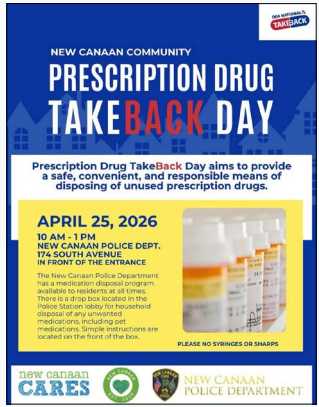


LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING

POLICE & FIRE

Prescription Drug Take Back Day



The New Canaan Police Department will collect expired or unused prescription medications on April 25 from 10 am to 1 pm at its front entrance. Syringes and sharps are not accepted. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.

TOWN HALL

Town Council to Review Budget

The New Canaan Town Council will meet April 14 at 7 pm in the Town Hall to review the proposed 2026-27 budget. The document is available online at <https://www.newcanaan.info/> under budget documents on the home page.

AROUND TOWN

Buses to Replace Weekend Trains

Metro-North will replace New Canaan Line trains with buses on several weekends from April 10 through June 7, with all weekend service and some late Friday trains affected. Buses will connect to New Haven Line trains at Stamford and may depart up to 30 minutes earlier than usual train times. The changes are due to maintenance upgrades in Stamford, with trains running on a Sunday schedule over Memorial Day weekend.

Fairfield Prep Investigates Antisemitic Posts Targeting New Canaan Hockey Team

Fairfield College Preparatory School is investigating antisemitic social media posts made by students ahead of last month's CIAC Division I hockey championship against New Canaan High School.

In a letter to families, school President Christian J. Cashman and Principal Timothy Dee said the language was posted by a small number of students and condemned the behavior as inconsistent with the school's values.

School spokesperson Lauren Castagnola said Fairfield Prep could not comment on specific

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Your Charter Your Survey

The Charter Commission has opened a public questionnaire, and residents should take the time to complete it.

The survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8QXBNNK>

Grace Farms' Design for Freedom Summit Advances a More Ethical Built Environment



Industry leaders convene at Grace Farms to advance a more ethical built environment. See story on page 3.

Gridiron Readies for Bob Doran and Bob Doran Readies for the Gridiron

BY PETER BARHYDT

For more than 20 years, Bob Doran stood at the center of the Gridiron Dinner stage, guiding audiences through the laughs, the music and the carefully crafted chaos.

This April, he'll finally be on the receiving end.

"Trepidatious," Doran said, summing up his mindset in a single word. "I am

certainly looking forward to sharing the evening with friends and the community. But having been the MC for 20 years, I know what it's like to be up and what we do to and for the fall guy or gal. And now that I am on the payback side of that, I am somewhat trepidatious."

The Gridiron Club of New Canaan will honor Doran at its 64th annual Gridiron Dinner on April 23 and 24 at the

Country Club of New Canaan, continuing a decadeslong tradition that blends satire, theater and philanthropy into what one organizer calls the town's ultimate tribute.

"It is by far the largest Valentine that New Canaan can give to one of its residents," said director and first-time master of ceremonies Eric Thunem.

A show built on tradition – and trust

For Thunem, who now steps into the emcee role long held by Doran, the challenge is both logistical and symbolic.

"That's big shoes to fill right there," he said. "And I had a little rehearsal with Bob on how to run the machine and how to do things. He said, 'I'll do just fine.' So, I have his confidence."

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Charter Revision Commission Advances Term Limits, Keeps Selectmen Board at Three

BY PETER BARHYDT

Debate over governance structure yields key votes on board sizes, term limits and appointment procedures

The Charter Revision Commission (CRC) moved forward this week with a series of decisions that could reshape how New Canaan's boards and commissions operate, including adopting term limits and reaffirming the current structure of the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting, marked by extended deliberation and procedural votes, reflected a broader effort to balance continuity in governance with calls for increased accountability and transparency.

Among the most consequential outcomes was a vote to impose term limits on appointed boards and commissions. After discussion and amendment, the CRC approved a 12-year consecutive service limit. The motion

passed by a 6-4 vote.

CRC members expressed differing views on whether such limits were necessary. Some argued that long tenure can limit opportunities for new participation, while others warned that forced turnover could diminish institutional knowledge.

"I think it is important to build expertise, particularly on land use," one member said during discussion, noting concerns about losing experienced voices in complex areas like Planning & Zoning. Others framed the issue differently, emphasizing governance over continuity. One commissioner argued that term limits would "provide some clarity" and "simplify the issue," while another said the change would create "more movement in these groups" and open opportunities for broader participation.

The CRC agreed that members

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Selectmen Approve Infrastructure, Safety Projects at April 7 Meeting

BY SENTINEL STAFF

The New Canaan Board of Selectmen approved a series of infrastructure, safety and maintenance items during its April 7 meeting at Town Hall.

Among the items approved was a contract for improvements to a fuel tank at the Parks Department garage. The Selectmen approved \$10,780 for the installation of bollards and a concrete pad. Superintendent of Buildings at the Department of Public Works Bill Oestmann said the project is part of ongoing work tied to previously approved budgets.

"This fuel tank's a little different than the normal ones," Oestmann said. "The fuel dispensers are actually mounted to the tank themselves."

He said the project will include a concrete pad designed to contain any fuel drips as part of the town's environmental plan.

The Selectmen also approved \$17,600 for safety upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant following a recent Occupational Safety and Health

Administration (OSHA) inspection. The project includes installing guards around pump shafts.

Oestmann said the exposed shafts were identified as a potential safety hazard.

"Because this exposed shaft, it should be covered," he said.

He continued, noting that OSHA inspections typically occur every five to seven years, and that the town addressed several issues during the inspection process.

The Selectmen approved \$38,510 for a new fire alarm system at Waveny House. Oestmann said the upgrade was required after the state determined the building's lift should be classified as an elevator, triggering additional code requirements.

The new system will integrate with the elevator and automatically direct it away from the source of a fire.

"If a smoke detector or a fire alarm is triggered ... the elevator automatically goes to the second floor and stays up there and opens and vice versa," Oestmann said.

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Kintsukuroi

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Kintsukuroi is a type of Japanese porcelain considered more valuable than a perfect, never-broken piece of porcelain because of the gold or silver used to mend it. Our own lives are much like Kintsukuroi. By the time we reach adulthood, everyone has experienced breaking and mending. None of us is "never broken."

Do we perceive the breaking and mending process as one that makes us more valuable or one that devalues us? Do we look at the pieces of our lives and see their artistic potential or just a pile of pieces? Veins of pain and the dark colors of our lives may add texture and beauty depending upon how we tell our stories. Sometimes we become part of the silver and



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

gold that helps others' mend their lives. Becoming kintsukuroi is something to celebrate.

Matt would have preferred to not have been an alcoholic for nine years. It caused pain to him and to those he loved. On the other hand, now that he has been sober for a decade, it is because of his mended brokenness that he is approachable. He volunteers at a rehabilitation center for addicts. There is nothing in another person's life that shocks him. Matt would not trade his gold scars for anything.

Frédéric Blanc, master organist, returns from Paris to St. Mark's, New Canaan on April 18

The Friends of Music at St. Mark's New Canaan will present renowned international concert organist Frédéric Blanc in recital on Saturday, April 18, at 5 pm in the church. The concert, a tribute to Maurice Duruflé in the 40th year since his death, features the music of Duruflé, Tournemire, Franck, Gruenewald, Vierne, and improvisations.

After discovering music by improvising at the piano and organ at a very young age, Monsieur Blanc began formal studies at the Conservatories of Toulouse and Bordeaux. He continued perfecting his art with notable French organists

André Fleury, Marie-Claire Alain, and Marie-Madeleine Duruflé, of whom he became a devoted disciple.

Winner of several international competitions (the Grand Prix de Chartres, second prize, 1996 ; and the Grand Prize of the Paris International Organ Competition, 1997), he now has a busy career as an international concert artist, playing recitals as solo artist or with orchestra. In parallel he participates in or leads radio broadcasts, conferences and master classes throughout Europe (most recently at the Royal Academy of Music, London) and the United

States on the subjects of French music and the art of improvisation.

Frédéric Blanc is a member of the Organ Commission for the City of Paris, and a member of the Organ Commission for the French Ministry of Culture. He has recorded for the Motette, EMI, Aeolus, and Baroque Notes labels, specializing in the French organ school as well as the French art of improvisation. He serves as titular organist of the great Cavallé-Coll organ of the Church of Notre-Dame d'Auteuil, Paris.

Below are highlights of a recent interview with

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disciplinary actions due to student privacy laws but emphasized the school's commitment to maintaining a respectful and inclusive environment.

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No address number	Sunday & Wednesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight

Aquarion has implemented its 2026 mandatory irrigation schedule through October 31, limiting sprinkler use to two days per week. The program is designed to reduce water use and protect essential supply, especially as automatic systems tend to use more water. Alternative watering methods are allowed, and some properties may qualify for exceptions. More information can be found at <https://www.aquarionwater.com/conservation/irrigation/ct-irrigation-faqs>. Photo credit: Aquarion Water Company.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Ghorbel Spoke to Rotary Club



Recently, the New Canaan Rotary Club welcomed new member Myriam Ghorbel as a speaker, where she discussed her work in the travel industry and her focus on customized travel experiences. She also shared a sample itinerary featuring historical sites in Tunisia, Sicily, and Italy. Photo credit: New Canaan Rotary Club. Pictured L-R: Keith Simpson and Myriam Ghorbel.

Rummily Spoke to Rotary Club

Bonnie Rummily recently spoke to the New Canaan Rotary Club about her work and the Fairfield County Trauma Response Team,

which was created after a 2011 fire in Stamford. The organization provides trauma support to first responders and others, with demand increasing after events such as Sandy Hook and COVID-19. It now includes 36 volunteer therapists and serves part of the state, with plans to expand.

New Guinea Pigs at NCNC



The New Canaan Nature Center has welcomed two guinea pigs, Mirabel and Louisa, to the Tree Room. Photo credit: New Canaan Nature Center.

ACROSS CT

Wegmans Rice Recall

Wegmans is recalling certain two-pound bags of Lundberg Organic Jasmine White Rice due to possible foreign material. Affected products can be identified by specific UPC, lot codes, and February 2027 best-by dates. Specific information regarding the recall can be found at <https://www.wegmans.com/news-media/product-recalls/lundberg-organic-jasmine-white-rice-2lb->

Corolla Cross Hybrid Recall

Toyota is recalling more than 73,000 Corolla Cross Hybrid vehicles from model years 2023-2025 because the pedestrian warning sound does not meet federal safety standards. Dealers will correct the issue with a free software update and owners are expected to be notified by mail. For more information, contact Toyota at 1-800-331-4331.

SCHOOLS

South School Project



Recently, South School first graders completed a design project to create an indoor recess activity for kindergarten students. Students worked together to develop a mini basketball game through testing and revision. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools.

SLS STEM Night



St. Luke's School recently held a Middle School Family STEM Night featuring its math, science, designLab, and computer science programs, with faculty and students leading interactive stations. Families participated in activities including 3D printing, physics builds, and coding. Photo credit: St. Luke's School.

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Grace Farms' Design for Freedom Summit Advances a More Ethical Built Environment

Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder of Grace Farms, said, "Five years ago, we asked a simple but urgent question: what if the buildings we design and inhabit were built with the full dignity of every person who harvests, mines, and processes the materials that make them possible? Today, that question is a global movement. This is our moment. The construction industry is now positioned to become a global leader in supply chain transparency and human rights."



Sharon Prince opens the Design for Freedom Summit

The Design for Freedom movement reached a new milestone yesterday as Grace Farms hosted its fifth annual Design for Freedom Summit, convening leaders from architecture, construction, technology, manufacturing, academia, and government to advance the global push toward a more ethical built environment. The day-long summit brought together voices from across sectors to tackle some of the built environment's most pressing challenges, including U.S. foreign policy and how it can be used to help end forced labor, ethical sourcing for data centers, material circularity in construction, the narratives of monuments in underrepresented communities, and ethical decarbonization.

Reflecting the movement's growing reach, Grace Farms announced four new Design for Freedom Pilot Projects, including two international projects. More than 550 leaders attended this year's Summit, as well as students from 21 colleges and universities nationally.

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The Summit began with a welcome address from Sharon Prince, who then joined Ambassador (ret.) Cindy Dyer to discuss the impact of U.S. foreign policy on forced and child labor.

The panel on Ethical

Sourcing and Circular Construction in Datacenters was moderated by Grace Farms' Ethical Materials Director Nora Rizzo and featured Miranda Gardiner, Executive Director at iMasons Climate Accord; Dave Wildman, Global Head of Data Centers of Infrastructure & Workplace Sustainability at Bloomberg; and Noah Goldstein, Sustainable Construction Lead - Data Centers, Google. The panel addressed the challenge of reconciling AI and digital infrastructure growth with responsible sourcing practices.

Grace Farms Founding Creative Director Chelsea Thatcher and curator of With Every Fiber, the Design for Freedom exhibit at Grace Farms, moderated a discussion with artists whose commissioned work is featured in the newest iteration of the long-term exhibit, including artist and Ohio University professor John Sabraw, Studio Cooke John Principal Nina Cooke John, and Webb Yates Engineers Director Steve Webb. The panel explored innovations in pigment, stone, and glass and how advances in these materials open possibilities for more ethical and sustainable sourcing.

Chelsea Thatcher said, "With Every Fiber is the first and only permanent exhibition dedicated to Design for Freedom. It is a space curated for presence and attention, where materials rotate to reflect both urgent challenges in the building materials supply chain and innovations advancing more ethical, sustainable practices. The exhibition has expanded from a focus on timber, textiles, and concrete into pigments, glass, and stone, deepening a dialogue around circularity, reuse, and the intersection of ethics and innovation."

At the Summit, new Pilot Projects were announced. Each

year, Grace Farms selects and works closely with a small number of projects designed by leading architects to develop innovative research and advance responsible sourcing. There are now more than a dozen Pilot Projects across four continents.

The newly announced projects are:

National Juneteenth Museum (Fort Worth, TX)

The National Juneteenth Museum will be the epicenter for the education, preservation and celebration of Juneteenth nationally and globally, hosting exhibitions, discussions, and events about the significance of African American freedom. The new building is designed by Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG), Allgood Song Architecture and architect-of-record KAI Enterprises.

Bloomberg Park Avenue Office Expansion (New York, New York)

Designed by Fogarty Finger and with Socotec as sustainability and advisory partner, the expansion of the company's Park Avenue Office will create a healthful and inspiring space for Bloomberg employees to gather and collaborate. It demonstrates how Pilot Projects translate principles of integrity into practice, delivering real value in the workplace while illuminating the potential to scale this work across Bloomberg's broader real estate and property management portfolio.

National accessArts Centre (Calgary, Canada)

The National accessArts Centre is Canada's oldest and largest disability-arts

organization, supporting a growing community of more than 400 artists through training, creation, and exhibition opportunities across multiple disciplines. Their new pavilion, the Multidisciplinary Disability Community Arts Hub, will be a home for the performing arts that approaches disability arts as a central force in cultural life. This zero-carbon building is designed for rehearsal and incubation, with public-facing spaces that bring the neighborhood into the campus, and the campus into civic life. The project is designed by DIALOG.

Médano by Viñoly (Montevideo, Uruguay)

Médano by Viñoly is

a sustainable beachfront residential development designed by Rafael Viñoly Architects. Positioned behind coastal dunes, its elongated, sinuous form follows the natural topography, preserving the character of the coastline while minimizing its visual presence and framing views of the Atlantic Ocean and a northern lagoon. Stretching 425 meters along the shoreline, the low-lying "landscaper" comprises approximately 120 terraced residences. Conceived as a Nearly Zero-Energy development, the project integrates passive design strategies, renewable energy systems, and generous indoor-outdoor living. This is the first Pilot Project in the residential market and in South America.

Sharon Prince concluded the day by looking ahead to what is next for Design for Freedom, saying, "As we look ahead to the next five years, our race to Design for Freedom will meet the technology race head on. We aim to upend AI right where we have the ability to do so. AI cannot flourish without the datacenters, the servers, the infrastructure we are building. So, when miles of deep foundation piles and millions of pounds of structural steel are specified and procured, we are advocating for pressure points to be clear. We must build without using the slavery discount, without exploitation built into the next generation of AI or the next generation of workers."



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GetAbout Helps Waveny Care Employees During Construction

GetAbout and Waveny LifeCare Network Deepen Strategic Partnership to Support Campus Expansion

Waveny LifeCare Network has officially commenced a major expansion project at its main campus at 3 Farm Road in New Canaan. The initiative will add thirty (30) private short-term rehabilitation rooms, expanded common spaces, and a range of campus enhancements designed to meet the growing needs of the community. Construction is expected to take approximately two years.

A critical component of ensuring a seamless experience for patients, families, and visitors during this period is a thoughtfully coordinated transportation strategy developed and implemented by GetAbout. Together, the two organizations have collaborated on a solution that prioritizes access, safety, and continuity of service.

Through this partnership, employee parking will be temporarily relocated offsite to preserve convenient on-campus access for visitors and guests. GetAbout will provide dedicated morning and evening shuttle service to transport more than 125 Waveny employees each weekday between satellite parking locations and the campus—all without disrupting its existing services to the broader New Canaan community.

This collaboration builds on an already deeply integrated relationship between the two organizations. GetAbout vehicles are a familiar presence on Waveny's campus, supporting the daily transport of Meals on



“It is through partnerships like this that nonprofit organizations truly amplify their impact”



Wheels prepared in Waveny's kitchen and providing rides for residents and community members throughout New Canaan. Annually GetAbout delivers more than 4,000 meals and provides about 10,000 rides to New Canaan

residents—demonstrating a commitment to service, dignity, and connection.

Bill Post, President of GetAbout, said, “GetAbout is thrilled to be able to support another important New Canaan non-profit as it expands its capacity to serve our community. This enhances our close relationship with Waveny LifeCare Network; our vans are already on their campuses daily picking up meals prepared in the Waveny kitchen for Meals on Wheels and carrying passengers from the Care Center and New Canaan Inn.”

“It is through partnerships like this that nonprofit organizations truly amplify their impact,” said Russ Barksdale, President and CEO of Waveny LifeCare Network. “GetAbout has long been an essential connector in New Canaan—addressing transportation needs, reducing social isolation, and enabling access to care and services. This collaboration reflects not just logistical coordination, but a shared commitment to supporting individuals and families with compassion and excellence. We are deeply grateful for their partnership.”

Together, Waveny and GetAbout are demonstrating how mission-driven organizations can work in concert to solve complex operational challenges while strengthening the fabric of the community they serve.

More information about GetAbout can be found at <https://getaboutnc.org>.

More information about Waveny LifeCare Network can be found at <https://www.waveny.org>.

Tucker Murphy On Town's Plans For National Anniversary

The New Canaan Men's Club will learn about the town's plans to join the celebration of America250 from Tucker Murphy, the town's administrative officer, at its upcoming meeting April 10 in Morrill Hall at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge.

Murphy has an extensive history serving the town in a variety of roles. She took on the post of town administrative officer in 2020 after serving as executive director of the town's Chamber of Commerce for 11 years. She has also served as a member of the Town Council.

The club's meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with Murphy expected to begin her remarks around 10:40 a.m., after the club's business session.

Aside from reporting on upcoming town activities, Murphy is expected to describe the plans being formulated to join the celebration highlighting the

town's history, civic leadership and community spirit in events linked to the national commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Events leading up to the celebration are already taking place with this week's presentation by art collector Tom Davies on art history described as “not your high school history class,” followed a week later with a talk by Keith Simpson on New Canaan's history and evolution from its 18th century rural roots to a suburban hub close to New York City. Music programs, a performance of “What the Constitution Means to Me,” starring Tony Nominee Kate Baldwin and tours of historic locations will culminate with a parade in town on June 27.

The Men's Club has openings for new members, men 55-years old and above. For information, email ncmens@ncmens.org.

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Reminding Us Who We Are

Last week's paper arrived under circumstances that might have excused something less. Instead, it offered something more.

