Middle School. This figure does not include the

interest on the bonds that would be required to finance the project. To put this in perspective, New Canaan's entire town budget for the 2025–2026 fiscal year is \$181 million, and total town debt as of this summer was \$132 million. There is simply no way these

projects could proceed without significant tax increases for New Canaan residents. The BOE justified its proposal using multi-year demographic projections that in the past have overestimated student enrollment. Back in 2015, when

the much smaller \$18 million Saxe expansion was planned, there were 1,329 middle school students. Projections at the time forecast growth—but enrollment instead declined. Last year, middle school enrollment had fallen to 1,273. The North School plan far

exceeds the earlier Saxe project and risks leaving the town burdened with debt, higher taxes, and empty classrooms. Among the candidates running for office, Kim Norton stands out as the only one who is against committing hundreds of millions in spending

to this project. Other candidates have avoided taking a clear position. On Election Day, join me in voting for Kim Norton—a voice of fiscal responsibility and common sense for New Canaan's future.

Daniel LaGattuta

Courage, Leadership on BOE

I wish to enthusiastically endorse Hugo Alves, Philip Hogan and Julie Toal for their courageous track record of leadership at the New Canaan Public Schools (NCPS) Board of Education (BOE), including through the dark days of COVID. Over the past three years, I have personally witnessed the

BOE on multiple occasions take controversial positions to advance the interests of the children of New Canaan and their parents, often in the face of vicious attacks from those who would sacrifice the excellence of our school system on the altar of political expediency.

Aristotle called courage the first virtue because it is the foundation which makes other virtues possible. During a time when the quality of education across Connecticut appears to be under pressure (Aleysha Ortiz, CT high school grad who can't read, sues Hartford), the courage to

champion academic excellence and individual merit in our community should be considered to be table stakes for anyone seeking BOE leadership. New Canaan's status as the top ranked public school system statewide has been hard won, and Hugo, Phil and Julie have actively

addressed parent concerns to ensure that students are immersed in foundational American values and history (New Canaan schools to review curriculum after parent book complaint). The education of the next generation is fundamental to the success of any community. The

parents and children of New Canaan are fortunate that Hugo, Phil and Julie are prepared to continue to serve and have earned our support.

Sincerely,

Heather Lawver

Support for Julie Toal

Never in the history of New Canaan politics has an attack mailer singled out one individual from a slate of Board of Education candidates for derision. This kind of personal targeting is not only unnecessary – it's harmful to the civility and community spirit that make our town special. Disagreeing on policy is one

thing; launching personal attacks is another. New Canaan deserves better than this kind of politics. Our children are watching, and we should model the respect and integrity we hope to see from them. Local government depends on volunteers. Board of Education members are not paid; they

serve because they care. That's why the attack on Julie Toal is so disheartening. The Democratic Town Committee claimed she only attended 40% of meetings. In truth, she has a 94% attendance rate. To arrive at their number, her opponents even counted meetings where she was a minute late as absences.

Julie Toal, a Republican, has fought successfully for school resource officers in every school, founded New Canaan Unplugged to reduce student phone dependence, supported Let Grow to foster independence, and pushed for more recess to improve focus. Public service should be encouraged, not punished. False

attacks make people think twice before stepping forward. This is not a partisan issue – it's a civic one. We must protect the dignity of service and base our judgments on facts, not negative flyers written, I am sorry to say, by what appears to be school yard bullies. Julie Toal's attendance and contributions are public record.

The Democratic Town Committee owes both her and this community an apology – and more respect for the volunteers who keep New Canaan strong.

Sincerely,

C. Liberty

Proud to support Julie Toal

Her commitment, experience, and vision make her the kind of board member who can help our schools and our children thrive.

high school. She supports creating thoughtful policies around phones and social media at the high school level, so that technology serves our students but does not distract or otherwise

negatively impact their development.

Furthermore, Julie has proven herself on issues of academic rigor, school safety, and responsible budgeting. She was a key proponent in

bringing School Resource Officers to all New Canaan schools and continues to advocate for transparency in curriculum and fiscal decisions.

On November 4th, I

urge New Canaan residents to vote for Julie Toal. Her commitment, experience, and vision make her the kind of board member who can help our schools and our children thrive.

Regards,
David Cannon
Parent of Current and Former New Canaan K-12 Students

New Chamber Members



New Canaan Dental Arts

New Canaan Dental Arts was started with a simple vision: to provide exceptional dental care in a calm, welcoming environment.

Every detail has been thoughtfully designed with our patients in mind, blending advanced dental technology with a hospitality-driven approach that honors your time, comfort, and well-being.

“We strive to deliver clarity, compassion, and expert care at every visit and are excited to serve the New Canaan community.”

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Ram Council Foundation

The Ram Council is a nonprofit organization – based out of New Canaan – that provides two groups; high school students 9th-12th graders

and a 7th – 8th grade group (RAM JR) an avenue to substance-free activities, healthy alternatives to substance abuse, and an opportunity to build leadership skills through hosting educational forums. With an active membership, teens know that they’re making a difference in their community, and have the confidence to make healthy decisions.

PO Box 1724, New Canaan. (917) 678-0543 ramcouncil.org



Musicologie New Canaan

About

At Musicologie, our mission is to create an inclusive community of music explorers and empower teachers to build sustainable careers. Our mission is everything to us. We help people become better musicians. We are unabashedly passionate about music – teaching, performing, recording, everything! We teach almost every instrument and specialize in one-on-one private lessons for kids and adults.

The Musicologie Method is at the core of every lesson and class we teach. It’s rooted in two things: a safe environment, and education through play. Research tells us these two elements are key components of the way everyone learns, from kids through adults.

In music lessons, a safe environment means a place where you feel free to be who you are, encouraged to play the music you enjoy, and

excited to try new things. Education through play means having fun playing your instrument! That’s why it’s called playing! We use games and strategies to help our music students make serious progress while enjoying the process.

Every student is different, with unique goals, capabilities and needs that we need to meet. One of the core strengths of Musicologie is our adaptability, using both proprietary and third-party curriculum to meet the needs of every student. We don’t pretend that we have a single method that is best for every learner, or a curriculum that can fit the teaching style of every Teacher. What we have instead is an Educational Philosophy that informs every lesson, every class, regardless of instrument or curriculum.

237 Elm Street, 1st Floor, New Canaan. (203) 212-9391 musicologie.com/locations/new-canaan



Migoto Boba

Migoto Boba was founded in February 2022, positioning itself as “America’s first and top Michelin level tea beverage brand”.

Our vision is to revolutionize the U.S. tea beverage scene by blending traditional Asian tea cultures with modern Western sensibilities. They aim to create a fresh tea-drinking ritual that honors heritage while appealing to today’s health-conscious consumers and specializes in a wide-

Rubrik backup system and add Rubrik Cloud Vault.

Waveny Park Conservancy Shares Plans

Fell Herdeg and Michelle Crookenden of the Waveny Park Conservancy outlined proposed improvements to reduce the noise and visual impact of the Merritt Parkway trail. Working with Heritage Landscapes, the group is exploring an earthen berm and landscape design to enhance the trail between Lapham Road and South Avenue. The project is estimated to cost \$2.5 to \$3.5 million, with possible town contributions over time.

Staffing and Administrative Updates

The Board approved the hiring of Kelsi McCarthy as Sanitarian Health Program Planner I.

Human Resources Director Cheryl Jones reported on the Town Clerk’s Office, noting that 180 résumés had been received to fill vacant positions. The Board expressed disappointment that the review process had been delayed but agreed to hold a special

meeting once hiring recommendations are ready.

The Board also approved Doug Simpson’s appointment to the Utilities Commission and expressed appreciation to outgoing commissioner Tom Turrentine for his service.

Routine Approvals and Upcoming Events

Routine approvals included \$15,317.38 in overpayments, \$8,829.92 in uncollectable taxes transferred to the Suspense Book, 25 contracts under \$10,000 totaling \$81,861.45, and legal bills of \$40,545.76.

Ms. Carlson reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held Monday, November 3, due to Election Day, and noted that the Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on the steps of Town Hall for improved accessibility. She also shared that feedback on the new parking initiative has been positive and thanked residents for supporting the recent Waveny Park car show fundraiser.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting Monday, November 3rd at 8:30am.

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demolition. The Board approved the request unanimously.

Police and Technology Requests Move Forward

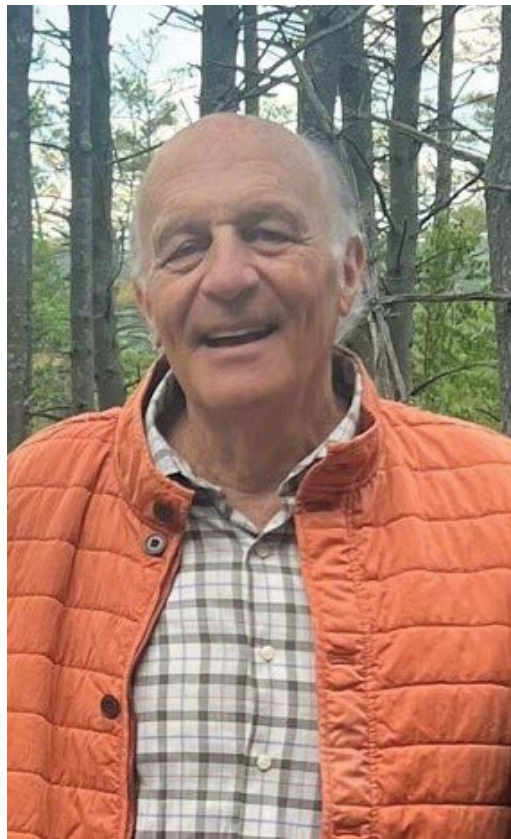
Chief of Police John DiFederico received approval for the annual renewal of the Flock Safety License Plate Recognition system at a cost of \$28,000, funded through the FY26 operating budget. The Board also approved travel expenses for three officers to attend upcoming training sessions in Rhode Island and at Mohegan Sun.

Information Technology Director Chris Kaiser presented two items that were both approved:

- A three-year contract with Total Communications for \$156,199.04 to renew Cisco phone system licenses, and
- A contract with CDW-G for \$24,948.48 to renew the town’s

Obituaries

Stuart Sawabini



Stuart John Sawabini passed away peacefully on 22 October 2025 surrounded by his loving family, after an almost two-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Stuart was born on 16 October 1953 in Burlington, Vermont to Abbe and Dr. Wadi Sawabini. He grew up with his siblings, Wadi and Fred and Julia, in a loving home that embraced all Vermont had to offer. He became an expert skier in the Green Mountains and in the summertime enjoyed tennis, sailing, and water-skiing on Lake Champlain at his family’s Cedar Beach cottage.

Stuart attended Eaglebrook School, Philips Academy Andover and earned his Bachelor’s degree at the University of Vermont. After graduating in 1977, Stuart worked as an Admissions Officer at Andover, where he helped lead the school’s Bicentennial celebration, before returning to Vermont to join the French ski company Rossignol. With his entrepreneurial spirit, Stuart co-founded the APL Group in Wilton, CT, a software and services firm specializing in

electronic data interchange. During this time, he met his wife, Nicoline, after a night of laughter and dancing at the Gates Restaurant in New Canaan.

While raising a family, Stuart embarked on a second entrepreneurial venture, Eventra, focusing on improving communications between manufacturers and suppliers. A strategic and inspiring leader, he served as Chairman of the Board until retirement in October 2001. After two decades as an entrepreneur, Stuart’s turned his focus to public service. For more than ten years, he served as New Canaan’s Police Commissioner. Stuart also served on the town’s Emergency Preparedness Committee, directed the public safety radio upgrade initiative and was a proponent of the new police headquarters. For those who volunteered for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), they may well remember Stuart, dressed in hard hat and identifiable yellow raincoat. Stuart later served as CERT’s Executive Director and was a member of the Office of Emergency Management.

Stuart’s greatest love was always his family. He was devoted to his wife, Nicoline and their daughters, Kathryn and Abigail. He joined Kathryn on stage in New England Dance Theater’s Nutcracker ballet performances and served on its Board of Directors. He coached recreational lacrosse and soccer and was a constant presence at Abigail’s games.

