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Weather Detail

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Friday, May 1
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Saturday, May 2
 High near 57°F, low around 40°F. Some sun is possible early before clouds return. The day stays cool, and a passing shower cannot be ruled out, especially as cloud cover increases.

Sunday, May 3
 High near 57°F, low around 43°F. A cool breeze continues with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Temperatures remain below a typical early-May feel, though dry stretches should make the day manageable.

POLICE & FIRE
New Canaan Unites for Child Safety



The New Canaan Police Department is recognizing April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month by wearing blue to raise awareness. The effort includes participation from the fire department, emergency medical services, and other town agencies. The initiative highlights a coordinated community focus on child abuse prevention. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department

AROUND TOWN

Outdoor Dining Returns To Downtown New Canaan
 Outdoor dining will resume in downtown New Canaan on Friday and continue through Nov. 1, according to town officials. The program is intended to support local businesses and increase pedestrian activity in the town center. Sidewalk dining is regulated to ensure compliance with accessibility requirements, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Gregarious Gridiron Glory



Above: Bob accepting his "Gridiron Oscar". L to R: Susan Doran, Perrin Hamilton behind her (partially obscured), Hugo Alves, Eric Thunem, Bob Doran, Eric Glerum, Scott Hobbs, Rab Ker, Nick Ranieri, and Bill Walbert. Photo Credit: Diane Knetzger



The show must go on! L to R: Robert Curry as Security Guard Guildenstern, Nick Ranieri as Finbar Doran (Bob's father), and Perrin Hamilton as Security Guard Rosencranz. They are performing in the scene, "Anchor Baby". Photo Credit: Diane Knetzger



All the previous (still living) Fall Guys and Gals gather for the opening night. Front row, L to R: Wendy Hilboldt, Richard Stewart, Bob Doran, Laszlo Papp, Tucker Murphy. Back row, L to R: Dave Hunt, Leo Karl III, Mike Hobbs, Bill Walbert, Tom Stadler, Keith Simpson, Scott Hobbs, Sperry Decew. Photo Credit: Diane Knetzger



"The Sound of Muses" L to R: Jonathon Moon as Paddy Clarke, Jr., Eric Glerum as Talent Agent Lou Slips, Bill Walbert as Bob Doran, Rab Ker as Finbar Doran (Bob's father), and Eric Thunem as the Recurring Bartender. Photo Credit: Diane Knetzger

Staying Put in New Canaan Annual Summer Soirée

Staying Put in New Canaan's Summer Soirée is taking place on Thursday, June 4, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at Serafresca at the IC in Stamford, Connecticut. This signature event brings together community members, supporters, and local leaders for a relaxed and festive evening in support of Staying Put's mission to help older adults live confidently and independently in their own homes.

Guests will enjoy an evening featuring delicious food, refreshing beverages, and opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors who share a commitment to strengthening the community. Summer attire is encouraged.

The Summer Soirée also serves as a key fundraising event, supporting Staying Put's programs and services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and peace of mind. "Each year, the Summer Soirée is a celebration of what makes our community so special: connection, compassion, and a shared commitment to supporting one another," said Peter Ziesing, Board President, Staying Put in New Canaan. "We are grateful for the continued generosity of our supporters, which allows us to provide essential resources and services to older adults and their families."

Tickets for the Summer Soirée are now available. Community members are encouraged to attend and support this important cause.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the Staying Put website event page: <https://stayingputnc.org/summer-soiree/> or contact Staying Put at 203-966-7762 or admin@stayingputnc.org.

The May Fair is Almost Here!

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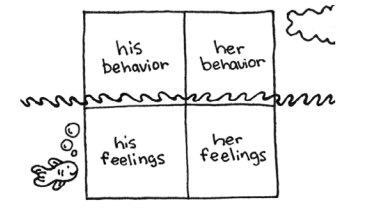


Below the Waterline

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

We can see fancy windows and decks on large cruise ships, but we know that the massive engine rooms below the waterline are what make the ships move. Similarly, the engine room of emotion is what makes people move, not our cognition. Couples often do not argue about the things they think they are arguing about. It's not about taking out the trash or picking up the kids or sex. It's about the emotions underneath the waterline—typically, feeling unappreciated, unsafe, or criticized.

Identifying our true emotion is a gift that we give to ourselves and our partners. We know that we have found this true emotion when our voices lower. We naturally reach toward our partner's quieter,



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry
 more vulnerable feelings, instead of pulling away in anger. Revealing the true emotion for just a few minutes, or even a few seconds, is often long enough to resolve the tension between us.

"What's going on under the waterline?" became shorthand for Mark and Alia. It signaled their willingness to dive deeper, to explore the hurt or sad feelings "underneath" their argument. At first it was risky. Now it is a habit that shortens their disagreements and increases their intimacy.

COLUMN Hopeful Truths

Hopeful Truths about Parkinson's Disease: Greenwich Neurologist Dr. Matthew McConnell shares the current thinking on why this disease develops, how to avoid it, and most promising treatments.

By MIMI SANTRY

Parkinson's Disease is personal to me. My maternal grandfather, Dr. Robert Alexander Johnston, was a beloved and prominent physician in Houston, Texas specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology. According to family lore, there were hundreds of "Robert Alexanders" residing in Houston who were named in his honor. I remember him as charming

man who loved playing golf, would delight us with tricks – magically pulling quarters from our ears, and enjoyed sneaking out to the ice cream store to delight his grandchildren with a cool treat.

Parkinson's Disease, with its tremors, loss of coordination, and dyskinesia would soon rob him of his ability to practice medicine, swing a golf club, perform magic tricks or drive to the ice

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By PETER BARHYDT

Final Draft, Governance Structure and Oversight

The New Canaan Charter Revision Commission is nearing completion of its draft report, continuing a detailed review of proposed changes that could affect how the town is governed. At recent meetings, members worked through various provisions, focusing on oversight of town property, lines of administrative authority, board structure, and procedural requirements.

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Honoring Veterans at America's 250th

Our Country's First Female Admiral was honored at the Red Cross Ball last week in Riverside. What she had to say.

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

This week, our 250th anniversary series turns to Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy, retired, whose career widened the record of American service. According to the U.S. Navy, Franchetti became the first woman to serve as Chief of Naval Operations and the first woman to serve on the Joint Chiefs

of Staff when she was sworn in as the Navy's 33rd chief on Nov. 2, 2023. In a 2024 interview, Franchetti noted that when she joined the Navy, "there were a lot of laws in place" that did not allow women to serve in combatant positions that could lead to the Navy's top post. She said that when those laws and policies changed, she was able

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INVASIVES: Oops! Didn't see that one coming...

By FRANK GALLO

Lately, there has been notable press about the effects of accidental or purposeful introductions of non-native species. Often, these introductions lead to unforeseen and oftentimes detrimental consequences, as many of these species, lacking predators and other controls, become invasive and destructive.

Everyone is aware of the recent invasion of the spotted lanternfly from China which is doing extensive crop and vegetation damage in the Northeast. I wrote recently about the spread of beach leaf disease caused by a tiny, introduced nematode worm that is decimating beech populations. Most have heard of Dutch elm disease and American chestnut blight, fungal diseases that wiped out many of our native elms and chestnut trees* in the late 1800's and early 1900's, respectively.

Recent features articles have warned of invasive Nile monitor lizards, Burmese pythons, and green iguanas invading the Florida everglades. Headlines warn of 20-pound cold-shocked iguanas falling out of trees onto autos and unsuspecting residents, of monitor lizards eating people's pets and the eggs of endangered crocodiles, or of pythons devouring alligators and even baby deer. It seems surreal. Stories from which nightmares flourish. Yet they are all too true.

Sadly, there are many more examples to be found of invaders in Florida and across the US. Flashy things like walking catfish and lionfish in Florida and zebra mussels in the Great Lakes make the news, yet many less obvious species, but no less invasive, are plants. In the everglades, Australian Pine, Old World Climbing Fern, Melaleuca, Brazilian Pepper, and Seaside Mahoe are all causing their share of issues by out-competing native vegetation for space and resources.

Why are invasive plants an issue? Crowding out native species negatively impacts habitats and the creatures dependent upon them. Native insects that are critical to the survival of wildlife, especially birds, bats, other insects, and ultimately us, often are not adapted to eating or to rearing young on non-native plants. The plants and their fruit can even be toxic; garlic mustard kills the larvae of some native mustard-dependent butterflies such as West Virginia and Mustard Whites. Non-native animals also compete for resources, eliminating or weakening native species; Bobwhite (quail) from other parts of the U.S. were introduced into the Northeast as game birds. They bred with local Bobwhites, but they were genetically ill-suited to surviving conditions in our area and thus weakened local populations contributing to their eventual demise.



Invasive red-eared sliders dwarfing our native painted turtle, which is tucked under the tail of the Double-Crested Cormorant beside it. Another invasive that's not a plant.

When species—whether plant, insect, or animal—are introduced into areas where there are no natural checks on their spread, bad things can happen. I remember a famous case study and cautionary tale from college that highlighted the dangers and unforeseen consequences of the introduction of non-native species. In about 1000 AD, the Polynesians introduced the Polynesian rat to the Hawaiian Islands. They were joined in the late 1800's by the black rat brought by whalers and cargo ships. These rats significantly impacted the Hawaiian ecosystem by preying on native birds and consuming seeds, which led to the decline of many native species. The rats also did extensive damage to the sugarcane fields, causing significant economic loss. So, in the 1880's, sugarcane producers introduced the small Indian mongoose to control the rats. The results were an unforeseen and epic environmental disaster. The rats were nocturnal, and the mongooses were diurnal (apparently, no one thought to check); so, instead of killing the rats, the mongooses further decimated populations of rare native birds, reptiles, and other creatures.

In another example, fur farmers in New Zealand released into the wild brush-tailed possums, which have fur nearly as soft as chinchilla, in the 1840s and 50's to establish a fur trade and a wild source for food. Unchecked by natural predators, they spread rapidly and by the 1980s the population peaked at an estimated 60-70 million! The possums were literally eating up everything, from native plants and crops to endangered birds. Now,

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through extensive control measures, the population has been reduced to roughly 30 million. They still have a long way to go.

In the Northeast, we have the good fortune not to have giant lizards falling on our heads and eating our pets—but lest you think it's safe to go back in the water, we do have our share of invasives. Here, it's often plants, fungi, insects, and other invertebrates, but there are fish, birds, and even mammals that compete with native wildlife for resources.

For example, Eugene Schieffelin, a member of the American Acclimatization Society, purposely introduced European Starlings into Central Park in the early 1890's to bring birds mentioned in the works of Shakespeare to the U.S. They now compete for cavities with native Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Black-capped Chickadees and other cavity nesters. The Acclimatization Society also introduced House

Sparrows, which also compete for cavity nest space. Red-eared sliders (turtles) from the pet trade—which don't stay cute and tiny for very long—were set free by their owners and now out-compete native painted turtles. The hemlock woolly adelgid, an aphid-like insect from Asia, has rapidly killed hemlock trees in the Northeast. As for mammals, just think Norway and black rats and the joy they bring to urban environments.

Even things such as biological controls can be risky. In the 1800's a lovely and prolific garden flower, purple loosestrife, was introduced into the northeastern U.S. With no native predators, it spread rapidly through prolific seed production, invading wetlands, roadside ditches, and areas with disturbed moist soils, and quickly displaced native vegetation, negatively impacting and altering local wetland ecosystems and lowering biodiversity. Initial eradication and containment methods failed. As a last-ditch solution, it seemed reasonable to combat loosestrife with its native predators, so biological controls were employed. Loosestrife beetles and bugs were introduced from Eurasia, and they did a terrific job of controlling the flowers. But, once these insects eradicated most of the loosestrife, they turned to eating other plants. Fortunately, multiflora rose, another invasive, was their next preference, but it could just as easily have been a rare orchid or garden favorite; oh, and the insects are still out there. Biologics are tested on crops and other economically important plants, but there are far too many other plants to test them all, so results are

unpredictable. There's no way to know what will happen. Sometimes, the risk might be worth the reward but it's always a gamble.

If by this point you haven't run screaming into the night or jumped out a window—I commend you and suggest that there is hope. So, what can be done? The obvious solution, and the clear moral to these stories, is don't introduce non-native species in the first place. Instead use similar native species whenever possible. (I'll delve into natives in my next article). However, when invasives get into an ecosystem, it's important to remove them as quickly as possible to prevent them from becoming established. However, this is not always practical nor easy. Once established, it's an uphill, labor intensive, and often expensive battle to remove them, and replace them with natives.

New Canaan Nature Center is a living example of how habitat can be managed for increased biodiversity by removing and mitigating the effects of invasive plant species and replacing them with natives. We do not employ pesticides, herbicides, or other chemicals. Instead, we use solarization, stump bagging, repeated mowing, pulling, and other physical techniques to knock back and kill unwanted plants such as mugwort, Japanese stiltgrass, winged euonymus and porcelain berry. This approach required a strategic long-term plan, the guidance and assistance of Larry Weaner Landscape Associates, and a dedicated crew of volunteers. It is an ongoing process, and we are learning as we go. Ours is a large-scale endeavor—we are working on 40+ acres—and our hope is that our successes and failures and the lessons learned can be used as a resource for everyone in the community.

Note: I will cover native plant species in my next column. (Fortunately, through years of work, scientists are beginning to restore native chestnuts. There is hope, I'm happy to say).

If you are interested in buying native plants and supporting pollinators in New Canaan, the New Canaan Garden Club (NCGC) in celebration of Earth Month has partnered with Copia Home & Garden. A curated selection of native plants will be available for purchase throughout the month, and fifteen percent of the proceeds will benefit the New Canaan Land Trust's Barbara Johansen Pollinator Garden and NCGC initiatives for Irwin Park Meadow.

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The CT DEEP list of invasive plants in Connecticut.

The list may surprise you. CT-Invasive-



A sea of invasives crowding out a local park in Norwalk.



Mugwort - introduced as a medicinal plant, it carpets large areas crowding out natives



Mile-a-Minute vine - a rapidly spreading invasive.



Phragmites (reed grass) takes over wetlands.



Young spotted lanternflies on their preferred food, tree of heaven, another invasive.



House Sparrow - Competes with Eastern Bluebirds for nest cavities.



Lesser Celandine. It's an aggressive invasive that spreads quickly especially in more moist areas.



Porcelain Berry - a rapidly spreading invasive.



Oriental Bittersweet - It is illegal to plant or move this and most other invasives around the state.



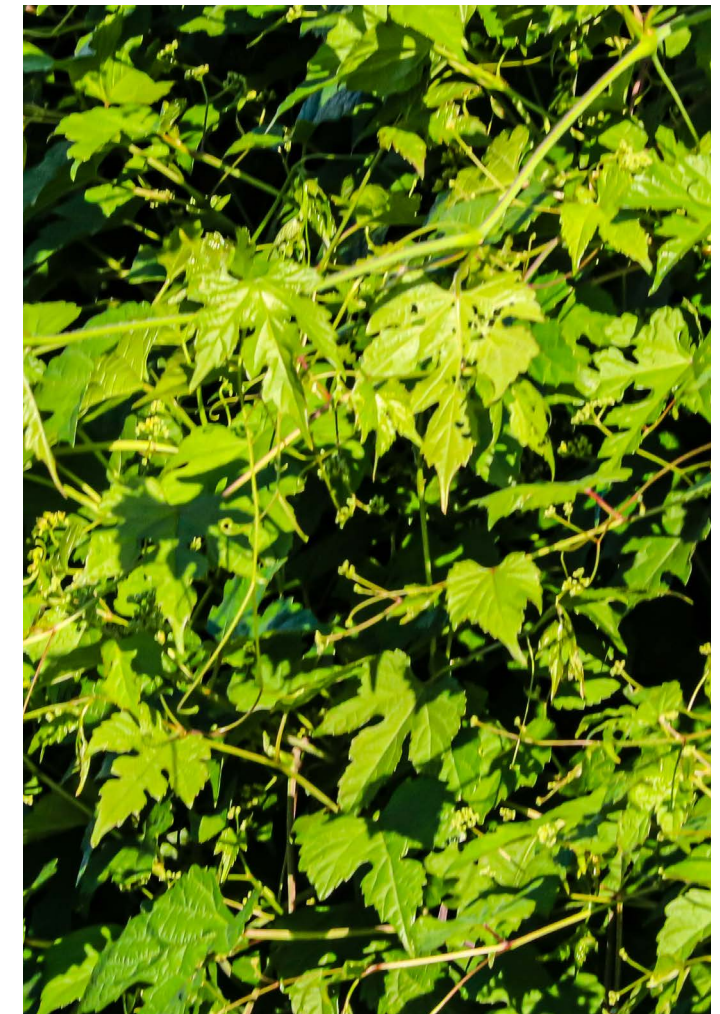
Winged Euonymus



Japanese Barberry - Invasive and provides a habitat for deer ticks



Japanese Knotweed - Difficult to remove once established.



Porcelain Berry vines choking out the understory

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New Canaan YMCA Celebrates Autism Acceptance Month

The New Canaan YMCA celebrated Autism Acceptance Month throughout April, spreading the message of acceptance and inclusion of individuals with Autism.