It is only in retrospect, with a bit of distance, that one can properly read it—not as a publisher racing a deadline, but as a reader encountering a community. And what emerged was not strain, not the difficulty behind the scenes, but something steady, recognizable, and deeply affirming.

The paper read like New Canaan.

It read with humor. Carl Franco captured the season with a light touch and a knowing tone, guiding readers through spring's pleasures and closing with the simple, cheerful assurance that "you'll soon be hopping happily down the bunny trail."

That is not just writing—it is voice, and it is local.

It read with practicality. John Kriz met the familiar Easter question head-on—how, exactly, to cook the lamb—and answered it with clarity and confidence. "Fear not. Read on," he writes, before walking readers through the process step by step.

It is generous writing, grounded in experience and offered in good faith.

"A town speaks most clearly in the voices it trusts."

It read with conviction. Scott Herr reminded readers that Easter is not passive, but active—that "Easter's new life is about pursuing what is good, true and beautiful."

His words placed the season in its proper frame: not distant, but immediate; not abstract, but lived.

It read with engagement. The leaf blower debate, carried in letters to the editor, showed a town willing to wrestle with its own questions. Residents wrote with specificity and purpose, arguing about noise, health, and the balance between business and community.

This is civic life functioning as it should—public, participatory, and grounded in shared space.

It read with awareness. Coverage of First Selectman Dionna Carlson's engagement with the community at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast, one of many such engagements she shows up for each week, reflected a leader in motion—present, responsive, and deeply communicative.

In a town undergoing transition, that visibility matters.

It read with memory. The recognition of South School's 75th anniversary offered a quiet reminder of continuity—of institutions that shape lives over generations and remain, in the simplest terms, "a cornerstone of the community."

And then there was John Engel's column.

Not for its argument alone, but for its craft. Its rhythm. Its return to a classroom, to a teacher, to a moment that carried forward. Its lesson was clear, but it was the way it was told—rooted in this small town, anchored in its memory—that gave it force. It is the kind of piece that lingers not because it insists, but because it remembers.

But a newspaper is never only its most visible voices. It is also the steady work across every page—the careful reporting from Town Hall, the coverage of Planning & Zoning, budgets, and public hearings, the summaries that ensure residents understand what decisions are being made and why. It is the briefs, the school stories, the notices, the features that together form a complete record.

And for the *Sentinel*, there is another responsibility carried with equal care: the telling of lives. The stories of those we have lost are not simply notices. They are remembrances. They ensure that a life is not reduced to a date, but recognized in full measure.

There is a tendency to think of a newspaper as a collection of parts—articles, columns, sections, calendars. But in weeks like this, something else becomes visible.

It reflects a place where people write because they care about the place itself. Where readers recognize voices. Where the distance between writer and audience is measured not in miles, but in familiarity.

Joseph Addison once wrote that "reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." That is true as far as it goes. But local reading—reading about one's own town—does something more. It binds. It affirms. It reminds.

Last week's paper did all of that.

It reminded us that New Canaan is thoughtful without being self-serious. Engaged without being frantic. Rooted without being static. It reminded us that humor, faith, argument, leadership, and memory all have their place—and that a good newspaper makes room for each.

Most of all, it reminded us that the strength of a community is found in its voices. The ones that explain, that question, that celebrate, that guide—and the many others who, week after week, do the quieter work of documenting, honoring, and sustaining civic life.

We are fortunate to have them.

And we are fortunate, still, to gather them each week into something that feels, unmistakably, like home.

Editorial Page

Let Connecticut Offer Opportunity at Home



Connecticut has a rare opportunity before it. The question is straightforward: Will we allow new investment in our students to stay here at home, or will we watch it flow to other states?

Last year, the federal government created a tax credit to encourage private donations to nonprofit organizations that support K-12 students from low-income families. These funds can be used for scholarships for students seeking alternative educational options, as well as tutoring, supplies, and academic support, including for students in public schools.

This is not a government spending program. It's a way to leverage private investment to expand opportunity. The policy incentivizes individuals and businesses to voluntarily support nonprofit organizations already working to help students who need it most.

There is no cost to the state. There is no diversion of existing education

funding. There is no impact on local school budgets.

But there is a catch.

States must choose to opt in.

If Connecticut doesn't, state residents can still claim the federal tax credit. They will still receive the benefit. The difference is where their donations will go. Rather than supporting students here, those dollars will flow to nonprofit organizations in the other states that have opted in.

Connecticut taxpayers will benefit, Connecticut students — our future workforce — will not.

There is growing openness among legislators representing Connecticut's urban communities, districts where families are desperate for additional support, where nonprofits are already filling gaps, and where new private investment could have an immediate impact.

Some opposition has labeled the policy a "voucher program." That characterization is inaccurate.

This policy doesn't use public funds. It doesn't redirect existing education dollars. Nor does it reduce funding for public schools. It simply incentivizes private contributions to nonprofit organizations that serve students in ways that meet their individual needs.

Framing it as a voucher program shifts attention away from what the policy actually does: expand educational

access and opportunity through voluntary, private support.

Connecticut has already committed significant public resources to improving educational outcomes. Those investments matter. But they are not sufficient on their own. The challenges facing many students are complex, and additional tools are needed.

This policy is one of those tools.

It brings new resources into communities, strengthens nonprofit organizations already doing the work, and expands opportunities for students, all without increasing the burden on taxpayers.

States like Colorado have already opted in. If Connecticut chooses not to act, the program will still move forward anyway. The only question is whether Connecticut students will benefit from it.

The governor has the authority to opt in, and the legislature can help shape how the program operates within the state.

Connecticut should take that step.

When our residents choose to invest in students, those investments should stay here at home.

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Silvermine's Art Partners Outreach Education brings Space Explorers to first graders



First graders in the Space Explorers Art Partners program

The wonders of the universe came vividly into focus for the first-grade students at Discovery Magnet School through an exciting and growing partnership between Silvermine Arts Center and Sacred Heart University's Discovery Science Center and Planetarium. Now in its second year, this collaborative program, presented through Silvermine's Art Partners Outreach Education Program, invites young learners to explore astronomy, observation, and scientific discovery through immersive, hands-on experiences that spark curiosity and deepen understanding of the world beyond our planet.

During a three-day residency, students participated in "Space Explorers: The Universe and You," an engaging program that blends science, literacy, and visual art. Through their studies, students explored the wonders of the night sky from the swirling Milky Way to distant galaxies while learning about the tools astronauts use such as oxygen tanks and space suits. As they created their artwork, the first graders investigated concepts like transparency and opacity, incorporating these ideas into their designs.

The annual program celebrated the story of Mae Jemison, introducing students to her groundbreaking journey as the first African American woman in space. In honor of Black History Month, students learned how curiosity, determination, and imagination can open doors to endless possibilities.

A highlight of this year's program was the students' walk from their school, accompanied by their principal, Mr. John Ramos, as they personally delivered their artwork to the Sacred Heart University Discovery Science Center, located just steps away from their campus. The completed canvases were then prominently installed for public display throughout the museum. This experience underscored the strength of the partnership between the school, the university, and Silvermine, while also fostering a deep sense of ownership and pride among the students.

"Programs like this are a powerful reflection of what can happen through meaningful collaboration," said Missy Savard, Coordinator of Outreach at Silvermine Arts Center. "When students see their artwork embraced and displayed throughout the Discovery Science Center, it affirms that their ideas and creativity have a place in the wider world."

The students' vibrant mixed-media canvases are on view at Sacred Heart University's Discovery Science Center and Planetarium through the month of April. Families, friends, and visitors are invited to experience the wonder, imagination, and creativity of these young artists.

Silvermine Art Partners Outreach Programs connect professional teaching artists with local schools, providing innovative, curriculum-based visual arts experiences that support creativity, collaboration, and educational equity. Serving more than 2,000 students annually, the program continues to expand its reach through meaningful partnerships like this one.

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New Canaan Cares Leadership Graduation



New Canaan CARES' Spring High School Leadership Graduation. 15 New Canaan High School Students participated in this 7-week program, working on expanding their natural Leadership skills. Each participant delivers their Leadership Journey speech at the graduation ceremony, sharing their personal experiences and growth throughout the program. Congratulations to all of the program graduates. (Submitted Photo)

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**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Canaan will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in the Town Meeting Room and via Zoom, for the following purposes:

A. To consider and act upon the resolutions entitled:

1. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$50,000 For The Information Technology 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000
2. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$192,000 For The Police 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$192,000
3. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$1,615,000 For The Fire Equipment 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,615,000
4. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$85,000 For The Ambulance Corps 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$85,000
5. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$78,660 For The Emergency Management 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$78,660

6. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$4,795,904 For DPW Administration & Engineering 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$4,795,904
7. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$684,000 For The DPW Highway 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$684,000
8. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$2,245,000 For The DPW Town Buildings 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,245,000
9. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$945,000 For The DPW Parks 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$945,000
10. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$1,000,000 For The Library Grant 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,000,000
11. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$80,000 For The Recreation 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of

- General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$80,000
12. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$2,905,150 For The Schools 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,905,150
13. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$1,150,000 For The Sewer Capital 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,150,000
14. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$225,000 For The New Canaan Housing Authority Grant 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$225,000
15. Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$90,774 For The Parking 2027 Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$90,774

Copies of said proposed resolutions are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

B. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

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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-26-6) issued to Catherine P. Conrad, 5 Valley Lane, Map 45 Block 118 Lot 175. Prepare site for construction activities and install all soil and erosion controls. Demolish most of the existing residence and detached garage. Construct new single family residence and attached garage. Reconfigure existing gravel driveway to accommodate the new garage. Install stormwater management system. Install septic tank and connect to the existing septic fields. Add boulder slope as depicted to stabilize the streambank near the old detached garage. Fine grade, topsoil, seed, landscape and stabilize all disturbed areas upon completion.

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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-26-8) issued to Panagiotis and Nicole Koumasidis, 478 Spring Water Lane, Map 31 Block 11 Lot 160. Prepare site for demolition and new construction activities and install all soil and erosion controls. Remove existing swimming pool, terrace, patio and carport. Construct two-story addition, second-story addition, patio, and deck. Fine grade, topsoil seed and landscape all disturbed areas upon completion.

LEGAL NOTICES

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**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
TOWN COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of New Canaan will hold a Public Hearing on April 22, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall and virtual to review and to hear public comment on the proposed amendment to the Ordinance for Off-Street Parking Regulations.

Notice is also hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of New Canaan at their regular Meeting on April 22, 2026 immediately following the Public Hearing at Town Hall and virtual will act and vote upon the proposed amendment to the Ordinance for Off-Street Parking Regulations and to conduct any other business proper that may come before the Council.

Proposed Amendment to section 41-10 of Chapter 41. Off-Street Parking Regulations:

§ 41-10. Enforcement.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the employees of the Parking Commission and the Police Department to enforce the provisions of these regulations.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Parking Commission to hear appeals of citations issued pursuant to these regulations.

The full text of this ordinance can be found at www.newcanaan.info

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Despite the leadership change, the core of the Gridiron formula remains intact.

“These things always have a life of their own,” Thunem said. “But the beauty of it is that I know the audience will be receptive and the fall guy will be roasted and be honored — and we hope all will be in a good mood and lots of laughs.”

That balance — sharp humor paired with genuine admiration — is what has sustained the production for generations.

“I think the formula has worked pretty well for 65 years, so it’s still working,” he added.

And for Doran, who has watched that formula unfold from the inside for decades, the craftsmanship behind the scenes is what stands out.

“What they do with taking the life story and turning it to music and dance and skits is pretty amazing,” he said. “The work that the writers do, the research they do and then the writing they do is pretty impressive.”

A life ready for the spotlight

Doran’s story offers plenty of material.

A former child actor and daytime television regular, he later built a career in advertising as a producer, director and writer, eventually founding his own agency and earning multiple industry honors.

But it is his local impact that defines his selection.

From more than 100 productions with The Town Players to co-founding New Canaan Chamber Music and decades of involvement with local nonprofits, Doran’s contributions span generations.

“Bob Doran embodies the spirit of New Canaan,” said Gridiron Club President Scott Hobbs. “His creativity and generosity have left a lasting mark.”

Doran, however, deflects attention back to the town.

“This community — the sense and in the DNA, to use an over-hyped term, but of volunteerism here — I am like one small person in this

community,” he said. “It’s just such a part of this community.”

Behind the scenes: collaboration and choreography

If the Gridiron Dinner thrives on writing and performance, it is equally powered by collaboration — something choreographer Holly Mensching has witnessed for nearly three decades.

“This is my 29th,” Mensching said. “I came and spiced up the Gridiron. Well, I came and spiced up the Gridiron.”

Her role has evolved from enhancing a few musical numbers to shaping the movement and energy of the show.

“Absolutely,” she said of this year’s expanded choreography. “The rehearsals have been going so well. We work together so collaboratively ... we just whip it up together. It happens so organically and it’s so much fun.”

That organic process, she said, is what makes each production unique.

“It’s sort of a product of who each is, what’s the script, who’s being roasted,” Mensching said. “And we laugh and it’s funny. And we come up with some movement and it’s so much fun to do on the fly.”

Her favorite element remains the individuality within the ensemble.

“Look for the individuality of each chorus member,” she said. “While you might see a bunch of guys on stage doing the same step, you won’t see it the same way twice.”

More than anything, Mensching emphasized the spirit of teamwork.

“What I love about working with them is the way they work together with each other,” she said. “They become a team each year in the name of honoring someone else who’s very special.”

This year, she added, that honoree carries particular meaning.

“Bob’s been emceeding all these years and tying our show together,” she said. “So hopefully

this is going to make him proud.”

A production that keeps evolving

Cast member Nick Ranieri, now in his fourth year, said that evolution is evident in this year’s rehearsals.

“I think it’s going really great,” he said. “Every year we’ve been at a better place earlier and earlier on, and that’s allowed us this year to do a lot more choreography.”

That includes additional musical numbers and more ambitious staging.

“Yeah, I mean, you could call it dancing,” Ranieri joked. “It’s definitely moving.”

For Thunem, those additions are a testament to the people behind the production.

“Her dedication is amazing,” he said of Mensching. “She’s a professional ... but she always finds time for us.”

The show also continues to incorporate surprises — a hallmark of the Gridiron experience.

“We always have one or two surprise cameos,” Thunem said. “Sometimes those are touching



For more than 20 years, Bob Doran stood at the center of the Gridiron Dinner stage, guiding audiences through the laughs, the music and the carefully crafted chaos. This April, he’ll finally be on the receiving end.

“Ask me again on Saturday and I may have a different answer,” he said. “But for now I am excited and looking forward.”

and sometimes they’re funny and sometimes they’re both.”

Anticipation — and perspective

For the first time in decades, Doran is not preparing scripts or rehearsing transitions. Instead, he’s waiting.

“Instead of rehearsing, I’ve spent the time anticipating,” he said.

“And quiet contemplation?” he was asked.

“Yes,” he replied. “Let’s call it quiet contemplation over a martini.”

Even so, he understands the deeper meaning behind the evening.

“I’ve just always been thrilled to be part of the Gridiron performances,” he said. “And I’m going to say I’m just as thrilled to be on the other side of it.”

A community celebration

As always, the event will raise funds for a local nonprofit, with this year’s proceeds benefiting the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society.

“I happen to be working currently with Nancy Geary and the team on developing some new programming, and this seemed like just a natural fit,” Doran said.

For Thunem, the accessibility of the event is just as important as its impact.

“This is not a private club to which you must be invited,” he said. “All you got to do to be a member of this club is come to the show.”

Ready for opening night

Doran knows better than most what awaits him: affectionate ribbing, unexpected twists and a room full of neighbors celebrating his life’s work.

“There’s always a surprise or two,” Thunem said.

Doran, for his part, is taking it all in stride — at least for now.

“Ask me again on Saturday and I may have a different answer,” he said. “But for now I am excited and looking forward.”

Come opening night, the man who once controlled the timing of every laugh will be sitting in the spotlight, waiting for the next line — just like everyone else.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased by visiting: gridironclubofnc.org.

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currently serving beyond the new limit would be allowed to complete their terms before the restriction takes effect.

In a separate vote, the CRC reaffirmed that the Board of Selectmen will remain a three-member body. The motion passed with eight votes in favor and two opposed.

The question of expanding the Board of Selectmen to five members had been raised as part of a broader discussion about transparency and governance. Supporters of the current structure argued that a smaller board encourages public deliberation rather than private consensus-building.

“I think the transparency is more important,” one member said, suggesting that a larger board could lead to more decisions being shaped outside public meetings.

Others saw potential benefits in expansion, including broader representation and workload distribution. Still, the prevailing view favored maintaining the status quo.

The CRC also addressed procedures for filling vacancies on appointed boards and commissions. Members approved language requiring that vacancies be publicly posted and that the Board of Selectmen review applications before making appointments.

Debate centered on how structured that process should be. Some members pushed for broader participation and review, while others cautioned against overcomplicating what has historically been a flexible and successful system.

“The board of selectmen shall review all applications and vote in a regular notice meeting on the appointment of the selected applicant,” one commissioner proposed, reflecting a compromise approach that emphasizes transparency without mandating interviews or additional procedural steps.

The CRC further agreed to impose a time frame for filling vacancies. After discussion of various options, members settled

on a requirement that vacancies be filled within 120 days, with the Town Council being obligated to act if the Board of Selectmen does not.

Other governance questions remain under consideration, including whether certain boards should be elected rather than appointed, and how to structure oversight for bodies such as the Ethics Board and Audit Committee. The CRC has previously voted to keep the Planning & Zoning Commission appointed.

The CRC’s discussion reflected an underlying tension familiar in municipal governance: the desire to modernize systems without disrupting what many see as a functional status quo.

As one commissioner put it, “We’re grasping for a solution to a problem that isn’t really one,” while others countered that incremental reform is necessary to ensure long-term effectiveness.

The CRC is expected to continue refining its draft recommendations to the Town Council ahead of a scheduled public hearing.

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The project includes replacing smoke detectors and installing a new control panel throughout the building.

Additional approvals included:

- A \$293,650 contract with FGB Construction for road repaving on Dunning Road, Gerrish Lane and a portion of Summer Street. The work follows Aquarion water main installation, and the utility is

expected to reimburse the town.

- A contract not to exceed \$50,000 with Tighe & Bond for updates to the town’s stormwater mapping system. The work includes field mapping and integrating state Department of Transportation data.
- A \$27,000 contract for playground repairs at Kiwanis Park based on findings from an annual inspection.
- A \$14,186.25 contract to replace a water line at Steve Benko Pool. Officials said the existing line has multiple leaks and will be replaced with a new

routing.

- A \$10,000 increase to a contract with HazCompliance LLC to update safety programs and training following the OSHA inspection.
- A \$10,000 increase to a purchase order with Belardinelli Tires for vehicle maintenance.
- A \$15,840 contract for tree removal and pruning work.
- A \$18,460 contract for granite curbing materials for use in multiple projects.

The Selectmen also approved \$13,359.38 for vehicle repairs, noting the work was covered by

insurance except for a deductible.

In personnel matters, the Selectmen approved removing a Parks Department employee from probationary status.

The Selectmen also approved appointments and reappointments, including:

- Art Berry as a full member of the Historic District Commission.
- Brett Dockwell as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Laura Budd to the Western Connecticut Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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Monsieur Blanc, translated from the French.

What drew you to the organ?

As a young child in my hometown, I served as an altar boy during mass at my local parish church. Later, I sang in the parish choir, from a position close to the organ. It was through direct contact with the instrument that I began to improvise, without knowing anything about music, all by ear, and without knowing musical notation ... and by using the instrument’s various stops. That’s how my vocation was born.

What were your main musical influences?

I have a great affinity for the piano and chamber music of the French Impressionist school - first of all, then orchestral works by Debussy, Ravel, Gabriel Fauré, and of course, Maurice Duruflé.

What does Duruflé’s music mean to you?

Maurice Duruflé’s music is profoundly subtle; it comes from a superior mind, a mind both deeply inspired as well as sensitive.