A true renaissance man, Stuart will be remembered for his hospitality, incredible cooking and love for the outdoors. The Sawabini household was a cherished place for dinner parties and family holidays. He loved hiking, sailing Lake Champlain, carving down the ski trails, tending his vegetable garden and photographing the multitude of travel and family life he was blessed with having.

Stuart is survived by his wife of thirty-five years, Nicoline, daughters Kathryn (Daniel) and Abigail (Ryan) and his loyal dog Whistler. His is also survived by his three siblings Wadi (Mary), Fred and Julia (Jeanne) and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

At 11 a.m. on Monday 3 November, a Memorial Service will be held at The Congregational Church of New Canaan. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to a charity of your choosing in Stuart’s honor. For online condolences,

please visit www.hoytfuneralhome.com

Susan Jones



March 3, 1941 – October 15, 2025

Susan Stoner Jones of Naples, FL, and formerly of New Canaan, CT, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2025. Born Susan Keith Stoner on March 3, 1941, to Seth Haines and Neva Binkley Stoner, she was raised in Bristol, CT with her two brothers. Growing up, she spent her winters on the ski slopes of New England and her summers in the woods of Maine at Camp Wyonegonic.

During her sophomore year of high school, Susan studied abroad in Munich, Germany where she skied the Alps as often as possible. She then attended St. Mary’s School in Peekskill, NY before graduating from Bradford Junior College in 1961 and Northwestern University in 1963. After earning a degree in Art History, Susan decided to pursue nursing. While studying at Columbia University, she met her future husband, Daniel Spencer Jones, an MBA student and fellow Northwestern graduate. Susan and Dan celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on October 1, 2025.

Susan worked as a pediatric RN before

devoting herself to raising her three children, Katie, Danny and Maggie. She also provided essential support to Dan as he built their family business, NewsBank, inc. Committed to serving others, Susan donated her time and talents to many organizations over the years, including the American Red Cross, the Newcomers and Garden Clubs of New Canaan and the Naples Botanical Garden. She and Dan were dedicated and loyal supporters of Northwestern University, especially the football program. Susan rarely missed a chance to cheer on her beloved Wildcats!

She is survived by her loving family: husband, Dan; daughters, Kathryn (Dan) Cavanagh of Lewisburg, PA and Meredith Jones of El Portal, CA; daughter-in-law, Ann Afragola Jones of Woodstock, VT; grandchildren, Tim and Ian Cavanagh; Izzy, Trey and Charlie Jones; India, M’so and Lily Jones; brother Stephen (Betty) Stoner; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her cherished son, Daniel V. Jones II, her brother, Fred Stoner, and her parents.

Susan lived a life defined by warmth, grace, and generosity. She was known for her radiant smile and the kindness she extended to everyone she met. She will be missed!

A celebration of life will be held on April 18, 2026, at 11 a.m., Bower Chapel, Moorings Park Dr., Naples, FL.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Ozdinler Lab at Northwestern University to support ALS research. To give online, go to: <https://feinberg.nu/Ozdinler>. Please designate your gift “In memory of Susan Jones”. Checks can be mailed to: Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, 420 E. Superior St., 9th Fl., Chicago, IL 60611. Please include “IMO Susan Jones – Ozdinler Lab” on the memo line.

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

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New Canaan Football beats Greenwich

By Christopher DeMuth

On a Friday night at Dunning Field, the New Canaan Rams relied on sharp passing, solid defense, and steady plays to earn a 14-7 win over the Greenwich Cardinals.

The Rams struck early. On the opening drive, junior quarterback Maddox Hoffman completed a string of passes that moved the ball across midfield. He capped the drive with a 15-yard touchdown pass to junior Charlie Koch, giving New Canaan a 7-0 lead out the gate. Hoffman continued to direct the offense efficiently, completing 15 of 23 passes for 185 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions.

In the second quarter, Hoffman found senior Ryan Brooks in the end zone for an 11-yard score, extending the lead to 14-0. Hoffman's quick reads and accurate throws allowed the Rams to control possession and keep Greenwich's defense on the field.

Senior running back Henry Stein handled most of the ground work, finishing with 80 yards on 20 carries. His runs helped New Canaan manage the clock and keep drives alive. The Rams totaled 85 rushing yards on 29 attempts, averaging just under three yards per carry. While the ground game did not produce long gains, it gave the offense balance and prevented Greenwich from focusing solely on the pass.

By halftime, New Canaan had built a two-score lead, recording 16 first downs to Greenwich's 12. Both teams had nearly equal possession time – 24:06 for New Canaan and 23:54 for Greenwich – showing how close the matchup remained even with the Rams ahead.

Greenwich found its best rhythm in the third quarter. Senior captain Hector Lopez broke free for a 49-yard touchdown run, the Cardinals' longest play of the night. Lopez finished with 101 rushing yards on 15 carries, averaging 6.7 yards per carry. He also caught one pass for 33 yards, giving him 134 all-purpose yards.

The Cardinals' sophomore



Greenwich with possession going into the middle of second quarter, 3rd down. Photo taken by Christopher DeMuth

quarterback Phil Tarantino completed 8 of 17 passes for 126 yards, connecting most often with senior receivers Hudson Squires, Jack Kelly, and Alex Mrdelja. Squires led the group with 47 receiving yards, while Mrdelja added 20.

After Lopez's touchdown narrowed the score to 14-7, Greenwich tried to build momentum through the air, but New Canaan's defense kept the Cardinals out of the end zone for the rest of the game. The Rams tightened coverage, pressured Tarantino, and closed down open lanes for Lopez.

New Canaan's defenders stopped Greenwich on two drives in the fourth quarter. One ended on a third-down run that went nowhere; the other ended on an incomplete pass near midfield. Those stops allowed the Rams to take valuable

time off the clock.

Neither team committed turnovers in the second half, but Greenwich lost a first-half fumble that limited its early progress. Both sides were flagged nine times – Greenwich for 65 yards, New Canaan for 61 – and the game's pace slowed because of penalties.

Special teams were consistent throughout the night. Sophomore kicker Neel Arora made both of his extra-point attempts and averaged 48 yards per kickoff, with a long of 50. Senior punter B. Pertusiello provided field position when needed, punting six times for 216 yards with a 36-yard average and a long of 44. Greenwich's senior kicker Michael Galano converted his only extra point, while senior Henry Wahl averaged 57 yards on two kickoffs.

New Canaan's return game added

short but useful gains. Senior Bennett Heagle handled punts, returning two for 12 yards and making three fair catches. Senior James McInerney returned one kickoff 20 yards, setting up favorable field position in the first half.

On offense, several Rams contributed alongside the main scorers. Senior Andrew Esposito caught five passes for 70 yards, helping stretch the field. Heagle added two receptions for 24 yards, and senior Jake Valente caught two passes for 9. Together, New Canaan receivers totaled 15 catches for 185 yards.

Defensively, New Canaan limited Greenwich to 259 total yards – 133 rushing and 126 passing – while the Rams finished with 270 yards of offense. Those nearly equal totals reflected how both teams moved the ball but struggled to finish drives.

The fourth quarter passed with few big plays. Each side punted twice, and field position became the deciding factor. Pertusiello's final punt pinned Greenwich deep in its own territory, forcing the Cardinals to drive the length of the field in the closing minutes. Two short completions and an incomplete deep pass ended that effort, and the Rams took over on downs.

New Canaan ran out the clock with a series of runs by Stein, sealing the 14-7 victory. Players and coaches shook hands at midfield as the crowd applauded New Canaan's victory over the #3 ranked team. Looking forward, New Canaan looks to keep its unbeaten record with the following weeks including matchups against rival Darien.

Chamber's Laura Budd: "Think Local First"

By Tom Williamson

Speaking before the New Canaan Men's Club recently, Laura Budd, executive director of the New Canaan Chamber of Commerce, who has been on staff since 2012 and executive director since 2020, offered a brisk tour of the local business landscape and fielded questions on everything from parking to the mix of restaurants downtown.

"The Chamber's role is connection," Budd said. "We connect the community with commerce so local businesses thrive—and New Canaan stays an even better place to live." Every dollar spent locally, she noted, circulates back into jobs, schools, nonprofits and town programs. Beyond the math, a vibrant downtown gives the town its "heart," from brick sidewalks to planted lampposts and well-tended storefronts.

Headwinds & adaptation. Budd listed the pressures facing shops and restaurants: online competition and shifting habits that grew during the pandemic; rising costs; and tariffs that vendors

are already building into invoices. Regional competition is real, too, with neighboring downtown redevelopments drawing shoppers and office tenants. Even so, many New Canaan businesses have adapted—standing up e-commerce sites, running leaner, and leaning into experiences and collaborations that a shopping cart can't replicate. Service and "experiential" uses have grown (wellness studios, cafes, fitness), and several former retail spaces have become restaurants and food concepts. Recent additions include a two-story restaurant on Elm Street, Z Hospitality's new Blackbird beside Sole, a French bakery on Main Street, and Flour Water Salt on East Avenue. A wellness retreat is planned for the former Bankwell space on Elm.

Budd emphasized the Chamber does not curate tenants: "We're not a mall." Leases are private agreements between landlords and businesses; the town and chamber don't pick winners and losers.

Events & promotion. To keep foot traffic strong, the Chamber hosts popular street events—like this past Sunday's Halloween Block Party on Elm—

and partners with groups including the Beautification League (planters), veterans organizations (banners), and local causes (Project Pink lights, the scarecrow fundraiser). On marketing, Budd has begun influencer collaborations—starting with "This Connecticut Life" (23.5K followers)—pairing visits to the Glass House with shopping gift certificates funded through economic-development grants so dollars stay local. She also participates in the town's Tourism & Economic Development committee, which produced a cultural guide and is drafting a commercial real-estate "how-to" for prospective businesses.

Parking update. Budd reviewed the town's recent shift to paid parking on Elm Street (Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.) paired with free 3-hour parking in the Park Street lot to encourage circulation and cut congestion. Additional 15-minute spaces have been added near Park Street and Morse Court for quick errands. Nine new pay machines were installed (about \$90,000, as noted during Q&A), with payment also available via the PayByPhone app.

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After 10:30 a.m., the commuter lot is open to the public when space allows. Sundays remain free town-wide. Behind Town Hall, work is underway to replace stairs with an ADA-accessible ramp connecting the Playhouse Lot to Elm Street, and to relocate dumpsters into the embankment—improving access for people with mobility challenges, families with strollers, and delivery drivers.

Q&A highlights. • Vacant restaurant next to Town Hall: Owned by a local LLC; rumors have included a Japanese concept or boutique hotel, but nothing confirmed. Limited on-site parking (two spaces) constrains options. • Mix of uses: Some retailers dislike outdoor dining taking public-space frontage; patrons overwhelmingly enjoy it. The town

now scales outdoor-seating fees by number of seats and requires a four-foot ADA path.

• Restaurant count/limits: Asked whether New Canaan should cap restaurants via liquor licenses or zoning, Budd said that's a Planning & Zoning matter; she acknowledged busy summer evenings show the system nearing a "tipping point." • Regional cooperation: The Chamber collaborates with peers in neighboring towns while competing for shopper attention; targeted digital promotion remains a priority. Budd's closing message was simple: "Think local first." In an era of convenience clicks and regional pull, she said, New Canaan's charm, personal connection and authenticity remain its competitive edge—and the community's investment.

Beautification League Launches Fundraiser



NCBL Members talk up the Beautification League at the Farmer's Market (MO Flanagan, Geri Rhoades and Kathleen Murphy)

The New Canaan Beautification League kicks off its annual fundraising drive this month to support its continued commitment to enhancing the beauty and charm of New Canaan.

Over the past decade, the Beautification League has invested more than \$500,000 in designing,

planting, and maintaining a diverse range of native trees and vibrant perennial gardens that enhance the streets, sidewalks, and town parks, while benefiting wildlife and the environment.

"Our dedicated volunteers are passionate about creating beautiful spaces for residents and visitors

to enjoy," said Nancy Malling, president of the New Canaan Beautification League. "Whether strolling around town, walking through Lee Memorial Garden, or grabbing a bite at a local restaurant, our work is on display."

Founded in 1939, the Beautification League is a nonprofit

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organization that relies solely on contributions to fund its annual projects. These include 227 hanging baskets, 34 traffic triangles, 16 restaurant planters, and 65 handmade holiday wreaths.