The Y kicked off the month by joining the national movement to wear gold for Autism Acceptance Day, April 2, in honor and celebration of neurodiversity within the community. On the periodic table, the chemical symbol for gold is Au—the first two letters of the word Autism. Gold symbolizes acceptance, and it represents the inherent value, brilliance, and unique strengths of autistic individuals. The infinity symbol represents neurodiversity, endless possibilities, and the spectrum of autism experiences.

Later in the month, the organization hosted its third annual Autism Family Fun Day on Sunday, April 19, in partnership with Inclusive Together, to honor the acceptance and inclusion of individuals with Autism in the community. “It was an afternoon filled with joy, connection, and community,

featuring sensory-friendly activities designed so that every individual could shine. From splashing in the pool to getting creative at the art station and swinging and jumping in the gym, there truly was something for everyone,” shared Carolynn Kaufman, Director of Inclusion & Support Services at the New Canaan YMCA.

The event brought together 23 families with kids of all ages who enjoyed sensory-friendly activities, including swimming, sensory art, playing in the Kid Zone, snacks, and more in an inclusive, low-stimuli environment.

“We recognize that large, loud gatherings can often feel overwhelming. By providing a thoughtfully adapted environment, we ensure that every family can participate comfortably and create lasting memories together. This event is a true reflection of our core mission: everyone belongs at the Y,” added Kaufman.

Lauren Tarzia, Founder & President of Inclusive Together, shared, “Our Annual Autism Family Fun Day has created a space, a feeling, and a growing



New Canaan YMCA Staff Celebrated Autism Acceptance Day by Lighting It Up Gold.

community. Together with our partners and dear friends at the Y, we’ve created a place where families can come as they are and simply be. These families are all on similar journeys, doing the best they can, and this day brings together parents who truly understand what it’s like to raise an autistic child. Those kinds of connections can be hard to find elsewhere, and they matter deeply. Our hope is to continue growing this community—lifting each other up, stepping out of isolation, and creating a space where our families are seen, supported, and celebrated.”

To learn more about inclusion and support services for children, teens, and adults with varying abilities at the New Canaan YMCA, visit www.newcanaanymca.org.

To learn more about adaptive programming and resources through Inclusive Together, visit www.inclusivetogether.org.

About Inclusive Together

Inclusive Together is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization



Autism Family Fun Day sensory art activities.

focused on driving acceptance, fostering inclusion, ensuring accessibility and expanding opportunities for the neurodiverse & disability community. Our strategic initiatives focus on inclusive and adaptive programming, community education &

training, and family & caregiver support for individuals with invisible disabilities in our community.

About the New Canaan YMCA

Founded in 1954 by a group of community volunteers, the New Canaan YMCA is a 501(c)

(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich all people in spirit, mind, and body. The New Canaan YMCA is dedicated to strengthening community through programs and services that promote youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.



Lauren Tarzia, Founder & President of Inclusive Together; Carolynn Kaufman, Director of Inclusion & Support Services at the New Canaan YMCA; Kristin White, Senior Aquatics Director at the New Canaan YMCA

Tartan Takes Over Downtown New Canaan: First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan Counts Down to Scottish Sunday



The Scottish Sunday Committee of First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan took to the streets of downtown New Canaan on

the evening of Saturday, April 18th, in full Highland regalia, generating excitement and community buzz ahead of this year’s much anticipated

Scottish Sunday celebration on Sunday, May 3rd at 10 AM.

The committee’s spirited stroll through town offered a colorful preview of what is

to come at First Presbyterian Church’s annual Scottish Sunday. A beloved tradition featuring the Mount Kisco Scottish Pipes & Drums,

Highland Dancers, Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans and Kilts, traditional shortbread and haggis, and a Bouncy Castle for the kids.

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New Canaan Marks America250 Celebration

New Canaan has launched an eight-month series of more than 40 events through November 2026 to mark the 250th anniversary of the United States, along with the town's 225th anniversary. The schedule includes civic events, historical programs, performances, and community activities organized by local institutions and groups. A centralized online calendar on the town website lists events and invites additional participation from residents and organizations.

Community Engages in Housing Discussion

A proposal to construct 14 income-restricted two- and three-bedroom apartments at 30 Parade Hill Road was discussed at a March 31 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing. The project, submitted by Garden Homes Fund, would replace a vacant single-family home and include 16 parking spaces, with some units designated for voucher holders. The hearing was continued to April 28, and the commission requested additional information before proceeding.

LOCAL BUSINESSES & NON PROFITS

New Canaan Library Hosts Community Gathering

New Canaan Library hosted Nonna Gracie and her grandson Matt Gresia for an event focused on traditional Sunday meals. The program included discussion of recipes and family practices centered on shared meals. Attendees were invited to follow the library for information on future events.

Colm Tóibín Draws Engaged Audience

The New Canaan Library hosted an event with author Colm Tóibín as part of its Sunday Lament series organized by Brent Bourgeois. Tóibín discussed and read from The News from Dublin, with books available for sale and signing through Elm Street Books. The library encouraged attendees to join its mailing list for updates on future programs.

Waveny Expands Care Capacity Locally



At a recent New Canaan Rotary meeting, Waveny LifeCare Network presented an update on its services and future plans, noting its broad community reach and longstanding ties to Rotary leadership. The organization outlined key post-pandemic challenges, including limited short-term rehabilitation space, a nursing shortage, and increased need for charity care. It also announced a 38,000-square-foot expansion to add 30 private rehabilitation rooms, expected to double capacity and serve about 400 patients annually. Photo credit: New Canaan Rotary

Strong Opening For The Father

The Town Players of New Canaan opened The Father at the Powerhouse Theatre in Waveny Park to a standing ovation, with performances running through May 10. Directed by Deborah Burke and featuring Will Jeffries, Eric Schuster, Kitty Robertson, Cathy Cordaro, Jaimie Wallace, and Phil Lorenzo, the 90-minute production centers on a disorienting narrative supported by set design, staging, and an original score by Dylan Conuel. Sunday matinee talkbacks include medical and elder care professionals, and tickets are available at TPNC.ORG.

THE ENVIRONMENT

New Canaan Community Cleanup Returns



The Rotary Club of New Canaan will participate in the 2026 Clean Your Mile initiative, a town-wide cleanup effort. Volunteers collect litter and maintain public areas to improve local conditions. The program is organized by the New Canaan Chamber of Commerce and Planet New Canaan. Photo credit: New Canaan Rotary

Annual Fishing Derby Draws Strong Turnout

The 35th Annual George Cogswell Memorial Fishing Derby was held April 18 at Mill Pond in New Canaan, drawing a large turnout of residents of all ages. Participants caught

varying numbers of fish, and prizes were awarded. The event was organized by the New Canaan Public Works Highway Department with support from the Recreation, Police, and Fire departments.

SCHOOLS

Rovinelli Named District Science Coordinator



New Canaan Public Schools has appointed Alysia Rovinelli as K-8 Science Coordinator, effective July 1, 2026, succeeding Melinda Meyer, who moved to Director of Innovation and Technology. Rovinelli, a longtime district science teacher, will oversee curriculum design, development, and implementation for elementary and middle school science programs. Her role covers all K-8 schools in the district. Photo credit: New Canaan Public Schools

School Climate Survey Invites Family Participation

New Canaan Public Schools administered the Comprehensive School Climate Inventory survey to families, students, and staff from April 20 through May 1 to collect feedback on school conditions. The survey took about 20 minutes and measured five areas: safety, relationships, learning, environment, and communication, with responses kept anonymous and completed in one sitting. Results will be used to evaluate and improve school climate across the district.

New Canaan Earns National Music Honor

New Canaan Public Schools was named a 2026 District Award Winner by the NAMM Foundation for its music education programs. The award recognizes districts that meet standards in funding, instruction time, participation, curriculum, and access to music education. The district offers K-12 music programs that include instrumental, vocal, and advanced coursework opportunities.

Head Of School Leads Lunch Event

On Wednesday, New Canaan Country School's Head of School, Aaron Cooper, served as "Celebrity Chef," presenting a ramen-inspired menu that included karaage chicken, tofu, bok choy, broth, vegetables, and boiled eggs with Japanese mayonnaise, followed by mango sticky rice for dessert. Standard dining options such as salad, fruit, soup, yogurt, and a deli bar were also available. The event was organized with support from FLIK and will continue with future guest chefs.

NCHS Charlie Brown Delights Audiences

NCHS performed You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown on March 27, 2026. The production featured characters from Charles Schulz's Peanuts and included musical numbers along with student-led acting, set design, lighting, sound, and costumes. The show is part of the school's theatre program lineup.

Chicks Hatch In Early Childhood Class



At New Canaan Country School, Beginners and Kindergarten students observed eggs hatch into chicks after several days of monitoring their progress. In the Exploratory Lab, students examined the chicks' size, movement, and behavior and practiced careful handling under guidance. The activity introduced basic concepts of animal development and responsibility for living organisms. Photo credit: New Canaan Country School

Fifth Graders Test Skills On Water

Fifth graders at New Canaan Country School studied navigation, including charts, instruments, and mapping, in their woodshop class this spring. They applied these skills at Harden Pond by launching small rowboats built by older students. The exercise included rowing practice and managing water in the boats, reinforcing practical learning.

Students Design Octopus Enrichment Devices



Upper School Marine Science students from St. Luke's School visited the Maritime Aquarium to test enrichment devices they designed for a Giant Pacific Octopus. Developed with the school's designLab, the acrylic devices were based on students' study of cephalopod anatomy and required the animal to manipulate and solve problems. The devices will remain at the aquarium for one year for continued use. Photo credit: St. Luke's School

SPORTS

New Canaan Goaltenders Show Resilience

Two Division I-bound goalies, Cam Lyden and Jack Crowell, have shared time in net for New Canaan over the past two seasons, giving the team a strategic advantage. Lyden suffered a season-ending injury, shifting Crowell into the full-time starting role while Lyden continued to support the team from the sidelines. Both players remain committed to top college programs, with Lyden headed to Michigan and Crowell to Princeton.

New Canaan Names Team Captains



The 2026 New Canaan football team captains are Maddox Hoffman, Jack Crowell, Henry Reagan, Charlie Koch, and Connor Furman. They were selected based on leadership and performance. Their role is to uphold team standards and provide on-field and off-field direction. Photo credit: New Canaan Football

New Canaan Shows Early Strength

New Canaan scored the first two goals but lost control of possession as Wilton dominated draw controls and limited the Rams' opportunities. After a brief second-quarter lead, New Canaan was held scoreless in the second half while Wilton pulled away for an 8-3 win. Turnovers and penalties contributed to New Canaan's second loss of the season.

Cooper Earns Scholar Athlete Recognition

Henry Cooper '26 of St. Luke's School was recognized at the Fairfield County National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Banquet, which honors high school football players for achievements in athletics, academics, and community involvement. His selection reflects consistent performance across these areas. He will continue his academic and football career at Hamilton College as an NCAA student-athlete.

AROUND CT

Connecticut Turkey Season Opens Strong

Connecticut's spring turkey hunting season runs from April 29 to May 30, with Sunday hunting now allowed on private land under a new law. Hunters may take up to five bearded turkeys, reflecting a strong statewide population of about 35,000 birds, and participation requires proper licenses and conservation stamps. The season is the most active of the year and follows decades of successful reintroduction after turkeys were eliminated from the state in the early 1800s.

FROM HARTFORD

Senate Advances Support For Dairy Farms

The Connecticut Senate unanimously approved a bill to support the state's 79 remaining dairy farms, which are facing rising costs and stagnant federally set milk prices. The measure would add to about \$8 million in proposed tax credits, create a new grant program for qualifying farms, roll back certain farmland tax rates, and establish a group to recommend long-term industry support. The bill now moves to the House, with additional funding under consideration in the state budget.

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Grade 9 High Honors

Amaya Ahuja, Lucas Alberga, Arden Alexander, Jules Alexander, James Amundsen, Ian Angeles, Anaya Ansh, Chase Armstrong, Caroline Baker, Trent Barry, Ayat Belmokadem, Alexandra Belov, Avery Boyce, Louise Bretschger, Abigail Brown, Justin Bruno, Reeve Burley, Lucas Busby, Tyler Buschmann, Luke Cannon, Fiona Cardillo, Owen Carles, Cecilia Carr, Jackson Cash, Ella Catherwood, Reagan Celiberti, Sadie Chaisson, Alexander Cheng, Emma Cheuk, Connor Ciavarelli, John Clarke, Lucas Clasby, Hadley Clough, Arlo Cohen, Lauren Crisafulli, Anushka Dave, Sean Delaney, Payce deMarco, Joseph Diamantis, Gabriel Diaz, Fiona Dilday, Gemma Diotte, Zoe Diotte, Yume Duncan, Alexander Dunkin, Kathleen Dunne, Peter Duval, Charlotte Edwards, Hayley Edwards, David Emeagwali, Sally Ferris, Declan Flaherty-Lovy, Sophie Flanders, William Frieders, Luis Fuentes Jimenez, Russell Gaudreau, Paloma Gonzalez, Cooper Goodwin, Roxi Goodwin, Jacqueline Gordon, Austin Gould, Abigail Greenhut, John Grohsgal, Arjun Gupta, Conor Harding, Georgina Harrington, Samantha Hart, James Hearle, Elizabeth Herman, Brady Hibbert, John Hiraman, Chloe Hoegstedt, Holly Hogan, Charles Holmstead, Jules Huang, Anna Israelov, Lyla Ives, Claire Jan, Madeline Jones, Anca Jordan, Mary Jordan, Tanishi Kansal, Brooks Kerchoff, William Kollitides, Caroline Koo, Sagesse Kosche, Caroline Kupchak, Theodore L'Henaff, Laura Lang, Evelyn Langworthy, Charles Lavyne, Nicholas Leahy, Max Leffers, Addison Leibowitz, Sofia Lorenz, Stephen Magyera, Andrew Maissen, Catherine Maissen, Adam Maklad, Eric Materna, Giana Mazotas, Charlie McGuire, Liam McGuire, John McInerney, Kieran

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SPORTS

Upcoming Schedule

1	MAY, FRI	● 4 – 5:45pm	Boys Varsity Baseball vs Stamford High School Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840		
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Girls JV Softball @ Stamford High School 363 Weed Avenue, Stamford Connecticut 06902		
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Girls Varsity Softball @ Stamford High School 55 Strawberry Hill Ave, Stamford CT 06902		
2	MAY, SAT	● 10 – 11:30am	Boys Varsity Volleyball @ Brien McMahon 300 Highland Avenue, Norwalk Connecticut 06840		
		● 3 – 4:30pm	Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Girls @ Rye High School 1 Parsons St, Rye New York 10580-3896		
		● 3:30 – 5pm	Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 4:30 – 5:45pm	Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls @ Rye High School 1 Parsons St, Rye New York 10580-3896		
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Boys JV Lacrosse - Boys vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
4	MAY, MON	● 4 – 7pm	Boys Varsity Tennis @ Trumbull 72 Strobel Rd, Trumbull Connecticut 06611-5597		
		● 4 – 5:45pm	Boys JV Baseball vs Wilton High School Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840		
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Girls JV Softball vs Brien McMahon Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840		
		● 4 – 5pm	Girls Varsity Softball vs Brien McMahon Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840		
		● 4 – 5pm	Girls Varsity Tennis vs Trumbull 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 4:15 – 6:15pm	Boys Freshman Baseball @ Wilton High School 425 Danbury Rd, Wilton Connecticut 06897		
		● 5 – 5:30pm	Girls JV Tennis vs Trumbull 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 6 – 7pm	Boys Varsity Baseball @ Brien McMahon 300 Highland Avenue, Norwalk Connecticut 06840		
		5	MAY, TUE	● 3 – 5pm	Girls Varsity Golf @ Darien High School 410 Hollow Tree Ridge Rd, Darien CT 06820
				● 4 – 6:30pm	Girls Varsity Tennis @ Ridgefield High School 700 N Salem Rd, Ridgefield CT 06877
● 4 – 6pm	Boys Varsity Track & Field - Outdoor @ St. Joseph 2320 Huntington Tpke, Trumbull CT 06611				
● 4 – 6pm	Girls JV Tennis @ Ridgefield High School 60 Prospect Street, Ridgefield CT 06877				
● 4 – 6pm	Girls Varsity Track & Field - Outdoor @ St. Joseph 2320 Huntington Tpke, Trumbull CT 06611				
● 4 – 5pm	Boys Varsity Tennis vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840				
● 4 – 4:30pm	Boys JV Tennis vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840				
● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Boys Varsity Volleyball @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902				
● 5 – 6:15pm	Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Girls @ Brien McMahon 300 Highland Avenue, Norwalk Connecticut 06840				
● 6 – 7pm	Boys JV Volleyball @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902				
● 6:30 – 7:45pm	Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls @ Brien McMahon 300 Highland Avenue, Norwalk Connecticut 06840				
6	MAY, WED			● 2:50 – 4:50pm	Girls JV Golf vs Darien High School 95 Country Club Rd, New Canaan CT 06840
				● 3:15 – 4:45pm	Girls Varsity Golf vs Fairfield Warde 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4 – 6pm	Boys JV Tennis @ Trumbull 40 Tashua Knolls Lane, Trumbull CT 06611		
		● 4 – 5:45pm	Boys Freshman Baseball vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 4 – 5:45pm	Boys JV Baseball @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820		
		● 4 – 5:45pm	Boys Varsity Baseball @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820		
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820		
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Girls JV Softball Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840		
		● 4 – 5:15pm	Girls Freshman Lacrosse - Girls vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 4 – 5pm	Girls Varsity Softball vs Darien High School Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840		