Despite its complicated writing (at times), it speaks directly to the heart. His music is a bit like a desert island amidst all the rest of French music, but it can now be considered classic.

Why are you performing in New Canaan?

I’m a great friend of Ned Tipton (Director of Music Ministries at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church), whom I greatly admire and who is an inspired musician; I’ve known him for many years. I’ve been to St. Mark’s before, and I really enjoyed the church itself, the organ, and all the people I met who gather in this parish. It’s a great pleasure for me to come back and give a concert here.

How do you approach the art of improvisation in French music?

The art of improvisation is a great tradition in the world of French organists. Particularly in the 19th century, all concert performers and pianists improvised and composed at the same time. One must possess a special gift to practice this discipline at a high level; it is a spontaneous and fascinating art form that brings great joy and satisfaction both to the one creating the music and to the listeners. Yet it is a rather mysterious art - one that is very difficult to discuss or describe, for there is a part of the creative act that eludes the musician in this truly singular art form.



Boys Lacrosse Takes the Field

By CHRISTOPHER DEMUTH

Following one of the harshest winters in a long time, spring is finally here for New Canaan High School. With spring comes our spring sports, which are quickly moving out of winter training and into the regular season.

Following our defeat to Darien in the Class LL Semifinals of the State championships last season, our Lacrosse team has been hard at work for a shot at the elusive state title in 2026. Starting in mid-winter, our boys team meets weekends to play box lacrosse. Then, approximately one month before the start of the regular season, the team convenes daily for conditioning and a more normal practice. This is of course not considering the massive effort individual players make over the summer and in free time to improve their abilities. All put together, the program made by coaches, parents and players helps to position our team to be as competitive and prepared as possible going into the season.

Our varsity team this year has many dominant players rostered, including many players committed to colleges for their talent in this sport. Notable standouts include senior Cole Campisi, who has played on the varsity level since freshman year and will be attending Denver next year. Senior Rogan Lowe, another strong player, will be going to Colgate next year for lacrosse. Seniors Blake Schwartz and Cam Lyden will be attending Trinity and Michigan respectively. In addition to senior talent, our junior and underclassman hold strong skills and potential that will develop over the course of the season as they move up in seniority. As always, one of the greatest strengths of the New Canaan program remains its deep bench, able to maintain the same quality of players into the lower lines, which efficiently wears out many other teams who cannot field as many players without compromising skills.

As tradition for New Canaan, the season starts with an exhibition match against teams that would not normally be played against in the FCIAC. This is valuable for the team as a way to shake off the rust that inevitably grows without playing games for a year, but also as a way to test out new playing strategies without risking scored games.

Having observed the March 26

game against Wolcott Tech, I can confidently sing the praises for this year's team and look confidently toward future games. This is good, considering the 2026 season has a highly competitive lineup of teams, with no easy games.

Compared to last year, the major differences appear to be in the offense and passing game compared to the defense. I noticed a marked increase in ball mobility through passing, especially on the offensive side of things. Given the impressive physical capabilities of our players, this tactic plays to the program's strengths, because it forces defenders to move constantly and creates openings before they can fully settle into position. Rather than relying on long individual possessions, the offense often moved the ball quickly from behind the cage to the wings and back up top, keeping pressure on the defense and making it difficult for opposing players to predict where the next attack would come from.

The pace of play during the Wolcott Tech exhibition stood out immediately. New Canaan controlled possession for long stretches and looked comfortable moving between settled offense and transition opportunities. Several players rotated through attacking positions without any visible drop in speed or organization, which reinforced how much depth the roster has this season. Even when first-line players came off, the next group maintained the same tempo, which is often one of the defining traits of strong New Canaan lacrosse teams.

Another clear strength was communication. Throughout the game, players consistently called out switches, directed movement, and adjusted spacing without hesitation. That type of communication matters especially early in a season, when many teams are still trying to find chemistry. New Canaan looked unusually settled for an exhibition game in late March, which suggests that the winter work and preseason preparation have already had a strong effect. To give credit to coaches, our NCHS coaches drill communication into players by requiring it during practice when arguably not required, which causes this communication to become a second nature to players during games.

The attack also appeared more



patient than in some stretches last season. Rather than forcing low-angle shots early in possessions, players often recycled the ball until a cleaner lane developed. This patience allowed midfielders to cut through open areas and gave attackers behind the goal more opportunities to create movement before feeding inside. On several possessions, defenders were drawn out far enough that the middle briefly opened, creating the kind of inside looks that become especially important later in close conference games.

Defensively, the team still showed many of the traits that have made New Canaan successful in recent years. The unit played physically, stayed compact near the crease, and generally forced outside opportunities rather than allowing direct approaches to the goal. However, compared with the offense, the defense looked slightly less polished at this early stage, which is normal for March. Defensive timing often sharpens only after several full-speed games, especially when new combinations of players are rotating through matchups. Senior players such as Sam Schoonmaker are the backbone of the defensive program.

The close defense group still showed strong fundamentals. Slides generally came on time, and when the first defender was beaten, help usually arrived quickly enough to

prevent a clean scoring chance. Long-stick midfielders were active in passing lanes and created several turnovers simply by extending pressure at the right moment. Ground ball work also looked strong, an area that often decides possession margins over the course of a season.

Goalkeeping remains another major part of the program's stability. Even in preseason settings, New Canaan goalkeepers tend to command the defense well, and that was visible again in this exhibition. Clearing communication started immediately after saves, helping the team move from defense to offense quickly rather than allowing opponents to reset pressure. Here, it is star Cam Lyden that stands out.

That is part of why exhibitions matter more than they may appear from the outside. While scores in preseason games are not official measures of success, coaches use these games to test line combinations, evaluate defensive matchups, and identify where younger players fit best under pressure. It also gives returning varsity players a chance to settle into leadership roles before conference play begins.

The younger players will still play an important role as the season develops. New Canaan's depth has historically allowed coaches to trust

younger midfielders and defenders earlier than many programs can afford to do. That not only keeps top players fresher late in games, but also strengthens the team by midseason when rotations become fully established.

What stands out most entering the season is that this team appears aware of what last year's semifinal loss represented. Falling short against Darien in the state tournament remains a strong point of motivation, especially for returning seniors who were part of that run. The early practices, winter work, and preseason intensity all suggest that this group understands how narrow the difference is between a strong season and a championship season.

It is still early, and much will change once official games begin, but the early signs are promising. The offense looks quicker, the passing sharper, and the roster deep enough to sustain pressure over full games. If the defense reaches the same level of rhythm as the offense over the next few weeks, New Canaan should again be one of the strongest teams in Connecticut.

For now, the start of spring has brought exactly what many around the program hoped to see: a team that looks prepared, experienced, and capable of competing at the highest level from the first whistle onward.

Sports Roundup

By CHRISTOPHER DEMUTH

GIRLS SOFTBALL

New Canaan's varsity softball team came up just short in a 3-2 non-conference loss to Mercy on Saturday. The game stayed close the entire way, with both teams limiting scoring chances and keeping pressure high through all seven innings.

The Rams finished with two runs, but Mercy was able to push across the deciding third run and hold on late. In a game where every run mattered, New Canaan stayed within reach until the final out and showed it could compete in another tight matchup against a strong opponent. Even in defeat, the Rams kept the game under control defensively and forced Mercy to earn the win.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

New Canaan's boys volleyball team earned a strong 3-1 conference win over Norwalk on Wednesday, taking control after dropping the opening set.

Norwalk claimed the first set 25-22, but New Canaan responded quickly and took the next three sets 25-14, 30-28, and 25-20. The second set was the Rams' most decisive stretch of the match, as they quickly built separation and never allowed Norwalk to settle in.

The third set proved to be the turning point. Both teams traded points deep into extra rallies before New Canaan pulled out the 30-28 win. After that close finish, the Rams stayed steady in the fourth set and closed the match with a 25-20 victory. Winning the final three sets showed New Canaan's ability to adjust after a slow start and stay composed in the longest

rallies.

BOYS BASEBALL

New Canaan baseball picked up two wins during the week, including a dramatic one-run conference victory over Stamford and a high-scoring non-conference win against North Haven.

Against Stamford on March 31, the Rams earned a 4-3 win in a game that stayed tight from the opening inning through the finish. New Canaan scored first in the bottom of the first inning, but Stamford answered with a run in the second to tie it. The Rams added another run in the fifth inning to regain the lead, then entered the seventh inning holding a 2-1 advantage.

The final inning brought the most action. Stamford scored two runs in the top of the seventh to move ahead 3-2, but New Canaan answered immediately in the bottom half with two runs of its own to walk off with the victory. Stamford finished with nine hits compared to seven for New Canaan, but the Rams made their opportunities count when it mattered most.

On April 4, New Canaan returned home and outscored North Haven 13-9 in a game that featured offense throughout. The Rams reached double digits quickly and kept pressure on North Haven for much of the afternoon.

Even after allowing nine runs, New Canaan's offense stayed productive enough to maintain control. Scoring 13 runs in a single game showed the depth of the lineup and the team's ability to respond whenever North Haven threatened to close the gap. It was another strong offensive

showing as the Rams continued building momentum early in the season.

BOYS LACROSSE

New Canaan boys lacrosse opened strong and finished even stronger in a 12-9 win over Mamaroneck (NY) on April 4.

The Rams led 1-0 after the first quarter and expanded that advantage in the second, taking a 4-0 lead into halftime. New Canaan's defense and goaltending controlled the first half, making it difficult for Mamaroneck to generate momentum early.

Mamaroneck responded in the third quarter, scoring four times to cut into the lead, but New Canaan answered with two goals of its own and entered the fourth quarter ahead 6-4. The final quarter turned into the highest-scoring stretch of the game, with the Rams putting in six goals to secure the win despite Mamaroneck scoring five.

Cole Campisi led New Canaan's attack with three goals and two assists. Brady Mazabras added four goals, giving the Rams a major scoring lift throughout the game. Grey Wildman finished with two goals and two assists, while Matt Reed added one goal and four assists. Charlie Sullivan contributed one goal and two assists, and Finn Roeder also scored.

In goal, Jack Crowell made 15 saves, a major factor in keeping New Canaan ahead during Mamaroneck's second-half push. His performance helped the Rams hold off several stretches of pressure and close out another strong early-season win.

Weekly Scores

Date	Team (School - Gender - Sport)	Opponent	Score
4/4	New Canaan - Boys - Baseball	North Haven	New Canaan 13 - North Haven 9
4/4	New Canaan - Boys - Lacrosse	Mamaroneck	New Canaan 12 - Mamaroneck 9
4/6	New Canaan - Boys - Tennis	Staples	New Canaan 6 - Staples 1
4/1	New Canaan - Boys - Volleyball	Norwalk	New Canaan 3 - Norwalk 1
4/4	New Canaan - Girls - Lacrosse	Ward Melville	New Canaan 5 - Ward Melville 0
4/7	New Canaan - Girls - Lacrosse	Westhampton Beach	New Canaan 10 - Westhampton Beach
4/4	New Canaan - Girls - Softball	Mercy	New Canaan 2 - Mercy 3
4/6	New Canaan - Girls - Tennis	Staples	New Canaan 3 - Staples 4
4/7	New Canaan - Girls - Tennis	Norwalk	New Canaan 7 - Norwalk 0
3/26	St. Lukes - Boys - Baseball	Greenwich Country Day	St. Lukes 2 - Greenwich Country Day 1
3/30	St. Lukes - Boys - Baseball	Hopkins	St. Lukes 5 - Hopkins 12
3/31	St. Lukes - Boys - Baseball	Hopkins	St. Lukes 11 - Hopkins 6
3/31	St. Lukes - Boys - Lacrosse	Hopkins	St. Lukes 12 - Hopkins 6
3/30	St. Lukes - Boys - Tennis	Wilton	St. Lukes 6 - Wilton 1
3/31	St. Lukes - Girls - Softball	Hamden Hall	St. Lukes 24 - Hamden Hall 0
4/7	St. Lukes - Girls - Softball	Greenwich Country Day	St. Lukes 21 - Greenwich Country Day
3/30	St. Lukes - Girls - Golf	Sacred Heart	St. Lukes 0 - Sacred Heart 5
4/6	St. Lukes - Girls - Golf	Rye Country Day	St. Lukes 1 - Rye Country Day 4
3/26	St. Lukes - Girls - Lacrosse	St. Josephs	St. Lukes 12 - St. Josephs 18

Upcoming Schedule

13 APR, MON	4 - 6pm	Girls JV Softball vs Glastonbury South Ave, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	4 - 6pm	Girls JV Tennis @ Ridgefield High School 60 Prospect Street, Ridgefield CT 06877
	4 - 6pm	Girls Varsity Softball vs Glastonbury 899 South Ave, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	4 - 5:45pm	Boys Varsity Baseball vs Brien McMahon 681 South Ave, New Canaan CT 06840
	4 - 5:30pm	Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	4 - 5:30pm	Boys JV Tennis @ Staples High School 70 North Ave, Westport CT 06880
14 APR, TUE	4 - 5pm	Boys Varsity Tennis vs Fairfield Warde 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	4 - 5pm	Boys Varsity Volleyball @ Staples High School 70 North Ave, Westport CT 06880
	4 - 4:30pm	Girls Varsity Tennis @ Fairfield Warde 755 Melville Ave, Fairfield Connecticut 06825-2000
	4:30 - 5:30pm	Boys Varsity Track & Field - Outdoor vs Trumbull 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	5:30 - 7pm	Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys @ St. Joseph 2320 Huntington Tpke, Trumbull CT 06611
	5:30 - 6:30pm	Boys JV Lacrosse - Boys @ St. Joseph 2320 Huntington Tpke, Trumbull CT 06611
15 APR, WED	4 - 6pm	Girls Varsity Tennis @ Fairfield Warde 755 Melville Ave, Fairfield Connecticut 06825-2000
	4 - 5:15pm	Boys Varsity Volleyball vs Norwalk 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	4 - 5pm	Girls Freshman Lacrosse - Girls vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	5 - 6:30pm	Girls Varsity Softball vs Staples High School Wavery Park, New Canaan CT 06840
	6 - 7pm	Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys @ Greenwich High School 10 Hillside Road, Greenwich CT 06830
	6 - 7pm	Boys JV Volleyball vs Norwalk 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
16 APR, THU	3:15 - 5:15pm	Girls Varsity Golf vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	3:15 - 4:45pm	Girls JV Golf vs Greenwich High School 95 Country Club Rd, New Canaan CT 06840
	4 - 6pm	Boys JV Tennis @ Ridgefield High School 60 Prospect Street, Ridgefield CT 06877
	4 - 6pm	Boys Varsity Tennis @ Wilton High School 395 Danbury Rd, Wilton CT 06897
	4 - 5:45pm	Boys Varsity Baseball vs Bristol Eastern 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	4 - 5:30pm	Boys JV Lacrosse - Boys @ Staples High School 88 North Ave, Westport CT 06880
	4 - 5:30pm	Boys Varsity Volleyball vs Fairfield Ludlowe 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	4 - 5pm	Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Girls vs Staples High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	4:15 - 6:15pm	Girls Varsity Tennis vs Wilton High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
	5 - 5:30pm	Girls JV Tennis @ St. Joseph 2320 Huntington Tpke, Trumbull CT 06611
	5:30 - 6:30pm	Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys @ Staples High School 70 North Ave, Westport CT 06880
	5:30 - 6:30pm	Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls vs Staples High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
6 - 7pm	Boys JV Volleyball vs Fairfield Ludlowe 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840	

Upcoming Schedule

10 APR, FRI	12 - 2pm	Girls Varsity Softball vs Norwalk Wavery Park, New Canaan CT 06840
	12:30 - 2pm	Boys Varsity Volleyball vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan
	2:30 - 3:30pm	Boys JV Volleyball vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Conr
	4 - 5:45pm	Boys Freshman Baseball @ Masuk High School 295 Outler's Farm Road, M
	4:15 - 6:30pm	Boys Varsity Baseball @ Masuk High School 1014 Monroe Tpke, Monroe CT
11 APR, SAT	1 - 2:30pm	Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys @ Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School
	1 - 2:30pm	Girls Varsity Softball @ New Milford 388 Danbury Road, New Milford CT 06



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The Second Big Bang



By JUSTIN CRISP

St. Paul founded the community at Corinth around 51 CE, and he was in traveling in Ephesus some years later when he heard that the Corinthians were having some trouble getting along. His First Letter to the Corinthians, canonized in the Christian New Testament, is something like an urgent e-mail sent to an unraveling gaggle of dissidents. It's Paul's breathless attempt to settle the issues over which this community is divided and to recall to them the core of the Gospel he had shared with them some four or five years earlier. In chapter fifteen, we find Paul's attempt to reiterate that core message and sum up

the gospel he preached to them when they first met (1 Cor. 15:1-2). It is a powerful statement of the mystery at the heart of Christianity: the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, body and soul, and that resurrection's crescendo and culmination in the resurrection of all creation. "For as all die in Adam," St. Paul says, "so all will be made alive in Christ. ... Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ" (1 Cor. 15:22-23).

I am always bemused when, each year around Easter, television networks run specials on what often goes by the name of the "historical Jesus"—the (apparently) "real" Jesus who has been buried beneath the rubble and debris of the church's myth-making and theologizing. The conversation always comes around to whether or not Jesus' resurrection really happened, as if it were just one more historical data point that

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modern historiography could either corroborate or debunk. The philosophically honest historians will gently correct this and admit that the question of the miraculous is beyond their capacities to answer as historians. But the careless-and-grandstanding will propose that the lack of historical evidence makes the resurrection historically unlikely. And then they'll run a clip of some well-meaning theologian who says it doesn't really matter either way, because the resurrection is, basically, just a religious symbol for the daffodils coming up in the spring.

St. Paul thinks this whole discussion has got it the wrong

way around. Jesus is no fossil to be excavated, and neither is His resurrection. Paul thinks of Jesus' resurrection as being in organic relationship with the much larger way that God works in history, from beyond history, to redeem history. Jesus' resurrection is an inaugural instance of something much more mysterious and thoroughgoing. It is the beginning of God's consummation of creation, God's putting of all to rights and His defeat of evil and death: "For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so

all will be made alive in Christ. ... Then comes the end, when [Christ] hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1 Cor. 15:21-22, 24-26).

As Rowan Williams puts it, the resurrection of Jesus is something like a second big bang. It is the moment when God's redemptive power and peace surge up through creation such that not even death can stand in their way—and which subsequently ripples throughout history so that we know its power now in the miracle of reconciliation and forgiveness, in the cracking of the most stubborn heart, in the liberation of one who suffers injustice, in any quiet moment of peace amidst chaos. We know the power of the Christ's resurrection in any loveliness that emerges out of brokenness.

It is not only something that happened in the past or that will happen in the future. It is something that happens still. Its life and light course through time and buoy us up as we await the completion of our Lord's resurrection—the first fruits—in our own.

It is a most extraordinary thing to be able to perceive this loveliness in the midst of the bedlam of our world—and even more extraordinary to make it available to others. To live Easter is the vocation of all those of us today who consider ourselves disciples of Jesus—that by our lives the world may know the tomb was empty.

The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp is a husband, dad, music lover, and priest. He is Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and lives with his wife, Jewelle, their pug, Val, and their daughter, Beatrice, on the St. Barnabas hilltop in backcountry. He previously served at St. Mark's in New Canaan for ten years.

Worship Directory and Services

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

Congregational Church

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM: Bible Study

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist

49 Park Street 203.966.0293
christiansciencet.org/newcanaa

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002
fpcnc.org

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

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

Upcoming Events:

April 12 at 11:30 AM: This talk by Chaplain Daniel DeLoma, will explore the benefits of integrative approaches in palliative and hospice care. All are welcome.

April 16 at 3 PM and April 17 at 7 PM: New Canaan Chamber Music Concert. Clarinet Meets Classical Accordion!

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

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

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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

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

website). Coffee Hour follows the 10am service.

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

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

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

Upcoming Events:

April 18 at 5 PM: Master Organ Recital with Frédéric Blanc. Frédéric will play popular works of the organ concert repertoire, and will also improvise a large-scale work on a melody provided to him. For more information visit St. Mark's website.