Civic projects designed by the organization can cost \$15,000 to \$20,000, depending on the scope of the work. These have included the planting and maintenance of hundreds of trees and perennials at various locations, including the train station, Pine St. mailbox area, and Mead Park—specifically at the park's entrance and exit, as well as along the Gold Star Walk. Other projects, such as the plaza on Richmond Hill Road, the design and maintenance of the police station

landscaping, and the revitalization of the Schoohouse Apartments' grounds, have kept this group busy. Volunteers are especially proud of the role they played in selecting the 140 native trees that the town planted last spring along South Ave. A redesign of the garden at the Center Bell sitting area, located across from the library, is currently underway. "We are truly grateful for the generous donations that help us make New Canaan a beautiful place to live, work, and visit year-round," said Malling. To support the New Canaan Beautification League, visit: www.newcanaanbeautification.org.

Athlete of the Week: Ryan Monohan

By Christopher DeMuth

In his four years at New Canaan High School, Ryan Monohan has proven to be one of the strongest runners in our program's history. As of today, he holds the 4th fastest 5k time for New Canaan Boys athletes. His spring track records hold equally impressive, including the following accolades: 15th fastest 200m, 7th fastest 400m, 3rd fastest 800m, 4th fastest 1600m, 3rd fastest mile, 3rd highest mile, and a member of the most dominant 4x400 relay and 4x800 relay teams our school has ever had. Although he still has 2 seasons of athletics left at NCHS, being the winter and spring seasons of track and field, Ryan's future past high school is looking bright. Recently, he has announced his commitment to run for Amherst College's running program, starting fall of 2026. Here is an exclusive, 1 one 1 interview with rising star, Ryan Monohan:

Q: Why did you start running in the first place?

A: Although it's largely an individual sport, my friends are what pulled me into the running world.

Quinn Quilkenny was the biggest driver of me joining, as he saw my potential in running and wanted to be co-captains for our senior year

Q: Not many people know what cross country prep looks like beyond just running. Could you tell us what a week of cross country looks like for an athlete on your level?

A: Great question. It actually is more complex than it looks, though its undeniable that it is "just" running. Mondays are a recovery day from races over the weekend, which means slow and long distance. This is useful because it helps keep ourselves moving while still giving our bodies the time we need to recover. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are varied, and will be up to coach. Because they are far enough from races, these will be our workout days. Examples of workouts can be longer distance running, about 8 miles, at speed, or fast paced running. Typically we will also do at least one interval workout during this time, which is extremely fast running over shorter distances with time for recovery in between sets. Friday is our pre-meet day, and looks very similar to a recovery day. Finally,



Ryan running junior year, in the 2025 spring track season

we race on Saturdays, and have Sundays off.

Q: Most people will never go through the athletic recruitment process, do you think you can explain how it works a little bit?

A: Of course. To be upfront, this process is really, really stressful, although it's still fun. The whole journey starts by sending out about a million emails to different college coaches, introducing yourself and giving basic information. Once you've built a relationship with these coaches, the formal process starts with something called an academic pre-read. Basically, the college takes your academic record and lets the coach know whether or not you come within acceptable standards for the school. Assuming you pass this part, the more fun aspect of recruitment starts. This includes formal college visits, where you meet with coaches and potential future teammates. These visits are useful in finding out if you'd be a good fit for the college. After this, colleges can choose whether or not to extend an offer to you, which they release on specific dates.

Q: What are you looking forward to the most about Amherst?

A: Having grown up in New Canaan, I knew that I wanted to go to a smaller school for college. While Amherst has that, it's also in a bigger town, so I have the advantages of both

a small school and bigger town. That aside, I really appreciated the team culture in the running team. These guys want to improve and be better, which is an environment I want to be in.

Q: How do New Canaan runners set themselves apart from the crowd?

A: New Canaan runners are viewed as different compared to runners of others in the FCIAC. Specifically, we run 35-40 miles a week. This is useful because college runners will run up to 100 miles a week. Because other towns will run their runners much closer to this number, their race times in high school are a very good approximation of their college performance. However, New Canaan Runners have significantly more potential, as by increasing our mileage in college we will see dramatic improvement.

Q: Who has been the biggest support in your journey as an athlete?

A: Definitely my parents. They really have gone above and beyond helping me through this whole college process, and have given up a lot of their time taking me to different colleges and far away races. I really cannot be thankful enough for them

Varsity Sports Roundup

By Christopher DeMuth

Girls Volleyball

The New Canaan girls volleyball team put together a perfect week, earning three straight victories to continue their strong run in the FCIAC conference.

On Monday, the Rams swept Ridgefield 3-0 in a dominating performance. They controlled every set, winning 25-10, 25-11, and 25-18.

Two days later, on Wednesday , New Canaan traveled to Danbury and again shut out their opponent 3-0. The Rams kept their momentum going with set scores of 25-18, 25-20, and 25-11.

Capping off the week, Friday saw New Canaan take down Staples in a 3-1 win during a conference tournament match. The Rams took the first two sets 25-17 and 25-18, stumbled slightly in the third 22-25, but closed strong with a 25-23 victory in the fourth.

Girls Field Hockey

The New Canaan field hockey team battled hard in the FCIAC Quarterfinals on Wednesday but fell just short against Fairfield Ludlowe, 2-1. Despite a late push, Fairfield Ludlowe held off New Canaan's comeback bid to advance, closing the season for New Canaan.

Girls Soccer

In a rivalry matchup on Tuesday, the New Canaan girls soccer team lost a narrow 1-0 decision to Darien.

The Blue Wave managed the lone goal of the game, while the Rams' defense kept it close to the end. Despite several late chances, New Canaan couldn't find the back of the net.

Boys Football

The New Canaan football team earned a hard-fought 14-7 victory over Greenwich on Friday in front of a home crowd.

The Rams jumped out early with touchdowns in the first and second quarters to take a 14-0 halftime lead. Greenwich responded with a score in the third, but New Canaan's defense tightened up and kept the Cardinals off the board the rest of the way.

Girls Swimming

The girls swim team picked up a solid home win against Fairfield Ludlowe on Wednesday at the New Canaan YMCA pool. The Rams clinched the win against their opponents with a score of 92-82.

Upcoming Schedule

Date	Team (School – Gender – Sport)	Opponent	Score
10/24	New Canaan – Boys – Football	Greenwich	New Canaan 14 - Greenwich 7
10/22	New Canaan – Girls – Field Hockey	Fairfield Ludlowe	New Canaan 1 - Fairfield Ludlowe 2
10/22	New Canaan – Girls – Volleyball	Danbury	New Canaan 3 - Danbury 0
10/24	New Canaan – Girls – Volleyball	Staples	New Canaan 3 - Staples 1
10/27	New Canaan – Girls – Volleyball	Fairfield	New Canaan 1 - Fairfield 3
10/21	New Canaan – Girls – Soccer	Darien	New Canaan 0 - Darien 1
10/21	St. Lukes – Boys – Soccer	King	St. Lukes 4 - King 3
10/24	St. Lukes – Boys – Soccer	Frederick Gunn	St. Lukes 1 - Frederick Gunn 2
10/27	St. Lukes – Boys – Soccer	Hamden Hall	St. Lukes 5 - Hamden Hall 0
10/25	St. Lukes – Boys – Football	Long Island Lutheran	St. Lukes 26 - Long Island Lutheran 21
10/20	St. Lukes – Girls – Field Hockey	Greenwich Country Day	St. Lukes 1 - Greenwich Country Day 2
10/22	St. Lukes – Girls – Field Hockey	Hamden Hall	St. Lukes 3 - Hamden Hall 2
10/21	St. Lukes – Girls – Soccer	Rye Country Day	St. Lukes 2 - Rye Country Day 4
10/22	St. Lukes – Girls – Volleyball	Hopkins	St. Lukes 0 - Hopkins 3
10/25	St. Lukes – Girls – Volleyball	Hamden Hall	St. Lukes 0 - Hamden Hall 3

31	OCT, FRI	● 3 – 4:30pm	Girls Varsity Soccer vs Stamford High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 3:45 – 5:45pm	Boys Freshman Football vs Stamford High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
1	NOV, SAT	● 2 – 5pm	Boys Varsity Football vs Stamford High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 2:30 – 4:30pm	Girls Varsity Swimming @ Greenwich High School 10 Hillside Road, Greenwich CT 06830
5	NOV, WED	● 5 – 7pm	Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs Trumbull 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
6	NOV, THU	● 7:15 – 9:15pm	Boys Freshman Football @ Staples High School 70 North Ave, Westport CT 06880
7	NOV, FRI	● 8 – 10pm	Boys Varsity Football @ Staples High School 70 North Ave, Westport CT 06880
8	NOV, SAT	● 11:30am – 1:30pm	Boys JV Football vs Staples High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
13	NOV, THU	● 7 – 9pm	Boys Freshman Football @ Trumbull 72 Strobel Rd, Trumbull Connecticut 06611-5597
14	NOV, FRI	● 8 – 10pm	Boys Varsity Football @ Trumbull 72 Strobel Rd, Trumbull Connecticut 06611-5597
15	NOV, SAT	● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Boys JV Football vs Trumbull 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
20	NOV, THU	● 6 – 8pm	Boys Freshman Football vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
22	NOV, SAT	● 11am – 1pm	Boys JV Football @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820

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FAITH

By Rev. Msgr. Rob Kinnally

I have been following Pope Leo XIV since his election back in May, and I have found his wisdom on many topics to be inspiring. Recently I came upon his words regarding the value of interreligious dialogue, and I think he offers hope for a world that is divided and in need of meaningful conversation. Back in September, Leo XIV sent a message to the “Conference on Interreligious Dialogue and Harmony,” held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Pope expressed his support of interreligious dialogue that was carried out via the conference’s theme: “Promoting a Culture of Harmony between Brothers and Sisters.” He wished the conference participants the gift of peace that he said is “unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering.” Noting that the theme arises “from the conviction that our human community is truly one – in origin and in destiny from God,” the Pope commented

The experience of intentional dialogue that respects differences is truly life-changing because it moves society from tolerance to understanding and ultimately to a true and lasting peace.

that it is imperative to nurture a culture of harmony and peace. In this context, he defines culture as “a nurturing environment that sustains growth.” Such a culture is fed with the “sunlight of truth, the water of charity, and the soil of freedom and justice.” Those invested in interreligious dialogue can tend the field by keeping the conversation going and clearing away “the weeds of prejudice.” With a healthy environment like that, differences in creed or background will not cause division.

The experience of intentional dialogue that respects differences is truly life-changing because it moves society from tolerance to understanding and ultimately to a true and lasting peace. I have experienced this

in various interfaith dialogues while a seminarian and as a pastor here in New Canaan. I’m so honored to be a part of our New Canaan Clergy Association where I value the conversations that I share with my sisters and brothers in ministry. United in our mission of empowering our congregations to encounter God in word, worship, and acts of charity, we revel in the responsibility of healing, praying, and loving. Our desire for our people to experience cherished belonging places us on common ground. The fact that we express our belief in different words and worship in different manner does not compromise our friendship. I think our sharing of ideas and the resonant harmony that marks our time together spills over into places beyond

our clergy meetings and into the community, especially as we navigate a broken world that is marked by a lack of trust. Leo XIV proposes that those involved in meaningful interfaith dialogue embrace life-changing paradigms that foster successful outcomes: “Where others have sown distrust, we choose trust...where others might foster fear, we strive for understanding; where others view differences as barriers, we recognize them as avenues of mutual enrichment.” I believe this easily translates in other conversations that do not have religion at the core. It is possible to live in charity after accomplishing the work of listening, understanding, and finding that kernel of unity that is the seed for friendship.

I think that we can expect

that during the papacy of Leo XIV there will be movement toward unity among Christians, marked by a continuous dialogue within the Catholic Church and with other communities of believers. Just last week the King and Queen of England prayed with the Pope in the Vatican, an event that many thought would and could not happen. It was a profound response to the desire of Jesus: “I pray that that they be one. (John 17:21). Who knows what we will see in our lifetime when it comes to such unity, but the template for dialogue that is characterized by first acknowledging our unity as children of the Creator provides a sufficient foundation for a productive meeting of minds and hearts. What we have in common as members of the

human family intentionally created for love transcends party lines and ideology. What we share as seekers of joy and peace should spark a hopeful spirit and cause us to work for the good of one another. What we desire for our children and our children’s children should keep us fixed on God’s desire for generations: “For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

If we go forward from that place of common kinship, we can talk to one another like family, knowing full well that families sometimes don’t get along all the time. Civil discourse is valuable, but striving for a civilization of love would be life-giving.