Weekly Scores

Date	Team (School - Gender - Sport)	Opponent	Score
4/22	New Canaan - Boys - Baseball	Fairfield Ludlowe	New Canaan 2 - Fairfield Ludlowe 3
4/24	New Canaan - Boys - Baseball	Fairfield Warde	New Canaan 3 - Fairfield Warde 9
4/27	New Canaan - Boys - Baseball	Greenwich	New Canaan 2 - Greenwich 0
4/23	New Canaan - Boys - Lacrosse	Wilton	New Canaan 17 - Wilton 11
4/25	New Canaan - Boys - Lacrosse	Iona Prep	New Canaan 8 - Iona Prep 7
4/21	New Canaan - Boys - Tennis	Brien McMahon	New Canaan 7 - Brien McMahon 0
4/23	New Canaan - Boys - Tennis	Westhill	New Canaan 6 - Westhill 1
4/27	New Canaan - Boys - Tennis	Darien	New Canaan 5 - Darien 2
4/23	New Canaan - Boys - Volleyball	Greenwich	New Canaan 3 - Greenwich 0
4/28	New Canaan - Boys - Volleyball	Wilton	New Canaan 3 - Wilton 0
4/20	New Canaan - Girls - Golf	Wilton	New Canaan 207 - Wilton 222
4/23	New Canaan - Girls - Lacrosse	Wilton	New Canaan 3 - Wilton 8
4/25	New Canaan - Girls - Lacrosse	Massapequa	New Canaan 5 - Massapequa 11
4/28	New Canaan - Girls - Lacrosse	Danbury	New Canaan 18 - Danbury 1
4/22	New Canaan - Girls - Softball	Fairfield Ludlowe	New Canaan 11 - Fairfield Ludlowe 6
4/24	New Canaan - Girls - Softball	Fairfield Warde	New Canaan 5 - Fairfield Warde 4
4/27	New Canaan - Girls - Softball	Greenwich	New Canaan 7 - Greenwich 1
4/21	New Canaan - Girls - Tennis	Brien McMahon	New Canaan 7 - Brien McMahon 0
4/23	New Canaan - Girls - Tennis	Westhill	New Canaan 7 - Westhill 0
4/27	New Canaan - Girls - Tennis	Darien	New Canaan 5 - Darien 2
4/23	St. Lukes - Boys - Baseball	King	St. Lukes 13 - King 2
4/27	St. Lukes - Boys - Baseball	Greens Farms Academy	St. Lukes 15 - Greens Farms Academy 0
4/22	St. Lukes - Boys - Lacrosse	South Kent	St. Lukes 13 - South Kent 4
4/24	St. Lukes - Boys - Lacrosse	Hamden Hall	St. Lukes 6 - Hamden Hall 18
4/20	St. Lukes - Boys - Tennis	King	St. Lukes 2 - King 5
4/20	St. Lukes - Boys - Golf	Brunswick	St. Lukes 2.5 - Brunswick 6.5
4/22	St. Lukes - Girls - Softball	Greens Farms	St. Lukes 25 - Greens Farms 0
4/25	St. Lukes - Girls - Softball	Loomis Chaffee	St. Lukes 23 - Loomis Chaffee 16
4/27	St. Lukes - Girls - Softball	King	St. Lukes 11 - King 0
4/23	St. Lukes - Girls - Golf	Hamden Hall	St. Lukes 0.5 - Hamden Hall 4.5
4/27	St. Lukes - Girls - Golf	King	St. Lukes 0.5 - King 4.5
4/22	St. Lukes - Girls - Lacrosse	King	St. Lukes 14 - King 9

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Chair Kathleen Corbet said the commission is approaching the end of its process and emphasized the importance of meeting statutory deadlines tied to the submission of the final report. "This perhaps will be our last in-person meeting... before sending off the draft report," she said.

The timing of the report is significant because it determines whether any proposed charter changes can be placed on the November election ballot. Once submitted, a series of required steps must be completed within specific timeframes.

During the meeting, commissioners reviewed and refined language across multiple sections of the draft, addressing both substantive policy issues and technical edits.

One of the primary topics was a proposal related to Town Council oversight of town-owned real property. The commission discussed how to define when Council approval should be required for transactions or changes involving municipal property.

Earlier drafts included a financial threshold that would have triggered Town Council review. However, commissioners expressed concern that a fixed dollar amount might not capture all situations that warrant oversight.

"I'm concerned about the big problem," one commissioner said, noting that smaller transactions could be structured in ways that avoid review if only a financial threshold is used.

Other members raised concerns about the scope of the provision, warning that overly broad language could delay routine operations or require Town Council involvement in minor administrative matters.

Commissioners discussed various scenarios, including leases, changes in use, and zoning-related decisions, to determine how the provision should be structured. The group ultimately moved toward broader language that would expand oversight without relying solely on a dollar threshold. Final wording is expected to be refined before the report is completed.

The commission also addressed governance structure, including whether certain boards and commissions should remain appointed or become elected positions.

After discussion, members agreed to maintain the current system of appointed boards in key areas, including the Zoning Board of Appeals. Commissioners cited the technical nature of the work and the importance of maintaining a qualified pool of candidates.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," one member said during the discussion.

Some commissioners noted that land use boards, in particular, require specialized knowledge and experience. Others raised

concerns that elected positions could reduce participation, or introduce political considerations into decisions that are typically administrative or regulatory.

At the same time, members acknowledged that land use decisions often draw public attention and can have a significant impact on the community.

"It's really about land use... that's the issue," one commissioner said.

The Inland Wetlands Commission was also discussed, with similar considerations regarding technical expertise and oversight. The commission ultimately supported maintaining its appointed structure.

Another area of discussion involved a proposed provision clarifying that town officials with managerial responsibilities are accountable to the first selectman. Commissioners reviewed the language and its potential implications for administrative operations and the relationship between elected officials and appointed boards.

Some members supported the clarification, stating that it would help define lines of authority within town government. Others expressed concern about how the language might be interpreted, particularly in relation to independent boards and commissions.

The commission approved the provision with additional language intended to clarify that it does not alter the authority of elected officials or independent bodies.

In addition to these policy discussions, the commission reviewed procedural elements of the charter, including audit requirements. Members considered how to define when audit reports must be completed and made available.

The discussion included questions about what constitutes a "final" report and whether draft versions should be accessible. The commission moved toward requiring that reports be issued within a specified period after completion, while allowing draft reports to be requested.

Throughout the meeting, commissioners also made technical edits to improve clarity and consistency across the document. These included adjustments to terminology, removal of outdated statutory references, and alignment of language across different sections of the charter.

One commissioner noted the limitations of charter language in addressing all potential scenarios. "You cannot legislate for good behavior," the member said during the discussion.

By the end of the session, most major issues had been addressed, with only final revisions remaining. Corbet said the commission is working to circulate a near-final draft in the coming days.

"We're not over the finish line yet," she said. "But we've got to get this done."

Once finalized, the draft report will be submitted for further review, beginning the next phase of the charter revision process.

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April 30, 2026 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Selectmen for the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed bids for "Pave 2026 - New Canaan Saxe Middle School Parking Lot", New Canaan, Connecticut, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time on May 21, 2026, at the Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT, 06840, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract documents are available for review at the Department of Public Works Office, TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840. Copies of the contract documents for the work may be obtained in person during business hours from 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the following location: Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840.

Bidders attention is called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment to be observed and to the requirements for the prompt commencement and completion of the work.

All work is to begin immediately on June 22, 2026 and shall be completed by August 21, 2026.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the bid opening.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids or any part thereof, to waive defects in the same, or to accept any proposal or any part thereof deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut.

All bidders are requested to note that the award of this Contract is subject to the following conditions and contingencies:

- 1) The approval of such governmental agencies as may be required by law.
- 2) The appropriation of adequate funds by the proper agencies.

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TOWN OF NEW CANAAN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION TO BID

Hauling and Disposal of SEWAGE SLUDGE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for Hauling and Disposal of Non-Hazardous Liquid Sewage Sludge which is generated at the Town of New Canaan WPCF, 139 Lakeview Ave, New Canaan CT will be received until 10 AM, Friday May 15th, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the office of the Director of Public Works, 77 Main Street, Town Hall, New Canaan, CT. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained in person during business hours from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the above address or by contacting Nick Colabella, Plant Superintendent at nick.colabella@newcanaanct.gov or call 203-594-3700.

The Town New Canaan reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive any defect, irregularities or informalities in the bidding.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the bid opening.

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Nick Colabella
Superintendent of New Canaan WPCF
Town of New Canaan, Connecticut

LEGAL ADS

HONORING VETERANS for AMERICA'S 250 From Page 1

“to walk right through those doors.”

Each week until July 4, this column will mark the nation's 250th by looking at service, sacrifice, citizenship, and the Americans who carried those obligations forward. This week's column begins with Franchetti's remarks at the American Red Cross Ruby Red & White Ball on April 25 held in Riverside, where she spoke about the Civil War hospital ship USS Red Rover, Clara Barton, and the enduring duty to show up when others need help. Following are the remarks by Admiral Lisa Franchetti, USN (Ret.).

Thank you so much for the warm welcome, and for this remarkable honor. To the hard working Red Cross team — especially Sophie Garrity and co-chairs Tania and Sophie and William who put so much into this evening -- and to everyone in this room who has given your time, your talent, and your treasure to the American Red Cross — thank you.

Looking at the past Red and White Ball programs online, I noticed something that made me smile. Most of the military recipients are from the Army...and I figured out that we're deep in West Point territory....so I am especially honored to be here as a retired Navy Admiral...because there's a connection there that goes back further than you might think.

During the Civil War, the U.S. Navy commissioned its first hospital ship — the USS Red Rover — on the Mississippi River.

She steamed through combat zones carrying nurses, medicine, and care to people who had nothing. She flew no battle flag. Her mission was not to fight. Her mission was to help.

That was the same mission Clara Barton lived every day on the battlefields of the Civil War. She went where the need was greatest — regardless of risk, regardless of whether anyone told her she was allowed to be there. She called herself a helper. Others called her the Angel of the Battlefield. And in 1881, she built this organization on one powerful idea: when people suffer, someone should show up.

I spent 40 years in the United States Navy. I commanded ships, carrier strike groups, and fleets, and deployed all around the world. And in every assignment, I kept learning the same thing: the measure of any organization isn't its hardware. It's whether the people in it take care of each other. Whether they show up.

Whether ... when it's hard, they stay.

The Red Cross is that promise, made real, every day. I have seen your people in places that were not safe. I have watched them help military families navigate emergency notifications, casualties, and crises happening 8,000 miles from home. They don't ask whether they can afford to help in another crisis. They ask: what do you need? How can I help?

Clara Barton had a phrase she lived by: “You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it.” In the Navy, we'd call that “commander's intent,” and her intent clearly lives on in the American Red Cross today.

Tonight, I am truly humbled by this award. Not because I feel I deserve to stand in the company of the remarkable people in this room — but because receiving an honor like this is a reminder of what we are all here for. Service is not a transaction. It is not something you do when it's easy or when someone is watching. It is a commitment — renewed every day, in small ways and large — to something larger than yourself.

The Navy taught me that. The American Red Cross lives it.

Congratulations on your Ruby Anniversary! Forty years of this community saying: we show up. We give. We take care of each other.

That's the spirit of USS Red Rover. That's the spirit of Clara Barton. And on this 40th anniversary... that is the spirit of every person in this room.

The approach to America's 250th anniversary asks more than commemoration. It asks citizens to look again at the institutions and habits that carried the country from one generation to the next: the soldier's willingness to defend constitutional government, the nurse's decision to enter danger, the volunteer's refusal to leave suffering unanswered, and the family's burden when service requires absence, fear, or loss.

Ballou's letter, published last week, gave us one measure of sacrifice. Franchetti's remarks give us another measure of duty. “Service is not a transaction,” she said. “It is not something you do when it's easy or when someone is watching.” The statement is plain, and it is demanding. It defines citizenship not as sentiment, but as conduct. Not as entitlement, but as duty.

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cream store. Complications from the disease took his life in 1972. Forty five years later, his only son and my uncle, Dr. Robert Alexander Johnston Jr. would also succumb to this debilitating neurological disease.

Many families are similarly affected. Parkinson's Disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease, in the U.S. following Alzheimer's. Parkinson's effects 1.1 million Americans with approximately 90,000 people new cases diagnosed annually.

I reached out to Dr. Matt McConnell of The Neurology and Headache Center of Greenwich to ask about the current outlook on Parkinson's—curious if there have been any advancements, new treatments or promising research that might provide those effected with hope.

Dr. McConnell and his partner, Dr. Jennifer Werely, specialize in diagnosing neurological conditions like epilepsy, neuropathies, and memory disorders. Dr. McConnell is a recent transplant to Greenwich from Charlotte, North Carolina where he headed a team of neurologists. He generously agreed to share his expertise with the readers of Greenwich Sentinel.

What factors contribute to Parkinson's Disease?

“Part of the reason Parkinson's can be so challenging is that it does not appear to stem from one single cause. In most people, it likely reflects a combination of aging, biology, genetics, and environmental exposures. Certain pesticides and industrial solvents have been linked to higher risk, and researchers are also paying close attention to the gut, since constipation and other gastrointestinal changes can appear years

before the more familiar movement symptoms.

Rates tend to rise with age, are higher in men, and vary by region. However, the Midwestern region of the USA is facing higher incidence rates of Parkinson's. This is due to the manufacturing and farming that is occupationally dominant in this area. “

Have you seen any significant trends in the diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease?

“Most patients develop symptoms after age 60, though younger-onset Parkinson's certainly occurs. Many people first notice subtle slowing, a reduced arm swing, softer speech, loss of smell, constipation, sleep disturbance, or smaller handwriting before they ever develop the classic resting tremor most people associate with Parkinson's. “

What should someone do if they suspect Parkinson's disease?

“It is so important not to dismiss early changes that seem small on their own. If you are seeing multiple small changes, I highly recommend seeking a qualified neurologist who can perform an in-depth exam that can assess for Parkinson's. Earlier diagnosis is key! If we start symptomatic treatment and begin a targeted exercise plan, patients tend to have a better quality of life.”

Any advice on how best to avoid Parkinson's Disease?

“We do not yet know how to fully prevent Parkinson's, but we can support brain health and likely reduce risk by exercising regularly, sleeping well, eating a healthy diet, and minimizing exposure to certain environmental toxins discussed in this article. The best preventative treatment is taking care of yourself and not avoiding your medical appointments. “

How does exercise, sleep, mood and nutrition factor in to Parkinson's Disease?

“Exercise is a crucial part of treatment for Parkinson's patients. It is part of treatment. The Parkinson's Foundation describes exercise as a vital part of Parkinson's disease management, with benefits for balance, mobility, flexibility, quality of life, and even non-motor symptoms. Research cited by the Foundation suggests that people who begin exercising earlier and do at least 2.5 hours per week experience a slower decline in quality of life. That helps explain why programs such as boxing, cycling, swimming, tai chi, yoga, dance, walking, and strength training can be so valuable. “

What are the most promising new treatments that you are seeing for Parkinson's Disease?

“Treatment today is far more individualized than it once was. Levodopa is generally the primary medication I recommend. I like Levodopa because my patients find it effective at symptom management, and the side effects are usually tolerable. In the last two years, the FDA approved new continuous infusion options such as VYALEV, a 24-hour under-the-skin levodopa-based therapy for advanced Parkinson's, and ONAPGO, a continuous apomorphine infusion for adults with motor fluctuations. Deep brain stimulation (DBS) also continues to evolve, including the 2025 FDA approval of adaptive deep brain stimulation, which adjusts stimulation based on brain signals. Focused ultrasound has expanded as well, including staged bilateral treatment for selected patients with advanced disease. Adaptive DBS can “listen and respond” to the brain in real time, while focused ultrasound can reduce disabling motor symptoms without open surgery. “

Many treatments are not yet available. Any worth watching?

“Researchers are developing treatments that can offer better symptom-control medications, gene-targeted approaches, and cell-based therapies designed to repair or replace damaged dopamine pathways. One of the most closely watched near-term treatments is Tavapadon, a once-daily oral therapy now under FDA review. At the same time, gene and cell therapy programs are advancing in clinical development. This is real progress, and it deserves optimism.

I caution my patients that they should still be cautious when they see headlines using words like cure, reverse, or breakthrough. Parkinson's research is moving forward, but researchers and the FDA is rightfully assessing each step thoroughly for efficacy and safety. I expect we will hear news about Tavapadon this year.”