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.

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

Recurring Events:

First Sunday at 8:45 AM: All men are invited to our monthly Men's Breakfast – a time of warm fellowship, good food, and meaningful conversation as we grow together in faith and friendship.

Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711
cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com
www.cbcnewcanaan.org

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI30_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:

April 18 from 12-3 PM: Marriage and Ministry. A Brunch Conversation for Couples in Church Leadership. For more

information visit the CBC website.

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.templestain Stamford.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 Shalom

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

www.templeshalom.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>



Obituaries

SUSAN BOSTON



It is with great sadness that we announce Susan Phillips Boston, 65, of New Canaan, CT, passed away in her home on Thursday, March 26, after a hard-fought battle against cancer. She was a cherished mother, wife, sister, grandmother and friend, and her presence will be deeply missed.

Susan was a proud lifelong New Canaanite. She spent her childhood dancing & teaching Walter Schalk, cheerleading for the Rams, managing the boys' soccer and lacrosse teams, volunteering as advertising editor for the school yearbook and secretary for the student council. During her high school years she was awarded the "Good Citizen Award" by the Hannah Benedict Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution - a chapter for which she would later become Regent.

Susan spent her summers at her parents' house in Amagansett, Long Island, where she found one of her true loves, the beach. This was a love she carried with her the rest of her life - as she always said the water was her happy place.

Susan attended St. Agnes Scott College and later transferred to and graduated from Bucknell University. In 1983, Susan began her career as a municipal bond trader at Merrill Lynch in New York City, where she was one of only a few female bond traders on the floor at the time. Susan was a powerhouse. It was at that job where she later met the love of her life, Loren Boston.

Susan's commitment to service was a defining part of who she was. Over the years, through volunteering with Girl Scouts, National Charity League, DAR, and the food pantry, Susan gave her time, energy, and compassion to countless individuals and causes. She deeply believed in lifting others up and made a lasting impact on her community through quiet, selfless acts of kindness. As an adult, Susan received countless recognitions for her service, including the Community Service Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Girl Scouts of America, and the Patroness Service Award from the National Charity League for the most hours of philanthropic work (twice!).

Susan was programs co-chair for the Newcomers Club in New Canaan, Board Member for the school Parent-Faculty Association and Volunteer Coordinator for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Her service continued throughout her life, as she served as the St. Mark's May Fair Strawberry Shortcake Chair for 12 years and on several boards, including the New Canaan Food Pantry, the A Better Chance Foundation, National Charity League & the New Canaan Community Foundation. In 2007, Susan and her husband, Loren, created the "Jack Jacobs Congressional Medal of Honor for Citizenship" fund, honoring a student each year for their selfless leadership and service to their community and country.

Susan was known by all who met her as kind, giving, funny, and incredibly generous. She had a natural ability to make others feel welcome and cared for, and she dedicated much of her life to helping those around her. She quickly made friends with everyone she met; from the kind folks at the New Canaan Post Office to the FedEx delivery driver who frequented our street, she greeted everyone with respect and generosity. When the kids got older and stopped accompanying her on grocery store trips, Susan was known for carrying around Stew Leonard's receipts in her purse so that when she next went to the store, she could give a few away to young

moms and their kids in exchange for free ice cream cones.

Above all, Susan was a devoted mother, whose love and guidance shaped the lives of her four children and her entire extended family. Woven between all her volunteer work, she prioritized the needs of her family and friends. Susan was known around town for shuttling the kids to and from soccer games, early-morning ice skating practices, and Walter Schalk dance lessons in her double-Thule Suburban. Her warmth, humor, and unwavering support will be profoundly missed but forever remembered.

Susan Phillips Boston leaves behind a family who will carry forward her spirit of generosity and care, as well as many friends and community members whose lives she touched.

Susan is preceded in death by her parents, Molly & John Burnap, and her daughter, Morgan Hickman Boston. She is survived by her husband, Loren Boston and their three other children: Alex (Vera) Boston, Tyler (John) de Bruycker and Sydney Boston (soon to marry Andrew Repisky). She also leaves behind three beautiful grandsons whom she adored: Theodore Lawrence, Henry Owen & Charles Morgan.

Her life was a testament to the power of kindness and service, and her legacy will live on in all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Research by adding to her daughter Morgan's memorial fund.

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

ANNIE MASSEY



A rich life, well lived, and forever in our hearts. The memories she leaves us will always be filled with smiles and laughter.

Annie Josephine Massey, 97, passed away peacefully in Hamden, CT on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 11:11 PM.

Born in Tryon, NC, on August 7, 1928, she was the beloved daughter of the late Willie and Susie Bell McCracken Massey. She was also a sister to Frank, Willie "Kaiser", Ophelia, Brunella, Carrie Lee, and Irene, whom have all passed on to be with the lord.

Josephine graduated from New Canaan High School in Connecticut. She then followed her dreams to New York City. Together with her dear friend Henrietta Rice, opened a breakfast nook in Harlem. Her incredible culinary gifts caught the attention of many well-known and influential people, eventually blossoming into a thriving catering family business.

Josephine had a deep love for music-whether it was the musical pioneer Duke Ellington, The dynamite man himself Mr. James Brown, the iconic Frank Sinatra, the unwavering "Queen of Gospel" Mahalia Jackson, and the incomparable Michael Jackson, she embraced it all. When it came to dancing at the Savoy, she truly stole the show. She could light up any room-her rhythmic energetic, fast paced fancy foot work, swings and acrobatic movement made her the Jitterbug Queen. She was a proud member of Garrison Chapel Baptist Church in Tryon, North Carolina where she sang in the choir. She also performed across North and South Carolina with the singing acapella group "The voices of Jericho." She was also a member of the former Bethcar Fellowship Church of Hamden Connecticut.

One of the scriptures she lived by was

Luke 3:11:

"Whoever has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

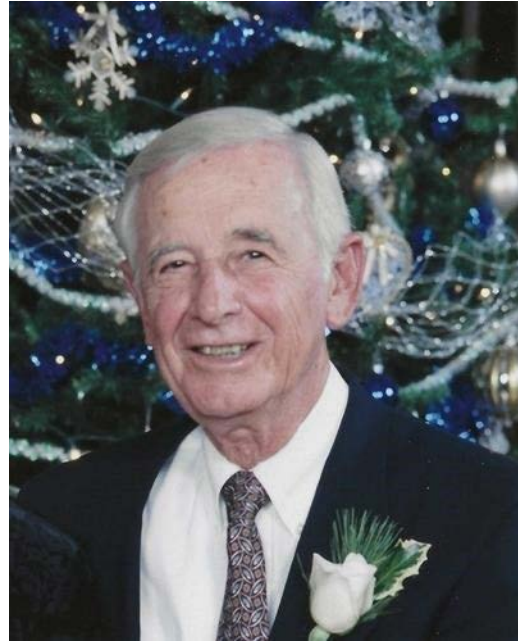
Josephine embodied these words every day. She opened her home to anyone in need and gave freely-her time, her love, her food, and her heart.

Above all, she cherished her family. She was truly a phenomenal woman who did it all effortlessly with grace, strength, and joy.

Josephine is survived by her sons, Steven Massey (Patricia), Eric Massey (Monique), Kevin Massey (Carmen), and Barry Massey; daughters, Stephanie Massey Hunt and Karimah Abdus- Salaam; 23 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; 2 great great-grandchildren; many bonus children; and a loving host of extended family and friends who will forever hold her in their hearts. She was predeceased by her sons, Henry Bolding and Myron Massey; and daughter, Susan Barrett.

As today I know I'm living
but tomorrow could make me the past
but that I mustn't fear
for I'll know deep in my mind
the love of me I've left behind
'Cause I'll be loving you always
As
"By Stevie Wonder"

RAYMOND ZUCCO



Raymond A. (Ray) Zucco, 99, of Wilton, CT, passed away peacefully at home on February 20. He was the beloved husband of Catherine W. (Kitty) Zucco. Ray was born on November 7, 1926 and grew up in Torrington, CT. One of his proudest accomplishments was captaining the Torrington High School's basketball team and helping to lead the Raiders to their first Connecticut State championship. He led his team with the one-handed shot and was recently inducted into the Torrington Hall of Fame.

Upon THS graduation, Ray enlisted in the US Marine Corps where he was put on the demolition squad because of his previous experience in construction. Fortunately, his basketball prowess outshone his familiarity with dynamite and when he was stationed in Oahu, Hawaii he was enlisted to play basketball representing the Marines. After serving his country, Ray returned to Connecticut and attended the University of Connecticut where he also played some semipro-basketball and ultimately met the love of his life, Kitty Warner. They were married in 1949 and went on to celebrate 76 years of marriage.

After graduating from UConn, he and Kitty moved to New Canaan, CT where he built his own home and they raised their three children, Jennifer, Jack and Janet. Ray was very active in the community. He was a member of Kiwanis, The New Canaan Exchange Club and he led fundraising efforts to build the New Canaan YMCA and funds supporting the New Canaan Rams football program. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying golf, fishing and gardening. He was a long-time member of Roton Point Club, Woodway Country Club and The Club at Pelican Bay.

Ray's career was in the electrical industry, starting with Zinsco Circuit Breakers, continuing with Sylvania Lamps and then moved to become VP of National Sales with Tork Inc., a leading manufacture of time clocks and photocells. Always looking for new opportunities, Ray was presented with a chance to start his own manufacturer's representative agency in 1971 with three major electrical manufacturers who needed sales representation. And thus began The Ray

Zucco Company. He was very well-liked and respected in the industry and mentored many young salesmen including his son, Jack, who went on to have successful careers. He was an active member of the National Assoc. of Electrical Distributors (NAED), National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Assoc. (NEMRA) and the Jovians Club.

In his later years, Ray split his time between Pelican Bay in Naples, FL and Silvermine Woods in Wilton, CT. He loved both locations. Many members of Silvermine Golf Club will remember him for the beautiful flower garden he planted and maintained on the 8th hole. His daughter, Janet, continues to lovingly maintain his garden. Ray was predeceased by his parents, Anthony and Stella Zucco, his sister, Virginia Schibi, and his eldest daughter, Jennifer Ann Zucco. He is survived by his wife, Kitty, son, Jack Zucco (Debbie) and daughter, Janet Karabin (Chris); his grandchildren, Allison Zucco-Lucas, John Zucco, Jr., Jaqueline Karabin and David Karabin. Plus, his three great-grandchildren Jack, Jr. and Camille Zucco and Poppy Karabin.

A celebration of Life will be held at Silvermine Golf Club this summer, the date to be announced later. Interment will be at New Canaan Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the New Canaan High School Scholarship Foundation to benefit the Jennifer Ann Zucco Art Scholarship, 11 Farm Road, New Canaan, CT 06840.

ROGER COLSON

Roger Jean Colson passed away peacefully at home on December 13, 2025, with his loving family by his side. He was born in Toulouse, France, on October 19, 1940, and was a longtime resident of New Canaan.

As a car enthusiast, Roger first started his long career in automobiles, working at his father's garage in the Pyrenees. He then went to Paris, where he studied mechanical engineering and design and later landed a job there with Porsche, testing cars. From there, he left for Modena, Italy, on an internship at Ferrari and, in 1965, he came to the United States, working as a mechanic for NART (The North American Racing Team), founded by Luigi Chinetti, owner at the time of Chinetti Motors, a Ferrari dealership in Greenwich, CT. Roger was part of the pit crew for the Ferrari team whose cars came in 1st, 2nd and 3rd in 1967 at the 24-hour Daytona endurance race. He worked in several other races as well. Roger continued his career, working for many years as Sales Manager at a Mercedes Benz dealership in Greenwich, CT, and as General Sales Manager at a Porsche dealership in White Plains, NY, from which he retired in 2006. He remained involved in the car world and attended races by invitation in Monte Carlo and Goodwood, England. Additionally, he was a 15-year volunteer for AARP, teaching a class in defensive driving for seniors at Lapham Community Center in New Canaan. Roger was also a longtime member of the New Canaan Men's Club. In his younger days, he served in the French army as a paratrooper.

Roger was a devoted, loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved taking his family to France and Switzerland to visit relatives, and taking many trips over the years to visit dear friends in New Hampshire. What he enjoyed most in his later years was biking and going to lunch with friends on Wednesdays at Grace Farms and on Fridays with the "Motor Lunch Guys". His greatest passion was watching car racing and soccer.

Roger is survived by his wife of 57 years, Charlotte; a son, Roger Colson, Jr. and wife, Amy; grandchildren, Charlie and Sophie Colson; brothers, Jean-Louis and Didier Colson; sisters, Danielle and Liliane Colson; sister-in-law, Gerda Tuck; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Nancy; and brother, Michel.

A Celebration of life will be offered at St. Aloysius Church in New Canaan on May 29, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to St. Aloysius Church in New Canaan or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Lithium-Ion Batteries Can Be Dangerous

BY JOHN KRIZ

Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries are everywhere.

With more and more things we use every day – motorcars, e-bikes and scooters, leaf blowers, chain saws, drills, vacuums, watches, mobile phones, laptops, drones, iPads, cameras, solar panel power storage, children’s toys – being powered by these batteries, the issue of safe use comes to the fore. And lithium-ion batteries can be, or become, unsafe and fire hazards.

To get a better idea of the safety issues of these ubiquitous batteries, and how residents can manage their growing battery portfolios in the safest manner, the *New Canaan Sentinel* sat down with our town’s leading local fire safety experts: Fire Chief Albert Bassett, Deputy Fire Chief William Perritt and Fire Marshal Paul Payne. In addition, they recommended the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and UL Solutions (formerly Underwriters Laboratories) as useful information sources. This is what we learned.

Battery Fires

Lithium-ion batteries can and do catch fire, and such fires are especially dangerous because of the intense heat generated when they burn, and difficulty in extinguishing the fire. It’s not an urban legend.

There have been serious, recent house fires in New Canaan. The causes of these incidents remain undetermined at this time, but lithium-ion batteries cannot be ruled out.

UL states that, “The proliferation of lithium-ion batteries and the products that run on them has resulted in an exponential increase in incidents resulting in injuries and fatalities.”

According to data compiled by UL for 2024 (most recent full year data) in the USA there were 550 incidents involving problematic lithium-ion batteries, resulting in 126 injuries and 14 fatalities.

How Do Battery Fires Happen?

A fire could start elsewhere, and then spread and engulf an otherwise safe battery, causing it to burn. This is a concern for firefighters, who are fighting what seems to be a simple fire, with that fire taking a serious turn for the worse when a nearby battery is suddenly engulfed, ‘turbocharging’ the risk. And the bigger the battery (such as for an e-bike) the bigger the potential risk.

As well, the battery itself can be the cause of a fire. Often this is due to improper charging practices, placement of the battery near flammable material, or the battery itself being of dubious quality. Note that airlines prohibit battery-powered devices from checked luggage.

Take smart phones as an example. According to UL, there are more than seven billion smart phones on the planet, all powered by lithium-ion batteries. More than half of all iPhones in use are second hand, and will eventually need battery replacement due to ‘capacity fade.’

However, instead of purchasing original equipment manufacturer (OEM) approved and third-party-tested batteries, people might choose to purchase aftermarket batteries. Says UL, “Replacement batteries approved by the smartphone manufacturer should function similarly to the originals, with the same safety certifications, performance and cycle life characteristics.”

Aftermarket batteries are another story. Continues UL, “These aftermarket batteries often come at a lower price than OEM-approved ones, with promises of comparable or better performance. OEM-

approved batteries normally undergo various international or regional safety standard evaluations and tests to obtain safety certifications. This helps ensure product performance and reliability and provides a level of fire risk mitigation. In contrast, most aftermarket replacement batteries not recommended for use by the manufacturer typically lack such claims in their product labels, suggesting a lack of certification to any battery safety standard.”

As mobile phones are often kept in a pocket or purse, the risks of battery failure are exacerbated.

The punchline: Buying a cheap aftermarket battery might not really be cheap if you factor your and your family’s health and home into the equation, be it for a phone battery or anything else.

Safety Tips

Based on input from New Canaan’s leading fire safety experts, plus data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and UL Solutions:

- Batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous. For example, a battery might fit in a device, but be the wrong voltage for the device, potentially creating a hazard due to the mismatch.

- Batteries, like any other object, can be defective, and overheat, catch fire or explode.

- Only use batteries listed by a nationally recognized testing organization, such as UL. Some batteries might be ‘aftermarket knock-offs’ and not made well. If a battery’s price is too good to be true, that should be a warning. It’s best to seek replacement batteries from the device’s manufacturer to help ensure that the correct, certified battery is being installed.

- Be aware of counterfeits. This can happen even with OEMs, and they can be difficult to spot. Look for misspellings (like this!) on the label, or poor label placement or printing.

- Only use the charging cord that came with the device. Using the wrong charger is a key cause of ‘thermal runaway,’ which results in excessive battery heat and fire.

- Don’t charge a device under or near a pillow, bed, couch or anything flammable. The same goes for storing batteries. Keeping batteries (especially large ones for devices such as e-bikes) in a shed away from the house is a good safety idea.

- Safe battery charging requires the correct voltage. When traveling to, say, Europe, which uses 220–240V at 50Hz, while the U.S. uses 110–120V at 60Hz, you’ll need not only an adapter for the plug, but also a voltage regulator. Charging a battery at the wrong voltage level can cause overheating and fire.

- Don’t keep charging the battery once it has reached its full charge. (An example is charging your phone overnight next to your bed.) This is another route to thermal runaway and fire. Many devices have holders where you store as well as charge the device. Convenient though they may be, leaving the device charging long after it has a full charge can cause battery failure. Set your mobile phone on a timer and unplug the device when it has been charged. Fire Marshal Payne sees this overcharging risk all the time during home fire safety assessments. (If you’d like a free home fire safety assessment, call the fire marshal at 203-594-3030 to schedule an appointment.)

- Keep batteries at room temperature -- at least between freezing and 105F. (Think of a battery stored in a garage or shed that gets very cold or hot.)

- If the battery fails to fully charge, takes too long to charge, fails to hold a charge,

emits an odor, gets overheated, changes color or shape, makes a noise, or leaks move it away from anything flammable and properly dispose of it. If in doubt, call 911.

- Dropping a battery can cause irreversible damage and

fire risk – even if there is no visible damage. Replacing the battery is best seen as ‘Better safe than sorry.’

- Keep batteries away from contact with metals (such as storing them in a drawer or box), as contact can cause the

battery to short out.

- Be sure you have working smoke detectors. Having a heat detector in the garage is a good idea, too.

Disposal

The best place to dispose

of a lithium-ion battery is the transfer station, where there are marked bins. If your battery is damaged, leaking or otherwise thought to be dangerous, call 911 and be sure the operator knows that a possibly dangerous battery is the issue.



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USS Harvey C. Barnum Jr. to Be Commissioned, Honoring Connecticut Medal of Honor Recipient

The U.S. Navy will commission the USS Harvey C. Barnum Jr. (DDG 124) on April 11, 2026, in Norfolk, Virginia, honoring a Connecticut native whose actions in combat have become part of the nation's military record.

The ship, an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, is the first to bear the name of U.S. Marine Corps Col. Harvey Curtiss "Barney" Barnum Jr., a Medal of Honor recipient recognized for his actions during the Vietnam War. Barnum is among the few living service members to witness the commissioning of a ship named in his honor.

Barnum's citation stems from events on Dec. 18, 1965, when, as a 1st lieutenant, he assumed command after his company commander was mortally wounded. According to the U.S. Navy, he "moved fearlessly through deadly fire to lead air attacks against the enemy's well-entrenched positions while directing one platoon in a successful counterattack on key positions." After securing a small area, Barnum directed helicopters to evacuate the wounded and deceased and continued the advance to seize the battalion's objective.

The commissioning ceremony reflects both

tradition and continuity. The ship's sponsor, Barnum's wife, Martha Hill, will give the order to "man our ship and bring her to life!"—a customary moment marking the transition from a vessel to an active warship. At that command, the crew will board the ship and raise the commissioning pennant, formally placing the destroyer into service.