Monsignor Rob Kinnally is the pastor of Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Parish in New Canaan and the Vicar General of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Worship Directory and Services

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
682 South Avenue 203.966.5849
www.ComeUntoChrist.org
Sunday Service: 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:
November 2 at 4 PM: Fall Family Harvest Meal. Share a meal together and participate in fall-themed activities for all ages. RSVP to churchschool@godsacre.org.

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

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

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

Upcoming Events:
November 2 at 11:30 AM: This year’s Mass of Remembrance will be held on All Souls’ Day. The names of all those parishioners who passed away between 11/3/2024 and today will be read.

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:
November 2 at 5 PM: A Service of Evensong for All Saints & All Souls. The service will include music specifically written for those two feasts by Franz Schubert, and T. Tertius Noble, all sung by the St.Mark’s Choir and Soloists and accompanied by Dr. Michael Burnette at the organ.

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

Upcoming Events:
November 26 at 7 PM: Thanksgiving Worship.

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.

Recurring Events:
Mens Breakfast at 8:45 AM: The United Methodist Church invites all men to our Men’s Breakfast, held on the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy fellowship, good food, and meaningful conversation as we share time together in faith and friendship.

Upcoming Events:
November 8: The United Methodist Women Holy Hike. Please stay tuned for more details and updates!

Community Baptist Church
174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711
cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com
www.cbcnewcanaan.org
Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI3O_Syp_X0KDg
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>
Sunday School at 10:00am
Worship Service at 11:00am
Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

Upcoming Events:
November 16 from 3-5 PM: Church Anniversary.
Grace Community Church
9:30am Service @ New Canaan High School, 11 Farm Road, New Canaan 203-966-7600
info@gracecommunity.info
www.gracecommunity.info
Welcome to Grace Church, where we strive to build a church of action, founded on Biblical truth, characterized by faith, grace, community, service, authenticity, clear thinking, and cultural relevance. Grace Community Church is an exercise in knowing God, knowing truth, and building community that extends to our full lives, not just to our Sunday mornings. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am or via GCC’s Facebook page or YouTube page. Nursery care and Sunday school/teen programming is available for babies through 12th grade. Coffee and bagels available in the lobby after the service, all are welcome.

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

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

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center
137 Putnam Rd
info@chabadnewcanaan.org
www.newcanaanjewish.org
The Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center is dedicated to strengthening and building the New Canaan Jewish Community by offering local Jewish resources that bring more positivity, Jewish education, charitable activity, good deeds and blessing to our lovely town. We are about Judaism, not affiliation. Regardless of your background, and however you choose to define your level of Jewish observance or identity, the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center can add spirituality, joy, study, community and connection for you and your family. The programs of the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center are held in various locations, all located in New Canaan.

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)
458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903 203.322.1649
www.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=bFJQem9HWFcxU0EzZUM2VENEZmgYUT09#success>

Staying Put in New Canaan Celebrates Volunteers

Staying Put in New Canaan celebrated its dedicated volunteers at a special gathering hosted by HMTX Industries. Volunteers are at the heart of Staying Put's mission to help local seniors remain independent, connected, and confidently at home. Flexible and rewarding volunteer opportunities are always available—visit www.stayingputnc.org to learn more.



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Candle Making and Bingo Night



On October 23, the New Canaan Nature Center hosted a candle-making and bingo event with snacks. Photo credit: New Canaan Nature Center.

Staying Put Annual Meeting



On October 9, Staying Put in New Canaan held its Annual Meeting with Dr. Jennifer Tauber as guest presenter. Photo credit: Staying Put in New Canaan.

Williams Visits Playhouse



On October 25, Allison Williams attended a screening of *Regretting You* at The Playhouse with her family. Photo credit: Cinema Lab Theatres.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Stuart Sawabini



Former New Canaan Police Commissioner Stuart Sawabini has passed away at age 72. He served on the commission from 2005 to 2018, leading communication upgrades and contributing to emergency planning. Sawabini was also active in the town's Community Emergency Response Team. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

SCHOOLS

NCPS Director of Innovation and Technology



Melinda Meyer has been named Director of Innovation and Technology for New Canaan Public Schools, effective November 1. A longtime district educator with more than 20 years of experience, she has led several science and innovation initiatives. In her new role, she will guide technology integration, design programs, and efforts involving artificial intelligence and immersive learning. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

ACROSS CT

J&D Brush Recall

J&D Brush has recalled more than 350,000 Bio Ionic One-Inch-Long Barrel Curling Irons after reports that the barrel can detach and cause burns. The recall

covers model LXT-CL-1.0 with date codes 0722-1223, sold online and in major retailers such as Ulta, Sephora, and Nordstrom. Customers are urged to stop using the product and contact Bio Ionic at (877) 853-9627 or longbarrelsupport@bbicompany.com for a free replacement.

NCPS LAUNCH Scarecrow



Recently, Students in the New Canaan Public School LAUNCH Program built a Batman-themed scarecrow for New Canaan's second annual Scarecrow Fest. The display is now located outside BarVida on Elm Street. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

SLS Model UN Tournament



More than 50 St. Luke's students recently participated in the school's annual Model UN tournament, which focused on the fall of the Roman Empire. Organized by the Model UN Executive Board, the event gave students an opportunity to develop their leadership and communication skills. Photo credit: St. Luke's School.

SLS Washington D.C. Trip



Recently, St. Luke's eighth graders visited Washington, D.C. for their annual class trip. They met with Senator Chris Murphy, took part in the Changing of the Wreath ceremony, and toured museums and monuments. Photo credit: St. Luke's School.



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358 Lukes Wood Road	\$10,995,000	\$9,995,000	\$8,750,000	180	7	8	4.78

The \$100 Million Question: Are New Canaan Schools Ready for What’s Coming?



BY JOHN ENGEL

Schools Drive the Market

Families don’t move to New Canaan for shorter commutes or bigger yards. They come for the schools. Year after year, Niche ranks our district among the very best in Connecticut and the nation for academics, athletics, and teacher quality. That reputation powers our housing market. It attracts families, sustains home values, and ties real estate trends directly to decisions made by the Board of Education.

The Enrollment Surge and Its Implications

According to the New England School Development Council (NESDEC), New Canaan’s student population is projected to climb from about 4,200 today to nearly 6,000 within 15 years — a 40% increase. The pattern is familiar: Five years after births rise, kindergarten fills; five years later, the middle schools swell; four years after that, the high school follows. If these numbers hold, by 2035, our classrooms will be stretched to capacity.

The question is whether this surge is real enough to plan — or even build for — for now.

Limits of Forecasting

Projections sometimes fail. A 2015 forecast expected 4,345 students by 2024; actual enrollment came in closer to 3,990. COVID scrambled migration patterns. Remote work reshuffled family choices. Even the National Center for Education Statistics concedes that 10-year forecasts carry 2–3% error rates.

Short-term projections are more reliable. NESDEC’s 2023 estimate for 2024–25 missed by just 59 students — a 1.5% margin, close enough to staff classrooms accurately.

Still, how confident should we be? Confident enough to bet \$100 million on permanent growth?

The High-Stakes Question

That’s the question now before the Board of Education. This month, the board began studying the possibility of building a new North School — a major investment meant to handle projected growth. The proposal envisions a new elementary school to relieve overcrowding across the district.

But if projections miss, we could build a school we don’t need. If they’re right, we risk running out of space. Either way, the decision will define New Canaan’s schools — and housing market — for a generation.

What Really Moves Enrollment

Enrollment isn’t driven by statistics; it’s driven by housing. Every time a home changes hands, a new family enters the district. Each year, the largest share of buyers still come from New York City and Westchester, with smaller but steady numbers from Stamford and Norwalk.

But here’s the shift: Fewer homes are turning over. Seniors are staying put longer, and their share of the population is rising fast — projected

“A district known for welcoming multilingual learners and embracing technology earns a different kind of reputation — one that resonates globally.”

to climb from about 15% today to over 20% within a decade. At the same time, families with children continue to arrive, pushing enrollment higher. Both trends are true. Yet housing supply is finite. Zoning limits new construction, and high land costs deter large-scale development. Between 2010 and 2020, the town’s housing stock grew just 4.5%.

You can’t have both more children and more seniors without more housing — and New Canaan isn’t building much. That’s the real constraint beneath every forecast.

Demographic Crosscurrents

Here’s the paradox: New Canaan has one of the highest shares of children in Connecticut — 28.5% of residents under 18, far above the national average. Yet the actual number of children fell slightly between 2010 and 2020, from 6,329 to 6,048.

At the same time, the share of residents over 65 climbed to 15% and continues to grow. More kids. More seniors. Almost no new housing. Zoning reforms, ADUs, and transit-oriented districts add only a trickle of supply. So, the competition intensifies: Seniors with cash compete against families with kids for the same limited

number of homes. That pressure drives prices up — and shapes who can afford to live here next.

Structural Constraints

This isn’t just a demographic story; it’s a structural one. Even if New Canaan wanted to add more housing, the math doesn’t work easily. Most of the town is zoned for one- or two-acre lots, and development costs are among the highest in the region. The few zoning changes we’ve adopted — accessory dwelling units, multi-family overlays near transit, modest density bonuses — add dozens of homes, not hundreds.

With so little new supply, the housing market becomes a closed system: every new family depends on another family leaving. When seniors stay longer, turnover slows, and school enrollment projections start to diverge from reality.

Wild Cards and Black Swans

Every forecast assumes stability — steady growth, predictable turnover, normal migration. But it rarely works that way. COVID and the rise of remote work shattered past models overnight. A sudden boom in housing construction, a financial crisis, or a policy change in New York could do it again.

In 2009, during the financial collapse, New Canaan recorded a month with no home sales at all. That’s how fast the equation can change.

And sometimes the wild card isn’t a crisis at all — it’s innovation. The very things that make our schools and town exceptional can also disrupt the models.

The Innovation Factor

New Canaan has long been a leader in curriculum, athletics, and the arts. Our teams win, our programs shine, and, yes, we have The Dome. But excellence doesn’t stop there. This year, the district is installing a new, smart sound system in every classroom.

It’s not just an upgrade from tinny speakers; rather, each room is sound-mapped. Every teacher wears a wireless microphone so students hear clearly from any seat. The system links instantly to the nurse, the main office, or emergency services. It can even translate in real time between English and other languages — making classrooms safer, smarter, and more inclusive for international families.

What does this have to do with enrollment? Everything. Education

rankings now reward inclusivity and innovation as much as test scores. A district known for welcoming multilingual learners and embracing technology earns a different kind of reputation — one that resonates globally.