Helpful Resources

YMCA of Greenwich Parkinson's Body and Mind Program

Rock Steady Boxing

LSVT BIG (physical therapy program)

The Parkinson's Foundation ****

The Michael J. Fox Foundation

The American Parkinson Disease Association

******The Parkinson's Foundation's PD GENERATION program offers genetic testing and counseling at no cost for people living with Parkinson's.**

Thank you to Dr. McConnell for sharing his time and medical expertise with our readers. He and his partner Jennifer Werely are definitely on their way of making a mark on Greenwich and achieving their goal of “building a relationship-based neurology practice where the staff listen carefully, diagnose thoughtfully, and partner closely with patients and families”.

LEGAL AD

TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF PASSAGE

Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Canaan held on April 22, 2026, the following resolutions were adopted:

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

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TOWN OF NEW CANAAN NOTICE OF PASSAGE

Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Canaan held on April 22, 2026, the following amendment to the Ordinance for Off-Street Parking Regulations was adopted and approved:

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.

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The New Villain

The newest villain in American life is not the scoundrel, the cheat, the bigot, or the bully. It is, in many circles, the Republican. In other circles, it is the Democrat. The vocabulary changes. The vice does not.

This is an odd achievement for a republic that once taught its children the value of logical debate. A person may serve meals at a shelter, coach children after work, sit with the sick, offer hospitality from their home, raise children with intention, build community, work hard and help a neighbor carry groceries through the rain. Then comes the disqualifying discovery: she is registered with, votes with, or is dating someone from the wrong party. The life disappears. Relationships just stop. The label remains.

Ostracism trains people to hate in the name of goodness. It tells them kindness may be rationed, friendship may be conditional, and neighbors may be treated as contaminants. That is not liberalism, conservatism, Christianity, Judaism, patriotism, or civic virtue. It is fear seeking to call itself principle.

The deeper danger is that ostracism trains people to hate in the name of goodness.

The modern social inquisition has a catechism. Did you vote the wrong way? Did you decline to denounce the proper people in the proper language? Did you use the wrong word, or fail to use the mandated word? You are suspect. Your motives need not be examined. Your conduct need not be weighed. Your humanity may be edited down to a party line and a fashionable insult.

This is prejudice with better tailoring.

The people who turn “Republican” into a synonym for villainy are wrong. The people who use “woke” to dissolve every Democrat into a caricature are wrong. Both are what might properly be called lazy.

The phrase is inelegant. The phenomenon is worse.

George Washington saw the danger early. In his Farewell Address, he warned against the baneful effects of party. Both...not one or the other. His warning was not against disagreement. It was against the corruption of judgment when party becomes identity.

That corruption now visits dinner tables, workplaces, classrooms, neighborhoods, and romantic life. One person hears, “You’re dating a Republican?” and recognizes the sentence for what it has become: not curiosity, but prosecution. Another hears, “You’re a Democrat?” followed by the ritual accusation: woke. In each case, the purpose is the same. Sort.

That is the trouble with all labels. They begin as shorthand and become substitutes for thought.

This habit is often defended as moral seriousness. It is not. Moral seriousness asks what a person has done. Moral panic or virtue signaling asks for a label and stops thinking.

The temptation is not confined to one generation, party, class, religion, region, or ideology. It is a human temptation, made easier by technology, rewarded by social applause, and excused by the comforting belief that contempt is acceptable when directed at the proper target. Every age has its approved outcasts. Every tribe has its sanctioned prejudices. Every faction has a vocabulary that makes cruelty sound virtuous.

This is why citizens who feel endangered must choose a better way.

Name the danger precisely. Do not say, “They are destroying everything.” Say what is at issue. This policy violates conscience. This rule weakens local control. This proposal harms conservation. Specificity is civic discipline.

Read before condemning. Read the bill, the minutes, the budget, the candidate’s statement, the newspaper and the strongest argument on the other side. True knowledge costs real effort.

Engage in the ordinary work of citizenship. Attend meetings. Meet candidates. Ask real questions, not trap questions. Write civil letters to the editor. Vote in every election.

Build alliances beyond party. Ask: Do you also care about conservation? Do you also care about women’s rights? Do you also care about lifting up the poor? A worthy cause may gather Republicans, Democrats, independents, conservatives, liberals and people who care for the same thing from different directions.

Refuse dehumanization. A citizen may oppose without despising. He may disagree without inventing motives. She may criticize a party without reducing every person in it to a moral disease. Once opposition becomes hatred, the citizen becomes the mirror image of the coercion he fears.

Lincoln governed during the country’s greatest moral and constitutional crisis. He called the nation to proceed “with malice toward none; with charity for all.” He understood something Americans forget at their peril: a country cannot survive if every disagreement becomes a ground for excommunication.

Republicans are not evil. Democrats are not villains. Independents are not exempt from folly. The American human being remains mixed, stubborn, contradictory, and capable of error and amazing grace.

Editorial Page

OPINION

Connecticut Labor Bill Expands Employer Liability Even After Revisions

The Connecticut House passed a sweeping omnibus labor bill Tuesday (Apr 28) on a 117-29 vote, following a series of late revisions lawmakers said addressed concerns raised by businesses and Republican legislators.

The measure is intended to strengthen worker protections, expand workplace standards, and enhance enforcement against wage violations. But even after those changes, the legislation continues to expand employer liability and compliance obligations in ways that could affect a broad range of industries.

Business groups have consistently raised concerns about the bill’s overall structure. The Connecticut Business and Industry Association warned earlier in the process that the proposal would lead to increased costs, reduced operational flexibility, and greater exposure to litigation. While some provisions were narrowed or clarified during negotiations, many of those concerns remain.

One of the most significant changes involves liability in the construction sector. The bill makes general contractors “jointly and severally liable” for unpaid wages owed by subcontractors.

That shift is substantial. Contractors often rely on subcontractors to manage their own payroll systems. Under this new framework, a general contractor can be held legally responsible for wage violations committed by another company, even without direct control over those payroll practices.

The bill also expands the potential consequences of such violations. Workers or labor organizations may bring civil actions to recover unpaid wages and, in certain cases, may seek double damages along with attorney’s fees. This combination of shared liability and enhanced penalties increases the financial stakes and may lead to more disputes being resolved through litigation.

The legislation includes additional provisions affecting other sectors. It increases compensation for certain workers injured in workplace assaults, raising benefits to cover 100 percent of lost wages in specified cases involving health care and education employees. While this provision was narrowed from earlier versions, it still represents an increase in employer obligations.

The bill also introduces new job-protection rules

for service workers. When a contract changes hands, incoming employers must retain existing employees for a 90-day transition period and may terminate them only for “just cause” during that time. The definition of just cause is tied to the conduct or performance of the individual employee, limiting an employer’s ability to make broader staffing adjustments during the transition.



In addition, the bill allows employees or their representatives to bring claims in Superior Court against multiple parties involved in a contract, including successor employers and prior contractors, further expanding the scope of potential liability.

Wage transparency requirements are also expanded. Employers would be required to disclose wage ranges and general benefit information in job postings and during the hiring process, and employees would be explicitly protected in discussing compensation. While the bill does not mandate disclosure of individual salaries, it adds another layer of compliance tied to compensation practices.

Taken together, the revisions made in the final days of debate altered some details but did not fundamentally change the direction of the bill. The final version expands liability beyond traditional employer-employee relationships, increases the potential for litigation, and places new constraints on workforce management decisions.

Connecticut already maintains an extensive framework of labor protections. The broader policy question is whether layering additional mandates and liability onto that system will improve outcomes for workers or create new challenges for employers and the state’s economic environment.

Even in its revised form, the legislation represents a significant expansion of employer responsibility and legal exposure, one that will likely have implications for hiring, contracting, and investment decisions across the state.

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Justin Crisp’s Podcast

St. Barnabas Rector Justin Crisp has a weekly podcast, “For Better, For Verse,” giving parishioners and other listeners a new way to enter the church’s regular rhythm of Scripture, conversation and reflection beyond Sunday worship.

The podcast, hosted by Justin and Jewelle, centers each week on an excerpt from Luke. The church describes the format as a discussion of their “reactions to and take on an excerpt from Luke,” with the purpose of joining them in “their personal search for the heart of Jesus in the heart of the Scriptures.” The series is listed on the St. Barnabas website with recent episodes including “Did We Hear That Right,” “Moses, We Have a Problem,” “The One About

Leviticus,” “Rules Rules and More Rules,” “God Is Who God Is,” and “This God Is Not Angry.”

For a parish whose identity has long been rooted in place, the podcast is a small but telling extension of its ministry. St. Barnabas sits at 954 Lake Avenue, in the backcountry portion of town, where the church’s founders first sought to create an Episcopal community closer to rural areas. The church’s own history traces its beginnings to the 1950s in a tack barn, before the congregation grew into a permanent church community with a midcentury modern building designed by parishioner Philip Ives.

That history matters because the new podcast does not replace the parish’s physical life. It extends it.

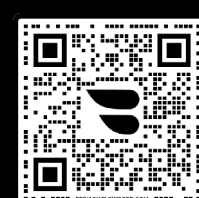
The church continues to hold Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., with Holy Eucharist Rite I and Rite II listed for upcoming Sundays. St. Barnabas also presents itself as a parish built around children, worship, beauty, music, friendship and service, with ministries for children, youth, music and outreach posted on its website.

“For Better, For Verse” brings that parish culture into a medium that fits how many residents now engage with faith, civic life and education. A listener does not need to be in the pew at a set hour to follow along. A commuter, parent, retiree or student can hear a conversation framed around Scripture while moving through an ordinary week.



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COLUMN



BY REV. MAXWELL GRANT

There is a wonderful, though almost certainly imaginary story about The Rev. John Peter Muhlenberg, an Anglican-Lutheran pastor in Virginia, preaching a sermon in January 1776 on Ecclesiastes 3 (“To everything there is a season”). If you know that passage or remember the Pete Seeger song (or the even more famous Byrds cover), you’ll remember the part where it talks about “a time of war, and a time of peace.”

According to the story, Rev. Muhlenberg dramatically removed his clerical robe, revealing a

colonel’s uniform underneath. “This is a time of war,” he said, then walked straight down the center aisle and out the church door, followed by over a hundred men sitting in the pews, who turned, kissed their wives, and walked out behind him to enlist.

It recalls the description of clergy found in Loyalist Peter Oliver’s early history of the American Revolution, “The Origin and Progress of the American Rebellion” (1781), written while the war was still being fought. He describes the clergy of New England – especially its Congregationalist pastors – as the “black Regiment” (referring to their clerical robes), claiming they had turned the people against the Crown by “unceasingly sounding the Yell of Rebellion in the Ears of an ignorant and deluded people.”

Such accounts have

been preserved, of course, first because they are great stories, but also because so many of us recognize figures like Muhlenberg or the “black Regiment” as standing on the correct side of history.

But without the benefit of hindsight, passionate commitments and dramatic gestures can be harder to cheer. In the muddled middle of big events and challenging questions, the voices of dissent and resistance are often considered troublemakers rather than trailblazers.

Scripture itself is very clear about the hardship involved in being a prophet—it is relentless in its insistence that being right is frequently uncomfortable, sometimes lethal, and yet, always crucial. Prophets can offend existing religious sensibilities as part of their invitation to develop or renew different

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ones, calling a community to hear the voice of the divine leading us in new directions.

History bears that out.

Our traditions recognize that “sin” is a central concept, even if, used without care, it can be an inflammatory one. While each of us may be painfully aware of our failings, nobody appreciates being called a sinner. And as for being called to account for decisions we did not ourselves make (as was the case around slavery during the years before the Civil War), how is that on us?

Prophets and dissenters

are the ones who say it is on us. Because we are called to seek God’s will, which is a will directed toward us and all of creation. Because we know that we are called to love our neighbors right to the point that the boundary between self and neighbor starts getting fuzzy. Because all life is a moral field, full of knotty problems and hard trade-offs, needing deep wisdom and care. Because there is no option for checking out of the common good. Because even though Ecclesiastes is right about there being seasons,

conscience abides through every season.

This is where prophets are coming from and why their reminders are so important.

Not unlike an intervention for a beloved but troubled person who has lost sight of their behavior, someone needs to love the world enough to speak up when we have lost our way.

So many of our great heroes are those who were humbly willing to do that.

As we sit in the muddled middle of our own days, we need them more than ever.

Worship Directory and Services

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

Congregational Church

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM: Bible Study

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

Upcoming Events:

May 16 from 9 AM- 12 PM at the Lapham Center: The New Canaan Clergy Association will host a unique community conversation designed to bridge divides and strengthen our town. Guided by Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton, participants from across political perspectives will engage in a respectful Life Swap practice—listening deeply to one another’s stories and convictions. Register at godsacre.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

49 Park Street 203.966.0293
christiansciencet.org/newcanaan

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002
fpnc.org

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

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

Upcoming Events:

May 3 at 10 AM: share the pageantry of the Mount Kisco Scottish Pipes & Drums, the grace and joy of the Highland Dancers, the tartans and the kilts, and more. All are welcome.

May 10 at 3 PM: Orchestra Lumos presents The Best of All Possible Winds. A program celebrating America and its 250 years features works. More information and tickets are available at orchestralumos.org.

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

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

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

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

Saturday: 7:00 am

Recurring Events:

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

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

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

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

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

Sunday Services: 8:00am: Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite I; **9:00am:** Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II; **10am:** Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite II (Live Stream also available on the St. Mark’s website). Coffee Hour follows the 10am service.

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

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

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

Upcoming Events:

May 7 from 5-7:30 PM: White Elephant Preview Party. Tickets required and available on the St. Mark’s website.

May 8 from 5-10 PM: May Fair Friday Night Lights. Wristbands will be available at the fair grounds.

May 9 from 9 AM- 6 PM: May Fair. There will be rides, face painting, Old Faithful Antique Fire Engine rides, and more.

May 15 at 7 PM: The Jeff Franzel Trio. Franzel is a multi-talented songwriter and composer who began his career as a jazz pianist, accompanying such artists as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., and Mel Tormé. Tickets are available at stmarksnewcanaan.org.

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.

Upcoming Events:

May 12 at 5:30-8 PM: Join UMC as they prepare for their upcoming Midnight Run. The supply of men’s jeans and pants is currently very low, and donations are greatly appreciated.

May 15 from 4:30-6 PM: Families with children in grades K-8 are invited to join for an evening of service and fellowship. Together, you will assemble birthday bags for local food pantries, bringing joy to children in our community. The evening will include a hands-on project, dinner, music, and reflection.

May 16: Join for their next Holy Hike at the PepsiCo Sculpture Garden in Purchase, NY. Gather for a gentle, peaceful walk and time of fellowship in nature. Meet at 10:05 AM at the Visitor Center, or at 9:30 AM at the church for carpooling.

Community Baptist Church

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

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI30_Syp_XOKDg

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>

Sunday School at 10:00am

Worship Service at 11:00am

Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

Grace Community Church

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

info@gracecommunity.info

www.gracecommunity.info

Welcome to Grace Church, where we strive to build a church of action, founded on Biblical truth, characterized by faith, grace, community, service, authenticity, clear thinking, and cultural relevance. Grace Community Church is an exercise in knowing God, knowing truth, and building community that extends to our full lives, not just to our Sunday mornings.

Join us **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** or via GCC’s Facebook page or YouTube page. Nursery care and Sunday school/teen programming is available for babies through 12th grade. Coffee and bagels available in the lobby after the service, all are welcome.

Talmadge Hill Community Church

870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT
203.966.2314

talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com

www.talmadgehill.org

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

Recurring Events:

Thursdays at 9:30am: Bible Study

First Saturday at 8am: Men’s Group

Second Saturday at 10am: Women’s Circle

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center

137 Putnam Rd
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Obituaries

ALICIA EPPLER



Alicia O'Brien Eppler, 63, of New Canaan, CT, passed away peacefully, in her home, on April 23, 2026, after a 15-year battle with cancer. Alicia was the devoted wife of Ed Eppler for 36 years; and the beloved mother of Cassie (married to Alex Giammarco) of New Canaan, Bea (married to Nick Bartlett) of Darien and Preston Eppler of London, England. She was known as "She-She" to her adoring grandchildren, Charles "Cross" Giammarco and Alicia "Chase" Giammarco.

Born on June 29, 1962, in Norwalk, Alicia was the youngest of three daughters of Thomas O'Brien and Barbara (Lasher) O'Brien, and was a lifelong resident of New Canaan, CT. She attended West School, Saxe Middle School and graduated from New Canaan High School in 1980. She graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1984, majoring in Economics. Following her graduation, she spent her 20s in New York City, working at Chemical Bank, ABN Amro and Tiffany & Company. In 1988, she met the love of her life. Alicia and Ed were married on October 27th, 1990, at St. Aloysius Church, followed by a reception at Woodway Country Club; and they promptly settled in New Canaan following their wedding.