Since the keel-laying ceremony in 2021, Barnum and Hill have maintained an ongoing relationship with the crew, a connection that reflects the Navy's effort to link a ship's identity with the life and service of its namesake. The Navy describes this relationship as part of the broader culture surrounding commissioning, where tradition, service history, and present-day readiness intersect.

Following the ceremony, the USS Harvey C. Barnum Jr. will be homeported at Naval Station Norfolk.

The destroyer itself represents a core component of the Navy's surface fleet. Arleigh Burke-class ships are designed for multi-mission operations, capable of addressing threats in air, surface, and subsurface environments. DDG 124 is a Flight IIA variant equipped with Aegis Baseline 9, a system



that, according to Navy officials, "provides Integrated Air and Missile Defense capabilities, increased computing power, and radar upgrades that improve detection range and reaction time against modern air warfare and Ballistic Missile Defense threats."

The commissioning comes as the Navy marks a broader institutional milestone. This year, the service is commemorating 250 years of contributions to national defense, coinciding with the United States'

semiquincentennial. According to Navy officials, "for more than 250 years, the Navy has sailed the globe defending freedom and protecting prosperity."

For Connecticut residents, the naming of the ship ties a local figure to that larger history. Barnum's service, rooted in a specific moment of combat more than six decades ago, now extends into a modern vessel designed for contemporary warfare.

The commissioning ceremony will stream on the Defense Video Information Distribution Service (DVIDS) at www.dvidshub.net/webcast/37421. The live stream will begin at 9:50 a.m. EST, and the ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. EST on April 11.

Even in the structured language of military announcements, certain details remain personal. A husband and wife standing alongside a crew. A name carried forward onto steel. A moment when a ship, newly complete, is given life in front of those who understand what that life requires.

The USS Harvey C. Barnum Jr. will enter service not only as a warship, but as a vessel carrying the legacy of a man whose actions, recorded in a single day of combat, continue to shape how service is remembered.

New Canaan CARES Home Tour April 16 & 17

New Canaan CARES is thrilled to announce the 33rd Annual Home Tour, taking place on Friday, May 15, 2026. This highly anticipated community event invites attendees to step inside five stunning homes, each showcasing a unique design element that connects to CARES' core pillars: Empowering Youth, Strengthening Families, and Building Community. The tour will conclude with an optional, after-party at a bonus sixth home.

Tickets are on sale now at www.newcanaancares.org.

The Home Tour is New Canaan CARES' largest annual fundraising event, with 100% of proceeds directly supporting youth leadership programs, parent workshops, and health and wellness initiatives throughout the community. "As an independent nonprofit, the Home Tour generates almost half of our annual budget, which allows us to continue to deliver quality, responsive programming, youth leadership training, and drug education and prevention work," says Colleen Prostor, Executive Director of New Canaan CARES.

True to the Home Tour's signature theme, "Connection by Design," each home highlights how architecture and interior design can foster meaningful connections. Attendees will experience a diverse range of homes that embody this theme. "The Home Tour is a beloved tradition that brings together residents to appreciate beautiful design while making a meaningful impact in our community," says Prostor. "We are so thankful for the generosity of homeowners, sponsors, and our dedicated volunteers who make this event possible."

New Canaan CARES extends a heartfelt thank you to our Platinum Sponsor, Ceci Brignole-Duffy of SERHANT, for her generous support. We also appreciate our official Tour Photographer, Katie Kinsley, for capturing every stunning detail, as well as our media sponsors, New Canaan, Darien + Rowayton Magazine and The New Canaanite, for helping us share this incredible event with the community.

For tickets and more information about the Home Tour, Post-Tour Party, or raffle tickets, please visit www.newcanaancares.org.



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Palace Theatre Gala to Honor Rob Mathes, Support Arts Education and Historic Landmark

The Stamford Center for the Arts will mark its 14th Annual Gala on April 16 at the Palace Theatre with a program that combines recognition, performance, and fundraising, honoring local musician and producer Rob Mathes and directing proceeds toward arts education and preservation efforts.

The evening opens at 5:30 p.m. with a reception, setting the stage for Mathes to receive the 2026 Arts Ovation Award, which "recognizes individuals whose work demonstrates the power of the arts to strengthen community, expand access, and inspire connection," according to event materials. His selection reflects a career that has moved between global stages and local commitments, linking professional achievement with sustained community engagement.

Over more than four decades, Mathes has built a reputation as an Emmy Award-winning and Tony- and Grammy-nominated arranger, composer, producer, and musical director. Raised in Greenwich by Yale-trained musicians, his early exposure to both formal training and community-based arts education shaped a career that continues to bridge performance and service. His annual holiday concerts in Fairfield County, now spanning more than 25 years, have drawn regional audiences while supporting Food Rescue US, aligning artistic output with direct community

impact.

The gala's structure reflects that same dual purpose. Sponsorship tiers range from \$350 to \$15,000, with escalating benefits that include access, recognition, and participation. At the highest level, the presenting sponsorship underwrites two named Arts Education Opportunity Scholarships tied to the 2026 Triple Threat Performer Intensive program, along with seating for 18 guests. Other tiers—Miracles Sponsor, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Sponsor, Gold Record Sponsor, King of Motown Sponsor, and Soul Sponsor—offer backstage access, parking, and visibility across event materials. Each level directs funding toward the same objective: sustaining arts programming while maintaining the historic venue.

That mission extends well beyond the gala. Proceeds support programs that reach more than 1,500 students each year, most at no cost. The Stamford Center for the Arts defines its mission as "To engage, motivate, and energize by creating opportunities that build confidence, instill passion, and transform lives," with a vision of "a vibrant and diverse community where every person is empowered and inspired through self-expression to embrace Arts Education and lifelong appreciation of the Performing Arts."

Programs emphasize participation and access.

A Sense of Direction, a four-week course for high school students, focuses on directing and artistic leadership, guiding participants through script analysis, casting, rehearsal, and performance under professional instruction. The Emerging Young Artist Awards shifts attention to writing, inviting students to submit original one-act plays for staged readings, culminating in public performance. The 2026 program will be led by Luis Salgado, whose work spans Broadway and international productions and centers on the arts as a vehicle for community connection.

For younger students, the Global Arts program introduces cultural study through performance. Developed with Symphony Space, the initiative engages students in grades three through five in a four-day curriculum incorporating storytelling, dance, music, and visual arts traditions from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Activities range from African drumming to Japanese Taiko and Bharatanatyam dance, using artistic practice to explore cultural distinctions and shared experience.

The Triple Threat Performer Intensive, a two-week summer program for students ages 9 to 16, integrates acting, singing, and dance under the direction of Salgado and other professional artists. Scholarships based on financial need reinforce the organization's emphasis on accessibility, ensuring

participation is not limited by cost.

These initiatives operate within a venue approaching a significant milestone. The Palace Theatre, designed by architect Thomas Lamb and opened in 1927, nears its 100th anniversary. Originally built as a vaudeville house, it has undergone decades of restoration to serve contemporary audiences while preserving its architectural character.

Maintaining that balance requires ongoing investment. The building functions as both a historic structure and an active performance space, requiring continuous upkeep alongside programming demands. The Stamford Center for the Arts, which also operates the Rich Forum, has positioned the Palace Theatre as a central cultural institution in downtown Stamford, hosting concerts, theater, film, and community events that draw audiences from across Fairfield County.

As the centennial approaches, the April gala serves as both celebration and mechanism. It honors an artist whose career reflects the organization's values while directing resources toward programs designed to expand access and preserve a landmark venue for future audiences. Sponsorship opportunities remain available, with inquiries directed to Laurel Lea at [llea@palacestamford.org] or Stephanie Getchell at [sgetchell@palacestamford.org].

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401 Jelliff Mill Road	\$1,295,000	1,607	\$806	.35	3	1
47 Bank Street	\$1,499,000	1,684	\$890		2	3
26 Farm Road	\$2,695,000	3,876	\$695	.44	5	4
346 Frogtown Road	\$3,495,000	4,060	\$861	2.09	4	4
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91 Sunset Hill Road	\$4,895,000	\$4,895,000	\$5,715,000	9	6	5	2.24
42 Hillcrest Road	\$4,999,000	\$4,999,000	\$4,855,000	10	5	6	1.03
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111 Heritage Hill Road	\$849,000	SAT & SUN	1:00 - 3:00 pm	WPSIR
47 Bank Street	\$1,499,000	SAT & SUN	1:00 - 3:00 pm	WPSIR
760 Smith Ridge Road	\$4,150,000	SAT & SUN	1-3 pm & 12-2 pm	Douglas Elliman

The Five Gardens of the Year

Public and Private, Planned and Accidental—What Grows Here, and What It Takes to Keep It



BY JOHN ENGEL

Driving down Ponus Ridge in late March, I'll see small patches of purple pushing up through the snow. Not in beds, right in the lawn. Crocus. One week and they're gone. But for that brief window, they tell me one thing clearly: Winter is ending.

You can tell a lot about a house from the containers at the end of the driveway, changed out each season: what a chef might call an *amuse-bouche*. Or an entire landscape – trees, meadow, beds, that clearly didn't happen all at once. Big or small, planned or improvised, every property here is carrying some version of a garden.

After crocus, daffodils follow, and there is no better show than 30,000 of them at Irwin Park. I plant 1,000 bulbs every year with an electric drill and a corkscrew auger. They naturalize in the woodland, where deer leave them alone. It sounds excessive, but this is the time of year when we all need a little color in our lives.

The late spring garden comes after the final frost. Peonies. They come back every year and resist the deer. This is also the time to address what's getting away from you. In the meadow, that means Japanese stiltgrass. They say if you can stop it from going to seed for three years in a row, you win. Ask me in three years.

Roses sit in between. Late spring into summer. Waveny's Rose Garden, originally designed by Frederick Law Olmsted – the same firm behind Central Park – was restored in the 1990s and again more recently. It's still the backdrop for bridal pictures, but the roses are no longer the main event. They're part of a larger planting.

The summer garden is something else entirely. The Land Trust sells tickets in late June to the firefly show. The meadow starts to carry its own weight. At the end of the driveway, the containers change out of spring – no more pansies. Geraniums, maybe lantana, something that can take the heat and be read from the road. Around the pool, it's different again: tropical, more water, more attention.

Frank Sparks at the New Canaan Men's Club grows champion dahlias. Last fall, this octogenarian pulled a Tom Sawyer on me – an evening at dusk, digging up precious tubers with surgical precision just before the first frost claimed them.

The fall garden is asters. The color shifts. The meadow holds later into the season. The containers change out geraniums and lantana for mums, ornamental kale, maybe grasses, and the end of fern season. At some point, they'll be cut greens and branches for winter.

The winter garden has no flowers. It's structure. Stone walls. The shape of the trees. The contour of the earth. Magnificent boulders. What's left when everything else is gone.

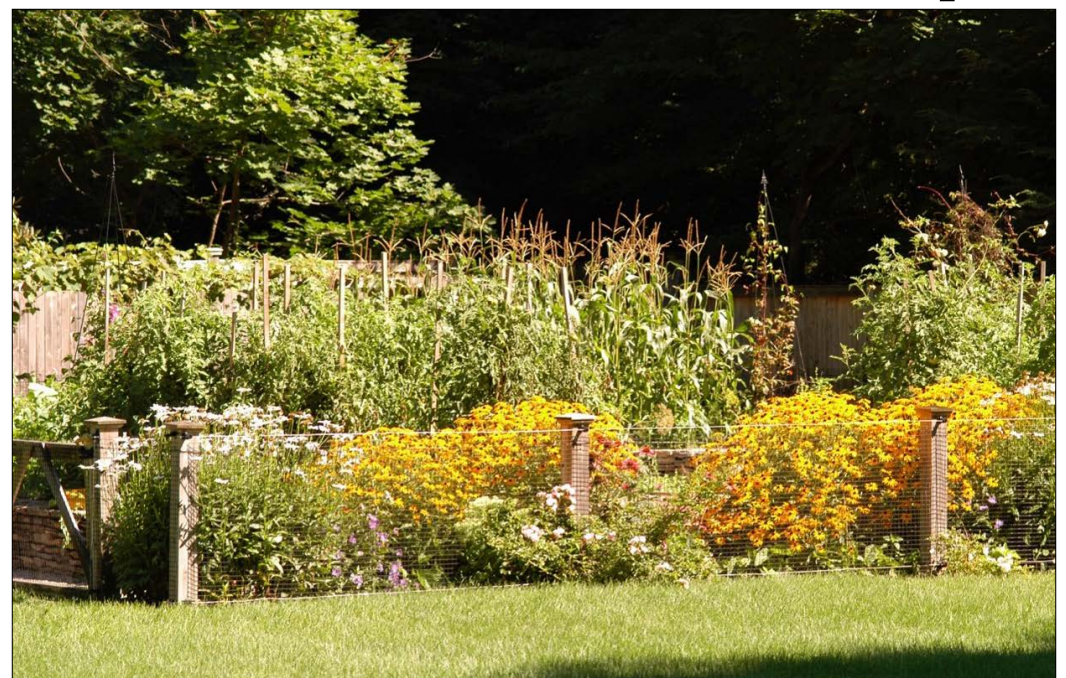
And public gardens. The Beautification League (founded 1908) plants and maintains the roadside triangles and Irwin Park. The New Canaan Garden Club (founded 1909, a founding club of the Garden Club of America) maintains the rose gardens at Waveny.

There was a time – late 19th into early 20th century – when it was in fashion to bring rare and unusual plants to Connecticut. The New York Botanical Garden, founded in 1891, trained many of the people doing that work. Some of the species we see today – Japanese maples, rhododendrons, copper beech – trace back to New Canaan amateurs and professionals who studied there, planting specimen trees whose stories are lost but are now part of the town.

At Lee Garden on Chichester, Faith Kerchoff and a small group from the Beautification League maintain what started as George Lee's pet project dating to the 1950's. Two and a half acres of azaleas, rhododendrons, and a shade garden under a canopy of trees. Not static. They're pruning, pulling invasives, replanting what doesn't take. It's often called a secret garden.

And then there are places that aren't gardens at all. Bristow Bird Sanctuary, dating back to the 1920s and recently restored. Senator Symington's property. Forty acres of Audubon land in Silvermine. Not planted or arranged. They're held. Maintained. Left alone where possible, managed where necessary. Not everything that is cared for is designed.

In a town of million-dollar houses, it's no surprise we maintain million-dollar gardens with



The Fall garden.



Same garden in Spring.

the same enthusiasm. And we should. Like a grand piano in the living room, or books on the shelf, a garden says something about the owner that fine moldings and trendy carpet never will.

The meadow is something else again. Our land trust is restoring meadows on Canoe Hill, Davenport Ridge, and Silvermine. There's been a lot of interest in meadows lately, but they don't just happen. You have to put them back. Native species, one by one, because they are food. They work together. They bring in bees, butterflies, birds, insects, and the things that eat them.

Bill McDonald's meadow has been 40 years in the making. Bill's secret to one million fireflies starts with clean water sources and no pesticides. The synchronous fireflies show in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee, draws massive crowds for a few weeks each year. What he has here, on a smaller scale, no busses, no lottery access, is the same idea – and it's rare, and it's priceless.

Left alone for a decade, my wetland meadow was overrun with Japanese stiltgrass, an invasive that crowds out natives and provides no food or habitat. Restoring it means three years of pulling or cutting to prevent seeding, while reintroducing wetland species that bloom across the season and can live with the deer. The accompanying chart is one way to make sense of what feels chaotic and random, helping a self-taught gardener know what to expect.

Buyers coming out from the city often ask what it costs to maintain one of these gardens. The answer is whatever you are capable of. These gardens expand. To look their best, they can consume us.

They'll take all you give them. For some people, that becomes the reason to leave. Sellers tell me, "If I can't take care of it, I must pass it on."

For many of us, gardening connects us with our childhood and family. Digging in the dirt with our parents. Learning where food comes from. Mowing the lawn for an allowance. The smell of freshly cut grass. Or just driving New Canaan's narrow streets in summer and catching a whiff of something in bloom.

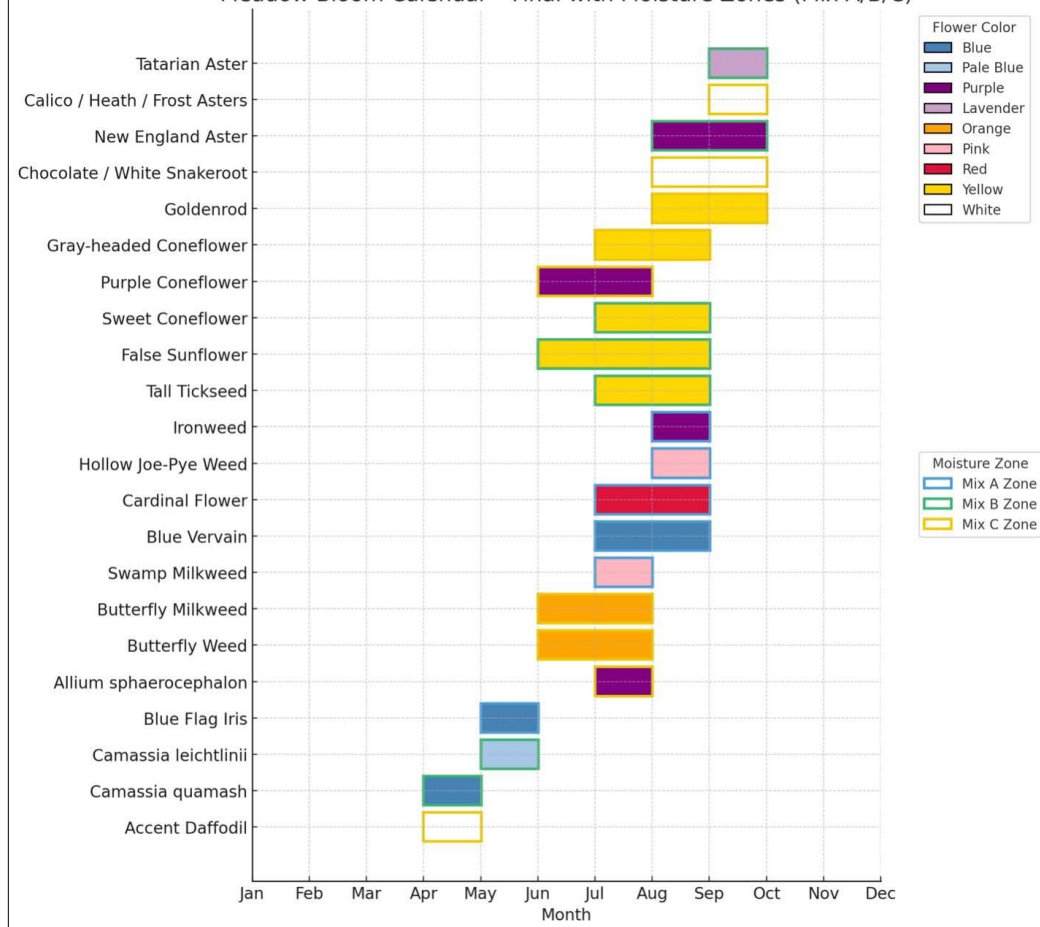
When we bought our house on Oenoke Lane, one tree crowded the pool. Too big, too awkward. We cut it back by half, figuring it was a junk tree and might have to go. The next year it produced one gorgeous, oversized Granny Smith apple, and we were hooked.

John Engel is a broker on the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman and an iPhone gardener, using the latest plant identification app to divide the world into flowers and weeds. The discovery of hundreds of invasive *euonymus* on his property demanded action. Once you see it, you can't unsee it.



Digging in the dirt with our parents.