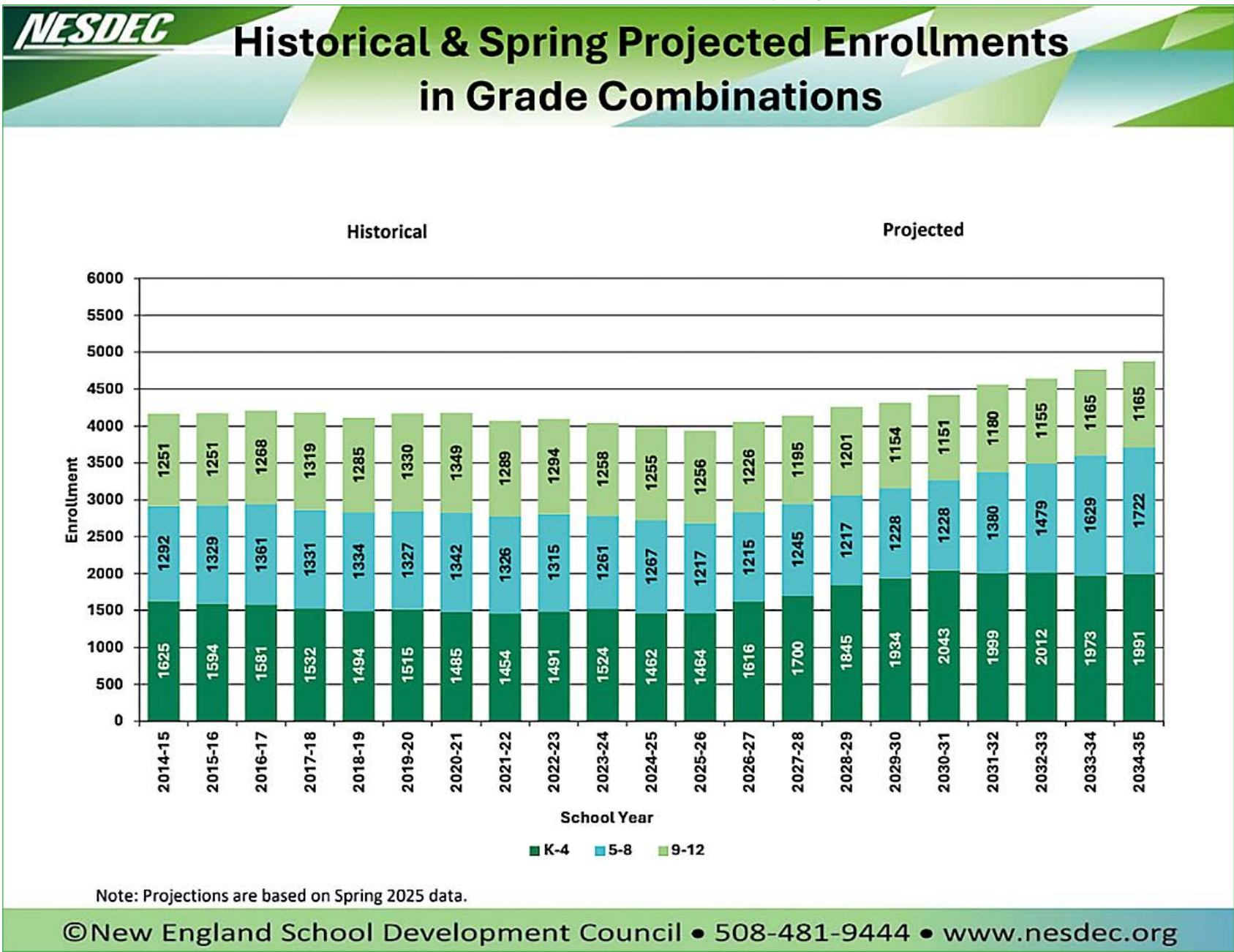
Realtors already hear it: Families often move for one thing that’s excellent, not for a dozen things that are merely good. The number of international families seeking exceptional schools is growing. A small innovation like this could have an outsized impact on who chooses New Canaan next.

Why It Matters

This is the real engine of New Canaan. Great schools bring families from New York and Westchester. Seniors stay put, supply stays tight, and demand stays wide. That’s why prices remain strong — and why every innovation, every accolade, every program in our schools eventually echoes through our housing market.

The Board of Education may soon decide whether to build a new North School. Whether we’ll need it depends on more than projections. It depends on who can afford to live here, who chooses to stay, and how our town continues to define excellence — in the classroom and beyond.

John Engel is a broker on the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, and he had to come all the way to Las Vegas this week to run into fellow New Canaan agents Michelle Sloan and Taylor Tait in the lobby of the Bellagio. Small world. New Canaan agents occasionally do leave town.

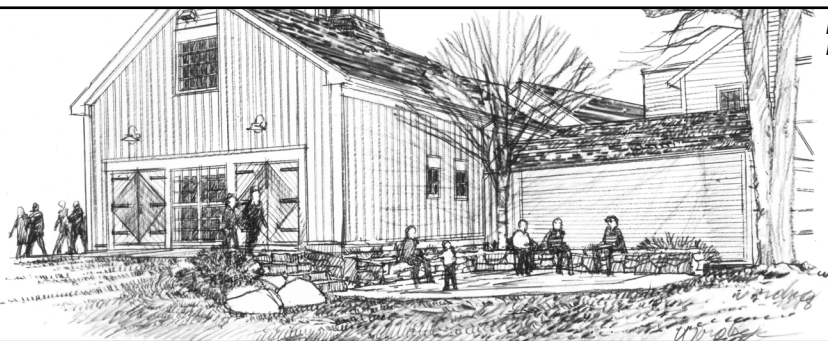


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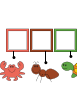
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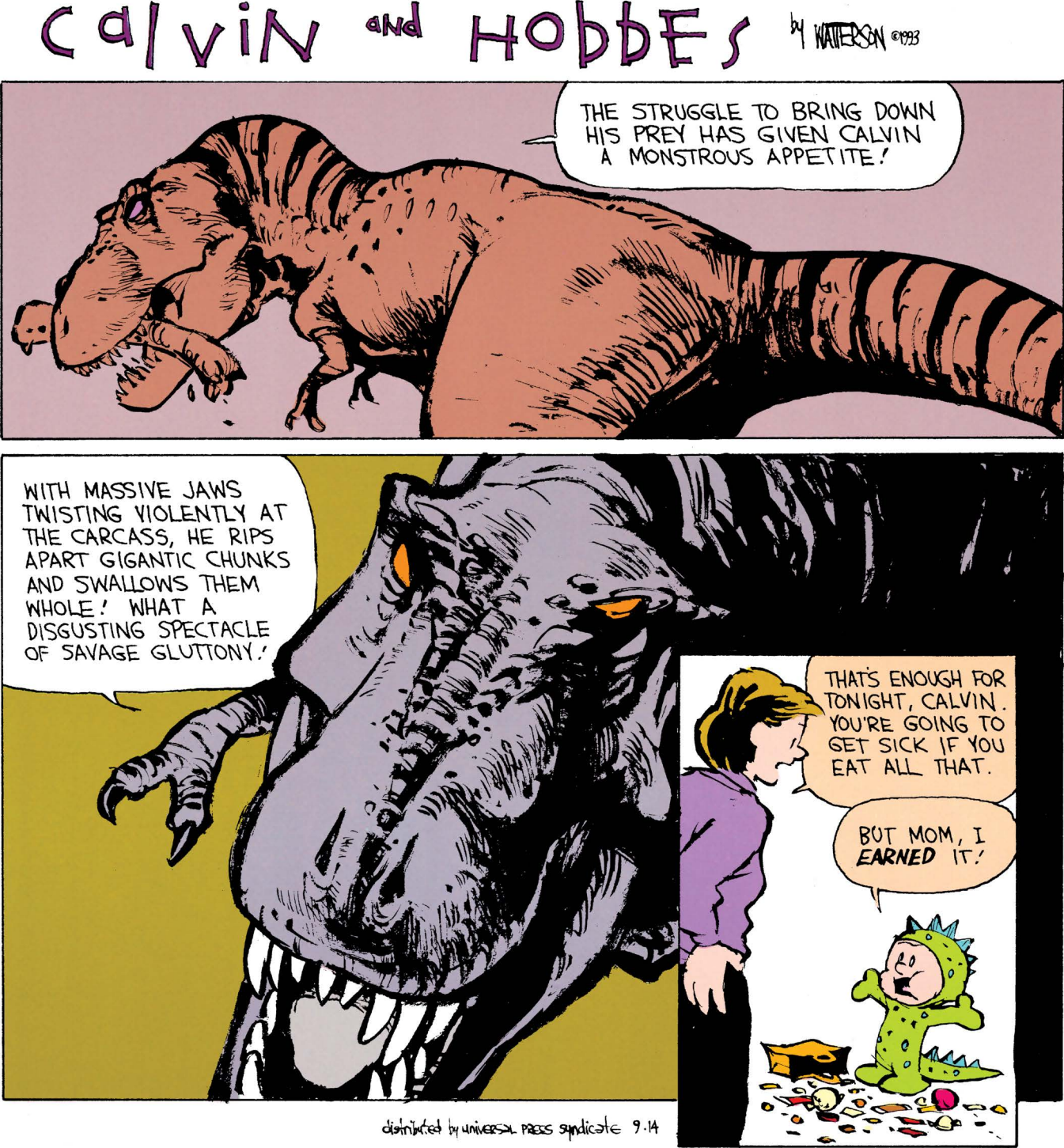


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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE BLACK PANTHER

One of the Stealthiest Creatures on Earth

By JIM KNOX

Most guests to Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo don't see her at first. This temporary "invisibility" is not a result of ignorance, nor is it the result of a fleeting attention span. The reason most folks cannot see the great cat mere feet away is largely due to her appearance and stealthy behavior. Leopards—practically by definition—are among the planet's stealthiest creatures. Yet Kallisto, our female Amur leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*), has an extra stealth advantage.

As a cat born with a rare mutation known as melanism, Kallisto stands out...once you finally see her. Melanism, or an overabundance of pigment known as melanin, can occur in many species of vertebrates. This overabundance of dark pigment produces fur, feathers, skin, or scales with a blackish hue. A common expression of this mutation are the "black" Gray squirrels seen throughout Fairfield County and many regions of our state.

In the case of leopards, this mutation occurs approximately 10% of the time, with 90% of leopards sporting black-spotted golden coats with white bellies. What's more,



The Black Panther

this dark coloration can become established in certain populations and virtually absent in others.

Evolutionary biologists theorize that dark coat color is a result of a process known as adaptive

selection—aiding these big cats in thermoregulation and in hiding among the shadows of the dense lush forests of Africa and Asia.

leopard possesses a unique pattern of rosettes just as each one of us possesses unique fingerprints. Such black leopards are almost

there is no species known as a "Black panther," observers of these beautiful creatures are correct in their observation that they are seeing a panther that is effectively a black-coated cat.

In every biological respect, these cats are the same as their golden-coated siblings, yet "Black panthers" possess something far more than merely unusual coat coloration. By virtue of this "cloaking" appearance, these great beasts are shrouded in mystery and ascribed powers by cultures on four continents over the millennia.

Once detected—their appearance rivets our gaze. With nightshade coloration defining their lithe forms, we discern the fine detail of their muscular frames and the graceful fluidity which animates their movements. With palpable power that we practically feel with each pad of their lethal paws, these mythic beasts glide seamlessly from their world into ours. In Black panthers we have creatures who beckon us to a wilder timeless world—one inhabited by their ancestors and ours. As the very embodiment of the wild, these great cats are the mystery and the power inhabiting the forests of our minds.

So, what can we learn from these ethereal phantoms of the

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Among Amur leopards, which are native to the high latitudes and snowy wilderness of the Russian Far East, this complete head-to-toe-and-tail blackish coloration is not considered to be advantageous and is thus, much rarer, occurring in less than 1% of Amur leopard births.

When guests to Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo finally spy Kallisto, they see what they describe as a black panther. Yet, a careful look in full daylight reveals the full beauty of this magnificent creature as the cryptic yet distinct pattern of her spotted rosettes begins to emerge to the trained eye. As she moves, the gloss of her coat reflects the light, while the rosettes absorb the light, revealing a stunning pattern hidden within the coat. Each

always born with golden-coated littermates (Kallisto was born with her golden coated brother, Orion). So, is she a leopard or a Black panther? In a sense, she is both. The term panther is generic and is commonly used to describe multiple species of great cats, but most commonly refers to leopards, jaguars, and Mountain lions (which to add to the confusion are known by more than two dozen regional names throughout the Western Hemisphere). To further obscure this confusion, only the leopard and jaguar have been recorded as exhibiting melanism. This coloration is often seen in leopards and jaguars, leading many observers to believe they are seeing a single species. So, while

dense wild forests of the world? How can we emulate them? Rare, bold, self-reliant, ever-patient, decisive, and successful, the Black Panther possesses a host of enviable traits. Just like the great Black panthers, we are unique individuals who all possess undeniable elements of beauty and power we can share with the world around us. Though we may keep these traits hidden beneath a cryptic exterior, such beauty and power capture the attention of those few who have the patience and vision to see what eludes the gaze of so many.