A gifted athlete and competitor, Alicia excelled at all racquet sports. In addition to her prowess on the tennis and paddle courts, Alicia was an avid golfer. She also loved hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing and reveled in the splendor of the Rockies. Her "happy place" was spending time at the family's second home in Steamboat Springs, CO. Alicia firmly believed that nearly every problem could be solved with a good sweat and fresh air.

Alicia's top priority was always her family. She was the consummate matriarch and relished time surrounded by family. She spent countless hours on the sidelines, cheering her children on soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey fields, as well as at ice rinks, school plays and dance recitals. Alicia donated her time and energy to causes and communities where she felt a special connection, serving as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, CCD Teacher and New Canaan Women's Youth Lacrosse Coach.

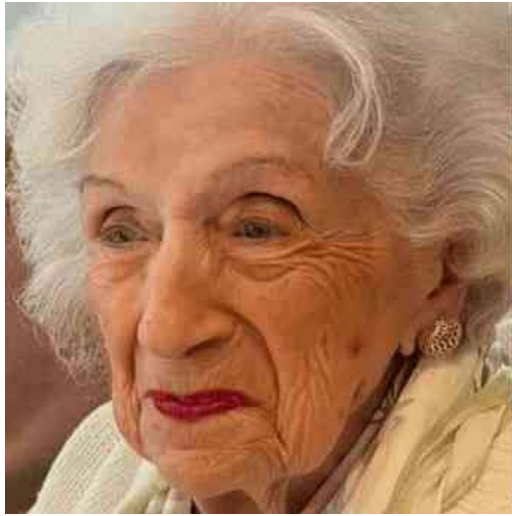
Her community of family and friends will remember Alicia for her vivacious personality, easy laugh, beautiful smile, and her amazing ability to bring people together; she connected people from all different walks of life and never forgot a face or name. She epitomized "grit and grace," resilient beyond words, and she never let her disease stop her from living life to its fullest.

Alicia was predeceased by her father, Thomas O'Brien; and brother-in-law, William Durand Eppler. In addition to mother, Barbara, her husband, and her children, Alicia is survived by her sisters, Kathleen McGoldrick of Stamford, and Stephanie Smith (married to Jim Smith) of Milford. She is also survived by her husband's siblings, Stephen Eppler (married to Vicky Eppler), Elizabeth Vidmar and Margaret Little (married to Dave Little); sister-in-law, Jean Scandlyn Eppler; as well as twelve nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, on Thursday, April 30, followed by a reception at The Woodway Country Club, in Darien.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Memorial Sloan Kettering, <http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/aliciaeppler>, or Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, <http://mskcc.convio.net/goto/aliciaeppler>, in Alicia's memory.

ROSEMARY VIVES



Rosemary Vives, age 93, died peacefully on April 19 at Waveny Life Care in New Canaan, CT, leaving behind a rich legacy of love and laughter.

Rosemary was born on December 6, 1932 in Manhattan to Sicilian-American parents Catherine and Frank LoProto and grew up with her older brother Salvatore in the Bensonhurst neighborhood of Brooklyn. Rosemary loved Frank Sinatra, Broadway, and Prosecco, but her greatest passion was her six children, the grandchildren who followed and a loyal group of girlfriends that met regularly since their days together at elementary school.

Upon graduating Lafayette High School, Rosemary found her wings and flourished in her work for the Rolex Watch Company on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue. As part of her job, she would test Rolex watches and proudly wore them home on the subway each night back to Brooklyn.

In 1952 she married Joseph Cortale and moved to Long Island where she raised six children. It was not long before Rosemary returned to the workforce and made her mark in advertising at the Glen Cove Record Pilot and ultimately in international sales for the magazine Area Development.

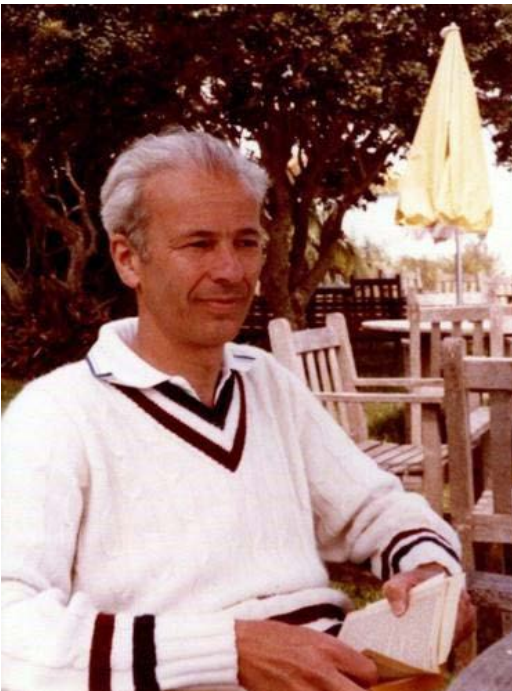
The New York theatre scene was one of Rosemary's great loves and she became a Broadway regular through the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Cancer Society.

Widowed in 1985, Rosemary who loved ballroom dancing, attended a singles dance and met the second love of her life, Frank Vives. Marriage and eventually a move to the Florida sunshine began a new chapter in 2001. Thirty years later, Rosemary returned to her roots in the Northeast, surrounded by family for every holiday and birthday.

Rosemary is survived by her children, Karen Belmont (husband Albert), Robert Cortale (wife Maria), Joseph Cortale (wife Laura), Frank Cortale (wife Ivanni), Michael Cortale, (wife Melissa) Mark Cortale, and eleven grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life mass has been planned for Saturday, May 16 at 11am at Saint Michael The Archangel Church in Greenwich, CT.

IVAN SZANTO



Ivan Zoltan Szanto, a resident of The Inn in New Canaan, passed away April 19. Ivan was born in Budapest, Hungary on July 25th, 1925. Ivan grew up with his mother Margit, father Istvan, sister Martha, brother Oskar, and grandmother. He attended school and learned about the family business at the Dairy plant.

Ivan was forcibly conscripted into military service for the 2nd Hungarian Army in 1942 and his battalion was promptly sent to the front at the Battle of Stalingrad. After the collapse of the invasion, he was taken prisoner by the Red Army. On the forced march to Siberia as a POW, he escaped feigning injury and illness, making the long walk back to Hungary by moonlight to evade capture. Upon returning, he rebuilt his father's

Dairy business which had been bombed. However, it was later seized by the occupying Russians under their policy of nationalization once the business became profitable.

Ivan met his beloved wife Marianne (Mimi) in 1947, and they married the same year after a whirlwind romance of dates, horse races and drives in the Buda hills. They settled in Budapest and welcomed their daughter Rita in 1952.

In 1956, after the collapse of the Hungarian Revolution, Ivan and Mimi decided they did not want their daughter to grow up under communist rule. They escaped at night through the barbed wire and guarded border into Austria. The family was granted refugee status and flown on a military flight to Camp Kilmer in the United States. Supported by family members in New York City, but unable to speak English and without money, Ivan taught himself the language and found work first at Borden's and then in the Import-Export sector. He made sure to repay everyone who helped his family escape communism, including the Austrian farmer whose house they stayed in the night they crossed the Hungarian border. Ivan worked in sales and import businesses to build his American dream for his wife and daughter. They became naturalized U.S. citizens in May 1962. The family lived for many years at 530 East 90th Street in Manhattan and spent weekends at Timber Trails in Sherman, Connecticut, where Ivan enjoyed tennis. After retirement, he volunteered with the Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE), mentoring small business owners to build their own success.

Ivan was preceded in death by his wife of 75 years, Marianne B. Szanto and daughter Rita S. Englund of New Canaan. He is survived by his son-in-law Sven R. Englund of New Canaan, and his grandchildren, Kristen Katz (Dan) of Fairfield and Sven A. Englund (Courtney) of Providence.

A funeral service will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan on Saturday, May 16 at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Waveny Care Network.

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

ROBERT FRANKLIN



Robert "Bob" Stambaugh Franklin, 84, formerly of New York City and New Canaan, CT, passed away on April 15, in Lyme, NH, where he lived with his wife, Patricia "Patty" Franklin, for over a decade.

He was born January 28, 1942, to Bernice Franklin (née Stambaugh) and John Edward Franklin, Sr., in New York City. Bob attended Saint Ignatius School and was a devoted altar server in the German-American neighborhood of Yorkville in Manhattan. His Catholic faith, formed in those early years, remained important to him throughout his life. Bob's family summered at their camp in Chateaugay, New York.

Bob graduated from Trinity School in New York City in 1959. He went on to attend Harvard College, graduating in 1963, and Harvard Law School, graduating cum laude in 1966. During the Vietnam War, Bob volunteered for the infantry and served honorably as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison. After the war, he received his Master of Laws from the New York University School of Law in 1973. As a tax attorney, Bob enjoyed the challenges of structuring complex transactions in the U.S. and international tax law arena. He joined the firm Coudert Brothers as an associate in

1975. He initially was the only full-time tax lawyer at the firm, which at that time had 10 offices and approximately 200 attorneys across the globe. He subsequently became a partner at Coudert and leader of their tax department, building it into a 15-lawyer group renowned for excellence in the field of international taxation. He later continued his career as a partner at Dorsey & Whitney in Manhattan until his retirement.

Through his work, he met Patty, flying to Texas to court her before their marriage in 1986, beginning a long and devoted life together. Bob enjoyed traveling and the arts and was an avid reader and sports fan. He loved his family and found deep joy in sharing experiences with them, whether by exploring new places together or by introducing them to the people, places, and stories of his own past. Bob's years were marked by quiet duty, love of family, and a deep inner life.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and a former spouse. He is lovingly remembered and mourned by his wife, Patty Franklin, of Lyme; his son, David Franklin, daughter-in-law Vanessa Franklin, and their daughters, Amanda and Clara Franklin, of New York City; his daughter, Kate Franklin, and son-in-law Jamie George-Holland, of Lakewood, Colorado; his daughter, Allison Franklin, son-in-law William Jordan, and their children, Sarah and Thomas Jordan, of Alexandria, Virginia; his brothers, John Franklin, Jr., and Bill Franklin; sisters-in-law, Gilda Franklin and Jeanne Franklin; his cousin, Mary Ellen Putnam; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his beloved Portuguese Water Dog, Darcy.

The family of Bob Franklin wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of Dartmouth Health Home Care.

A private funeral liturgy will be held at Saint Denis Roman Catholic Church in Hanover, NH.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BrightFocus Foundation for Alzheimer's research (brightfocus.org).

BARBRA HERRMANN



Barbra Jean (Verrastro) Herrmann, 58, of New Canaan, CT, passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 7.

Born on December 14, 1967, in Stamford, CT, Barbra was the beloved daughter of Michele Hogan. She graduated from New Canaan High School in 1986 and later attended The Edwardian School of Dog Grooming. Ahead of her time, Barbra went on to build and operate her own successful mobile doggrooming business, a reflection of her entrepreneurial spirit and deep love for animals.

Barbra was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She brought joy wherever she went and touched the lives of all who knew her. She had a special gift for caring for animals, particularly dogs, and found great comfort and happiness in their companionship. Barbra also loved music and could often be found listening to classic rock or country. Most of all, she cherished time spent with her family, especially beach vacations where many treasured memories were made.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frederick Herrmann; her brother, Michael Verrastro; and her maternal grandparents.

Besides her loving mother, Barbra is survived by her sons, Joshua Herrmann and his wife Courtney and their children, Amelia and Teddy, and Chad Herrmann and his wife Logan. She is also survived by her sister, Denise Iannone, and her husband Nick, along with their children Nicholas, Isabella, and Michael.

Barbra's memory will live on in the hearts of all who loved her.

A private memorial service will be held in her honor.

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72 Summer Street, Unit B	\$1,250,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00 pm	Houlihan Lawrence
58 Lakeview Ave Unit #9	\$1,425,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00 pm	Raveis
254 White Oak Shade	\$1,550,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-4:00 pm	Raveis
46 Wakeman Road	\$2,995,000	SAT & SUN	1-4 pm & 1-3 pm	BHS
215 Chichester Road	\$1,700,000	SUN	1:00-4:00 pm	Raveis
25 Hillcrest Road	\$3,995,000	SUN	1:00-3:00 pm	WPSIR
259 Frogtown Road	\$8,997,000	SUN	1:00-3:00 pm	Higgins Group

NEW LISTINGS

Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
156 Summer Street	\$1,099,000	1,800	\$611	.20	8	2
72 Summer Street, Unit B	\$1,250,000	1,522	\$821		2	2
58 Lakeview Ave Unit #9	\$1,425,000	2,216	\$643		3	3
224 Marvin Ridge	\$1,500,000	2,393	\$627	1.02	3	3
254 White Oak Shade	\$1,550,000	2,461	\$630	1.21	4	2
215 Chichester Road	\$1,700,000	2,990	\$569	2.01	4	2
13 Old Stamford Road	\$2,250,000	2,649	\$849		3	2
41 Lake Wind Road	\$2,395,000	5,213	\$459	2.35	5	5
54 Saint George Lane	\$2,795,000	3,444	\$812	4.96	4	3
1541 Oenoke Ridge Road	\$2,995,000	5,687	\$639	4.96	5	5
46 Wakeman Road	\$2,995,000	6,050	\$495	4	4	4
25 Hillcrest Road	\$3,995,000	6,800	\$588	1	6	6
119 Harrison Avenue	\$3,995,000	5,722	\$698	.37	5	5
85 Harrison Avenue	\$4,850,000	6,304	\$769	.52	5	6
140 Stoneleigh Road	\$5,995,000	9,313	\$644	2.08	6	7
372 Brushy Ridge Road	\$6,895,000	7,676	\$898	3.51	5	4

NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
83 South Avenue Apt. C	\$395,000	\$395,000	\$400,000	5	1	1	
196 Mariomi Road	\$1,295,000	\$1,295,000	\$1,300,000	39	3	2	2.07
36 Village Drive	\$1,695,000	\$1,695,000	\$1,650,000	32	6	6	2.2
64 Sunrise Avenue	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,880,000	8	4	3	0.12
45 Jelliff Mill Road	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	\$1,918,000	11	3	3	
204 Parade Hill Road	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$2,450,000	103	4	3	1.06
39 Running Brooke Lane	\$2,950,000	\$2,950,000	\$2,885,000	202	6	5	2.67
96 Weed Street	\$2,995,000	\$2,995,000	\$3,613,300	13	4	4	1.63

The Hotness Index

Low inventory is only the starting point. The Hotness Index asks which markets are hot, and why.



BY JOHN ENGEL

When a house “just like yours” sells for a million dollars over asking on the first weekend, the instinct is to take that result to the bank. But one big sale does not make a market hot. To count as real heat, it must be happening now, for more than a month, and across more than the top end of the market.

The Hotness Index uses a dozen inputs across three scales: tightness, activity, and value. It uses both March and first-quarter data so one noisy month does not distort the picture, and it uses price per square foot alongside median price, so a few large sales do not hijack the read.

Too often, headlines capture a few blockbuster sales or a sharp rise in median price and assume the whole market is hot. But if sales volume is falling and days on market are rising, that conclusion may be wrong. A hot market needs velocity and scarcity, not just rising prices.

8.3 Darien: Exceptionally hot, but not exploding

Darien was brutally tight. Months supply was 1.3. That is an extraordinary number. DOM was 33 days, pending sales rose 26.9%, price per square foot rose 10.7%, and YTD median price was up 20.8%. But momentum is weaker than the scarcity numbers suggest. Closed sales fell 23.1% for the month and 26.7% YTD. That’s the tension in Darien. It’s hot because supply is so low and buyers are still there. It’s not exploding because closing volume is not confirming the same surge.

7.9 Fairfield: Hot

Fairfield is hot. Months supply fell to 1.8, inventory was down 17.1%, pending sales rose 11.4%, and closed sales rose 20.6%. Prices backed it up. Median price rose 5.5% and average price rose 17.5%. But this was not one of those markets where everything screamed. Days on market rose 5.3%, and that kept Fairfield just below the top slot. Still, this is a real seller’s market, balanced and healthy with real momentum, not a thin market living off one or two headline sales.

7.8 New Canaan: Hot

New Canaan still looks like one of the hottest markets in Fairfield County. Months supply was 1.5, inventory fell 39.5%, pending sales rose 33.3%, closed sales jumped 70%, median price rose 14%, and average price rose 35.8%. But the momentum story is not perfect. Days on market rose 140% to 72 days, which is a real drag. Even so, the combination of scarcity, price strength, and sales momentum still puts New Canaan near the top.

7.6 Greenwich: Hot, active, faster, but not scarce enough to lead

Greenwich looked active and much faster than a year ago. Closed sales rose 52.6%, DOM fell 31.6% to 13 days, and price per square foot rose 18.3%. But months’ supply was still 3.2, active inventory was 92, and median price fell 33.8%. That is why Greenwich reads more mixed than truly hot.

7.2 Wilton: Tight, but mixed

On the March numbers, Wilton was extremely tight. Months supply was 1.3, inventory was down 38.9% and yet despite that, closed sales rose 150% and sellers got 111.4% of list price. But March was mixed on price and speed. Pending sales fell 9.1%, median price fell 14.1%, average price fell 27%, and days on market rose 83.9%. The first-quarter numbers were better than March alone. YTD median price was up 11.4% and YTD closed sales were up 8.3%, although YTD DOM was still 58. So, Wilton reads as a very tight market with a choppy March disrupting a strong first quarter.