Meadow Bloom Calendar - Final with Moisture Zones (Mix A/B/C)

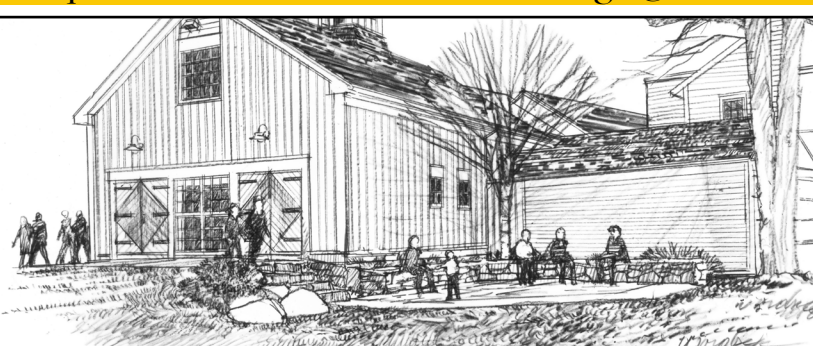


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Nature's Tiny Terminator

Most of us see a ladybug and smile. We regard it as a cheery emblem of garden charm, a red-dotted lucky penny of the insect world. But what if I told you that behind those polka-dotted wings lies the heart of a cold-blooded killer?

The ladybug—more properly, the lady beetle—is no flower-hopping pacifist. It is, in fact, one of the most formidable insect predators in the garden. Armed with a voracious appetite and a jaw structure that would make a shark blush, the ladybug is nature's armored tank in miniature, designed for one thing: the annihilation of harmful aphids.

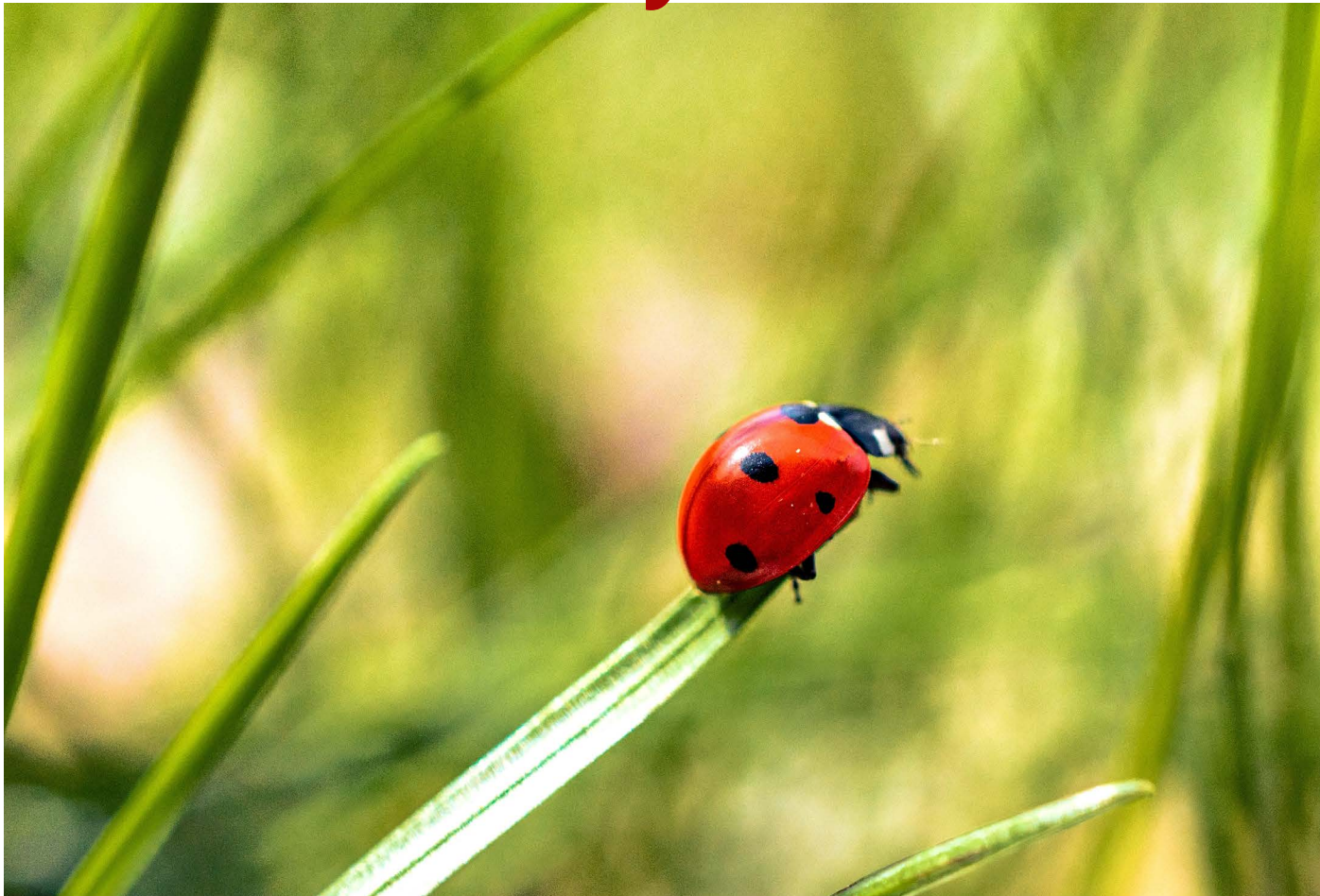
A single ladybug can consume up to 5,000 aphids in its lifetime. That's not a typo. According to entomologists at the University of California's Integrated Pest Management Program, both adult ladybugs and their larvae actively hunt aphids, scale insects, and mites—soft-bodied pests that ravage everything from rose bushes to tomato plants. These miniature monsters may be only a few millimeters long, but they are relentless and methodical.

Ladybug larvae resemble tiny alligators—elongated, dark, spiky—and they begin hunting shortly after hatching. They don't wait for a meal to fall into their laps. They patrol, sniff out their prey, and dismantle it with needle-pointed mandibles. Gardeners may not recognize these juveniles at first glance, but to aphids, they are the grim reapers of the foliage.

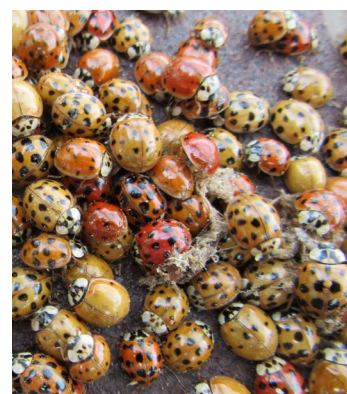
Their reputation as aphid assassins has not gone unnoticed. Farmers and organic growers deploy them like mercenaries. In greenhouses and orchards, crates of ladybugs are released as natural pest control agents, sparing crops from chemical pesticides. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has supported ladybug releases for decades, especially in citrus orchards and alfalfa fields.

The species we most often see here in Greenwich is the seven-spotted lady beetle, *Coccinella septempunctata*, an import from Europe brought over in the 1970s. It quickly established itself, outcompeting some native species but succeeding in one key mission—wiping out pests that decimate local flora.

Yet not all is rosy in the realm of the ladybug. The Asian multicolored lady beetle, *Harmonia axyridis*, introduced as a biological control agent, has shown a tendency to overstay its



Ladybug eating aphids.



The Asian Lady Beetle mimics the Lady Bug but invades homes in the fall, has an acrid odor, and has the potential to bite humans.

Birds, frogs, and other insectivores learn quickly to associate ladybugs' distinctive coloration with discomfort. Once a blue jay or a toad experiences the consequences of sampling one, it typically avoids all similar-looking beetles, leading to evolved mimicry in other insects that imitate ladybug coloring for protection.

The ladybug's success isn't rooted in brute strength but in strategic defense. It announces its presence like a biological billboard, warns with color, and defends with toxins. Most of the natural world takes the hint.

But perhaps what's most remarkable about the ladybug is not its kill count—it's its adaptability. The ladybug thrives across continents, in climates ranging from arid scrublands to northern forests. Its success lies in its resilience, its efficiency, and its ability to blend into the world without drawing undue attention until it's time to act.

There's a lesson here for us. In a world that rewards loudness and spectacle, the ladybug shows the strength of quiet effectiveness. It reminds us that success doesn't always roar. Sometimes it crawls forward deliberately, eyes fixed on the target, doing the work while others overlook it. The ladybug wastes nothing. It's agile, opportunistic, and mission-driven—qualities we'd be wise to emulate.

From the boardroom to the backyard, the message is the same: perception matters, stay focused, remain adaptable, and never underestimate the power of patient, determined pursuit. It's the ladybug's world—we're just borrowing a few leaves of it.

The ladybug thrives because it sends a clear, unmistakable signal about what it is. It wears its colors like a manifesto: bold, unapologetic, and impossible to misread. To predators, it says, "Touch me and regret it." To humans, "Trust me, I'm helpful."

People can adopt this strategy by learning to broadcast their core values and non-negotiables without apology. When your intentions and boundaries are clear, those inclined to exploit or oppose you often choose not to.

Meanwhile, the Ladybug quietly destroys entire colonies of aphids, protecting flowers and crops. Similarly, people can focus on meaningful work, making themselves legible to allies and unappealing to adversaries.

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welcome. This species not only preys on aphids but also displaces native ladybugs and can bite humans. During fall, it invades

homes en masse, seeking warm corners to overwinter, often in a cloud of acrid odor.

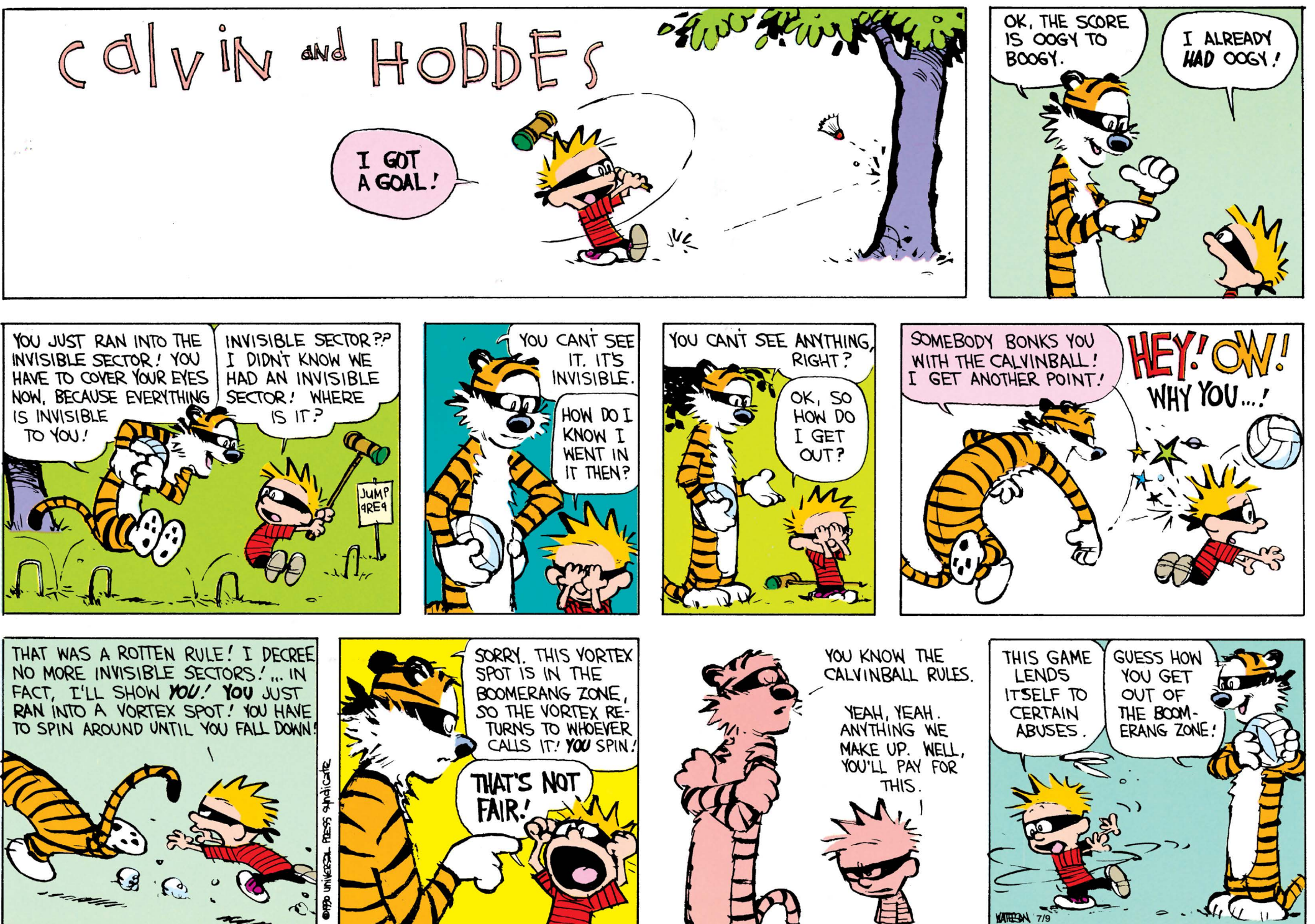
Still, the ladybug earns its

stripes—and spots—as a powerhouse of natural pest management. It is a predator cloaked in delight, a scarlet stealth bomber

in the battle for balance in our backyard ecosystems.

Other insects and animals tend to avoid eating ladybugs because they are chemically defended and visually advertised as unappetizing. The vivid red or orange coloration with black spots functions as aposematic signaling—a biological warning that says, Don't eat me. I taste terrible.

When threatened, a ladybug can engage in a process called reflex bleeding, excreting small droplets of yellowish, foul-smelling hemolymph (insect blood) from its leg joints. This fluid contains toxic alkaloids such as coccinelline, which taste bitter and can induce vomiting in predators. According to research published by the Entomological Society of America, even one bite of a ladybug can condition a bird or lizard to avoid similarly colored insects in the future.



Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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

TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 13

[Charter Revision Commission Special Meeting](#)
4-6 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 14

[Pension Committee](#)
11 a.m.- 12 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room

[Charter Revision Commission Public Hearing & Regular Meeting](#)
5-7 p.m., Town Hall

[Fire Commission](#)
5-6 p.m., Town Hall

[Town Council](#)
7-8 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 15

[Housing Authority of New Canaan](#)
5:30-6:30 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.

[Police Commission](#)
6-7 p.m., Police Headquarters

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

Friday, April 10

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.

Health Talks with Shannon and Ellen
 11 AM at the Lapham Center
 Join Shannon and Ellen from the Health Department for conversation on various health topics. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Her Brush, Our Future Benefit
 6-8 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 Join for an evening where creativity and compassion collide. Enjoy bubbly, mingle with friends, and immerse yourself in a night of art, all while making a positive impact. 100% of all purchases will directly support LiveGirl and the Carriage Barn Arts Center. Admission is free, register at <https://shorturl.at/My8PR>.

Saturday, April 11

Nature Workshop | Berry Fruit Gardening
 11 AM at Grace Farms
 Get inspired by the new, berry plantings in the garden and learn the basics of growing these fruits at home. Understand the process from start to finish, beginning with plant choice, garden preparation and management, all the way to harvesting and preservation. Tickets are \$16/members, \$20/non-members, and available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/nature-workshops-berry-fruit-gardening>.

Sunday, April 12

Chef's Palate | Shaping the American Palate
 3 PM at Grace Farms
 Explore how regional traditions, ingredients, and historical events have helped to define today's American palate—and gain a deeper understanding of how food reflects our collective history. Register at <https://gracefarms.org/event/chefs-palate-global-groceries-2>.

Monday, April 13

TODAY Show's Sheinelle Jones Presents: Through Mom's Eyes
 7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 Today show host Sheinelle Jones shares heartfelt life-lessons in her book, *Through Mom's Eyes*. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/sheinelle%20jones%20-192017>.

Tuesday, April 14

Spring Bulb Arranging with Longfield Farm
 10 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 Embrace the arrival of Spring by creating a distinctive and enduring Spring Bulb arrangement with Elisa Bulgrin of Longfield Farm. Attendees will have a variety of plants and colors to choose from that will continue to bloom for weeks to come. Tickets are \$130/members, \$150/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/spring-bulbs-longfield-farm/>.

History of New Canaan and Surrounding Area

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center
 Local historian and landscape architect Keith Simpson provides in-depth insights into New Canaan's development, focusing on its evolution from 18th-century rural roots to a modern suburb. A lunch and learn sponsored by Staying Put in New Canaan. Free. To register, call: 203-594-3620.

An Evening with Libby Ward & Caitlin Murray

6 PM at Elm Street Books
 Join for an evening author talk with Libby Ward, in conversation with Caitlin Murray, here to chat about Libby's new book, *Honest Motherhood: On Losing My Mind and Finding Myself*. Register at <https://shorturl.at/QClb2>.

Moneco Advisors Present: Tax Planning Strategies

6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim and Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 Join for a Tax Planning Strategies workshop where you'll be given specific strategies to consider for helping you and your family secure a better financial future. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-moneco-171959>.

Wednesday, April 15

Spring Early Morning Walks with Frank Gallo
 8:30-10 AM at the New Canaan Nature Center
 Meet Senior Naturalist Frank Gallo for bird walks. You'll be keeping track of and learning about the birds you see as the NCNC generates a database and new bird lists for Bristow Sanctuary and NCNC. Binoculars are available if needed. Free. Register at <https://newcanaannature.org/adult-birding/>.

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

Thursday, April 16

Free Medicare Counseling
 By appointment at the Lapham Center
 A CHOICES certified Medicare counselor, provides free information about Medicare options and related benefits. Available to New Canaan residents and Town employees. Call (203) 594-3620 to schedule an appointment.

Renowned Designer Nathan Turner Presents I Love Decorating

1 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 Join Nathan Turner to explore what makes interiors beautiful—blending English-Bohemian influences with vibrant inspiration from around the world. Register at <https://shorturl.at/aJ4I4>.

Friday, April 17

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
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Why Less Means More When Raising Confident Kids
 9:30 AM at the New Canaan Library
 This interactive session with Dr. Kelly Foran Tuller will help you rethink how “doing less” can actually help your child grow more. Register at <https://newcanaancares.org/raising-curious-kids-2-2/>.

THE SCONE QUEEN BAKES by Danielle Sepsy

1 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 Celebrate the launch of The Scone Queen Bakes by New York City-based chef and entrepreneur Danielle Sepsy. Known for her innovative-yet-nostalgic treats, Sepsy is the founder of The Hungry Gnome, a popular NYC wholesale bakery that now produces over 100,000 baked goods a month. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/scone-queen-200438>.

Breeches & Bowties Spring Gala
 6:30-10:30 PM at the Wee Burn Country Club, Darien
 Join the New Canaan Mounted Troup for their 2026 Spring Gala with guest speaker Drew Doggett. Enjoy a night of community, inspiration, and purpose - and help ensure their horses and programs continue to serve those who need them most. Tickets are available at <https://newcanaanmountedtroup.org>.

Saturday, April 18

Get About Annual Spring Fundraiser
 6:30-10:30 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
 Join for a night of dinner, dancing and live music by New York's own HIGHLINE. Tickets are available at <https://getaboutnc.org/2026-annual-spring-fundraiser/>.

Monday, April 20

New Canaan Nature Center: Past, Present, and Future
 11 AM at the Lapham Center
 The Executive Director of the Nature Center, will share his enthusiasm for the natural world around us, with a presentation about all the ways in which the Nature Center has supported the local environment and the flora and fauna that inhabit it. This lively interactive discussion will include a Q&A — as well as a visit from a live animal or two from the Center. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Tuesday, April 21

US Embassies of the Cold War: The Battle of the Curtain Wall vs. the Iron Curtain
 6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 David B. Peterson, author of *US Embassies of the Cold War: the Architecture of Democracy, Diplomacy and Defense*, will expand on the US State Department's bid to win international hearts and minds through strategic use of cultural diplomacy, as those embassies are being decommissioned and sold today. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/us-embassies-cold-war>.

Wednesday, April 22

Spring Early Morning Walks with Frank Gallo
 8:30-10 AM at the New Canaan Nature Center
 Meet Senior Naturalist Frank Gallo for bird walks. You'll be keeping track of and learning about the birds you see as the NCNC generates a database and new bird lists for Bristow Sanctuary and NCNC. Binoculars are available if needed. Free. Register at <https://newcanaannature.org/adult-birding/>.