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HALLOWEEN crossword puzzle

FIND TWO SAME GHOSTS

FIND 10 DIFFERENCES

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Find 10 differences

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

SUDOKU GAME

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Break between notes
5 Features of feet
9 “Como estas?” response, often
13 The fossil Big Al, once
16 Indie pop singer Parks
17 Hypothetical body beyond Pluto
18 Grain tower
19 Audio player
20 Relates (with)
22 Just slightly cooked
23 Big cheese
24 “That’s false!”
27 Whip up
28 Librarian’s rebuke
29 L.A.’s region
31 Plucked instruments
33 Usher in?
35 ___ and true
37 Shade darker than turquoise
38 Passion
40 Map close-up
42 The record-holding cat Creme Puff’s was 38 years
43 Sign the back of
45 Made embarrassed
47 Prepare, as a factory
48 Orange skin

- 49 Con artists’ accomplices
50 Their tails have scales
54 Mani’s partner
55 Online blurb that may include your pronouns
57 He was trapped in a net with Aphrodite
58 Where to “find” the McCrepe
59 ___ lover’s pizza
60 Necklace bit
61 Recipe division
DOWN
1 Laser-focused
2 Spanish for “she”
3 High-five noise
4 Exfoliation products
5 Spud nugget
6 Eighth of a cup
7 “Red” Viking
8 Early riser?
9 Layer under nail polish
10 Liqueur invented in Dublin
11 Actor who appeared on Time’s cover with the quote “I’m fully who I am”

- 12 Apt time given this clue’s number
14 Family cars, often
15 Placed atop
21 Twelfth of a foot
23 Young adult novel in which campers dig
24 Rae of “The Hate U Give”
25 “You’ll be OK”
26 “That’s news to me!”
27 Michael of “The Muppet Christmas Carol”
30 Like a good apple
32 Snow day transport
34 One lets you earn checks for doing chores

- 36 Left in the lurch
39 It’s called in class
41 NYC museum in “Ocean’s Eight”
44 Oxidizes
46 Security devices
48 Jordanian city named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World
49 Flood with messages
50 Trackpad alternatives
51 “A likely story!”
52 Have a nice meal
53 Miso dish
56 Caught in a ___ of lies

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Moving coal holders
5. (K) Red or Caspian thing
8. (K) “Quiet!”
12. Type of rug
13. (K) Young boy
14. (K) Choir voice
15. (K) Good place for chickens and cows
17. (K) Zipper or button alternative
18. (K) Bring to a definite conclusion
19. Mentally quick
20. (K) Indiana is a beautiful one
21. Bratty child
23. (K) Center of a Froot Loop
25. (K) Sycamore or ash
27. Tricycle rider
28. Word associated with “Humbug!”
31. Sound like dry leaves in the wind
33. Stick (to)

35. (K) “I haven’t graduated ___, but I will in May”
36. (K) Like very simple puzzles
38. “___ the Rainbow”
39. (K) Like a cupboard with nothing in it
40. (K) Open one’s eyes
41. You may wash your hands in it
44. “Why ___ long face?”
46. (K) Strike sharply, like knuckles on a desk
49. Lacking sufficient rainfall
50. In rapid-fire succession
52. Masked Batman nemesis
53. (K) Part of a dress or skirt
54. Bursting with excitement
55. Help a prankster pull a prank
56. (K) “Sure!”

57. Short note passed around the office
Down
1. Nickname for the Yanks’ Ruth
2. It was Persia until 1935
3. Most overly bookish
4. (K) ___ Jose
5. Type of shot in hockey
6. (K) Like the smell of a new garden
7. (K) Do very simple math
8. Wasteful speed in doing something
9. (K) Bone in your arm
10. RBIs or pts. per game
11. (K) Optimistic feeling
16. Run your little mouth off
20. (K) Thing with two runners
22. (K) Was introduced to for the first time
24. (K) Just fine

25. (K) Put forth an attempt
26. Regret
27. (K) One can run down your cheek
28. (K) Coffee or water
29. (K) “So what exactly ___ they doing?”
30. (K) The woman in the straw hat
32. (K) Tilt to the left or right
34. Garden digger
37. Small sofa
39. Fancy bathroom fixture
40. (K) One of 60 in a min.
41. “Open Sesame” speaker Ali
42. Woman born in Oman, most likely
43. ___ qua non
45. (K) Some butchers’ meats
47. Chemistry class model
48. (K) Type of stick for jumping
50. (K) A long way from outgoing
51. NFL QB Newton

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

Great way to take it?

Look for the answer in next week’s paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

Letter opener?
8-A) FLAP

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Universal Freestyle 2 by Billy and Molly Bratton

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Horoscopes

Astrological Overview

The Sun continues its transit through Scorpio, intensifying focus on transformation, emotional depth and what lies beneath surface-level. A Full Moon in Taurus occurs on November 5, highlighting our relationship with value, security, comfort and what we’ve built. On November 6, Venus enters Scorpio, intensifying relational dynamics, intimacy, shared resources and deep bonds. The weeks before major retrogrades (Mercury, Uranus) invite review, slowdown and reflection in certain life-areas. These shifts suggest a week of reckoning and preparation: finishing what’s necessary, facing truths, aligning values and getting ready for deeper change.

Aries (March 21–April 19)

You may feel pressure around shared resources or finances this week. With the Full Moon illuminating what you value, consider what you’re holding onto purely out of habit. After November 5 you’ll benefit from communicating more honestly about money and trust. On the 6th, relational intensity deepens—keep your guard up about power-dynamics.

Taurus (April 20–May 20)

Full Moon energy lands in your sign on November 5, Taurus, putting you in the spotlight. This is a moment of culmination: personal goals, self-worth and public presence are in focus. Be prepared for recognition—or for a truth you’ve been evading. Venus enters Scorpio on the 6th urging you to merge your personal aims with your network’s support.

Gemini (May 21–June 20)

With Venus moving into Scorpio on Nov 6, your deeper friendships and group affiliations attract attention. This week favours reviewing your social commitments: which align, which drain you. The Full Moon calls you to express what you genuinely need from these connections. Prepare to draw stronger boundaries.

Cancer (June 21–July 22)

Communication, ideas and learning are active themes now. The Full Moon encourages you to speak what’s been brewing beneath the surface. On November 6, Venus in Scorpio may prompt sensitive or intimate conversations—choose clarity over comfort. Emotional honesty this week leads to stronger foundations next month.

Leo (July 23–August 22)

Career and public image take centre-stage this week. The Full Moon in Taurus may bring a professional project to conclusion or a decision about your direction. Venus’s shift on Nov 6 invites you to bring more emotional authenticity into what you present to the world. Let your

leadership feel human.

Virgo (August 23–September 22)

This week emphasises retreat, restoration, and internal restructuring. The Full Moon highlights habits, wellness and what supports you long-term. Venus entering Scorpio on the 6th strengthens your instinct to heal deeper wounds and claim your emotional safety. Prioritise downtime and self-care.

Libra (September 23–October 22)

Home, family and roots are in focus this week. The Full Moon may bring clarity about domestic matters or relational legacy issues. On Nov 6, Venus in Scorpio encourages you to deepen your emotional ties rather than just smooth the surface. True connection counts more than appearances.

Scorpio (October 23–November 21)

Happy solar season. You’re navigating your own rebirth—and this week accelerates it. The Full Moon may release something preventing you from stepping fully into your power. On Nov 6, Venus enters your sign, heightening magnetism but also demanding authenticity. Show up wholly.

Sagittarius (November 22–December 21)

Money, value and shared resources are under review this week. The Full Moon asks: what do you owe? What do you own? On Nov 6, Venus in Scorpio invites you to surrender what keeps you stuck financially or emotionally. Use the week to prepare clean transitions.

Capricorn (December 22–January 19)

Friendships, group ideals and your place in wider structures shift this week. The Full Moon points to realignment of who you associate with and why. Venus’s move on Nov 6 prompts you to merge your network with deeper loyalty—choose the tribe that honours both your ambition and your truths.

Aquarius (January 20–February 18)

Communication rhythms, learning curves and short-journey energy intensify. The Full Moon may elevate a message, movement or mental breakthrough. On Nov 6, Venus in Scorpio asks you to speak from your heart, not just your mind. Align what you say with how you feel.

Pisces (February 19–March 20)

While many signals point outward, you’re invited inward this week. The Full Moon nudges you to release patterns that no longer serve your emotional or spiritual growth. Venus in Scorpio on Nov 6 strengthens your sensitivity and intuitive knowing—listen first, speak second.

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- 1 actress Graham (7)
2 consigning to a lower spot (10)
3 what architects measure (10)
4 rug location (5)
5 stuck like glue (5)
6 type of Japanese pottery (7)
7 dependent on other factors (9)

SOLUTIONS

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Previous Answers: 1. STEER 2. TINS 3. DIMINISHED
4. STEAL 5. GRAPHICS 6. LAUDATORY 7. OVEN

Submit your events at:
newcanaansentinel.com/submit-an-event/

TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, November 3

[Board of Selectmen](#)
8:30-9:30 a.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom

[Zoning Board of Appeals](#)
7-8 p.m., Town Hall Board Room

Wednesday, November 5

[Inland Wetlands Site Visit](#)
7:30-9:30 a.m., Start at Town Hall

[Parking Commission](#)
7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.

Thursday, November 6

[Health & Human Services Commission](#)
8:45-10 a.m., Town Hall Board Room

October 31

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.

2025 Monothon Exhibition | The Center for Contemporary Printmaking
10 AM- 3 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Named for the “Marathon of Monotypes,” MONOTHON is CCP’s annual celebration of monotype prints. A monotype is a one-of-a-kind original artwork, and for one week in September, dozens of artists and printmaking professionals gather to make hundreds of these unique works on paper. More information is available at <https://carriagebarn.org/ccp-monothon-exhibition/>.

Playhouse Halloween Party
7-10 PM at the Playhouse, Marquis Lounge
Join the Playhouse for cocktails, special giveaways, and prizes for the best dressed.

November 1

2025 Monothon Exhibition | The Center for Contemporary Printmaking
10 AM- 3 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
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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 three-part experience is designed for student athletes in every sport, ages 12+. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/soPc0>.

Celebrated Photographer Platon Shares Insights from Behind the Lens
3 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Platon will share rare and unique insight into the U.S. President’s current mindset and character, and also reflect on his personal encounters with Vladimir Putin, Benjamin Netanyahu, and tech titans Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg. Register at <https://shorturl.at/PsS5r>.

The Center for Contemporary Printmaking’s Annual Benefit
6-9 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Join for an evening of socializing and art. Admire an exceptional variety of original fine art prints for sale. Bid on more than 100 works from leading and emerging artists. Go home with prints by acclaimed printmakers. Tickets are \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door, and available at <https://contemprints.org/monothon/auction/>.

November 2

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

The Perfect Pause – Half Day Retreat with Grounded Meditation
9 AM- 1 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
The Perfect Pause is a half-day wellness retreat designed to help you reset, realign, and reconnect your body, mind, and spirit. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/sflru>.

November 3

Fall Yoga Session I

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9:15 AM at the New Canaan Nature Center, Sturgess Room
Whether you’re a beginner or seasoned yogi, this class offers a rejuvenating journey for the body and mind, leaving you feeling grounded, energized, and centered. Designed to connect movement with breath, her teaching fosters strength, flexibility, and mindfulness. Tickets are \$30 and available at <https://newcanaannature.org/seasonal-adult-programs/>.

Sit and Stitch with Aggie
2 PM at the Lapham Center
Learn tips on the best ways to embellish your project and how to use decorative stitches. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

November 4

Election Day
6 AM- 8 PM at varied locations
New Canaan voters will cast ballots for contested seats on the Board of Education and Town Council, and for uncontested seats – First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Board of Assessment Appeals, and Constables. A New Canaan Voter District Map is available at <https://shorturl.at/YKUni>.

Crafty Tuesdays
9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
This group works on a variety of crafts, including Landmark Ornaments, to be sold to benefit local charities. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

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.

Election Day Family Fun
11 AM- 1:30 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historial Society
Join for a bounce castle, a trivia contest for adults, crafts, food, touch a truck & more. Tickets are \$20/person for members, \$25/person for non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/GcrdJ>.

Awesome Autumn Day 2025
1-3 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center
Vote for Nature on Election Day! Go over to NCNC to enjoy a beautiful autumn day with your kids and the NCNC naturalists. Take part in family-friendly field games, autumnal crafts, a pumpkin scavenger hunt, an animal meet & greet, and apple slingshots. This is a free drop-in program.