7.2 Stamford: Constrained, but softer on demand

Stamford was tight on supply. Months supply was 1.4, inventory was down 31%, and YTD median price was up 12.7%. But demand was softer than a truly hot market should show. Pending sales fell 23.1%, closed sales fell 46.7%, days on market rose 32.4%, and median price slipped 0.2%. That is why Stamford reads constrained and competitive but not roaring yet.

6.9 Norwalk: Constrained and slower

On the March numbers, Norwalk was still tight. Months supply was 1.6, inventory was down 15.4%, median price rose 7.2%, and average price rose 2.5%. But the market was clearly losing momentum. Pending sales fell 16.2%, closed sales fell 36.4%, and days on market rose 84.6% to 48 days, up from about 26 a year earlier. The first-quarter numbers did not really rescue it. YTD median price was up 12.7%, but YTD pending sales were down 9.3%, YTD closed sales were down 16.7%, and YTD DOM was still 40 days. So, Norwalk still looks constrained, but both March and the first quarter say the same thing: slower, softer activity is keeping it out of the hotter tier.

6.9 Easton: High score, low confidence

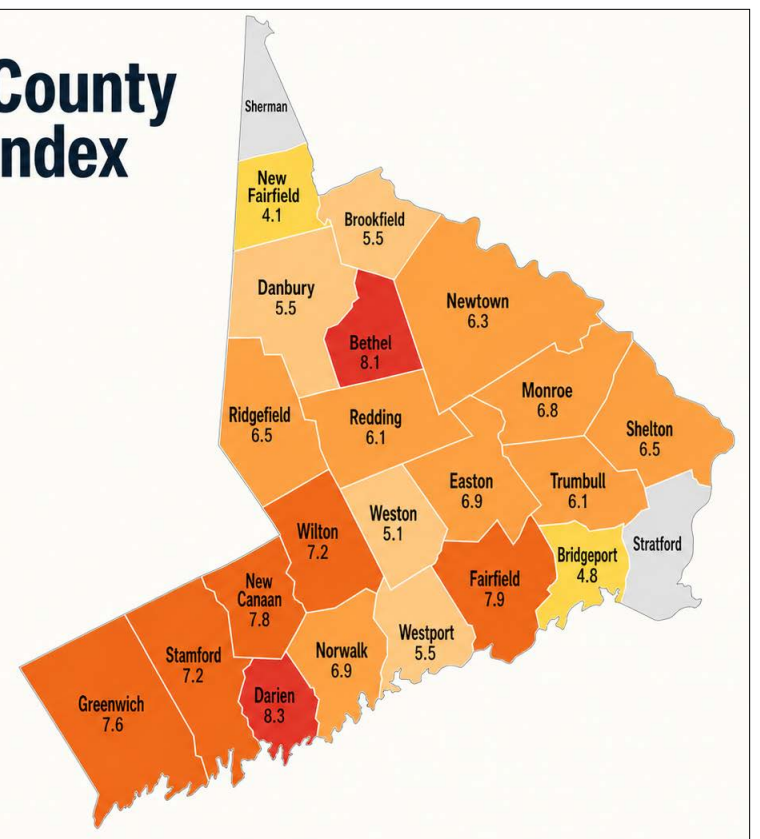
On the March numbers, Easton looked strong. Median price rose 56.5%, average price rose 31%, and days on market fell to 14 days. But the market was paper-thin. There were only two sales, pending sales fell 37.5%, closed sales fell 60%, inventory rose 40%, and months’ supply rose to 2.8. The first-quarter numbers were less dramatic, but they did not really confirm the March spike. YTD median price was up 11.6%, but YTD pending sales were down 25%, YTD closed sales were down 7.7%, and YTD DOM was 39 days. So, Easton scores well on price, but the confidence is low because the market depth is not there.

6.5 Ridgefield: Strong, but slower

On the March numbers, Ridgefield had a lot going for it. Months supply was 1.5, inventory was down 17.6%, pending sales rose 15.8%, closed sales rose 25%, and median price rose 27.6%. But March was much slower than those numbers suggest. Days on market rose 135.1% to 87 days, up from about 37 a year earlier, and average price rose only 6%, which suggests the price strength was not broad across the whole market. The first-quarter numbers were steadier, but less dramatic. YTD closed sales were up 32.1%, while YTD median price was up only 0.8%, and YTD DOM was still 56 days. So Ridgefield reads as a

Fairfield County Hotness Index

Final Score by Town



market with real sales momentum, but weaker price momentum and slower movement than the hottest towns.

5.5 Westport: Tight, but mixed

Westport tightened up, and the sales numbers improved. Months supply was 2.3, inventory was down 23.1%, pending sales rose 7.7%, and closed sales rose 23.5%. But the price story was weak in both March and the first quarter. The March median price fell 30.6%, and the first-quarter median was down 14.4%. Speed also softened, with days on market up 40.7% for the month and YTD DOM at 51. That is why Westport reads mixed rather than truly hot.

5.1 Weston: Tight, but weak

On the March numbers, Weston was tight. Months supply was 1.6 and inventory was down 41.4%. But almost everything else was weak. Closed sales fell 33.3%, days on market rose 112.8% to 83 days, median price fell 46.4%, and average price fell 38.7%. The first-quarter numbers were no better. YTD median price was down 10.3%, YTD pending sales were down 19%, YTD closed sales were down 50%, and YTD DOM was 72 days. So, Weston reads as a market where scarcity is real, but demand, speed, and price all point the wrong way.

2.8 Palm Beach: Expensive, active, but loose

On the March numbers, Palm Beach had some flashy headlines. Median sold price rose 38.1% month over month, sales rose to 49 from 25 in February, and new listing price per square foot rose 19.7%. But the structure of the market was weak. Months supply was 14.19, DOM was 92 days, sold-to-list was just 92%, active listings rose to 440 from 402, and estimated value was down 20.9% year over year. So, Palm Beach read as expensive and active, but not hot. The market had motion, but not scarcity.

If I’m a seller, the Hotness Index tells me not to confuse low inventory with automatic leverage. Some Fairfield County towns are still genuinely hot. In those markets, sellers can press harder because supply is tight, buyers are active, and value is holding up. But in other towns, the surface story is better than the underlying momentum. A market can have very little inventory and still be slowing down if days on market are rising, sales are slipping, or price gains are narrow. Sellers still have the advantage in much of this county, but the advantage is not equal everywhere, and it is not unlimited. The hotter the market, the more room you have. The more mixed the data, the more pricing, preparation, and timing still matter.

John Engel is a broker with The Engel Team at Douglas Elliman. He spends his days trying to separate signal from noise in housing data, which may be why Polymarket and Kalshi feel familiar: newer systems for turning uncertainty into a number.

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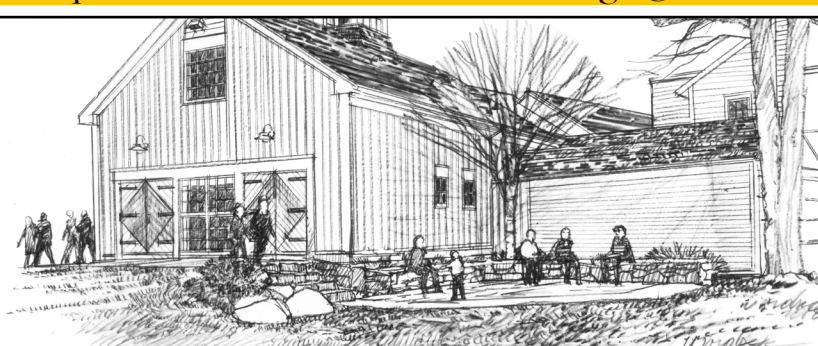
The inspiration for the Hotness Index came from Hot or Not, the website launched in 2000 by Berkeley engineering students. Hot or Not quickly became one of the top 25 sites on the internet by turning quick judgments into a rating system. That instinct never went away. We still sort, rank, and react to numbers, often before we understand what they mean.

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The Last of the Bugs

By Emma Barhydt

I always get itchy right around the middle of May. Like a migratory bird, pure predilection: north... go north. My bags are often packed before I even have a bed to sleep in. For as long as I can remember, the last day my mom could stand staying in town—usually a few days before the end of school—we'd pack up the car and drive north and spend the whole summer in Maine.

Last summer, like every summer—though now I'm on my own or with friends—I did the same drive. The routine never really changed. Passing Old Sturbridge Village, waving hello to my friends in Boston, reminiscing about an old friend from Lowell, stopping for wine at the New Hampshire Liquor Store, stopping for a meal and groceries in Portland, grabbing Aroma Joe's in Brunswick, windows down and music up, until I hit Boothbay, or Deer Isle, or Mount Desert, or wherever I'm going.

This time, I was, in fact, going to Deer Isle. I pulled into the driveway of the little cabin far after dark, when the stars could wink their small hellos in the clear coastal sky. I grabbed my bag, went inside, and went to bed without thinking too hard about anything. In the morning, I glanced at the windshield out of habit—ready to deal with the usual mess—and there was nothing to deal with.

No streaks. No splatter. No evidence of the drive. I shrugged and got in the car. Which feels insane now, because that should have been a bigger moment. Or at least one I stayed with longer than it takes to brush a tick off your leg and head to the beach. But that's how things like this work. They arrive small. Easy to dismiss. Easy to file away as nothing. Until something comes along and names it.

That something, for me,

ended up being *The Great Divide* by Noah Kahan. More specifically, *The Great Divide: Last of the Bugs*. Because hearing that that's the album title and the tour name has been scratching at something in my brain that I keep remembering and then forgetting. It's this, that the bugs are dying.

I had already been living inside that realization without putting it together. Less to clean off the windshield. Fewer mosquito bites than I expect, to the point where I genuinely forgot where I put my anti-itch stick. Crickets missing. Fireflies.

They used to build. Slowly, then all at once. A flicker, then another, then suddenly you're standing in it and the whole yard feels alive in a way that's hard to explain without sounding like you're exaggerating. Last summer, I stood outside and waited. And waited.

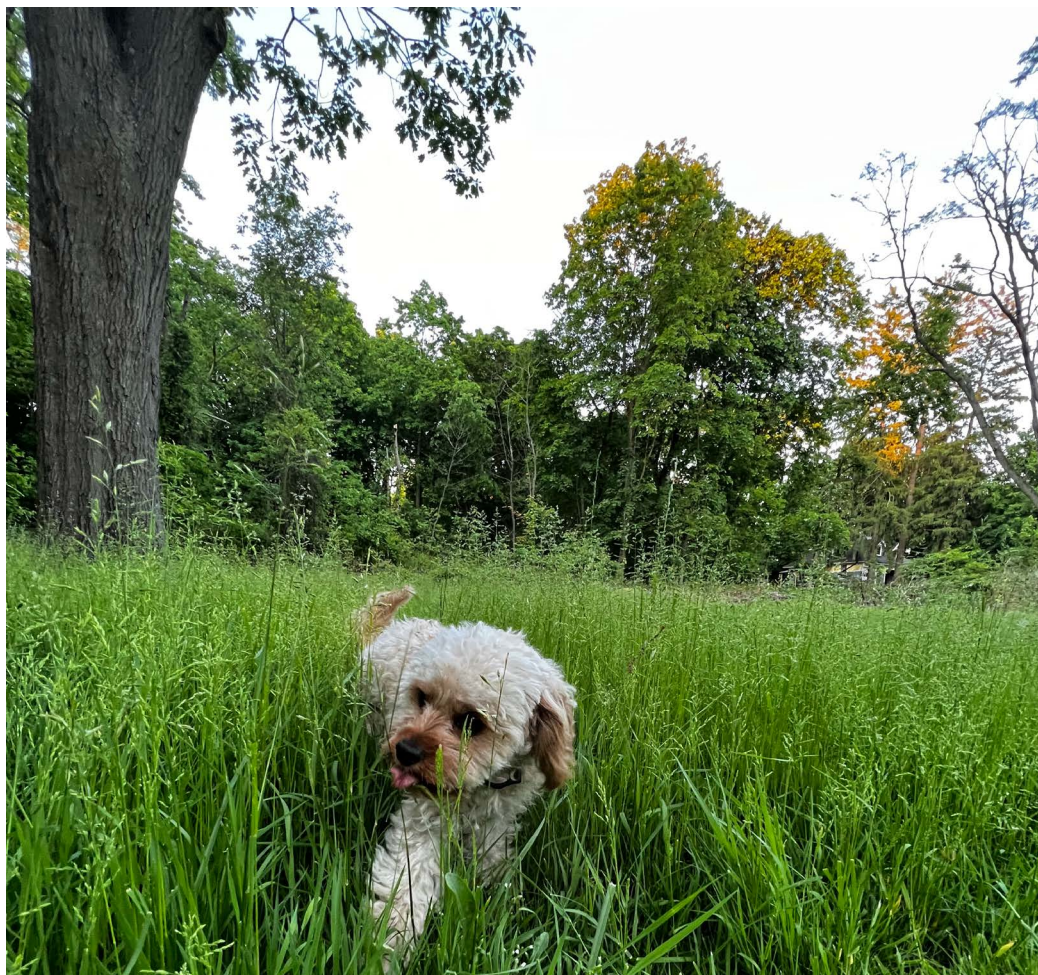
The few fireflies that showed up felt enormous. I would sit on my front steps and watch them, count them without meaning to, lose count because there were so few to keep track of. I remember thinking that last year there were more than this. And the year before that, more still.

Listening to Noah Kahan, everything feels tied to place. Roads, houses, seasons, the way a town holds onto you whether you stay or go. The album itself becomes a place, or a memory of one, and it sits with you. And once *The Last of the Bugs* lodged itself in my head, everything I had been half-noticing started lining up.

Insect decline. Which sounds like something you can read once and move on from. Populations dropping across species, across regions, across time. Pesticides, development, climate change, light pollution—all of it stacking in the background. And bugs are easy to write off. They bite, they buzz, they show up uninvited.

We are New Englanders.

Nobody is trying to play games with Lyme disease. So the answer isn't pretending that problem doesn't exist. It's being intentional.



Let it grow out a little. Habitat starts small and close to home. Photo by Emma Barhydt

Complaining about bugs is one of our core personality traits. Mosquitoes, humidity, that one thing that bit you through your jeans somehow. If those are gone, what exactly are we supposed to complain about all summer? There's a version of this where fewer bugs sounds like a win. It isn't. They're doing everything. Pollinating, breaking things down, feeding everything else. The whole system leans on them whether we think about it or not.

Fireflies just make it impossible to ignore. They blink because they're trying to find each other. And we've made that quite difficult. Every porch light left on. Every floodlight that turns a yard

into a parking lot. Every street that never really goes dark anymore. It all adds up, and suddenly something that used to feel constant starts to feel... conditional.

At the same time, this is one of the biggest tick years in a long time. People are jumpy about it. For good reason. Nobody is trying to play games with Lyme disease. So the answer isn't pretending that problem doesn't exist. It's being intentional.

There are companies like Tick Control LLC that use food-grade treatments and avoid spraying flowers or anything pollinators rely on. You can see last week's issue for more coverage on them.

Their process means you can protect yourself without wiping everything else out in the process.

That's the lane here: attention to detail, and action. The big one is the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. They're basically leading firefly conservation efforts in North America—habitat protection, research, policy work, all of it. You can donate, volunteer, even advocate locally with actual scripts and resources they provide.

If you want something more hands-on, try Firefly Atlas. It's a nationwide project where you literally go outside at dusk, watch fireflies, count the

flashes, and log what you see. That data goes to scientists who use it to track populations and make conservation decisions. Walk outside. Count bugs. Log it online. Boom—you're doing real ecological research.

There's also Firefly Conservation & Research, which focuses entirely on fireflies. You can turn your yard into a certified firefly habitat through them, which is both very cute and actually useful.

Globally, there's the IUCN Firefly Specialist Group, which identifies endangered species and shapes conservation strategy. Supporting partner orgs like Xerces helps that work continue.

There are even places doing breeding and restoration work, like the Butterfly Pavilion, trying to rebuild populations in the wild. There's even a firefly sanctuary in New Canaan.

The biggest threats are not mysterious: habitat disappearing. Too much light, pesticides, and climate shifts. You don't need to move into the woods and become a woodland witch (tempting, I know) to help conserve the bugs. You have to notice, and act.