Genealogy Using Ancestry.com presented by Gail Junion-Metz
 1 PM at the Lapham Center
 Find out everything you wanted to know about your rich history with Gail's help. Learn how to navigate Ancestry.com, in order to unlock the story of your family. Free. Space is limited, call 203-594-3620 to register.

Earth Day Story Walk

4 PM at Still Pond Preserve
 Join Miss Marie for an afternoon in nature to celebrate Earth Day and this beautiful time of the year. Start with a short nature walk and scavenger hunt then join Children's Librarian Miss Marie will read Earth Day stories and songs. Appropriate for ages 2 and up. Free. Register at <https://newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/earth-day-story-walk/>.

Thursday, April 23

CARES Adventures in Learning: Summer Strategies for Kids
 9:30 AM in the Saxe Library
 Join Kate Wingate and get practical tools to boost executive function skills and create a balanced, productive summer plan for your child. Register at <https://newcanaancares.org/raising-curious-kids-2-2-2/>.

64th Annual Gridiron Dinner

6 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
 The Gridiron Club of New Canaan will honor Robert (Bob) Doran for his many years of service to the community. The event is open to the public, with tickets available at <https://gridironclubofnc.org/registration/>.

In Conversation with Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist Jodi Kantor

7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 New Canaan Library is pleased to present Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Jodi Kantor in conversation with Ron Lieber for a thought-provoking discussion about an essential question: how, in these challenging times, can anyone discover and begin their life's work? Register at <https://shorturl.at/6ujrww>.

Friday, April 24

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.

Dink for Daffodils | A Pickleball Fundraiser for Friends of Irwin Park
 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan

Join for a lively day of pickleball in support of Friends of Irwin Park. Two hours of play are included for \$100/player. Spectators are welcome for \$50/person. All attendees will enjoy light refreshments and receive a commemorative cap. You are encouraged to wear bright, spring colors to celebrate the new season! There are three time slots available and the signup is at <https://www.ncgardenclub.org/dink-for-daffodils/>.

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Saturday, April 25

Last Saturdays on the Trail: Wings & Wonders
 9 AM at Bristow Bird Sanctuary
 BYO Binoculars to spot peak migration activity! Look for bright breeding plumage and listen for high levels of birdsong, notice early blooming flora. Register at <https://shorturl.at/F4Lek>.

Monday, April 27

An Evening with Author Colm Tóibín
 7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 The Library is pleased to present author Colm Tóibín for a special evening celebrating his latest work. Tóibín's new work, *The News from Dublin*, is a collection of nine short stories, many never-before-published. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-colm-toibin-183810/>.

Tuesday, April 28

Passive Cooling Revisited: Window Awnings as a Climate Strategy for Historic Buildings
 5-7 PM at the Onera Foundation, 63 Park Street
 Join for a presentation by preservation research fellow Anne Maxwell Foster. More information and tickets are available at <https://www.onerafoundation.org/events>.

Nonna Gracie Presents Her Cookbook
 7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 Grace Geramita and her grandson Matt Gresia present *Sunday Dinner with Nonna Gracie: Traditional Italian Recipes for Gathering and Sharing*. They will demonstrate one of their cherished family recipes. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/nonna%20gracie-200505>.

Wednesday, April 29

Yale Redhot & Blue Sing A Cappella
 7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 Celebrate America 250 with the sounds of classic American jazz, together with newer sounds that chase the bounds of musical possibility. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/yale-red-hot-blue-singers>.

Thursday, April 30

Chess, Chats and Tech an Afternoon with Saint Luke's Students
 2-4 PM at the Lapham Center
 Join students from Saint Luke's for an afternoon of fun, sharing and learning. Students will be on-hand to play chess, chat and provide tech support. Beverages and treats will be served. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

The Merritt: Masterpiece of Design and Planning Opening Reception and Lecture

6 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 The Executive Director of the Merritt Parkway Conservancy will discuss the history of the Merritt Parkway's complex design and the Conservancy's role in preserving Connecticut's iconic landmark for the enjoyment of future generations. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/merritt-opening-lecture>.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, May 1

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.

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

Study Tour | Glass House + Marcel Breuer House
1 PM at the Glass House
Visit two important examples of mid-century residential architecture on a half-day study tour of the Glass House and the Marcel Breuer House. Tickets are \$100 and available at <https://theglasshouse.org/whats-on/glass-house-marcel-breuer-house/>.

Tacos & Tequila featuring Matthew Maynard, LMFT
6-8 PM at Rosie
Gather for tacos, tequila, and easy conversation featuring clinical expert and author Matthew Maynard, LMFT. Tickets available at <https://cfgc.salsalabs.org/rosietacosandtequila/index.html>.

Saturday, May 2
Planet New Canaan's Fix-It Café
By appointment at the Lapham Center
Planet New Canaan is hosting a "Fix-It Café" to repair, rather than discard, household items. Featuring repair stations for lamps, small appliances, electronics, small furniture, bikes, and clothing; providing free, expert, volunteer-led repairs. Free. You may register at: www.Planetnewcanaan.org/events.

Next to Normal
7 PM at the New Canaan Library
With an electrifying pop/rock score and an honest, gut-wrenching script, Next to Normal explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. Tickets are available at <https://www.connecticutstagecompany.org/tickets>.

Sunday, May 3
Next to Normal
2 PM at the New Canaan Library
With an electrifying pop/rock score and an honest, gut-wrenching script, Next to Normal explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. Tickets are available at <https://www.connecticutstagecompany.org/tickets>.

Monday, May 4
Revolutionary Connecticut presented by the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History
11 AM at the Lapham Center
This presentation will draw from the Museum's rich collection of artifacts and documents to tell the story of the struggle for American independence through the eyes of ordinary citizens, and discuss the various ways Connecticut residents have commemorated our independence over the past 250 years. Coffee and treats will be served. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Tuesday, May 5
Dance On The Green: Classic Variations by NEAD Students
4:30 PM at the New Canaan

Library, Merrill Event Lawn
The students of New England Academy of Dance have been working diligently to prepare for the Youth American Grand Prix competition. Bring your own chair or blanket. Register at <https://shorturl.at/DKQDp>.

Wednesday, May 6
Let's Take a Trip to Spain with Marc Wollin
1 PM at the Lapham Center
Join for a tour of Spain and experience its culture and history with breathtaking photos of Moorish, Gothic and Gaudi architecture and stunning natural landscapes. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Trivia Night with Host Mike Bacon
5-7 PM at the Lapham Center
Test your knowledge and have some fun, you might event win a prize. Categories: Geography, History, Entertainment, People and Sports. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Thursday, May 7
NCNC Annual Lecture & Luncheon
11:30 AM- 2 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
Join for the 9th Annual Lecture & Luncheon to benefit the New Canaan Nature Center. Kathryn Herman will be the featured speaker. Register at <https://newcanaannature.org/lecture-luncheon/>.

Free Medicare Counseling
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Friday, May 8
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11 AM at the Lapham Center
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Tuesday, May 12
Rhyme and Recitation with Ned: A Festive Celebration of American Independence
10 AM at the Lapham Center
Our resident orator and raconteur, Ned Monaghan, will regale us with some of the finest poetry and prose from our country's two hundred and fifty year history. Commemorate the birth of the United States with this engaging recitation. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

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Watch Hamilton, the Movie
4 PM at the Lapham Center
Lin-Manuel Miranda's award-winning show blends hip-hop, R&B, pop, and traditional show tunes to tell the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton and his experiences. Pizza, salad and cookies will be served. Run time: 2 h 59 m. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Friday, May 15
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33rd Annual New Canaan CARES Home Tour
10 AM, location disclosed once you register
Tour five exquisite homes in New Canaan with an exclusive Post Tour Party after. Tickets are available at <https://newcanaancares.org/hometour-3/>.

Saturday, May 16
ABC's Yacht Rock Bash
6:30-10:30 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
The event will feature cocktails, a seated dinner, live auction, and more. Table and sponsorships are now available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/NeV/>.

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Thursday, May 21
Sip and Paint
5-7 PM at the Lapham Center
Unleash your inner artist and have some fun! Space is limited. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

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Friday, May 22
Breakfast BINGO
10 AM at the Lapham Center
Join Aggie, Kathy and Steph for breakfast goodies, beverages, Bingo and spring themed prizes. \$10/person. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Wednesday, May 27
Learning From Columbus
6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Columbus, Indiana is one of the most architecturally significant small cities in the world, and a model for other modernist communities like New Canaan to consider. Learn how for seventy years, Columbus has proved that design excellence is not a matter of taste, but a civic discipline. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-glass-house-presents-196972>.

Saturday, May 30
Historic Grainger House + Peony Garden Tour
1 & 2:30 PM with parking at West School, 769 Ponus Ridge Road
The Glass House will, for the first time, open the 1783 Grainger House and its celebrated peony and iris garden for public tours. The house sits on one of New Canaan's earliest registered land parcels and was originally known as the Finch House, named for the early New Canaan family who farmed the land. Tickets are \$20 and available at <https://theglasshouse.org/whats-on/historic-grainger-house-peony-garden-tour/>.

Saturday, June 6
The Summer Party
12-4 PM at the Glass House
The Glass House Summer Party is a gathering for individuals across art, architecture, design, fashion, philanthropy, and more. Guests explore the iconic grounds while enjoying curated food and drink, live performance, and a silent auction of contemporary art and distinctive experiences. Proceeds support the preservation and programming of this Modernist landmark. Tickets are available at <https://theglasshouse.org/whats-on/the-summer-party-2026/>.

Saturday, June 27
NC250 Parade
9:30 AM from South Avenue to NCHS
The parade is part of the town's 250th Independence Day celebration.

BLOOD DRIVES
Monday, April 13
St Francis of Assisi Church Hall

35 Norfield Rd
Weston, CT 06883
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday, April 14
Stamford Church of Christ
1264 High Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06903
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

United Church of Rowayton
210 Rowayton Ave
Norwalk, CT 06853
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, April 16
Wilton Library
137 Old Ridgefield Rd.
Wilton, CT 06897
1:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Support Services & Meetings

Friday, April 17
Suicide Prevention Training: Question, Persuade and Refer
11 AM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
Those trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. This training will certify you as a QPR gatekeeper which will position you to recognize and refer someone at risk of suicide. Register at <https://shorturl.at/6EfY8>.

Wednesday, April 22
Caring and Support for Your Loved Ones
10 AM at the Lapham Center
Designed to be practical, and relevant to today's aging families—especially those navigating the growing gap between independence, affordability, and long-term care options. Free. To register, call 203-594-3620.

Thursday, April 30
Navigating the New Landscape of Long-Term Care
1 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
Join Pelletier Senior Planning as they delve into the evolving world of long-term care planning, especially the growing need for care among seniors and baby boomers. Discover how the long-term care insurance landscape has changed, introducing more choices than ever before. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-long-term-care-202270>.

Friday, May 15
Suicide Prevention Training: Question, Persuade and Refer
11 AM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
Those trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. This training will certify you as a QPR gatekeeper which will position you to recognize and refer someone at risk of suicide. Register at <https://shorturl.at/EuNig>.

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

Saturday, April 11
Habitat CFC's Annual Gala
6-10:30 PM at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich
1800 East Putnam Avenue
Old Greenwich, CT
Come dressed in your favorite designer- haute couture or casual style is welcome. A special evening with cocktail, dinner, dancing, an auction and more! Proceeds from the evening support Habitat CFC's mission to create affordable homeownership opportunities in Coastal Fairfield County. Tickets are available at <https://habitatcfc.org/news-events/event-calendar/gala.html>.

Sudoku for Kids

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		4	
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SUDOKU

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

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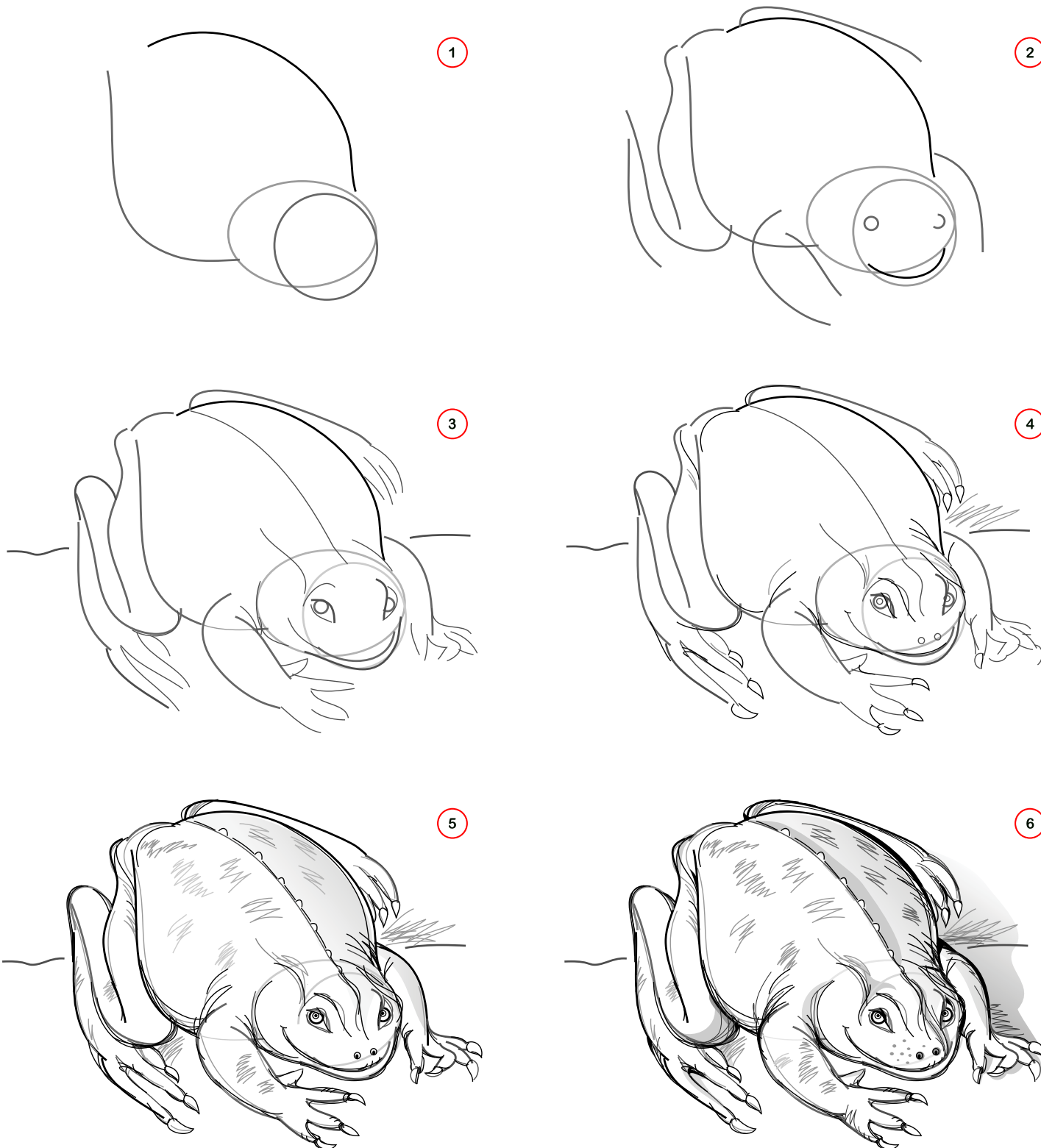
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Sudoku answers

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Bottom row - Very Hard

8	4	9	5	6	1	2	7	3
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Bottom row - Hard

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Bottom row - Easy

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Top row - Very Hard

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Top row - Hard

2	6	1	8	7	4	3	9	5		
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Top row - Easy

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

- 1 Capital of Vietnam
- 6 "___ Martin" (2004-'22 show about a surgeon)
- 9 Mark for life
- 13 Chipmunk's nut
- 14 Furry yard pest
- 15 "The Sun ___ Rises"
- 16 Raw, or bland
- 18 She may say "nae"
- 19 Stan who co-created Spider-Man
- 20 "Time for a vacation!"
- 22 Pop singer Amos
- 23 "Piece of cake!"
- 24 What a stressed person may do on vacation
- 30 Plot again
- 31 Get wind of
- 32 Corn core
- 35 Nights before
- 36 It may be cracked or puffed
- 38 Islam's second-largest branch
- 39 Come out on top
- 40 Blue-green hue
- 41 Peter, Paul or Mary
- 42 Unserious reason to travel

- 45 Carbon monoxide's lack
- 47 Train track part
- 48 Good beginning, or a hint to the initials of 20-, 24- or 42-Across
- 52 ___ up (absorb)
- 55 Norse god who oversees Valhalla
- 56 Light pieces of mail, or a bonus hint to this puzzle's theme
- 58 Dryer fuzz
- 59 Flower with a bulb
- 60 Woolly babies
- 61 They're tapped
- 62 "The Matrix" hero
- 63 Take up space

DOWN

- 1 Drag along
- 2 Spots on the face
- 3 It smells
- 4 Load from a lode
- 5 Running repeatedly
- 6 Puts on
- 7 Designer Cassini
- 8 Hand over
- 9 Islamic greeting
- 10 Toy grabbers at arcades
- 11 4-Down evaluation
- 12 Like Santa's cheeks

- 14 Recurring theme
- 17 Lord's worker
- 21 Drop that's shed
- 22 "___ the night before ..."
- 24 Beer or coffee
- 25 First name in jeans
- 26 Handwriting on the wall
- 27 Mantel, for one
- 28 High ___ (British meal)
- 29 "Have some food!"
- 32 Stylish
- 33 Sty cry
- 34 Upside-down sleepers
- 36 "Scream" director
- 37 It may be tipped
- 38 Breeze (through)

- 40 Zig or zag
- 41 Fruity bit of candy
- 42 Knees, e.g.
- 43 Face-to-face exams
- 44 Like a pink steak
- 45 Blast from the past
- 46 Super eager (to)
- 48 Traditional music genre
- 49 Acquire
- 50 Filly's father
- 51 Crosby, Stills and Nash, e.g.
- 52 Circular opening?
- 53 Planets and such
- 54 "Check this out!"
- 57 Paycheck deduction

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Plane Fun by Roger Miller

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Horoscopes

Horoscope: April 9 - April 16, 2026

Aries season continues to press forward with energy, initiative, and a desire for progress. This week builds on the momentum of the recent Full Moon in Libra, which brought relationship matters into focus. Now, attention shifts toward follow-through and decision-making. With Mercury moving steadily direct, conversations gain clarity and plans begin to solidify. This is a week to act—but with awareness of how your choices affect others.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Your energy remains strong, but others may not match your pace. Take the lead where necessary, but avoid pushing too hard. Progress comes from steady direction, not force.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

You may feel the need to step back and reassess. Use this time to reflect on recent decisions before moving forward. A slower pace now prevents unnecessary complications later.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Social connections and conversations bring opportunity. Someone in your network may offer useful insight or support. Stay open, but choose carefully where you invest your time.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Career matters continue to move forward. You may find yourself taking on more responsibility or visibility. Stay grounded and focus on what you can realistically manage.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

New ideas and opportunities begin to take shape. You may feel drawn toward something that expands your perspective. Follow your curiosity, but confirm the details before committing.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Financial or shared matters require attention. You may need to make a practical decision based on new information. Keep your approach simple and avoid overthinking.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Relationships remain central. After last week's Full Moon, clarity begins to settle in. Conversations now can move things forward, but balance honesty with tact.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Daily routines and responsibilities come back into focus. You may feel a renewed sense of control. Use this time to organize and improve efficiency in small but meaningful ways.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Creative and personal pursuits gain momentum. You may feel inspired to act on something that brings enjoyment or fulfillment. Take initiative, but don't rush the process.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Home and personal life require steady attention. A situation may call for a practical decision. Focus on long-term stability rather than short-term convenience.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Communication is active and productive. This is a good week for planning, writing, or resolving lingering discussions. Speak clearly and follow through on commitments.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Financial clarity continues to improve. You may feel more confident about your priorities and next steps. Stay disciplined and avoid unnecessary risks.

Thought for the Week:

Momentum builds when action is matched with awareness. Move forward—but stay mindful of the bigger picture.

Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1. (K) Sunrise direction
- 5. Like extremely eager fans
- 9. Card game that ends with a shout
- 12. (K) Tooth pain
- 13. Rub the wrong way
- 14. Trouble and commotion, to Shakespeare
- 15. (K) Farmer's batch
- 16. Powder used on baby bottoms
- 17. (K) Pay-___-view
- 18. As a result, in contracts
- 20. Crosswise, on a ship
- 22. (K) 1773 Boston Harbor drink?
- 23. (K) ___ Guys (popular game)
- 25. (K) Snake with a tight squeeze
- 27. (K) "Time ___ tell ..."

- 29. Follow
- 33. Gabriel's favorite food? (3 words)
- 36. (K) Shoe part
- 37. (K) The best possible price
- 38. (K) Allow to happen
- 39. Sauce or milk source
- 41. (K) Every single person
- 43. Angler's basket
- 46. Arctic jacket
- 49. (K) Possessed once
- 50. (K) Kit from American Girl, e.g.
- 53. Voicemail signal
- 54. (K) Delivery on a farm?
- 55. (K) K-pop star
- 56. Huge type of bag
- 57. (K) What doctors charge
- 58. Restless and nervous

- 59. Sign of things to come in Nome?
- ### DOWN
- 1. (K) Per person
 - 2. (K) Good land for a homestead
 - 3. (K) U-turn from abundance
 - 4. Comanche Native American home of old
 - 5. Pretentious
 - 6. By way of
 - 7. (K) Not feeling well
 - 8. (K) Something to stick on a bike or bumper
 - 9. Drop your jaw in amazement
 - 10. Inventor's first step
 - 11. Standard of measurement
 - 19. (K) Weep hard and loudly
 - 21. Alliance of countries
 - 23. ___ and fauna
 - 24. Shaving cream ingredient

- 25. (K) What Scrooge says
- 26. (K) Low single-digit
- 28. Far from certain
- 30. (K) Place to dance in a tuxedo
- 31. ___ out a meager existence
- 32. (K) "Not ___, later maybe"
- 34. (K) "What ___ can you do?"
- 35. (K) College campus head
- 40. A past goodie?
- 42. Gambling game
- 43. (K) Restaurant VIP
- 44. Anger
- 45. (K) Part of a seat
- 46. War buddy
- 47. Poker pay-in amount
- 48. Gung-ho
- 51. (K) Even? No
- 52. (K) Tree part on the ground

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

Scrambled word?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

Cure for rotating baldness?
4-D) RETREAD

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

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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

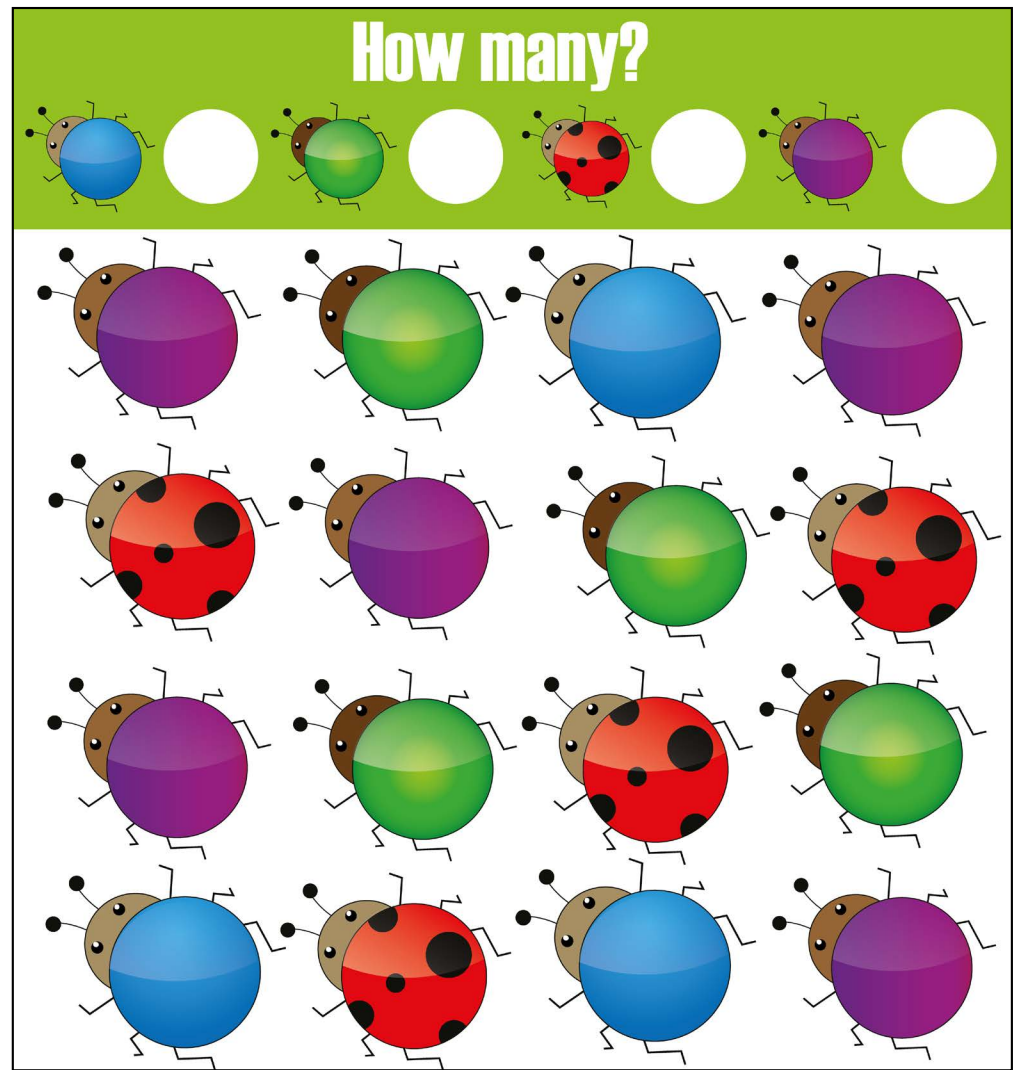
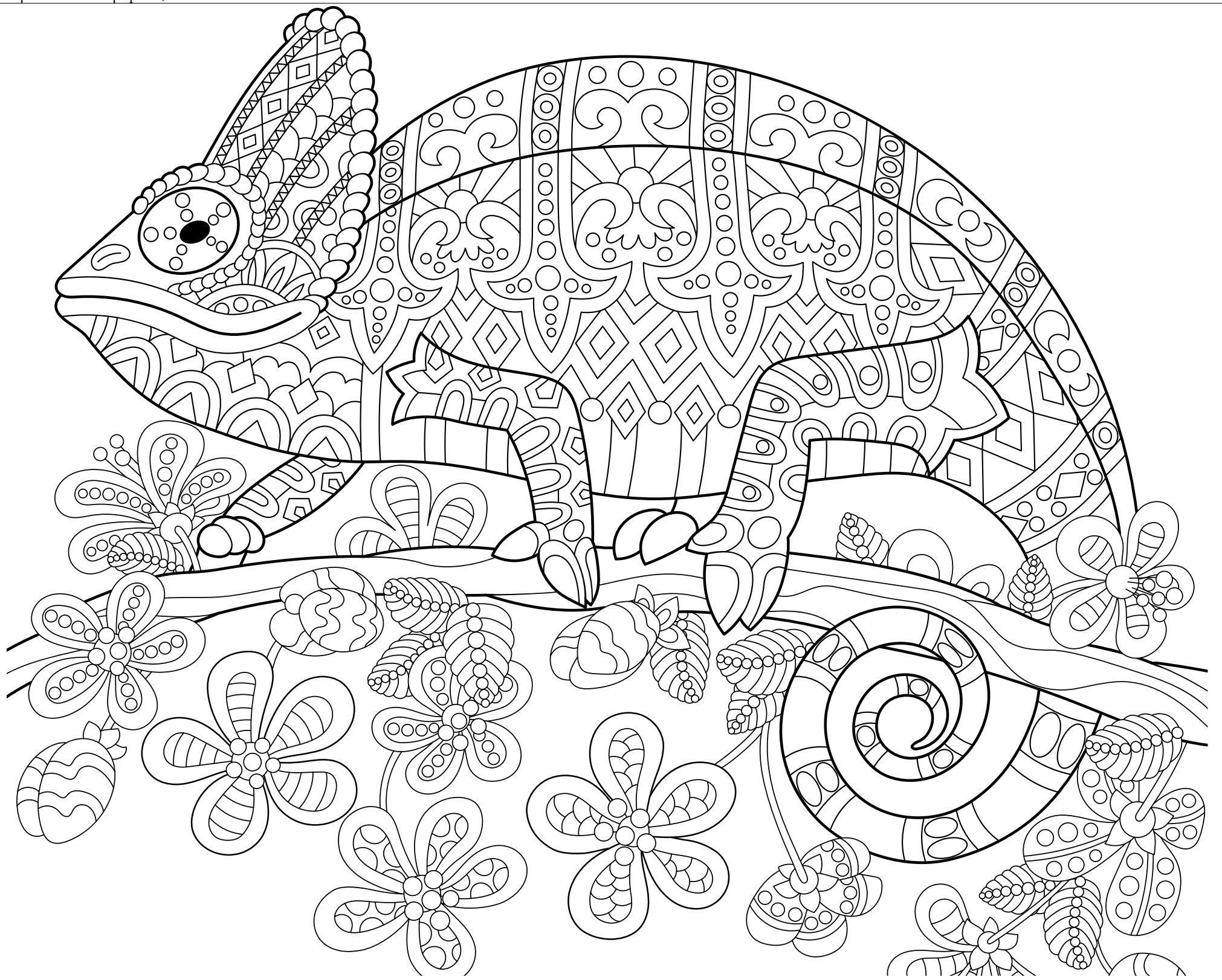
- 1 standing up to hard use (7)
- 2 feeling dizzy (5)
- 3 NYC art museum (7)
- 4 "The Wedding Singer" Adam (7)
- 5 quickly changing (5)
- 6 most sentimental (8)
- 7 heliotropic plant (9)

SOLUTIONS

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
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Previous Answers: 1. SHIFTY 2. LANKIER 3. RUMBLING
4. DIRECTLY 5. PUPPETS 6. ANDRE 7. SIBLINGS



FIND 10 HIDDEN OBJECTS IN THE PICTURE



The Day the Dogs Said Hello

There once was a day (a most wonderful day!)

When dogs came from everywhere, wagging to say:

“Hello! Hello! Hello to you too!

We’ve sniffed out a friend, and that friend—it is YOU!”

They tumbled in a furry pile,
Each one greeting with a smile.
A woof! A lick! A leap—hooray!
A hundred dogs all came to play.

But wait—what’s that between the paws?

Soft little steps... with tiny claws.
The kitties came with quiet grace,
Then claimed a cozy, sneaky space.

Now dogs and cats (oh, what a sight!)

All shared the fun from day till night—

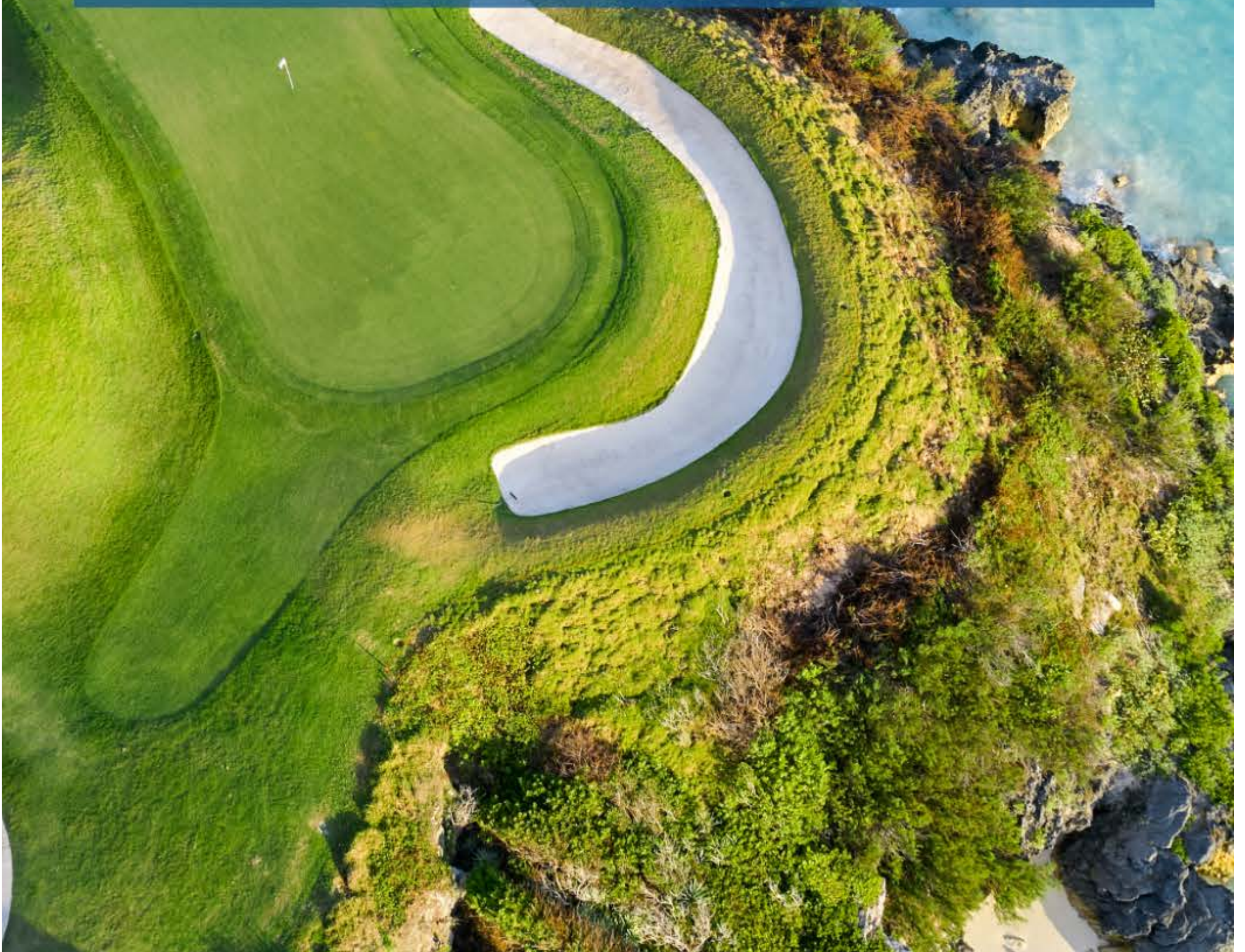
A noisy, purry, waggy crew,
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11:30 AM ADULT FORUM

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4 **2:00** **New Covenant Center**
APR PM

12 **11:30** **Adult Forum Daniel DeLoma**
APR AM **(Waveny/Hospice)**

16 **3:00** **New Canaan**
APR PM **Chamber Music Concert**

17 **7:00** **New Canaan**
APR PM **Chamber Music Concert**

19 **11:30** **Adult Forum Gina Blum**
APR AM **(Staying Put In New Canaan)**

24 **7:30** **Charis Chamber**
APR PM **Voices Concert**

2 **2:00** **New Covenant Center**
MAY PM

3 **10:00** **Scottish Heritage Sunday**
MAY AM

10 **3:00** **Orchestra Lumos Concert**
MAY PM

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Join us April 16 for a very special evening with artist Leonardo Drew. In addition to his groundbreaking and award-winning creative output, Drew is a dynamic and engaging speaker who will bring his entertaining blend of humor and insight to this artist talk at the Bruce.

Leonardo Drew: Alchemy and *Ursula von Rydingsvard: states of becoming* will be open from 5–6pm. The lecture will begin at 6:15pm. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$16 for members and \$20 for non-members. Students are free. Registration is required.



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Leonardo Drew: Alchemy

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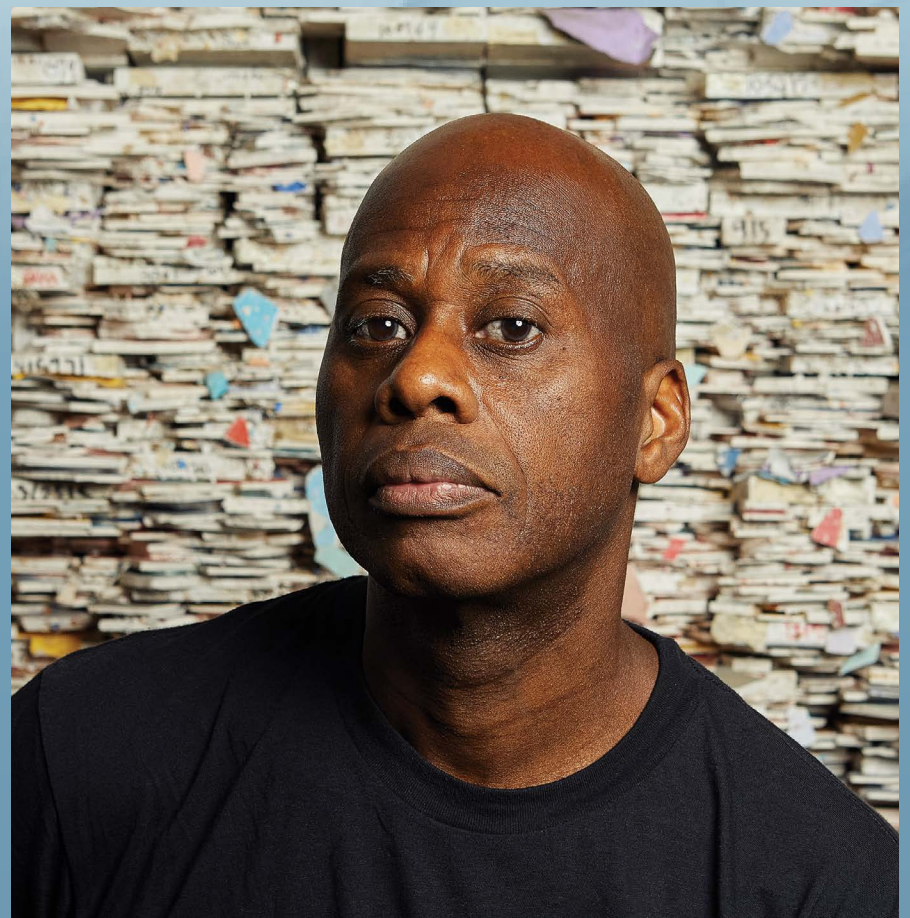
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9pm Dancing

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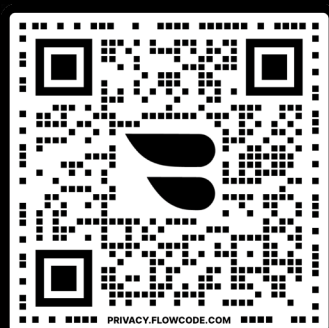


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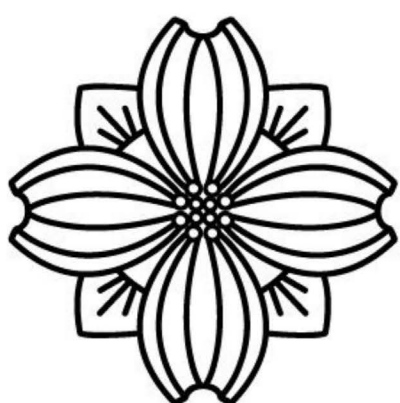
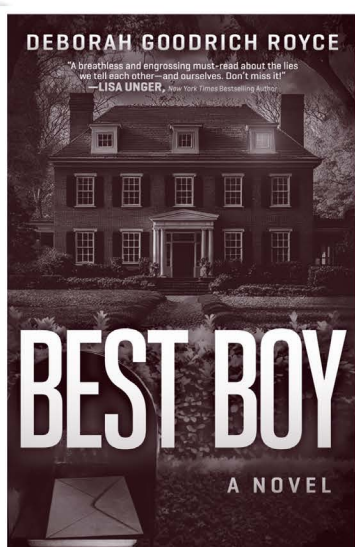


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