November 5

Hike with Tom Turrentine - Last Fall Hike
9:15 AM at the New Canaan Nature Center, Upper Parking Lot
Each week's destination will be determined the day before depending on the weather and will be communicated to registrants via email. Register at <https://newcanaannature.org/hiking-club/>.

The Secrets to Building a Financial Plan That Works
11:30 AM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
Explore the core building blocks of a strong financial plan, how to align your assets with your values and goals, and why timing and intentionality are key. You'll walk away with clarity, confidence, and a renewed sense of purpose behind every financial decision. Register at <https://shorturl.at/WDFuT>.

Rummikub Open Play
2 PM at the Lapham Center
Stop by for a few rounds of Rummikub, an engaging and social game.

November 6

Fall Walk
8:30-10 AM at Bristow Bird Sanctuary
This is an easy walk and you'll be concentrating on finding fruiting shrubs, sparrows, and other fall migrants. Parking at Mead Park. Free.

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.

Clever and Crafty Workshops | Leaf Lanterns
1 PM at the Lapham Center

Learn new skills while creating beautiful, handmade leaf lanterns with Tricia from Clever and Crafty. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Medicare 2026: Understanding Changes and Coverage Options
6 PM at the New Canaan Library, Arlene H. Grushkin Children's Program Room
Lou and Jessica Pelletier will help you navigate the complexities of Medicare in 2026, and the important new changes to Medicare drug plans rolling out in 2026. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-medicare-163515>.

Mocktails
6:30 PM at Grace Farms
Enjoy an evening of crafting and sipping mocktails. Follow Chef Leah’s recipes to create three seasonal beverages, while discovering connections between food, culture, and community. Tickets are \$22/members, \$28/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/FAOmK>.

November 7

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.

Wine Tasting Party
6:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Join this special evening, celebrating the best of Piedmont, Italy’s premier wine region. Hosts Justin Miller of Craftbottlz, Rachel and Michelle of Culinary Wine Camps, will share stories and insider information about the region, and you’ll taste several wines, each paired with delicious regional cuisine specialties. Tickets are \$85/person and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/a-night-in-piedmont-italy/>.

Aladdin Jr. the Musical
7 PM at Saxe Intermediate
Join for an Arabian Night! Disney’s Aladdin JR. is based on the 1992 Academy Award®-winning film and the 2014 hit Broadway show about the “diamond in the rough” street rat who learns that his true worth lies deep within. More information is available at <https://shorturl.at/SoTAg>.

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 \$16/members, \$20/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/ds9fZ>.

Aladdin Jr. the Musical
1 & 4 PM at Saxe Intermediate
Join for an Arabian Night! Disney’s Aladdin JR. is based on the 1992 Academy Award®-winning film and the 2014 hit Broadway show about the “diamond in the rough” street rat who learns that his true worth lies deep within. More information is available at <https://shorturl.at/SoTAg>.

Opening Reception: Fairfield County Student Social Justice Art Showcase
1-3 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
This art showcase celebrates how art, design, and architecture can shine a light on social justice issues. Students of all ages from any Fairfield County town will share their art and the stories behind their art. Free.

Grateful Dead Night, with ‘Take A Step Back’
7 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Join an evening of live music featuring uplifting rhythms, unique song forms, organic harmonic progressions and the gorgeous and often cryptic storytelling in the lyrics that connects the listener to the inner fabric of the universe and the spiritual elements of humanity. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/grateful-dead-night/>.

New Canaan Community Foundation Fall Fête
7:30-10:30 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
Celebrate the work of the New Canaan Community Foundation with an evening of live music, delicious food and drinks, and opportunities for giving. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Foundation’s grantees in New Canaan and our neighboring towns. Tickets are available at <https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/fallevent2025>.

November 9

Treetops Chamber Music: American String Quartet at the Carriage Barn
4 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Internationally recognized as one of the world’s finest quartets, the American String Quartet has spent decades honing the luxurious sound for which it is famous. The program will include Beethoven Opus 95, Shostakovich 8, and Dvorak “American”. Tickets are available at <https://www.treetopscms.org>.

November 10

Sit and Stitch with Aggie
2 PM at the Lapham Center
Learn tips on the best ways to embellish your project and how to use decorative stitches. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

November 11

Crafty Tuesdays
9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
This group works on a variety of crafts, including Landmark Ornaments, to be sold to benefit local charities. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Indian Cooking with Nita | Butter Chicken & Indian Classics
11 AM at the Lapham Center
A flavorful and fun cooking class where you’ll learn to create one of India’s most beloved dishes, Gain practical cooking skills, a better understanding of Indian spices, and the confidence to recreate this delicious meal at home. In this hands-on class, you’ll learn how to cook butter chicken, make peas pulao, and more. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

November 12

Fall Early Morning Walks with Frank Gallo
8:30 AM at the New Canaan Nature Center
Meet Senior Naturalist and expert birder, Frank Gallo, for bird walks around the Nature Center's Grounds. You'll be keeping track of the birds you see as they generate a database and new bird list for NCNC and Bristow. Bring binoculars! More information and registration is available at <https://newcanaannature.org/adult-birding/>.

Drop in Holiday Calligraphy Series
12-2 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Get holiday-ready with a festive, hands-on calligraphy course designed for adults of all levels. You can join the full series (November 12, 19, December 3 & 10) or drop in for individual sessions. More information is available at <https://carriagebarn.org/holiday-calligraphy-series/>.

Thanksgiving Lunch at Lapham
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 spot.

Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinic
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center
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 information, call (203) 594-3620.

Rummikub Open Play
2 PM at the Lapham Center
Stop by for a few rounds of Rummikub, an engaging and social game.

November 13

Fall Early Morning Walks with Frank Gallo
8:30 AM at Bristow Sanctuary
Meet Senior Naturalist and expert birder, Frank Gallo, for bird walks around the Nature Center's Grounds. You'll be keeping track of the birds you see as they generate a database and new bird list for NCNC and Bristow. Meet at the concession stand across from the ball fields at Mead Park. More information and registration is available at <https://newcanaannature.org/adult-birding/>.

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.

Shop for a Cause at Claudette
6-8 PM at Claudette, 106 Main Street
Join for a charity shopping event for Family & Children’s Agency. Receive 10% off and 15% of ALL sales will be donated to Family & Children. Wine and lite bites will be served.

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Be Aligned | Human Design Workshop with Brianne Cuttler
6:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
This three-part Human Design workshop series guides you through a journey of self-discovery, release, and renewal, in alignment with the natural rhythms of the seasons. Each two-hour session builds upon the last to create a powerful transformation. Registration for session one is \$30/ member and \$35/non-member. Two additional sessions will be scheduled for January and April 2026. Register at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/be-aligned-workshop/>.

November 14
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.

Bluegrass Bash Fall Fundraiser
6:30-9 PM at the Waveny Carriage Barn
Join New Canaan Young Life for a night of live bluegrass music, curtesy of Michael-Lewis Smith & the Bluegrass Ramblers, local pours & southern-inspired cuisine. Tickets are \$75/person and available at <https://shorturl.at/sRKpY>.

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 17
Sit and Stitch with Aggie
2 PM at the Lapham Center
Learn tips on the best ways to embellish your project and how to use decorative stitches. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

November 19
Drop in Holiday Calligraphy Series
12-2 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Get holiday-ready with a festive, hands-on calligraphy course designed for adults of all levels. You can join the full series (November 12, 19, December 3 & 10) or drop in for individual sessions. More information is available at <https://carriagebarn.org/holiday-calligraphy-series/>.

Rummikub Open Play
2 PM at the Lapham Center
Stop by for a few rounds of Rummikub, an engaging and social game.

Fall Flowers & Wine
6:30-8 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Learn to create a stunning fall floral arrangement, while tasting and learning about exquisite wines. Tickets are available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/fall-flowers-wine/>.

Developing Independence and Confidence in Our Kids
7 PM in the Saxe Auditorium
Lenore will share her powerful message about why fostering independence is essential for childhood

growth and resilience. Skenazy will provide parents with insights and strategies to help children build confidence, self-reliance, and resilience in today's world. This event is free and open to the public.

November 20
Fall Floral Arranging Workshop with Juliet Howe
11 AM- 1 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center
Learn how you can create a one of a kind arrangement to display in your home. Juliet will also show you little tricks to make your arrangement last through the holiday. Feel free to bring your lunch and drinks will be provided. Tickets are \$90 (includes all materials required for class) and available at <https://shorturl.at/JJLFN>.

Life Reimagined
1 PM at the Lapham Center
Hosts Marcy Rand and Purposeful living promotes happiness, longevity, a healthier heart and reduces the risk of Alzheimer's and other diseases. Robin Rockafellow will lead an informal and friendly group discussion and explore our interests, abilities, knowledge, and activities in connection with the community around us. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Legally Blonde the Musical
7 PM 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 21
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.

Blossom Hill Holiday Bazaar
5:30-9 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
This festive evening brings together the community for an evening of holiday shopping, seasonal refreshments, cocktails, and live music—all in support of Blossom Hill's work providing education to displaced and at-risk children around the world. Tickets are \$50 and available at <https://blossomhill-foundation.org/bazaar>.

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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.

Legally Blonde the Musical
2 & 7 PM 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 23
Drop in Holiday Calligraphy Series
4-6 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Get holiday-ready with a festive, hands-on calligraphy course designed for adults of all levels. You can join the full series (November 23, 30, December 7 & 14) or drop in for individual sessions. More information is available at <https://carriagebarn.org/holiday-calligraphy-series/>.

November 24
Sit and Stitch with Aggie
2 PM at the Lapham Center
Learn tips on the best ways to embellish your project and how to use decorative stitches. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

November 28
THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
8:30 AM at the Lapham Center

November 29
Classical Piano Holiday Concert
7 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Join a special evening of holiday and classical music. Pianist Joe Bush returns for an evening featuring Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Rachmaninoff and holiday tunes. Tickets are \$35/adults and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/joe-bush-holiday/>.

November 30
Drop in Holiday Calligraphy Series
4-6 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Get holiday-ready with a festive, hands-on calligraphy course designed for adults of all levels. You can join the full series (November 23, 30, December 7 & 14) or drop in for individual sessions. More information is available at <https://carriagebarn.org/holiday-calligraphy-series/>.

SAVE THE DATE
December 3
Drop in Holiday Calligraphy Series
12-2 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Get holiday-ready with a festive, hands-on calligraphy course designed for adults of all levels. You can join the full series (November 12, 19, December 3 & 10) or drop in for individual sessions. More information is available at <https://carriagebarn.org/holiday-calligraphy-series/>.

December 4
Clever and Crafty Workshops | Gingerbread Houses
1 PM at the Lapham Center
Learn new skills while creating beautiful, handmade gingerbread houses with Tricia from Clever and Crafty. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Opening Night of Charlotte's Web
7 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
The Children's Literature Association named Charlotte's Web "the best American children's book of the past 200 years". Joseph

Robinette, working with the advice of E.B. White, has created a play that captures this work in a thrilling and utterly practical theatrical presentation. This is a beautiful, knowing play about friendship. Tickets are available at <https://tpnc.org>.

Holiday Live Wreath Decorating Workshop
7-9 PM at the New Canaan Nature Center
Join for a festive evening of wreath decorating! A live balsom wreath will be provided to create a unique, one-of-a-kind holiday treasure, using a delightful array of nature's bounty. Tickets are \$90 (includes all materials required for class) and available at <https://shorturl.at/YuF0D>.

December 5
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.

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 7
Drop in Holiday Calligraphy Series
4-6 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Get holiday-ready with a festive, hands-on calligraphy course designed for adults of all levels. You can join the full series (November 23, 30, December 7 & 14) or drop in for individual sessions. More information is available at <https://carriagebarn.org/holiday-calligraphy-series/>.

December 10
Drop in Holiday Calligraphy Series
12-2 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Get holiday-ready with a festive, hands-on calligraphy course designed for adults of all levels. You can join the full series (November 12, 19, December 3 & 10) or drop in for individual sessions. More information is available at <https://carriagebarn.org/holiday-calligraphy-series/>.

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

December 11
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.

December 12-14
The New England Academy of Dance Presents the Nutcracker Ballet
Show times vary at the New Canaan High School Auditorium
Attend the New England Academy of Dance's Nutcracker Ballet, featuring the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are available at NEADance.com.