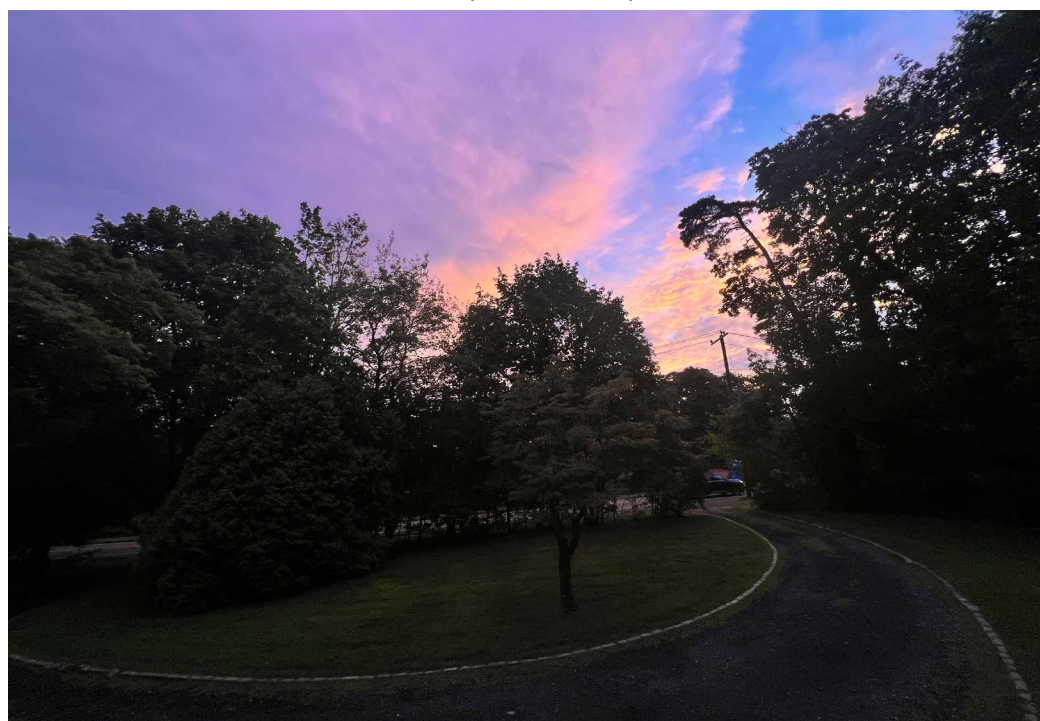
A few weeks from now, it'll be warm enough to sit outside at dusk. You'll hear the usual things—the low hum of traffic somewhere far off, someone's screen door, a dog barking down the road.

It'll be warm soon. Not fully summer, just enough that you end up outside without really deciding to. Same steps, same time of night, that stretch where everything used to start on its own. I'll sit there longer than I mean to. I'll think about something else at first. What I'm doing tomorrow. What I forgot to do today. Something from *The Great Divide* will still be stuck in my head, half a line looping without me really noticing it.

I'll remember to actually look; not just at what's there, at what isn't. I'll turn the porch lights off at dusk.



Where are the fireflies?—leave a corner wild, let it bloom, let it buzz. Photo by Emma Barhydt



At this hour, flip the switch—darker yards help fireflies find each other and prevent birds from veering off course during migration. Photo by Emma Barhydt

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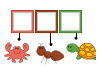
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Greenwich Residents Urged to Dim Lights as Spring Migration Peaks Overhead

Spring bird migration is underway across Connecticut, and local advocates are urging Greenwich residents to take a closer look at something often overlooked: outdoor lighting.

Lights Out Connecticut, a statewide initiative focused on reducing light pollution, is calling on residents and local officials to limit unnecessary nighttime lighting during peak migration weeks. Each spring, millions of birds travel along the Atlantic Flyway, with Connecticut serving as a critical corridor despite its small size.

"These birds migrating through and to our state [face] diminishing stopover and breeding habitats," the organization wrote in its April

newsletter. "To add to the gauntlet our nighttime migrants need to contend with light pollution and our buildings."

Most migration occurs overnight. Birds travel under cover of darkness, navigating by natural light cues that can be disrupted by artificial illumination from homes, office buildings, and streetlights. Disorientation caused by bright lights increases the risk of exhaustion and fatal collisions with structures.

The issue has drawn increasing attention from conservation groups and local volunteers. In Greenwich, where development and coastal geography intersect, outdoor lighting can have an outsized

effect on migrating species.

Lights Out Connecticut highlights that local action—particularly at the municipal level—can have measurable impact. The group points to existing tools already available to residents, including zoning regulations and state building codes that govern exterior lighting.

Under Connecticut's State Building Code, "luminaires used for exterior lighting shall be full cutoff luminaires," a requirement intended to limit upward light spill and reduce skyglow. Many municipalities, including some in Fairfield County, also require developers to submit detailed lighting plans as part of project approvals.

Despite these rules, enforcement and awareness remain inconsistent. "Many commercial buildings are built or renovated that emit a large amount of light pollution... against the state building code," the group noted.

Residents encountering excessive lighting from neighboring properties are encouraged to first review local ordinances and then address concerns directly. "In a friendly manner let them know that their lights are an issue and that they are in violation," the newsletter advises, adding that formal complaints can be filed through zoning offices if necessary.

Beyond enforcement, the organization is emphasizing

participation. Volunteers are encouraged to attend Planning and Zoning Commission meetings to review proposed developments and ensure compliance with lighting standards.

"P and Z commissions are run by volunteers," the group wrote, noting that technical reminders on lighting is helpful during project review processes.

The push for local involvement reflects a broader strategy: incremental change at the town level. "Turning lights out on a local level helps...a lot," the organization stated.

For residents, the recommendations are straightforward: reduce unnecessary outdoor lighting,

shield fixtures to direct light downward, and turn off lights during overnight hours when possible.

The effort also carries a broader environmental message. Artificial light at night has been linked not only to bird mortality but also to disruptions in human sleep patterns and impacts on nocturnal wildlife.

As migration continues through May, advocates say even small changes can make a difference.

"One by one we can blink out the lights in each town," the group wrote.

A good idea—at least for a few weeks.



SPRING MIGRATION OVER CONNECTICUT: WHAT GREENWICH & NEW CANAAN RESIDENTS CAN DO

One by one we can blink out the lights in each town.

1. WHY IT MATTERS



Connecticut sits on the Atlantic Flyway.



Millions of birds pass overhead each spring.



Most migration happens at night.

2. THE PROBLEM



Artificial light disrupts navigation and natural light cues.



Increased collisions with buildings cause injury and death.



Habitat loss is already stressing bird populations.

3. LOCAL IMPACT GREENWICH & NEW CANAAN



Dense residential lighting adds to the problem.



Commercial development contributes to skyglow.



Coastal and suburban geography intensifies light pollution's effects.

4. WHAT YOU CAN DO



TURN OFF LIGHTS OVERNIGHT

Unnecessary outdoor lighting adds to light pollution.



USE SHIELDED, DOWNWARD-FACING FIXTURES

Aim light where it is needed and keep it below the horizon.



CHECK LOCAL ZONING REGULATIONS

Many towns have rules on light trespass and fixture standards.



SPEAK WITH NEIGHBORS

A friendly conversation can reduce excessive or intrusive lighting.



ATTEND PLANNING & ZONING MEETINGS

Volunteer to review proposed projects and lighting plans.

5. THE LAW



CT STATE BUILDING CODE

Requires "full cutoff luminaires" for exterior lighting to reduce uplight and skyglow.



LOCAL ORDINANCES

Many towns have lighting ordinances that regulate light trespass and fixture types.



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Developers must submit lighting plans and photometric calculations in many municipalities.

6. GET INVOLVED



VOLUNTEER LOCALLY

Join or start a Lights Out Connecticut effort in your community.



MONITOR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Review applications and lighting plans.



SPREAD THE WORD

Share information and encourage others to act.



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Listen for the bats.
Look for the fireflies.

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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 5

[Board of Selectmen](#)
8:30-10 a.m., Town Hall Meeting Room

[Health & Human Services Commission](#)
9-10 a.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, May 6

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

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

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.

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://tinyurl.com/bsnmwt4h>.

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>.

The Father

7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
The Father is a psychologically immersive play that uniquely puts the audience in the position of the main character, allowing us to experience his confusion as if it were our own. Tickets are available at tpnc.org with a two for one promo code for Sentinel Readers only, all performances: [sentinel.2for1](https://sentinel.2for1.com).

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.

Silk Scarf Printing Workshop with Katya Lebrija

10:30 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Artist Katya Lebrija will lead this three hour workshop to further explore the process and use your skills to design and create a 25"x25" 100% silk scarf. Learn how to make a mordant and apply it to the silk. The fabrics will dry under the sun during a short lunch break. Register at <https://shorturl.at/MbNen>.

Kentucky Derby Party

5:30 PM at the Inn at Waveny
Celebrate Derby-style with an evening of entertainment, prizes, and fun. All proceeds support The Inn at Waveny, New Canaan's Independent Living Community. Reserve your seat at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/zob42i/event/2026kentuckyderby/>.

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>.

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Sunday, May 3

Family Field Day
1-3 PM at the New Canaan YMCA, back field
Join Family Field Day featuring fun activities for the whole family including a relay race, water balloon toss, and more. Free and open to everyone. Register at https://newcanaanymca.org/#start_date=2026-04-20.

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2 PM at the New Canaan Library
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The Father

2 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
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Free Family Drop-In Series: To My Little Onion!

2 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Join for a free family drop-in filled with crafts, stories, and hands-on fun for all ages. Enjoy a special reading of To My Little Onion by the author herself, Dr. Roxana Maffei Burciago—fellow New Canaan mom—followed by a vegetable-inspired craft where children will create imaginative pieces to take home and enjoy. More information is available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/family-drop-in-to-my-little-onion/>.

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.

Author Talk with Christina Geist

6 PM at Elm Street Books
Join for a conversation with Christina & Willie Geist, to talk about Christina's book, *BEFORE YOU FLY AWAY*. Targeted toward parents preparing for the empty nest, who are looking for a thoughtful book of simple, practical, sentimental and witty wisdom for middle school, high school or college graduation. Register at <https://elmstreetbooks.com>.

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>.

Movie Screening: Sense and Sensibility

5:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
Join for a screening of Sense and Sensibility (1995). Directed by Ang Lee, Jane Austen's timeless classic is masterfully adapted to the big screen. When their family is forced to relocate to Devonshire, the lovely Dashwood sisters find themselves navigating through life in the English countryside where heartbreak and love await them. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/3j7khft9>.

Wednesday, May 6

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. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

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/>.

Lunch with a Purpose | Julie Wainwright

11:30 AM- 1 PM at Grace Farms
Join for an inspiring conversation and thoughtfully curated dining experience as Wainwright shares the story behind her groundbreaking success as Founder of The RealReal. Tickets include a copy of *Time to Get Real: How I Built a Billion-Dollar Business that Rocked the Fashion Industry* and are available at gracefarms.org.

Ask the Attorney with Nedder and Associates

2-4 PM by appointment at the Lapham Center
An attorney from Nedder and Associates, LLC will be available for a free, private, fifteen-minute consultations to answer your legal or financial questions. Free. Please call (203) 594-3620 to schedule your appointment.

May Fair | White Elephant Preview Party

5-7:30 PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Sip, Shop, and Socialize with first pick of May Fair White Elephant Treasures: furniture, fine goods, rugs, housewares, lighting, jewelry, art, outdoor, toys, sporting goods and more. Silent auction items and experiences too. Tickets are available at <https://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/may-fair/>.

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.

Friday, May 8

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.

Celebrity Stylist Erin Walsh Presents, *The Art of Intentional Dressing*

1 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Erin Walsh will present her new book, *The Art of Intentional Dressing*, to help you find your personal style, dress for your destiny, and manifest your most magnetic life. Register at <https://shorturl.at/jbXVJ>.

Computer Basics: Spot a Scam

2 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
In this class, learn how to identify and protect yourself from some of the most common scams of 2026. You will also learn about the benefits of two-factor authentication, email safety and what to do if you think you have been the victim of a scam. Register at <https://shorturl.at/7cnEM>.

May Fair | Friday Night Lights

5-10 PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Attend May Fair for midway rides, face painting, strawberry shortcake, and more. Friday Night wristbands are \$35 per bracelet. Bracelets are valid for Friday only with access to all Midway Rides. More information is available at <https://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/may-fair/>.

The Summer Theatre of New Canaan's 2026 Gala

6:30 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
Join for an evening celebrating 23 seasons of professional theatre, artistic excellence, and community impact. Featuring stars of Broadway's Jersey Boys, selections from this summer's Tony Award-winning Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical, and honoring

Jeff and Nancy Serkes. Tickets are available at <https://stonc.org/gala/>.

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Saturday, May 9

May Fair

9 AM- 3 PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Attend May Fair for midway rides, face painting, white elephant, Old Faithful Antique Fire Engine rides, and more. More information is available at <https://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/may-fair/>.

The Father

7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
The Father is a psychologically immersive play that uniquely puts the audience in the position of the main character, allowing us to experience his confusion as if it were our own. Tickets are available at tpnc.org with a two for one promo code for Sentinel Readers only, all performances: [sentinel.2for1](https://sentinel.2for1.com).

Sunday, May 10

The Father

2 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
The Father is a psychologically immersive play that uniquely puts the audience in the position of the main character, allowing us to experience his confusion as if it were our own. Tickets are available at tpnc.org with a two for one promo code for Sentinel Readers only, all performances: [sentinel.2for1](https://sentinel.2for1.com).

Monday, May 11

Raising Kids in a Digital World

6:45 PM at the New Canaan Library
Join this engaging event focused on digital safety, ethical technology, and the growing impact of AI on children and families. Free. Register at <https://shorturl.at/2OvpY>.

Tuesday, May 12

Rhyme and Recitation with Ned

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.

Wednesday, May 13

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/>.

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

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.

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

Basketball Legend Jim Calhoun Presents "More Than A Game"

2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
In *More Than A Game*, Hall of Fame coach Jim Calhoun, with journalist Dom Amore, reflects on a career that transcended the basketball court and shaped countless lives. Calhoun shares the inspiring stories of players, coaches, and colleagues who embodied his philosophy. Register at <https://>

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/jim%20calhoun%20-163485.

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/>.

Tuesday, May 19

Lunch & Learn with Tom Davies: 60 Years in the Art World. Stories, Lessons, Tips & Suggestions
12 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society
Take a look into a 60 year pursuit navigating the sometimes bewildering but always fascinating world of American Art. This presentation will appeal where you are a collector, thinking about starting a collection or just love a good story grounded in real life experiences. Register at <https://shorturl.at/oTCGy>.

Art Appreciation | Masterpieces of Art that Changed all the Rules
1 PM at the Lapham Center
This class will examine a small number of extraordinary objects drawn from the Western tradition, including paintings, sculpture and architecture, originating from different countries and spanning more than two millennia. Presenter Denis Budd teaches at Columbia University. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Wednesday, May 20

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. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Thursday, May 21

Life Reimagined
1 PM at the Lapham Center
Hosts Marcy Rand, Director of New Canaan's Human Services Department, and Robin Rockafellow will lead an informal and friendly group discussion of who we were, who we are, and the creative ways to explore our interests, abilities, knowledge, and activities in connection with the community around us. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

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.

Bestselling Author Douglas Brunt Presents The Lost Empire of Emanuel Nobel
7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
New York Times bestselling author Douglas Brunt's new work of narrative nonfiction uncovers the riveting, little-known story of Nobel's towering achievements. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/douglas-brunt-199486>.

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.

Friday, May 22

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.

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.

Tuesday, May 26

Art Appreciation | Edward Hopper: An American Love Story
1 PM at the Lapham Center
Discover the secrets behind Hopper's most iconic and enigmatic works. See how his marriage to artist Josephine Hopper shaped his art. A PBS American Masters presentation. Free. 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>.

Thursday, May 28

Patriotic Door Decor
1 PM at the Lapham Center
Celebrate America's birthday in style. Design door hangings to help commemorate 250 years of our nation's rich history. Free. To register, call (203) 594-3620.

Friday, May 29

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.

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/>.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, June 4

Staying Put in New Canaan's Summer Soirée
6-8:30 PM at Waveny House
Every dollar raised directly supports Staying Put's mission to help older New Canaan residents live confidently at home while staying active, connected, and engaged in the community. Tickets are \$100/person and available at <https://stayingputnc.org/summer-soiree/>.

Friday, June 5

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

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. Proceeds support the preservation and programming of this Modernist landmark. Tickets are available at <https://theglasshouse.org/whats-on/the-summer-party-2026/>.

Summer Kickoff Concert

with Marcus Miller and IWM
5 PM at Grace Farms
Join for a summer concert featuring Marcus Garrick Miller, a celebrated composer, saxophonist, and curator whose work spans jazz, performance, and creative collaboration. Tickets are \$32/members, \$40/non-members, and available at <https://shorturl.at/FxQ8u>.

Groove on the Green Disco
6-9 PM at the New Canaan Library, Merrill Event Lawn
Join for a free music and dance party under the stars featuring DJ Lucas Walters. A food truck will be on-site. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/groove-green-disco>.

Sunday, June 7

Pops In the Park
6-8 PM in Waveny Park
Bring your blanket, chair and picnic and come enjoy an evening of patriotic songs featuring The Norwalk Symphony Orchestra.

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

Tuesday, May 5

New Canaan Library
151 Main Street
New Canaan, CT 06840
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Support Services & Meetings

Wednesday, May 6

Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group with the Waveny LifeCare Network
2 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
Family members, caregivers, and friends are invited to meet for informative and supportive group sessions to help navigate changes related to memory loss and cognitive decline. Register at

<https://shorturl.at/QPZXT>.