April 17, 2026
Breeches & Bowties Spring Gala
Time to be announced at the Wee Burn Country Club
Join the New Canaan Mounted Troup at their 2026 Spring Gala with guest speaker Drew Doggett. Tickets will be available at <https://newcanaanmountedtroup.org>.

BLOOD DRIVES
Saturday, Nov. 1

St. Philip's Church
25 France Street
Norwalk, CT 06851
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
1 West Putnam Ave
Greenwich, CT 06830
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Tuesday, November 4

Saint Mark's Church
111 Oenoke Ridge Road
New Canaan, CT 06840
1:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Stamford Hospital
1 Hospital Plaza
Stamford, CT 06902
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

Wed., November 5

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

Thursday, Nov. 6

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

Support Services & Meetings

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.

November 5
Recovering from Tech Addiction
11 AM at the Lapham Center
Join for a Zoom session with John Markette, LPC and Michael Shelby, LPC who will dicuss pathways to recovery from tech addiction and disorders. Register at <https://shorturl.at/YnlVG>.

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

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

AA Meeting-Laundry and

Dry Cleaning Group
Saturdays at 10:30 AM
First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Neighbors

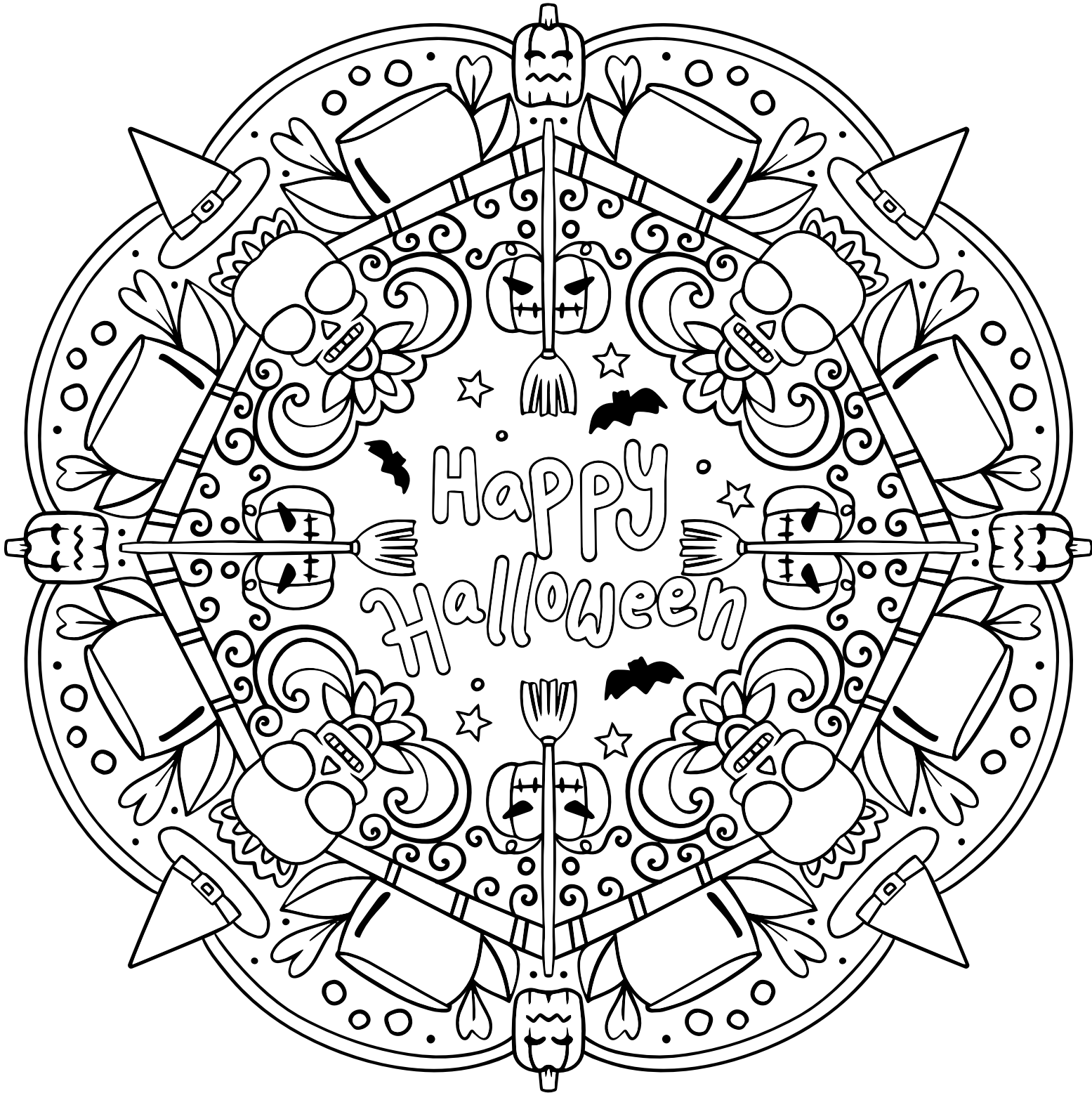
November 7
Domestic Violence Crisis Center's 9th Annual Harvest Fest
6:15-11 PM at the Shorehaven Golf Club, Norwalk
This year's theme is "Denim & Diamonds". Join for an unforgettable evening of celebration and impact. DVCC's Harvest Fest aims to create a memorable experience filled with joy, unity, and a shared commitment to breaking the cycle of violence. Tickets are available at <https://shorturl.at/xNNTW>.

November 8
6th Annual Silver Shield Foundation Walk
10 AM at Tod's Point Park, Old Greenwich
Join this 2.5-mile walk followed by an outdoor reception. Proceeds from this event will support Silver Shield Foundation's mission to provide educational support and services to the children and surviving spouses of Police Officers, Firefighters, and EMS members killed in the line of duty. Register at <https://www.silvershieldfoundation.org/greenwich-walk>.

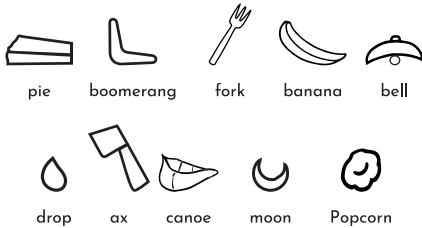


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The Sleepy Little Witch and the Cat by the Fire

In a cottage of cobblestone cozy and small,
Lived Witch Hazel Hubble, the kindest of all.
Her hat flopped and drooped, her shoes squeaked on the floor,
And her broom leaned politely beside the front door.

She'd mixed up her potions from sunset till noon,
She'd polished her cauldron and dusted the moon.
She'd brewed up some tea (with a whisper of fog),
Then yawned with her cat, who was known as Sir Pog.

"Oh Pog," Hazel sighed, "what a day we have had!
We conjured a pumpkin, we frightened a tad.
We stirred and we whirled till the cauldron went pop!
Then danced with some ghosts till they told us to stop!"

The kettle went "whistle!" the fire went "crack!"
And the cat curled up tight with his tail on his back.
Hazel nodded and mumbled, "No trouble, no fright...
Just dreams full of broomsticks and stars shining bright."

But the cottage was crowded with curious things—
A bell and a banana with magical wings,
A fork that went walking, a pie on the shelf,
A canoe in the corner (it paddled itself!).

Sir Pog twitched his whiskers, his ears gave a wiggle—
The broom gave a whoosh! and the kettle a giggle!
The witch, half-asleep, didn't open her eyes,
Just smiled at the mischief and murmured, "Surprise."

For every odd sound and each flicker of light
Belonged to her cottage, so cozy and right.

So if you walk by on a Halloween night,
And see her small window all glowing with light—
Tiptoe and listen—you'll probably hear,
A witch and her cat softly snoring in cheer.
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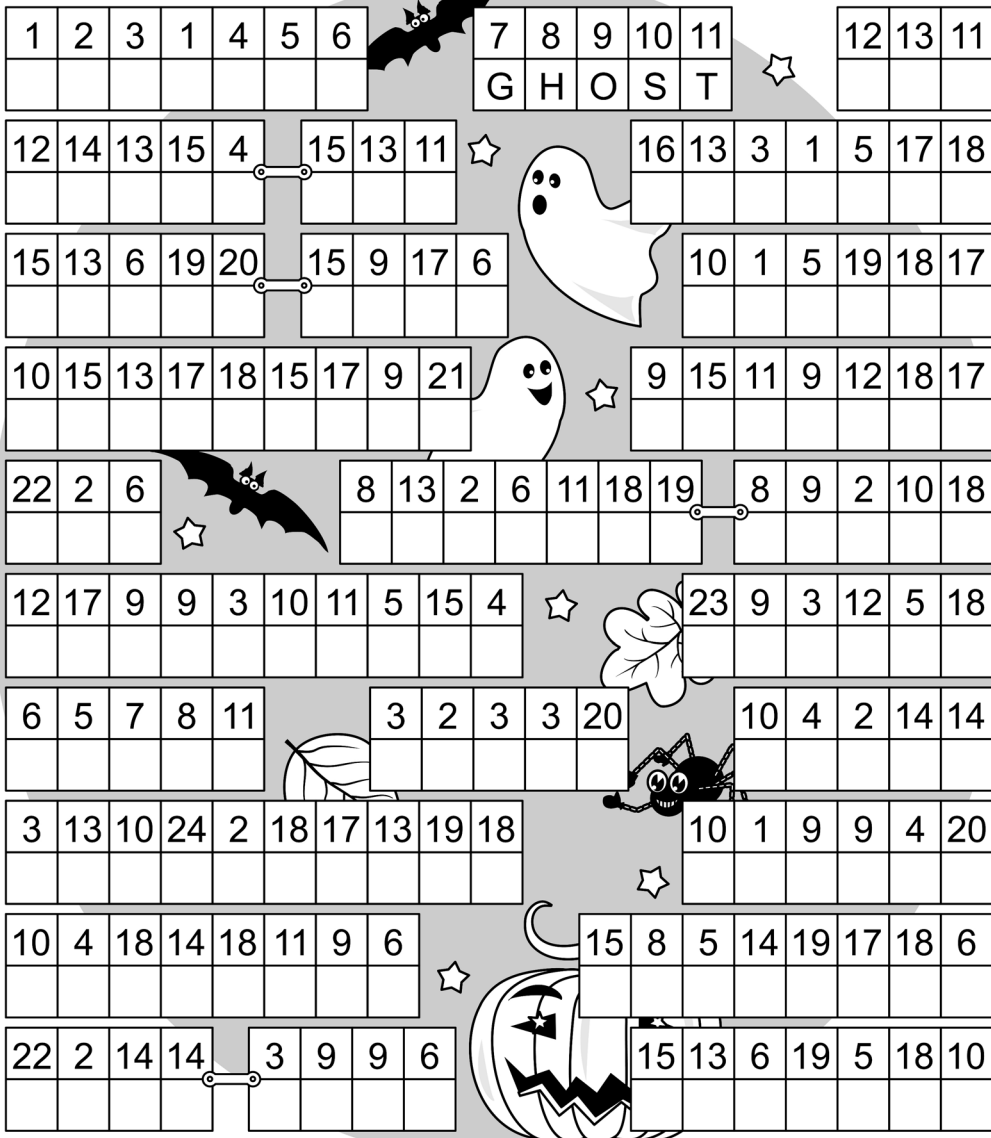
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THE J HOUSE
GREENWICH

TUESDAY | 11 | NOVEMBER

HOLIDAY

Sip & Shop

Tickets are \$15.00 per person on Eventbrite and includes one glass of wine & passed hors d'oeuvres.

A portion of our proceeds will be donated to the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital.

Join us from 5-8pm in The J Gallery at The J House Greenwich for an evening dedicated to community vendors, local artists and the Holiday Spirit!

Find the latest and greatest gifts for your loved ones from the collections of The Bruce Museum Gift Shop, Phoenix Crafts & Art, Carolyn Mackenzie Bags, Gems by Christine & Cocoon Gallery.

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Bryn Craven is a Greenwich, CT based American artist known for her distinctive style, combining vintage elements with vibrant colors and distressed aesthetic. Having studied pattern design at Syracuse University, Bryn honed her skills and later applied them in her career as a graphic designer in New York City.