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

Tuesday, May 5

Becky Aikman Will Discuss Her Book: *Spitfires*
6 PM at the Ferguson Library
1 Public Library Plaza
Stamford
Join Becky Aikman as she discusses her book *Spitfires: The American Women Who Flew in the Face of Danger During World War II*. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4w5xazr3>.

Wednesday, May 13

Domestic Violence Crisis Center's Voices of Courage Spring Luncheon
11 AM- 2 PM at Tokeneke Club
4 Butlers Island Rd, Darien
Gather for the Domestic Violence Crisis Center's Spring Luncheon featuring speaker, Judith Clark, Director of Survivors Justice Project. More information and tickets are available at <https://www.dvccct.org/voices-of-courage/>.

Saturday, May 16

Brad Mehldau Trio with: Felix Moseholm & Jorge Rossy
8 PM at the Ridgefield Playhouse
One of the most lyrical and intimate voices of contemporary jazz piano, Brad Mehldau has forged a unique path, which embodies the essence of jazz exploration, classical romanticism and pop allure. Tickets are available at ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

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Sudoku for Kids

	2		4
1	4		
	3	4	
		2	3

	2		
3	4	1	
2			4
		2	1

2		3	4
			1
1		4	
4	3		

	1		
2	4	3	
4		1	3
		4	

SUDOKU

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

Easy

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

Hard

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

Very Hard

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

Easy

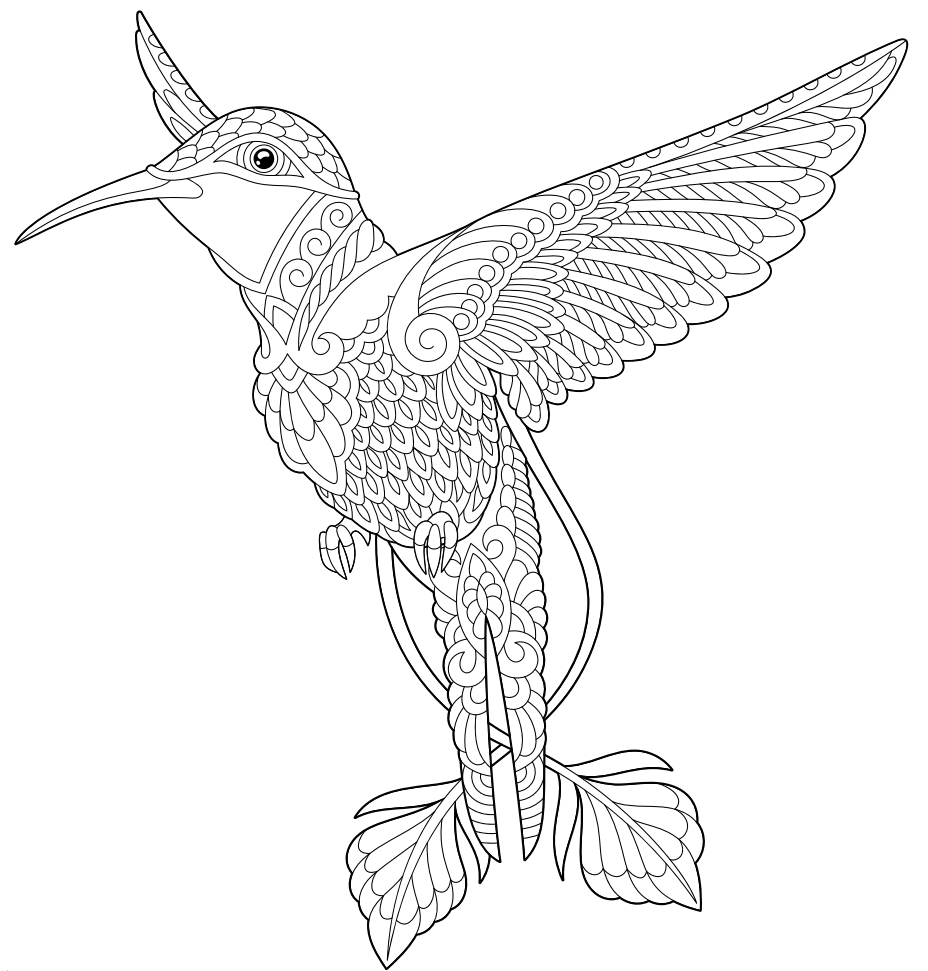
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9	4	7						8
		8		2				
2				1	4		6	
		1				9		3
				1	7			
7	6					8		

Hard

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

Very Hard

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



Sudoku answers

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

Bottom row - Very Hard

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

Bottom row - Hard

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

Bottom row - Easy

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

Top row - Very Hard

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

Top row - Hard

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

Top row - Easy

Universal Crossword

Edited by Adrian Johnson

ACROSS

- 1 Zimmer of film scoring
- 5 Airplane staff
- 9 "Oh, sure ..."
- 13 Book drop opening
- 14 Catherine of "Schitt's Creek"
- 15 Kind of torch or bar
- 16 What's new?
- 19 Batteries, belts, bumpers and the like
- 20 Country singer Travis
- 21 The "E" of EGOT
- 22 Little songbird
- 23 "Alice's Restaurant" singer
- 26 What's happening?
- 32 Fawn's mom
- 33 Denver-to-Kansas City dir.
- 34 "Tosca" solo
- 35 Coal piece
- 37 What's up?
- 39 Tuned engine's sound
- 40 Frankenstein's sidekick
- 41 Quaint confirmation
- 42 Lunch with a crunch, for short
- 43 What's good?
- 47 Draped pageantry item
- 48 Mess around, musically
- 49 Reply from a pen pal?

DOWN

- 1 Bargain hunter's channel
- 2 "Smart" guy
- 3 Exploding star
- 4 Sound choice for a home theater?
- 5 Women's Basketball Hall of Famer Miller
- 6 Rapid transit vehicle?
- 7 Cupid, in Hellenic culture
- 8 Card game of chance
- 9 "Wait, they set us up!"
- 10 "Tres ___"
- 11 Barely managed, with "out"
- 12 Minuscule
- 14 President who ended "don't ask, don't tell"
- 17 Record speed, for short

DOWN

- 18 Lake bordering Lackawanna, New York
- 22 Quaker's "you"
- 23 Go off script
- 24 Noir's counterpart, in roulette
- 25 Palate-cleansing sorbet flavor
- 27 Car dealer's offering
- 28 "For shame!"
- 29 Dutch-speaking Caribbean isle
- 30 Lena Dunham HBO series
- 31 You live here
- 36 Make assumptions too soon, say
- 37 Thing of little matter to physicists?
- 38 Actor Wheaton

DOWN

- 44 Jazz improvisation
- 45 Wanderers
- 46 Wedding cake layers
- 47 It'll give you a lift in the winter
- 50 Code-breaking org.
- 51 Way, way off
- 52 McDonalds' golden arches, e.g.
- 53 Prosperous time
- 54 Listen to, as advice
- 55 Column designed to sway?
- 56 Give credit to
- 57 Singer with a musical "Gang"
- 59 Genetic info carrier
- 60 Org. for the Blues and Blue Jackets

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1. (K) Butter square
- 4. A pinch of smokeless tobacco
- 9. (K) Twilight
- 12. Goof
- 13. (K) Word before "roll" or "guard"
- 14. What students in need apply for
- 15. Comfortable way to stroll
- 17. (K) Droop
- 18. Aspect
- 19. With expertise
- 21. (K) Breakfast cereal grain
- 22. Evening, in Italian
- 23. (K) Every single one
- 25. Villainous sneer
- 27. (K) Piper of Hamelin
- 31. (K) Start again

- 33. (K) Color of Bingo from "Bluey"
- 35. Muck
- 36. Posh party
- 38. (K) Lithium ___ batteries
- 39. After-life bio?
- 41. (K) Catch on to
- 43. Highly respected
- 46. (K) Narrowest torso part
- 49. (K) Prefix with "night" or "afternoon"
- 50. Repeat over again
- 52. (K) Hockey surface
- 53. Spooky
- 54. (K) 252 gallons
- 55. (K) Drink served hot or cold
- 56. Fad
- 57. (K) Word with "zone" or "table"

- 2. (K) Measurement for carpenters
- 3. Like the American flag
- 4. (K) U.S. space vehicle
- 5. (K) "Neither rain ___ sleet ..."
- 6. Restlessness
- 7. Poppycock
- 8. (K) McDonald's fries maker
- 9. (K) Middle ___ (region between Europe and Asia)
- 10. (K) Small bottle in a lab
- 11. About to snap
- 16. (K) Place for Ariel and Sebastian
- 20. (K) Mama Bear's husband
- 23. (K) Your hand finds it handy?

- 24. Blooming necklace of Hawaii
- 26. (K) Train VIP
- 28. Start something
- 29. Sense of self
- 30. (K) Hillside animal shelter
- 32. Menial toiler
- 34. Hay fever cause
- 37. (K) Outfit
- 40. Artist's cap, in stereotypes
- 42. (K) It hears for you
- 43. Exude
- 44. (K) What Mickey, Minnie and Mighty are
- 45. (K) Thought that leads to an invention
- 47. (K) Shock
- 48. Care for the garden
- 51. (K) Can material

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?
Name a drum you can't beat?
Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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

Previous riddle answer:
Place of interest?
23-A) BANK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13					14		
15		16						17		
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		21				22				
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52			53			54				
55			56			57				

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What's What? by Paul Coulter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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			21				22				
23	24	25		26		27	28		29	30	31
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40				41					42		
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Horoscopes

Horoscope: April 30 - May 6, 2026

Taurus season continues to anchor the week in stability, growth, and steady progress. The Sun in Taurus favors practical decisions, financial awareness, and building something that lasts. Early in the week, communication flows more smoothly, allowing plans to take clearer shape. As the Moon waxes, momentum builds toward action—but in a measured, thoughtful way. This is a favorable period for making commitments, strengthening relationships, and following through on recent ideas. Progress may be quiet, but it is meaningful.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Your focus turns to what truly matters—security, both financial and personal. You may feel more grounded than you have in weeks. A practical decision made now sets the stage for lasting stability.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

This is your season, and you are gaining strength with each passing day. Others notice your confidence and reliability. Move forward with calm determination—what you build now has staying power.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

You may prefer to work behind the scenes, refining ideas before sharing them. Trust that instinct. Quiet preparation now leads to clearer opportunities in the near future.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Support from friends and connections brings encouragement. A conversation or invitation could open a new door. Stay open to collaboration—shared efforts bring strong results.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Career matters continue to develop. You may be asked to take on more responsibility or step into a visible role. Handle it with confidence—your steady approach earns respect.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Your outlook expands. You may find

yourself drawn to new ideas, plans, or opportunities that offer growth. Keep your thinking practical while exploring new directions.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Financial clarity improves. You may gain insight into shared resources or long-term commitments. A thoughtful decision now brings greater peace of mind.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Relationships move into a more stable phase. Communication is clearer, and mutual understanding grows. Focus on building trust—steady effort strengthens your connections.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Daily routines fall into place. You may feel more productive and organized than before. Use this momentum to improve habits that support long-term success.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Creative energy builds steadily. You may find satisfaction in personal projects or pursuits that bring genuine enjoyment. Follow what feels meaningful rather than what feels urgent.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Home and personal life provide a sense of grounding. A practical decision or small change improves your environment. Stability at home supports progress elsewhere.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Communication is clear and effective. This is a strong week for planning, writing, or important discussions. Express yourself with confidence—your message will be well received.

Thought for the Week:

Steady progress creates lasting results. Move forward with patience and purpose, and trust that what you build now will endure.

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 boring drone (8)
- 2 pillowy s'mores ingredient (11)
- 3 1970s TV cop Barney (6)
- 4 muddle (10)
- 5 hard at work (8)
- 6 measurement for leg length (6)
- 7 Lions, Tigers and Bears (8)

SOLUTIONS

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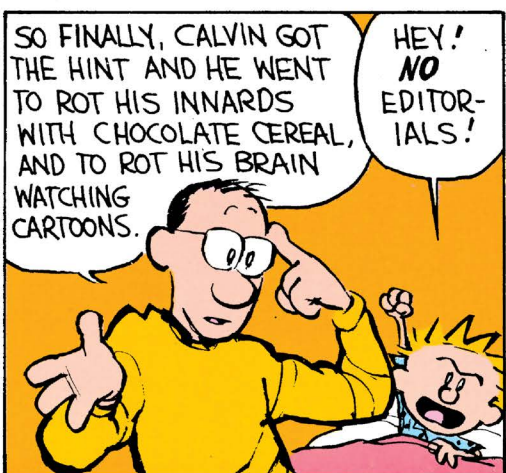
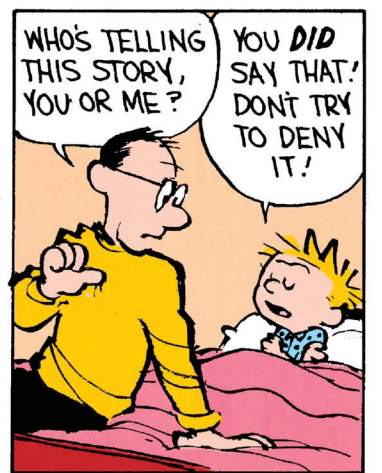
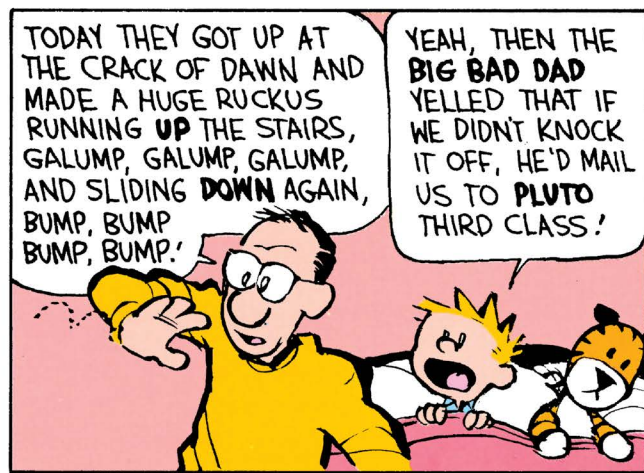
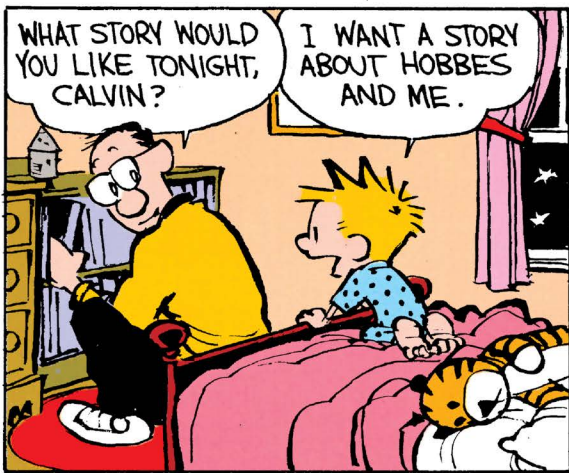
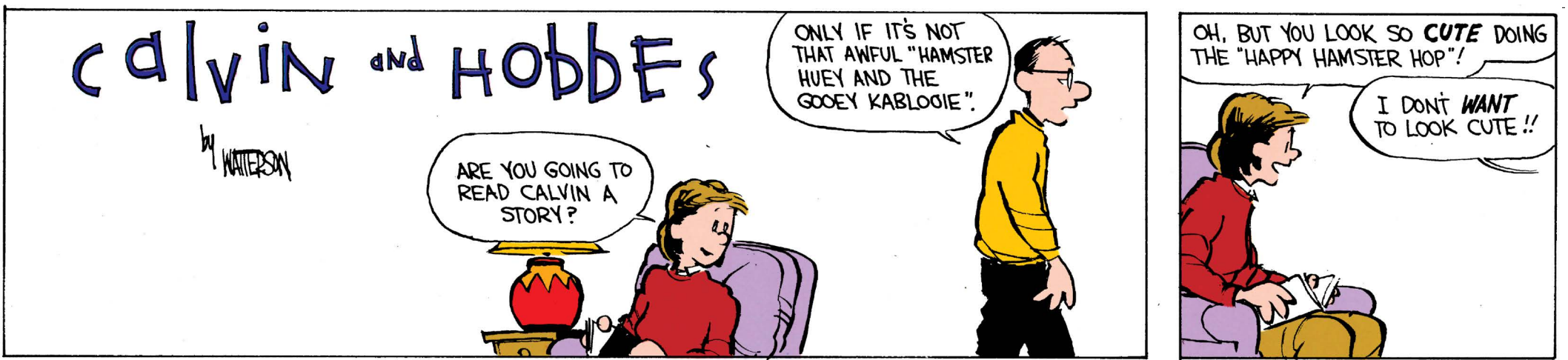
Previous Answers: 1.VOCADO 2. POWERHOUSE 3. POOLS
4. GAMES 5. HOVERS 6. GEORGIA 7. SPENDING

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

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